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You can use InstallShield to rapidly build, test, and deploy installations that target Windows-based systems.

The InstallShield Help Library contains information about the functionality and features of InstallShield. The Help Library contains the following sections:

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Creating Installations

Explains how to create user-friendly, reliable installations and guides you through every step of the process—from specifying information for Add or Remove Programs to building, testing, and deploying an installation.

Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

Contains an overview, plus some detailed how-to information, about Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects.

The Suite/Advanced UI project type that is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield lets you package multiple .msi packages, .msp packages, InstallScript packages, .exe packages, sideloading Windows App packages (.appx), and Windows Installer transactions as a single installation while providing a contemporary, customizable user interface.

The Advanced UI project type that is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield lets you provide a contemporary, customizable user interface for a single .msi package, .msp package, or InstallScript package.

Designing InstallShield Prerequisites and Other Redistributables

Introduces some basic concepts to help you get started designing your own InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and InstallScript objects that can be used in any of your installation projects or distributed for use by other installation developers.

Modularizing Installation Projects to Distribute Development Work and Enable Reuse

Introduces developer installation manifests (DIMs), a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete portion of a product installation.

Updating Applications

Leads you through steps for planning and implementing the various types of upgrades and patches for updating a product. Also explains how you can use FlexNet Connect to notify end users about upgrades and patches that are available.

Creating Customized Virtual Applications

Explains how to use InstallShield to create customized virtual applications.

Additional Installation Options

Discusses a broad range of options available in InstallShield: creating multilingual installations, installing multiple instances of a product, building conditional statements, searching for installed data, editing installation tables, and more.

Integrating InstallShield with External Applications

Contains details about integrating InstallShield with third-party tools such as source code control software, Microsoft Visual Studio, and Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server (TFS).

Automating Installation Development and Build Processes

Provides information about the InstallShield automation interface, which enables you to automate processes for creating installation projects without having to directly open the InstallShield user interface.
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**Note** • Because the InstallShield Help Library is designed to interact with InstallShield, it is recommended that you open the help from within InstallShield. Copying the help files to another folder or system causes many of its features to work incorrectly.

For answers to many commonly asked questions and new information about InstallShield that do not appear in the documentation, visit the Knowledge Base.

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## What’s New in InstallShield 2020

**InstallShield 2020**

InstallShield includes the following new features:

- New Features in InstallShield 2020 R3
- New Features in InstallShield 2020 R2
- New Features in InstallShield 2020

### New Features in InstallShield 2020 R3

For information about new features added in InstallShield 2020 R3, refer to the following section:

- InstallShield Azure DevOps Build Extension
- Files and Folders View Shortcut Option
- MSIX Fonts

### InstallShield Azure DevOps Build Extension

InstallShield 2020 R3 introduces native extension for building InstallShield projects in Azure DevOps pipelines. To configure the tasks and build InstallShield projects, see InstallShield Azure DevOps Build Extension KB article.

### Files and Folders View Shortcut Option

The Files and Folders view has been enhanced by adding an option to create shortcut in Basic MSI project.

To create a shortcut from Files and Folders view,

1. Right click on the executable file.
2. Click the Add Shortcut option.
MSIX Fonts

InstallShield supports “Windows Shared Fonts” declaration for MSIX project. This declaration can be added to MSIX project from the “Declaration” view to install and share the custom fonts with other applications in the system.
New Features in InstallShield 2020 R2

For information about new features added in InstallShield 2020 R2, refer to the following section:

- MSIX Bundles
- MSIX - Support for Services
- MSIX Bundle or AppX Bundle Packages for Suite/Advanced UI Projects

**MSIX Bundles**

Now you can create MSIX Bundles using a new MSIX Bundle Utility. Add your architecture specific packages to the utility, provide signing information, and create an MSIX Bundle.

**MSIX - Support for Services**

Now you can create MSIX Packages with Services by adding a new declaration to your package. Also, easily convert your existing services in Basic MSI project to MSIX Package.
**MSIX Bundle or AppX Bundle Packages for Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

In addition to the ability to create MSIX bundles, you can now add them to your Suite/Advanced UI projects and install along with any other packages.

**New Features in InstallShield 2020**

For information about new features added in InstallShield 2020, refer to the following section:

- MSIX Modification Packages
- Support for MSIX Core
- Pure 64-bit Installers
- Support for AWS CloudHSM Based Digital Signing

**MSIX Modification Packages**

You can now use InstallShield to create Modification Packages for any given MSIX package. Create a Modification Package as follows:
3. Create a new Modification Package from New Project Dialog.

![MSIX Project Types](image)

These project types use Windows app package format that provides a modern packaging experience to all Windows apps.

**MSIX Project Types**
- MSIX
- MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard
- MSIX Modification Package Project

**Project Name:**
- My Project Name-6

**Location:**
- C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects

Create project file in 'Project Name' subfolder

[Help] [OK] [Cancel]
4. In the MSIX Modification Package Creation Wizard, click Next.

5. Browse for your base MSIX package.

6. In Files and Folders view, add any new files you wish to add to the modification package.
7. In Registry view, add or modify any entries, which you wish to include in the modification package.

8. Add digital signing information in the Releases view.

9. Build the project.
   This would generate a Modification Package.

**Support for MSIX Core**

Starting from the InstallShield 2020 R1, you will be able to create and install MSIX packages targeting Windows 7 and older versions of Windows 10 (prior to 1709). In addition to this, you can create a single Suite Installer that installs the MSIX package in all supported platforms.

When you create an MSIX Package in a Basic MSI Project or MSIX Project, set the value in the Release view as below:
Pure 64-bit Installers

Starting from the InstallShield 2020 R1, you will be able to create installers using 64-bit launchers for Basic MSI Projects and Suite Projects.

1. To create a Pure 64-Bit Installer in the Basic MSI project, navigate to the Product Configuration view and select 64-Bit Setup Launcher.

2. To create a Pure 64-Bit Installer in the Suite project, navigate to the Releases view and select 64-Bit Setup Launcher.

Support for AWS CloudHSM Based Digital Signing

You can now use the InstallShield to digitally sign your installers using an AWS CloudHSM based digital certificate. To enable this feature, add the below property in the file "<InstallShield_Location>/Support/04090411/Settings.xml."

```
<!-- Specify Platform = X86 | X64 for Digital Signing -->
<DigitalSignature Platform="X64"/>
```
What Was New in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

InstallShield 2020

This section describes features and enhancements that were released in earlier versions of InstallShield:

- What’s New in InstallShield 2019
- What’s New in InstallShield 2018 R2
- What’s New in InstallShield 2018 SP1
- What’s New in InstallShield 2018
- What’s New in InstallShield 2016 SP2
- What’s New in InstallShield 2016 SP1
- What’s New in InstallShield 2016
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- What’s New in InstallShield 2012 SP1
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- What’s New in InstallShield 2010 Expansion Pack for Visual Studio 2010
- What’s New in InstallShield 2010 SP1
- What’s New in InstallShield 2010
- What’s New in InstallShield 2009 SP2
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- What’s New in InstallShield 12 SP1
- What’s New in InstallShield 12

See Also
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions
Upgrading from Other InstallShield Editions
What’s New in InstallShield 2019

InstallShield includes the following new features:

- New Features in InstallShield 2019 R3
- New Feature in InstallShield 2019 R2
- New Feature in InstallShield 2019

**New Features in InstallShield 2019 R3**

For information about new features added in InstallShield 2019 R3, refer to the following section:

- Standalone Build on a Docker Container
- Support for File Redirection Fixup
- Use OLE DB Driver for SQL Server
- Choose SQL Driver for Database Server
- Ability to Configure Patch Design Patches Through the Automation Interface

**Standalone Build on a Docker Container**

InstallShield Standalone Build (SAB) can now be installed and run in a Docker container.

Instructions on how to set up an InstallShield 2019 R3 Standalone Build on a Docker container or to download an already set up InstallShield 2019 R3 Standalone Build on Docker Hub can be found in the [Revenera Community Knowledge Base](https://community.revenera.com/kb).

**Support for File Redirection Fixup**

In the previous release, InstallShield added support for Package Support Framework with file redirection and custom fixups for MSIX.

The InstallShield 2019 R3 release includes an enhancement that permits you to customize the file redirection fixup parameter executable name. This applies to executables that launch multiple processes.

In the previous release, the redirection fixup parameter executable was given the same name as the primary process. In InstallShield 2019 R3, a new field, **Executable**, has been added to the Package Support Framework area of the Application Settings view of an MSIX project type to enable you to specify the redirection fixup parameter executable name. By default, this field is populated with the primary process name.

**Use OLE DB Driver for SQL Server**

The previous Microsoft OLE DB Provider for SQL Server (SQLOLEDB) and SQL Server Native Client OLE DB provider (SQLNCLI) remains deprecated.

Now, Microsoft has released a new OLE DB provider called Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server (MSOLEDBSQL).

InstallShield 2019 R3 now uses Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server (MSOLEDBSQL) to support TLS 1.2 only environments.

*Advanced Note* • Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server (MSOLEDBSQL) is included as a prerequisite in InstallShield 2019 R3.
Choose SQL Driver for Database Server

In InstallShield 2019 R3, you can now choose a driver from a list of drivers for your database server.

By default, the Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server (MSOLDBSQL) will appear on the Requirements tab for your new SQL connection.

Ability to Configure Patch Design Patches Through the Automation Interface

In previous releases, you could not configure Patch Design patches through the automation interface; you could only build pre-created patches through automation.

In the InstallShield 2019 R3 release, you can now configure Patch Design patches through the automation interface.

New Feature in InstallShield 2019 R2

For information about new features added in InstallShield 2019 R2, refer to the following section:

- MSIX - Package Support Framework

MSIX - Package Support Framework

The Package Support Framework is an opensource kit that helps you apply fixes to your existing win32 application when you don’t have access to the source code, so that it can run in an MSIX container.

It helps your application follow the best practices of the modern runtime environment. It contains an executable, a runtime manager DLL, and a set of runtime fixes to a package.

When the users start your application, the Package Support Framework launcher is the first executable that runs. It reads your configuration file and injects the runtime fixes and the runtime manager DLL into the application process. The runtime manager applies the fix when it’s needed by the application to run inside of an MSIX container.

In InstallShield 2019 R2, you can now use the Package Support Framework that contains runtime fixes such as the File Redirection Fixup and Custom Fixup in MSIX.

- File Redirection Fixup - You can use the File Redirection Fixup to redirect attempts to write or read data in a directory that isn't accessible from an application that runs in an MSIX container.

- Custom Fixup - You can use the Custom redirection fixup that will solve application compatibility issues with a configuration file that specifies the fixes that you want to apply to your application.

New Feature in InstallShield 2019

For information about new features added in InstallShield 2019, refer to the following section:

- Use MSIX Project Type to Build an MSIX Package
- MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard
- Build MSIX Validation Suite for Basic MSI
- Add MSIX in Suite
- New Project Wizard
Use MSIX Project Type to Build an MSIX Package

MSIX is the Windows app package format that provides a modern packaging experience to all Windows apps. The MSIX package format preserves the functionality of existing app packages and/or install files in addition to enabling new, modern packaging and deployment features to Win32, WPF, and WinForm apps.

In InstallShield 2019, you can now use MSIX project type to build MSIX packages. It contains windows applications for side-loading or distribution via the Windows Store.

- Package Information
- Package Payload
- Media

**Package Information**

Now you can describe and identify your project by providing:

- **General Information** view to specify details such as the name and format of the project file.
- **MSIX VisualAssets** explorer to offer an integrated, visual method for describing visual aspects of the MSIX apps.
- **Capabilities** view that requires to be enabled in app's package manifest to access certain API or resources like pictures, music, or devices such as the camera or the microphone.
- **Declarations** view that provides a visual tool for creating and managing the application, package level declarations and allows to configure their properties.
- **Content URIs** view to specify the URIs that can use window.external.notify to send a Script-Notify event to the app.

**Package Payload**

Now you can specify the files that designs your MSIX application:

- **Files and Folders** view lets you to add files to your InstallShield project. You can organize these files into folders on the target system.
- **Applications** view offers an integrated, visual method for designing windows app properties that comprises part of or all of the functionality delivered in the package.
- **Registry** view enables you to define registry keys and values to be created by your installation.

**Media**

Now you can customize the files and folders that you will use to distribute your installation:

- **Path Variables** view makes your installation easily portable between development systems through the use of variables.
- **Releases** view provides a visual tool for each product in your project.

**MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard**

The MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard helps you convert existing Windows Installer files (.msi files) to MSIX package through Basic MSI project.
Build MSIX Validation Suite for Basic MSI

You can now identify the existing InstallShield projects that require changes to meet the Microsoft MSIX standards. It also provides insights and steps needed to convert MSI project elements to work in MSIX.

Now in InstallShield, you can include a set of validators called the InstallShield MSIX Suitability Suite.

The InstallShield MSIX Suitability validators in this suite scan an.msi package for signs of items that are unsuitable for the MSIX package (.msix) format.

Add MSIX in Suite

In InstallShield 2019, you can add an MSIX package in Suite and install along with other deployment package types.

New Project Wizard

The New Project Wizard helps you to select different project types with ease.

There are different tabs in the New Project Wizard which are given below:

- Common Project Types - Use the most commonly used project types.
- InstallScript Project Types - Use the previously built projects which uses the InstallShield setup engine with InstallShield Professional
- Windows Installer Project Types - Use the previously built projects which uses the Microsoft Windows Installer (MSI) setup engine with InstallShield
- MSIX Project Types - Use the Windows app package format
- All Project Types - Use all the available project types and any custom templates.

InstallShield 2019 R2 Enhancements

InstallShield 2019 R2 includes the following enhancements:

- Delay between Signing
- IsCmdBld.exe Parameter to Specify Digital Certificate Password
- Allow Suite Project to use Relative Path to link to ISM Package
- Update SQL 2012 Native Client prerequisites
- Add Windows Server 2019 in PRQ Conditions

Delay between Signing

InstallShield 2019 R2 supports adding a delay between the successive digital signing, this requires only if the timestamp server fails handle the successive signing requests.

Required to specify the <DelayBetweenSigning default="1500"/> node in the settings.xml, under <DevStudio/Build> node in Settings.xml in milliseconds.

Find the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:

- English—InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0409
- Japanese—InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0411
IsCmdBld.exe Parameter to Specify Digital Certificate Password

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basis MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2019 R2, there is a new parameter (cert_password) that specifies the digital certificate password, this is an optional parameter in the command line build (IsCmdBld.exe).

If it is not specified, the password configured in the project is used to sign the files.

Allow Suite Project to use Relative Path to link to ISM Package

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basis MSI
- InstallScript

In InstallShield 2019 R2, now when trying to build a modified project, you will be able to link an ISM package using a relative path.

Update SQL 2012 Native Client prerequisites

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basis MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

In InstallShield 2019 R2, the Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Native Client prerequisites (x86 and x64) which is now included for the latest versions of 2012 Native Client.

Add Windows Server 2019 in PRQ Conditions

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basis MSI
- InstallScript

In InstallShield 2019 R2, you can set the Prerequisite Condition to run on a specified platform for Windows Server 2019. You can set the appropriate PRQ Conditions in the Prerequisite Editor by selecting or deselecting the option.
Enhancements in InstallShield 2019

InstallShield 2019 includes the following enhancements:

- View Details of a Selected Certificate
- Add Windows Server 2019 for Operating System Requirement
- Add Predefined Install Conditions
- Update TimeStamp Server Selection for Digital Signatures
- Support for Suite Projects using MSBuild
- Customize Debug Log File Name
- Customize Custom Return Code
- Customize Setup File Name
- Support for InstallShield Standalone Build

View Details of a Selected Certificate

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basis MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI
- QuickPatch
- MSIX

In InstallShield 2019, the details of the certificate like the general information of the certificate, security details and certification path is listed on the View Details option in the Certificate Selection dialog box.

Add Windows Server 2019 for Operating System Requirement

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basis MSI
- InstallScript MSI

In InstallShield 2019, you can add an option for Windows Server 2019 in the operating system requirements section. You can set the appropriate Install Condition in the project by selecting or deselecting the option.

Add Predefined Install Conditions

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
What Was New in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

InstallShield has new predefined system search:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6.2

If your installation requires the above, you can use the System Search view or the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add this system search to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.

**Update TimeStamp Server Selection for Digital Signatures**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basis MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2019, if you select

- SHA-1 to sign the package, the package will get time timestamped using:
  
  `<DigitalSignature Timestamp="http://timestamp.verisign.com/scripts/timstamp.dll"/>
  `

- SHA-256 to sign the package, the package will get time timestamped using:
  
  `<DigitalSignature TimestampRFC3161="http://sha256timestamp.ws.symantec.com/sha256/timestamp"/>
  `

**Support for Suite Projects using MSBuild**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Suite/Advanced UI

InstallShield supports the Microsoft Build engine (MSBuild) included with the .NET Framework. MSBuild support enables you to build Visual Studio solutions with InstallShield projects where Visual Studio is not installed in the build lab environments.

In InstallShield 2019, you can now build suite projects (.sln) which are created in Visual Studio using MSBuild.

**Customize Debug Log File Name**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Suite/Advanced UI
An option, **Always Create Debug Log**, had been added to the `Setup.exe` tab of the **Releases** view for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Now in InstallShield 2019, you can specify the debug log file name which will be generated.

**Customize Custom Return Code**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript

In InstallShield 2019, you can now override the return code of setup.exe with your own custom values during the runtime.

**Customize Setup File Name**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2019, you have the ability to customize the original file name property for setup.exe.

**Support for InstallShield Standalone Build**

Now when you install the InstallShield Standalone build, the Automation Interface feature is set to default selection.

This allows you to install the Automation Interface feature without selecting manually.

**Additional Prerequisites Included**

InstallShield 2019 includes the following additional prerequisites:

- Microsoft .Net Core 2.1 Runtime Prerequisite

**Microsoft .Net Core 2.1 Runtime Prerequisite**

InstallShield now includes the prerequisites for Microsoft .Net Core 2.1 Runtime in the redistributables view.

**What’s New in InstallShield 2018 R2**

For information about new features added in InstallShield 2018 R2, refer to the following section:

- Build MSIX Package using InstallShield IDE
Build MSIX Package using InstallShield IDE

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

In InstallShield 2018 R2, you can now build an MSIX package using the InstallShield IDE.

What’s New in InstallShield 2018 SP1

For information about new features and enhancements added in InstallShield 2018 SP1, refer to the following sections:

- Configure Downloadable Updates for a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Support Dual Signing using SHA1 & SHA256 Digest
- Configure Suite Loading Screen Message
- Customize Update Launcher Name
- Specify Character Space in PowerShell Custom Action
- Specify Predefined Public Folder

Configure Downloadable Updates for a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

In Installshield 2018 SP1, you can now enable and configure a software downloadable update. The end user can either download a newer version or skip and proceed with the current installation process.

- Enable Downloadable Update Support
- Configure a Newer Version of Downloadable Updates
- Configure a Prompt Message
- Add Downloadable Update Support

Enable Downloadable Update Support

You can now enable updates for the end users to see the downloadable update support for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher.

Configure a Newer Version of Downloadable Updates

- The end users receive an option to either download a newer version or skip and proceed with the current installation process.
- The end users can forcibly download and install the new version of the Suite package (if available).

Configure a Prompt Message

You can now enter a message you want to show the end users to download a newer version or skip and proceed with the current installation process.

You can also create a new message or select a message from the localized available list of strings.
Note • The end users will see this prompt message with ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ options to download a newer version or skip and proceed with the current installation process.

Add Downloadable Update Support

In previous releases, you could enter the Absolute Path in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation that you want to use for the future path to the update setup launcher that you will make available for download to target systems on the Setup.exe tab of the installer.

In InstallShield 2018 SP1, you could enter the same Absolute Path in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation on the Updates tab of the installer.

Support Dual Signing using SHA1 & SHA256 Digest

In previous releases, you could choose the signature digest hashing algorithm only based on:

- Certificate Hash
- SHA-1
- SHA-256

In InstallShield 2018 SP1, along with the above signature digest hashing algorithm, you can now choose Dual Signing - (SHA-1 and SHA-256) digest.

Note • Using both (SHA1 and SHA256) digests are not supported by the Digital signature of msi.

Configure Suite Loading Screen Message

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2018, you now have the ability to add a message to the Suite Loading Screen Message for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher.

The length of the message in the Suite Loading Screen Message is limited to 35 characters.

Customize Update Launcher Name

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

In InstallShield, a new setting is introduced to customize the name of the Update Launcher. By default, InstallShield uses Update.exe is the name for the Update Launcher. Now, you can create an Update Launcher with a specified name.
Specify Character Space in PowerShell Custom Action

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield, a new setting is introduced to specify the number of character space(s) to move forward/backward in a PowerShell custom action.

Specify Predefined Public Folder

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

In InstallShield, a new predefined folder is introduced to hold the full path to the Users Public folder.

**What’s New in InstallShield 2018**

For information about new features added in InstallShield 2018, refer to the following sections:
- Specify Uninstallation Order of Packages in a Suite Project
- Method to Run a Suite Installation with Minimum UI
- Conditionally Set the Visibility of a Feature at Run Time
- Perform Recursive or Non-Recursive IIS Registration
- Set Forms Authentication on Web Applications
- New Option to Control Whether to Load User Profile for an Application Pool Entity
- Add Kill Process and PowerShell Custom Actions to a Transform Project
- Enhancements
Specify Uninstallation Order of Packages in a Suite Project

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2018, you can now specify the uninstallation order of packages in a suite project using the new **Uninstallation Order** property on the Setup.exe tab of the Releases view.

You can use this setting to specify the uninstallation order of the packages in a suite project by selecting one of the following options:

- **Same as Packages Order**—Uninstall the packages in the same order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).
- **Reverse of Packages Order**—Uninstall the packages in the reverse order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).

**New UninstallOrder Method in Automation Interface**

You can use the UninstallOrder method in the automation interface to set the **Uninstallation Order** property. Specify one of the following values:

- **euoForward(0)**—Uninstall the packages in the same order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).
- **euoReverse(1)**—Uninstall the packages in the reverse order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).

**Method to Run a Suite Installation with Minimum UI**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2018, you can now use a new command line parameter to run a suite installation in minimum UI mode, only displaying a progress panel.

To run a suite installation in minimum UI mode, use the `/passive` parameter in the command line:

```
Setup.exe /passive
```

To uninstall using a minimum UI mode, use the following command:

```
Setup.exe /passive /remove
```

**Conditionally Set the Visibility of a Feature at Run Time**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
In previous releases, you could set the **Visible** property of a feature in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to **Yes** or **No** to specify whether the feature should be visible on the **InstallationFeatures** wizard page of the installer.

In InstallShield 2018, you can conditionally show or hide a feature based upon a property at run time using the new **Condition** option under the **Visible** property on the **Features** view of the Installation Designer.

You can use the **Condition** setting to specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the feature should be visible for installation by default on the **InstallationFeatures** wizard page.

For example, if you want a particular feature to be visible by default on target systems that have a particular version of Windows, you can create a condition that specifies that version of Windows.

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**Task**

**To conditionally display a feature in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation:**

1. On the **Features** view, click in the **Condition** row under the **Visible** property. A green plus sign, the **New Condition** button, appears at the end of the row.

2. Click the **New Condition** button. A new row is added under the **Condition** row.

3. Click the down arrow next to the **New Condition** button and select the appropriate option—**All**, **Any**, or **None**—from the list.

4. Then in the same row, click the **New Condition** button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement.

   If one or more conditional statements are configured, the **Condition** property lists (**Condition**). If none are configured, the **Condition** property lists (**Empty**).

**New Methods in Automation Interface to Support Conditional Visibility**

The following new methods have been added to the automation interface to enable you to conditionally set the visibility of a feature at run time:

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**Perform Recursive or Non-Recursive IIS Registration**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DiM**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
• Merge Module

A new option named ASP.NET Registration has been added to the Application settings on the Internet Information Services view that enables you to perform recursive or non-recursive ASP.NET registration. Using this feature enables you to install both ASP.NET applications and ASP.NET Core applications to the same website.

To set the ASP.NET application registration option with Internet Information Services (IIS), set the ASP.NET Registration property to one of the following options:

• Recursive—Updates script maps and application-pool assignments for the specified application and for all sub-applications.

• Non Recursive—Updates script maps and application-pool assignments for only the specific application. No sub-applications are changed.

Set Forms Authentication on Web Applications

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

InstallShield 2018 includes a new option to set forms authentication on web applications. This new option, Forms Authentication, is displayed under the Authenticated Access section of the Internet Information Services view for a website.

Set the Forms Authentication option to Yes to enable forms authentication. ASP.NET forms-based authentication works well for sites or applications on public Web servers that receive many requests. This authentication mode lets you manage client registration and authentication at the application level, instead of relying on the authentication mechanisms provided by the operating system.

Important • Forms authentication sends the user name and password to the Web server as plain text. You should use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption for the Log On page and for all other pages in your application except the Home page.

New Option to Control Whether to Load User Profile for an Application Pool Entity

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

In InstallShield 2018, there is a new Application Pool settings property on the Internet Information Services view, named Load User Profile, that controls whether to load the user profile for an application pool entity.

Set the Load User Profile property to one of the following options:

• Yes—IIS will load the user profile for the application pool.

• No—IIS will not load the user profile for the application pool. This is the same behavior that occurred with IIS 6.0.
Add Kill Process and PowerShell Custom Actions to a Transform Project

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Transform

In previous releases, you were unable to add a Kill Process or PowerShell custom action to a Transform project. In InstallShield 2018, you can now add a **New Kill Process** or **New PowerShell** custom action to a Transform project in the **Custom Actions and Sequences** view.

Enhancements

InstallShield 2018 includes the following enhancements:
- Save QuickPatch Projects in XML Format
- Localize Product Name Property in Suite Projects
- Include the Value of a Property in a Product Configuration’s Setup File Name
- New MSBuild Parameters to Set Summary Information Stream Comments and to Set Package File Name
- Specify Line Break and Tab Characters in Text File Changes
- Remove or Hide the Suite Loading Screen
- Setting to Always Create Debug Logs for Suite Installers
- New Out-of-the-Box Dialog to Set the IIS Certificate File for SSL Certificate at Runtime
- Specify Absolute or Relative Path When Creating New Child Elements in an XML File
- Setting the Default Keyboard Focus for Dialog Box Controls in Suite Projects
- PowerShell Script Editor in Basic MSI Projects
- New Option to Open Existing Transform File in InstallShield Transform Wizard
- Additional Prerequisites Included

Save QuickPatch Projects in XML Format

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- QuickPatch

In InstallShield 2018, you can now save a QuickPatch project in XML format, and you can also create a QuickPatch project from projects saved in XML format. In previous releases, QuickPatch projects could only be saved in binary format.
Localize Product Name Property in Suite Projects

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2018, suite projects now support localizing the **Product Name** property.

To localize the Product Name property in a suite project, perform the following steps.

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**Task**

1. Open a suite project and go to the **User Interface > String Editor** view.
2. Create a new string that contains the localized text for each of the languages supported by your suite project, such as `ID_STRING2`.
3. Open the **Installation Information > General Information** view.
4. Click the browse button next to the **Product Name** field to open the **Select String** dialog box.
5. Select the name of the string that you created that contains the localized text.

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Include the Value of a Property in a Product Configuration’s Setup File Name

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

In InstallShield 2018, you can now include the value of a property from the Property Table in product release configuration setup and package file names.

For example, you could enter any of the following properties in the **Setup File Name** or **MSI Package File Name** field on the **General** tab of the **Releases > Product Configuration** view:

```
setup[ProductVersion]
setup[CustomVersion]
setup[ProductCode]
setup[ProductCode][ProductVersion]
```

If you entered `setup[ProductVersion]` in the **Setup File Name** field, it would result in a setup named `setup14.10.1234.exe`, for example.

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New MSBuild Parameters to Set Summary Information Stream Comments and to Set Package File Name

In InstallShield 2018, new MSBuild parameters were added to enable you to set add comments to an installer and to set the package file name of an installer.

- **New Parameter to Set Summary Information Stream Comments**
- **New Parameter to Set Package File Name**
**New Parameter to Set Summary Information Stream Comments**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript
- Merge Module

You can add comments to an installer in the **Summary Information Stream Comments** field on the **General Information** view.

In InstallShield 2018, you also have the option of entering comments at build time. A new parameter has been added to the `MSBuild.exe` task, named `SummaryInfoComments`, to set the **Summary Information Stream** comments at build time, such as including the build number, as shown in the following example:

```
MSBuild.exe c:\installers\Setup.sln /Property:SummaryInfoComments="Insert Comments Here"
```

The comments that are added using the `SummaryInfoComments` property can be viewed on the **Properties** dialog box of the built installer.

**New Parameter to Set Package File Name**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

You can specify the package file name of an installer in the **MSI Package File Name** field on the **General** tab for a **Product Configuration** field on the **Releases** view.

In InstallShield 2018, you also have the option of setting the package file name at build time. A new parameter has been added to the `MSBuild.exe` task, named `MSIPackageFileName`, to set the package file name of the built installer at build time, as shown in the following example:

```
MSBuild.exe c:\installers\Setup.isproj /Property:MSIPackageFileName="MySetup"
```

When entering the value for the `MSIPackageFileName` parameter, you need to enter the file name—without the period or the file extension—that InstallShield should use for the `.msi` file.

**Specify Line Break and Tab Characters in Text File Changes**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform
In your installer, you can configure search-and-replace behavior for content in text files that you want to modify at run time on the target system. To do this, you open the System Configuration > Text File Changes view and add a text Change Set that identifies the text files that will be searched at runtime, and also specifies the text to search for (Find What) and the text to replace it with (Replace With).

In InstallShield 2018, when adding a text Change Set, you can now enter escape sequence characters in the Replace What field to specify a line break or a tab.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Character</th>
<th>Escape Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Line break</td>
<td>\r\n</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab</td>
<td>\t</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note • For the Windows operating system, you must enter both \r\n to insert a line break.*

When the search-and-replace action is taken at runtime, a line break will be inserted where \r\n was entered in the Replace With field, and a tab will be entered where \t was entered.

For these characters to be recognized as escape sequences, you also have to set the Parse Escape Sequences option to Yes.

**Remove or Hide the Suite Loading Screen**

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:*

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2018, you now have the ability to control whether or not the Suite Loading Screen is displayed during installation.

To control whether this screen is displayed, a new property has been added to the Setup.exe tab of the Releases view named Show Suite Loading Screen. If you want to hide the Suite Loading Screen for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher, set this property to No.

**Configure Suite Loading Screen Message**

In InstallShield 2018, you now have the ability to add a message to the Suite Loading Screen Message for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher.

The length of the message in the Suite Loading Screen Message is limited to 35 characters.

**New ShowSuiteLoadingScreen Method in Automation Interface**

You can use the ShowSuiteLoadingScreen method in the automation interface to set the Show Suite Loading Screen setting on the Setup.exe tab of the Releases view. The default value is True.
Setting to Always Create Debug Logs for Suite Installers

 Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2018, you can now select an option to turn on logging for a suite project without passing debuglog through the command line.

A new option, **Always Create Debug Log**, has been added to the **Setup.exe** tab of the **Releases** view for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

If you want to always create debug logs for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher, set the **Always Create Debug Log** option to **Yes**.

**New CreateDebugLog Method in Automation Interface**

You can use the **CreateDebugLog** method in the automation interface to set the **Always Create Debug Log** setting on the **Setup.exe** tab in the **Releases** view. The default value is False.

**New Out-of-the-Box Dialog to Set the IIS Certificate File for SSL Certificate at Runtime**

 Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI

InstallShield 2018 includes a new out-of-the-box dialog (**IISBrowseSSLCertificate**) for the installer that enables the end user to browse to a IIS certificate file that they provide for the SSL Certificate and enter a password at installation runtime.

To add a **Configure SSL for IIS** dialog to your installer, perform the following steps:

**Task**

To add a **“Configure SSL for IIS”** dialog to your installer:

1. In the **View List** under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. Right-click the **Web Sites** explorer and click **Add Web Site**. InstallShield adds a new Web site.
3. Select the new web site and locate the **SSL Certificate** and **SSL Certificate Password** properties under **Security > Secure Communication**.
4. Set the **SSL Certificate** and **SSL Certificate Password** properties to the following values:

<table>
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<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>SSL Certificate</td>
<td>[IS_IIS_WEBCERTPATH]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSL Certificate Password</td>
<td>[IS_IIS_WEBCERTPASSWORD]</td>
</tr>
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</table>

5. Open the **User Interface > Dialogs** view and add the **IISBrowseSSLCertificate** dialog to the dialog sequences.
The property name for the SSL Certificate and password configured by the user is required to update in the IISBrowseSSLCertificate dialog for the Edit boxes (IISWebCertPassword and IISWebCertPath) and the push button (BrowseCertificate) events.

Specify Absolute or Relative Path When Creating New Child Elements in an XML File

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

In previous releases, when using the System Configuration > XML File Changes view to add a new child element to an XML file that has the same name as a child element in an existing parent element, the XML file change would fail.

The path of a node in an XML document can be either absolute or relative. Absolute paths start at the root. When adding a new child element to an XML file that has the same name as a child element in an existing parent element, it is necessary to use the absolute path.

In InstallShield 2018, a new setting has been added to the XML File Changes view named Use Absolute XPath to enable you to specify that you want to use an absolute path when creating child elements.

The behavior used when creating a child element depends upon the Use Absolute XPath option setting:

- Selected—If this option is selected, Absolute XPath will be used when adding a child element.
- Not selected—if this option is not selected, Generic XPath will be used when adding a child element. By default, the Use Absolute XPath option is not selected.

Setting the Default Keyboard Focus for Dialog Box Controls in Suite Projects

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

In InstallShield 2018, when defining the wizard pages for a Suite project, you can now specify which control on a wizard page will have the default keyboard focus.

On the Wizard Interface view, there is a new property under Appearance named Default Focus, which lists all of the controls defined on that wizard page. Select a control to set the default keyboard focus to that control.

PowerShell Script Editor in Basic MSI Projects

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

In InstallShield 2018, the PowerShell script editor is available on the Custom Actions and Sequences > Custom Actions view for Basic MSI projects, on the new Script tab. In previous releases, the PowerShell Script Editor was only available for Suite/Advanced UI projects.

**New Option to Open Existing Transform File in InstallShield Transform Wizard**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

• Transform

In InstallShield 2018, you can now open an existing transform file in the InstallShield Transform Wizard (as if it were being opened in the Transform Wizard for the first time), where you will be prompted to select a base MSI package for the transform file. This enables you to use the same generic transform file for multiple MSI packages.

To open an existing transform file in the InstallShield Transform Wizard, right-click on the transform file in Windows Explorer and select Open in InstallShield Transform Wizard from the context menu.

**Additional Prerequisites Included**

InstallShield 2018 includes the following additional prerequisites:

• Visual C++ 2017 x86 and x64 Prerequisites
• Microsoft SQL Server 2014 SP1 and SP2 Prerequisites
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7 Prerequisite

**Visual C++ 2017 x86 and x64 Prerequisites**

Because Microsoft Visual Studio 2017 has been released, InstallShield now includes the prerequisites for Visual C++ 2017 x86 and x64.

**Microsoft SQL Server 2014 SP1 and SP2 Prerequisites**

Because Microsoft SQL Server 2014 has had 2 Service Packs released, InstallShield now includes the prerequisites for both Microsoft SQL Server 2014 SP1 and SP2.

**Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7 Prerequisite**

InstallShield now includes a prerequisite for Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7.

What’s New in InstallShield 2016 SP2

**Integration with FlexNet Code Aware**

InstallShield now includes integration with FlexNet Code Aware, an automated open source risk assessment and package discovery solution that enables you to quickly scan your products for security and intellectual property (IP) compliance risk.

The current release of FlexNet Code Aware supports analysis of the following files:
Security vulnerabilities are looked up against the National Vulnerability Database (NVD).

Running FlexNet Code Aware

FlexNet Code requires a separate license from InstallShield. There is also trial/evaluation version. For more information, refer to the FlexNet Code Aware product page of the Revenera website.

To run FlexNet Code Aware from within InstallShield, click Scan Project using FlexNet Code Aware from the InstallShield Project menu. This menu option is disabled out if you are not currently in an open InstallShield project. A FlexNet Code Aware icon is also available on the InstallShield standard toolbar.

When FlexNet Code Aware completes the scan of your project, a summary displays showing the number of files scanned, and the number of open-source packages and vulnerabilities found. A View report button is provided if you have a fully licensed version of FlexNet Code Aware. For more information about the details provided in this report, refer to Reading the FlexNet Code Aware Report.

Reading the FlexNet Code Aware Report

Note • The FlexNet Code Aware Report is not available in trial/evaluation mode. A fully licensed version of FlexNet Code Aware is required.

To view the FlexNet Code Aware Report, click View report on the summary dialog that appears after FlexNet Code Aware has scanned your project.

The FlexNet Code Aware report consists of several sections:

• The initial Summary View presents the user with a Scan Summary, Operational Risk assessment, Security Vulnerability Exposure, and License Exposure.
  
  • The Scan Summary section provides details regarding the codebase that was scanned, including a breakdown of file types, percent of files analyzed, and number of findings.
  
  • The Operational Risk section provides a composite risk rating based on the combination of packages with Intellectual Property (IP) issues and packages with Security Vulnerabilities.
  
  • The Security Vulnerability Exposure and License Exposure sections provide a breakdown of the types and categories of identified issues.
  
  • The Package Inventory View, available by clicking view full package inventory in the Scan Summary section, provides a complete list of discovered open source and third-party packages with associated licenses, security vulnerabilities, dependencies, and detected copyright statements.

The Package Inventory View provides filters that you can use to execute targeted queries to refine the list to various package types of interest.
Viewing Package Details

Click a vulnerability count listed in the Vulnerabilities column of the Package Inventory report page for each package you want to review. The **Vulnerabilities detail** page appears, covering a portion of the Package Inventory report.

What’s New in InstallShield 2016 SP1

**Support for Microsoft Visual Studio 2017**

InstallShield includes support for Visual Studio 2017. You can create InstallShield projects from within this version of Visual Studio.

What’s New in InstallShield 2016

InstallShield 2016 includes the following new features:

- Support for the Latest Releases of Windows Operating Systems
- Microsoft SQL Server 2016 Support
- Support for Creating Windows App Packages
- SQL Support Added to Suites
- Tile Configurations
- New InstallShield Prerequisites for Microsoft Visual C++ 2015, .NET Framework 4.6, and More
- Predefined System Searches for Adobe Reader, Microsoft Office and the .NET Framework

Support for the Latest Releases of Windows Operating Systems

InstallShield 2016 supports the latest releases of the Windows operating system:

- Windows 10 Anniversary Update
- Windows Server 2016

Not only can you install InstallShield on these operating systems, but you can also create installers that target these operating systems.

Microsoft SQL Server 2016 Support

**Project**  •  Microsoft SQL Server 2016 support is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
InstallShield now includes support for running SQL scripts on SQL Server 2016 database servers. In addition, InstallShield includes SQL Server 2016 in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports.

If your installation targets SQL Server 2016, the SQLBrowse run-time dialog that is displayed when end users choose to browse for a database server can now list instances of SQL Server 2016, SQL Server 2016 Express, and SQL Server 2014 Express LocalDB. In addition, the SQLBrowse run-time dialog that is displayed when end users choose to browse for a database catalog can now list catalogs on the specified SQL Server 2016 database server.

See New InstallShield Prerequisites for Microsoft Visual C++ 2015, .NET Framework 4.6, and More for a complete list of new InstallShield prerequisites added to InstallShield.

**Note** • Microsoft SQL Server 2016 is now 64-bit (x64) only.

**Support for Creating Windows App Packages**

**Project** • Windows App creation is available in Basic MSI projects.

**Important** • The Windows 10 Anniversary Update is required for installing and testing a Windows App package (.appx) with desktop extensions (Desktop Bridge). To digitally sign the Windows App package, InstallShield must be installed on a Windows 10 machine or a machine with the Windows 10 SDK installed.

The Windows App package (.appx) format is the simple and secure packaging format used to distribute and install apps on Windows 8.x and 10 and is the only format allowed for Universal Windows Platform (UWP) apps. Benefits of Windows App packages include:

- High availability, reliability, and durability, resulting in applications that operate continuously without failure for extended periods of time
- A smooth installation experience through static builds that require minimal configuration and no customizable UI
- The option to sell or provide the application through the Windows Store
- The ability to leverage UWP functionality such as live tiles as well as the ability to utilize UWP APIs
- The only package format with native support on Windows Nano Server

InstallShield now supports creating the Windows App package format (.appx) and its desktop and server extensions through an alternate build output and provides suitability testing to help you identify items unsuitable for the Windows App package format. Refer to the following subsections for details about new functionality added to InstallShield to support the creation of Windows App packages.

- Windows App Settings in the Releases View
- Windows App Logo Customization in the Shortcuts View
- MSIX/UWP App Suitability Testing
- New UWP Condition Checks added to Suites
Windows App Settings in the Releases View

When you select a release in the Releases view, a new per-release tab titled Appx/MSIX has been added that includes settings to create a Windows App package. Here, various core settings can be specified that impact the Windows App package build process. In particular, the Distribution Method and Include Desktop Extensions or Include Server Extensions options will affect what warnings or errors are encountered for certain kinds of installer project data.

For complete information on these new settings, see Appx/MSIX Tab for a Release.

Windows App Logo Customization in the Shortcuts View

In addition to the new Windows App settings added to the Releases view, there are new settings to configure the tiles created in an Windows App package. These settings are located in the new Windows App Package Tile Overrides area of the Shortcuts view.

For complete information on these new settings, see Shortcut Settings.

MSIX/UWP App Suitability Testing

InstallShield has added the new InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite that scans an .msi package for signs of items that are unsuitable for the Windows App package format. To access it, on the Build menu, point to Validation, and then click InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite.

The InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite provides a report in the Releases view that indicates all tests that found issues and for each issue, an associated column in the report indicates applicability to the known Windows App variants. For traditional CUBs, these columns are not populated. You can view this report by navigating to the Releases view and selecting the Validations folder under your release. For complete information, including descriptions of the new ISUWP validations included, see InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite.

New UWP Condition Checks added to Suites

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, feature, or wizard interface condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can select from a number of different types of checks that you want to be evaluated on target systems. The following condition checks have been added to Suites.

- **Windows App Package Eligible**—Check target systems for the run time dependencies of the Windows App package to prevent any attempts to install a Windows App package onto a version of Windows or Windows Server that does not support it.

  Note • This condition is available only for the eligibility condition of a Windows App package. If it is used in any other package type, it will not function correctly.

- **UWP Type Present**—Check target systems for the presence of UWP functionality. For example, to create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of the Desktop Bridge, check for the type Windows.ApplicationModel.FullTrustProcessLauncher. This can be used to conditionally block installation, or to choose between installing .msi and Windows App package (.appx).

  Note • This always evaluates as false on operating systems before Windows 10. Use of the Type Name subsetting Windows.ApplicationModel.FullTrustProcessLauncher requires Windows 10 Anniversary Update or newer.
SQL Support Added to Suites

Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

SQL servers are integral to many applications, especially those that benefit from the multiple package support provided by InstallShield Suite installations. Previously, InstallShield SQL support was limited to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects. Now, SQL support has been added to Suite/Advanced UI projects, giving you the ability to:

• Add a New SQLLogin Predefined Wizard Page
• Execute SQL Statements Directly from Suites

To learn more, see the following topics:

• Adding a SQLLogin Predefined Wizard Page in a Suite/Advanced UI Project
• Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface
• Predefined Task Pages Panel

Add a New SQLLogin Predefined Wizard Page

InstallShield adds SQL support to Suite/Advanced UI projects by providing a new SQLLogin predefined wizard page that can be added to your Suite/Advanced UI project. Previously, if you added an .msi package containing SQL support to a Suite/Advanced UI project, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher automatically suppressed the user interface of Windows Installer. You were required to manually create a custom SQLLogin wizard page for your Suite/Advanced UI project installation.

When adding a new predefined page to your project, select the Enter login information for a database server task page and complete the panels in the wizard as needed. The SQLLogin predefined wizard page is then added to your project. This SQLLogin wizard page lets end users enter database server login information (database server name, authentication credentials, database catalog name, etc.) in order to establish a connection to the database server that is targeted by one or more .msi packages in the suite.

Adding a SQLLogin wizard page to your project allows you to:

• Specify properties that identify the SQL login settings in the Suite project and then select the .msi package that receives these properties
• Specify the properties that identify the SQL login settings in the .msi package
• Choose the database technology (Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Windows Azure, MySQL, or Oracle) and select the ODBC driver to be targeted

Execute SQL Statements Directly from Suites

Suite/Advanced UI projects now support directly executing SQL statements on SQL database servers from the user interface, which helps allow SQL database servers to be examined before proceeding with the installation.
The SQL query result can then be accessed in a Suite property. To provide this support, a Run a SQL String option is now available in the New Action menu of UI events. The SQL statement is executed using properties and database metadata specified by additional new options available in the New Action menu of UI events: Configure Database Metadata and Override SQL Login Properties.

**Tile Configurations**

![Icon] This information applies to Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript project types.

Windows 8 introduced a grid of application tiles to the Start screen, replacing the usual list of shortcuts, and also presented tiles in place of shortcuts. InstallShield supports customizing the appearance of a desktop app's tile on the Start screen. The following tile configuration settings are available:

- A toggle between light or dark text when including the app name on medium-sized (150x150) tiles
- Choice of tile background color
- Option to use custom tile images (small: 70x70 and medium:150x150)
- Preference to show or hide the app name on medium-sized tiles

The Tile Configurations node appears in the main Shortcuts view and in each component’s Shortcuts subview. Any applicable tile configurations are listed.

To learn more, see the following topics:

- Configuring the Appearance of a Desktop App’s Tile on the Start Screen
- Tile Configuration Settings

**New InstallShield Prerequisites for Microsoft Visual C++ 2015, .NET Framework 4.6, and More**

![Icon] InstallShield prerequisites can be added to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

InstallShield includes the following new InstallShield prerequisites:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6.2 Full
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6.1 Full
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6.1 Web
- Microsoft ReportViewer 2015
- Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Express System CLR Types (x86)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2016 Express RTM (x64)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2016 Express RTM LocalDB (x64)
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Update 3 Redistributable Package (x86)
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Update 3 Redistributable Package (x64)
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• Windows Management Framework 4.0 for Windows 7 SP1 and Server 2008 R2 SP1 (x64)
• Windows Management Framework 4.0 for Windows Server 2012 (x64)
• Windows Management Framework 5.0 for Windows 7 SP1 (x86)
• Windows Management Framework 5.0 for Windows 7 SP1 and Server 2008 R2 SP1 (x64)
• Windows Management Framework 5.0 for Windows 8.1 (x86)
• Windows Management Framework 5.0 for Windows 8.1 and Server 2012 R2 (x64)
• Windows Management Framework 5.0 for Windows Server 2012 (x64)

These prerequisites install the appropriate technologies on supported target systems.

**Note** • The **Web** prerequisite for the .NET Framework requires an Internet connection. This prerequisite downloads the required redistributable files if appropriate. The **Full** prerequisite for the .NET Framework is a stand-alone installation that does not require an Internet connection.

**Predefined System Searches for Adobe Reader, Microsoft Office and the .NET Framework**

**Project** • Predefined System Searches apply to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

InstallShield has new predefined system searches:

• Adobe Reader 11
• Adobe Reader DC
• Microsoft Office 2013
• Microsoft Office 2016
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5.1
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5.2
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6.1
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6.2

If your installation requires one or both of these, you can use the System Search view or the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add these system searches to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.

**Enhancements**

InstallShield 2020 includes the following new enhancements:

• **Direct Editor View Enhancements**
• Suite UI Enhancements
• Kill Process Custom Action Enhanced
• Ability to Set the Default Value Used for Component Attributes
• Ability to Filter Items by Features in Additional Views
• Digital Signature Updates

Direct Editor View Enhancements

Project • The Direct Editor is available in the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• Dim
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• QuickPatch
• Transform

InstallShield now adds several Direct Editor enhancements that provide visual insights into tables, schema information, and validation errors designed to boost the productivity of setup authors or packagers who use the Direct Editor for troubleshooting to identify and resolve advanced problems. These enhancements are described in the following sections:

• Directory Table Displays Resolved Target Directory Path
• Column Header Schema Information Tooltips
• Table Record Reference Tracking
• Broken References Indicator

For complete information, see Direct Editor.

Directory Table Displays Resolved Target Directory Path

When showing the Directory table, InstallShield shows a read-only, grayed out column that displays the resolved path of each row’s directory location. This column is not actually stored in the project file. You can sort by its visible text, but you cannot insert, update, or delete its values.

Column Header Schema Information Tooltips

InstallShield now provides tooltips added to column headers that display the following schema information to indicate the column data type allowed:

• nullable—The column can be left empty.
• required—The column must contain a non-empty value.
• char(nn)—Character string with fixed-length nn.
- **small integer**—Integer numerical (no decimal), containing a value from -32767 to +32767.
- **long integer**—Integer numerical (no decimal), containing a value from -2147483647 to +2147483647.
- **localizable**—This column contains a string that can be translated. Columns without this marker are not localized.
- **stream**—Binary stream, such as the contents of a file.

**Tip** • The **Directory**, **Binary**, and **CustomAction** Direct Editor tables display several of these column types.

### Table Record Reference Tracking

The Direct Editor now includes a Reference Tracking pane that lets you easily visualize relationships between table records. A **Show Reference Tracking** button is added to at the top of the Direct Editor that provides a show/hide toggle of the pane.

Each record may reference one or more other records or be referenced by one or more other records. When a record is highlighted that refers to other records or is referred from other records, the Reference Tracking pane is populated with a **Reference Tables** section showing the tables in which the references reside and an additional section that displays the actual record references. The record references section includes arrow icons that indicate the direction of the reference, where:

- A green arrow pointing to the right indicates that the record that is selected in the Direct Editor table **references** the record displayed in the Reference Tracking pane.
- A blue arrow pointing to the left indicates that the record selected in the Direct Editor table is **referenced by** the record displayed in the Reference Tracking pane.
- Two arrows in both directions (a green arrow pointing right and a blue arrow pointing left) that indicate the record selected in the Direct Editor table **references and is referenced by** the record displayed in the Reference Tracking pane.

**Note** • When multiple Direct Editor records are selected, only the “focused” record’s references are shown. In addition, if multiple tables appear in the **Reference Tables** section, this indicates that the record selected in the Direct Editor table references or is referenced by records in multiple tables. You can click any table in the **Reference Tables** section to view the associated records references.

**Tip** • In the Reference Tracking pane, you can quickly jump between record references by double-clicking within a cell.

### Broken References Indicator

There are instances where a Direct Editor table record might reference a foreign key record that no longer exists. InstallShield now displays the cells of such broken references with a red fill color to call attention to the broken reference.

For example, if the **Directory_** column in the in the Component table references a directory name that is not found in the Directory table, then the **Directory_** column is filled in red.

**Note** • The Direct Editor broken reference indicator is unrelated to the **Maintain referential integrity** check box on the **Preferences tab** of the Options dialog box. While the **Maintain referential integrity** setting is designed to update the foreign
keys when you modify a primary key, the purpose of the broken reference indicator is to display broken references to help you easily identify orphaned records. Therefore, broken references are displayed regardless of the selection of the **Maintain referential integrity** setting.

### Suite UI Enhancements

**Project** - This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** - The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

To better support various use cases, InstallShield has added the following functionality to Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects:
- **New Close Window and Stop Event UI Actions**
- **Suite Loading Splash Screen Added**
New Close Window and Stop Event UI Actions

InstallShield includes the following new UI actions:

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| Close Window  | This type of action closes a main wizard page or secondary window, or in some cases, provides conditional closing of a secondary window. Close Window accepts parameters corresponding to the following predefined Return Code IDs: IDOK, IDCANCEL, IDABORT, IDRETRY, IDIGNORE, IDYES, IDNO, and IDCLOSE. The behavior of the Close Window action differs slightly on wizard pages and secondary windows, as noted following:  
  - For wizard pages, the Close Window action prompts the end user to cancel if its Return Code parameter is set to IDCANCEL (and then interrupts the wizard if the end user specifies Yes). For all other Return Code IDs, the wizard immediately closes.  
  - For secondary windows, the Close Window action closes the secondary window and in special cases such as with the ISRMFilesInUse and ISRMFileInUse secondary windows, the specified Return Code value is returned. InstallShield currently provides the following secondary windows that contain customized behavior that is dependent upon the specified Return Code ID:  
    - ISDownloadProgress  
    - ISPromptForSourceMedia  
    - ISFilesInUse  
    - ISRMFilesInUse  
    - ISUpgradeParcel  
    - ISSQLBrowse |
| Stop Event     | This type of action allows you to conditionally stop further actions from being processed. For example, this action can be used to prevent the default behavior of a button from occurring. |

To learn more, see Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface.

Suite Loading Splash Screen Added

During a suite installation where the loading process takes more than half a second, InstallShield will now display a splash screen to indicate that the program has launched and that a loading process needs to complete before the Install Welcome dialog appears. For the splash screen, InstallShield utilizes the largest provided version of the setup.exe icon and includes a progress bar on it.
Kill Process Custom Action Enhanced

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

A new Processes setting has been added to the Kill-Process Custom Action settings that lets you directly enter executable file names or PIDs of the processes that you want to terminate without having to create a property using the Property Manager and format its value correctly for the action to work.

To learn more, see Calling a Kill-Process Custom Action.

Tip • The value of the Processes setting may be written to the ISTerminateProcesses property. If you have additional kill-process custom actions that do not specify a value in the Processes setting, such as those migrated from InstallShield 2015 or earlier, shared use of the ISTerminateProcesses property may result in undesired behavior.

Ability to Set the Default Value Used for Component Attributes

Support for a new property has been added to the InstallShield table that lets you set the default value used for component attributes. If a property of MsiComponentAttributes exists in the InstallShield table, its value overrides the default Attributes column value in the Component table from 8 to whatever is specified.

For example, to make new components 64-bit, add 256 to the MsiComponentAttributes value. You can specify 264 (for 64-bit shared) or optionally enter 256 (for 64-bit unshared). In doing so, the 64-Bit Component setting and Shared settings (shown on the in the General area of the Components view) will be updated to Yes or No accordingly.

For more information about the bit values used in calculating the Attributes column of the Component table, refer to the Component Table page in the MSDN Library.

Note • To set the default value used for component attributes, the MsiComponentAttributes property must be updated manually in the InstallShield table in the Direct Editor of each project. The Template Summary setting for a product configuration is ignored for this use case.

Ability to Filter Items by Features in Additional Views

The following views now contain a View Filter that lets you filter the view list by any feature in your project:

- Environment Variables View—You can use the View Filter list at the top of this view to show and hide environmental variables that are associated to a particular feature in your project. You can also select a feature from the View List in order to associate only that feature with a subsequent event (e.g., the creation, modification, or removal of an environmental variable). Lastly, to see all of the environmental variables that are in your project, select the All Application Data option in the View Filter list. For more information, see Environment Variables View.

- Text File Changes View—You can use the View Filter list at the top of this view to show and hide text file change sets that are associated to a particular feature in your project. You can select a feature from the View List in order to associate only that feature with a subsequent event (e.g., the creation, modification, ordering, or removal of change sets). The resulting modification takes place at run time on the target system when the feature is installed. Lastly, to see all of the text file change sets that are in your project, select the All Application Data option in the View Filter list. For more information, see Text File Changes View.
INI File Changes View—You can use the View Filter list at the top of this view to show and hide initialization (.ini) files that are associated to a particular feature in your project. You can select a feature from the View List in order to associate only that feature with a subsequent event (e.g., the creation, importing, modification, or removal of .ini files). The resulting modification takes place at run time on the target system when the feature is installed. Lastly, to see all of the .ini files that are in your project, select the All Application Data option in the View Filter list. For more information, see INI File Changes View.

Digital Signature Updates

Beginning with InstallShield 2015, support was added to enable you to use digital certificates that use the SHA-256 hashing algorithm for signing your installations and files at build time.

In InstallShield 2016, support for SHA-256 digital certificates has been enhanced for Windows Installer and InstallScript projects to:

- Give you the ability to specify a digest type using the new Signature Digest drop-down on the Certificate Selection Dialog Box
- RFC3161 timestamping is now supported and can be specified in settings.xml, noting that:
  - DigitalSignature/@Timestamp can be an Authenticode or RFC3161 server for .msi, .exe, and .dll files
  - DigitalSignature/@TimestampRFC3161 used for Windows App package files must be an RFC3161 server
- Handle similarly-named certificates in the Certificate Store

Important • Any new signatures created or timestamped after Jan 1, 2016 must be SHA-256-based signatures. Any files signed with an SHA-1 certificate need to have a timestamp showing a date and time prior to Jan 1, 2016 in order to continue to be supported. Those files will still be allowed through the 'Mark-of-the-web" system until Jan 14, 2020, when all SHA-1 support will stop in all current versions of Windows.

What’s New in InstallShield 2015 SP1

New Features

InstallShield includes the following new features.

Support for Windows 10

InstallShield has support for Windows 10.

Support for Microsoft Visual Studio 2015

InstallShield includes support for Visual Studio 2015. You can create InstallShield projects from within this version of Visual Studio.

Support for Microsoft App-V 5.1

InstallShield and the Microsoft App-V Assistant in InstallShield include support for creating virtual applications that can run on Microsoft App-V 5.1 clients.
**New InstallShield Prerequisite for App-V 5.1**

InstallShield includes a new InstallShield prerequisite that can be used when including a Setup.exe for a generated App-V 5.x package. Note that a Setup.exe setup launcher is required if the InstallShield prerequisite needs to be included in the release:

- Microsoft App-V 5.1 Desktop Client

The redistributable file for this InstallShield prerequisite is not available for download from within InstallShield, since you must obtain it from Microsoft. Once you obtain the redistributable from Microsoft, place it in the location that is displayed when you are editing the prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. For more information on the prerequisites necessary, see https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/mt346482.aspx.

**Windows 10 Added to Operating System Options in App-V Assistant for App-V 5.x Versions**

App-V 5.1 introduced support for Windows 10 32-bit and 64-bit operating systems. Accordingly, on the Package Information page of the Microsoft App-V Assistant, the list of available operating systems that are displayed when App-V 5.x is selected has been updated to include:

- Windows 10 32-bit
- Windows 10 64-bit

**New InstallShield Prerequisites for Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 and .NET Framework 4.6**

InstallShield includes new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Redistributable Package (x86)
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Redistributable Package (x64)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6 Full
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6 Web

These prerequisites install the appropriate technologies on supported target systems.

**New Constant for the DialogSetInfo Function**

A new constant is available for the nInfoType parameter of the InstallScript function DialogSetInfo:

**DLG_INFO_ALTIMAGE_HIDPI**—This constant specifies a high DPI image to be displayed in the dialog. High DPI image types supported include BMP, GIF, JPEG, PNG, and TIFF. If transparency is required, image types that support transparency (such as PNG) should be used and szInfoString should specify the name of the image to be displayed (optionally including the path) in the dialog. This parameter applies to all dialogs that display the standard installation image on the left side of the dialog.

When DLG_INFO_ALTIMAGE_HIDPI is passed in nInfoType, the following parameter values are expected:

- szInfoString—The name of an image file to display, optionally including the path. If no path to the file is specific, the file is assumed to be in SUPPORTDIR. If this file does not exist, DialogSetInfo returns ISERR_FILE_NOT_FOUND.
- nParameter—The DPI scaling percentage. For example, pass 200 for a 200% image scale, 150 for a 150% scale, etc. The minimum supported scaling value is 25. If 0 is passed for this value, no image is displayed. If DLG_INFO_ALTIMAGE_REVERT_IMAGE is passed, the previous image used is displayed.

This functionality is available in InstallScript events in the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript MSI.
Option Added to Disable Architecture Validation

The **None** option has been added to the Architecture Validation options in the Releases explorer to specify the bypassing of build-time architecture validation.

For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds.

What’s New in InstallShield 2015

**InstallShield 2020**

**New Features**

InstallShield includes the following new features.

**Support for Windows 10–Based Systems**

InstallShield has support for Windows 10.

**Targeting Windows 10**

On systems with Windows 10, the Windows Installer properties `VersionNT` and `VersionNT64` indicate 603, which was originally introduced as the version number of Windows 8.1. Therefore, it is not possible to create conditions in an .msi package that specifically target Windows 10.

Since Windows Installer 5.0 and Windows 7, DLL custom actions in .msi packages are shimmed to block obtaining the operating system version; the APIs `GetVersion`, `GetVersionEx`, and `RtlGetVersion` return a Windows version of 6.0.6000, which was originally the version number of Windows Vista. Therefore, it is also not possible to obtain the actual version number of Windows from a DLL custom action or from an InstallScript custom action (which is implemented as a DLL).

Because of the aforementioned behavior in Windows Installer, it is not easily possible to detect what version of Windows on which an .msi package is running. In areas where you can specify target system OS requirements, such as the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant of Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, the Windows 8.1 option has been renamed as **Windows 8.1 or Windows 10** to reflect the new run-time behavior.

InstallScript, Advanced UI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects provide the ability to properly detect which version of Windows (including Windows 10) is present on a target system. Thus, if your installation needs to target or exclude Windows 10, you may want to use these types of projects to create conditions under which .msi packages should be run based on the actual target system platform.

The InstallShield prerequisites that should be installable on Windows 10 have been updated so that they are installed on those systems if needed. Previously, the prerequisites may not have run by default on those systems.

**InstallScript Language Support for Windows 10**

The following structure members and predefined constants were added to the InstallScript language:

- **SYSINFO.WINNT.bWin10**—This is a new SYSINFO structure member. If the operating system is Windows 10, this value is TRUE. (This is applicable to InstallScript event-driven code; it is not applicable to custom actions.)

- **ISOSL_WIN10**—This is a new predefined constant that is available for use with the `FeatureFilterOS` function and the SYSINFO structure variable. It indicates that the target system is running Windows 10.
For more information, see FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable.

**Support for Microsoft Visual Studio 2015**

InstallShield includes support for Visual Studio 2015 Preview. You can create InstallShield projects from within this version of Visual Studio.

**Digital Signing Improvements**

InstallShield includes several improvements for digitally signing your installations and files at build time.

**Support for SHA-256 Digital Certificates**

InstallShield now enables you to use digital certificates that use the SHA-256 hashing algorithm for signing your installations and files at build time.

SHA-256 is favored over SHA-1, which is being deprecated because of the potential for security vulnerabilities. Microsoft announced that Windows will stop trusting items that were signed and timestamped with SHA-1 certificates after January 1, 2016. In addition, certification authorities—the organizations that issue certificates—are phasing out the creation of SHA-1 certificates. Thus, it is recommended that you replace any SHA-1 certificates in your InstallShield projects with SHA-256 certificates. For the latest information and more specific details, check with your certification authority.

In InstallShield, to replace a SHA-1 certificate with a SHA-256 certificate for signing your releases, use the Signing tab in the Releases view to replace the reference to the current certificate with one for a SHA-256 certificate.

If your project is configured to sign with a SHA-256 certificate, InstallShield uses a SHA-256 hash in the signature of the files that it signs at build time. If your project is still configured to sign with a SHA-1 certificate, InstallShield uses a SHA-1 hash; in addition, use of a SHA-1 certificate now triggers build warning -7346 to alert you about the SHA-1 usage.

In earlier versions of InstallShield, InstallShield used a SHA-1 hash in the signature of files when signing with either SHA-1 and SHA-256 certificates.

For details, see [Digital Signing and Security](#).

**Ability to Use a Certificate Store for Referencing Certificates**

When you are specifying the digital signature information that you want to use for signing your files and installations, InstallShield now lets you reference a certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use. This support is available as an alternative to specifying a .pfx certificate file on your machine.

To specify whether you want to use a certificate store or a .pfx certificate, use the Digital Certificate File setting on the Signing tab in the Releases view. When you click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting, a new Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify certificate information such as the store name (Personal, Trusted Root Certification Authorities, Enterprise Trust, Intermediate Certification Authorities), the store location (user or machine), and the subject that identifies the specific certificate that you want to use. As an alternative, you can specify on this dialog box the path and file name of a .pfx file that you want to use.

If you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.

Certificate store support is also available for signing patches and QuickPatch packages:

- To specify certificate store or .pfx certificate information for a patch, use the Digital Signing tab for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view.
• To specify certificate store or .pfx certificate information for a QuickPatch package, use the Build Settings area of the General Information view in the QuickPatch project. This area includes a Digital Signature tab that includes the new support.

In addition, the command-line tool iSign.exe, which is available for signing already-built InstallScript releases, has been updated to include support for using certificates in certificate stores.

To learn more, see:
• Digital Signing and Security
• Certificate Selection Dialog Box
• Signing Tab for a Release (for a release in the Releases view)
• Digital Signature Tab (for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view)
• Digital Signature Tab (in a QuickPatch project)
• iSign.exe

Note that InstallShield no longer has support for signing with .spc and .pvk files. To learn how to convert those files to a .pfx file, see Digital Signing and Security.

**Ability to Specify a Program Name for the UAC Dialog Box**

The Signing tab in the Releases view includes a new Signature Description setting. Use this setting to specify the text that you want to be displayed to the right of the “Program Name:” label on the UAC dialog box for the Setup.exe files, the .msi file, and other installation files that InstallShield signs at build time. The UAC dialog box opens when an end user launches the signed file and elevated privileges are required.

If you leave the Signature Description setting blank, InstallShield uses the name of the file without its extension as the text on the UAC dialog box.

For more information, see Signing Tab for a Release.

**Ability to Digitally Sign Media Header Files with a .pfx File or a Certificate in a Certificate Store**

InstallShield now has support for using .pfx files to sign media header files (.hdr files), which are used for the One-Click Install type of installation for InstallScript projects. As an alternative, you can use a certificate in a certificate store to sign media header files.

Previously, it was necessary to sign with .spc and .pvk files instead of .pfx files.

**Automation Interface Support for Specifying Digital Certificate Information**

The automation interface has support for specifying the .pfx file and the certificate store information. In addition, it also has support for specifying the signature description.

In Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, and Merge Module projects, the ISWiReleases object includes two new read-write string properties.

• DigitalCertificateInfo—This property gets or sets either the path to the .pfx file on your machine, or to a string that indicates certificate store details.

• SignatureDescription—This property gets or sets the signature description.

To learn more, see ISWiRelease Object.
In Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, the ISWiSuiteReleases object includes these same new properties. For more details, see ISWiSuiteRelease Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI).

**Ability to View Both the 32- and 64-Bit Areas of the Source Machine’s Registry on 64-Bit Development Systems**

If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit development system, the Registry view in InstallShield now displays both the 32-bit and 64-bit areas of your machine’s registry:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node

This support makes it easier to develop installations on 64-bit machines, since it enables you to drag and drop entries from those source areas to the appropriate areas in the destination pane of this view.

Previously, if you were using InstallShield on a 64-bit development system, the source panes in the Registry view in InstallShield did not show any 64-bit data from the HKLM\Software part of the registry; in addition, the source panes displayed 32-data from the machine’s HKLM\Software\Wow6432Node area in the HKLM\Software area.

Note that if you want your installation to install registry data to a 64-bit area of the registry on 64-bit target systems without having it redirected to a 32-bit area, you must place the registry data in a component that is marked as 64 bit. Simply dragging 64-bit data from the source panes in the Registry view to a location in one of the destination panes of the view does not mark the component as 64 bit.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

For more information, see:

- Developing and Building Installations on 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Systems
- Dragging and Dropping Registry Entries to Create Registry Keys
- Registry View

**Support for Embedding Formatted Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects for Run-Time Resolution**

In various areas of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, you can now embed object expressions to query target systems for information about a file, a registry entry, the operating system, or other details. This enables you to dynamically configure many of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI settings at run time based on target system–specific conditions. Object expressions use this convention:

```
[@Object(Parameters, ...).Property(Parameters, ...)]
```

Each object expression contains a reference to an object, which is a collection of object-specific properties. Objects and properties may contain parameters.

For example, the following Platform object expression obtains the architecture (x86, x64, IA64, ARM, or Unknown) of the machine on which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running:

```
[@Platform.Architecture]
```

The following Registry object expression obtains the value data of the RegisteredOwner value for the HKLM\Software\My Company Name\My Product Name registry key:

```
[@Registry(HKLM\Software\[COMPANY]\[PRODUCT], true).KeyValue(RegisteredOwner)]
```
You can embed object expressions within other formatted expressions, such as within property expressions or other object expressions. In the following expression, a Registry object expression is embedded as part of the parameter to a File object expression.

\[@File([\@Registry(HKLM\Software\MyProduct).KeyValue(MyProductPath)]\MyProduct.exe).Version]\]

If the MyProduct.exe file is in the location that is specified for the MyProductPath value data, the File object expression returns the version of the file. If the file is not found in that location, or if the registry value does not exist, the File object expression returns an empty string.

InstallShield also now enables you to pass literal square brackets as part of strings through the command line to packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. For example, a command line such as \[\[\]Text\[\]\] resolves as \[Text\] at run time and is passed to the package with the square brackets. Previously, a string enclosed within square brackets was treated as a property that the installation attempted to resolve at run time. The only workaround was to use a formatted property expression (such as \[PropertyForSquareBracketString\]) that would be resolved at run time to a property value that included the square brackets.

To learn more, see:

- Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time
- Writing Object Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects to Search Target Systems
- Object Reference for Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Feature Object
- File Object
- Parcel Object
- Platform Object
- Registry Object

**Ability to Share Common Packages Among Different Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations**

When you are configuring a package for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, you can now mark it as shared. The shared package functionality helps to ensure that if two or more Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installations are sharing a package, the package remains on the target system until all of the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI products are removed.

To mark a package that is selected in the Packages view of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project as shared, select Yes for the new Shared setting. In addition, ensure that the package GUID is the same across all Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects that are sharing the package; the Package GUID setting in the Packages view is where you can view and modify the GUID of a package.

Before this built-in shared support was available, unexpected results may have occurred in various scenarios. For example, in some scenarios, if two different Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installations installed a shared package on a target system and then only one was uninstalled, the shared package was removed. The remaining Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product may have been unusable because of the missing shared package. In other scenarios, the shared package was erroneously left behind on a target system, even though no Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product remained.

This feature is available for the following types of packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects: .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project.

For more details, see:
• Sharing Common Packages Among Different Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

• Packages View

Ability to Override the Product Name, Product Version, and Suite GUID for a Release in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

InstallShield now lets you override the product name, product version, and Suite GUID values that are specified in the General Information view of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project with a new value for a selected release. To override the General Information view values, use the new settings that are available on the Build tab for a release in the Releases view: Product Name, Product Version, and Suite GUID.

For details, see Build Tab for a Release.

Ability to Override the Values of Path Variables for a Release in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

InstallShield now lets you override the values of your project’s custom path variables (standard path variables, environment path variables, and registry path variables) for each release in your project. This functionality enables you to essentially replace certain files and folders in your project with others at build time, depending on the particular release that you are building.

For example, you might want to use this functionality to swap out UI elements such as images and EULAs for different releases in your project; this would enable you to easily generate installations for different editions or branded versions of your product.

To override one or more path variables in your project, use the Path Variables Overrides setting, which is on the Build tab for a release in the Releases view.

To learn more, see the following:

• Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release

• Path Variable Overrides setting

Automation Interface Support for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

InstallShield now enables you to automate most development and build processes of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects (.issuite files) through the automation interface without having to directly open the InstallShield interface and make changes in different views. The automation interface provides programmatic access to various areas of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects; it exposes a COM interface that you can call from many languages to create, edit, and build Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects.

The top-level automation object for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects is the ISWiProject object. Sample VBScript code that opens, modifies, saves, and closes a project begins and ends like this:

Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("ISWiAutoSuite22.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\InstallShield 2015 Projects\Project1.issuite"
' perform changes here
pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject

By calling methods, getting and setting properties, and accessing collections, you can also add features and packages to your project, configure conditions, and more. For more information, see the following sections of the documentation:

• Automation Objects for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
• Automation Collections for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Note that the ProgID for the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI automation interface is ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject; the ProgID for other project types is simply ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject.

New InstallShield Prerequisites for Microsoft Visual C++ 2015, .NET Framework 4.6, and More

InstallShield includes new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to your projects:

• Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Redistributable Package (x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Redistributable Package (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2013 Redistributable Package (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2013 Redistributable Package (x64)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6 Full
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6 Web
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5.2 Full
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5.2 Web
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 (x86 & x64Wow)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 LocalDB (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 LocalDB (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 Management Objects (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 Management Objects (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 System CLR Types (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 System CLR Types (x64)
• Internet Explorer 11.0 for Windows 7 (x86)
• Internet Explorer 11.0 for Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 (x64)
• Microsoft ReportViewer 2012

These prerequisites install the appropriate technologies on supported target systems.

The Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP2 prerequisites replace the Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP1 prerequisites.

New Predefined System Searches for Internet Explorer 10 and 11

InstallShield has new predefined system searches that check target systems for Internet Explorer 10 or Internet Explorer 11. If your installation or product requires either of those versions, you can use the System Search view or the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add one of these system searches to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.
This change is available in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

**Support for Creating Virtual Applications for Microsoft App-V 5.0 SP3; Additional App-V Package Improvements**

InstallShield and the Microsoft App-V Assistant in InstallShield include support for creating virtual applications that can run on Microsoft App-V 5.0 SP3 clients. In addition, the Microsoft App-V Assistant includes new settings and capabilities—some of which apply to App-V 5.0 SP3, and some of which apply to earlier versions of App-V.

**New InstallShield Prerequisites for App-V 5.0 SP3**

InstallShield includes new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- Microsoft App-V 5.0 SP3 Desktop Client (x86)
- Microsoft App-V 5.0 SP3 Desktop Client (x64)

The redistributable files for these InstallShield prerequisites are not available for download from within InstallShield, since you must obtain them from Microsoft. Once you obtain one of the redistributables from Microsoft, place it in the location that is displayed when you are editing the prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

**Ability to Map Files into the Virtual File System Instead of a Primary Application Directory**

The Microsoft App-V Assistant now enables you to configure your App-V package to map files into the virtual file system (VFS). This support is available for App-V 4.x and 5.x packages.

To specify whether you want to map the files to the VFS or use a primary application directory, use the Files page in the Microsoft App-V Assistant. The More Options area on this page has a new File Mapping link. When you click this new link, a new File Mapping dialog box opens, enabling you to select the appropriate option.

The File Mapping link and dialog box replace the Primary Application Directory link and dialog box, which previously enabled you to specify primary application directory.

To learn more, see File Mapping Dialog Box.

**Ability to Create App-V 5.x Packages that Have Full Write Permissions to the Virtual File System**

The Microsoft App-V Assistant now enables you to specify whether you want an App-V 5.x package that you are creating to have full write permissions to the virtual file system (VFS). To specify whether you want to use this support, use the new Allow full write permission to the VFS check box. This check box is on the File Mapping dialog box, which is available from the Files page in the Microsoft App-V Assistant when you click the File Mapping link in the More Options area.

To learn more, see File Mapping Dialog Box.

**Ability to Configure Advanced COM Isolation Settings for App-V 5.x**

The Microsoft App-V Assistant now enables you to configure advanced settings for COM isolation. This support is available for App-V 5.x packages.

To configure the new settings, use the Package Information page in the Microsoft App-V Assistant. The More Options area on this page has a new Isolation Settings link. When you click this new link, a new Isolation Settings dialog box opens. This dialog box enables you to specify whether you want to isolate the COM objects from the local system, or allow them to interact with the local system. This dialog box also lets you indicate whether you want to isolate named objects from the local system, or allow them to interact with the local system.

To learn more, see Isolation Options Dialog Box (for a Package).
The Microsoft App-V Assistant is available in the Premier Edition of InstallShield.

**Enhancements**

**Performance Improvement for the Files and Folders View**

InstallShield has been enhanced to more quickly load the Files and Folders view of large projects.

**Ability to Filter Items in the Files and Folders View by Feature**

The Files and Folders view now contains a View Filter that lists each of the features in your project, as well as an All Application Data option. You can use this filter to show and hide files and folders in the destination panes of this view:

- To see in this view only files and folders that belong to a particular feature, select that feature in the View Filter list.
- To add a file or folder to a specific feature, select that feature in the View Filter list. Then add the file or folder to the appropriate location in the Destination computer’s folders pane.
- To see all of the files and folders that are in your project, select the All Application Data option in the View Filter list.

The new View Filter replaces the previous Add new components to the feature filter, which did not have support for showing and hiding files and folders in the view according to the selected feature.

To learn more, see Files and Folders View.

**Ability to Access the Installer Session from PowerShell Scripts in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Installations**

The PowerShell custom action support has been enhanced. It now includes support for several cmdlets that let you interact with the running Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation at run time. The cmdlets enable you to get and set Windows Installer properties, expand the value of formatted expressions, and write information to the log file.

With this revised implementation, you can use the Windows Installer property IS_CLR_VERSION to identify a semicolon-delimited list of .NET Framework versions that the custom action should attempt to load to run your PowerShell script.

To learn more, see Calling a PowerShell Custom Action.

**Ability to Configure Major Upgrades in Transform Projects and MSI Databases**

Transform projects and MSI Database projects now include the Upgrades view, which you can use to create major upgrades. To add an upgrade entry in a Transform project or in direct-edit mode for an MSI Database project, open the Upgrades view. Right-click the Upgrade Windows Installer Setup node and then click Add Major Upgrade Item. Then configure its settings in the right as needed.

To learn more, see:

- Upgrades View
- Adding a Major Upgrade Item
- Major Upgrades
- Upgrade Considerations
- Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product
**Improvements to the ISHiddenProperties Property for Preventing Passwords from Being Written in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Log Files**

The ISHiddenProperties property stores a semicolon-delimited list of case-sensitive property names whose values you do not want to be written to the debug log files. This property enables you to prevent properties that contain passwords and other sensitive information from being logged. The ISHiddenProperties property has been improved. You can now use this property for prevention of logging for values in the following scenarios:

- The end user sets the value of the property through command line when launching the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file.
- The property is configured through a command line that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation passes to a package. This is configurable in the Packages view, on the Common tab, in the Operation area.

Previously, ISHiddenProperties prevented logging only values that would be logged by changing the property value. For more information, see [Preventing a Property Value from Being Written in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Debug Log Files](#).

**Improvements to the Interpretation of Ampersands in the Wizard Interface of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations**

The interpretation of ampersands in certain areas of the wizard interface of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects has been modified.

If you use an ampersand (&) in any of the following areas of the wizard interface of your installation, the installation now displays the ampersand as a literal character instead of interpreting it as a prefix character for a keyboard shortcut. The change also applies if any of these strings include a property that resolves to a value that contains an ampersand.

- The string in the header area of a wizard page or secondary window—This is configured in the Title setting for a wizard page or window in the Wizard Interface view.
- The caption bar of wizard pages—This is configured in the Wizard Caption setting for the Wizard Pages node in the Wizard Interface view.
- The supplemental explanation area of a command link control—This is configured in the Note setting for a wizard page or window.
- The alternate text for an image control—This is configured in the Alt Text setting of an image control on a wizard page or window.

For most label controls, True is now selected by default for the SS_NOPREFIX subsetting under the Style setting; previously False was selected by default. A True value for this subsetting ensures that any ampersands that are included in the string entries for such controls are not inadvertently interpreted as keyboard shortcuts, and that ampersands in the control's strings are displayed as ampersands in the wizard interface. This applies to the built-in default wizard pages and windows, as well as the predefined wizard pages. The only exceptions to this SS_NOPREFIX subsetting change are label controls that may contain keyboard shortcuts. For example, the default predefined Web Deploy wizard page has several text boxes with corresponding labels that may contain keyboard shortcuts. Therefore, False continues to be default value for the SS_NOPREFIX subsetting of such controls.

The InstallShield Help Library has a new [Designating Keyboard Shortcuts and Using Ampersands (&) in the Wizard Interface](#) help topic that explains how to configure your project to support the use of ampersands and keyboard shortcuts in your wizard interface.

Note that when you upgrade an InstallShield 2014 or earlier Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project to InstallShield 2020, many of the aforementioned changes for ampersand interpretation are made automatically made; however, some changes are not made. To learn more, see [Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2014 or Earlier](#).
Enhanced File-Related Types of Condition Checks Can Search Multiple Target System Paths in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, feature, or wizard interface condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can use the following file-related types of condition checks:

- **File Exists** — This type checks target systems for the presence of a particular file.
- **File Comparison** — This type checks target systems for specific information—date, version number, or component—for a particular file.

Both of these condition checks have been expanded to enable you to define conditions that check for the file in multiple paths on target systems. Previously, each condition could check only one specific location on target systems.

To enable this support, the existing Path setting for these condition checks has been expanded to let you enter only the name of the file (that is, optionally now without the path); if you leave out the path, you can use the new Search Path setting to specify a semicolon-delimited list of paths that you want the installation to check at run time for the specified file. You can include in this setting one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions.

For example, to search for the specified file in all directories that are defined for the PATH environment variable on a target system, as well as the path that is defined in the registry, enter the following value in the Search Path setting:

```
[%PATH%];[@Registry(HKLM\SOFTWARE\MyPath).KeyValue(MyValue)]
```

For more details, see:

- File Exists Condition Settings
- File Comparison Condition Settings

Improvements for Importing InstallShield Prerequisites with Certain Types of File-Related Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects now have support for the following conditions that InstallShield prerequisites support:

- If you use the condition **A file does or does not exist** or **A file with a certain date exists** in a prerequisite and if you reference a registry key within square brackets for part of the path to the file, a Basic MSI, InstallScript, or InstallScript MSI installation resolves the registry key with the registry value. Now that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations have expanded formatted-expression support for conditions, these types of prerequisite conditions are properly imported into Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects and resolved at run time. Previously, the registry key within square brackets was not resolved at run time; therefore, these types of conditions always evaluated as false.

- If you use the condition **A file does or does not exist** or **A file with a certain date exists** in a prerequisite and if you omit the path to the file, a Basic MSI, InstallScript, or InstallScript MSI installation searches for the specified file in all directories that are defined for the PATH environment variable on the target system. Now that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations have expanded formatted-expression support for conditions, these types of prerequisite conditions are properly imported into Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects and resolved at run time. Previously, the path to the file could not be resolved; therefore, this type of condition always evaluated as false.

The InstallShield prerequisites for Oracle Instant Client are examples of prerequisites that use the file-related conditions. Now if you import these types of InstallShield prerequisites into Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects, those file-related conditions are configured properly in the Detection Condition setting of the Packages view.
For more information, see including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

**Ability to Upgrade a Project Through the Automation Interface**

The automation interface includes support for upgrading a project from an earlier version of InstallShield to the current version. To upgrade a project through the automation interface, use the ForceUpgrade method of the ISWiProject object.

This enhancement is available for the following project types: Advanced UI, Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI.

For more information, see:
- ISWiProject Object
- ISWiProject Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

**Ability to Select the Virtual Machine Configuration for a Release Through the Automation Interface**

The automation interface has support for selecting the virtual machine configuration for a given release; this enables you to specify which configuration you want to use for distributing the selected release to a virtual machine (VM) at build time.

In Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects, the ISWiReleases object includes several new read-write properties. In Suite/Advanced UI projects, the ISWiSuiteRelease object includes the same new read-write properties.

- **VMConfig**—This property gets or sets the name of the group of VM configuration settings that you want to use when distributing a release to a VM.
- **VMSnapShot**—This property optionally gets or sets the name of the snapshot that you want to use for distributing the release.
  
  If no snapshot is specified for the VM configuration, InstallShield does not revert to a specific snapshot. InstallShield powers on the VM without reverting it to a specific snapshot, and copies your installation to the VM.
- **VMMachineUserName**—This property gets or sets the user name for the VM configuration.
- **VMMachinePassword**—This property gets or sets the password for the VM configuration.
- **VMStageMachineCopyPath**—This property gets or sets the location on the VM where the release is to be distributed. The last subfolder in the path can be a path that InstallShield creates on the VM; the other folders in the path must already exist.
- **VMStagePostBuild**—This Boolean property indicates whether you want InstallShield to automatically distribute the selected release each time that it is successfully built.

This enhancement is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

To learn more, see:
- ISWiRelease Object
- ISWiSuiteRelease Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

**Enhancement to ISICE11**

InstallShield internal consistency evaluator 11 (ISICE11) has been improved. If an executable file in your project includes a valid manifest that includes an asm.v2 entry for the trustInfo element, ISICE11 no longer occurs during validation. Previously, the asm.v3 entry was checked, but not the asm.v2 entry.

To learn more, see ISICE11.
**Enhanced Dialogs View in Basic MSI, DIM, and Merge Module Projects: All Behavior Settings for Each Control Are Shown in a Single Grid**

The Dialogs view has been enhanced. All of the settings that are available for configuring the behavior (events, subscriptions, and conditions) of each user interface control on a run-time dialog are now displayed in a single grid. Previously, the settings were available through separate Events, Subscriptions, and Conditions tabs that were displayed in the bottom-right corner of the view.

To add an event, a subscription, or a condition to a control, in the Dialogs view, select the Behavior node under the dialog that contains the control. The controls that are used on the dialog are displayed in the center pane; select the control that you want to configure. Then use the Events, Subscriptions, and Conditions settings that are displayed in the right pane to configure the appropriate behavior.

This enhancement applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, Merge Module.

To learn more, see:
- Editing Dialog Behavior in Basic MSI Projects
- Using Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs
- Using Subscriptions in Basic MSI Dialogs

**Enhanced Folder Views Show Total Count of Each Item in the Current Project**

The folder views in InstallShield now enable you to see a quick summary of the contents of your project.

For example, the Application Data view—which is the folder view that contains the Files and Folders view and the Redistributables view in some types of projects—indicates the number of files, the number of merge modules, and the number of InstallShield prerequisites that are in the current project. The System Configuration view—which is the folder view that contains views such as Shortcuts and Registry—shows summary data such as the number of shortcuts, the number of registry keys, and the number of registry values.

**New Machine-Wide Setting for Removing Unused Components Automatically**

The Files View tab on the Options dialog box in InstallShield has a new clean up unused components check box. This check box lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to remove unused components from your project automatically.

When this check box is selected, you delete all of the files in a component, and that component is not required elsewhere, that component is deleted automatically.

This new check box is a machine-wide setting. This check box is cleared by default; therefore, unused components are not removed automatically by default.

For more information, see Files View Tab.

**Enhanced Behavior for Deleting Custom Actions that Use a File in the Binary Table**

When you are deleting from your project a custom action that uses a file in the Binary table, InstallShield now determines whether the file in the Binary table is referenced by any other custom actions in the project. If it is not referenced by any other custom actions, InstallShield prompts you to specify whether you want to delete the entry from the Binary table while also deleting the custom action:

- The No button, which is the default selection, enables you to delete only the custom action.
- The Yes button enables you to delete both the custom action and the Binary table entry.
- The Cancel button enables you to avoid deleting the custom action and the Binary table entry.
If one or more other custom actions in the project reference the file in the Binary table, InstallShield deletes only the custom action that you chose to delete; it does not delete the Binary table entry. In this scenario, InstallShield does not display any prompt when you are deleting the custom action.

Previously, when you were deleting a custom action in the aforementioned scenario, InstallShield always displayed a prompt asking whether you wanted to delete the entry in the Binary table—regardless of whether any other custom actions in the project referenced it. The default button on this prompt was Yes, which resulted in both the custom action and the Binary table entry being deleted; this default behavior led to some users inadvertently deleting the Binary table entry.

This enhancement is applicable to the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and Transform.

**New Standalone Build Registry Entries Indicate InstallShield Version Information**

The Standalone Build installation now installs the same InstallShield version–related registry values that the InstallShield installation installs under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\InstallShield\VersionNumber\Professional. This makes it possible to quickly verify whether all of the development and build machines in your environment are using the same versions of the product. The pertinent registry values are:

- **Product Code**—This registry value differs, depending on whether the InstallShield IDE or the Standalone Build is installed. It is updated for major upgrades of these tools.
- **MPIndicator**—If applicable, this registry value indicates the maintenance pack—for example, Service Pack 1.
- **SP**—If applicable, this registry value indicates the number of the service pack—for example, 1.

For InstallShield 2020 and the InstallShield 2020 Standalone Build, the registry values are installed under the following key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\InstallShield\Automation Interface Version\Professional

**See Also**
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2014 or Earlier

**What’s New in InstallShield 2014 SP1**

**InstallShield 2020**

InstallShield includes the following improvements.

**Updates to Portuguese Run-Time Strings**

The default run-time strings for Portuguese (Brazil) and Portuguese (Portugal) have been updated to reflect the Portuguese Language Orthographic Agreement of 1990 that finishes going into effect at the end of 2014, per a 6-year transition period starting in 2009.

**See Also**
What’s New in InstallShield 2014
What’s New in InstallShield 2014

InstallShield 2020

New Features
InstallShield includes the following new features.

**New InstallShield Prerequisites for .NET Framework 4.5.1**
InstallShield includes new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5.1 Full
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5.1 Web

These prerequisites install the .NET Framework 4.5.1 on supported target systems.

**Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Support**
InstallShield now includes support for running SQL scripts on SQL Server 2014 database servers. In addition, InstallShield includes SQL Server 2014 in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports.

If your installation targets SQL Server 2014, the SQLBrowse run-time dialog that is displayed when end users choose to browse for a database server can now list instances of SQL Server 2014, SQL Server 2014 Express, and SQL Server 2014 Express LocalDB. In addition, the SQLBrowse run-time dialog that is displayed when end users choose to browse for a database catalog can now list catalogs on the specified SQL Server 2014 database server.

This support is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

**Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Prerequisites**
InstallShield includes several new SQL Server 2014–related InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Express RTM (x64)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Express RTM (x86 & x64Wow)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Express RTM (x86)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Express LocalDB (x64)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Express LocalDB (x86)

These InstallShield prerequisites install the technology on supported target systems.

**New InstallShield Prerequisites for App-V 5.0 SP2**
InstallShield includes new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- Microsoft App-V 5.0 SP2 Desktop Client (x86)
- Microsoft App-V 5.0 SP2 Desktop Client (x64)
The redistributable files for these InstallShield prerequisites are not available for download from within InstallShield, since you must obtain them from Microsoft. Once you obtain one of the redistributables from Microsoft, place it in the location that is displayed when you are editing the prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

**New InstallShield Prerequisites for Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Update 4**

InstallShield includes new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Update 4 Redistributable Package (x86)
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Update 4 Redistributable Package (x64)

These prerequisites install the various technologies on supported target systems.

**Support for Checking for Updates from Maintenance Mode of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations**

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations now have support for enabling end users to check for updates to your product by clicking a new Update button on the maintenance wizard page. If an update is available from your Web site and the end user chooses to obtain it, the installation downloads it, verifies its digital signature, and launches it.

To use this functionality, your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project must have support for automatic updates. At build time, InstallShield creates a metadata file called `isupdate.xml` file and places it in an UpdateMetadata subfolder in your project’s build folder. This metadata file identifies the different versions of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation and their download locations. When you are ready to release the update for your product, you upload to your site this `isupdate.xml` file as well as your updated Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

At run time, if the end user is running maintenance mode, the Suite engine checks the metadata file for updates. If an update is available for download, the Suite engine sets the new `ISUpdateAvailable` property to 1 and displays a new MaintenanceUpdateWelcome wizard page, a maintenance wizard page that includes an Update button. In addition, the Suite engine sets the new `ISUpdateVersion` property equal to the version of the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation that is available for download.

If an update is not available, the Suite engine displays the standard MaintenanceWelcome wizard page that does not have an Update button.

For more details, see:

- Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference

**Ability to Include Support Files in Subfolders**

InstallShield now lets you specify custom folder structures for support files. To add a subfolder under one of the language-specific nodes or to the language-independent node in the Support Files view, right-click the node and then click New Folder. InstallShield adds a subfolder and enables you to rename it as needed. You can also add a nested folder structure. To add files to a subfolder, select it and right-click in the right pane, and then click Insert Files. At run-time, the installation copies the support folders and files to `SUPPORTDIR`, a temporary directory on target systems, to make them available during your product’s installation process. The support folders and files are deleted when the installation is complete.

The improved Support Files view is available in the following project types: Advanced UI, Basic MSI, Suite/Advanced UI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

To learn more, see Adding Support Files.
The automation interface also includes subfolder functionality for support files. The ISWiSetupFile object includes a new read-write Target property that you can use to specify or obtain the path of the support file’s target directory within SUPPORTDIR. For more information, see ISWiSetupFile Object.

Support for Deploying Web Deploy Packages to IIS Web Servers and the Cloud

Suite/Advanced UI installations now have built-in support for deploying Web Deploy packages to IIS Web servers and the cloud. The Web Deploy packages can be created through IIS or a Web application development environment such as Visual Studio.

To add a Web Deploy package to your Suite/Advanced UI project, use the Packages view. When you add a package and select it in the Packages view, InstallShield displays package-related settings in the right pane. The Configuration area on the Common tab of the right pane includes several configuration-related settings for Web Deploy, such as the destination—which is often a remote server—and credentials. In addition, the Configuration area also includes settings for the parameters that are defined in the Web Deploy package’s parameters XML file. By default, InstallShield uses Suite/Advanced UI properties for all of the configuration settings so that end users can set them at run time through the wizard interface or the command line.

When you add a Web Deploy package to your project, InstallShield adds a predefined Web Deploy wizard page to your project for that package. The Web Deploy wizard page enables the end user to specify whether the package will be deployed to a local IIS server, a remote server, or a cloud-based server. It also enables the end user to load the configuration settings from a publisher profile file (.publishsettings). If you want end users to be able to configure the parameters that are defined in your Web Deploy package’s parameters XML file, you can add controls to the wizard interface as needed, and associate those controls with the properties that are specified for the corresponding parameter settings in the Packages view.

Note that Web Deploy packages are typically intended to behave similarly to first-time installations or to install over existing earlier or identical versions. As a side effect, Web Deploy packages do not handle uninstallation. Thus, Suite/Advanced UI installations do not offer maintenance for this type of package. It is recommended that you avoid creating a Suite/Advanced UI installation that combines one or more Web Deploy packages with one or more traditional packages (that do offer maintenance) as primary packages.

This feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

For more information, see:

- Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Packages View

Support for Including InstallShield Projects as Packages in Suite/Advanced UI Projects

InstallShield now lets you add InstallShield projects (.ism) as packages in Suite/Advanced UI projects. The InstallShield projects can be either Basic MSI projects or InstallScript projects; the projects must have been saved in the same version of InstallShield as the Suite/Advanced UI project.

When you start a build of a release for a Suite/Advanced UI project that includes one or more InstallShield project packages, InstallShield first builds the designated releases in the associated InstallShield projects, and includes them as packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation that it generates. InstallShield adds the output of the Basic MSI and InstallScript projects to the Suite/Advanced UI installation as .msi and .hdr packages.

Use the Packages view to add an InstallShield project as a package in your Suite/Advanced UI project. This view is also where you identify which product configuration (for a Basic MSI project package) and which release (for both Basic MSI project packages and InstallScript project packages) that you want to include as a package in the Suite/Advanced UI project.
This feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

For more information, see:

- Adding an InstallShield Project (.ism) as a Package in a Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Packages View

**Support for InstallScript Actions in Suite/Advanced UI Installations**

Suite/Advanced UI installations now have built-in support for launching InstallScript actions to perform various run-time tasks that are outside the scope of the packages that you are including in the installation. These Suite/Advanced UI–based InstallScript actions function much like InstallScript custom actions in Basic MSI projects.

You can use the InstallScript view that is available now in Suite/Advanced UI projects to add InstallScript files (.rul) to your project and write functions using the InstallScript language. To have your Suite/Advanced UI action call an InstallScript function, you must prototype the function with the `export` keyword, just as you would for InstallScript custom actions in Basic MSI projects.

Once you have added InstallScript code to your project, use the Events view to add an InstallScript action that calls your code. Next, you can schedule when at run time you want the action to be launched. For example, you can use the Events view to schedule an InstallScript action to run during one or more of the built-in events that the Suite/Advanced UI engine manages.

Note that there are some limitations to the use of InstallScript in Suite/Advanced UI projects. For example, InstallScript UI–related functions and InstallScript run-time path variables (such as PROGRAMFILES and WINDIR) are not available for use in a Suite/Advanced UI project.

This feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

To learn more, see:

- Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with an Action that Runs InstallScript Code in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Configuring a Suite/Advanced UI Action’s Settings
- Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action
- Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Interaction Functions.

**Support for Managed-Code Actions in Suite/Advanced UI Installations**

Suite/Advanced UI installations now have built-in support for launching managed-code actions to perform various run-time tasks that are outside the scope of the packages that you are including in the installation. The new action type calls a public method in a .NET assembly that is written in managed code such as Visual Basic .NET or C#. These Suite/Advanced UI–based InstallScript actions are functionally equivalent to DLL actions in Suite/Advanced UI installations. That is, Suite engine looks for one parameter on the managed function that it calls. This parameter is an ISuiteExtension interface passed as a System.Object. The return type should be of some 32-bit integer type.

To add a managed-code action to a Suite/Advanced UI project, use the Events view.

This feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

For more information, see:

- Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
• Working with a Managed-Code Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

• Configuring a Suite/Advanced UI Action’s Settings

• Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action

**Ability to Launch Suite/Advanced UI Event Actions that End Users Trigger When Using Wizard Interface Controls**

Suite/Advanced UI installations include support for run-time actions that are defined in the Events view and that are launched when an end user clicks or performs some other action on a wizard interface control. For example, this capability enables your installation to run executable files, call DLL functions, run InstallScript code, call managed methods in a managed assembly, run PowerShell scripts, or set a Suite/Advanced UI property when an end user clicks a button in the wizard interface.

To add an action to your project, use the Events view.

To schedule an action to run when a wizard interface control is clicked or used, select the control that you want to configure in the Wizard Interface view, and then use the Click setting or an action-related setting under the Events setting to select the action that you want to launch.

This feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

For more details, see:

• Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface

• Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

**Ability to Launch Suite/Advanced UI Actions When Wizard Pages and Windows Are Shown or Hidden**

Suite/Advanced UI installations include support for run-time actions that are launched when a wizard page or secondary window is opened or closed. This capability enables your installation to perform any initialization such as dynamically retrieving values for a combo box. It also lets you schedule actions to occur before the wizard interface is displayed at run time.

To add an action to your project, use the Events view.

To schedule an action to run when a wizard page opens or closes, select the wizard page that you want to configure in the Wizard Interface view, and then select the appropriate action in the Page Entered setting or the Page Exited setting.

To schedule an action to run when a secondary window opens or closes, select the secondary window that you want to configure in the Wizard Interface view, and then select the appropriate action in the Window Entered setting or the Window Exited setting.

This feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

For more details, see:

• Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface

• Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
New Property for Preventing Passwords from Being Written in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installation Log Files

If you launch an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file with the /debuglog parameter, the Suite engine generates a debuglog file. By default, the debug log file includes the values of changed Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI properties.

In some cases, you may want to prevent the Suite engine from writing the values of specific properties to the debug log file. For example, you may want to prevent properties that contain passwords and other sensitive information from being logged. To enable this scenario, Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations support a new property called ISHldenProperties. You can set this property to a semicolon-delimited list of case-sensitive property names whose values you do not want to be written to debug log files.

Note that ISHldenProperties is useful for prevention of logging only for values that would be logged by changing the property value. If the property is logged any other way (such as through ISuiteExtension::LogInfo), the Suite engine cannot prevent the logging. Therefore, any code that you create to write a property value to the log file should read ISHldenProperties to see whether the property value should be logged.

For more information, see Preventing a Property Value from Being Written in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Debug Log Files.

Enhanced Substitution Syntax for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Various areas of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects include support for enclosing property names in square brackets to indicate that the properties should be replaced with appropriate values at run time. The run-time syntax has been enhanced to support several additional types of substitution:

- **Special characters**—Preceding a special character with a backslash and enclosing the resulting string in square brackets resolves the special character at run time. For example, an entry such as \[\]Text\]] resolves as [Text ].
- **Null character**—A tilde that is enclosed in square brackets—that is, [~]—resolves as a null character embedded in the string.
- **Environment variables**—Preceding the name of an environment variable with a percent sign and enclosing the resulting string in square brackets resolves the environment variable at run time. For example, [%PATH] resolves as the value of the PATH environment variable.
- **Recursive property resolution**—Surrounding a property resolution with additional square brackets resolves the resolved value of a property. For example [[PROPERTY1]] resolves to the value of the property whose name is stored in PROPERTY1; if PROPERTY1 holds PROPERTY2, the resolved value is the value stored in PROPERTY2.

For more information, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

Support for Removing Files and Folders

InstallShield now has built-in support that makes it easy to specify files and folders that you want to be removed from target systems at run time. This file and folder removal capability is useful for scenarios such as removing application-created files that your installation does not otherwise track.

You can schedule the removal of a file or folder for one of the following events:

- When the file or folder’s component is being installed
- When the file or folder’s component is being uninstalled
- When the file or folder’s component is being installed or uninstalled
Note that if the item to be removed is a folder, that folder is removed only if it is empty.

InstallShield offers different methods for configuring a file or folder removal in a project:

- In the Files and Folders view, select the destination folder that contains the file or folder that you want to be removed. Then right-click in the Destination computer’s files pane and click Add File Removal.

- In the Setup Design view (in installation projects) or the Components view, expand the node of the component that contains the file or folder that you want to be removed, and then click the Files subnode. Next, right-click in the Files pane and click Add File Removal.

With both methods, InstallShield displays a Properties dialog box that lets you configure the available removal settings.

Previously, the only way to indicate which files and folders should be removed was to use the Direct Editor view to manually author entries in the RemoveFile table.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

To learn more, see:

- Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems
- File Removal Properties Dialog Box

The automation interface includes a new ISWiRemoveFile object and a new ISWiRemoveFiles collection for removing files and folders. In addition, three new member methods are applicable to the ISWiComponent object: AddRemoveFile, which enables you to add a file removal entry to the current component; RemoveRemoveFile, which enables you to remove a file removal entry from the current component; and ISWiRemoveFiles, which returns an ISWiRemoveFiles collection that contains all of the file removal entries that are associated with the current component.

These automation interface improvements are available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

For more details, see:

- ISWiRemoveFile Object
- ISWiRemoveFiles Collection
- AddRemoveFile Method
- RemoveRemoveFile Method
- ISWiRemoveFiles Method
- ISWiComponent Object

**Support for DPI-Aware Installations**

InstallShield now lets you create DPI-aware installations that can scale run-time user interface elements properly across modern target systems that have various high-DPI display settings, making your installation’s user interface more consistent and visually appealing. The support that is available and the improvements that have been made vary, depending on the project type that you are using.

**Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

DPI-awareness in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects has two parts:
• Items that are drawn by the engine are scaled according to the target system’s DPI settings. Thus, if a target system has a DPI of 200%, the check box control is scaled accordingly.

• The engine considers the scale factor and language when displaying images and other resources that you are including in the wizard interface.

For example, when the engine determines that the scale factor should be 150 and that the appropriate language is English, it looks for resources that have the string `scale-150` in their path or file name. It searches the following paths in the order listed when searching for `image.png` on the target system:

1. `[SUPPORTDIR]0409\scale-150\image.png`  
2. `[SUPPORTDIR]0409\image.scale-150.png`  
3. `[SUPPORTDIR]0409\image.png`  
4. `[SUPPORTDIR]\scale-150\image.png`  
5. `[SUPPORTDIR]image.scale-150.png`  
6. `[SUPPORTDIR]\image.png`  

Note that matching the language takes precedence over matching the correct DPI.

InstallShield includes scale-150 and scale-200 images for the built-in default images that are included in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. If you want to include custom resources in your project, use the Support Files view to add appropriately scaled images.

**InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects**

DPI-awareness in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects has the following parts:

• All of the built-in default dialog images have been replaced with images that scale well to 200%.

• The static dialog controls that have a control ID of 1200 now include support for .png images, which allow for transparency. This applies to the computer image that is displayed by default on the left side of the exterior skinned dialogs such as the Welcome dialog. It also applies to the banner images on interior dialogs.

In addition, these same controls support a new format for identifying each image and its associated scale factor:

```plaintext
@@ResourceId;ScaleFactor
```

`ResourceId` indicates the resource identifier number that should be used to look up either a .png image (stored as resource type PNG) or a bitmap image (stored as resource type RT_BITMAP). `ScaleFactor` indicates the DPI scale percentage for which the image is intended.

For example, this can be 100% (96 DPI), 125% (120 DPI), 150% (144 DPI), or 200% (192 DPI). If the scale factor that is specified for an image is 200, the image will be shrunk down for display on target systems that are running less than 200% DPI scaling. On a 200% target system, it will be displayed at 1:1. If the scale factor that is specified for the image is 100, the image will be scaled up for display on target systems that are running 200% DPI scaling.

The previous format for identifying bitmap images (.bmp) still works, but it does not have support for scaling, or for .png images:

```plaintext
@BitmapResourceId;TransparentFlag;3DFlag;<unused>;TransparentColorKey
```

• The new image string format is now used by default on all ID 1200 static controls for the dialog header banner and for exterior panel icon images. If you upgrade an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI project to InstallShield 2020 and you
edited the dialogs in the earlier version of InstallShield, you will need to edit the image string to use the new format for all of the languages that your project supports.

- The InstallScript function `SdOptionsButtons` has been updated to include support for the new string format for identifying images:
  
  $$ @@\text{ResourceId};\text{ScaleFactor} $$

  Previously, the following format was used:

  $$ @\text{BitmapResourceId};\text{BitmapIconFlag};\text{TransparentColor} $$

- The `nItem` parameter for the InstallScript function `GetSystemInfo` includes support for two new constants:
  - `SYSTEM_DPI`—This returns the system DPI value in the `nvResult` parameter.
  - `SYSTEM_DPI_SCALING`—This returns the system DPI scaling value in the `nvResult` parameter.

To learn more, see:

- GetSystemInfo
- SdOptionsButtons
- Background About the Default Images on Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

**Basic MSI Projects**

The built-in images that are displayed on dialogs that the Setup.exe launcher displays at run time have been replaced with images that scale well to larger areas. This includes images that are displayed on the initialization dialog.

**Support for Distributing Your Installation to Virtual Machines that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand**

You can configure your projects so that after each successful build of your installation, InstallShield automatically reverts a virtual machine (VM) to a designated snapshot, powers on the VM, and copies your installation to the VM to make it available for testing. You can also alternately perform these testing preparation steps on demand at any time. The testing preparation capability makes it possible to reduce testing time and eliminate manual steps.

The VM can be on a Microsoft Hyper-V Server, a VMware ESX or ESXi Server, or a VMware Workstation.

To specify VM information, use the Virtual Machine area on the Events tab for a release in the Releases view. One of the settings lets you specify whether you want the release to be distributed to the specified VM each time that it is successfully built.

To distribute the release to the VM at any time, right-click the release in the Releases view and then click Distribute to VM.

Note that when you use the Configuration setting on the Events tab to configure VM details, InstallShield writes the data that you specify to a file called `VMConfigurations.xml`. This `VMConfigurations.xml` file is a machine-wide file that you can configure once and then use it in other InstallShield projects, as well as share it with other team members. You can also use this file with the Standalone Build.

In order to deploy to one of the supported VMs, InstallShield needs to communicate with the virtualization technology that you are using. If you are using VMware virtualization technology (VMware ESX or ESXi Server or VMware Workstation), the VMware VIX API needs to be installed on the same machine as InstallShield. You can do this by either installing VMware Workstation on that machine or by downloading and installing the VMware VIX API from [http://www.vmware.com/support/developer/vix-api](http://www.vmware.com/support/developer/vix-api).
If you are using VMware Workstation, it is recommended that you install VMware Workstation on the same machine as InstallShield so that InstallShield uses the version of the VIX API that was designed for that specific version of VMware Workstation. Although it is likely that newer versions of the VIX API will also work, it seems that the best approach is for InstallShield to use the version of the VIX API that was bundled with your version of VMware Workstation.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI. This feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

To learn more, see the following:

- Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand
- Events Tab for a Release
- Edit Virtual Machine Configurations Dialog Box
- Sharing Virtual Machine Settings for Distribution of Releases

**Enhancements**

InstallShield includes the following enhancements.

**Usability Improvements for Populating Combo Box and List Box Controls in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

InstallShield lets you add combo box controls and list box controls to wizard pages and secondary windows of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. The process of creating either one of these types of controls involves the use of two properties: one that defines the list of options that you want to display in the control, and one that the installation uses to store the option that the end user selects at run time. Now you can configure both of those properties entirely from within the Wizard Interface view in InstallShield, instead of having to use the Wizard Interface view and the Property Manager view.

In the Wizard Interface view, the Content Property setting of the combo box or list box control now contains an ellipsis button (…) that you can click when you want to define the list of options that you want to display in the control. When you click this button, a simple Edit List Options dialog box opens, enabling you to specify the list of options that you want to display in the selected control, as well as an associated value.

Previously, it was necessary to use the Property Manager view to define the property that contained the list of options, as well as their corresponding property values. The format that was required for defining the property (for example, ID_Option1\rValue1\nID_Option2\rValue2\nID_Option3\rValue3) was difficult to remember and error-prone.

To learn more, see:

- Populating Combo Box and List Box Controls in the Wizard Interface
- Edit List Options Dialog Box

**Run-Time Improvements for Browsing to a File or Folder in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations**

Several improvements for enabling end users to browse to a file or folder are now available in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations:

- A new Browse for New File action is available for controls on wizard pages and secondary windows. If you add this action to the Click event of a control such as a button and an end user clicks the button, a browse dialog box opens, enabling the end user to specify a new file and its location.
When you add this type of action to a control in your project, you can specify the text for the title bar of the dialog box. You can also specify the file extension filter options that you want to be available for selection, as well as the default file extension that should be used when creating the file.

- The existing Browse for Folder action has been enhanced. The Browse for Folder dialog box that this action launches accepts only locations that have file system equivalents. That is, the OK button on this dialog box remains disabled if the end user selects a location such as This PC or My Computer. Previously, end users were able to select such locations, and doing so cleared the value of the associated property.

When you add this type of action to a control in your project, you can specify the instructions that you want to be displayed on this Browse for Folder dialog box.

- The existing Browse for File action has been enhanced to enable you to specify the file extension filter options that you want to be available for selection on the file browse dialog box.

For more details, see Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface.

Support for Offering Printer Selection for the LicenseAgreement Dialog at Run Time

The behavior of the Print button on LicenseAgreement dialogs has been enhanced. Instead of printing directly to the default printer when an end user clicks the Print button, the printer selection dialog box now opens.

This enhancement is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI.

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects already have this capability.

Ability to Insert Text in Text Files

The Text File Changes view enables you to configure changes that you want to be made to text files at run time on target systems. The text files can be part of your installation, or they can be files that are already present on target systems. The Text File Changes view has been improved to enable you to insert text at the beginning or end of one or more files. It also now lets you insert text before or after specified text. When you are configuring text file changes in this view, use the new Action setting to specify whether you want to replace existing text, insert text before or after existing text, or insert text at the beginning or end of files.

Previously, the Text File Changes view had support for replacing existing text in text files at run time.

This enhancement is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, Transform.

For more information, see:

- Modifying Text Files
- Text File Changes View

Support for Enabling End Users to Choose to Which Installed Instances of an Earlier Version of a Product to Apply a Major Upgrade

The multi-instance support in Basic MSI projects now includes support for major upgrades. At run time, the instance selection dialog that the Setup.exe setup launcher displays lets end users view a list of all of the currently installed instances of the product, including different major versions of the product that are installed. End users can now use this improved instance dialog to install a new instance, maintain an existing instance, or apply a major upgrade for an instance.

Previously, the only instances that the instance selection dialog listed were ones that shared the same product code as the running multi-instance installation.
To learn more, see:

- Configuring and Building a Major Upgrade that Includes Multiple-Instance Support
- Setting Properties for an Instance
- Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product

**Ability to Create Microsoft App-V 5.x Packages on Additional Platforms**

The Microsoft App-V Assistant in InstallShield includes support for creating virtual applications in the Microsoft App-V 5.x format. The Package Information page in this assistant lets you specify which version of App-V—5.x or 4.x—you want to target. Now you can build an App-V 5.x package in InstallShield on any version of Windows that InstallShield supports. Previously, Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012 was required.

For information, see:

- Components of an App-V Package
- Build Output for App-V Packages

**Enhanced File Open Run-Time Dialog for Basic MSI Installations**

InstallShield includes support for launching the Open dialog from one of the dialogs in your Basic MSI installation. End users click a browse button in one of your dialogs, and this launches the Open dialog. The Open dialog lets the end user browse for a file. You can now optionally use the new property `IS_BROWSE_INITIALDIR` to specify the default path that is displayed in this dialog at run time. Previously, the dialog displayed the path to which the end user last browsed.

To learn more, see Launching a File Open Dialog.

**New FlexNet Connect 13.06 Redistributables Available**

InstallShield includes support for FlexNet Connect 13.06 in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. Use the Update Notifications view in InstallShield to include one of the two FlexNet Connect 13.06 merge modules—one has the Common Software Manager, and the other does not.

**See Also**

Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2013 or Earlier

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**What’s New in InstallShield 2013 SP1**

**InstallShield 2020**

InstallShield 2013 Service Pack 1 (SP1) includes changes that offer support for the final released versions of Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 R2, and Visual Studio 2013.

**Ability to Target Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2 Systems**

InstallShield enables you to specify that your installation requires Windows 8.1 or Windows Server 2012 R2. It also lets you build feature and component conditions for these operating systems.

The InstallShield prerequisites that should be installable on Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2 have been updated so that they are installed on those systems if needed. Previously, the prerequisites were not run by default on those systems. This applies to the following InstallShield prerequisites:

- FSharp Redistributable Package 2.0
• JRE_SE 1.7.0.02 (x64)
• JRE_SE 1.7.0.02 (x86)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 OS Component
• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 (Windows Feature)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 Full
• Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 Web
• Microsoft App-V 5.0 SP1 Desktop Client (x64)
• Microsoft App-V 5.0 SP1 Desktop Client (x86)
• Microsoft ReportViewer 2010
• Microsoft SQL CE 3.5 SP2
• Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express SP3 (x86 & x64Wow)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express SP3 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Express SP1 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Express SP1 (x86 & x64Wow)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Express SP1 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Objects 10.00.2531 (IA64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Objects 10.00.2531 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Objects 10.00.2531 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client 10.00.2531 (IA64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client 10.00.2531 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client 10.00.2531 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express RTM (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express RTM (x86 & x64Wow)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express RTM (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express SP2 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express SP2 (x86 & x64Wow)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express SP2 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Native Client 10.50.1600.1 (IA64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Native Client 10.50.1600.1 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Native Client 10.50.1600.1 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express LocalDB RTM (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express LocalDB RTM (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express RTM (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express RTM (x86 & x64Wow)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express RTM (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Native Client (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Native Client (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server Compact 4.0 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server Compact 4.0 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server Native Client 9.00.4035 (IA64)
• Microsoft SQL Server Native Client 9.00.4035 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server Native Client 9.00.4035 (x86)
• Microsoft SQL Server System CLR Types 10.00.2531 (IA64)
• Microsoft SQL Server System CLR Types 10.00.2531 (x64)
• Microsoft SQL Server System CLR Types 10.00.2531 (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2538242(x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2538242(x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable Package (x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable Package (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2538243(x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2538243(x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package (x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Package (x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Package (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 RTM Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2467173 (x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 RTM Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2467173 (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 SP1 Redistributable Package (x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 SP1 Redistributable Package (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Redistributable Package (x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Redistributable Package (x86)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Update 1 Redistributable Package (x64)
• Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Update 1 Redistributable Package (x86)
• Microsoft VSTO 2010 Runtime (x64)
• Microsoft VSTO 2010 Runtime
Enhancements to the InstallScript Language for Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2

The following structure members and predefined constants were added to the InstallScript language:

- **SYSINFO.WINNT.bWin81** — This is a new SYSINFO structure member. If the operating system is Windows 8.1 or Windows Server 2012 R2, this value is TRUE.

- **ISOSL_WIN81** — This is a new predefined constant that is available for use with the FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable. It indicates that the target system is running Windows 8.1 or Windows Server 2012 R2.

For more information, see FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable.


The following constants are now available for use with the OSFilter member of the ISWiComponent and ISWiRelease objects in the automation interface:

eosWin81 = &H8000000 (134217728)—These are for Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2.

In addition, the value for the eosAll constant is now &HFD100D0 (265355472); previously, it was &7D100D0 (131137744).

The OSFilter member applies to the ISWiComponent object in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects. The OSFilter member applies to the ISWiRelease object in InstallScript projects.

For more information, see the following:

- ISWiComponent Object
- ISWiRelease Object

Support for Microsoft Visual Studio 2013

InstallShield includes support for Visual Studio 2013. You can create InstallShield projects from within this version of Visual Studio.

New InstallShield Prerequisites for Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP1

InstallShield includes several new SQL Server–related InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP1 LocalDB (x64)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP1 LocalDB (x86)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP1 (x64)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP1 (x86 & x64Wow)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP1 System CLR Types (x64)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express SP1 System CLR Types (x86)
These InstallShield prerequisites install the technology on supported target systems.

**Support for Defining Custom Themes for the Controls on Wizard Pages and Windows in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Installations**

Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects now enable you to define themes for wizard interface controls. A control theme is a collection of colors for various parts of controls—text color, background color, and border color—and for various states of controls—such as clicked and hovered. You can specify the control theme that you want to use for the controls in your user interface by default. You can also override the theme for specific controls on wizard pages and windows in your user interface. Control themes give buttons and other items in your installation’s user interface a flat look (without the three-dimensional effects) that is reminiscent of the style of Windows Store apps.

The following types of controls support the use of control themes:
- Buttons, including the navigation buttons
- Check boxes
- Radio buttons
- Command links

To add a control theme to your project, right-click the Control Themes node in the Wizard Interface view, and then click Add Control Theme. Then configure the theme’s settings as needed.

To specify the theme that you want to use by default for the controls in your user interface, select the appropriate theme in the new Default Control Theme setting that is displayed in the Wizard Interface view when the Wizard Pages node is selected. This setting is blank by default.

To override the control theme for a specific control, select the appropriate theme in the Control Theme setting for that control.

For details, see:
- Using Styles, Brushes, and Control Themes to Customize the Wizard Interface
- Defining a Custom Control Theme for the Wizard Interface
- Applying a Theme to a Control in the Wizard Interface

**New Predefined Path Variable for the Visual Studio Solution Folder**

A new predefined path variable called VSSolutionFolder is available in projects to reference a higher-level base directory. This support enables you to have in your InstallShield projects static links to files in sibling projects that are within the Visual Studio solution folder; if you work on the projects on a different machine, the static links that use the VSSolutionFolder path variable can reference the correct paths for the files in sibling projects.

The VSSolutionFolder path variable is defined automatically whenever an InstallShield project is opened from within a Visual Studio solution. It is also defined automatically if you are using MSBuild to build a solution that contains an InstallShield project. However, in other scenarios, when the InstallShield project is opened without the Visual Studio solution, VSSolutionFolder cannot be defined automatically. For example, if you open the InstallShield project in InstallShield directly, without having Visual Studio open, VSSolutionFolder is not defined. Similarly, if you use the command-line tool IsCmdBld.exe, or if you use MSBuild with an .isproj file, VSSolutionFolder is not defined. If you are using IsCmdBld.exe to build a release in InstallShield project, use the -L command-line parameter to set the value of VSSolutionFolder. If you are using MSBuild, use the PathVariables parameter to set the value of VSSolutionFolder. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldPathVariableOverrides when the default targets file is used.
If you include in your InstallShield project a source file whose path includes the VSSolutionFolder path variable and build it in an environment that does not support the VSSolutionFolder path variable, build errors such as the following ones may occur:

-6103: Could not find file `<VSSolutionFolder>\MyFile.exe`
-6271: File `<VSSolutionFolder>\MyFile.exe` not found. An error occurred building the MsiFileHash table record for this file. Verify that the file exists in the specified location.

This functionality is available in the following project types: Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI.

To learn more, see:
- Using the VSSolutionFolder Path Variable with Visual Studio Solutions
- Predefined Path Variables
- Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)
- ISCmdBld.exe

### Ability to Easily Update the Product Codes of Instances in a Multi-Instance Project

If you are creating major upgrades for a project that includes multi-instance support, it is necessary to update the product code of each instance. InstallShield now enables you to easily update the product code of a specific instance that is defined in your project. InstallShield also now lets you easily update the product code of all instances that are defined for a product configuration in your project.

To update the product code of a specific instance, use the new Generate a new GUID command that is available when you right-click the value in the ProductCode setting for an instance that is defined on the Multiple Instances tab for a product configuration in the Releases view.

To update the product code of each instance that is defined for a product configuration in your project, use the new Change ProductCode of Each Instance command that is available when you right-click the Instances node on the Multiple Instances tab for a product configuration in the Releases view.

This functionality is available in Basic MSI projects.

For details, see Updating the Product Code of One or More Instances.

### What’s New in InstallShield 2013

#### New Features

InstallShield includes the following new features.
Ability to Create Run-Time Actions That Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

You may require your Suite/Advanced UI installation to perform various run-time tasks that are outside the scope of the packages that you are including in the installation. For example, you may need the Suite/Advanced UI installation to do one or more of the following:

- Install an application before the user interface of the Suite/Advanced UI installation is displayed.
  
  One sample scenario in which this may be necessary is when one of the packages in your Suite/Advanced UI installation runs SQL scripts to install an Oracle database. Before this package is run, you may want the Suite/Advanced UI interface to display a wizard page that lets end users select the appropriate server from a list of servers that are available on the network. This type of UI support requires that ODBC drivers be installed on the target system.

- Search the target system for the presence or absence of a particular product, technology, folder, file, registry entry, or other item.

- Configure the target system before or after running a package in the Suite/Advanced UI installation.

To extend the capabilities of a Suite/Advanced UI installation and make it possible to perform those sorts of tasks and more, you can use the new Events view in your Suite/Advanced UI project to create actions that run executable files, call DLL functions, run PowerShell scripts, or set Suite/Advanced UI properties at run time.

When you add an action to your project, you can schedule when at run time you want it be launched:

- Use the Events explorer in the Events view to schedule the action to run during one or more of the built-in events that the Suite/Advanced UI manages. This area of the view lists the events and the actions that occur during each event in chronological order from top to bottom.

- Use the settings in the Events area of the Packages view to schedule an action to run before or after the Suite/Advanced UI engine installs, removes, modifies, or repairs a package.

When you schedule an action, you can build conditional statements that control whether the action should be run. You can use the same types of condition checks that are available in other areas of a Suite/Advanced UI project, as well as two additional new types of condition checks:

- **Package Operation**—Check the state (for example, install or remove) in which a particular package in the Suite/Advanced UI installation is running.

- **Feature Operation**—Check the state (for example, install or remove) in which a particular feature in the Suite/Advanced UI installation is running.

These types of conditions are available only for actions that are associated with an event in the Events view, or with a package in the Packages view.

Note that the PowerShell action support requires PowerShell 2.0 or later on target systems.

This new feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

For more information, see:

- **Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation**
- **Working with an .exe File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation**
- **Working with a DLL File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation**
- **Working with a PowerShell Script for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation**
- **Adding an Action to a Suite/Advanced UI Project**
Support for Enabling Windows Roles and Features During a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

If a particular package in your Suite/Advanced UI installation requires that one or more Windows roles and features be enabled on target systems, you can specify this requirement through the new Windows Features setting in the Packages view when you are configuring the package in your Suite/Advanced UI project. At run time, if an eligible package that is being installed requires one or more Windows roles or features that are disabled, the Suite/Advanced UI installation enables those roles and features before launching the package.

For example, your Suite/Advanced UI project may have a package that installs an IIS Web site that requires that the Internet Information Services feature in Windows be turned on. Another package in the same project may require that the PowerShell feature be turned on. When you are configuring the settings of those packages in your project, you can specify the Windows features that are required; at run time, if a package is eligible to be installed on a target system but any of its required Windows features are disabled, the Suite/Advanced UI installation enables those disabled Windows features before launching it. If the package is not eligible, its required Windows features are not enabled.

InstallShield has built-in support for enabling several Windows features:

- Internet Information Services
- PowerShell
- .NET Framework 3.x

InstallShield also lets you specify additional Windows roles and features that a package requires.

This new feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

To learn more, see:

- Enabling Windows Roles and Features During a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Packages View

Ability to Create Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Project Templates

InstallShield has support for using Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects as templates. A project template contains default settings and design elements that you want to use as a starting point when you create a new Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

You can designate any Advanced UI or Suite Advanced UI project to be a template. Project files and template files have the same file extension: .issuite.

To designate that an .issuite project file is a template file and make the template available for selection in the New Project dialog box, right-click in the All Types tab on the New Project dialog box and then click Add New Template. InstallShield lets you browse to the .issuite file that you want to use as a template, and it adds a new icon for it to the All Types tab.
To create a new Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project using your .issuite file as a template, select the template’s icon on the All Types tab of the New Project dialog box when you are creating the new project.

For instructions, see:

- Creating Project Templates
- Basing New Projects on Templates

**New Built-in Template Available for Creating Installations that Install Multi-tier Applications**

InstallShield includes a new Multi-tier Application template that helps you get started with creating a Suite/Advanced UI installation for cloud-based multi-tier applications. You can create this sort of installation to enable end users to easily manage the installation of tiers that install Web sites, databases, and applications. They can use the wizard pages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation to select which tiers they want to install, or they can use the command-line support to select the appropriate features.

The new Multi-tier Application template contains three tiers that are exposed as features. You can customize these features to include the tiers of your product, adding or removing features as needed. The template also contains four releases in the Releases view: one flagged for each of the three predefined features, and one that includes all of the features. This enables you to build separate installations—one for each tier, and one that lets end users install all available tiers.

This feature is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

**New InstallShield Prerequisites for .NET Framework 3.5 SP1, Microsoft Visual C++ 2012, and SQL Server 2008 R2 Express SP2**

InstallShield includes the following InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 (Windows Feature)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express SP2 (x64)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express SP2 (x86 & x64Wow)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express SP2 (x86)
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Update 1 Redistributable Package (x64)
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Update 1 Redistributable Package (x86)

These prerequisites install the various technologies on supported target systems.

**New Application Virtualization Suitability Tests**

Several new validation suites are available in InstallShield for helping you to determine how ready your products are for virtualization. The InstallShield virtualization internal consistency evaluators (ISVCEs) that are included in these suites let you check suitability for Microsoft App-V, Microsoft Server App-V, VMware ThinApp, and Citrix XenApp. The validation suites can enable you to make more informed decisions about how you build your product if you are considering offering your customers a virtualized version.

If you want to configure InstallShield to perform validation with these validation suites each time that a Basic MSI release is successfully built: On the Tools menu, click Options. On the Validation tab, select the appropriate check boxes.

If you want to perform validation separately from the build process: On the Build menu, point to Validation, and then click the appropriate new suite.
The virtualization suites are available in the Premier Edition of InstallShield.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see:

- InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite
- Validating Projects

**Support for Creating Microsoft App-V 5.x Packages**

The Microsoft App-V Assistant in InstallShield includes support for creating virtual applications in the Microsoft App-V 5.x format. The Package Information page in this assistant lets you specify which version of App-V—5.x or 4.x—you want to target.

If you are targeting App-V 5.x, a new version of the App-V Launcher tool is available for testing App-V 5.x packages before moving them to the deployment server. The new version of this tool is capable of launching a Command Prompt window within the virtual environment of the App-V package. Thus, it is no longer necessary to inject diagnostic tool shortcuts for `Cmd.exe` or `Regedit.exe` directly into an App-V package beginning with App-V 5.x.

The name of the directory in which InstallShield saves an App-V package at build time varies, depending on which version of App-V you are targeting. For App-V 5.x packages, the directory is ProductName, and it is placed in a folder called App-VPackage. For App-V 4.x packages, InstallShield includes the product version number to the ProductName folder; that is, `ProductName_vN`, (where `N` is the product version number).

Note that although you can configure settings for an App-V 5.x package on any version of Windows that InstallShield supports, building an App-V 5.x package from within InstallShield requires Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012. Attempting to build an App-V 5.x package on an earlier version of Windows causes build error -9424.

The Microsoft App-V Assistant is available in the Premier Edition of InstallShield.

For information, see:

- Components of an App-V Package
- Build Output for App-V Packages

**New Property Comparison Type of Condition Check; New Property for Determining the Install Mode for Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects**

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project, or for an action in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can select from a number of different types of checks that you want to be evaluated on target systems. Use the new Property Comparison type of condition check to check the value of a particular built-in Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property, or a property that is defined in the Property Manager view.

In addition, a new read-only property called `ISInstallMode` is now available. This property stores a value that indicates the mode (first-time installation, maintenance/UI maintenance selection, modify, remove, repair, or stage only) in which the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation is running. You can use this property in conditional statements that you configure in your project.

For more information, see:

- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Property Comparison Condition Settings
• Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference

Ability to Build Pure 64-Bit .msi and .msm Packages; New Build-Time Architecture Validation

Windows Server Core supports disabling 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support. As this configuration becomes more popular, you may want to ensure that your 64-bit applications can install without any reliance on 32-bit functionality. To make this possible, InstallShield now enables you to build pure 64-bit .msi packages; these can be run on 64-bit Windows-based systems that do not have WOW64 functionality. You can also build pure 64-bit merge modules and include them in InstallShield projects that have 64-bit support. If your installation or merge module project targets a pure 64-bit environment and includes support that requires any built-in InstallShield custom action DLLs, InstallShield includes new 64-bit versions of these DLLs in your releases at build time.

InstallShield now has architecture validation that you can use when building a release in InstallShield. Architecture validation enables you to detect potentially problematic cases in which your installation may try to install product files or use run-time binaries that may not match the architecture of a target system.

For example, if end users may run your installation on 64-bit target systems that do not have WOW64 support, architecture validation can help you identify any 32-bit product files or 32-bit custom action files in your installation. In addition, if you are mixing 64-bit and 32-bit product files (or 64-bit and 32-bit custom actions) in a single project and generating separate 32-bit and 64-bit .msi packages, you can use architecture validation to identify any 64-bit product or custom action files in your 32-bit releases, since these files cannot be loaded on 32-bit target systems.

To specify what type of architecture validation you want to use and identify whether you want to build a pure 32-bit or 64-bit package, use the new Architecture Validation setting, which is available on the General tab when you select a product configuration in the Releases view. Two types of validation are available: strict and lenient.

Strict validation may trigger build errors if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the custom action files that are being included in the release. This type of validation may also trigger build warnings if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the product files that are being included in the release.

Lenient architecture validation, which is the default type of validation, does not trigger build errors or warnings if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the product files or the custom action files that are being included in the release.

The automation interface includes support for the new architecture validation support. The ISWiProductConfig object includes a new read-write ArchitectureValidation property that lets you specify the type of architecture validation that you want to use for a product configuration.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and Merge Module.

To learn more, see:

• Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds
• Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
• Using the Template Summary Property
• ISWiProductConfig Object

Validation for the Windows 8 Logo Program

InstallShield includes two new validation suites: InstallShield Validation Suite for Windows 8 and InstallShield Merge Module Validation Suite for Windows 8. These validation suites contain several new InstallShield internal consistency evaluators (ISICEs): ISICE21 through ISICE26. The suites can help you verify whether your Windows Installer-based
installation or merge module meets the installation requirements of the Windows 8 Desktop App Certification Program. If you want to be able to use the Windows 8 logo artwork, your product’s installation must meet the program’s requirements. These suites can also help you verify that your installation or merge module will work on Windows Server 2012 systems.

If you want to configure InstallShield to perform validation with these validation suites each time that a release is successfully built: On the Tools menu, click Options. On the Validation tab, select the appropriate check boxes.

If you want to perform validation separately from the build process: On the Build menu, point to Validation, and then click the appropriate new suite.

For more information, see the following:

- Validating Projects
- ISICEs
- Requirements for the Windows Logo Program

**Improvements for Configuring Shortcuts on the Latest Platforms; InstallScript Language Improvements for Shortcut Creation**

InstallShield offers enhancements for configuring shortcuts in your projects.

**Support for Preventing a Shortcut from Being Pinned to the Windows 8 Start Screen**

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want each shortcut in your installation to be pinned by default to the Start screen on Windows 8 target systems. You may want to disable pinning for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation. If you disable pinning for a shortcut, the shortcut is still available in the Apps list that contains shortcuts to all of the applications on the system.

To prevent Start Screen pinning for a shortcut, use the new Pin to Windows 8 Start Screen setting for a shortcut in the Shortcuts view.

This feature is available for the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

The automation interface includes support for specifying whether you want a shortcut to be pinned to the Windows 8 Start screen. The ISWishShortcut object includes a new read-write Boolean EnableWin8StartPin property that indicates whether the shortcut is configured to be pinned by default to the Start screen on Windows 8 target systems.

To learn more, see:

- Suppressing Initial Pinning of a Shortcut to the Windows 8 Start Screen
- Shortcuts View
- ISWishShortcut Object

**Support for Preventing End Users from Pinning a Shortcut to the Taskbar or Start Menu**

For each shortcut in your installation, InstallShield lets you specify whether you want to let end users pin the shortcut to the taskbar or to the Start menu. If you want to prevent this type of pinning, the installation sets a property that hides the context menu commands for pinning the shortcut to the taskbar and the Start menu. You may want to prevent pinning for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation.

Support for preventing end users from pinning a shortcut to the taskbar or Start menu varies, depending on the project type that you are using.
In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects: To prevent taskbar and Start menu pinning for a shortcut, use the Shell Properties setting for a shortcut in the Shortcuts view. This setting has a new Prevent Pinning option that lets you disable pinning for the selected shortcut. Windows Installer 5 includes support for this shortcut setting. Previously, it was necessary to manually enter the appropriate property name and value to configure this behavior.

In InstallScript projects: To prevent taskbar and Start menu pinning for a shortcut, use the new Prevent Pinning setting in the Shortcuts view. Windows 7 and later include support for this shortcut setting. Previously, InstallShield did not have support for configuring this functionality in InstallScript projects.

The automation interface includes support for specifying whether you want the context menu commands for pinning a shortcut to the taskbar and to the Start menu to be displayed after end users install your product. The ISWiShortcut object includes a new read-write Boolean PreventPinning property that indicates whether the shortcut is configured to hide the context menu commands for pinning.

For more information, see:

- Specifying Whether End Users Should Be Able to Pin a Shortcut to the Taskbar or Start Menu
- Shortcuts View
- ISWiShortcut Object

**Support for Preventing a Shortcut on the Start Menu from Being Highlighted as Newly Installed**

InstallShield lets you optionally prevent a shortcut on the Start Menu from being highlighted as newly installed after end users install your product. This has the same effect as clearing the Highlight newly installed programs check box in the Customize Start Menu dialog box for an individual item on a target system. You may want to set this property for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation.

Support for the highlighting behavior varies, depending on the project type that you are using.

In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects: To prevent the highlighting behavior for a shortcut, use the Shell Properties setting for a shortcut in the Shortcuts view. This setting has a new Do Not Highlight as New option that lets you disable highlighting for the selected shortcut. Windows Installer 5 includes support for this shortcut setting. Previously, it was necessary to manually enter the appropriate property name and value to configure this behavior.

In InstallScript projects: To prevent the highlighting behavior for a shortcut, use the new Do Not Highlight as New setting in the Shortcuts view. Windows 7 and later include support for this shortcut setting. Previously, InstallShield did not have support for configuring this functionality in InstallScript projects.

The automation interface includes support for specifying whether you want a shortcut to be highlighted on the Start menu as new after end users install the product. The ISWiShortcut object includes a new read-write Boolean DoNotHighlightAsNew property that indicates whether you want to prevent the highlighting.

To learn more, see:

- Preventing a Shortcut on the Start Menu from Being Highlighted as Newly Installed
- Shortcuts View
- ISWiShortcut Object
**Built-in Support for Configuring Additional Windows Shell Properties for a Shortcut**

InstallShield lets you specify one or more additional shortcut properties that need to be set by the Windows Shell at run time. The properties that the Shell can set are defined in `propkey.h`, which is part of the Windows SDK.

To configure additional properties for a shortcut, use the Shell Properties setting for a shortcut in the Shortcuts view. This setting has a new Custom Property option that lets you specify additional properties and their corresponding values for the selected shortcut.

Windows Installer 5 includes support for configuring Shell properties.

The automation interface includes a new ISWiShellProperty object for custom Windows Shell properties for a shortcut. In addition, the ISWiShortcut object includes two new methods and a collection that let you add a Shell property (AddShellProperty), delete a Shell property (DeleteShellProperty), and retrieve the collection of Shell properties (ISWiShellProperties) for a shortcut.

This support is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

To learn more, see:

- Setting Custom Shell Properties
- Shortcuts View
- ISWiShellProperty Object
- AddShellProperty Method
- DeleteShellProperty Method
- ISWiShellProperties Collection
- ISWiShortcut Object

**InstallScript Language Improvements for Setting a Shortcut Property, and for Other Shortcut Functionality**

A new InstallScript function called `SetShortcutProperty` is available. You can use this function in your InstallScript code to set Windows Shell properties for a shortcut. The function lets you prevent end users from pinning a shortcut to the Windows 8 Start screen, prevent end users from pinning a shortcut to the taskbar or Start menu on Windows 7 or later systems, or prevent a shortcut on the Start menu from being highlighted as newly installed on Windows 7 or later systems. You can also use this function to specify additional Shell properties that are defined in `propkey.h`, which is part of the Windows SDK.

The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer has been updated to reflect the state of the aforementioned Shell properties.

To reflect the current operating system terminology, some of the existing shortcut functions have been renamed. Note that the old function names will continue to compile and run as they did with earlier versions of InstallShield. The new InstallScript functions are:

- **CreateShortcut**—This function supersedes `AddFolderIcon`. `CreateShortcut` accepts the same parameters as `AddFolderIcon` but adds or replaces the following options for the nFlag parameter:
  - `CS_OPTION_FLAG_REPLACE_EXISTING`
  - `CS_OPTION_FLAG_RUN_MAXIMIZED`
  - `CS_OPTION_FLAG_RUN_MINIMIZED`
  - `CS_OPTION_FLAG_PREVENT_PINNING`
- CS_OPTION_FLAG_NO_NEW_INSTALL_HIGHLIGHT
- CS_OPTION_FLAG_NO_STARTSCREEN_PIN

- **CreateShortcutFolder**—This function supersedes **CreateProgramFolder**. Both functions use the same parameters.
- **DeleteShortcut**—This function supersedes **DeleteFolderIcon**. Both functions use the same parameters.
- **DeleteShortcutFolder**—This function supersedes **DeleteProgramFolder**. Both functions use the same parameters.
- **GetShortcutInfo**—This function supersedes **QueryProgItem**. Both functions use the same parameters.
- **ReplaceShortcut**—This function supersedes **ReplaceFolderIcon**. **ReplaceShortcut** accepts the same parameters as **ReplaceFolderIcon** but adds or replaces the same options for the nFlag parameter as **CreateShortcut**.

For more details, see the following:
- **CreateShortcut**
- **CreateShortcut Examples**
- **CreateShortcutFolder**
- **CreateShortcutFolder Example**
- **DeleteShortcut**
- **DeleteShortcut Example**
- **DeleteShortcutFolder**
- **DeleteShortcutFolder Example**
- **GetShortcutInfo**
- **GetShortcutInfo Example**
- **ReplaceShortcut**
- **ReplaceShortcut Example**
- **SetShortcutProperty**
- **SetShortcutProperty Example**

**Usability Improvements for Customizing the Wizard Interface in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

**No More Confusing Syntax Requirements**

Various UI settings in the Wizard Interface view in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects have been improved to make it much easier to customize the wizard interface of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations. For example, the following settings, which are displayed when a wizard page or wizard control is selected in the Wizard Interface view, have been improved:

- **Visible**—This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the selected page or control should be displayed.
- **Enabled**—This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the selected control should be enabled.
• **Validate**—This setting lets you specify one or more validation statements that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to validate an end user’s response to a control. For example, you can use this setting to specify the format that end users should use for entering a serial number in a text box control.

• **Action**—Each instance of this setting has been renamed to better reflect the specific type of trigger that is applicable to the selected control. For example, the Action setting for a list box control has been renamed Selection Changed. The Action setting for a button has been renamed Click. The renamed settings let you select one or more actions that you want to be triggered when an end user uses the selected control.

Now those settings contain drop-down lists and buttons that are similar to the ones that are available in other areas of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects for quickly building conditional statements. These settings now make it easy to quickly configure visible/hidden status, enabled/disabled status, validation, and action responses for various parts of the UI, and to build conditional statements for that behavior if appropriate. Previously, these settings were edit fields that required manually entry of statements using a difficult-to-remember syntax.

For more information, see:

• Configuring Validation for a Control on a Wizard Page or Window

• Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface

• Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

**Built-In Support for Using Only One Background for the Header, Body, and Navigation Areas of the Wizard Interface**

The Wizard Pages node in the Wizard Interface view has a new Full Wizard Background setting. This setting lets you specify a single background that you want to use across the header, body, and navigation areas of your wizard pages. Previously, the only built-in way to specify backgrounds in InstallShield was to use separate background styles in the Default Body Background, Header Background, and Navigation Background settings. If you wanted to use a single background across all three areas of the wizard interface, you had to use the process that was documented in an InstallTalk blog article; the process involved modifying the InstallShield project file (.issuite) in a text editor.

Note that if you select a background in this new Full Wizard Background setting, you should delete any values from the other background settings: Default Body Background, Header Background, and Navigation Background.

To learn more, see Specifying the Background Brush for the Header, Body, and Navigation Areas of the Wizard Interface.

**Ability to Specify a Global Text Style for All Navigation Buttons**

The Wizard Pages node in the Wizard Interface view has a new Navigation Text Style setting. This setting lets you select a single text style that you want to use for the text on all of the navigation buttons. You can override the global text style for individual navigation buttons as needed.

**Logically Organized Setting Grids**

In the Wizard Interface view, the setting grids for wizard pages, secondary windows, and wizard controls have been reorganized to make it easier to find the settings that are needed for customizing the wizard interface.

**Support for Defining Font Sets with Optional Language-Specific Choices for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects have support for a new kind of wizard interface style: a font set. A font set is a collection of fonts (including attributes such as font name, size, and weight). For each font in a font set, you can specify to which language the font is applicable. This enables you to select a different font for each language that your project supports.
Font sets work in conjunction with text styles. Text styles, which are styles that define text attributes such as text color and alignment, now reference a font set but can optionally override various font attributes that are defined at the font set level.

Thus, for example, when you are specifying font information for the body text of your wizard interface, you can use a font set called BodyFonts, and specify a different font for each of the languages that your project supports. You can then select the BodyFonts font set for various text styles—Body, Header, and BodyBold—but with special overrides for smaller sizes and bold where necessary. This enables you to specify a large set of possible fonts once, and change attributes such as text size or color for specific wizard interface uses.

To learn more, see:

- Using Styles, Brushes, and Control Themes to Customize the Wizard Interface
- Defining a Custom Style for the Wizard Interface

**Enhancements**

InstallShield includes the following enhancements.

**New Services View**

InstallShield has a new Services view—under the System Configuration node of the View List—that lets you specify the required information about a Windows service that you are installing, starting, configuring, stopping, or deleting at run time.

This new Services view has been added to make it easier for new users to configure services. The view provides the same functionality as the following existing areas:

- The Services area under the Advanced Settings node for a component in the Setup Design view (of installation projects)
- The Services area under the Advanced Settings node for a component in the Components view

If you configure service information in any of the three views (the Services view, the Setup Design view, or the Components view), the other views are updated automatically.

The Services view is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

For more information, see:

- Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services
- Services View

**New Wizard Format for the Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Wizard Interface**

A new Glass wizard format is available for the wizard interface of Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations. This new format is similar to the existing Aero format. For both formats, the installation uses user-chosen system colors (instead of brush styles that you defined in your project) to display the caption bar, header, and navigation areas of the wizard interface. It also may use the glass effect (translucency) for these same areas of the wizard interface on target systems that have the translucency support that was introduced in Windows Vista.

In some scenarios, an installation uses the Wizard 97 format instead of the Glass or Aero formats:

- Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 systems do not have translucency support. On these systems, a Glass-formatted wizard interface uses the Wizard 97 format. However, an Aero-formatted wizard interface uses Aero (which includes user-chosen system colors), but without the glass effect.
Windows 7, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008 R2, and Windows Server 2008 have translucency support that end users can enable or disable. On these systems, Glass-formatted wizard interfaces and Aero-formatted wizard interfaces use the Wizard 97 format if translucency is disabled. These wizard interfaces also use the Wizard 97 format if the desktop composition feature on the target system is disabled.

On Windows XP and Windows Server 2003, Glass-formatted wizard interfaces and Aero-formatted wizard interfaces use the Wizard 97 format.

To configure the format, use the Wizard Format setting that is displayed in the Wizard Interface view when the Wizard Pages node is selected. The Glass format is the default option for all new Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects.

For more information, see Selecting the Format for the Wizard Interface.

**Automation Interface Enhancement: New OnUpgrade Property for Minor Upgrades and Small Updates**

A new read-write OnUpgrade property has been added to the ISWiProject object in the automation interface. You can set this property to one of the supported values to specify whether you want the installation to display a prompt before installing a minor upgrade or a small update.

This property corresponds with the Small/Minor Upgrade Settings options on the Common tab in the Upgrades view.

For more information, see ISWiProject Object.

**See Also**

- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2012 Spring or Earlier
- What’s New in InstallShield 2013 SP1

## What’s New in InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1

InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1 includes changes that offer support for the final released versions of Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, and Visual Studio 2012. It also includes additional changes.

### Important

If you want to open an InstallShield 2012 Spring Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project (.issuite) in InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1, you must allow InstallShield to upgrade your project to InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1. InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1 Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects include support for functionality that was not available in these project types in InstallShield 2012 Spring, and this support needs to be added during the upgrade. Note that it is not possible to open InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1 Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects in earlier versions of InstallShield (including InstallShield 2012 Spring without SP1). Therefore, if multiple users need to open and modify your InstallShield projects, ensure that all of you apply the SP1 patch at the same time.

If you open an InstallShield 2012 Spring Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project in InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1, InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project before converting it.

### Support for Adding Sideloading Windows App Packages (.appx) to Suite/Advanced UI Projects

InstallShield now lets you add sideloading Windows App packages (.appx) to a Suite/Advanced UI project. You can add this package type through the Packages view of the Suite/Advanced UI project just as you would add other types of packages to the project.
Sideloading an app is the process of installing an app without obtaining it through the Windows Store. This type of app is sometimes distributed to enterprise environments. Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 include support for sideloading apps.

This support is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Note that support for creating and building Suite/Advanced UI installations that include sideloading Windows App packages requires Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later on the machine that has InstallShield or the Standalone Build.

For more information, see:

- Adding a Sideloading Windows App Package (.appx | .msix) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Packages View

**New Windows App Package Type of Condition Check in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects**

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project, you can select from a number of different types of checks that you want to be evaluated on target systems. Use the new Windows App Package type of condition check to check target systems for the presence of a particular Windows App package. The condition checks for a particular app name, and it can also check other information, such as the version.

For more information, see:

- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Windows App Package Condition Settings
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects


InstallShield includes changes that offer support for the final released version of Visual Studio 2012, enabling development of installations and products within this version of the Visual Studio interface.

In addition, InstallShield includes two updated InstallShield prerequisites for the .NET Framework and two new InstallShield prerequisites for Visual C++:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 Full
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 Web
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Redistributable Package (x86)
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Redistributable Package (x64)

You can add any of these prerequisites to Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

The Web prerequisite for the .NET Framework requires an Internet connection. This prerequisite downloads the required redistributable files if appropriate. The full prerequisite is a stand-alone installation that does not require an Internet connection.
Additional Changes

For a list of issues that are resolved in InstallShield 2012 Spring SP1, see the release notes. The release notes are available from the Help menu in InstallShield.

What’s New in InstallShield 2012 Spring

New Features

InstallShield includes the following new features.

Ability to Target Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 Systems

InstallShield enables you to specify that your installation requires Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012. It also lets you build feature and component conditions for these operating systems.

The InstallShield prerequisites that should be installable on Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 have been updated so that they are installed on those systems if needed. Previously, the prerequisites were not run by default on those systems. This applies to the following InstallShield prerequisites:

- FSharp Redistributable Package 2.0
- Microsoft ReportViewer 2010
- Microsoft SQL CE 3.5 SP2
- Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express SP3
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Express SP1
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Objects 10.00.2531
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client 10.00.2531
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express RTM
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Native Client 10.50.1600.1
- Microsoft SQL Server Native Client 9.00.4035
- Microsoft SQL Server System CLR Types 10.00.2531
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2538242
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable Package
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2538243
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Package
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 RTM Redistributable MFC Security Update KB2467173
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 SP1 Redistributable Package
- Microsoft VSTO 2010 Runtime
Support for a New Contemporary, Customizable End-User Interface in InstallShield Professional Edition

The new Advanced UI project type lets you create a new end-user interface, with redesigned, contemporary wizard pages, for a Windows Installer package or an InstallScript package. This new project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield, and it is based on the technology that was previously introduced as the Suite project type (now known as the Suite/Advanced UI project type) in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

The new Advanced UI project type includes built-in wizard pages that you can include and customize in your Advanced UI installations. The wizard page editor in this project type lets you add, sequence, and remove pages as needed; it also lets you modify the layout of any page—adding, moving, and removing a variety of different kinds of controls. All of the new UI functionality that was previously available only through the Premier edition is now available through Advanced UI projects.

Like Suite/Advanced UI projects, an Advanced UI project uses the next-generation setup launcher (Setup.exe) for launching a package on target systems. Also like Suite/Advanced UI projects, an Advanced UI project includes flexible options for specifying the run-time source location of the package that you are including in the Advanced UI installation. The available location options are:

- On the Web, available for download by Setup.exe if needed
- Embedded in Setup.exe and extracted to the target system if needed
- Uncompressed and stored on the Advanced UI source media

Your end users can quickly download a small Advanced UI Setup.exe file, and the Setup.exe file can download and launch the Windows Installer–based or InstallScript package if needed.

Note that the Advanced UI project type includes support for including only one primary .msi package, one primary .msp package, or one primary InstallScript package. The Suite/Advanced UI project type that is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield includes support for packaging multiple primary installations (including .exe packages) as a single installation.

To learn more, see the following:

- Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations
- Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Adding an .msi Package, an .msp Patch, or a Transaction to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Working with the Wizard Interface

Microsoft Windows Azure SQL Database Support

InstallShield now includes support for running SQL scripts on Microsoft Windows Azure SQL database servers. In addition, InstallShield includes Microsoft Windows Azure in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports.

If your installation targets Windows Azure, the SQLBrowse run-time dialog that is displayed when end users choose to browse for a database catalog can now list catalogs on the specified SQL database server.

This support is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

To learn more, see:

- Connecting to a Microsoft Windows Azure Database Server and Running SQL Scripts
- Configuring SQL Support
- SQL Scripts View
Beta Support for Microsoft Visual Studio 2012

InstallShield includes support for the beta of Visual Studio 2012. You can create InstallShield projects from within this version of Visual Studio.

Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 Prerequisites

InstallShield includes two new .NET-related InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 Full
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 Web

These InstallShield prerequisites install the beta versions of the .NET Framework 4.5 on supported target systems.

The Web prerequisite requires an Internet connection. This prerequisite downloads the required redistributable files if appropriate. The full prerequisite is a stand-alone installation that does not require an Internet connection.

Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Support

InstallShield now includes support for running SQL scripts on SQL Server 2012 database servers. In addition, InstallShield includes SQL Server 2012 in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports.

If your installation targets SQL Server 2012, the SQLBrowse run-time dialog that is displayed when end users choose to browse for a database server can now list instances of SQL Server 2012, SQL Server 2012 Express, and SQL Server 2012 Express LocalDB. In addition, the SQLBrowse run-time dialog that is displayed when end users choose to browse for a database catalog can now list catalogs on the specified SQL Server 2012 database server.

To learn more, see:

- Requirements for Connecting to Instances of SQL Server Express LocalDB
- Configuring SQL Support
- SQL Scripts View

This support is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Prerequisites

InstallShield includes several new SQL Server 2012–related InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express LocalDB
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Native Client

InstallShield also includes InstallShield prerequisites that install Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 Update KB956250, which is a dependency of Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express.

These InstallShield prerequisites install the technology on supported target systems.
New InstallShield Prerequisites for App-V 4.6 SP1, SQL Server Compact 4.0, and JRE SE 1.7

InstallShield includes new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Java Runtime Environment Second Edition (JRE SE) 1.7
- Microsoft App-V 4.6 SP1 Desktop Client (The redistributable files for these InstallShield prerequisites—available in 32-bit and 64-bit versions—are not available for download from within InstallShield, since you must obtain them from Microsoft. Once you obtain them from Microsoft, place them in the location that is displayed when you are editing these prerequisites in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.)
- SQL Server Compact 4.0

These InstallShield prerequisites install the technology on supported target systems.

Support for the Configuring System Center 2012 Configuration Manager Application Model Data

Accurate identification of deployment metadata is necessary for migrating applications into the System Center 2012 Configuration Manager application model. InstallShield includes several new settings in the General Information view that let you specify some of the application model metadata for an application through a software identification tag. When AdminStudio users import a package into the AdminStudio Application Catalog, AdminStudio Application Manager mines package elements for deployment data such as detection methods, dependencies, requirements, as well as information in the software identification tag. AdminStudio makes this information available to users for review and tests before publishing to Microsoft System Center 2012 Configuration Manager.

This feature is available in Basic MSI projects.

To learn more, see Including Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager Application Model Data About Your Product.

Support for PowerShell Custom Actions

Windows PowerShell is a .NET Framework–based command-line shell and script language that enables system administrators to automate system configuration tasks. InstallShield now has support for custom actions that run PowerShell scripts. You may want to add this type of custom action to a project to perform system configuration tasks at installation run time.

Note that in order for an installation to run a PowerShell custom action, Windows PowerShell must be installed on target systems. InstallShield includes a new predefined PowerShell system search that checks for the presence of PowerShell on target systems. You can include this system search in your project and configure your PowerShell custom action to run only if the system search determines that PowerShell is installed.

The PowerShell execution policy, which determines whether PowerShell scripts can be run on a target system, is set to restricted by default, which does not permit PowerShell scripts to be run. If you want your installation to override the target system’s execution policy with an appropriate one for your installation’s PowerShell custom actions, you can use the new Windows Installer property $IS_PS_EXECUTIONPOLICY to indicate the appropriate execution policy.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

To learn more, see Calling a PowerShell Custom Action.

Automatic Update Check and Download Support for Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Installations

Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations now have the ability to automatically check for an updated Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI Setup.exe file that you host on your Web site, and download and launch it if it is available. The updated Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI Setup.exe file can be used to deploy upgrades and patches for your latest Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI packages.
The Update tab in the Releases view of Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects has a new Update URL setting that lets you specify the absolute path (including the file name) for an updated Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI setup launcher. If the base Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI setup launcher is running a non-maintenance operation, the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI setup launcher checks the update URL for a download. If a download is available, the base Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI setup launcher downloads it and then verifies its digital signature. If the digital signature in the update setup launcher matches that in the base setup launcher, the update setup launcher runs automatically. If the digital signature does not match, or if the base setup launcher is not digitally signed, a security warning is displayed, allowing the end user to choose whether to proceed with the update setup launcher.

To learn more, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

**Ability to Detect Whether a Specific Version of a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI Installation Is Already Installed**

Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects now include support for determining whether a particular version of a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation is already installed on target systems. This type of condition check is called a Suite Installed condition.

InstallShield now includes two Suite Installed conditions in each Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI project by default:

- A new Suite Installed exit condition prevents end users from being able to install the current version of the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation over a future newer version of the same Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation.
- A new Suite Installed mode condition may prevent the installation from running in first-time installation mode if the same version of the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation is already installed.

These new default conditions are available in all new Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects. If you upgrade an InstallShield 2012 Suite project to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically adds these default conditions to the project.

You can edit the default Suite Installed conditions if necessary. You can also add your own Suite Installed conditions to a project as needed.

For more information, see:

- Detecting Whether a Specific Version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation Is Already Installed
- Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Suite Installed Condition Settings
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

**Ability to Configure Network Sharing of Folders in an Installation**

InstallShield now lets you create, modify, and delete network shares to enable file sharing over networks. When you are configuring a folder in your project, you can indicate that you want to enable network sharing, which is disabled by default. You can also configure other options such as the name of the share, as well as the maximum number of simultaneous users who can access the share.

To enable sharing, use the new Sharing tab on the Properties dialog box, which is displayed when you right-click a folder in the Files and Folders view and then click Properties.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, and MSM Database.
For more information, see Folder Properties Dialog Box.

New Built-In Custom Action that Terminates Specific Processes

InstallShield includes support for a new kill-process type of custom action. If you add this type of custom action to your project, you can specify the name or process identifier (PID) of one or more processes that you want to be terminated at run time, and you can schedule the custom action for immediate or deferred mode.

The procedure for creating this type of custom action involves adding and configuring the custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view of your project, and using the Property Manager view to define a property with the names or PIDs of the appropriate processes.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For detailed instructions, see Calling a Kill-Process Custom Action.

Ability to Create Predetermined User Accounts and Groups at Run Time

InstallShield now has built-in support for creating multiple user accounts and corresponding groups at run time without using logon dialogs. To configure the accounts and groups, define values for the properties `ISNetApiLogonUsername`, `ISNetApiLogonGroup`, and `ISNetApiLogonPassword` in your project with the user names, groups, and passwords, respectively. Separate multiple names, groups, or passwords with a tilde enclosed by square brackets: [~].

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

To learn more, see Creating Predetermined User Accounts at Run Time.

Ability to Include InstallShield Prerequisites as Packages in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects

InstallShield now lets you import InstallShield prerequisites as .msi and .exe packages into Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects. You can import the InstallShield prerequisites that are included with InstallShield, as well as any custom InstallShield prerequisites that you have created. When you right-click the Packages explorer in the Packages view and then click the new Import Prerequisite (.prq) command, InstallShield adds to your project an .msi package or an .exe package, depending on the type of file that is configured to run for the prerequisite. InstallShield also automatically configures default values for each of the prerequisite package’s settings, based on the settings that are configured in the .prq file. You can change these settings as needed, just as you can change the settings for packages in your Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project.

If an InstallShield prerequisite has dependencies (that is, if one or more other .prq files are specified as dependencies in the InstallShield prerequisite that you are adding to the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project), InstallShield automatically adds the dependency prerequisites as separate packages in the Packages explorer.

Previously it was necessary to add the .msi and .exe installations as packages in a Suite project and then manually configure all of the conditions and settings for each of those packages.

For more information, see Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

Ability to Include InstallScript Installations as Packages in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects; New Suite/Advanced UI- and Advanced UI-Specific InstallScript Events and Functions

InstallShield now lets you add InstallScript installations as packages in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects. When a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation launches an InstallScript package, the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation displays its own user interface (UI) while automatically suppressing the UI of the InstallScript package. This enables you to provide a contemporary UI experience for the installation. The Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation also displays progress information for the InstallScript package.
To make these changes possible, Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations use several new Suite/Advanced UI– and Advanced UI–specific InstallScript events and functions by default, and ignores some of the standard InstallScript events and functions.

**New InstallScript Package Support in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects**

InstallShield lets you add an InstallScript package to a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project if the InstallScript package meets the following requirements:

- The InstallScript package is uncompressed.
- InstallShield 2012 Spring or later is used to build the InstallScript package and the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation.
- The InstallScript package uses an event-based script; it should not use the program...endprogram style script.

For more information, see Adding an InstallScript Package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

**New Suite/Advanced UI– and Advanced UI–Specific InstallScript Events and Functions**

In a standard InstallScript installation that is launched via the InstallScript Setup.exe file (that is, not launched from a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation), most events are called directly from the OnShowUI event. In a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation that launches an InstallScript package, OnShowUI is replaced with OnSuiteShowUI. Depending on the installation state (first-time installation, maintenance, or update), OnSuiteShowUI ignores the UI events such as OnFirstUIBefore and OnFirstUIAfter and instead calls the following events:

- **First-time installation**—OnSuiteInstallBefore, OnSuiteInstallAfter
- **Maintenance**—OnSuiteMaintBefore, OnSuiteMaintAfter
- **Update**—OnSuiteUpdateBefore, OnSuiteUpdateAfter

The InstallScript language includes some new Suite/Advanced UI– and Advanced UI–specific functions that enable interaction between an InstallScript package and the Suite/Advanced UI installation or the Advanced UI installation that is running it. For example, InstallScript includes new functions that let you log InstallScript package information to Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI debug logs, set and retrieve Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI properties, and pass data from Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations to the InstallScript package.

To determine whether the InstallScript installation is running as an InstallScript package in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation, use the new SUITE_HOSTED variable in your InstallScript code.

**New InstallScript Package Type of Condition Check in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects**

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project, you can select from a number of different types of checks that you want to be evaluated on target systems. Use the new InstallScript package type of condition check to check target systems for the presence of a product that was installed by a particular InstallScript installation. The condition checks for a particular product code, and it can also check other information, such as the product version.

To learn more, see the following:

- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- InstallScript Package Condition Settings
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Dynamic File Link Support for Package Files in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects

When you are adding or configuring an .msi, .msp, or .exe package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can indicate whether the package requires additional files that are located near the package file. For example, if a package that you are adding is an uncompressed .msi package, you may need to include other files—such as .cab files and uncompressed data files in nearby subfolders—along with the package file.

InstallShield now lets you use dynamic links for the additional package files. Dynamic links are useful if the list of additional files that the package requires is likely to change between builds. InstallShield scans the source folder before every build and automatically incorporates any new or changed package files in your release.

InstallShield also lets you define filters that control which additional files InstallShield should include in the dynamic link at build time, and which ones InstallShield should exclude. You can change the order in which InstallShield evaluates any filter criteria that you have defined for a dynamic link. Each time that you build your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, InstallShield includes the appropriate additional files based on the dynamic link’s filters.

Previously, only static links could be used for additional files. If the list of additional files changed between builds, it was necessary to manually update the list of package files.

For more information, see:
- Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

Ability to Give Enhanced Feedback When Validating End-User Input During a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI Installation

Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations now have support for providing enhanced feedback when validating end-user input at run time. Various interface controls in the Wizard Interface view of a Suite/Advanced UI project and an Advanced UI project have three new subsettings under the existing Text Style setting: Default, Valid, and Invalid. You can configure these subsettings to select different text styles that you want the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation to use under different circumstances.

Support for Creating Package Log Files When Launching a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI Installation from the Command Line

When you are configuring the settings for a package in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project, you can use the new Enable Logging Support setting to specify whether you want the package to generate a log file if the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation is launched from the command line with the new /log command-line parameter. Depending on the type of package (.msi package, .msp package, or some other type of package), you can also configure one or two other settings to specify information such as which log options you want the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation to pass to the package when the log file is being created.

The new /log command-line parameter for the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI Setup.exe file lets you specify the path to the directory that contains the package log files. If a path is not specified with the /log parameter, the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation creates the package log files in the %TEMP% directory.

The new property ISLogDir in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations stores the path to that directory that contains the package log files.

Previously, the only way to enable logging for a Windows Installer–based package in a Suite installation was to use the logging system policy or the Ms1Log1ng property.

For more information, see:
Support for 64-Bit Components in InstallScript Installations

InstallScript projects now have support for installing files to WINSYSDIR64 (the InstallScript variable that maps to the 64-bit System32 folder), and for installing registry data to the 64-bit registry locations, without requiring you to modify your InstallScript code. If you have files or registry data that need to be installed to these 64-bit locations, you can add the files and registry data to a component, and select Yes for that component’s new 64-Bit Component setting. At run time, the installation automatically disables file system redirection for the component’s System32 files, and it prevents redirection for the component’s 64-bit registry data.

Previously, to install files to WINSYSDIR64, it was necessary to override the Installing and Installed events for features that contained components that installed to that location. In the Installing event, it was necessary to use the WOW64FSREDIRECTION constant with the Disable function to disable file system redirection; in the Installed event, it was necessary to use WOW64FSREDIRECTION with the Enable function to re-enable file system redirection for other parts of the installation. The same sort of disabling and enabling was necessary for the UnInstalling and UnInstalled events to ensure that those files were removed correctly during uninstallation.

If file system redirection is not disabled when an InstallScript installation installs to WINSYSDIR64, 64-bit Windows automatically redirects the file transfers to the 32-bit System32 folder (SysWOW64).

Also previously, to install registry data to a 64-bit area of the registry, it was necessary to use the InstallScript registry functions to create registry data with REGDB_OPTION_WOW64_64KEY set in REGDB_OPTIONS. Then it was necessary to use REGDB_OPTION_USE_DEFAULT_OPTIONS with REGDB_OPTIONS to re-enable registry redirection for other parts of the installation.

If registry redirection is not disabled when an InstallScript installation installs to a 64-bit registry location (HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software), 64-bit Windows automatically redirects the registry changes to the equivalent 32-bit registry location (HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node).

The InstallScript log files (.ilg) that InstallScript installations create at run time when installing a product now use a new OPTYPE_FILE64 type to identify files that are installed when file system redirection is disabled. The InstallScript log files use the existing OPTYPE_REGISTRY64 type to identify registry data that are installed when registry redirection is disabled. You can see these OPTYPE_FILE64 and OPTYPE_REGISTRY64 types when viewing an .ilg file in the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer.

For more information, see the following:

- Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with InstallScript Installations
- Component Settings
- WINSYSDIR64
- REGDB_OPTIONS
- InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer
New Locale Type of Condition Check in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project, you can select from a number of different types of checks that you want to be evaluated on target systems. Use the new locale type of condition check to check for matching one or more locale-related settings on target systems.

To learn more, see:
- Using Locale Conditions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Locale Condition Settings
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

New Wizard Interface Toolbar for Editing the Layout in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects, with Support for Switching Languages in Suite/Advanced UI Projects

If you select a wizard page or secondary window in the Wizard Interface view of a Suite/Advanced UI project, the toolbar that InstallShield shows directly above the wizard interface preview pane includes several different buttons and other controls that let you modify the layout of the selected page or window. InstallShield also displays this toolbar in the Wizard Interface view if you select one or more controls on a wizard page or a secondary window.

The new toolbar has buttons that let you add labels, text boxes, check boxes, and other controls to the installation’s user interface. The toolbar also has buttons that let you easily align selected controls, resize them, and position them in relation to each other. In Suite/Advanced UI projects, the Default Languages list in the new toolbar enables you to switch the strings that InstallShield displays on the wizard pages and secondary windows in this view to those in a different language in your project.

For more information, see:
- Adding a Control to a Wizard Page or Secondary Window
- Wizard Interface View Toolbar

Support for Adding Languages to Suite/Advanced UI Projects

The InstallShield Premier edition includes default run-time strings in 35 supported languages. When you add a supported language to a Suite/Advanced UI project, that language is made available in various language-related settings throughout InstallShield. In addition, InstallShield adds translated string entries for that language to your project. The string entries are for the default wizard pages, messages, and other end-user interface elements.

InstallShield now lets you add unsupported languages, beyond the built-in 35 languages, to Suite/Advanced UI projects through the New Language Wizard. An unsupported language is one in which none of the default run-time strings are translated. When you add an unsupported language to a Suite/Advanced UI project, that language is made available in various language-related settings throughout the project. In addition, InstallShield uses the strings from your project’s default language as placeholders for the strings in that newly added unsupported language; you can use the String Editor view to provide translated strings for the unsupported languages.

To launch the New Language Wizard in a Suite/Advanced UI project, on the Tools menu, click Add New Language.

To learn more, see the following:
- New Language Wizard
- Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
Ability to Create and Configure Scheduled Tasks on Target Systems at Run Time

InstallShield has a new Scheduled Tasks view that lets you configure one or more tasks that you want to be created through the Windows task scheduler at run time on target systems. The view lets you specify information such as the file that you want to be launched for a task, as well as the start date and time. The file that you want to be launched can be part of your installation, or it can be a file that is already present on target systems.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, Transform.

For more information, see:
- Scheduling Tasks
- Scheduled Tasks View

New FlexNet Connect 13.03 Redistributables Available

InstallShield includes support for FlexNet Connect 13.03 in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. Use the Update Notifications view in InstallShield to include one of the two FlexNet Connect 13.03 merge modules—one has the Common Software Manager, and the other does not.

Enhancements

InstallShield includes the following enhancements.

Enhancements to the InstallScript Language for Operating Systems

The following structure members and predefined constants were added to the InstallScript language:

- **SYSINFO.WINNT.bWin8**—This is a new SYSINFO structure member. If the operating system is Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012, this value is TRUE.
- **ISOSL_WIN8**—This is a new predefined constant that is available for use with the FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable. It indicates that the target system is running Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012.

For more information, see FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable.


The following constants are now available for use with the OSFilter member of the ISWiComponent and ISWiRelease objects in the automation interface:

- eosWin8 = &H4000000 (67108864)—These are for Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012.
- In addition, the value for the eosAll constant is now &7D100D0 (131137744); previously, it was &3D100D0 (64028880).

The OSFilter member applies to the ISWiComponent object in InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects. The OSFilter member applies to the ISWiRelease object in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects.

For more information, see the following:
- ISWiComponent Object
- ISWiRelease Object
Ability to Easily Move Conditions in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects

When you have more than one conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project, you now can move the conditional statements to reorder conditions or change the hierarchy of a condition tree. For example, if you have a platform conditional statement in a None condition group, and the None condition group is in an All condition group, you can move the platform conditional statement left, so that it is only part of the All condition group.

To move a conditional statement or group, click the new Move Condition button in the setting of the item that you want to move, and then click the appropriate option (Move Up, Move Down, Move Left, or Move Right).

Previously, it was necessary to manually create the new conditional statement in the new location and delete the one in the old location. Or, as an alternative, you could edit the .issuite file in a text editor and change the order of the conditional statements.

For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

New Extension Condition Support and Enhanced Condition Settings in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects

In Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects, new extension condition functionality is available. This type of condition lets you browse to a C/C++ DLL that you have created to check for your own custom conditions on target systems.

In addition, many of the condition-related settings that are available in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects have been enhanced to make it easier to build conditional statements. For example, instead of manually trying to enter a product code, upgrade code, patch code, or other various types of data in any one of several of the condition settings, you can now click a new ellipsis button (…) in the setting; when you do this, InstallShield displays a browse dialog box that lets you browse to and select the appropriate package. Once you have selected a package, InstallShield enters the appropriate information from that package in the setting of the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project.

When you are configuring an eligible package condition, you can now select from a list of packages in your Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project instead of having to manually enter the package GUID of the appropriate package.

For more information, see:

- Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Creating an Extension Condition DLL for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Adding an Extension Condition DLL to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Extension Condition Settings

Enhancements for Configuring Validation and Actions for a Control on a Wizard Page or Window in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects

In Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects, the Validation and Action settings for various controls on the wizard interface have been enhanced to make it easier to define validation and trigger various actions. These settings now contain drop-down lists of sample statements that you can enter in these settings; these settings are also still text boxes that let you enter statements manually. For example, the Validation setting lets you specify a format that end users must match when they enter a serial number in a control. As an alternative to manually entering the entire validation statement, you can now select the mask type of validation in the Validation setting and then override the default format in the setting.

Similarly, the Action setting lets you define—for example—a print action for a button control; when an end user clicks the Print button, the Print dialog box opens, enabling the end user to print the license agreement. As an alternative to manually entering the action statement, you can now select the print action in the Action setting and then override the file name with the name of the file that you want to be printed.
The drop-down lists in the Validation and Action settings also now include C/C++ DLL files that you have created and added to your project through the Support Files view. This functionality lets you trigger your own validation or your own action for various controls on the wizard interface.

To learn more, see:

- Configuring Validation for a Control on a Wizard Page or Window
- Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface

**Ability to Use Custom Folder Names for Packages in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Releases**

When you build an Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation, InstallShield creates a folder for each package that is included in the installation; these folders are created in the same folder that contains the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI setup launcher. By default, the name of each folder is a GUID that InstallShield generates.

The Packages view in InstallShield now lets you override the GUID name with a user-friendly name for each package folder. To enter a custom folder name in this view, find a Package Files folder under the package whose folder name you want to customize. Right-click that folder, click Rename, and enter a new name. If you customize more than one folder name, ensure that each folder name is different.

Previously, InstallShield used a GUID for the name of each folder and did not have support for customizing the names.

For instructions, see Using Custom Folder Names for Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations.

**New Formatted Support for Properties Whose Values Reference Other Properties in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Projects**

Each property that is defined in the Property Manager view in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project has a new Formatted check box. This new check box lets you indicate whether you want the properties that are referenced in a property’s value to be resolved and replaced by their property values at run time.

To replace properties that are enclosed within square brackets (such as `[PropertyName]`) at run time, select this check box. To leave square brackets and the content within them as is, clear this check box.

For more information, see Property Manager View.

**Improved Timing for UAC Prompts of Downloaded Packages that Require Elevation for Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Installations that Have an Invoker Manifest**

If you build an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI release with an Invoker manifest, and if Yes is selected in the Require Elevated Privileges setting for any of the installation’s packages that need to be downloaded and launched on the target system, the installation triggers the UAC prompt soon after end users click the Install button—before the download occurs.

Previously, the installation triggered the UAC prompt after the download occurred. Thus, if package staging was slow (for example, if the package download took a long time), there could be a big gap between the moment that an end user clicked the Install button and the moment that Windows displayed the UAC prompt for elevation for the package. If an end user did not provide consent or credentials quickly enough, the UAC prompt timed out, and the installation failed.

In some previous cases, using an Administrator manifest was a possible workaround, since the UAC prompt was displayed soon after end users clicked the Install button. However, with this workaround, the entire installation had elevated privileges.
Support for Specifying the Alignment for Text in the Wizard Interface of Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Installations

InstallShield has a number of built-in text styles that define text attributes such as color, size, and font name for the text on the wizard interface of Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects. You can edit any of the settings for these built-in styles or define your own styles, through the Wizard Interface view in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

Each built-in or custom text style includes a new Text Alignment setting that lets you select the type of alignment that you want to use for the text in controls that use that particular style.

To learn more, see Using Styles, Brushes, and Control Themes to Customize the Wizard Interface.

Enhanced Combo Box Controls for the Wizard Interface of Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Installations

InstallShield lets you add a combo box control to a wizard page or a secondary window in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI projects. This type of control is a combination of two controls by default:

- A box that contains a drop-down list of predefined values
- A text box that lets end users enter a custom value

Previously, if you added a new combo box control, the control contained a drop-down list, but it was not also a text box; that is, end users could not enter a custom value.

To change this control to a drop-down list without the text box (that is, if end users should be able to select a predefined value but not enter a custom value), set the CBS_DROPDOWNLIST style for this control to True.

Enhancements and Changes to the Aero Format for the Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Wizard Interface

Some enhancements and changes have been made to Aero-formatted wizard pages in Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations:

- The header and navigation areas of wizard pages are now displayed with the Aero glass effect, or translucency. Previously, only the caption bar of wizard pages were displayed with the Aero glass effect.

- The Aero-formatted wizard pages now use the same layout as Wizard 97-formatted wizard pages. That is, the caption bar on Aero-formatted wizard pages is no longer extra tall; it is the same height as the caption bar on Wizard 97-formatted wizard pages. In addition, the Back button on Aero-formatted wizard pages is now displayed in the navigation area, which is consistent with the placement on Wizard 97-formatted wizard pages. Previously, the top-left corner of the caption bar in Aero-formatted wizard pages contained the Back button.

Ability to Remove a String Value and Its Identifier from a Setting

When you are entering the value of a setting in one of the views in InstallShield and that value is a text string that can be presented to end users, InstallShield automatically uses a string identifier for that setting. InstallShield places the string identifier in curly brackets before the string value. These types of settings now contain a new Delete this string reference button.

If you want to remove the string identifier and its value from a setting, you can now click this new button. The button lets you clear the entry in the setting. Note that if you want to delete the string identifier and its value from your project, you must use the String Editor view.

See Also
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2012 or Earlier
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions
What’s New in InstallShield 2012 SP1

**InstallShield 2020**

**Enhancements**

InstallShield includes the following enhancement.

**Support for Digitally Signing Software Identification Tags**

If you configure your project to include a software identification tag and you also configure the release in the Releases view to use a .pfx file to digitally sign your release, InstallShield digitally signs the tag at build time. Note that the .NET Framework 2.0 or later must be installed on your build machine in order to sign a tag file.

For more information, see Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product.

What’s New in InstallShield 2012

**InstallShield 2020**

**New Features**

InstallShield includes the following new features.

**Ability to Create Suite Installations that Run Multiple Packages; New Contemporary, Customizable End-User Interface; Ability to Build Hybrid 32-Bit/64-Bit Installations**

The Premier edition of InstallShield now lets you build a Suite installation that uses the next-generation setup launcher (Setup.exe) to conditionally run multiple installations and apply Windows Installer patches (.msp) as needed on target systems. This support is available through a new Suite project type. Suite installations can be run on systems with Windows XP and later and with Windows Server 2003 and later.

Following are some highlights of this functionality.

**Ability to Package Multiple Installations as a Single Installation**

The new Suite project type contains a Packages view that lets you specify one or more of the following types of packages:

- Executable files (.exe), including Windows Installer–based and non-Windows Installer–based installations that you want to be run on target systems
- Windows Installer packages (.msi) that you want to be run on target systems
- Windows Installer patches (.msp) that you want to be applied on target systems

The Packages view also lets you include multiple .msi and .msp packages that you want to be run using transaction processing, a feature of Windows Installer 4.5 and later. The packages are chained together and processed as a single transaction. Each Suite installation can have multiple separate transactions. If one or more of the packages in a transaction cannot be installed successfully or if the end user cancels the installation, Windows Installer initiates rollback for all of the chained packages within the current transaction to restore the system to its earlier state.

The Suite installation launches the appropriate packages at run time based on conditions that you have defined and the order in which you listed the packages in the Packages view.
Contemporary, Customizable User Interface for the Installation; New Editor for Customizing Suite Setup.exe Wizard Pages

The Suite project type in InstallShield includes an entirely new end-user interface, with redesigned, contemporary built-in wizard pages that you can include and customize in your Suite installations. The new wizard page editor in this project type lets you add, sequence, and remove pages as needed; it also lets you modify the layout of any page—adding, moving, and removing a variety of different kinds of controls.

Support for Combining 64-Bit and 32-Bit Windows Installer Packages Into a Single Installation

As more and more users move to 64-bit versions of Windows, you may need to now, or in the near future, deliver to customers a single installation that installs to 32-bit locations on 32-bit systems and to 64-bit locations on 64-bit systems. The Suite project type lets you include both 32-bit packages and 64-bit packages in one Suite installation, and run only the appropriate packages on each target system. Previously, other alternatives required delivering two separate installations (one for 32-bit systems and one for 64-bit systems) or creating a custom launcher, a bootstrap application, or an InstallScript installation.

Support for Displaying a Single Progress Bar that Shows the Overall Status of the Entire Suite of Packages

The progress bar on the progress wizard page in a Suite installation shows the status of the entire suite of packages. This integrated progress bar presents end users with a clear visual indication of how far along the Suite installation is overall. To ensure that end users see only the integrated progress bar, you must include only .exe installations for which you have specified command-line parameters that hide the user interface (that is, run silently), .msi packages, and .msp patches.

Optional Add or Remove Programs Entry for the Suite Installation

Suite projects let you specify whether you want to have an entry in Add or Remove Programs for your Suite installation. This entry lets end users perform maintenance for your Suite, modifying or removing if needed. The General Information view in a Suite project has a Show Add or Remove Programs Entry setting that lets you indicate the appropriate behavior. If you want to show only a single entry for the entire Suite, ensure that you hide the entries from the packages that you include in the Suite project.

Support for Running Suite Installations Without a User Interface

End users can run your Suite installations with a user interface or silently, without a user interface. Silent installations run without user intervention; end users can avoid monitoring the installation and providing input through run-time wizard pages.

Default Setup.exe User Interface Strings Included for All 35 Supported Languages; Ability to Edit the Suite Run-Time Strings

Translations of all of the default strings that are displayed in the built-in wizard pages of Suite projects are available in all 35 of the run-time languages that InstallShield supports. All of these Suite strings are displayed in the String Editor view of a Suite project. This String Editor view offers the same robust support that other types of projects offer, giving you complete and centralized control over the text strings that are displayed at run time during the Suite installation process.

Small Base Setup.exe File with the Ability to Download Only the Required Packages As Needed

Suite projects include flexible options for specifying the run-time source location of each package in the Suite installation. When you define the packages that you are including in a Suite project, you can specify the location of each individual package. The available options are:

- On the Web, available for download by Setup.exe if needed
- Embedded in Setup.exe and extracted to the target system if needed
• Uncompressed and stored on the Suite source media

The base Setup.exe file that is used for Suite installations is much smaller than the base Setup.exe files that are used for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript installations. Thus, your end users can quickly download a small Suite Setup.exe file, and the Setup.exe file can download and launch one or more required packages as needed.

For more information, see:

• Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations
• Adding an .msi Package, an .msp Patch, or a Transaction to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
• Adding an Executable Package (.exe) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project
• Working with the Wizard Interface
• Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe Command-Line Parameters
• Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference
• Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Redesigned, Expanded Support for Modularizing Installation Projects to Enable Reuse and Distribute Development Work

InstallShield includes a new project type called DIM, which is known as a developer installation manifest. A DIM project is a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete portion of a product installation. Some benefits of using DIMs are as follows:

• DIMs include support for virtually the same functionality that is available in Basic MSI projects. This gives authors of DIMs all of the flexibility that they need to develop their portions of an installation.

• Release engineers can reuse DIMs in multiple Basic MSI projects, enabling efficiency.

• Working with DIMs enables multiple team members to contribute to the development of the installation simultaneously. Each software developer or other team member can work on a separate DIM that the release engineer can reference in one or more Basic MSI projects.

Once you have created a DIM, you can add it to a Basic MSI project in one of two ways:

• By reference—You can add a reference for a DIM project to your Basic MSI project through the Setup Design view or the DIM References view. With this method, the DIM elements are merged into the Basic MSI project at build time. Each time that you build the Basic MSI installation, InstallShield references the latest version of the DIM project and includes it in the installation that it generates. This method is the more commonly performed method.

• By import—You can import a DIM project into your Basic MSI project by using the new Import DIM Wizard. This method is a one-time, irreversible import that merges the DIM data into the Basic MSI project at design time.

This redesigned, expanded DIM support replaces the previous support that required users to create DIMs in a separate tool called InstallShield Collaboration, and then import the DIM files into InstallShield Basic MSI projects. The new DIM support is more robust than the previous support. The new DIM project type lets you have virtually the same complete level of authoring flexibility that is available for Basic MSI projects. For example, the new DIM project type lets you have full control over component creation: you can add components to a new DIM project, set the key file of a component, and configure the component’s settings. The new DIM project type also lets you configure IIS Web sites. InstallShield Collaboration did not have that sort of flexibility over component design, and it did not have any built-in support for configuring IIS Web sites.
The ability to create DIM projects is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. This support is also available in the InstallShield Developer Installation Manifest Editor, a new collaboration add-on. The ability to add DIM files to Basic MSI projects is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

For more information, see the following:

- Modularizing Installation Projects to Distribute Development Work and Enable Reuse
- Including DIMs in a Project
- Determining the Appropriate Method for Incorporating DIMs in Installation Projects
- Using Path Variables in a DIM
- DIM References View
- Import DIM Wizard

New InstallShield Prerequisites for Internet Explorer 9, SQL Server 2008 R2 Native Client, Windows Identity Foundation, and Other Redistributables

InstallShield includes several new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Internet Explorer 9.0
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Native Client 10.50.1600.1
- Windows Identity Foundation
- Microsoft VSTO 2010 Runtime (x64)
- Microsoft Office 2010 PIA (This prerequisite installs the Microsoft Office 2010 Primary Interop Assemblies. To use this prerequisite, download the PrimaryInteropAssembly.exe file from Microsoft’s Web site and run it to extract the .msi file.)

Support for 64-Bit Dependency Scanning

The Static Scanning Wizard and the Dynamic Scanning Wizard—dependency scanners in InstallShield—now include support for identifying 64-bit dependencies of the 64-bit files in your project. If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit version of Windows Vista or later or a 64-bit version of Windows Server 2008 or later, the scanners can detect the 64-bit dependencies. The wizards let you specify whether you want to include each detected potential dependency in your project.

In addition, if you use InstallShield on a 64-bit version of Windows Vista or later or a 64-bit version of Windows Server 2008 or later, and you use either of the following built-in methods for detecting dependencies, InstallShield can scan for 64-bit dependencies of the 64-bit .NET assemblies in your project:

- The Static Scanning Wizard helps you identify a 64-bit .NET assembly’s possible dependencies on demand. This wizard displays a list of the dependencies that it finds, and it lets you specify whether you want to include each one in your project.
- A component’s .NET Scan at Build setting lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to identify a 64-bit .NET assembly’s dependencies each time that you build your project. For InstallScript projects, the component’s .NET Assembly setting must also be set to Local Assembly. If InstallShield detects any possible missing dependencies at build time, InstallShield incorporates them into the release that it generates.
InstallShield must be installed on a 64-bit operating system in order to scan 64-bit files for 64-bit dependencies. Note that if you use InstallShield on a 32-bit version of Windows, these built-in scans can check for only 32-bit dependencies of the 32-bit files in your project. If your project includes 64-bit files, you can manually add any dependencies to the project as needed.

To learn more, see:

- Developing and Building Installations on 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Systems
- Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
- Identifying Application Dependencies
- Scanning 64-Bit .NET Assemblies for Dependencies
- Identifying Properties and Dependencies of .NET Assemblies

Support for Setting Permissions for Files, Folders, and Registry Keys in 64-Bit Locations

InstallShield has support for setting permissions for files, folders, and registry keys in 64-bit locations. The support varies, depending on which project type you are using.

**Using the Custom InstallShield Handling Method in Windows Installer–Based Projects**

If you are using the custom InstallShield handling method to set permissions for files, folders, and registry keys, you can now set permissions for these items when they are in 64-bit locations; this includes 64-bit locations in the registry, as well as the 64-bit System32 folder on 64-bit systems. The file, folder, or registry key must be included in a component that is marked as 64 bit (that is, Yes is selected for its 64-Bit Component setting). Previously, if the component was marked as 64 bit, permissions could not be set, and a run-time error was displayed.

This custom InstallShield handling support is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform. The Locked-Down Permission setting in the General Information view lets you specify which method you want to use for setting permissions: either the custom InstallShield handling method or the traditional Windows Installer handling method.

**Using the InstallScript Function SetObjectPermissions in InstallScript-Based Projects and Windows Installer–Based Projects**

If the REGDB_OPTION_WOW64_64KEY option is enabled and you use the InstallScript function `SetObjectPermissions` to set permissions for a 64-bit registry key, the function can set its permissions correctly. To force `SetObjectPermissions` to set permissions for a 64-bit registry key regardless of whether the REGDB_OPTION_WOW64_64KEY option is enabled, you can use the new IS_PERMIS_SIONS_OPTION_64BIT_OBJECT constant; pass this constant in the nOptions parameter of `SetObjectPermissions`. Note that the IS_PERMISSI ONS_OPTION_64BIT_OBJECT constant should not be passed on 32-bit target systems.

If file system redirection is disabled using the WOW64FSREDIRECTION constant when `SetObjectPermissions` is called to set permissions for a file or folder in the 64-bit System32 folder, the function can set the permissions correctly. If file system redirection is not disabled, the permissions cannot be set.

You can use the `SetObjectPermissions` function in InstallScript events in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects. You can also use this function in InstallScript custom actions in the following project types: InstallScript, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

For more information, see SetObjectPermissions.
Improvements for COM Extraction

InstallShield supports a new monitoring method for COM extraction. If you are using InstallShield on a Windows Vista or later system or a Windows Server 2008 or later system, this new method is used by default. The method uses a kernel driver to monitor the areas of the registry that are modified during dynamic COM extraction at build time and static COM extraction at design time. It combines the advantages that the earlier methods provided, allowing the DLL to read existing registries entries and preventing changes to the build machine.

If necessary, you can switch between the three different COM extraction methods by setting the value data of the UseAPIRegistryHooks registry value, which is in the registry key HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\InstallShield\RegSpy (on 32-bit machines) or HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\InstallShield\RegSpy (on 64-bit machines). Possible REG_DWORD value data are:

- 0—Use API hooking to read existing registry entries for the DLL.
- 1—Use registry redirection to prevent making changes to the registered DLLs on the build machine. If the value is not set, this is the default behavior on Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 systems.
- 2—Use the new kernel mode monitoring, which combines the advantages of both of the other methods. If the value is not set, this is the default behavior on Windows Vista and later systems and on Windows Server 2008 and later systems.

This feature applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

Predefined System Searches for Adobe Reader 10, Internet Explorer 9, and Microsoft Office

InstallShield has new predefined system searches:

- Adobe Reader 10
- Internet Explorer 9
- Microsoft Office 2010
- Microsoft Office 2007
- Microsoft Office 2003

If your installation requires one or more of these, you can use the System Search view or the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add these system searches to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.

This feature applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

Support for Software Identification Tagging

ISO/IEC 19770-2 is an international standard for the creation of software identification tags. A software identification tag is an XML-based file that contains descriptive information about the software, such as the product name, product edition, product version, and publisher. Software asset management tools collect the data in the tags to provide accurate application identification for software that is installed in an enterprise.

Software identification tagging is evolving as an industry standard, enabling independent software vendors to create smarter applications that give you better information for software asset management and license optimization initiatives. Including the identification tag in your product’s installation makes it possible for your customers to use tools that can monitor their internal usage of your product, allowing them to manage and optimize the number of licenses of your product that they obtain from you, and stay in compliance with your licensing policies.
InstallShield includes several new settings in the General Information view that let you specify information that is required to create an identification tag for your product. This view also contains a new Use Software Identification Tag setting that lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to create the tag at build time and include it in your installation; the default value of this setting is Yes.

Note that if Yes is selected for the Use Software Identification Tag setting but you have not entered values in one or more of the required identification settings (the Unique ID, Tag Creator, and Tag Creator ID settings in the General Information view), build warning -7235 occurs, once for each of the settings that are blank. This build warning explains that the software identification tag could not be created and included in the installation because a specific required setting was left blank. To resolve this warning, enter appropriate value in each specific setting, or select No for the Use Software Identification Tag setting.

The automation interface includes support for the new tag settings. The ISWiProject object includes a new EnableSwidtag property that lets you enable or disable the creation of a software identification tag in a project. It also includes a new SwidtagProperty property that you can use to configure various tag-related settings that are also configurable in the General Information view.

This feature applies to Basic MSI projects.

For more information, see:
- Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product
- General Information View Settings
- ISWiProject Object

Enhancements

InstallShield includes the following enhancements.

Merge Module Projects Now Include Built-In Support for IIS, Text File Changes, and XML File Changes

Several existing views are now available in Merge Module projects in InstallShield:

- **Internet Information Services**—This view enables you to create and manage new IIS Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions.

- **Text File Changes**—This view lets you configure search-and-replace behavior for content in text files—for example, .txt, .htm, .xml, .config, .ini, and .sql files—that you want to modify at run time on the target system.

- **XML File Changes**—This view lets you add references for nodes and node sets of XML files that you want to change at run time.

Use these views in Merge Module projects to configure IIS, specify text file changes, and specify XML file changes. The same procedures that were used for configuring these changes in installation projects are now supported in Merge Module projects. When you build a merge module that contains project information in these views, add the merge module to an installation project, and then build a release in the installation project, InstallShield includes the applicable run-time support in the installation.

Previously, these views were available only in installation projects.

To learn more, see:
- Managing Internet Information Services
- Modifying Text Files
New Application Pool Identity Option for IIS 7.x

A new ApplicationPoolIdentity option is available in the Identity setting for an application pool that is configured in the Internet Information Services view. If you want a virtual identity account that is unique to the selected application pool to be used for running the application pool’s worker process, select this option. Support for this option is available on target systems that have IIS 7 and later. If this new option is selected in an installation that is run on a system that has IIS 6, the NetworkService account is used instead for the application pool’s identity.

This feature applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

For more information, see Application Pool Settings.

Automation Interface Enhancement: New RequiredExecutionLevel Property for Specifying the Required Execution Level for Setup.exe

The read-write RequiredExecutionLevel property has been added to the ISWiRelease object. This property corresponds with the Required Execution Level setting on the Setup.exe tab for a release in the Releases view. This property is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

What’s New in InstallShield 2011

Unicode Support in InstallScript

InstallShield now lets you create InstallScript installations and InstallScript custom actions that support the use of Unicode in run-time strings, files, paths, registry entries, and other installation data. In addition, the InstallScript compiler and the InstallScript engine now let you pass pointers to Unicode strings to functions that are implemented outside script code; they also let you store Unicode strings in structures that are passed outside script code. Other changes in InstallScript offer additional benefits for fully supporting modern multilanguage installations.

As a result of these changes, any language displays correctly on a system that has support for it installed. End users no longer need to match the language that is used on their systems for non-Unicode programs with the language that is used in the installation. Note that the font must be installed on the target system. On some versions of Windows, the fonts for some languages are not installed by default. For example, Japanese fonts are not installed on a Windows XP English system by default; in order for an installation to use Japanese characters on such a system, the fonts would need to be installed.

Unicode Setup Launchers for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

Now all Setup.exe and Update.exe files that are built in InstallShield are Unicode. Previously, all Setup.exe and Update.exe files that were built in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects were ANSI.
A Unicode setup launcher can correctly display characters in the user interface of the setup launcher, regardless of whether the target system is running the appropriate code page for the language. ANSI setup launchers correctly displayed characters in the setup launcher dialogs if the target system was running the appropriate code page. However, it may have displayed garbled characters in those dialogs if the target system was not running the appropriate code page.

End users can launch Setup.exe and Update.exe files from within Unicode paths, regardless of the language on the target system. For example, end users can now launch the installation in the following path on an English system: C:\Users\Japanese_characters\Desktop\Setup.exe. Previously, the installation would fail.

**Unicode Support for Files, Folders, Registry Entries, and Support Files**

Unicode support has been added to key parts of the installation run time, enabling you to use characters from any languages simultaneously in file names, folder names, registry entries, and support file names. This enables you to install, for example, a file that has Japanese characters in its name or target path on an English system. Mixing languages works correctly regardless of the current language of the target system.

**Pointer Support**

The InstallScript engine and compiler now support a new pointer type called WPOINTER; wpointer and LPWSTR are equivalent names that are also available. Thus, for example, if you have a DLL function that accepts pointers to Unicode strings in its parameters, you can use this new pointer type; when the DLL function is called in the script at run time, the InstallScript engine passes a pointer to a Unicode copy of the strings instead of an ANSI version. Previously, it was possible to pass a pointer to only an ANSI copy of the strings.

Note that passing Unicode strings with the WSTRING data type that was introduced in an earlier version of InstallShield is still supported.

For more information, see:

- Pointers
- Data Types and Predefined Structures

**Structure Support**

Structures in InstallScript can contain any basic data type, including strings and pointers, or other structures. Now if a structure needs to contain a Unicode string and the structure is passed to an external DLL, the InstallScript engine can distinguish between string member types in that structure, and then size the structure and calculate member offsets correctly. String members that need to be stored and passed as Unicode can be declared with the WSTRING type.

Previously, if a structure needed to contain a Unicode string and the structure was passed to an external DLL, the InstallScript engine assumed that any strings in the structure were ANSI. As a result, the size of the structure and member offsets in the structure could have been wrong, causing the DLL to incorrectly read or write data related to the structure. Attempting to use WSTRING for string members of a structure did not have any effect.

You can leave existing strings as STRING types; the InstallScript engine will continue to treat these as ANSI strings when passing them outside of script code.

Pointer members in structures can also now be declared as WPOINTER. This enables you to store pointers to Unicode strings in a structure.

For more information, see:

- Data Structures
- Data Types and Predefined Structures
String Table Support

InstallShield now uses Unicode encoding to build the string tables for InstallScript projects. Because of this support, string tables for InstallScript projects can now contain multiple languages, and they are not affected by a target system’s code page settings. In addition, string tables can now include strings for languages—such as Hindi—that have no code page.

It is recommended that any strings that will be displayed in the user interface of an installation be stored in the string table. Although strings can be written directly in InstallScript code, they are not stored as Unicode; thus, they are displayed correctly only when the installation is run on systems that have the correct code page. Storing strings in the string table and referencing them from InstallScript code eliminates this issue.

For more information, see:
- Using String Entries in InstallShield
- String Constant Operator (@)

Unicode InstallScript Dialogs

InstallScript dialogs now include support for Unicode. This enables you to mix, for example, Japanese and German, or Russian and Polish, on InstallScript dialogs. These mixed languages work correctly regardless of the current language of the target system.

This feature is available in the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript MSI.

Unicode Support in the InstallScript Debugger

The InstallScript Debugger now has support for Unicode. Thus, for example, if you are debugging a line of InstallScript code such as szMsg = @ID_MSG, you can now see the value in szMsg, regardless of what language operating system you are using and what language is used for the strings. If the value of ID_MSG contains Chinese characters or characters from mixed languages, you can now see the appropriate characters instead of question marks in various areas of the InstallScript Debugger: in the variable window, in the watch window, and in the tooltip that appears for the variable in the script window.

For information on the InstallScript Debugger, see Debugging InstallScript-Based Installations in the InstallScript Debugger User Guide.

Unicode Support in InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer

The InstallShield Cabinet File Viewer and the InstallShield Log File Viewer have been combined into one new tool—the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer—which lets you open and review InstallScript cabinet files (.cab), InstallScript header files (.hdr), and InstallScript log files (.ilg). This tool now includes Unicode support. Thus, the tool can correctly display the characters in each file name, registry key, shortcut, and other data in the .cab, .hdr, or .ilg file, regardless of what language operating system you are using and what language is used for the strings. Previously, in some cases, some of the characters were displayed as question marks.

The cabinet and header file support applies to the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript Object.

The log file support applies to the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript MSI.

To learn about this tool, see:
- InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer
- Viewing InstallScript Cabinet Files (.cab) and Header Files (.hdr)
- Viewing InstallScript Log Files (.ilg)
Integration with Team Foundation Server (TFS)

InstallShield has enhanced support for integrating with Team Foundation Server (TFS) 2010.

Now when you are using InstallShield from within Visual Studio 2010, you can access the Source Control Explorer to integrate your InstallShield project with Team Foundation version control and manage changes to your InstallShield projects and your Visual Studio solutions.

You can also use Team Foundation Build to compile, test, and deploy your InstallShield projects and your Visual Studio solutions on a regular basis, or on demand. Your installation is automatically updated with your latest source files every time that your solution is built.

In addition, if you install Team Explorer on the same machine that has InstallShield and Visual Studio, you can use Team Explorer from within your InstallShield projects that are open in Visual Studio. This enables you to perform tasks such as the following:

- Use Source Control Explorer when you are working on your InstallShield projects.
- Configure builds for your InstallShield projects and Visual Studio solutions.
- Queue new builds.
- Track work items such as bugs and tasks for your InstallShield projects and your Visual Studio solutions.

For more information, see:
- Integrating with Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server
- Adding InstallShield Projects to Team Explorer

Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Support

InstallShield now includes support for running SQL script on SQL Server 2008 R2. In addition, InstallShield includes SQL Server 2008 R2 in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

New InstallShield Prerequisites for SQL Server 2008 R2 Express, SQL Server Native Client, Visual C++ 2010, and Other Redistributables

InstallShield includes a number of new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client 10.00.2531
- Microsoft SQL Server Native Client 9.00.4035
- Microsoft SQL Server System CLR Types 10.00.2531
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Objects 10.00.2531
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Package
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 Redistributable Package
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable Package (x64)
- Windows Installer 3.1 - Japanese
Improved Script Editors for Creating and Modifying InstallScript Code, SQL Scripts, VBScript Custom Actions, and JScript Custom Actions

Several views in InstallShield have an improved script editor that you can use to write code for your projects. The script editors include the following improvements:

- **Expanded auto completion**—When you are typing in a script editor, InstallShield displays a pop-up list of alphabetically ordered functions, keywords, and constants that begin with the letters that you are typing. Instead of manually typing the entire word, you can select it in the pop-up list, and InstallShield adds it to your script.

  If you are using the script editor in the InstallScript view, you can enter the string constant operator (@) to see a pop-up list of the available string identifiers. You can select the appropriate one in the list, and InstallShield adds it to your script.

  If auto completion for local variables is also enabled, the pop-up list in the script editor of the InstallScript view also contains local variables.

  Auto completion can increase your efficiency because it can reduce the time that you spend typing code. It can also help you avoid typographical errors in your code.

  The script editor in the InstallScript view of earlier versions of InstallShield is the only script editor that provided some auto completion support; thus, auto completion functionality was not available for SQL scripts, VBScript code, or JScript code. In addition, the available pop-up list was limited to InstallScript functions; none of the keywords, constants, local variables, or string identifiers were available for auto completion.

- **Detailed InstallScript Function Call Tips**—If function call tips are enabled, InstallShield shows InstallScript function call tips—a type of tooltip—when you are entering function calls in your script in the InstallScript view. A function call tip shows a built-in function's parameter information. It also shows a description of the built-in function, as well as a description of the parameter that you are entering. The detailed call tips enable you to see help information about a function without switching from the script editor to the help library, and then back to the script editor.

  The InstallScript view in earlier versions of InstallShield included support for call tips, but the call tips did not display as much information. The call tips showed a function call with all of the function's parameters; however, the call tips did not include a description of the function, or of the parameter that you are entering.

- **Syntax folding**—InstallShield now lets you specify whether you want the script editors in various views in InstallShield to include support for syntax folding. When syntax folding is enabled, InstallShield adds a plus sign (+) or a minus sign (−) in the margin next to each line of code that starts an expandable or collapsible block of script. You can click a plus sign to expand hidden code, or a minus sign to hide visible code.

  Syntax folding can help you minimize the clutter of large scripts and focus on the code that is relevant to the work that you are currently doing. It can also help you see the overall structure of a script.

The views that contain the improved script editor are the InstallScript view, the SQL Scripts view, and the Custom Actions and Sequences view (when you are viewing a VBScript or JScript file in this view).

By default, syntax folding is disabled in the script editors; auto completion, local variable auto completion, and function call tips are enabled. To enable or disable any of the aforementioned functionality, use the Script Editor Properties dialog box. This dialog box also lets you modify other settings in the script editors, such as font, syntax colors, and line numbering. To access this dialog box, right-click in a script editor and then click Properties.
For more information, see the following:

- Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views
- Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors
- Viewing Function Call Tips for an InstallScript Function in the Script Editor
- Changing Colors for Syntax Highlighting in the Script Editors
- Enabling or Disabling Syntax Folding in the Script Editors
- Keyboard Shortcuts for the Script Editors
- Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

**Ability to Create 64-Bit Microsoft App-V Packages**

The Microsoft App-V Assistant in InstallShield includes support for converting a 64-bit Windows Installer package into a 64-bit Microsoft App-V package, which can be deployed on 64-bit Windows systems with the 64-bit Microsoft App-V 4.6 client. This, in combination with the new 64-bit repackaging support that is available with the Repackager, enables you to convert any 64-bit installation into a 64-bit App-V package.

It is recommended that you perform the conversion of 64-bit Windows Installer packages to App-V packages on a 64-bit Windows system. If you attempt the conversion on a 32-bit system, it could result in a failure to extract COM information for 64-bit binaries. Also, in some cases, Windows Installer packages contain shortcuts that target executable files that are not found in the package itself. If these shortcuts target executable files are found in 64-bit locations, these shortcuts are not handled correctly on 32-bit systems.

The Microsoft App-V Assistant is available if you purchase the Premier Edition of InstallShield.

**Ability to Specify a Search Path for InstallShield Prerequisites; Path Variable and Relative Path Support for Source Locations of Prerequisite Files**

InstallShield now lets you specify the folders where InstallShield should search for InstallShield prerequisite files (.prq files). This functionality makes it easier for teams of users to share InstallShield prerequisites with each other, and for storing prerequisites in source code control. Previously, InstallShield searched for .prq files in the following location only: `InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites`.

InstallShield offers several ways for specifying the folders:

- If you are editing or building from within InstallShield, use the new Prerequisites tab on the Options dialog box—which is displayed when you click Options on the Tools menu—to specify a comma-delimited list of machine-wide folders and current-user folders. This tab is similar to the Merge Modules tab on the Options dialog box, which lets you specify search paths for merge modules.

- If you are building from the command line with `ISCmdBld.exe`, use the new `-prqpath` parameter to specify a comma-delimited list of folders.

  If you use an .ini file to specify `ISCmdBld.exe` parameters, you can use the new PrerequisitePath parameter in the [Mode] section of your .ini file to specify a comma-delimited list of folders.

- If you are building through MSBuild or Team Foundation Server (TFS), use the new PrerequisitePath parameter on the InstallShield task. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldPrerequisitePath when the default targets file is used. To specify multiple paths, use an ordered array of paths.
When you are using the Files to Include tab in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor to add files to an InstallShield prerequisite, the editor now uses predefined path variables such as `<WindowsFolder>` and `<ISProductFolder>` if appropriate. In addition, if the files that you are adding are stored in the same folder as the InstallShield prerequisite’s .prq file—or a subfolder of the folder that contains the .prq file—the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor uses a relative path for the file in the .prq file. Note that if you view the file’s path on the Files to Include tab, the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor lists the full path, not the relative path.

Note that if you use the Save As command in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor to change the location of a .prq file, the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor updates the paths of the prerequisite’s files if appropriate.

To learn more, see:

- Specifying the Directories that Contain InstallShield Prerequisites
- Prerequisites Tab
- ISCmdBld.exe
- Passing Command-Line Build Parameters in an .ini File
- Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

**New Hyperlink Control for Windows Installer–Based Dialogs**

The Controls toolbar includes a new hyperlink control that you can use in the Dialogs view for Windows Installer–based dialogs. The hyperlink control displays an HTML link; clicking the link at run time opens a page in the default browser on the target system.

Windows Installer 5 includes support for this new hyperlink control. If this control is used on a dialog that is displayed on a system that has an earlier version of Windows Installer, run-time error 2885 occurs, and the installation aborts. Therefore, if you want to use the hyperlink control on a dialog but your installation targets systems that have Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier, it is recommended that you include two versions of the dialog in your project: one with the hyperlink control, and one without it. Add conditions to the dialogs to show or hide them, depending on the version of Windows Installer that is present.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and Merge Module.

To learn more, see Hyperlink Control.

**Ability to Specify a Custom Icon and Custom Version Resource Properties for Setup.exe and Update.exe**

InstallShield now lets you use a custom icon and custom version resource properties for Setup.exe files that you create at build time. The icon and the version resource properties are displayed on the Properties dialog box for Setup.exe; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties. End users can also see the icon when they view your Setup.exe file in Windows Explorer. This support is available in Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

The same functionality (the ability to specify a custom icon and custom version resource properties) is also now available for Update.exe files that you create in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and QuickPatch projects.

**Custom Icon for Setup.exe and Update.exe**

The Setup.exe tab in the Releases view has a Setup.exe Icon File setting that lets you specify the icon that should be used for your Setup.exe setup launcher. The icon can be in an .exe, .dll, or .ico file. If you do not specify an icon, InstallShield uses a default icon for your Setup.exe file.
Previously, support for specifying a custom Setup.exe icon was available for InstallScript projects if the Setup.exe file that you were building was a self-extracting, single-file setup launcher. The support was not available in Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI projects. In addition, it was not available for uncompressed InstallScript installations.

A new Icon setting lets you specify the icon that should be used for your Update.exe launcher. This setting is available on the Advanced tab for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view of Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. It is also available on the Advanced tab of the Build Settings area in the General Information view of QuickPatch projects. If you do not specify an icon, InstallShield uses a default icon for your Update.exe file.

Previously, InstallShield did not include any support for specifying a custom icon for Update.exe files.

**Custom Version Resource Properties for Setup.exe and Update.exe**

When InstallShield is configuring the following version resources of your Setup.exe setup launcher at build time, it now uses the custom information that you entered in the General Information view and the Releases view:

- Company name
- Product name
- Product version
- Copyright
- File version
- File description

To use a custom copyright notice and a custom file description, ensure that you select Yes in the Use Custom Version Properties setting for the release in the Releases view.

Previously, InstallShield did not use any custom information in many cases. For example, the InstallScript Setup.exe files that InstallShield previously created contained details that pertained to the version of InstallShield that was used to build the Setup.exe file. Thus, the product name that was displayed in the Setup.exe Properties dialog box was InstallShield, rather than the name of your product.

Several new settings—Company Name, Product Name, Product Version, Description, and Copyright—let you specify the custom information that you want InstallShield to use when you build an Update.exe file. These settings are available on the Advanced tab for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view of Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. They are also available on the Advanced tab of the Build Settings area in the General Information view of QuickPatch projects.

Previously, InstallShield did not use any custom version resource information for Update.exe files.

To learn more, see:

- Specifying the Icon for the Setup Launcher
- Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher
- Setup.exe Tab for a Release
- Specifying the Icon for the Update Launcher
- Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher
- Advanced Tab (in the Patch Design view)
- Advanced Tab (for a QuickPatch project)
Ability to Specify Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds

The Premier edition of InstallShield includes new release settings that you can use to specify commands that you want to be run at various stages of the build process. These new settings are available on a new Events tab when you select a release in the Releases view:

- **Prebuild Event**—Use this setting to specify the command that you want to be run before InstallShield starts building the release. This event runs after InstallShield creates the release folder and log file, but before InstallShield starts building the release.

  This setting is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

- **Precompression Event**—Use this setting to specify the command that you want to be run after InstallShield has built the .msi package and the .cab files (if your product’s data files are to be stored in .cab files). Note that this event occurs after .cab files are streamed into the .msi package, but before the .msi package has been digitally signed and streamed into the Setup.exe file.

  This setting is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

- **Postbuild Event**—Use this setting to specify the command that you want to be run after InstallShield has built and signed the release.

  This setting is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

The new Events tab replaces the previously available Postbuild tab. Note that the settings that were previously available on the Postbuild tab are now displayed on the new Events tab. In addition, the publish-related settings that were previously available on the Build tab in Merge Module projects have been moved to the Events tab.

The automation interface now includes support for these new settings. The ISWiRelease object includes three new properties that let you specify commands for various stages of the build process:

- PrebuildEvent
- PrecompressionEvent
- PostbuildEvent

To learn more, see:

- **Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds**
- **Events Tab for a Release**
- **ISWiRelease Object**

Ability to Set an Expiration Date for Setup.exe

InstallShield now lets you set an expiration date, as well as an expiration message, for Setup.exe. If end users try to run Setup.exe on or after the date that you have specified in your project, the expiration message is displayed, and the installation exits.

To set an expiration date and a message for your Setup.exe file, use the new Expiration Date and Expiration Message settings on the Setup.exe tab for a selected release in the Releases view. By default, no expiration date is configured for Setup.exe. If you specify an expiration date, you can use the default expiration message, or specify your own custom message.

The automation interface now includes support for these new settings. The ISWiRelease object includes two new properties that let you set the expiration date and message: ExpirationDate and ExpirationMessage.
This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see:

- Setup.exe Tab for a Release
- ISWiRelease Object

**Ability to Import Visual Studio Setup and Merge Module Projects into Existing InstallShield Projects; Improvements for the Project Converter**

InstallShield now lets you import a Visual Studio setup project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield Basic MSI or Merge Module project (.ism), or import a Visual Studio merge module project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield Basic MSI or Merge Module project (.ism). These tasks enable you to develop InstallShield installation and merge module projects that contain the same data and settings that were in your Visual Studio project. The wizard imports the project outputs, files, registry keys, file extensions, custom actions, target system searches, and launch conditions from your Visual Studio project into your existing InstallShield project.

To import a Visual Studio project into an existing InstallShield project, use the new Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard in InstallShield. The wizard lets you choose whether to import or ignore certain settings in the Visual Studio project.

The existing support for converting a Visual Studio project into a new InstallShield project has been expanded. If your Visual Studio project contains predefined prerequisites, InstallShield now converts them to equivalent InstallShield prerequisites during the conversion process. This same prerequisite conversion functionality is available if you use the new wizard to import a Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project.

If your Visual Studio project contains one or more project outputs, use the import wizard instead of the conversion process. The InstallShield project must be in the same Visual Studio solution that contains the Visual Studio setup or merge module project and all of its project dependencies. Note that you must be using InstallShield from within Visual Studio when you use the import wizard in order for the wizard to import the project outputs into your InstallShield project.

To learn more, see the following:

- Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects
- Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard

**Unicode and UTF-8 Support for SQL Scripts**

InstallShield now has design-time and run-time support for SQL scripts that have either Unicode BOM encoding or UTF-8 BOM encoding. You can use the SQL Scripts view to add SQL scripts with either of these encoding types to your project. You can also edit those SQL scripts from within that view as necessary. At run time, the SQL scripts are executed during installation and uninstallation when needed.

Previously, InstallShield had run-time support but not design-time support for SQL scripts with Unicode BOM encoding. Thus, when you added a script with this encoding to the SQL Scripts view of your project, InstallShield prompted you to specify whether you wanted to convert the script to ANSI format. If you allowed InstallShield to convert it to ANSI, you could edit it from within the SQL Scripts view. However, in some cases, it might have displayed and used garbled characters at design time and at run time. If you did not allow InstallShield to convert it to ANSI, the file remained with Unicode BOM encoding. Although this encoding allowed your installation to properly use strings in languages that did not match the code page of the target system at run time, you could not view or edit the script from within InstallShield.
In addition, InstallShield previously did not have adequate support for SQL scripts with UTF-8 BOM encoding. If you added a SQL script with this encoding type to your project and the script contained strings in a language that did not match the code page of the development system, the SQL Scripts view treated the file as an ANSI file, and it may have displayed garbled characters. In addition, garbled characters were used when your SQL script was executed at run time. Also, the byte order mark was represented as garbled characters.

If you create a new SQL script from within the SQL Scripts view, InstallShield uses Unicode BOM encoding for the file. If you prefer to use ANSI or UTF-8 BOM encoding for the SQL scripts view, it is recommended that you create an .sql file with the proper encoding in a different tool, and then import or insert the script in the SQL Scripts view of your project.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

**Predefined System Searches for SQL Server 2008 Express SP1 and Adobe Reader 9**

InstallShield has new predefined system searches:

- SQL Server 2008 Express SP1
- Adobe Reader 9

If your installation requires one or both of these, you can use the System Search view or the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add these system searches to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.

This feature applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

**Support for 64-Bit Managed-Code Custom Actions**

InstallShield now has support for 64-bit managed-code custom actions. When you build a release that includes a managed-code custom action in your project, InstallShield attempts to determine the target architecture (32 bit or 64 bit) of the main .NET assembly that is associated with the custom action. InstallShield configures the release so that the appropriate version of the .NET Framework—32 bit or 64 bit—is used to run your managed code at run time.

If you want to override the new default behavior, use the Direct Editor view to add a new record with the following fields to the ISClrWrap table.

- **Action**—Indicate the name of the managed-code custom action that you want to modify.
- **Name**—Enter the following: TargetPlatform
- **Value**—Specify the appropriate architecture. To use a 32-bit version of the .NET Framework, enter the following: x86
  To use a 64-bit version of the .NET Framework, enter the following: x64

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

To learn more, see Using 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Managed-Code Custom Actions.

**Support for 64-Bit .NET Installer Classes and COM Interop**

InstallShield now has support for 64-bit .NET installer classes and COM interop. If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system, the .NET tab on the Options dialog box—which is displayed when you click Options on the Tools menu in InstallShield—now lets you specify different paths for the 32-bit and 64-bit locations of the Regasm.exe and Instal1Util11Lib.dll files that are included with the .NET Framework. InstallShield uses the paths that you specify at build time for releases that include .NET installer classes and COM interop.
If you are building from the command line with IsCmdBld.exe and you use the existing -t parameter to specify the path of the 32-bit version of the .NET Framework, IsCmdBld.exe now uses the 64-bit location of Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll when appropriate.

If you are building through MSBuild or Team Foundation Server (TFS) and you use the existing DotNetUtilPath parameter on the InstallShield task to specify the path of the 32-bit version of the .NET Framework, the build now uses the 64-bit location of Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll when appropriate.

To learn more, see:

• .NET Tab (on the Options dialog box)
• IsCmdBld.exe
• Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

**Support for Using the InstallScript Function DotNetCoCreateObject or Managed-Code Custom Actions with DLLs that Target .NET Framework 4**

If you create a DLL in Visual Studio 2010 and the DLL uses .NET Framework 4, you can now use the InstallScript function DotNetCoCreateObject to call functions in this DLL. Previously, the installation crashed if the DLL used version 4 of the .NET Framework, but not with earlier versions. This feature is available in the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript MSI; it is also available in Basic MSI and Merge Module projects with InstallScript custom actions.

In addition, you can now use the same sort of DLL file in a managed-code custom action. Previously, the installation crashed if it contained a managed-code custom action for a DLL that used version 4 of the .NET Framework. This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module.

For more information, see:

• DotNetCoCreateObject
• Using 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Managed-Code Custom Actions

**Ability to Override the Values of Path Variables for a Release**

InstallShield now lets you override the values of your project’s custom path variables (standard path variables, environment path variables, and registry path variables) for each release in your project. This functionality enables you to essentially replace certain files and folders in your project with others at build time, depending on the particular release that you are building.

For example, you might use this functionality to swap out the binaries for custom actions. If you have set up separate releases for 32-bit and 64-bit target systems, you can override the path variable that is used to refer to the DLL that is selected for a custom action. Then InstallShield could include a 32-bit DLL for your 32-bit release and a 64-bit DLL for your 64-bit release. Note that overriding path variables to swap out files that your installation is installing is not recommended. This is because you should use separate components for 32-bit and 64-bit versions of a file.

To override one or more path variables in your project, use the new Path Variables Overrides setting, which is on the Build tab for a release in the Releases view. Note that if you override a path variable both in the new Path Variables Overrides setting, and with the -l parameter to IsCmdBld.exe or through MSBuild, the command line or MSBuild value takes precedence over the value that is set in the release setting.

The automation interface now includes support for this new setting. The ISWiRelease object includes a new PathVariableOverrides property that lets you override the values of your project’s user-defined path variables, environment variables, and registry variables for a release.
This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, and Merge Module.

To learn more, see the following:

- Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release
- Path Variable Overrides setting
- Path Variable Overrides Dialog Box
- ISWiRelease Object

**Ability to Configure MIME Types for IIS Web Sites, Applications, and Virtual Directories**

The Internet Information Services view has a new MIME Types setting that you can configure for a Web site, application, or virtual directory in your project. This setting lets you identify the types of content that can be served from the Web server on the target system to a browser or mail client.

This feature applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see:

- MIME Types setting for a Web site
- MIME Types setting for an application or virtual directory

**Ability to Overwrite Existing IIS Application Pool or Only Create It If It Does Not Exist**

The Internet Information Services view has a new Overwrite Existing Application Pool setting. This setting is displayed in the right pane when you select an application pool in the Internet Information Services view. This setting lets you specify the behavior that you want to occur if the selected application pool already exists on the target system at run time: the installation can either overwrite the application pool’s settings on the target system, or leave the application pool as is. The default value for this setting is Yes, indicating the an existing application pool is overwritten at run time.

This feature applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see the description of the Overwrite Existing Application Pool setting for an application pool.

**New Billboard Style in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects**

InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects include support for a new style of billboard that is displayed above the progress bar on the progress dialog. This style of billboard supports Adobe Flash application files (.swf), as well as image files (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, and .jpeg).

If a project contains both Flash files and image files but a target system does not have the Adobe Flash Player, the installation can detect that and display image billboards in place of the Flash billboard.

Previously, the only available billboard support in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects required the use of a background window. The new billboard style does not require a background window.

To add the new style of billboard to a project, use the Support Files/Billboards view to add billboard files to your project. To display this new style of billboard at run time, use the new STATUSBBRD constant with the Enable function.

Note that the new style of billboard is not available in projects that use skinned dialogs.

To learn more, see:

- Displaying Billboards in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations
Billboard Styles and File Types for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

Adding or Modifying the Code in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project to Display Billboards

Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

Adding an Image Billboard to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

Naming Billboard Files in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

Support for Looping Through Image Billboards in Basic MSI Projects

The Billboards view in Basic MSI projects has a new Loop Billboards setting that lets you specify whether you want your installation to continuously loop the image billboards until the file transfer completes and the installation displays the appropriate SetupComplete dialog.

If you select Yes for this setting and the file transfer takes more time than you have allocated for the billboards, the installation restarts the display of billboards from the beginning. The loop continues, if necessary, until the file transfer ends. The default value for this setting is No, which matches the behavior in earlier versions of InstallShield.

Previously, if the file transfer took more time than what you had allocated for the billboards, the installation continued to display the last billboard until the file transfer finished; it did not loop the billboards.

For more information, see:

- Run-Time Behavior of a Basic MSI Installation that Includes Billboards
- Billboard Settings

Windows Installer 5 Support for Configuring Windows Service Permissions

InstallShield now includes support for configuring permissions for Windows services; this support uses the MsiLockPermissionsEx table that was introduced with Windows Installer 5. Windows Installer 5 supports the new service permission settings; earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore them.

To configure the new permission settings for a service, use the Services node in the Advanced Settings area for a component in the Setup Design view (in installation projects) or the Components view. The Services node is where you add new services to your project. When you select a subnode under the Services node, you can configure the settings—including the new permission-related settings—of that service in the right pane.

This functionality is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

For more information, see:

- Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment
- Services Settings

Automation Interface Support for Configuring Dynamic File Links in InstallScript Projects

The ISWiDynamicFileLinking object and the ISWiDynamicFileLinkings collection of the automation interface now include support for dynamic file links in InstallScript projects. In addition, two methods and a property of the ISWiComponent object are now applicable to InstallScript projects: the AddDynamicFileLinking method lets you add a new dynamic file link to a component, the RemoveDynamicFileLinking method lets you remove a component’s dynamic file links, and the ISWiDynamicFileLinkings property lets you get a component’s collection of dynamic file links. The read-only DynamicFile property for the ISWiFile object is also now applicable to InstallScript projects: use this property to determine whether the file’s source is linked to the component dynamically or statically.
For more details, see:

- ISWiDynamicFileLinking Object
- ISWiDynamicFileLinkings Collection
- ISWiComponent Object
- AddDynamicFileLinking Method
- RemoveDynamicFileLinking Method
- ISWiFile Object

New FlexNet Connect 12.01 Redistributables Available

InstallShield includes support for FlexNet Connect 12.01 in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. Use the Update Notifications view in InstallShield to include one of the two FlexNet Connect 12.01 merge modules—one has the Common Software Manager, and the other does not.

Enhancements

InstallShield includes the following enhancements.

Unicode Views in InstallShield

Several views and areas in InstallShield have been enhanced to display and allow you to enter characters from all languages. For example, now you can use Chinese characters in file names, paths, and registry entries if you are configuring system searches in the System Search view on an English machine. Previously, the characters were displayed in these areas of InstallShield as question marks.

The areas in InstallShield that have been enhanced to include the Unicode support are the System Search view, the tabs for a release in the Releases view, and the Multiple Instances tab for a release in the Releases view. Note that Unicode support was previously introduced in many other views in InstallShield 2010.

The improvements for the System Search view are applicable to the following projects: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

The improvements for the tabs for a release in the Releases view are applicable to the following projects: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, and Merge Module.

The improvements for the Multiple Instances tab in the Releases view are applicable to Basic MSI projects.

Command-Line Support for Generating a Log File While Using InstallShield MSI Diff

InstallShield MSI Diff includes a new /out command-line parameter. You can use this new parameter while running InstallShield MSI Diff from the command line to generate a log file that identifies the differences between two .msi, .msm, or .pcp files, or that shows the differences that are applied to a Windows Installer database by a transform (.mst) or patch file (.msp). You can also use this tool from the command line to generate a log file that identifies the differences between two InstallShield project files (.ism or .ise) that are saved in binary format.

To learn more, see Running InstallShield MSI Diff from the Command Line to Generate a Log File of Differences.
Support for Listing Local Microsoft SQL Server Instances on 64-Bit Systems

If you add SQL support to a project through the SQL Scripts view in InstallShield and the installation is run on a 64-bit target system, the built-in SQL-related run-time dialogs now list 64-bit local SQL Server instances, as well as 32-bit local SQL Server instances, 32-bit network SQL Server instances, and 64-bit network SQL Server instances. Previously when the installation was run on a 64-bit target system, the built-in SQL-related run-time dialogs did not list any 64-bit local SQL Server instances; they listed only 32-bit local instances, 32-bit network instances, and 64-bit network instances.

This functionality is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

InstallScript Logging and Uninstallation of 64-Bit Registry Changes

By default, the InstallScript engine now logs the changes that it makes to the 64-bit part of the registry during an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI installation on 64-bit target systems. Furthermore, the 64-bit registry changes that are logged by the InstallScript engine are now uninstalled during uninstallation.

Previously, if the InstallScript engine made changes to the 64-bit part of the registry during an installation, those changes were not logged as 64 bit specific, so they were not removed during uninstallation.

Support for Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio

The SQL Scripts view now includes support for Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. To open a SQL script file of your project in SQL Server Management Studio, right-click the SQL script file in the SQL Scripts view and then click Open Script in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. This new command replaces the Open Script in Microsoft Query Analyzer command on the same context menu.

This functionality is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

Support for Adding Project Outputs from Visual Studio Web Setup Projects

If you create a Visual Studio solution that includes a Web setup project and an InstallShield installation project and you are using InstallShield from within Visual Studio, you can now add project outputs from the Web setup project to your InstallShield project.

Ability to Select a Windows Installer Property when Configuring a Text File Change

Two settings in the Text File Changes view have been enhanced to make it easier to configure search-and-replace behavior for content in text files. The Find What and Replace What settings, which are displayed in the right pane when you select a replacement node in the Text File Changes view, now let you select a Windows Installer property from a list, or type a string. The list consists of all of the properties that are available in the Property Manager view of your project. Previously, you could manually enter a string or a property in these settings, but the list of properties was not available.

This enhancement is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

InstallScript Text Substitution Improvements for Resolving Environment Variable Paths in IISROOTFOLDER

InstallScript installations now have support for installing IIS data to IISROOTFOLDER if the IIS PathWWWRoot registry value contains an environment variable. Previously, when text substitution was performed for the IISROOTFOLDER variable in an InstallScript installation that included IIS support, the environment variable part of the path of IISROOTFOLDER was not resolved on Windows Server 2008 and later systems. If any components were configured to be installed to IISROOTFOLDER, they failed to install because the unresolved path was an invalid path.
Ability to Specify the Required Execution Level for Update.exe Manifests

The Required Execution Level setting is now available on the Advanced tab for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view of Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. It is also available on the Advanced tab of the Build Settings area in the General Information view of QuickPatch projects.

Use these new settings to specify the minimum execution level that is required by your installation’s Update.exe file for running the upgrade on Windows Vista and later platforms. InstallShield adds a manifest that specifies the required level. By default, InstallShield uses the level that was configured in the previous setup launcher’s manifest.

Previously, the Required Execution Level setting was available only for the Setup.exe setup launchers. If you created an Update.exe patch, InstallShield used the same required execution level that was configured in the previous setup launcher’s manifest.

To learn more, see:
- Advanced Tab (in the Patch Design view)
- Advanced Tab (for a QuickPatch project)

Ability to Create .cab Files Without Compression

A new Cab Optimization Type setting is available on the Build tab for a release that is selected in the Releases view. If Compressed or one of the custom options is selected for the Compression setting, use the Cab Optimization Type setting to specify the type of compression that InstallShield should use when building the release’s .cab files. The available options are LZX compression, MSZIP compression, or no compression.

The Cab Optimization Type setting replaces the Optimize Size setting, which had support for only LZX compression and MSZIP compression; it did not let you skip compression.

The automation interface now includes support for this new setting. The ISWiRelease object includes a new CabCompressionType property that lets you specify which of the three compression options you want to use when you build a release through the automation interface.

This enhancement is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see Build Tab for a Release.

Expanded List of Predefined Operating System Conditions in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor

The Prerequisite Condition dialog box, which is displayed when you are adding or modifying a condition for an InstallShield prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, now has predefined operating system conditions for Windows Server 2008 R2. Some of the Windows 7 options have been renamed to make it more clear which versions of Windows are checked, since some of the options check for the workstation version, the server version, or either version. The Prerequisite Condition dialog box also has new options that check only for Windows 7, not Windows Server 2008 R2. These changes let you quickly define more-targeted operating system conditions for any InstallShield prerequisites.

You can add InstallShield prerequisites to the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

New Refresh Button in the Redistributables and Prerequisites Views

The Redistributables view (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Transform projects) and the Prerequisites view (in InstallScript projects) contains a new Refresh button that you can use to refresh the list of redistributables that are displayed in the view. Previously, if you added redistributables to your machine when either view was open in InstallShield, it was necessary to close and then reopen the project in order to see an updated list in the view.

This enhancement is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Transform.
Support for Setting Permissions for the IUSR User Account

InstallShield now has support for securing files, folders, and registry keys for the well-known user account IUSR.

If you are using the custom InstallShield handling method of configuring permissions in your project, the User list on the Permissions dialog box has a new IUSR option. To use the custom InstallShield handling method, select this option in the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view. This functionality is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and Transform.

If you are using the InstallScript function `SetObjectPermissions` to set permissions, you can now pass IUSR for the szUser parameter. This functionality is available in InstallScript events in the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript MSI. This functionality is also available through InstallScript custom actions in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

New IS_PERMISSIONS_OPTION_ALLOW_ACCESS Constant for the SetObjectPermissions Function

A new IS_PERMISSIONS_OPTION_ALLOW_ACCESS constant is available for use with the InstallScript function `SetObjectPermissions`. You can pass this constant instead of the number 0 in the nOptions parameter of `SetObjectPermissions` to indicate that the permissions that are being set should allow access to the specified file, folder, or registry key.

This functionality is available in InstallScript events in the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript MSI. This functionality is also available through InstallScript custom actions in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

For more information, see `SetObjectPermissions`.

New Constants for the DialogSetInfo Function

Two new constants are available for the nParameter parameter of the InstallScript function `DialogSetInfo` when you are using DLG_INFO_ALTIMAGE for the nInfoType parameter:

- **DLG_INFO_ALTIMAGE_VERIFY_BMP**—This constant specifies that the bitmap that is indicated by szInfoString should be used in subsequent dialogs. Before this bitmap is used, the installation checks for the existence of the bitmap. If the bitmap does not exist, the function returns an error that indicates that the bitmap was not found.

- **DLG_INFO_ALTIMAGE_REVERT_IMAGE**—This constant specifies that dialogs should display the default bitmap. This constant is an alternative equivalent to the value of -1. The installation does not check for the existence of the bitmap when you use this constant.

If you pass TRUE in the nParameter parameter, the installation does not check for the existence of the bitmap; if the bitmap does not exist in this scenario, the function does not return an error.

This functionality is available in InstallScript events in the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see `DialogSetInfo`.

Enhancements for .NET Framework 4.0 Support

A new FOLDER_DOTNET_40 InstallScript variable is available. This variable stores the path of the .NET Framework 4.0 files. Two new constants are available for use with the function Is:

- **REGDB_KEYPATH_DOTNET_40_CLIENT**
- **REGDB_KEYPATH_DOTNET_40_FULL**
Path Variable Support for Each Patch Configuration’s Output Location and Cache

The Common tab for a patch configuration that is selected in the Patch Design view contains two settings that let you browse to the appropriate folder: Patch Output Location and Patch Creation Cache. InstallShield now lets you use path variables for the folders instead of absolute paths. This support makes it easier to build releases on different build and development machines that use different directory structures.

This support is available if InstallShield is configured to use path variables on your system. (That is, the Path Variables tab on the Options dialog box must be configured to allow path variable support.) If you configure InstallShield to use absolute paths, the Patch Design view shows the absolute path to folders.

This enhancement is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

InstallScript Functions ServiceExistsService and ServiceGetServiceState No Longer Require Elevated Privileges

The InstallScript functions **ServiceExistsService** and **ServiceGetServiceState** no longer require elevated privileges. Therefore, installations can now call these functions when end users have limited privileges, such as in the Install UI sequence of a Basic MSI installation.

Important Information

Installing More than One Edition of InstallShield

Only one edition of InstallShield 2020—Premier, Professional, or Express—can be installed on a system at a time.

Installing More than One Version of InstallShield

InstallShield 2020 can coexist on the same machine with other versions of InstallShield.

The InstallShield 2020 Standalone Build can coexist on the same machine with other versions of the Standalone Build. In most cases, the Standalone Build is not installed on the same machine where InstallShield is installed. If you do install both on the same machine and you want to use the automation interface, review the **Installing the Standalone Build and InstallShield on the Same Machine** to learn about special registration and uninstallation considerations.

Integrating InstallShield with Visual Studio

Microsoft Visual Studio can be integrated with only one version of InstallShield at a time. The last version of InstallShield that is installed or repaired on a system is the one that is used for Visual Studio integration.

See Also

- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2010 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2009 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2008 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 12 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier
What’s New in InstallShield 2010 Expansion Pack for Visual Studio 2010

InstallShield 2010 Expansion Pack for Visual Studio 2010 includes changes that offer support for the final released version of Visual Studio 2010 and .NET Framework 4. It also includes additional changes.

Microsoft .NET Framework 4 Prerequisites

InstallShield includes four new .NET-related InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Full
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Full (Web Download)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Client
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Client (Web Download)

Note the following details about these prerequisites:

- The full prerequisites install the .NET Framework runtime and associated files that are required to run and develop applications that target the .NET Framework 4.
- The client prerequisites install the .NET Framework runtime and associated files that are required to run most client applications.
- The two Web download prerequisites require an Internet connection. These prerequisites download the required redistributable files if appropriate. The other two prerequisites are stand-alone installations that do not require an Internet connection.

The .NET Framework 4.0 requires Windows Installer 3.1 or later, as well as the Windows Imaging Component. Therefore, the .NET Framework 4.0 Full prerequisites are configured to have dependencies for the following InstallShield prerequisites:

- Windows Installer 3.1 (x86)
- Windows Imaging Component (x86)
- Windows Installer 3.1 for Windows Server 2003 SP1 (x86)
- Windows Imaging Component (x64)
- Windows Installer 3.1 for Windows Server 2003 SP1 (IA64)
- Windows Installer 3.1 for Windows Server 2003 SP1 (x64)
- Windows Installer 3.1 for Windows XP (x64)

In addition, the .NET Framework 4.0 Client prerequisites are configured to have dependencies for the following InstallShield prerequisites:

- Windows Installer 3.1 (x86)
- Windows Imaging Component (x86)
- Windows Installer 3.1 for Windows Server 2003 SP1 (x86)
- Windows Imaging Component (x64)
- Windows Installer 3.1 for Windows Server 2003 SP1 (x64)
- Windows Installer 3.1 for Windows XP (x64)

Thus, if you add any of the .NET Framework 4.0 prerequisites to your project, InstallShield also adds prerequisites for Windows Installer and Windows Imaging Component to your installation automatically by default. This could increase the size of your installation. In some cases, you may want to edit the .NET Framework 4 prerequisites in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor (which is available in the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield) to remove some of the dependencies. For example, if your product requires Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 and later, you may want to remove the Windows Installer 3.1 dependencies that target earlier versions of Windows.

### Additional Prerequisites for Visual Studio 2010 Support

InstallShield includes the following new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Microsoft SQL CE 3.5 SP2
- Microsoft ReportViewer 2010
- Microsoft VSTO 2010 Runtime
- FSharp Redistributable Package 2.0
- Microsoft Office 2007 PIA (This prerequisite installs the Microsoft Office 2007 Primary Interop Assemblies. To use this prerequisite, download the PrimaryInteropAssembly.exe file from Microsoft’s Web site and run it to extract the o2007pia.msi file. Note that you may need to change the path of the o2007pia.msi installation in the .prq file, depending on where the .msi package is located on your system.)

### Predefined System Searches for .NET Framework 4

InstallShield includes two new predefined system searches:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Full package
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Client package

If your installation requires either of these, you can use the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant or the System Search view to add these system searches to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.

This functionality applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

### See Also

- What’s New in InstallShield 2010
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2009 or Earlier

### What’s New in InstallShield 2010 SP1

InstallShield 2010 Service Pack 1 (SP1) includes changes that offer support for the final released versions of Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2, and Windows Installer 4.5. It also includes additional changes.
Important • If you want to open an InstallShield 2010 project in InstallShield 2010 SP1, you must allow InstallShield to upgrade your project to InstallShield 2010 SP1. InstallShield 2010 SP1 includes support for tables that were not available in InstallShield 2010 projects, and these tables need to be added during the upgrade. Note that it is not possible to open InstallShield 2010 SP1 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield (including InstallShield 2010 without SP1). Therefore, if multiple users need to open and modify your InstallShield projects, ensure that all of you apply the SP1 patch at the same time.

If you open an InstallShield 2010 project in InstallShield 2010 SP1, InstallShield 2010 SP1 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project before converting it.

**Setup.exe Manifests Now Have Compatibility Section to Avoid Triggering Program Compatibility Assistant on Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 Systems**

If you configure your InstallShield project to create a setup launcher for your installation, the manifest that InstallShield creates for the setup launcher now includes a compatibility section. Previously, without this compatibility section, a Program Compatibility Assistant (PCA) dialog box may have appeared at the end of an installation on Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 systems. The PCA dialog box indicated that the program might not have installed correctly. This dialog box was displayed if the installation did not create the application uninstallation key. This may happen if the end user cancels the installation or the installation fails to complete successfully.

**Support for Creating App-V Package Upgrades and for Compressing App-V Packages**

InstallShield now has support for creating App-V package upgrades. The Package Information page in the Microsoft App-V Assistant has a new Upgrade Settings link. Click this link to specify whether you want to create an upgrade. If you specify that you do want to create an upgrade, you can specify additional information about the upgrade, such as whether to append the version number to the App-V package file name. By default, App-V package upgrades are not created.

The Build Options page in the Microsoft App-V Assistant has a new setting that lets you specify whether you want to use compression for the data files in the App-V package. If you select Yes for this setting, InstallShield uses zlib compression for your App-V package.

The App-V upgrade and compression functionality is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and MSI Database.

The Microsoft App-V Assistant is available if you purchase the Premier Edition of InstallShield.

For more information, see:

- Specifying Upgrade Package Information
- Specifying Whether to Compress the Data Files in an App-V Package

**Windows Installer 5 Support for Configuring New Customization Options for Windows Services, Plus Other Service-Related Improvements**

InstallShield now includes support for configuring extended customization options for Windows services. The customization options include a new delayed auto-start capability to help system startup performance, improved failure detection and recovery options to improve system reliability, and more. Windows Installer 5 supports these new options; earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore them.
To configure the new service-related settings, use the new Services node in the Advanced Settings area for a component in the Setup Design view (in installation projects) or the Components view. All of the services for a component are now grouped and listed by service name under the Services node. In addition, the previously available service-related settings are now consolidated in the same grid with the new settings. In earlier versions of InstallShield, these previously available service-related settings were split among separate subviews for the Install NT Services and Control NT Services nodes. The consolidated grid of settings makes it easier to create a component that installs, configures, starts, stops, or deletes a new or existing service during installation or uninstallation.

This functionality is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

For more information, see:

- Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services
- Services Settings

Validation for the Windows 7 Logo Program

InstallShield includes two new validation suites: InstallShield Validation Suite for Windows 7 and InstallShield Merge Module Validation Suite for Windows 7. These validation suites can help you verify that your Windows Installer–based installation or merge module meets the installation requirements of the Compatible with Windows 7 logo program. If you want to be able to use the Windows 7 logo artwork, your product’s installation must meet the program’s requirements.

If you want to configure InstallShield to perform validation with these validation suites each time that a release is successfully built: On the Tools menu, click Options. On the Validation tab, select the appropriate check boxes.

If you want to perform validation separately from the build process: On the Build menu, point to Validation, and then click the appropriate new suite.

Windows Installer 5 Support for Setting Windows Shell Properties for a Shortcut

The Shortcuts view in InstallShield now lets you specify one or more shortcut properties that need to be set by the Windows Shell at run time. For example, if you do not want the Start menu entry for one of your shortcuts to be highlighted as newly installed after end users install your product, you can set a property for that shortcut. You might want to use this property with shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation.

Windows Installer 5 includes support for setting Shell shortcut properties. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore those properties.

For more information, see Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut.

Windows Installer 5 Support for the MsiPrint and MsiLaunchApp Control Events

When you are adding a control to a dialog in your project, you can select one of the new events that is now available for Windows Installer 5:

- **MsiPrint**—You can add this event to a push button control that is on a dialog that has a scrollable text control. When an end user clicks the push button control, the contents of the scrollable text control are printed.

- **MsiLaunchApp**—You can add this event to a check box control on a dialog, and select the file that you want to be launched in the event’s Argument setting. The check box enables end users to choose whether to run the file at the end of the installation. This event is typically used with a check box control that is on the SetupCompleteSuccess dialog. The check box control should include a condition that prevents the control from being displayed during uninstallation.
Windows Installer 5 includes support for these control events. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these events. Therefore, if your installation is run on a system that has Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier and you want to use one or both of these new events, add a condition to the dialog controls so that they are not displayed on systems that have Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier.

This functionality is available in Basic MSI projects.

Note that if you want to add the print or launch support to your project but your installation targets systems that have Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier, consider using the support that InstallShield provides. For information on adding the print support, see Specifying Dialogs for Your Installation in the Project Assistant. For information on adding the print support, see Adding a Print Button to a Dialog. The support that is available with InstallShield does not require Windows Installer 5.

### Additional Changes

For a list of issues that are resolved in InstallShield 2010 SP1, see the release notes. The release notes are available from the Help menu in InstallShield.

**See Also**

- What’s New in InstallShield 2010
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2009 or Earlier

### What’s New in InstallShield 2010

**InstallShield 2020**

#### New Features

InstallShield includes the following new features.

**Support for Creating Customized Virtual Applications**

Now you can use InstallShield to create customized virtual applications in the Microsoft App-V format. Virtualization enables you to isolate an application in its own environment so that it does not conflict with existing applications or modify the underlying operating system.

Virtual applications run in virtual environments that keep the application layer and the operating system layer separate. Each application includes its own configuration information in its virtual environment. As a result, many applications can run side-by-side with other applications on the same computer without any conflicts.

To create a virtual application, use the new Microsoft App-V tab that is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and MSI Database.

Virtualization support is available if you purchase the Premier Edition of InstallShield.

InstallShield also includes InstallShield prerequisites for the Microsoft App-V 4.5 Desktop Client installation and the Microsoft Application Error Reporting installation. The Application Error Reporting prerequisite is a dependency of the App-V prerequisite. The redistributable files for these InstallShield prerequisites are not available for download from within InstallShield, since you must obtain them from Microsoft. Once you obtain them from Microsoft, place them in the location that is displayed when you are editing these prerequisites in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

For more information, see:

- Creating Customized Virtual Applications
- About Virtualization
Creating Microsoft App-V Applications

Ability to Target Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 Systems
InstallShield enables you to specify that your installation requires Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2. It also lets you build feature and component conditions for these operating systems.

Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 Support for Displaying Installation Progress on the Taskbar
Installations that are run on Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 now show a progress bar on the Windows taskbar during file transfer. This applies to InstallScript and InstallScript MSI installations. In addition, it applies to Basic MSI installations that display billboards that were configured in the Billboards view. Note that a progress bar is not displayed on the taskbar on earlier versions of Windows. It is also not displayed during setup initialization or while InstallShield prerequisites are being installed.

Beta Windows Installer 5 Support for Per-User Installations
The General Information view has a new Show Per-User Option setting. This setting lets you specify whether you want the ReadyToInstall dialog—in certain scenarios—to include buttons that let end users indicate how they want to install the product: for the current user or for all users. The per-user button sets the new Windows Installer property MSIINSTALLPERUSER equal to 1 to indicate that the package should be installed for the current user. The MSIINSTALLPERUSER property is available with the beta of Windows Installer 5.

This feature is available in Basic MSI projects.
To learn more, see Per-User vs. Per-Machine Installations.

Beta Windows Installer 5 Support for Reducing the Time for Installing Large Packages
Use the new Fast Install setting in the General Information view to select one or more options that may help reduce the time that is required to install a large Windows Installer package. For example, you can specify that you do not want a system restore point to be saved for your installation. You can also specify that you want the installation to perform file costing, but not any other costing.

This setting configures the new Windows Installer property MSIFASTINSTALL, which can be set at the command line. Windows Installer 5 includes support for this property. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore it.

This setting is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform.
To learn more, see the description of the Fast Install setting.

Beta Support for Additional Windows Installer 5 Features
The Director Editor in InstallShield includes beta support for the new Windows Installer 5 tables (MsiLockPermissionEx, MsiServiceConfig, MsiServiceConfigFailureActions, and MsiShortcutProperty).
This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

Ability to Detect the Presence of a Virtual Machine
InstallShield lets you determine whether an installation is running on any of the following types of virtual machines:

- Microsoft Hyper-V
- A VMware product such as VMware Player, VMware Workstation, or VMware Server
- Microsoft Virtual PC
Two new Windows Installer properties are available when you add an MSI DLL custom action to your project to detect virtual machines: IS_VM_DETECTED and IS_VM_TYPE. The custom action should be configured to call the ISDetectVM function in the SetAllUsers.dll file, which is installed with InstallShield.

In addition, the InstallScript language has been expanded to support the detection. The structure SYSINFO contains a new blsVirtualMachine member, and a new VIRTUAL_MACHINE_TYPE constant is available for use with the InstallScript function GetSystemInfo.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, and Merge Module.

For more information, see Detecting Whether the Installation Is Being Run on a Virtual Machine.

**Support for 64-Bit COM Extraction**

InstallShield now supports 64-bit COM extraction. If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit operating system, InstallShield can extract COM data from a 64-bit COM server. In order to install the data to the correct locations, the component must be marked as 64 bit.

InstallShield must be installed on a 64-bit operating system in order to perform 64-bit COM extraction.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

To learn more, see:

- Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
- Extracting COM Information from a COM Server

**New Support for Setting Permissions for Files, Folders, and Registry Keys**

InstallShield offers two new ways to secure files, folders, and registry keys for end users who run your product in a locked-down environment:

- **Custom InstallShield handling**—In Windows Installer–based projects, you can choose to use custom support for setting permissions at run time. With this option, InstallShield stores permission information for your product in the custom ISLockPermissions table of the .msi database. InstallShield also adds custom actions to your project to set the permissions. This support is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

- **SetObjectPermissions, an InstallScript Function**—You can use the new SetObjectPermissions function in InstallScript events and InstallScript custom actions to set permissions at run time. You can use this function in the following project types: InstallScript, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

With the custom InstallShield handling option, the file, folder, or registry key for which you are setting permissions must be installed as part of your installation. With the SetObjectPermissions function, the file, folder, or registry key can be installed as part of your installation, or it can be already present on the target system.

Previously, the only option that InstallShield offered for setting permissions was to use the traditional Windows Installer handling. With this option, the permission information is stored in the LockPermissions table of the .msi database. The new custom InstallShield handling option and the SetObjectPermissions function offer several advantages over the traditional Windows Installer handling:

- The custom option and the SetObjectPermissions function include support for many well-known security identifiers (SIDs) that are not supported by the traditional Windows Installer handling option.
• The custom option and the `SetObjectPermissions` function support the use of localized user names for the supported SIDs, unlike the traditional option. With the traditional option, if you try to use a localized name to set permissions on a non-English system, the installation may fail.

• The custom option and the `SetObjectPermissions` function let you specify that you want to deny a user or group from having the permissions that you are specifying. The traditional handling does not allow you to do this.

• The custom option and the `SetObjectPermissions` function let you add permissions to a file, folder, or registry key that already exists on the target system, without deleting any existing permissions for that object. With the traditional handling, the existing permissions are deleted.

• The custom option and the `SetObjectPermissions` function let you configure permissions for a folder (or a registry key), and indicate whether you want the permissions to be applied to all of the folder’s subfolders and files (or the registry key’s subkeys). With the traditional handling, if you want to configure permissions for a subfolder or a file in a folder (or a subkey under a registry key), the parent that is created on the target system automatically inherits the permissions of its child.

• The custom option and the `SetObjectPermissions` function let you configure permissions for a new user that is being created during the installation. The traditional handling does not allow you to do this; the user must already exist on the target system at run time.

The General Information view has a new Locked-Down Permissions setting that lets you specify whether you want to use the new custom InstallShield handling or the traditional Windows Installer handling for all new permissions that you set for files, folders, and registry keys in your project. If you have already configured some permissions in your project and then you change the value of this setting, InstallShield lets you specify whether you want to use the alternate handling method for those already-existing permissions. In all new projects, the default value for this setting is the custom InstallShield handling option. If you upgrade a project from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2010, the traditional Windows Installer handling option is the default value of this setting. This new setting is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

For more information, see the following:

• Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment

• Selecting the Locked-Down Permissions Type for a Project

• `SetObjectPermissions`

• `SetObjectPermissions` Example

**Support for InstallShield Prerequisites in InstallScript Projects**

InstallShield now enables you to add InstallShield prerequisites to InstallScript projects. Previously, only Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects included support for this type of redistributable.

InstallShield prerequisites are redistributables that usually install a product or technology framework that is required by your product. Now you can add any of the InstallShield prerequisites that are provided with InstallShield—or any of your own custom-designed InstallShield prerequisites—to InstallScript projects. If you work on a mix of different project types, InstallShield lets you simplify your testing matrix by enabling you to reuse this type of redistributable in all of your Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

To add an InstallShield prerequisite to an InstallScript project, use the new Prerequisites view. InstallScript projects include support for the setup prerequisite type of InstallShield prerequisite, which is run before the main installation’s user interface is run. InstallScript projects do not have support for feature prerequisites, which are InstallShield prerequisites that are associated with features.
For more information, see:

- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
- Run-Time Behavior for an Installation that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites
- Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites
- Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific InstallShield Prerequisite
- Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level
- Designing InstallShield Prerequisites and Other Redistributables
- Prerequisites View

**New InstallShield Prerequisites for Windows Installer, .NET Framework, Crystal Reports, and Other Redistributables**

InstallShield includes a number of new InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Windows Installer 4.5 (The InstallShield prerequisites for Windows Installer 4.5 include the fix that is described in Microsoft KB958655.)
- Windows Installer 4.5 Update (The InstallShield prerequisites for the Windows Installer 4.5 Update include the fix that is described in Microsoft KB958655. Windows Installer 4.5 must already be installed on the target system for this update.)
- Windows Installer 3.1, Windows Installer 3.0, and Windows Installer 2.0 (These versions of Windows Installer redistributables were previously available if you added Windows Installer to your project in the Releases view. These versions were not previously available as InstallShield prerequisites.)
- .NET Framework 3.0 SP1
- .NET Framework 2.0 SP2
- Internet Explorer 8
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Express SP1
- Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express SP3
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable Package
- Oracle 11g Instant Client 11.1.0.7 (Oracle does not provide an installer for the Oracle Instant Client files, so you need to create an .msi package before you can use this InstallShield prerequisite in your projects. You can do so easily by using the Oracle Instant Client installation project that is installed with InstallShield (InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\Oracle Instant Client.)
- Crystal Reports Basic for Visual Studio 2008 (Use this prerequisite with the Crystal Reports Basic installation that is installed with Visual Studio 2008. Note that you may need to change the path of the Crystal Reports Basic installation in the .prq file, depending on where the .msi package is located on your system.)

**Microsoft SQL Server 2008 SP1 Support**

InstallShield now includes support for running SQL script on SQL Server 2008 SP1. In addition, InstallShield includes SQL Server 2008 SP1 in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports.
Oracle 11g Support

InstallShield now includes support for running SQL script on Oracle 11g. In addition, InstallShield includes Oracle 11g in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports.

New Tool for Scanning an IIS Web Site, Recording Its Settings, and Importing Those Settings into an InstallShield Project

InstallShield includes an IIS scanner (IISscan.exe), a new command-line tool for scanning an existing IIS Web site and recording IIS data about the Web site. The IIS scanner creates an XML file that contains all of the settings for the Web site, its virtual directories, its applications, and its application pools. You can use the XML file to import the IIS data into the Internet Information Services view in InstallShield. Once you have imported the IIS data into a project, you can use the Internet Information Services view to make changes to the IIS settings as needed.

The ability to import the IIS data into an InstallShield project is available only in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

For more information, see:

- Scanning an IIS Web Site and Importing Its Settings into an InstallShield Project
- Filtering IIS Data When Importing a Web Site and Its Settings into an InstallShield Project
- IISscan.exe

Ability to Add IIS Web Applications to Web Sites, Plus Other IIS-Related Improvements

InstallShield now lets you add IIS Web applications to Web sites. You can do so by right-clicking a Web site in the Internet Information Services view and clicking New Application. Once you have added a new application, you can configure its settings in the right pane.

InstallShield also lets you create a virtual directory without an application. Previously whenever you created a virtual directory, an application was also created automatically.

In addition, InstallShield has new IIS settings:

- Managed Pipeline Mode—This setting enables you to specify the appropriate request-processing pipeline mode—either integrated or classic—for an application pool.
- Enable 32-Bit Applications—This setting lets you specify whether you want to allow 32-bit applications in the selected application pool to be run on 64-bit systems.
- .NET Framework Version—This setting is where you specify the version of the .NET Framework that an application pool should load.
- ASP.NET Platform—If your installation may be run on a 64-bit version of Windows with the .NET Framework, use this setting to specify which ASP.NET platform should be used to map a Web site, application, or virtual directory to the ASP.NET version.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

To learn more, see:

- Creating a Web Site and Adding an Application or a Virtual Directory
- Internet Information Services View
New View for Configuring Run-Time Text File Changes

InstallShield has a new Text File Changes view, which enables you to configure search-and-replace behavior for content in text files—for example, .txt, .htm, .xml, .config, .ini, and .sql files—that you want to modify at run time on the target system. The text files can be part of your installation, or they can be files that are already present on target systems.

You can use Windows Installer properties to specify the names of the text files that you want to include in or exclude from your search. You can also use properties to specify the search strings and the replacement strings. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product's text files are modified on the target system. For example, if your project includes a dialog in which end users must specify an IP address, your installation can search a set of files for a token, and replace it with the IP address that end users enter.

Note that the Text File Changes view offers an alternative for configuring XML file changes in the XML File Changes view. Using the Text File Changes view offers some advantages. For example, this new view does not have any run-time requirements; however, changes that are configured through the XML File Changes view require MSXML to be present on the target system. In addition, configuring changes in the Text File Changes view does not require you to enter XPath queries, as is required in the XML File Changes view.

The Text File Changes view is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see:

- Modifying Text Files
- Creating a Text Change Set
- Specifying a Change for a Text File
- Changing the Order in Which Text File Changes Are Made
- Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files
- Specifying the Code Page that Should Be Used for Opening ANSI Text Files

New String Editor View

InstallShield has a new String Editor view. This view contains a spreadsheet-like table that shows the collection of language-independent identifiers and corresponding language-specific values for your project. In the String Editor view, you have complete and centralized control over the localizable text strings that are displayed at run time during the installation process. The view replaces the string tables that were previously available as nodes within the General Information view. Following is a list of some of the highlights of the new view:

- The view has a toolbar with buttons that let you add, edit, delete, find, replace, export, and import string entries. It also has a button that lets you search the project to identify all of the instances in which a specific string identifier is used.
- The top of the view has a new group box area; you can drag and drop column headings onto this area to organize the rows in the view in a hierarchical format. This functionality makes it easy to sort string entries by categories such as language and by modified date.
- This view has support for dynamic searches—as you are typing a string in the search box, InstallShield hides all of the string entries that do not contain it.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module.

For more information, see:
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- String Editor View
- Localizing the End-User Interface

Support for Unicode

InstallShield takes a three-pronged approach to fully supporting modern multilanguage installations: Windows Installer databases can now be built in a Unicode format, InstallShield projects are now stored in a Unicode format, and the InstallShield interface now supports entering and viewing Unicode characters from multiple character sets at the same time.

Unicode (UTF-8) Databases

The Build tab in the Releases view has a new Build UTF-8 Database setting that lets you specify that a Windows Installer database, along with any instance or language transforms, be built using the UTF-8 encoding. The UTF-8 encoding supports characters from all languages simultaneously, enabling you to mix and match, for example, Japanese and German, or Russian and Polish, both in text shown to end users and in file names and registry keys. These mixed languages work correctly regardless of the current language of the target system. Unicode support has also been added to key parts of the installation run times, including IIS support and changes to text and XML files.

The default value for the new Build UTF-8 Database setting is No.

The automation interface now includes support for this new setting. The ISWiRelease object includes a new BuildUTF8Database property that lets you specify whether you want to use the UTF-8 encoding.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

To learn more, see the description of the Build UTF-8 Database setting.

Unicode Project Files (*.ism)

InstallShield now uses the UTF-8 encoding when saving both binary and XML project files. Because of this change, the files, registry data, and other strings that are used in the project can include characters from all languages simultaneously. With this encoding, InstallShield no longer needs to use an unreadable Base64 encoding for strings that are stored in the ISString table. Instead, as you add or modify strings in a project, InstallShield now saves them as human-readable Unicode strings that you can easily examine for changes across revisions of your project. Therefore, InstallShield uses only Unicode strings for all new projects that are created in InstallShield 2010; for upgraded projects, InstallShield uses Unicode for new and modified strings, as well as for strings that have been exported and reimported.

If you use Unicode values that cannot be represented in the target build (for example, an InstallScript installation, or a Basic MSI installation in which No is selected for the Build UTF-8 Database setting), a new build error points to the item that needs to be changed. In some instances, this reveals invalid string entries that were silently allowed in earlier versions of InstallShield.

This feature applies to all project types.

Unicode Views in InstallShield

Many views in InstallShield have been enhanced to display and allow you to enter characters from all languages. For example, in the Files and Folders view, Chinese file names from your local English system are no longer displayed with question marks for their names, and now you can add these files to your project. Similarly, the Registry view no longer converts Thai registry keys or values to question marks, and you can install them with your Windows Installer–based projects. In addition, you can view and edit strings from all languages in the String Editor view, a new separate view; previously, string entries were available from separate language nodes in the General Information view. Examples of other enhanced views include the Property Manager, Path Variables, Direct Editor, General Information, and Setup Design views.
Note that whenever No is selected for the Build UTF-8 Database setting, all file names, registry keys, and other strings must still consist of characters from the code page of all target languages that will use it. In this scenario, if an item uses a character that is not available on the code page of a target language, InstallShield reports a new build error that points to this item; the Chinese file name cannot be used in an English installation unless Yes is selected for the Build UTF-8 Database setting.

This feature applies to all project types.

**New Billboard Support in Basic MSI Projects**

Basic MSI projects now include support for billboards. You can add billboards to your projects to display information to end users during the installation process. The billboards can be used to communicate, advertise, educate, and entertain end users. For example, billboards can present overviews on new features of the product being installed or other products from your company. Each billboard is a file that you or your company’s graphics department creates for complete control over the look and feel of the file transfer.

Following are some of the highlights regarding billboard support in Basic MSI projects:

- You can add an Adobe Flash application file (.swf) as a billboard in your project. Flash application files can consist of videos, movies, sounds, interactive interfaces, games, text, and more—anything that is supported by the .swf type of file.
- InstallShield lets you use .bmp, .gif, .jpg, and .jpeg files as billboards.
- InstallShield includes a Billboard Type setting that lets you specify which style of billboard you want to use in your installation. For example, with one style, the installation displays a full-screen background, with billboards in the foreground, and a small progress box in the lower-right corner of the screen. With another style, the installation displays a standard-size dialog that shows the billboards. The bottom of this dialog shows the progress bar.
- InstallShield lets you preview a billboard to see how it would be displayed at run time, without requiring you to build and run a release. Previewing a billboard lets you see how your billboard will look with the background color, position, and related settings that are currently configured for your billboard.

The Billboards view in InstallShield is where you add billboard files, configure billboard-related settings, and preview billboards.

To learn more, see:

- Displaying Billboards in Basic MSI Installations
- Billboard File Types for Basic MSI Projects
- Types of Billboards for Basic MSI Projects
- Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to a Basic MSI Project
- Adding Image Billboards to a Basic MSI Project
- Configuring Billboard Settings in a Basic MSI Project
- Previewing Billboards Without Building and Launching a Release
- Setting the Billboard Order in a Basic MSI Project
- Run-Time Behavior of a Basic MSI Installation that Includes Billboards

Previously, only InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects included support for billboards. Note that billboard support in these project types is different than support in Basic MSI projects. For more information, see Displaying Billboards.
Expanded Billboard Support in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects now let you use .gif, .jpg, and .jpeg files as billboards. Previously, only .bmp files were supported. Use the Support Files/Billboards view to add billboards to your project.

Billboard files in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects must follow a designated naming convention. Each file name must begin with **bbrd**, followed by the number of the billboard (from 1 through 99); each must end with a supported file extension (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, or .jpeg). Note that it is no longer necessary for the file name numbers to be contiguous; that is, you can add **bbrd1.jpg**, **bbrd3.jpg**, and **bbrd5.jpg** to your project, and each image is displayed at run time in order. Previously, there could not be any numbers missing from the file name sequence for your billboards. For example, if you added **bbrd1.bmp**, **bbrd2.bmp**, and **bbrd4.bmp** to your installation project, then **bbrd1.bmp** and **bbrd2.bmp** were displayed at run time; however, **bbrd4.bmp** was not displayed, since **bbrd3.bmp** was missing from the sequence.

For more information, see:

- Displaying Billboards in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations
- Naming Billboard Files in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
- Adding an Image Billboard to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

Ability to Play an Adobe Flash Application File (.swf) with the InstallScript Function PlayMMedia

The InstallScript function **PlayMMedia** now includes support for playing an Adobe Flash application file (.swf) on a background window during InstallScript and InstallScript MSI installations. Flash application files can consist of videos, movies, sounds, interactive interfaces, games, text, and more—anything that is supported by the .swf type of file.

If you are using a Flash file, you can use **SizeWindow** and **PlaceWindow** to control the size and placement of the background window that displays the Flash file.

For more information, see:

- PlayMMedia
- SizeWindow
- PlaceWindow
- Displaying a Background Window in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations

Support for HTML Controls on Dialogs During InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations

InstallShield includes support for HTML controls on dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects. HTML controls enable you to use HTML markup for dialog controls. You can include on dialogs links to Web pages, installed HTML files, and HTML support files. If an end user clicks the hyperlink on the run-time dialog, you can have the HTML page open in an Internet browser, or you can trigger other behavior that you have defined through your InstallScript code. The HTML control lets you use any valid HTML markup, including styles to control their appearance.

The HTML control also lets you display the HTML content directly on a dialog if the content is an installed HTML file or HTML support file.

A new InstallScript function called **CtrlGetUrlForLinkClicked** is available. This function retrieves the URL for a link that an end user clicked.

For more information, see:

- Using an HTML Control on a Dialog
- CtrlGetUrlForLinkClicked
Ability to Add Unsupported Languages to InstallScript Projects

The InstallShield Premier edition includes default run-time strings for InstallScript projects in 33 different languages. The InstallShield Premier edition also lets you use the New Language Wizard to add unsupported languages, beyond the built-in 33 languages, to InstallScript projects. Once you have added unsupported languages to an InstallScript project, you can use the String Editor view to provide translated strings for the unsupported languages. As an alternative, you can export a language’s string entries to a file, translate the string values in the file, and then import the translated file into your project. Previously, the New Language Wizard enabled you to add unsupported languages to only Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

For more information, see:

- Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
- New Language Wizard
- String Editor View

Ability to Specify Paths for Libraries to Which the InstallScript Compiler Should Link

The Compile/Link tab on the Settings dialog box has a new Additional Library Paths box that lets you specify the locations where the InstallScript compiler should search for InstallScript libraries (.obl files) that should be linked to your script. In addition, when you specify your custom libraries on this tab, you can now specify just the file name, without the full path. These changes enable you to move your libraries to different directories but still successfully compile your script without manually changing the path for libraries on the Compile/Link tab.

For more information, see Compile/Link Tab.

New FlexNet Connect 11.6 Redistributables Available

InstallShield includes support for FlexNet Connect 11.6 in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. Use the Update Notifications view in InstallShield to include one of the two FlexNet Connect 11.6 merge modules—one has the Common Software Manager, and the other does not. These merge modules replace the FlexNet Connect 11 merge modules.

DIFx 2.1.1 Support

InstallShield includes support for the latest version of Driver Install Frameworks for Applications (DIFx 2.1.1). This new version, which includes the latest binary files from Microsoft, is available for the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

Enhancements

InstallShield includes the following enhancements.

Usability Enhancements

Many of the views in InstallShield have been enhanced to improve productivity and usability. For example, several views contain new toolbars that make options easier to find. Some of the views that contain grids let you customize how the rows in a grid are organized. Searches are performed more quickly in the views that offer search capabilities. Following are examples of some of the highlights:

- Direct Editor view—When you select a table in this view, a new toolbar is displayed. The toolbar has buttons that let you add, cut, copy, paste, find, and replace data in the table. This view also has support for dynamic searches—as you
are typing a string in the search box, InstallShield hides all of the table records that do not contain it. When you are
adding or editing a record, InstallShield displays help text for each field.

- **Property Manager view**—This view contains a new toolbar that has buttons for performing tasks such as adding and
deleting properties. This view also has support for dynamic searches—as you are typing a string in the search box,
InstallShield hides all of the table records that do not contain it. The top of the view has a new group box area; you can
drag and drop column headings onto this area to organize the rows in the view in a hierarchical format. You can now
select multiple properties in this view (by using the mouse and the SHIFT or CTRL button) and then delete them all at
once.

- **Redistributables view**—The new toolbar and the new group box area in this view provide robust search and
organizational functionality. You can drag and drop column headings onto the group box area to organize the list of
redistributables in a hierarchical format. In addition, you can type a string in the toolbar’s search box, and
InstallShield hides all of the redistributables that do not contain it.

- **Internet Information Services view**—This view has been redesigned to look similar to IIS 7: the settings are now
displayed in grids, instead of on tabs. The grids have buttons that let you sort the grid settings by category or
alphabetically. When you select a setting in one of the grids in this view, InstallShield displays help information for
that setting in the lower-right pane.

- **General Information view**—All of the settings in this view are displayed in one grid, instead of as separate grids that are
associated with nodes within this view. The settings are grouped into several categories to make it easy to find a
particular setting. In addition, the grid has a button that lets you sort the grid settings by category or alphabetically.
The string tables that were previously in this view have been moved to a new String Editor view.

- **Path Variables view**—This view contains a new toolbar that has buttons for performing tasks such as adding and
deleting path variables. This view also has support for dynamic searches—as you are typing a string in the search box,
InstallShield hides all of the rows that do not contain it. The top of the view has a new group box area; you can drag
and drop column headings onto this area to organize the rows in the view in a hierarchical format. You can now select
multiple path variables in this view (by using the mouse and the SHIFT or CTRL button) and then delete them all at
once.

In addition, the **Output window**, which is displayed when you are building a release, performing validation, or compiling
script, has been enhanced. The Output window or its individual tabs can be docked to any side of the workspace in
InstallShield, or they can be dragged to free-floating positions. If you drag the Output window or one of its tabs to the edge
of the InstallShield interface, it becomes a docked window. If you drag the Output window or one of its tabs away from any
of the edges of the InstallShield interface, it becomes undocked.

For more information, see the following:

- **Working with the Group Box Area in Various Views**
- **Docking or Undocking the Output Window**

**Support for Specifying Action Progress Messages**

To keep end users informed, installations commonly display text on the progress dialog to describe the installation's
current activity. This usually accompanies the progress bar as a means of installation status. As each standard action and
custom action is encountered, a message about the action is displayed on the progress dialog. This may be especially
useful for actions that take a long time to execute. The same action text is also written to the installation’s log file if one is
created.

The Custom Actions and Sequences view has a new Action Text area that lets you specify action descriptions and details.
This is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform.
For more information, see:

- Using Action Text
- Specifying an Action Description and a Template for Action Data
- Displaying Action Descriptions on the Progress Dialog
- Displaying Action Data on the Progress Dialog

**Ability to Detect Whether a 64-Bit System Allows 32-Bit IIS Applications to Be Run**

At run time, you may need to have your installation check the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property on systems that have IIS 6. Depending on the requirements for your product and the results of that check, you may want the installation to skip a particular component that contains a 32-bit IIS 6 application, or a 64-bit IIS application, for example, and proceed with the rest of the file transfer.

InstallShield includes a sample Windows Installer DLL file that detects how the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property is set on a target system. You can add a custom action for this DLL to your project. If 32-bit applications are allowed, the Windows Installer property ISIIS6APPPOOLSUPPORTS32BIT is set to a value of 1; if they are not allowed, this property is not set. You can use this property in conditions to prevent or trigger certain behavior. For example, you can create a launch condition if you want the installation to exit if the ISIIS6APPPOOLSUPPORTS32BIT is set or not set.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For instructions on how to add the custom action to your project, see [Considerations for Supporting IIS 6 on 64-Bit Platforms](#).

**Ability to Detect Whether the IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility Feature Is Installed**

At run time, you can have your installation detect if the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature is installed on a target system, or if IIS 6 or earlier is installed. Depending on the requirements for your product and the results of that detection, you may want the installation to exit and display an error message.

For example, Web service extensions can be installed on systems that have IIS 6. On systems that have IIS 7, Web service extensions can be installed only if the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature is installed. Thus, you might want to configure your installation to verify that IIS 6 is present or the IIS 6 compatibility feature is installed; if either of those conditions are false, the installation would exit and display an error message.

InstallShield includes a sample Windows Installer DLL file that detects whether the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature is installed. You can add a custom action for this DLL to your project. If the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature is installed, the Windows Installer property ISIISMETABASECOMPATPRESENT is set to a value of 1; if it is not installed, this property is not set. You can use this property in conditions to prevent or trigger certain behavior. For example, you can create a launch condition if you want the installation to exit if the ISIISMETABASECOMPATPRESENT is set or not set.

This feature is available in the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For instructions on how to add the custom action to your project, see [Determining If a Target System Has IIS 6 or Earlier or the IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility Feature](#).

**Ability to Associate a Namespace Prefix with an Attribute of an XML File’s Element**

InstallShield now lets you add a namespace prefix to an attribute in the XML File Changes view. To do so, you can type the prefix, followed by a colon (:), in front of the attribute name. Previously, if an attribute contained a namespace prefix, the installation failed.
This enhancement applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see Adding a Namespace Prefix to an Attribute.

**Ability to Specify Whether an XML File Should Be Formatted After Run-Time Changes**

The Advanced tab for an XML file in the XML File Changes view has a new **Format XML after changes** check box that lets you specify whether you want the XML file to be formatted after the run-time changes are made to the file. When formatting the file, the installation adds indentations to the file and replaces empty-element tags with start tags and end tags. This may cause problems for `web.config` files, so you may want to clear this check box for your project.

This enhancement applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see Advanced Tab for an XML File.

**Predefined System Searches for the .NET Framework and Internet Explorer 8**

InstallShield has two new predefined system searches:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1
- Internet Explorer 8

If your installation requires any of these, you can use the System Search view or the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add these system searches to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.

This enhancement applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

**Custom Properties Are Now Listed in Condition Builder**

The Properties list on the Condition Builder dialog box now includes properties that are added in the Property Manager view. It also includes properties from searches that are created through the System Search Wizard. Therefore, when you are creating or editing a condition in InstallShield, you can now select your own custom properties without having to manually type them.

This enhancement applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and Transform.

**Ability to Specify a Maximum Service Pack Number and 64-Bit Locations for InstallShield Prerequisite Conditions**

The Prerequisite Condition dialog box, which is displayed when you are adding or modifying a condition for an InstallShield prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, has a new field that lets you specify the maximum service pack number. Previously, it was possible to specify a minimum service pack number, but not a maximum service pack number.

In addition, the Prerequisite Condition dialog box now includes the following 64-bit locations in the box that is displayed when you are specifying file-related conditions: `[CommonFiles64Folder]`, `[ProgramFiles64Folder]`, and `[System64Folder]`. You can select any of these properties if you want to use 64-bit locations in the file path. At run time, the installation checks these 64-bit locations if the target system is 64 bit. For 32-bit systems, the installation checks the 32-bit location equivalents.

For more information, see Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box.

**Enhancements to MSBuild Support**

The InstallShield task for MSBuild includes several new parameters:
• **RunMsiValidator**—Use this parameter to specify the .cub file that you want to use for validation. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldMsiValidators when the default targets file is used.

• **PatchConfiguration**—Use this parameter to specify the patch configuration that you want to build through MSBuild. This parameter is exposed as the property InstallShieldPatchConfiguration when the default targets file is used.

• **PathVariables**—Use this parameter to override the value of a path variable. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldPathVariableOverrides when the default targets file is used.

• **PreprocessorDefines**—Use this parameter to specify preprocessor definitions for compiling InstallScript. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldPreprocessorDefines when the default targets file is used.

For more information, see [Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)](https://docs.microsoft.com).

**Automation Interface Enhancements**


The following constants are now available for use with the OSFilter member of the ISWiComponent and ISWiRelease objects in the automation interface:

- **eosWin7** (33554432)—This is for Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2.
- **eosWinVista** (16777216)—This is for Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008.
- **eosWinServer2003** (8388608)

In addition, the value for the eosAll constant is now 64028880; previously, it was 5308624.

The OSFilter member applies to the ISWiComponent object in InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects. The OSFilter member applies to the ISWiRelease object in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects.

For more information, see the following:

- ISWiComponent Object
- ISWiRelease Object

**New IsPlatformSelected Property Values**

The list of available property values for the IsPlatformSelected property of the ISWiComponent object has been expanded. This property now has values for 32-bit, 64-bit Itanium, AMD64, and Windows Server 2003 R2. This applies to the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript Object.

Note that some of the values for the existing constants have changed. To learn the new values, see ISWiComponent Object.

**New AddSQLScriptEx Method for Adding a SQL Script to a Connection**

The AddSQLScriptEx method has been added to the ISWiSQLConnection object. Use this method to add an ISSQLScriptFile entry and generate a valid name from the passed string. The method ensures that the names of the entries in the ISSQLScriptFile table are unique and less than 47 characters in length.

**New RunOnLogon and Condition Properties for the ISWiSQLScript Object**

The read-write RunOnLogon property has been added to the ISWiSQLScript object. This property corresponds with the Run Script During Login check box on the Runtime tab for a SQL script in the SQL Scripts view.
The read-write Condition property has also been added to the ISWiSQLScript object. This property specifies the condition that is evaluated at run time to determine whether the SQL script should be run during installation or uninstallation. If the condition evaluates to true, the script is run. This property is available for the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

**New DisplayName Property for the ISWiUpgradeTableEntry Object**

The read-write DisplayName property has been added to the ISWiUpgradeTableEntry object. This property gets or sets the name of an upgrade entry. This is the internal name that is displayed for an upgrade item in the Upgrades view. This property is available for the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

**Enhancements to the InstallScript Language for Operating Systems**

The following structure members and predefined constants were added to the InstallScript language:

- **SYSINFO.WINNT.bWin7_Server2008R2**—This is a new SYSINFO structure member. If the operating system is Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2, this value is TRUE.

- **SYSINFO.bWinServer2003R2**—This is a new SYSINFO structure member. If the operating system is Windows Server 2003 R2, this value is TRUE. (Note that the value of SYSINFO.WINNT.bWinServer2003 is also TRUE on this operating system.)

- **ISOSL_WIN7_SERVER2008R2**—This is a new predefined constant that is available for use with the FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable. It indicates that the target system is running Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2.

- **ISOS_ST_SERVER2003_R2**—This is a new operating system suite that is available for use with the FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable. It indicates that the target system is running Windows Server 2003 R2.

In addition, some items were renamed:

- The SYSINFO.WINNT.bWinVista structure member does not distinguish between Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008. Therefore, the new member SYSINFO.WINNT.bWinVista_Server2008 is now available. The old alias is still available, but the new one may be preferred for clarity in code.

- The ISOSL_WINVISTA predefined constant does not distinguish between Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008. Therefore, the new constant ISOSL_WINVISTA_SERVER2008 is now available. The old alias is still available, but the new one may be preferred for clarity in code.

For more information, see FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable.

**Ability to Easily Override InstallScript Dialog Source Code in the InstallScript View**

The event category drop-down list in the InstallScript view has a new Dialog Source option. If you select this option, the event handler drop-down list shows all of the built-in InstallScript dialogs. You can select any dialog in this list to modify its code.

This functionality applies to the following project types: InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object.

For information about built-in InstallScript dialog functions that are available when you select the Dialog Source option, see Dialog Functions.
Changes to the Major and Minor Version Registry Entries for the Uninstall Key of InstallScript Installations

InstallScript installations now create VersionMajor and VersionMinor registry values in the Uninstall key; the names of these values now match the entries that are created during Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations. This applies to new installations that are created in InstallShield 2010, as well as installations that are upgraded from InstallShield 2009 or earlier. Previously, in InstallShield 2009 and earlier, the names of the values that InstallScript installations created were MajorVersion and MinorVersion; these are no longer created.

In order to use the new registry values, the values of the following InstallScript constants have been changed:

- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MAJORVERSION is now VersionMajor instead of MajorVersion.
- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MINORVERSION is now VersionMinor instead of MinorVersion.

When the `MaintenanceStart` function is called, it creates the updated value names in the registry. By default, it also deletes the old value names if they exist. If you do not want the old value names to be deleted from target systems, you can use the new REGDB_OPTIONS option called REGDB_OPTION_NO_DELETE_OLD_MAJMIN_VERSION.

If REGDB_UNINSTALL_MAJOR_VERSION or REGDB_UNINSTALL_MINOR_VERSION is used with the `RegDBGetItem` function, `RegDBGetItem` first checks for the new value; if the new value is found, the function returns the value data from the new value. If the new value is not found, the function automatically checks for the old value; if the old value is found, the function returns the value data from the old value.

To provide backwards compatibility, the following new constants are available:

- REGDB_UNINSTALL_MAJOR_VERSION_OLD
- REGDB_UNINSTALL_MINOR_VERSION_OLD

You can specify these constants with the `RegDBGetItem`, `RegDBSetItem`, and `RegDBDeleteItem` functions to get, set, and delete the old values.

The following new string constants are also available:

- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MAJORVERSION_OLD is defined as MajorVersion.
- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MINORVERSION_OLD is defined as MinorVersion.

For more information, see the following:

REGDB_OPTIONS
RegDBSetItem
RegDBGetItem
RegDBDeleteItem
**New CtrlGetDlgItem Function for Retrieving the Window Handle of a Control in a Custom InstallScript Dialog**

A new InstallScript function called `CtrlGetDlgItem` is now available. The `CtrlGetDlgItem` function retrieves the window handle of a control in a custom dialog. `CtrlGetDlgItem` is similar to the Windows API `GetDlgItem`, except that with `CtrlGetDlgItem`, you can specify the InstallScript dialog name instead of the dialog's window handle. For more information, see `CtrlGetDlgItem`.

**New InstallScript Constant for Passing a Null Pointer for an InstallScript String to an External DLL Function**

You can use the `IS_NULLSTR_PTR` variable to pass a null pointer to an external DLL function or Windows API through a parameter that has been prototyped as an InstallScript string. This functionality works for `byval` string, `byref` string, `wstring`, and binary data types. For more information, see `IS_NULLSTR_PTR`.

**New StrConvertSizeUnit Function for Converting an InstallScript Size Unit Constant to a Display String**

A new InstallScript function called `StrConvertSizeUnit` is now available. The `StrConvertSizeUnit` function returns the appropriate display string for the InstallScript size unit constant that is specified. For more information, see `StrConvertSizeUnit`.

**New StrTrim Function for Removing Leading and Trailing Spaces and Tabs from a String**

A new InstallScript function called `StrTrim` is now available. The `StrTrim` function removes the leading and trailing spaces and tabs from a string. For more information, see `StrTrim`.

**New SdLicense* Dialog Functions to Supersede Existing SdLicense* Dialog Functions**

Two new InstallScript dialog functions—`SdLicenseEx` and `SdLicense2Ex`—are now available. They both display a dialog that contains a license agreement in a multi-line edit field. The license agreement can be stored in a text file (.txt) or a rich text file (.rtf).

- `SdLicenseEx` displays a dialog that shows a question in a static text field. The end user responds by clicking the Yes or No button. `SdLicenseEx` supersedes `SdLicense` and `SdLicenseRtf`.

- `SdLicense2Ex` displays a dialog that has two radio buttons (one for accepting the terms of the license agreement, and one for not accepting them). The Next button becomes enabled when the end user clicks the appropriate button to accept the terms of the license agreement. `SdLicense2Ex` supersedes `SdLicense2` and `SdLicense2Rtf`.

**New ListFindKeyValueString Function for Searching Lists of Key-Value Pairs**

A new InstallScript function called `ListFindKeyValueString` is now available. The `ListFindKeyValueString` function searches a string or number list for a specified value. It returns a value from an additional list that corresponds with the position of the found string in the first list. This enables you to search lists of key-value pairs for a particular key and retrieve the corresponding value.

For more information, see `ListFindKeyValueString`.

**New InstallScript Code Examples**

The InstallShield documentation now has sample code for the following InstallScript functions:
• AdminAskPath
• CharReplace
• FormatMessage
• LogReadCustomNumber
• LogReadCustomString
• LogWriteCustomNumber
• LogWriteCustomString

You can copy this code from the InstallShield documentation, paste it into your InstallScript code, and customize it as necessary.

Expanded InstallScript Cabinet File Viewer

The Cabinet File Viewer now provides additional information about .cab files for InstallScript projects.

• For features that were built by InstallShield, the viewer has the following new fields: Password Protected, Split Before, Split After, Split Not Allowed, and Split Before Not Allowed, and Image Index.

• For InstallScript Objects that are included in the InstallScript installation, the viewer has a new Object version field.

• For components, the viewer has the following new fields: Encrypted, Data as Files, and .NET Assembly.

• For media, the viewer has the following new field: Executable File.

See Also

Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2009 or Earlier
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2008 or Earlier
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 12 or Earlier
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier

What’s New in InstallShield 2009 SP2

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield 2009 Service Pack 2 (SP2) includes the following changes:

Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 SP1 Support

InstallShield now supports Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 and Microsoft SQL Server 2008, as described below.

In addition, InstallShield integration with Visual Studio supports Visual Studio 2008 SP1, enabling development of installations and products within the Visual Studio interface.

Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 Prerequisite Available

InstallShield includes two new .NET-related InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects:

• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 (Web Download)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 (Full Package)
To learn more, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.

**Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Support**

InstallShield now includes support for running SQL script on SQL Server 2008. In addition, InstallShield includes SQL Server 2008 in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports.

**Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Express Prerequisites Available**

InstallShield now includes InstallShield prerequisites for Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Express Edition. You can add these InstallShield prerequisites to Basic MSI, and InstallScript MSI projects.

In order to support these new prerequisites, the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor has a new registry condition type.

**New Registry Condition Type in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**

The InstallShield Prerequisite Editor has a new type of condition option called *A registry entry has a specified version value*. Use this condition type when you want the installation to check the target system to see if a version number that is stored as the value data of a particular registry entry is greater than, less than, or equal to a version number that you specify in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. For more information about this new condition, see Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box.

**Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express SP2 (x86 and x64 WOW) Prerequisite Available**

InstallShield now includes a new InstallShield prerequisite for Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express Edition SP2. This prerequisite installs Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express Edition SP2 on 32-bit and 64-bit (WOW) systems. You can add this InstallShield prerequisite to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

**New FlexNet Connect 11.0.1 Redistributables Available**

InstallShield includes support for FlexNet Connect 11.0.1 in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. Use the Update Notifications view in InstallShield to include one of the two FlexNet Connect 11.0.1 merge modules—one has the Common Software Manager, and the other does not. These merge modules replace the FlexNet Connect 11 merge modules. For details about the changes in the updated merge modules, see the FlexNet Connect release notes.

**Additional Changes**

For a list of issues that are resolved in InstallShield 2009 SP2, see the release notes. The release notes are available from the Help menu in InstallShield.

**See Also**

What’s New in InstallShield 2009 SP1  
What’s New in InstallShield 2009  
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2008 or Earlier

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**What’s New in InstallShield 2009 SP1**

InstallShield 2009 supports a beta version of Windows Installer 4.5. InstallShield 2009 Service Pack 1 (SP1) includes changes that offer support for the final released version of Windows Installer 4.5:
InstallShield Prerequisites for Windows Installer 4.5

InstallShield now includes the following InstallShield prerequisites for the final released version of the Windows Installer 4.5 redistributables:

- Windows Installer 4.5 for Windows Vista and Server 2008 (x86)
- Windows Installer 4.5 for Windows Vista and Server 2008 (x64)
- Windows Installer 4.5 for Windows Vista and Server 2008 (IA64)
- Windows Installer 4.5 for Windows Server 2003 SP1 and later (x86)
- Windows Installer 4.5 for Windows Server 2003 and XP (x64)
- Windows Installer 4.5 for Windows Server 2003 (IA64)
- Windows Installer 4.5 for Windows XP SP2 and later (x86)

You can add these InstallShield prerequisites to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects if you want Windows Installer 4.5 to be installed at run time.

For more information, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

Additional Changes

For a list of issues that are resolved in InstallShield 2009 SP1, see the release notes. The release notes are available from the Help menu in InstallShield.

See Also
What’s New in InstallShield 2009
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2008 or Earlier

What’s New in InstallShield 2009

New Features

InstallShield includes the following new features.

Ability to Associate InstallShield Prerequisites with Features for Chaining Installations

InstallShield now enables you to associate InstallShield prerequisites with one or more features. This new type of InstallShield prerequisite is called a feature prerequisite. It is installed if a feature that contains the prerequisite is installed and if the prerequisite is not already installed on the system.

Including InstallShield prerequisites in your project enables you to chain multiple installations together, bypassing the Windows Installer limitation that permits only one Execute sequence to be run at a time. The Setup.exe setup launcher serves as a bootstrap application that manages the chaining.

The Redistributables view is where you add InstallShield prerequisites to a project and specify whether you want them to run before your main installation or be associated with one or more features in your main installation.

Previously, all InstallShield prerequisite installations were run before the main installation ran, and the InstallShield prerequisites could not be associated with any features. This type of prerequisite, which is still available, is called a setup prerequisite.
Basic MSI projects include support for this feature.

To learn more, see:

- Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites
- Associating an InstallShield Prerequisite with a Feature in a Basic MSI Project
- Run-Time Behavior for an Installation that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites
- Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects

**Beta Windows Installer 4.5 Support for Installation of Multiple Packages Using Transaction Processing**

InstallShield lets you add Windows Installer packages to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects as chained .msi packages. If your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation includes chained .msi packages and Windows Installer 4.5 is present on the target system, the Windows Installer installs the multiple packages using transaction processing. The packages are chained together and processed as a single transaction. If one or more of the packages in the transaction cannot be installed successfully or if the end user cancels the installation, the Windows Installer initiates rollback for all of the packages to restore the system to its earlier state.

The Chained .msi Packages area of the Releases view is where you add to your project one or more .msi packages that you want to be chained to your main installation. This area is also where you can assign release flags to the chained .msi packages, configure settings such as the properties that should be passed to the chained packages, and specify conditions.

For more information, see:

- Configuring Multiple Packages for Installation Using Transaction Processing
- Overview of Multiple-Package Installations that Use Transaction Processing
- Adding a New Chained .msi Package to Your Project
- Chained .msi Package Settings

**Beta Windows Installer 4.5 Support for Using the InstallScript Engine as an Embedded User Interface for InstallScript MSI Installations**

For InstallScript MSI projects, you now have the option to use the InstallScript engine as an embedded custom user interface (UI) handler, rather than as an external custom UI handler, as it has traditionally been used. Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for this new capability. Use this new embedded option if you want end users to be able to launch your installation directly from an .msi package, but you also want your installation to include a highly customized user interface that you have defined through InstallScript.

To specify whether you want to use the new embedded InstallScript UI functionality or the traditional external InstallScript UI functionality, use the new InstallScript User Interface Type setting; this is a project-wide setting in the General Information view. By default, InstallShield uses the traditional style for all InstallScript MSI projects; a Setup.exe setup launcher is required for this traditional option.

A new INSTALLSCRIPTMSIEEUI variable is available. This variable is set to True at run time if the new style is used; otherwise, it is set to False.

Note that the new style does have some limitations that the traditional style does not. For example, some of the InstallScript functions and command-line parameters are not supported or behave differently with the new style. For detailed information about the two styles, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.

For additional information, see:
Beta Windows Installer 4.5 Support for Shared Component Patching

InstallShield includes support for the new shared component patching feature that is available with Windows Installer 4.5. The new Multiple Package Shared Component setting in the Components view lets you specify whether you want to enable shared component patching for the selected component. Selecting Yes sets a new component attribute that is designed to prevent Windows Installer from downgrading files when patches that contain components shared across multiple packages are uninstalled. The intent is to keep the highest version of a component present on the target system, even if the patch that contains that highest version is being uninstalled. The default value for this option is No.

Windows Installer 4.5 supports this new functionality; earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this new setting. In addition, if the DisableSharedComponent policy is set to 1 on a target system, Windows Installer ignores this setting for all packages.

This feature applies to Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and Transform projects.

To learn more, see Specifying Whether Shared Component Patching Should Be Enabled for a Component.

Beta Windows Installer 4.5 Support for Superseding Components

Use the new Uninstall Superseded Component setting in the Components view to specify how you want Windows Installer 4.5 to handle the selected component during installation of a superseding patch under certain conditions. To specify that this component in the current patch should be flagged for uninstallation in order to avoid leaving this component orphaned on the target system after a superseding patch is applied, select Yes. If a subsequent patch is installed and it is flagged to supersede the first patch, Windows Installer can unregister and uninstall this component if appropriate. If you select No, the superseding patch can leave an orphaned component on the target system, and none of the feature’s remaining components can be maintained. The default value for this setting is No.

Windows Installer 4.5 supports this new functionality; earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this new setting.

This feature applies to Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and Transform projects.

For more information, see the description of the Uninstall Superseded Component setting.

To learn more about patch sequences, see Patch Sequencing.

Beta Windows Installer 4.5 Support for Running a Custom Action Only During Patch Uninstallation

Use the new Run During Patch Uninstall setting for a custom action to indicate whether Windows Installer should run the selected custom action only when a patch is being uninstalled. This setting is available in the Custom Actions and Sequences view of Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects. It is also available in the Custom Actions view of Merge Module and MSM Database projects.

You can also use the Run During Patch Uninstall check box on the Additional Options panel in the Custom Action Wizard to configure the behavior of a custom action.

For details about this new functionality, see Run During Patch Uninstall.

Beta Support for Windows Installer 4.5 Redistributables

InstallShield includes several InstallShield prerequisite files (.prq) for Windows Installer 4.5.
This feature applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

For more information, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

**Ability to Create Unicode Versions of the Setup.exe and Update.exe Bootstrappers**

InstallShield now enables you to specify whether you want to create a Unicode version or an ANSI version of the Setup.exe setup launcher for a Basic MSI project. Previously, if your Basic MSI project included a setup launcher, InstallShield always built an ANSI version; it did not include support for building a Unicode version.

A Unicode setup launcher can correctly display double-byte characters in the user interface of the setup launcher, regardless of whether the target system is running the appropriate code page for the double-byte-character language. An ANSI setup launcher displays double-byte characters in the setup launcher dialogs if the target system is running the appropriate code page. However, it displays garbled characters instead of double-byte characters in those dialogs if the target system is not running the appropriate code page.

Use the new Setup Launcher Type setting on the Setup.exe tab for a release in the Releases view to specify whether you want to use Unicode or ANSI. Unicode is the default type for all new Basic MSI projects.

InstallShield also now enables you to specify whether you want to create a Unicode version or an ANSI version of the Update.exe update launcher for a patch or a QuickPatch package.

Use the new Update Launcher Type setting on the Advanced tab for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view to specify whether you want to use Unicode or ANSI. For a QuickPatch project, the Update Launcher Type setting is on the Advanced tab in the Build Settings area of the General Information view. Unicode is the default type for all new patch configurations and QuickPatch packages.

**Ability to Create a Log File for the Setup.exe Bootstrapper**

A new /debuglog command-line parameter is available for the Setup.exe setup launcher for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. Use this command-line parameter to generate a log file for debugging. For more information, see /debuglog.

**Support for Managed-Code Custom Actions**

InstallShield lets you add managed-code custom actions to Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects. This type of custom action calls a public method in a .NET assembly that is written in managed code such as Visual Basic .NET or C#.

For detailed information, see:

- Calling a Public Method in a Managed Assembly
- Run-Time Requirements for Managed-Code Custom Actions
- Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action
- Configuring Custom Action Settings

**Support for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product**

InstallShield now includes support for creating an installation that allows an .msi package to be used to install multiple instances of a product in the same context on the same machine. Use the new Multiple Instances tab for a product configuration in the Releases view to define different instances of your product and configure the properties that are associated with each instance.
At build time, InstallShield creates a product code-changing instance transform for each instance and streams the instance transforms into the .msi package. At run time, the setup launcher displays a new instance selection dialog that lets end users specify whether they want to install a new instance, or update or maintain an already installed instance.

In addition, if you build a patch in the Patch Design view for a product whose installation includes multiple-instance support, InstallShield now creates a patch that enables end users to update a specific instance or all instances. At run time, the Update.exe file displays a patch version of the instance selection dialog.

A new /Instance command-line option is available for Setup.exe and Update.exe. This option lets you specify which instance you want to install, update, or uninstall; it also lets you suppress the instance selection dialog.

Multiple-instance support is available for Basic MSI projects.

For more information, see:
- Installing Multiple Instances of Products
- Run-Time Requirements for Multiple-Instance Support
- Configuring Multiple Instances in InstallShield
- Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support
- Configuring and Building a Release that Includes Multiple-Instance Support
- Creating Patches for Multiple Instances of a Product
- Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product
- Creating a Setup Launcher
- Multiple Instances Tab for a Product Configuration
- Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters

New Microsoft .NET Redistributables Available

InstallShield now includes many new .NET-related InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 (Web Download)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 (Full Package)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 Language Packs (x86, x64, IA64)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 SP1 (Web Download)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 Language Packs
- Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 SP1 (x86, x64, IA64)

In addition, an updated Microsoft .NET Framework object is available in InstallShield for InstallScript projects. This object includes support for versions 3.5, 3.0 SP1, 3.0, 2.0 SP1, 2.0, 1.1 SP1, and 1.0 SP3 of the .NET Framework, including 32-bit, 64-bit x64, and 64-bit Itanium versions. The object also includes all supported language packs, as well as the Web downloader redistributables where available.

For more information, see:
- Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects
New .msi Package Tools

InstallShield includes several new tools:

• InstallShield MSI Diff enables you to quickly compare two .msi, .msm, or .pcp files. It lets you apply one or more .msp and .mst files to an .msi file and see the changes in the resulting .msi database. You can also use this tool to compare two InstallShield project files (.ism or .ise) that are saved in binary format. This tool uses color coding to show additions, modifications, deletions, and schema differences. You can easily integrate it with most source code control systems.

• InstallShield MSI Query lets you test SQL statements using the Windows Installer version of SQL before you run them in your build script. You can quickly see if a SQL statement is formatted correctly and view the results that it generates.

• InstallShield MSI Sleuth is a diagnostic tool that lets you view the current installed state of a target system. InstallShield MSI Sleuth displays a list of all of the .msi packages that are installed. You can click any .msi package in the list to see the status of its features and components, its known source locations, as well as tables and binary streams within the database. This tool also helps you identify the installed product or products whose packages contain a specific component code.

• InstallShield MSI Grep searches a collection of .msi and .msm packages for specific text. You can narrow the search to show results for only certain tables or columns.

You can launch any of these tools from the InstallShield Tools subfolder on the Windows Start menu.

These InstallShield MSI tools are included with the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield. The Premier edition also includes a separate installation and extra licenses that let you install just the tools, without InstallShield, on separate machines. For specific terms, see the InstallShield End-User License Agreement.

For more information, see InstallShield MSI Tools.

Ability to Compress Files that Are Streamed into Setup.exe and ISSetup.dll and to Specify the Compression Level

If you build a release that uses a Setup.exe setup launcher or a ISSetup.dll file (which contains the InstallScript engine), InstallShield now compresses files that it streams into the Setup.exe file or the ISSetup.dll file. The default compression level that InstallShield uses offers a balance between file size and time that is required to extract the compressed files at run time. If you want to change the compression level or you do not want to use any compression, you can override the default level through a machine-wide setting.

By default, InstallShield does not compress any files that have a .cab file extension when it is streaming them into the Setup.exe file at build time, since .cab files are already a compressed type of file. You can modify this default compression exclusion list to include other file types or specific files as needed. The exclusion list is a machine-wide setting.

This feature applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

For more information, see Configuring the Compression Level for Files that Are Streamed into Setup.exe and ISSetup.dll.

Support for Multi-Part .cab Files

The .cab file type has some limitations. For example, the maximum size of a single .cab file is 2 GB. In addition, some users have had trouble signing large .cab files and verifying the digital signature of large signed .cab files. To work around these limitations, InstallShield now has a new default limit of 600 MB for a .cab file. When InstallShield is creating the .cab files for your release and it reaches the limit, it splits the data into two or more .cab files, creating multi-part .cab files.
You can modify the maximum size limit if necessary. In addition, if you do not want InstallShield to create multi-part .cab files, you can configure it to create single .cab files.

This functionality applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. In addition, it is applicable only if you are building a compressed network image release in which all of the files are embedded in the single-file .msi package or the Setup.exe setup launcher. This functionality does not apply to custom compression, where only the files that are associated with one or more features are compressed into .cab files.

For more information, see Configuring the Maximum Size for .cab Files.

Support for Adding an Open Dialog to a Basic MSI Installation to Let End Users Browse to a File

InstallShield includes support for launching the Open dialog from one of the dialogs in your Basic MSI installation. End users click a browse button in one of your dialogs, and this launches the Open dialog. The Open dialog lets the end user browse for a file. When the end user selects the file and clicks the Open button, the Open dialog closes, and the installation writes the full path and file name in an edit field on the dialog. The installation also sets the value of the IS_BROWSE_FILEBROWSED property to the path and file name of the file that the end user selected.

To use this functionality, you must add to your project the new Windows Installer DLL custom action called FileBrowse. This custom action calls the FileBrowse.dll file. In addition, you must add an edit field control and the browse button that launches the Open dialog, and set a related dialog event. For complete instructions, see Launching a File Open Dialog.

Support for Installing IIS 7 Web Sites on Windows Server 2008

InstallShield now lets you create and manage IIS 7 Web sites, virtual directories, Web service extensions, and application pools on Windows Server 2008 systems. This functionality is available in Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express SP2 Prerequisite Available

InstallShield now includes an InstallShield prerequisite for Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express Edition SP2. You can add this InstallShield prerequisite to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

MySQL 5.0 Support

InstallShield now lists the 5.0.x versions of MySQL in the predefined list of database servers that you can select when you are specifying in the SQL Scripts view the target database servers that your product supports. Previously, it was necessary to create a custom version requirement.

Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 Support

InstallShield is now integrated with Visual Studio 2008, enabling development of installations and products within the same Visual Studio interface.

Ability to Convert Visual Studio Setup and Merge Module Projects to InstallShield Projects


Converting these Visual Studio projects to InstallShield projects enables you to modify the layout of dialogs through a visual Dialog Editor, manage features and components, and use other functionality that is available in InstallShield.

To learn more, see Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects.
Arabic (Saudi Arabia) and Hebrew Language Support, and Dialog Editor Support for Right-to-Left Languages

InstallShield now includes support for Arabic (Saudi Arabia) and Hebrew languages, which are written and read from right to left. All of the default end-user dialog strings are available in these languages.

Since these languages are read from right to left, InstallShield also includes support for mirroring Arabic and Hebrew dialogs; that is, InstallShield uses a right-to-left layout for Arabic and Hebrew dialogs. Thus, for example, buttons that are on the right side of dialogs in English and other left-to-right languages are moved to the left side of right-to-left-language dialogs. In addition, InstallShield uses mirror-image versions of the dialog images that are displayed for the built-in dialog themes.

The right-to-left layouts and reversed images are used in the Dialog Editor pane in the Dialogs view of InstallShield, and also at run time.

The Arabic and Hebrew support is available in the InstallShield Premier Edition. The Premier edition now includes support for 35 different languages.

The following project types include support for this feature: Basic MSI and Merge Module.

For more information, see Dialog Support for Right-to-Left Languages.

String Entry Validation in InstallScript Files (.rul)

When you build a project that includes an InstallScript file (.rul) and the InstallScript code contains one or more references to string entries that use the string constant operator (@), InstallShield now validates the string entries at build time.

If a string identifier in the project’s InstallScript file is not defined for one of the project’s string entries, InstallShield displays build warning -7174.

This applies to the following project types: Basic MSI with InstallScript custom actions, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, and Merge Module with InstallScript custom actions.

To learn more, see:
• Description of build warning -7174
• String Constant Operator (@)

New FlexNet Connect 11 Redistributables Available

InstallShield includes support for FlexNet Connect 11 in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. Use the Update Notifications view in InstallShield to include one of the two FlexNet Connect 11 merge modules—one has the Common Software Manager, and the other does not.

Enhancements

InstallShield includes the following enhancements.

Best Practice Dynamic File Linking

When you add or modify a dynamic file link in your project, you can now specify which component creation method you want InstallShield to use: a new best practice method, or the previously available one-component-per-directory method.
When best practices for component creation are followed, InstallShield creates a separate component for each portable executable (PE) file in the dynamically linked folder and sets each PE file as the key file of its component. If you later want to create a patch that updates one of the dynamically linked PE files, it is easier to do so than it would be if you had used the one-component-per-directory method.

Previously, any time that you added dynamic file links to a project, InstallShield automatically created one component for all of the dynamically linked files at build time. However, if your dynamic file link included PE files, Windows Installer best practices for component creation were not followed.

By default, InstallShield considers the following file types to be PE files: .exe, .dll, .ocx, .vxd, .chm, .hlp, .tlb, and .ax. You can modify this list through the new File Extensions tab on the Options dialog box.

The automation interface includes support for this new best practice method. The ISWiDynamicFileLinking object includes a new CreateBestPracticeComponents property that lets you specify whether you want to use the best practice method, or the previously available one-component-per-directory method for a dynamic file link. When you create a new dynamic file link using the AddDynamicFileLinking method, the best practice method is used by default.

The best practice dynamic file linking applies to Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

To learn more, see:
- Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files
- Dynamic File Link Settings Dialog Box
- File Extensions Tab
- ISWiDynamicFileLinking Object
- AddDynamicFileLinking Method

Ability to Hide Setup Prerequisites from the List of Prerequisites to Be Installed

If a target system needs one or more setup prerequisites to be installed, the setup prerequisite dialog is displayed at run time before the main installation runs. The Behavior tab in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor has a new check box that lets you specify whether you want a setup prerequisite to be hidden from the list of prerequisites in the prerequisite dialog. If a prerequisite is hidden, it is installed when the conditions require it, even though it is not listed as one of the prerequisites that needs to be installed.

New prerequisites and existing prerequisites that were created before this functionality was available are not hidden by default. You can change this behavior by selecting the new check box on the Behavior tab.

For more information, see Specifying Whether to Include the Name of a Prerequisite in the List of Setup Prerequisites to Be Installed on the Target System.

Ability to Show the Progress of an InstallShield Prerequisite Installation at Run Time

The Behavior tab in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor has a new check box that lets you specify whether you want the prerequisite installation to show installation progress messages from Windows Installer at run time. This augments the progress bar to reflect the current progress status of the .msi installation. This functionality is available only if the prerequisite launches an .msi file; it is not possible if the prerequisite launches a Setup.exe file. For more information, see Specifying Whether to Show the Progress of an InstallShield Prerequisite Installation at Run Time.

For new prerequisites and existing prerequisites that were created before this functionality was available, the progress is not shown by default. You can change this behavior by selecting the new check box on the Behavior tab.
Note that if you specify that you want to show the progress, only some of the available command-line parameters are supported. To learn more, see `Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite`

**Ability to Use Windows Installer Properties in Command-Line Statements for InstallShield Prerequisites**

Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations now can substitute and pass the following properties on setup prerequisite command lines: ProductLanguage, ISPREREQDIR, SETUPEDIR, and SETUPENAME. You can use these properties to identify the launching installation ("[SETUPEDIR]\[SETUPENAME]"), to identify full paths to files that are included in the prerequisite ("[ISPREREQDIR]\myconfig.ini"), or to pass the selected language to multilingual prerequisites such as an InstallShield setup launcher (/l[ProductLanguage]). The new feature prerequisites include command-line support for any Windows installer property, including the aforementioned properties.

You can specify the command lines on the Application to Run tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

For more information, see `Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite`.

**New Option for Reboot Behavior of InstallShield Prerequisites**

The Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify how an InstallShield prerequisite installation should proceed if it appears that the target machine needs to be restarted. The **If the prerequisite appears to need a reboot** list is where you specify the behavior. This list has a new option, called **Note it, fail to resume if the machine is rebooted, and reboot after the installation**. If it appears that a restart is required at run time but you want to postpone it until the end of the main installation (or until a subsequent prerequisite triggers a restart), select this new option.

For more information, see `Behavior Tab`.

**Support for Single-File, Compressed InstallScript Installations of up to 4 GB**

A single-file, compressed InstallScript installation can now be up to 4 GB in size. Previously, when end users ran large single-file, compressed InstallScript installations, the installations crashed during setup initialization.

Note that Setup.exe files cannot exceed 4 GB because Windows will not load an executable file that is larger than 4 GB.

**Ability to Install IIS Web Sites Without Virtual Directories and to Associate Web Sites with Components**

InstallShield now includes support for installing IIS Web sites without any virtual directories. In addition, the General tab that InstallShield displays when you select a Web site in the Internet Information Services view now has a Component setting; use this setting to associate the selected Web site with a component. As a result of these enhancements, a Web site is created on a target machine if a virtual directory or a component that is associated with it is installed.

If a Web site is associated with a component, the Web site’s **Delete Web Site on Uninstall** check box corresponds with the Permanent setting for that component in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, or with the Uninstall setting for that component in an InstallScript project. That is, if you select or clear the **Delete Web Site on Uninstall** check box for a Web site, InstallShield automatically updates the value of the component’s Permanent setting or Uninstall setting, as appropriate.

Previously, InstallShield did not include support for associating Web sites with components. Therefore, if a Web site in an installation did not have any virtual directories, the Web site would not be created at run time.

If you add a new Web site through the Internet Information Services view in InstallShield 2009, InstallShield automatically associates that Web site with a component. If you upgrade an InstallShield 2008 or earlier project that already has an IIS Web site, InstallShield does not automatically associate that Web site with a component.

The following project types support these IIS enhancements: Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI.
Note that if a Web site is associated with a component in an InstallScript project, any virtual directories that are added to that Web site must be associated with the same component. Therefore, if you try to change the component for a Web site that contains one or more virtual directories, InstallShield displays a message box to inform you that it will also make the same component change for all of that Web site’s virtual directories; InstallShield also displays this message box if you try to change the component for any virtual directories in a Web site. In either case, the message box enables you to proceed or cancel the component change. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, keeping a Web site in the same component as all of the Web site’s virtual directories is not required, but it is recommended.

To learn more, see:

• Creating a Web Site and Adding an Application or a Virtual Directory
• Feature and Component Associations for IIS Support
• Uninstalling Web Sites, Applications, and Virtual Directories

Simplification of QuickPatch Packages
InstallShield now offers the ability to build streamlined QuickPatch packages, which typically have fewer new subfeatures and built-in InstallShield custom actions than those built in earlier releases of InstallShield. A new Streamline QuickPatch setting on the Advanced tab in QuickPatch projects lets you specify whether InstallShield should create this new simpler type of QuickPatch package.

For more information, see:

• Specifying Whether to Streamline the QuickPatch Package
• Advanced Tab

Ability to Build a Patch from the Command Line and from MSBuild
The -patch_config command-line parameter is available for command-line builds (including the Standalone Build command-line builds) with ISCmdBld.exe. Use this parameter to build a patch from the command line.

If you use an .ini file to pass parameters to the command line, you can use the new PatchConfigName parameter in the [Project] section of your .ini file to indicate the patch configuration that you want to build.

In addition, the InstallShield task for MSBuild now includes a PatchConfiguration parameter, which you can use to specify the patch configuration that you want to build through MSBuild.

To learn more, see:

• ISCmdBld.exe
• Passing Command-Line Build Parameters in an .ini File
• Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

Ability to Password-Protect Patches and QuickPatch Packages
InstallShield now has new password settings that let you password-protect patches and QuickPatch packages. These settings are on the Advanced tab in the Patch Design view of Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, and on the Advanced tab of QuickPatch projects.

If you password-protect a patch or QuickPatch package, any end user who wants to install the package must enter a case-sensitive password to launch your update.

To learn more, see the following:
• Password-Protecting a Patch Package
• Password-Protecting a QuickPatch Package
• Advanced Tab (for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view)
• Advanced Tab (for a QuickPatch project)

**Patch and Upgrade Validation Support in QuickPatch Projects**

When you build QuickPatch projects, InstallShield now runs patch and upgrade validation. This validation helps identify some common problems that may be encountered when attempting to upgrade a product with a QuickPatch package.

Previously, the patch and upgrade validation was available only for Basic MSI projects and InstallScript MSI projects, and patches that were created in the Patch Design view.

To learn more, see [Validating Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Packages](#).

**Ability to Select Multiple .cub Files for Performing Validation at Build Time**

The Validation tab on the Options dialog box in InstallShield now lets you specify more than one .cub file that should be used to validate your installation package or merge module when it is built from within InstallShield.

In addition, you can now pass more than one .cub file through the `-m` command-line parameter for command-line builds (including the Standalone Build command-line builds) with `ISCmdBld.exe`. If you use an .ini file to pass parameters to the command line, you can now specify more than one .cub file for the CubFile parameter in your .ini file.

The RunMsiValidator parameter of the InstallShield task for MSBuild has been enhanced to accept more than one .cub file.

For more information, see:

• Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
• Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module
• Specifying Whether Validation Should Be Performed at Build Time
• Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module
• Validation Tab (on the Options dialog box)
• Build Menu
• ISCmdBld.exe
• Passing Command-Line Build Parameters in an .ini File
• Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

**New Validator for the InstallShield Best Practice Suite**

ISBP20 is a new validator that is available with the InstallShield Best Practice Suite. ISBP20 verifies that no registry entries contained in the Registry table attempt to remove root-level registry keys or other keys that would cause adverse issues on target machines during uninstallation.

The InstallShield Best Practice Suite is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and MSI Database projects.
Ability to Use the /v Command-Line Parameter More than Once to Pass More than One Parameter from Setup.exe to the .msi File

If you want to pass more than one argument from Setup.exe to Msiexec.exe, you can use the /v option multiple times at the command line, once for each argument. Previously, the /v option could be used only once, and all parameters were passed through this instance.

The following project types include support for this enhancement: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

Improved Compatibility Between the Standalone Build and InstallShield

The Standalone Build that is available with InstallShield Premier Edition now uses the same directory structure that InstallShield uses for its program files. Therefore, if you need to copy a redistributable or some other file from a machine that has InstallShield to a machine that has the Standalone Build, use the same relative path. Previously, the directory structures were different and inconsistent.

In addition, the ISCmdbld.exe file that is used for command-line builds with InstallShield is now installed with the Standalone Build. Previously, the Standalone Build used IsSaBld.exe, a different file, for command-line builds. ISCmdbld.exe now supports parameters that previously only IsSaBld.exe supported:

- o <merge module search path>— Specifies one or more comma-delimited folders that contain the merge module (.msm) files referenced by your project.
- t <Microsoft .NET Framework path>— Specifies the path to the Microsoft .NET Framework. The path is the location of the .NET Framework that is installed on the build machine.
- h—Indicates that you want to skip the upgrade validators at the end of the build.
- g <minimum target MSI version>— Specifies the minimum version of Windows Installer that the installation requires on the target machine.
- j <minimum target Microsoft .NET Framework version>— Specifies the minimum version of the .NET Framework that the installation requires on the target machine.

Also as part of this enhancement, the Standalone Automation Interface uses the same ISWiAutomation15.dll file that InstallShield uses, but it is installed to a different location. If you have existing automation scripts that work with the InstallShield Automation Interface, you no longer need to change the library name from IswiAutoN to SAAutoN throughout the scripts in order to use them with the Standalone Automation Interface. Note that with this change, the ISWiProject object includes support for several properties that were previously available for only the Standalone Automation Interface:

- DotNetFrameworkPath
- MergeModuleSearchPath
- MinimumTargetDotNetVersion
- MinimumTargetMSIVersion
- SelfRegistrationMethod
- SkipUpgradeValidators

An advantage of these compatibility improvements is that only one set of binaries, rather than two separate sets, is built for the Standalone Build and InstallShield; if an InstallShield hotfix or service pack is released, it can be used to update the Standalone Build and InstallShield. Previously, separate hotfixes and service packs were required.

To learn more, see:
Support for Browsing to Local, Remote, and Alias SQL Servers in the SQLBrowse Run-Time Dialog

The filter functionality of the SQLBrowse dialogs has been enhanced.

To show only remote servers in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations, you can set the new Windows Installer property `IS_SQLSERVER_REMOTE_ONLY`. To show only server aliases in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations, you can set the new Windows Installer property `IS_SQLSERVER_ALIAS_ONLY`. Previously, the only filtering that was available was showing only local servers; this is available if you set the `IS_SQLSERVER_LOCAL_ONLY` property. You can now set any combinations of these properties to display multiple types of servers in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls.

To learn more, see Overriding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.

Two new InstallScript functions are available for InstallScript projects:

- `SQLRTSetBrowseOption`—This function lets you specify whether the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls show local servers, remote servers, server aliases, or a combination of these types.
- `SQLRTGetBrowseOption`—This function returns the current value of the browse option for the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls, which can display local servers, remote servers, server aliases, or a combination of these types.

Ability to Continue an Installation If the Minimum SQL Database Server Requirements Are Not Met

The Requirements tab that is displayed when you select a SQL connection in the SQL Scripts view has a new Allow installation to continue when minimum requirements are not met check box.

If you select this check box and the minimum database server requirements are not met on a target system, the run time skips the SQL connection and all of its SQL scripts, and continues with the installation.

If you clear this check box and the minimum requirements are not met, the installation does not allow the end user to continue with the rest of the installation. This is the default behavior.

This enhancement applies to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

For more information, see Requirements Tab.

SQL Server Alias Support

The SQL run-time support has been enhanced: installations can now list SQL Server alias names in the SQLBrowse dialog. In addition, the SQLLogin dialogs let end users use an alias name to connect to a SQL Server.

This enhancement applies to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

To learn more, see Adding a New SQL Connection.
Predefined System Searches for the .NET Framework

InstallShield has several new predefined system searches:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 SP1
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0
- Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 SP1
- Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0
- Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1
- Microsoft .NET Framework 1.0

If your installation requires any of these, you can use the System Search view or the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add these system searches to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.

This enhancement applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

Expanded Support for the Error Type of Custom Action

The Custom Action Wizard now includes support for a type 19 custom action, which displays a specified error message, returns failure, and ends the installation. Previously, the only way to create this type of custom action was to right-click the Custom Actions explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view and then click Error, or to use the Direct Editor to manually enter the custom action’s table entry.

The following project types now support the error custom action: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform. Previously, only Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects included support.

Ability to Specify Whether to Digitally Sign Source Files

The Signing tab in the Releases view has a new **Sign files in their original location** check box. This check box lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to sign your original source files or just the files that are built into the release. This check box is also available on the Digital Signature Options panel in the Release Wizard. The check box is cleared by default.

The benefit of selecting this check box for a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project is that it helps create one patch that updates both compressed and uncompressed versions of a release that contains originally unsigned files.

Previously, the check box was not available, and InstallShield never enabled you to sign the files in their original location.

The automation interface now includes support for this new digital signing functionality. The ISWiRelease object includes a new **SignFilesInPlace** property that lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to sign your original source files or just the files that are built into the release.

To learn more, see:

- Signing Tab for a Release
- Digital Signature Options Panel
- Digital Signing and Security
- ISWiRelease Object
**Improved Static COM Extraction**

If you use static COM extraction, InstallShield now uses an MD5 algorithm when generating primary keys for the Registry table. Therefore, if the COM data does not change, the primary keys do not change between different versions of a package and when the extracted COM data is refreshed.

Previously, InstallShield used random values for the primary keys that it created during static COM extraction. As a result, if the COM data were refreshed or a patch were built, it was possible for new primary keys to be created, even if the COM data had not changed. In the patch scenario, the COM data would be included in the patch if the primary keys changed. If a patch updated a component with unchanged COM data, the COM data could be removed during patch uninstallation, and this could cause issues in the earlier version of the product.

This enhancement applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

**InstallScript Language Enhancements and New Functionality**

Some enhancements have been made to the InstallScript language.

*Enhancements for .NET Framework 3.5 and .NET Framework 3.0 SP1 Support*

A new FOLDER_DOTNET_35 InstallScript variable is available. This variable stores the path of the .NET Framework 3.0 files.

Two new constants are available for use with the function Is:

- REGDB_KEYPATH_DOTNET_35
- REGDB_KEYPATH_DOTNET_30_SP

You can use the REGDB_KEYPATH_DOTNET_30_SP variable when querying whether SP1—or a later service pack—of the .NET Framework 3.0 is installed. To detect whether the RTM version of the .NET Framework 3.0 is installed, use REGDB_KEYPATH_DOTNET_30.

*New GetTempFileNameIS Function that Calls the Windows API GetTempFileName to Create a Temporary File*

A new InstallScript function called GetTempFileNameIS is available. This function calls the Windows API GetTempFileName to create a temporary file and perform related actions.

To learn more, see GetTempFileName.

**See Also**

- What’s New in InstallShield 2009 SP1
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2008 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 12 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier

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**New Features**

InstallShield includes the following new features.
New End-User Dialog Themes for Basic MSI Projects

Dialog themes are predefined sets of images that give your end-user dialogs a unified and distinctive look. With the click of a button, you can now select one of the available themes for your project, and InstallShield applies that theme to all of the interior and exterior dialogs, as well as the Setup.exe initialization dialog, in your project. You can easily preview each dialog from within the Dialogs view to see how it looks with the selected theme.

Some of the themes are available in both the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield, and some are available in only the Premier edition. For more information, see Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes.

For more information about this feature, see the Dialog Themes section of this documentation.

Digital Signing Improvements

InstallShield now lets you digitally sign any files—including your product’s executable files—in your project at build time. In addition, you can now use a personal information exchange file (.pfx) for digital signatures. All of the following project types support this functionality: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, and Merge Module.

The new Signing tab in the Releases view is where you specify the digital signature information—including the digital certificate files that a certification authority granted to you—that InstallShield should use to sign your files. The Signing tab is also where you specify which files in your installation should be digitally signed. You can also use the Release Wizard to specify all of the digital signature information.

If you specify a .pfx file for signing, InstallShield uses SignTool.exe to sign your files. If you specify an .spc file and a .pvk file, InstallShield uses Signcode.exe to sign your files. Using a .pfx file is often the preferred method, since it is more likely to work in many different environments (such as locked build machines). If you specify the digital signature password in InstallShield, you will never see a password prompt if you are using a .pfx file. However, if you are using .spc and .pvk files, a password prompt may be displayed.

Previously, InstallShield included support for signing only the .msi, .hdr, and Setup.exe files. In addition, InstallShield allowed you to specify .spc and .pvk files for the digital signature, but not .pfx files.

To learn more, see the following:

- Digital Signing and Security
- Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time
- Signing Tab for a Release

InstallShield Best Practice Suite Available in Premier Edition

InstallShield includes a set of validators called the InstallShield Best Practice Suite. The InstallShield Best Practice (ISBP) validators in this suite alert you if your installation violates best-practice guidelines.

This feature is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and MSI Database projects.

For more information, see:

- InstallShield Best Practice Suite
- Specifying Which ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs and ISBPs Should Be Run During Validation

Support for Internet Information Services (IIS) 7.0 and SSL

InstallShield now includes support for IIS 7.
In addition, InstallShield lets you include an SSL certificate for a Web site in your installation. Including an SSL server certificate enables users to authenticate the Web server, check the validity of the Web content, and establish a secure connection.

For more information, see:
- Internet Information Services View
- Specifying the SSL Certificate for a Web Site
- Determining If a Target System Has IIS 6 or Earlier or the IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility Feature
- Version-Specific Information for IIS Support in InstallShield

New Microsoft .NET Prerequisites Available
InstallShield now includes many new .NET-related setup prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects:
- .NET Framework 2.0 (x64)
- .NET Framework 2.0 (x64) Language Packs
- .NET Framework 2.0 (IA64)
- .NET Framework 2.0 (IA64) Language Packs
- .NET Framework 3.0 (x64)

For more information, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.

Updated Microsoft .NET Object for InstallScript Projects
An updated Microsoft .NET object is available in InstallShield. This object includes support for versions 1.0 (SP3), 1.1 (SP1), 2.0, and 3.0 of the .NET Framework, including 32-bit, 64-bit x64, and 64-bit Itanium versions. The object also includes all supported language packs, and the latest service packs of 1.0 and 1.1.

In addition, the object launches and completes the .NET Framework installation as the feature containing the .NET object installs. This allows the .NET Framework to be available as early as possible, in case it is needed to install or configure files that are subsequently installed during the installation.

For more information, see Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard.

Visual C++ 8.0 SP1 Merge Modules Available
InstallShield now includes Visual C++ 8.0 SP1 merge modules (version 8.0.50727.762).

Support for the UAC Shield Icon on Dialog Buttons (Basic MSI Projects)
In the Dialog Editor of Basic MSI projects, a new Show UAC Shield Icon property is available for all button controls. If you select True for this property, the User Account Control (UAC) icon is displayed on the button when end users run the installation on Windows Vista systems. If you are using InstallShield on a Windows Vista system, you can see the shield icon on the button in the Dialog Editor as it will be displayed at run time. The shield icon signals to end users that elevated privileges may be required.
For any new Basic MSI projects that you create, the Show UAC Shield Icon property is set to True for the Install button on the ReadyToInstall dialog. If you upgrade a Basic MSI project that was created with InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2008, the default value for the Install button’s Show UAC Shield Icon property is False. You can override the value for this button, or for any other buttons, as required.

**Ability to Require End Users to Scroll Through the EULA in the LicenseAgreement Dialog**

InstallShield includes support for disabling the Next button on the LicenseAgreement dialog until the end user reaches the end of the End-User License Agreement (EULA) text in the scrollable EULA control through mouse or keyboard scrolling.

The end user must also select the **I accept the terms in the license agreement** option before the Next button is enabled; this behavior is the same as with earlier releases of InstallShield.

The scroll requirement is not available in the LicenseAgreement dialog by default. To use this functionality, you must add to your project the new Windows Installer DLL custom action called WatchScroll. This custom action calls the Eu1aScrollWatcher.dll file. In addition, you must modify the Next button’s Control conditions and add an event to the Memo control.

This is available for Basic MSI projects.

For detailed instructions, see [Requiring End Users to Scroll Through the EULA in the LicenseAgreement Dialog](#).

**Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express SP1 Setup Prerequisite Available**

InstallShield now includes a setup prerequisite for Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express Edition SP1. You can add this setup prerequisite to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

**Updated DirectX 9.0c Objects**

Two DirectX 9.0c objects are available with InstallShield: a Windows Installer–based object that is available for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, and an InstallScript-based object that is available for InstallScript projects. Both of these objects install all of the latest DirectX 9.0c core and optional components, including 32-bit-specific and 64-bit-specific components.

In addition, some changes have been made to the DirectX 9 Object Wizard for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. The wizard now lets you specify whether the redistributable files should be included in the Disk1 folder or streamed into the .msi file. This change enables you to use the DirectX 9 object in compressed installations. Also, you can now use the DirectX 9 object in silent installations.

For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, the custom action that launches the DirectX installation is now sequenced in the Execute sequence and run in deferred system context so that it can be run with elevated privileges on Windows Vista systems.

To learn more, see:

- [Including the DirectX 9.0 Object](#)
- [DirectX Object Wizard](#)

**DIFx 2.1 Support**

InstallShield includes support for the latest version of Driver Install Frameworks for Applications (DIFx). This new version, which includes the latest binary files from Microsoft, is available for any Basic MSI, InstallScript, or InstallScript MSI projects that you create in InstallShield. This new version can be installed on Windows Vista systems. Earlier versions of InstallShield included an earlier version of DIFx that failed to install on Windows Vista in some cases.
Support for 64-Bit Self-Registration of COM Servers (Basic MSI Projects)

InstallShield now includes support for 64-bit self-registration of COM servers in Basic MSI projects. If you mark a component as 64 bit and then add a file to that component, you can select the file's Self Register check box to enable 64-bit self-registration of that file during installation. In addition, InstallShield also supports 64-bit self-registration of dynamically linked COM servers. For more information, see:

- Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Installations
- File Properties Dialog Box
- Adding Dynamic File Links to Components

Expanded Operating System Condition Settings in the Setup Prerequisite Editor

The Setup Prerequisite Editor now enables you to specify more details about operating system requirements when you are creating conditions for a prerequisite. The Prerequisite Condition dialog box, which is displayed when you are adding or modifying a condition for a prerequisite through the Setup Prerequisite Editor, lets you select a predefined operating system or select the custom option. With the new custom option, you can configure settings for operating system requirements such as platform, major and minor versions, processor architecture (64-bit or 32-bit), and service pack. If a target system does not meet the operating system requirements, the prerequisite is not installed.

For more information, see the following:

- Adding an Operating System Condition for an InstallShield Prerequisite
- Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box
- Conditions Tab

Ability to Target Windows Server 2008 Systems

InstallShield enables you to specify that your installation requires Windows Server 2008. It also lets you build Windows Server 2008–related conditions for features and components.

Note that Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 use the same major and minor version numbers. Therefore, if you want to use InstallScript to distinguish between Windows Server 2008 and Windows Vista, check whether SYSINFO.nOSProductType = VER_NT_WORKSTATION; for Windows Vista, this is TRUE; for Windows Server 2008, it is FALSE. For more information, see SYSINFO.

New MSXML 6 SP1 Setup Prerequisites Available

InstallShield now includes some new MSXML setup prerequisites that you can add to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects:

- MSXML 6.0 SP1
- MSXML 6.0 SP1 (IA64)
- MSXML 6.0 SP1 (x64)

To learn more about MSXML, see Run-Time Requirements for XML File Changes.

FlexNet Connect Support

You can add a redistributable for FlexNet Connect 6.1 to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.
The Update Notifications view in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects lets you select which version of FlexNet Connect you want to include in your project. You can include version 6.1 or any version that is installed in any of the locations that are specified in the Merge Module Location area on the Merge Module tab of the Options dialog box.

The Update Notifications view includes a new Vendor Database setting, which FlexNet Connect 6.1 supports.

**Enhancements**

**Usability Enhancements for Releases**

The release settings are now organized by category on several different tabs in the Releases view.

In addition, you can now select Compressed or Uncompressed for the Compression setting from within the Releases view. Previously, the only way to modify this setting was to use the Release Wizard. Note that if you want to specify a custom compression setting (one .cab file per feature or one .cab file per component), you must still use the Release Wizard. The Compression setting is available in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

The settings in the Distribution view have been moved to the new Postbuild tab in the Releases view for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects. The Postbuild tab lets you configure settings for distributing releases to a folder or FTP site automatically at build time.

A new Distribute command is available when you right-click a release in the Releases view for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects. When you select this command, InstallShield copies all of the relevant files for your release to the locations that are specified on the Postbuild tab. Note that for InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, InstallShield automatically copies the release to the locations that you specify on the Postbuild tab every time that you build the release.

To learn more, see:

- Build Tab for a Release
- Setup.exe Tab for a Release
- Signing Tab for a Release
- Internet Tab for a Release
- Events Tab for a Release
- Distributing Releases to a Folder or FTP Site Automatically

**Usability Enhancements for Custom Actions and Sequences**

The Custom Actions view and the Sequences view have been combined into a more robust view called the Custom Actions and Sequences view. The combined view supports drag-and-drop editing and copying:

- To sequence a new custom action, drag it from the Custom Actions explorer to the appropriate location in a sequence under the Sequences explorer.
- To move a dialog, standard action, or custom action to a different point in a sequence (or from one sequence to another), drag it from the old location to the new location.
- To copy a custom action from one sequence to another, press and hold CTRL while dragging the custom action from one sequence to another sequence.

The Custom Actions and Sequences view is available in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects. For more information, see:
• Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)
• Creating Custom Actions in the Custom Actions and Sequences View (or the Custom Actions View)
• Inserting Actions into Sequences
• Copying a Custom Action from One Sequence to Another
• Reordering a Sequence

Usability Enhancements for the Files and Folders view, the Registry View, and the Redistributables View

Several enhancements are available for the Files and Folders view:

• You can right-click a file in the Destination computer’s files pane and then click the new Open Containing Folder command. Doing so opens a Windows Explorer window and displays the folder that contains the file that you right-clicked.

• A new Add command is available when you right-click the Destination computer’s files pane. Use this command to display an Open dialog box that lets you browse to the file that you want to add to your project.

• The upper-right corner of this view has a new link (either Show Source Panes or Hide Source Panes). Use this new link to show or hide the two top panes—the Source computer’s folders pane and the Source computer’s files pane—in this view. You can hide the two panes, open a Windows Explorer window, and drag and drop files from the Windows Explorer window to the two remaining panes in InstallShield.

The Registry view also has a new link (either Show Source Panes or Hide Source Panes) in the upper-right corner. Use this new link to show or hide the two top panes—the Source computer’s folders pane and the Source computer’s files pane—in this view.

Two enhancements have also been made to the Redistributables view for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects:

• The right pane in this view shows details about the merge module, object, or setup prerequisite that is selected in the upper-left pane. You can now hide or show the details pane by clicking the Show Details or Hide Details link in the upper-right corner of this view.

• The Details pane that is displayed for setup prerequisites now shows complete information about the selected setup prerequisite. This includes conditions, command-line parameters, and other information that is configured for the prerequisite.

Automation Interface Enhancements

Many enhancements have been made to the automation interface.

CreateProject Method Now Enables Creation of Merge Module Projects

The CreateProject method for the ISWiProject object now enables you to create merge module projects. Previously, this method supported only Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects.

To learn more, see CreateProject Method.

Support for Configuring Dynamic File Links

The automation interface includes a new object and a new collection for dynamic file links. In addition, the ISWiComponent object includes two new methods and a property that let you add (AddDynamicFileLinking) and remove (RemoveDynamicFileLinking) a component’s dynamic file link, as well as get the collection of dynamic file links (ISWiDynamicFileLinkings).
For more details, see:

- ISWiDynamicFileLinking Object
- ISWiDynamicFileLinkings Collection
- ISWiComponent Object
- AddDynamicFileLinking Method
- RemoveDynamicFileLinking Method

**Support for Configuring Path Variables**

The automation interface includes a new object and a new collection for configuring path variables in a project. In addition, the ISWiProject object includes two new methods and a property that let you add (AddPathVariable) and remove (DeletePathVariable) a path variable from a project, as well as get the collection of path variables (ISWiPathVariables).

To learn more, see:

- ISWiPathVariable Object
- ISWiPathVariables Collection
- ISWiProject Object
- AddPathVariable Method
- DeletePathVariable Method

**Support for Modifying String-Table Entries**

The automation interface includes new objects and collections for configuring languages and string entries in a project. The ISWiLanguage object includes two methods and a property that let you add (AddStringEntry) and remove (DeleteStringEntry) a string entry from a project, as well as get the collection of string entries (ISWiStringEntries). In addition, the ISWiProject object includes a new property (ISWiLanguages) that gets the collection of languages included in the current project.

For more information, see:

- ISWiLanguage Object
- ISWiLanguages Collection
- ISWiStringEntry Object
- ISWiStringEntries Collection
- AddStringEntry Method
- DeleteStringEntry Method
- ISWiProject Object

**Support for Configuring Environment Variables**

The automation interface includes a new object and a new collection for environment variables. In addition, the ISWiComponent object includes two new methods and a property that let you add (AddEnvironmentVar) and remove (RemoveEnvironmentVar) a component’s environment variables, as well as get the collection of environment variables (ISWiEnvironmentVars).
ISWiEnvironmentVar Object
ISWiEnvironmentVars Collection
ISWiComponent Object
AddEnvironmentVar Method
RemoveEnvironmentVar Method

ISWiProject Object Properties for Setting the Company Name, Company URL, and Company Phone Number
The ISWiProject object includes several new properties that let you specify values for General Information view settings:

- CompanyName
- CompanyURL
- CompanyPhone

ISWiRelease Object Properties for Digitally Signing Files
The ISWiRelease object includes several new properties that enable you to configure settings for digitally signing files for releases at build time. The new properties are:

- CertificatePassword
- SignFiles
- SignFilesExclude
- SignFilesInclude
- SignSignedFiles

ISWiRelease Object Properties for Specifying Whether to Keep Unused Directories in the Directory Table
The ISWiRelease object includes a new KeepUnusedDirectories property that lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to remove unused directories from the Directory table of the .msi file when you build this release.

ISWiRelease Object Property for Configuring Whether to Postpone Any Reboot for Installing or Updating the .NET Framework
The ISWiRelease object includes a new DotNetDelayReboot property that lets you specify whether you want to postpone any reboot associated with installing or updating the .NET Framework on the target system until after your installation has completed.

ISWiRelease Object Property for Specifying Whether to Display a Message Box Asking the End User if They Want to Install the .NET Framework
The ISWiRelease object includes a new DisplayDotNetOptionDialog property. Use this property to specify if a message box should be displayed at run time to let end users indicate whether the .NET Framework should be installed.

ISWiRelease Object Properties for Configuring Build-Time Distribution Options
The ISWiRelease object now includes several new properties that enable you to configure settings for distributing releases to a folder or FTP site automatically at build time. The new properties are:

- DistributeLoc
New RemoveSequenceRecord Method for the ISWiSequence Collection

The ISWiSequence collection has a new RemoveSequenceRecord method that enables you to delete an item from a sequence. To learn more, see RemoveSequenceRecord Method.

Basic MSI Projects Now Support Adding and Removing Support Files

The automation interface now includes support for the ISWiSetupFile and ISWiAdvancedFile objects in Basic MSI projects. These objects include methods (AddSetupFile, DeleteSetupFile, AddAdvancedFile, and DeleteAdvancedFile) that are now available in Basic MSI projects. Previously, these objects and methods were available in only InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects.

To learn more, see:

- ISWiAdvancedFile Object
- ISWiAdvancedFiles Collection
- AddAdvancedFile Method
- DeleteAdvancedFile Method
- ISWiSetupFile Object
- ISWiSetupFiles Collection
- AddSetupFile Method
- DeleteSetupFile Method
- ISWiProject Object

XML File Change Enhancements

Support for XML file changes has been expanded in InstallShield:

- Now you can test just the XML file changes that are configured for your project through the XML File Changes view without having to build and run your entire installation.
- The XML File Changes view now supports namespaces in XML files.
- InstallShield lets you specify the XML encoding of an XML file.

To learn more, see the following areas:

- Testing Installation Changes to an XML File
- Testing Uninstallation Changes to an XML File
- Using Namespaces in XML Files
- Declaring Namespace Mappings for an XML File
- Adding a Namespace Prefix to an Element
• XML File Changes View
• Namespace Tab for an XML File

To learn more about XML file changes, see the Modifying XML Files section of the InstallShield Help Library.

Faster Direct Editor, String Table Editor, and Files Subview

Loading records in the Direct Editor and the String Table editor in InstallShield takes less time now. In addition, for projects that contain a large number of files, InstallShield now displays the files in the Files subview within the Components view more quickly than in earlier releases.

Enhanced User Account Control Support for InstallScript Projects

The Required Execution Level setting is now available on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view for InstallScript projects. Use this setting to specify the minimum level required by your installation’s Setup.exe file for running the installation (the setup launcher) on Windows Vista platforms. InstallShield adds a manifest that specifies the required level.

Previously, InstallShield always included a Highest Available manifest for InstallScript projects, and the Required Execution Level setting was available in only Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

For more information, see Specifying the Required Execution Level for Your Setup Launcher on Windows Vista and Later Platforms.

Shortcuts View Enhancements

Some enhancements have been made to the Shortcuts view for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and merge module projects.

• To change the icon that is used for a shortcut, you can right-click the shortcut and then click the new Change Shortcut icon command. InstallShield opens the Change Icon dialog box, which enables you to select the icon file and associated icon index that should be used when the shortcut is created on target systems at run time.

• Shortcuts that are listed in the Shortcuts explorer now show the icon image that will be used on the target system. Previously, the Shortcuts explorer used a different image for all types of shortcuts, even if an icon was specified for the shortcut.

For more details about these enhancements, see:

• Specifying the Icon for a Shortcut
• Shortcuts View

Windows Vista and Internet Explorer 7 Support for One-Click Install Installations

One-Click Install installations in InstallScript projects can now be used on Windows Vista systems and with Internet Explorer 7. The One-Click Install setup player is now an external .ocx file, instead of being embedded in the Setup.exe file. The setup player downloads and then launches the Setup.exe file with the appropriate command line. This enables end users who are using Windows Vista with limited privileges to run the installation; if elevated privileges are required because of the required execution level specified in the installation’s manifest, the appropriate User Account Control (UAC) prompt is displayed when the Setup.exe file is launched.

To support this new behavior, a new Generate One-Click Install setting is available on the Internet tab in the Releases view and on the Internet Options panel in the Release Wizard. If you select Yes for this setting, InstallShield includes an .ocx file for the installation.

To learn more about One-Click Install installations, see the Typical Web Installation vs. One-Click Install section of the documentation. In addition, see the following:
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- Internet Tab for a Release
- Internet Options Panel

**Enhanced Support for the SecureCustomProperties Property**

If you set a public property in the user interface sequence of an installation that requests elevated privileges for the execute sequence, and you want to pass the property's value to the execute sequence, the property must be listed as a value for the SecureCustomProperties property, or it must be a restricted public property.

InstallShield now automatically adds to the SecureCustomProperties property properties that may need to be passed from the user interface sequence to the execute sequence. To learn more, see Specifying that a Public Property Should Be a Restricted Public Property.

This support applies to Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

**Automatic Downgrade Prevention Entries in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects**

To prevent end users from being able to install the current version of your product over a future major version of the same product, the following conditions should be met: The Upgrades view should contain a major upgrade item, the major upgrade item should be properly configured to prevent the current version of your product from being installed over a future version, and your project should include a properly configured and scheduled type 19 custom action.

When you create a new Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, InstallShield automatically adds support for preventing the current installation from overwriting a future major version. To learn more, see the following:

- Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product
- ISICE19

**Changes for ALLUSERS and for the CustomerInformation Dialog**

Beginning with InstallShield 2008, the ALLUSERS property is set to 1 by default in all new Basic MSI projects. This is the recommended implementation, since most installations must be run in a per-machine context with administrative privileges.

If you upgrade a project that was created with InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically change the value of the ALLUSERS property or add this property if it was not defined in the earlier project.

Also new with InstallShield 2008, by default, the CustomerInformation dialog in all new Basic MSI projects does not display the radio button group that enables end users to specify whether they want to install the product for all users or for only the current user. This is the recommended implementation for this dialog.

If you upgrade a project that was created with InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically change the CustomerInformation dialog.

To learn more, see:

- Per-User vs. Per-Machine Installations
- ALLUSERS

**Ability to Change the Product Version from the Command Line or Through an MSBuild Task Parameter**

The -y command-line parameter is available for command-line builds with ISCmdBld.exe and IsSaBld.exe. Use this parameter to specify a product version from the command line.
In addition, the InstallShield task for MSBuild now includes a ProductVersion parameter, which you can use to specify the product version through MSBuild. This parameter is exposed as the property InstallShieldProductVersion when the default targets file is used.

Using the \-y command-line parameter or the InstallShield task ProductVersion parameter is especially helpful if you want to increment the build version (the third field) of the product version.

To learn more, see:

- ISCmbld.exe
- Standalone Command-Line Build
- Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

**Ability to Override Windows Installer Property Values from the Command Line or Through an MSBuild Task Parameter**

The \-z command-line parameter is available for command-line builds with ISCmbld.exe and IsSaBld.exe. Use this parameter to override the value of a Windows Installer property or create the property if it does not exist.

In addition, the InstallShield task for MSBuild now includes a PropertyOverrides parameter, which you can use to override the value of a Windows Installer property or create the property if it does not exist. This property is exposed as the InstallShieldPropertyOverrides ItemGroup passthrough to the PropertyOverrides property on the InstallShield task.

To learn more, see:

- ISCmbld.exe
- Standalone Command-Line Build
- Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

**Windows Installer Properties Used for IIS Data Are Stored in the Registry by Default**

Installations that install IIS Web sites and use Windows Installer properties to dynamically set IIS data at run time now write the property and its value to the following registry key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\InstallShield Uninstall Information\{ProductCode}

This change was made to make the value available during uninstallation and repair. Therefore, if your Web site is installed to an end user–specified site number, the Web site and its virtual directories can be successfully uninstalled from that site number. If you do not want the IIS data to be stored in the registry, set the IS_IIS_DO_NOT_USE_REG property in your project.

This change applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

**New Setting for Specifying Whether an IIS Web Server Should Allow the CMD Command to Be Used for SSI #exec Directives**

You can configure an IIS Web server to prevent the CMD command for the #exec directive from being used to execute shell commands, or you can configure it to allow the CMD command to be used to execute this type of command. The SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value for the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W3SVC\Parameters registry key is what determines whether the CMD command is permitted.
The Internet Information Services view in InstallShield includes a new SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value setting. This setting lets you specify how your installation should configure the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value on target systems. This setting also lets you specify that the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value should not be changed at installation run time; this is the default behavior.

For more information, see Specifying Whether a Web Server Should Allow the CMD Command to Be Used for SSI #exec Directives.

**New Host Header Name Setting for IIS Web Sites**

You can now use the new Host Header Name setting on the Web Site tab for a Web site in the Internet Information Services view to specify the host header name that identifies the IIS Web site that is installed during your installation. Previously, it was necessary to configure the ServerBindings property on the Advanced tab in this view in order to specify the host header name.

For more information, see Specifying the IIS Host Header Name for a Web Site.

**Ability to Install an IIS Web Site and Its Virtual Directories to the Next Available New Site Number**

InstallShield provides support for installing an IIS Web site and its virtual directories to the next available new site number. The implementation is slightly different, depending on which project type you are using. For more information, see Configuring the TCP Port and Site Numbers.

**Ability to Specify Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties**

A new SQL Scripts tab on the Options dialog box lets you specify how InstallShield should create new database connections by default—either by using the same Windows Installer properties that were used by default for the first connection in your project, or by using a unique set of new Windows Installer properties.

This applies to the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

For more information, see the following:

- Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties
- SQL Scripts Tab

**SQLLogin Dialog Enhancements**

The SQLLogin dialog now includes a new control that enables end users to specify the name of the target database catalog. This dialog also has a Browse button next to the new control; the Browse button lets end users select from the list of database catalogs that are available on the target database server.

If you upgrade a Basic MSI project that includes SQL support from InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, you need to manually import the SQLLogin.isd and SQLBrowse.isd dialogs into your project to use the new version of the SQLLogin dialog. The .isd files are installed in the following location: InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support. To use this updated SQLLogin dialog in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects, replace the SQLServerSelectLogin function call in your InstallScript code with a call to the new SQLServerSelectLogin2 function.

**Database Import Wizard Enhancements**

The Database Import Wizard has a new Advanced Scripting Options panel that lets you specify security script options such as script database, script database users and database roles, script SQL Server logins, and script object-level permissions.

For more information, see Advanced Scripting Options Panel.
New Windows Installer Property for Specifying SQL Connections That Should Not Be Installed or Uninstalled

InstallShield includes support for a new Windows Installer property called `IS_SQLSERVER_CXNS_ABSENT_FROM_INSTALL`. Use this property to specify one or more SQL connections that should be skipped during installation or uninstallation. To specify more than one SQL connection, separate each with a semicolon (;). To skip all of the SQL connections, set the value of this property to `ALL`. Using this property is helpful if you cannot uninstall a product because of a SQL scripting error.

For details about SQL-related properties, see Overriding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.

Ability to Remove Unreferenced Directories from the .msi File

The Build tab in the Releases view includes a new Keep Unused Directories setting. Use this setting to specify whether you want InstallShield to remove unused directories from the `Directory` table of the .msi file when you build the selected release. The default value is `No`.

This setting is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

For more information, see Build Tab for a Release.

Ability to Specify COM+ Component File Destinations from Within the Component Services View

The Component Services view has two new Destination fields on the Installation tab: one for a server type of installation, and one for a proxy type of installation. Use these fields to specify the target destination of the selected COM+ component files. Previously, the only way to specify the destination of the components associated with a COM+ application was in the Components view or the Setup Design view.

New Windows Installer Property for Specifying COM+ Applications to Be Installed After the InstallFinalize Action

InstallShield includes support for a new Windows Installer property called `IS_COMPLUS_INSTALL_AT_FINALIZE`. Use this property to specify one or more COM+ applications that should be installed by the `ISComponentServiceFinalize` action, which is called after the InstallFinalize action. To specify more than one COM+ application, separate each with a semicolon (;). To specify that all COM+ applications should be installed by the `ISComponentServiceFinalize` action, set the value of this property to `ALL`.

Using this property is helpful if you want to install a COM+ application that contains .NET assemblies to be installed to the GAC because Windows Installer does not commit the changes made in the in-script session to the GAC until the InstallFinalize action.

Additional Predefined System Searches for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallShield has several new predefined system searches:

- Adobe Reader 7
- Adobe Reader 6
- Internet Explorer 7.0

If your installation requires any of these products, you can use the System Search view or the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add these system searches to your project. When end users launch your installation, Windows Installer checks the target system to see if the requirements are met; if they are not met, the installation displays the error message that is defined for the system search.
New and Enhanced Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters (InstallScript Projects)

Two new command-line parameters are available for Setup.exe and Update.exe:

- /installfromweb
- /media_path

In addition, the /L parameter now supports both hex and decimal language values.

To learn more, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

Downloader Web Release Type Supports More Location Options for .cab Files

The Downloader type of Web release now lets you specify whether InstallShield should create external .cab files that are downloaded at installation time as needed. Previously, .cab files were always streamed into the .msi package for the Downloader Web release type.

The new external .cab file options are available on the Downloader Options panel of the Release Wizard. This panel is displayed in the Release Wizard if the media type is Web and the Web type is Downloader. The Downloader Options panel has a new Create external .cab files check box. If you clear this check box, the behavior is the same as it was previously: the .cab files are streamed into the .msi package. If you select this check box, you can specify how .cab files should be created: one .cab file per feature, one .cab file per component, or multiple .cab files based on a particular size that you specify.

Downloader and Install from the Web Types of Web Releases Embed All Transforms

The Downloader type of Web release and the Install from the Web type of Web release now always embed all .mst and .ini files in the Setup.exe file.

Enhancements for Patch Display Information

The Identification tab, which was previously called the Uninstall tab, is where you specify information that should be displayed for a patch in Add or Remove Programs on systems running Windows Installer 3.0 or later. This tab in the Patch Design view of Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects and in the General Information view in QuickPatch projects has settings for items such as the display name, the manufacturer name, and the support URL. Now every time that you change the latest setup for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view or in a QuickPatch project, InstallShield uses the Add or Remove Programs information from the latest setup as the values for the Identification tab settings. You can override the values on the Identification tab as needed.

In addition, the Allow Patch to Be Uninstalled (Requires Windows Installer 3.0) check box is now available on the Common tab. This setting was previously available on the Uninstall tab.

For more information, see:
- Common Tab (in the Patch Design view)
- Identification Tab (in the Patch Design view)
- Common Tab (in a QuickPatch project)
- Identification Tab (in a QuickPatch project)

Ability to Specify the Minimum Initialization Time

InstallShield includes a new Minimum Initialization Time setting on the Setup.exe tab for a release in the Releases view. Use this setting to specify the minimum number of seconds that the installation should display the initialization dialog—as well as the splash screen, if one is included—when end users run this release.
InstallScript Language Enhancements and New Functionality

Several enhancements have been made to the InstallScript language.

New LaunchApplication and WaitForApplication Functions to Supersede LaunchAppAndWait for Launching Applications with Elevated Privileges

The `LaunchApplication` function uses either the Windows API function `CreateProcess` or the Windows API function `ShellExecuteEx` to launch the specified application. After the application is launched, the installation can optionally call the new `WaitForApplication` function to wait for the application to terminate.

The `WaitForApplication` function waits for a running application, and optionally all child applications that are launched by the running application, to terminate before returning.

Note that calling `LaunchAppAndWait` now calls the following:

```
LaunchApplication( szProgram, szCmdLine, "", LAHW_STARTUPINFO.wShowWindow, LAHW_PARAMETERS.nTimeOut, nOptions | LAHW_OPTION_CHANGEDIRECTORY | LAHW_OPTION_FIXUP_PROGRAM );
```

The new `LaunchApplicationInit` function is available. This function, which was added to match the naming convention of the `LaunchApplication` function, has the same behavior as the `LaunchAppAndWaitInitStartupInfo` function.

For more information, see:

- `LaunchApplication`
- `WaitForApplication`
- `LaunchAppAndWait`
- `LaunchApplicationInit`

Several new predefined constants are available:

- `LAHW_OPTION_CHANGEDIRECTORY`
- `LAHW_OPTION_FIXUP_PROGRAM`
- `LAHW_OPTION_USE_SHELLEXECUTE`
- `LAHW_OPTION_WAIT_INCL_CHILD`

In addition, the `LAHW_OPTION_NO_CHANGEDIRECTORY` is now obsolete. Passing this parameter has no effect.

The following script variables are also now available:

- `LAHW_SHELLEXECUTEINFO`
- `LAHW_SHELLEXECUTEVERB`

New SdRMFilesInUse Dialog and OnRMFilesInUse Event Handler for Minimizing Reboots Through the Restart Manager Infrastructure in InstallScript MSI Projects

A new `SdRMFilesInUse` function is available. This function displays a dialog that includes a list box containing a list of the applications that are open and are locking files. The dialog also includes two radio buttons that allow end users to specify whether the installation should attempt to use the Restart Manager to shut down the applications that are locking files or overwrite the locked files (which most likely results in the need for a reboot to complete the installation).

For InstallScript MSI projects, the new `OnRMFilesInUse` event handler displays the new `SdRMFilesInUse` dialog. This event handler is called when the Restart Manager is enabled and Windows Installer 4.0 sends an `INSTALLMESSAGE_RMFILESINUSE` message to the installation.
For more details, see:

- SdRMFilesInUse
- OnRMFilesInUse

**Ability to Specify Additional Compiler Include Paths on a Per-Project Basis**

The Compile/Link tab on the Settings dialog box, which is available from the Build menu in InstallShield, now has an Include Paths box. Use this Include Paths box to specify which directories InstallShield should search for source files that have been included in the main installation’s InstallScript code through #include statements. It corresponds with the -i option for Comp1e.exe, the command-line compiler.

To learn more, see Compile/Link Tab.

**Enhancements for .NET Framework 3.0 Support**

A new FOLDER_DOTNET_30 InstallScript variable is available. This variable stores the path of the .NET Framework 3.0. The corresponding text substitution for this variable is <FOLDER_DOTNET_30>.

The .NET Framework 3.0 writes the value InstallSuccess with value data of 1 to the registry to indicate that it is installed. To check for this InstallSuccess value, you can now use the Is function and pass the DOTNETFRAMEWORKINSTALLED constant. You can still pass this constant through the Is function to check for the value of Install, which is used by earlier versions of the .NET Framework. For more information, see Is.

Two new constants are available for use with the Is function:

- REGDB_KEYPATH_DOTNET_30
- REGDB_VALUENAME_INSTALLSUCCESS

**New Is Constant for Checking for the Presence of a Minimum Service Pack Number of the .NET Framework**

Use the new DOTNETSERVICEPACKINSTALLED constant with the Is function to determine whether a particular service pack—or a later version of the service pack—of the .NET Framework is installed. For more information, see Is.

**New and Updated Functions for SQL Support**

Several InstallScript functions for SQL support have been added or updated.

The following InstallScript functions are now available for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects:

- SQLRTInitialize2—Loads the SQLRT.dll file for InstallScript projects and the ISSNQLSRV.dll file for InstallScript MSI projects, and it uses the settings file to initialize the .dll file. This function supersedes the SQLRTInitialize function.
- SQLServerSelectLogin2—Creates a login dialog that lets the targeted end user specify which SQL Server should be used for the current connection, as well as which login credential should be used. This dialog also optionally shows the connection name that is associated with the connection information. In addition, it optionally allows the end user to specify which database catalog should be used for the current connection. This function supersedes the SQLServerSelectLogin function.
- SQLDatabaseBrowse—Creates a dialog that lets the end user display a list of all database catalogs available on the specified database server.
- SQLBrowse2—Creates a dialog that lets an end user display a list of all database servers that are available on the network for the database technologies specified for a connection. This function supersedes the SQLBrowse function.
The following InstallScript functions are now available for InstallScript projects:

- SQLRTPutConnectionInfo2—Sets the connection information (the default server, default database catalog, default user name, and default password). This function supersedes the SQLRTPutConnectionInfo function.

The following InstallScript functions are now available for InstallScript projects:

- SQLRTGetLastError2—Returns detailed information about the last error encountered by the SQL run time and loads the proper SQL error message. This function supersedes the SQLRTGetLastError function.
- SQLRTGetErrorMessage—Returns the descriptive message of the last error encountered by the SQL run time when a connection is being opened.
- SQLRTGetScriptErrorMessage—Returns the descriptive message of the last error encountered by the SQL run time when a SQL script is executing.

The following InstallScript function is now available for InstallScript MSI projects:

- SQLRTTestConnection2—Establishes a connection. This function supersedes the SQLRTTestConnection function.

The following InstallScript functions, which were previously available only for InstallScript projects, are now also available for InstallScript MSI projects:

- SQLRTGetConnections
- SQLRTGetConnectionInfo
- SQLRTPutConnectionInfo
- SQLRTGetConnectionAuthentication
- SQLRTPutConnectionAuthentication

InstallShield still supports the functions that are superseded by new versions of the functions. However, if you upgrade a project that was created in InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically update the existing InstallScript code to use the new functions.

For more information, see:

- Using the SQL Run-Time Functions in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects
- SQL Functions

New Is Constant for Checking If a User Is in the Administrators Group

Use the new USER_INADMINGROUP constant with the Is function to determine whether a user is in the Administrators group, regardless of whether that user is running the installation with a standard access token. For more information, see Is.

Note that passing the USER_ADMINISTRATOR constant through the Is function now returns FALSE if the user is in the Administrators group but the group has the SE_GROUP_USE_FOR_DENY_ONLY security identifier (SID) attribute set (that is, the user is running with a standard access token).

New Functions that Enable a .NET Library Loaded Through InstallScript to Be Unloaded Before the Installation Completes

Two new InstallScript functions are available: DotNetCoCreateObject and DotNetUnloadAppDomain.

- The DotNetCoCreateObject function calls functions in .NET assemblies without the assembly being registered for COM interoperability. This function lets you specify the .NET application domain in which the .NET assemblies should be loaded and run.
The `DotNetCoCreateObject` function is similar to the `CoCreateObjectDotNet` function. The only difference is that with `DotNetCoCreateObject`, you can specify the .NET application domain that should be loaded; the assembly is then run in this domain.

For `CoCreateObjectDotNet`, the .NET assembly is loaded into the default application domain after the installation completes; thus, the .NET assembly file is locked until the installation has finished.

- The `DotNetUnloadAppDomain` function unloads the specified .NET application domain and releases any assemblies that are currently loaded into the specified application domain.

**New RegDBDeleteItem Function**

A new InstallScript function called `RegDBDeleteItem` is now available. The `RegDBDeleteItem` function deletes values under the per application paths key or the application uninstallation key, depending on the value of `nItem`. For more information, see `RegDBDeleteItem`.

**New GetStatus Function for Objects**

A new InstallScript function called `GetStatus` is now available for InstallScript Object projects. The `GetStatus` function retrieves the current status of the object; that is, the current value of `Status.Number`. For more information, see `GetStatus`.

**Changes to the ListWriteToFileEx Function and Related Constants**

The LWTF_OPTION_APPEND_TO_FILE constant has been added to the InstallScript language. You can pass this constant as the `nOptions` parameter for the `ListWriteToFileEx` function to append a list to an existing file.

In addition, two existing `nOptions` constants have been renamed:

- LWFT_OPTION_WRITE_AS_ANSI is now LWTF_OPTION_WRITE_AS_ANSI.
- LWFT_OPTION_WRITE_AS_UNICODE is now LWTF_OPTION_WRITE_AS_UNICODE.

To maintain backwards compatibility, the aforementioned two LWFT_* constants are still available, and they are defined the same way as the corresponding new LWTF_* constants.

For more information, see the following:

- ListWriteToFileEx
- LWTF_OPTION_APPEND_TO_FILE
- LWTF_OPTION_WRITE_AS_ANSI
- LWTF_OPTION_WRITE_AS_UNICODE

**Expanded InstallScript Text Substitution Functionality**

An InstallScript text-substitution association can now be embedded in another text-substitution association; for example, "<MYTEXTSUB1>" can be associated with "My Text Sub 1 Value" and "<MYTEXTSUB2>" with "Text Sub <MYTEXTSUB1> Embedded". Previously, if a local text-substitution association was embedded in a global text-substitution association, the local text substitution was not performed.

**See Also**

Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 12 or Earlier
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier
What’s New in InstallShield 12 SP1

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield 12 supports a beta version of Microsoft Windows Vista. InstallShield 12 SP1 includes changes that offer support for the RTM version of Microsoft Windows Vista.

New Microsoft .NET 3.0 Prerequisite Available

InstallShield now includes a .NET Framework 3.0 setup prerequisite that you can add to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

To learn more about setup prerequisites, see Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects.

Ability to Minimize the Number of UAC Prompts by Advertising as Part of Prerequisite Installation

Use the new Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated setting in the Releases view to specify whether your .msi file should be advertised and run after the setup prerequisites in the installation have been successfully installed with elevated privileges on Windows Vista machines. The advertisement may allow end users to avoid the User Account Control (UAC) prompt that would otherwise be displayed for an .msi package that requires elevated privileges. For more information, see Specifying Whether a Product Should Be Advertised If Its InstallShield Prerequisites Are Run with Elevated Privileges.

The Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated setting is one of several settings in InstallShield that affect whether an installation triggers UAC consent or credential prompts for elevated privileges. Understanding these different settings will help you create the appropriate UAC experience for your installation when end users run it on Windows Vista systems. It will also enable you to try to minimize the number of UAC prompts that are displayed during your installation. To learn about all of these settings, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation.

Enhanced Validation for the Certified for Windows Vista Program

InstallShield includes several new InstallShield internal consistency evaluators (ISICEs) that help you ensure that your installation follows the best practices outlined in the Certified for Windows Vista program. The new evaluators—ISICE11 through ISICE20—check that all .exe files have embedded manifests, that none of the protected registry keys have been modified, that the .dll and .exe files do not use any obsolete API calls, and more. In addition, ISICE02 now verifies that .ocx, .sys, .cpl, .drv, and .scr files are signed. Previously, ISICE02 verified only that .exe files are signed. ISICE06 now checks the destination path of files that are in your installation and that have the same name as a Windows Protected File. If the destination path for the file in your installation does not match the location of the Windows Protected File, ISICE06 now displays a validation warning instead of a validation error.

When you validate your package, InstallShield lists any validation messages on the Tasks tab of the Output window. Now you can double-click a validation message on the Tasks tab to jump to the area of the Direct Editor that corresponds to the validation message. This functionality is available for ISICEs, as well as for standard ICEs. Previously, it was available only for standard ICEs.

For more information, see:

• ISICEs
• Viewing Validation Results
Additional Changes

For a list of issues that are resolved in InstallShield 12 SP1, see the release notes. The release notes are available from the Help menu in InstallShield.

What’s New in InstallShield 12

New Features

InstallShield includes the following new features.

Ability to Target Windows Vista Systems

InstallShield enables you to specify that your installation requires Windows Vista. It also lets you build Windows Vista–related conditions for features and components.

Validation for the Certified for Windows Vista Program

To provide the best possible installation experience for end users, ensure that your installation follows the best practices outlined in the Certified for Windows Vista program. InstallShield now includes a validation suite that helps you verify that your installation meets the installation requirements of the Certified for Windows Vista program for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. If you want to be able to use the Windows Vista Logo artwork, your application’s installation must meet the program’s requirements.

In addition, InstallShield now lets you customize the list of internal consistency evaluators (ICEs) that should be used for installation package validation and merge module validation. This is helpful if you do not want to pursue logo certification but you still want to ensure that your installation or merge module meets specific best practices that are verified during validation. To configure validation settings: on the Tools menu, click Options and select the Validation tab.

To learn more, see the following:

- Specifying Whether Validation Should Be Performed at Build Time
- Specifying Which ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs and ISBPs Should Be Run During Validation
- ISICEs

User Account Control Support

InstallShield includes support for the User Account Control functionality that Microsoft added for Windows Vista. Use the new Require Administrative Privileges setting in the General Information view to specify at a project-wide basis whether administrative privileges are required for an installation. Also, use the Required Execution Level setting in the Releases view to specify the minimum level required by your installation’s Setup.exe file for running the installation (the setup launcher, any setup prerequisites, and the .msi file) on Windows Vista platforms.

For details, see:

- Entering Summary Information Stream Data
- Specifying the Required Execution Level for Your Setup Launcher on Windows Vista and Later Platforms
Support for Minimizing Reboots Through the Restart Manager Infrastructure

Restarting the system after an installation is inconvenient for end users. One of the Certified for Windows Vista program requirements is that all installations must contain an option that enables end users to automatically close applications and attempt to restart them after the installation is complete.

To support this quality guideline, an MsiRMFilesInUse dialog is available in all Basic MSI projects. The installation displays this dialog if one or more files that needs to be updated are currently in use during the installation. To learn more, see Minimizing Reboots on Windows Vista and Later Systems.

Digital Signature Enhancements

If you specify digital signature information for your installation, InstallShield automatically adds the necessary information to the MsiDigitalCertificate and MsiPatchCertificate tables. The MsiPatchCertificate table contains the information that is needed to enable User Account Control (UAC) patching. This enables you to create patches that can be installed by non-administrators.

In addition, the Build Installation page in the Project Assistant now offers the ability to specify digital signature information for your installation.

For more information, see:
• Preparing Installations for Non-Administrator Patches
• Digital Signing and Security

Support for Documentation about Custom Action Behavior

The intended behavior of each custom action must be documented for the Certified for Windows Vista program. This is especially helpful if system administrators deploy your product to enterprise environments; they sometimes need to know what the custom actions do. InstallShield now has a new Help File Path setting in the Custom Actions view to help you meet this requirement. Use this setting to specify the path of a document that describes the behavior of a custom action that you create for your project. For details, see:
• Documenting the Behavior of Custom Actions
• Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program

This documentation now describes each of the built-in InstallShield custom actions that are added automatically to InstallShield projects to support different functionality. See InstallShield Custom Action Reference.

Setup Prerequisite Enhancements

Many enhancements have been made to the Setup Prerequisite Editor:
• The user interface has been improved; it now has menus that list easy-to-access commands.
• The new Behavior tab lets you specify whether end users may skip the prerequisite installation. You can also specify how the prerequisite installation should proceed if it appears that the target machine does or does not need to be restarted.
• Now you can create prerequisite installation conditions for DWORD registry comparisons. You can also create conditions for 64-bit machines.

For more details, see:
• Behavior Tab
• Allowing End Users to Choose Whether to Install an InstallShield Prerequisite
• Planning for Issues that Could Occur with an InstallShield Prerequisite Installation
• Specifying the Behavior for an InstallShield Prerequisite that Requires a Restart

Redistributing setup prerequisites is now more flexible than ever. You can specify different methods for supplying each individual setup prerequisite in your installation. This enables you to store some of the setup prerequisite files on the source media; compress some of the setup prerequisite files into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time; and download some of the setup prerequisite files. In addition, you can now assign release flags to setup prerequisites. Then you can include and exclude any combinations of setup prerequisites when you build different releases.

To learn more, see:
• Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific InstallShield Prerequisite
• Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level
• Assigning Release Flags to InstallShield Prerequisites

Windows Installer 4.0 Log File Support on a Project-Wide Basis
InstallShield provides support for the option to easily log installations run with Windows Installer 4.0 on a project-wide basis without having to use the command line or configure log parameters through the registry. To enable logging, specify Yes in the new Create MSI Logs setting in the General Information view. To override the default logging parameters, edit the MsiLogging property in the Property Manager view. If the installation is run on a target system that has Windows Installer 4.0, the installer creates a log file and populates the MsiLogFileLocation property with its path. In addition, a Show the Windows Installer log check box is added to the SetupCompleteSuccess, SetupCompleteError, and SetupInterrupted dialogs.

For more information, see Specifying Whether Windows Installer Installations Should Be Logged.

Registry Reflection Support for 64-Bit Systems
InstallShield includes support for the new Windows Installer 4.0 attribute called msidbComponentAttributesDisableRegistryReflection in the Component table. To easily configure this attribute, set the Disable Registry Reflection setting for a selected component in the Components view. Registry reflection keeps the 32-bit registry view and the 64-bit registry view in sync on a target machine. Only 64-bit systems with Windows Installer 4.0 support this setting. Other systems ignore it. For more specific information, see Enabling and Disabling Registry Reflection.

Multilingual User Interface (MUI) Support
If you are preparing an installation for a multilingual application and Windows Installer 4.0 will be running the installation, you can now use InstallShield to create shortcuts that include support for the Windows multilingual user interface (MUI). Four new settings are available in the Shortcuts view for a selected shortcut:
• Display Resource DLL
• Display Resource ID
• Description Resource DLL
• Description Resource ID

These new settings correspond with the four new columns in the Shortcut table for Windows Installer 4.0. To learn more, see Shortcuts View.
Additional InstallShield Collaboration Licenses for Premier Edition

InstallShield Premier Edition now includes a five-pack of licenses for InstallShield Collaboration for Visual Studio. You can use these licenses to install InstallShield Collaboration on development systems that do not have InstallShield but do have Visual Studio .NET 2002, Visual Studio .NET 2003, or Visual Studio 2005.

InstallScript Rearchitecture Enhancements for InstallScript MSI Projects and Basic MSI Projects with InstallScript Custom Actions

The InstallScript MSI architecture has had a number of issues with security (COM/DCOM) and other areas that can cause some installations to fail for various reasons. The architecture has been improved dramatically for InstallShield 12 to resolve these issues and to make InstallScript MSI a more reliable project type. The improvements also help increase the reliability of Basic MSI projects that include InstallScript custom actions.

To learn more, see the following:

- Run-Time Behavior for Basic MSI Installations with InstallScript Custom Actions
- Run-Time Behavior for InstallScript MSI Installations
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier

DIFx 2.01 Support

InstallShield includes support for the latest version of Driver Install Frameworks for Applications (DIFx). This new version, which includes the latest binary files from Microsoft, is available for any Basic MSI, InstallScript, or InstallScript MSI projects that you create in InstallShield.

Enhancements for Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters

Some of the command-line parameters for Setup.exe and Update.exe were added or modified:

- /Clone_wait (InstallScript only)
- /runfromtemp (Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI)
- /v"ISSCRIPTCMDLINE=\"<Option1> <Option2>\"" (Basic MSI only)
- /hide_progress (Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects)
- /hide_splash (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects)

For more information, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

Registry and File Filtering Enhancements for COM Extraction and Dependency Scanners

To prevent InstallShield from extracting undesired COM data from a COM server, you can edit a new Filters.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. Editing this Filters.xml file enables you to customize the list of registry keys that will be excluded from COM extraction.

The Filters.xml file also now lists files that the Static, Dynamic, and Visual Basic dependency scanners will exclude or include. Previously, two different files—Userscan.ini and Iswiscan.ini—were used to list excluded and included files.

For more information, see:

- Filtering Registry Changes for COM Extraction
- Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners
Internet Explorer 7.0 Compatibility
Several areas of InstallShield have been revised so that it is now compatible with Internet Explorer 7.0. The Transform Wizard, Custom Action Wizard, the String Table Editor, the Distribute view, and the General Information view are all examples of areas that have been updated.

Enhanced Start Page
The list of recently opened projects that are displayed on the Start Page now includes a column that shows the project type. In addition, the maximum number of projects that are listed has been increased from four to eight.

InstallScript Enhancements and New Functionality
Several enhancements have been made to the InstallScript language. New and revised variables, functions, and constants are now available.

System Variable Changes and Text Substitution Additions
A system variable called DISK1SETUPEXENAME has been added.
Two system variables have new default values:
- UNINST
- UNINSTALL_STRING
Two new InstallScript text substitutions are available:
- DISK1SETUPEXENAME
- SELECTED_LANGUAGE
For more information, see System Variables.

Script Variable Additions
Two new script variables are available:
- INSTALLSCRIPTMSI
- BASICMSI

Function and Predefined Constant Changes
A new LANGUAGE_SUPPORTED predefined constant is available for use with the Is function. To learn more, see Is.
A new ISOSL_WINVISTA predefined constant is available for use with the FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO structure variable. For more information, see FeatureFilterOS function and the SYSINFO.
The DoInstall function is now similar to the LaunchAppAndWait function. For more details, see DoInstall.

Upgrade Details
For InstallShield 12, a number of improvements were made to the InstallScript MSI architecture to resolve issues with security (COM/DCOM) and other areas that can cause some installations to fail for various reasons. The architecture was improved for InstallShield 12 to resolve these issues and to make InstallScript MSI a more reliable project type. The improvements also help increase the reliability of InstallScript projects, as well as Basic MSI projects that include InstallScript custom actions.
In addition, the merge module project type has been enhanced: it now has the same InstallScript view that is available in Basic MSI projects. This enhanced version of the merge module project type replaces the InstallScript MSI object project type, which is no longer available in InstallShield.

To learn more, see Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier.

## Target System Requirements

**InstallShield 2020**

You can use InstallShield to rapidly build, test, and deploy installations that target Windows-based systems.

### Requirements For Desktop Computers

**Operating System**

**Project** • For all project types except for Suites (Advanced UI, and Suite/Advanced UI project types), Windows XP SP3 and Windows Server 2003 SP2 are the minimum versions of Windows that are required for target systems that run the installations that are created in InstallShield. For Suites, Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 are the minimum versions of Windows that are required for target systems.

Target systems must meet the following minimum operating system requirement:

- Windows XP SP3
- Windows Server 2003 SP2
- Windows Vista
- Windows Server 2008
- Windows 7
- Windows Server 2008 R2
- Windows 8
- Windows Server 2012
- Windows 8.1
- Windows Server 2012 R2
- Windows 10
- Windows Server 2016
- Windows Server 2019

Target systems must also support the SSE2 instruction set.
Installer Engine Requirements

The minimum target system requirements for the various installer engines are as follows.

Table 1-3 • Target System Requirements for Desktop Computers

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For more information about Windows Installer redistributables, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

See Also
Settings for Platforms and Platform Suites

Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems

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Microsoft designed 64-bit versions of Windows to allow existing 32-bit applications to continue to work seamlessly. They also designed 64-bit versions of Windows in such a way to allow a recompiled version of the same code to work seamlessly as a 64-bit application. To provide this support, 64-bit versions of Windows isolate the 32-bit and 64-bit from each other in two main ways: their files are stored in separate locations (Program Files vs. Program Files (x86); System32 vs. SysWow64), and their registry keys are separated (HKLM\Software vs. HKLM\Software\Wow6432Node).
In some cases, such as installation, what is normally a beneficial separation becomes a challenge. Typically installations are 32-bit applications themselves (in order to run on 32-bit machines), and accessing 64-bit locations to install a 64-bit application is more complex than a standard file copy or registry write. Each project type that is available in InstallShield handles this complexity in different ways.

Windows Installer–based installations disallow access to 64-bit locations except when the installation targets only 64-bit systems; however, they support running 64-bit DLL code whenever running on a 64-bit system. Note that some target systems—such as Windows Server Core systems—may not have 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support. InstallShield lets you create pure 64-bit installations that work on those systems. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Installations.

InstallScript installations are always 32 bit so they can run only 32-bit DLL code (or launch 32-bit or 64-bit .exe files). However, all InstallScript installations support accessing 64-bit locations through the 64-bit component setting, as well as through other methods. For additional details, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with InstallScript Installations.

Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations enable you to reference either 32-bit or 64-bit locations, and they can launch 32-bit or 64-bit installations, depending on the target system. However, all extension DLL code in a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project must be 32 bit. To learn more, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Installations.

Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Installations

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Note that if you create an InstallScript MSI project and change the Template Summary property from Intel to x64, InstallShield creates a 64-bit MSI installation combined with a 32-bit InstallScript MSI installation at build time.

Also note that InstallScript MSI projects do not have support for architecture validation.

If you are writing applications for 64-bit Windows-based systems, you will need a way to install your 64-bit files and other data. Although 32-bit Windows Installer–based installations can run on most 64-bit machines, they cannot install to 64-bit locations. The Windows Installer service provides support for 64-bit installations. These installations can be designed and built on 32-bit machines, but they can run only on 64-bit machines. Through the use of release flags, you can build two installations (one 32 bit and one 64 bit) from a single project.

**Configuring the Template Summary Property**

The Template Summary property determines whether an .msi package is a 32-bit package or a 64-bit package.

If your installation targets 64-bit systems, configure the Template Summary property with the appropriate 64-bit value (x64 or Intel64). This allows end users to install your product in 64-bit locations on 64-bit systems; it also prevents end users from installing your product on 32-bit systems.

You can use the Template Summary setting in the General Information view to configure the Template Summary property. You can also set the Template Summary setting for a product configuration in the Releases view. Any value entered in the Releases view overrides the value set in the General Information view.
Creating 64-Bit Components

To specify that a component is 64 bit, select Yes for the component’s 64-Bit Component setting. If you build a release that has at least one 64-bit component and the Template Summary property is set to a 64-bit value, the result is a 64-bit package.

For more information about the 64-Bit Component setting, as well as additional component settings, see Component Settings.

Extracting COM Data from 64-Bit COM Servers

If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit operating system, InstallShield can extract COM data from a 64-bit COM server. In order to install the data to the correct locations, the component must be marked as 64 bit.

Note that if you use InstallShield on a 32-bit system, 64-bit COM extraction is not available.

To learn about extracting COM data, see Extracting COM Information from a COM Server.

Self-Registering 64-Bit COM Servers

InstallShield supports 64-bit self-registration of COM servers. If you mark a component as 64 bit and then add a file to that component, you can select the file’s Self Register check box to enable 64-bit self-registration of that file during installation. The Self Register check box is on the file’s Properties dialog box.

InstallShield also supports 64-bit self-registration of dynamically linked COM servers. To enable this, select the Self-Register all files check box on the Dynamic File Link Settings dialog box when you add the files dynamically to a 64-bit component. For more information, see Adding Dynamic File Links to Components.

Enabling or Disabling Registry Reflection

InstallShield includes support for the Windows Installer 4.0 and later attribute msidbComponentAttributesDisableRegistryReflection in the Component table. To use this attribute, set the Disable Registry Reflection setting for a selected component in the Components view to Yes. Registry reflection keeps the 32-bit registry view and the 64-bit registry view in sync on a target machine. Only 64-bit systems with Windows Installer 4.0 and later support this setting. Other systems ignore it. For more specific information, see Enabling and Disabling Registry Reflection.

Adding Other 64-Bit Elements

InstallShield includes support for additional 64-bit elements. For example, InstallShield includes 64-bit .NET Framework redistributables that you can add to your project. Custom actions can include 64-bit JScript or VBScript code, and 64-bit folder properties give you access to essential operating system folders such as the 64-bit Program Files folder. In addition, you can use the Setup Prerequisite Editor to configure setup prerequisites that have conditions that check for 64-bit requirements on the target system.

Note • 64-bit support requires Windows Installer version 2.0 or later.
Specifying the Appropriate Architecture Validation

Basic MSI projects include a product configuration setting that lets you specify whether you want to use architecture validation at build time. Architecture validation enables you to detect potentially problematic cases in which your installation may try to install product files or use run-time binaries that may not match the architecture of a target system.

For example, if end users may run your installation on 64-bit Windows Server Core systems that do not have 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support, architecture validation can help you identify any 32-bit product files or 32-bit custom action files in your installation; 32-bit binaries cannot be loaded on 64-bit target systems without WOW64 support.

Architecture validation also enables you to generate pure 32-bit .msi packages that contain only 32-bit versions of the built-in InstallShield custom action DLLs, or pure 64-bit .msi packages that contain only 64-bit versions of the built-in InstallShield custom action DLLs.

To specify what type of architecture validation you want to use at build time and identify whether you want to build a pure 32-bit or 64-bit package, use the Architecture Validation setting for a product configuration in the Releases view.

For more details, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds.

Tips for Building Two Installations—One 32 Bit and One 64 Bit—from a Single Project

If you want to be able to build two installations (one 32 bit and one 64 bit) from a single project, consider using release flags. You can assign release flags to features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages, as necessary, to differentiate the 32-bit items from the 64-bit items. Then you can configure each release or product configuration in the Releases view to include or exclude certain items that have a particular release flag at build time. You can also conditionally launch certain custom actions based on release flags, so that 32-bit custom actions are launched during a 32-bit installation and 64-bit custom actions are launched during a 64-bit installation.

To learn more, see:

- Release Flags
- Filtering Based on Release Flags
- Conditionally Launching Custom Actions Based on Release Flags

InstallShield lets you override the values of your project’s path variables for each release in your project. This functionality enables you to essentially replace certain files and folders in your project with others at build time, depending on the particular release that you are building.

For example, you might use this functionality to swap out the binaries for custom actions. If you have set up separate releases for 32-bit and 64-bit target systems, you can override the path variable that is used to refer to the DLL that is selected for a custom action. Then InstallShield could include a 32-bit DLL for your 32-bit release and a 64-bit DLL for your 64-bit release. Note that overriding path variables to swap out files that your installation is installing is not recommended. This is because you should use separate components for 32-bit and 64-bit versions of a file.

To override one or more path variables in your project, use the Path Variables Overrides setting, which is on the Build tab for a release in the Releases view. For more information, see Build Tab for a Release.

See Also

- Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects
- Destination Folders
- Using 64-Bit Windows Installer Packages (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
- Building 64-Bit Setup Launcher
Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with InstallScript Installations

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Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

With a single InstallScript project, you can create one installation that installs to 32-bit locations on 32-bit systems, and to 64-bit and 32-bit locations as needed on 64-bit systems.

InstallScript installations are always 32-bit so they can run only 32-bit DLL code (or launch 32-bit or 64-bit .exe files). However, all InstallScript installations support accessing 64-bit locations through the 64-bit component setting, as well as through other methods.

Reading from and Writing to the 64-Bit System32 Folder

InstallScript includes the following system variables that let you choose between 32-bit and 64-bit System32 folders on target systems:

- WINSYSDIR
- WINSYSDIR64

Although the WINSYSDIR64 variable is set to the 64-bit Windows folder, 64-bit Windows includes functionality to automatically redirect 32-bit applications (such as the InstallScript engine) to the 32-bit System32 folder (SysWOW64). Therefore, if you are installing files or folders to WINSYSDIR64, you can disable file system redirection by placing the folders or files in a component that is marked as 64 bit. To specify that a component is 64 bit, select Yes for the component’s 64-Bit Component setting. For more information about the 64-Bit Component setting, as well as additional component settings, see Component Settings.

As an alternative, you can use the constant WOW64FSREDIRECTION with the functions Disable and Enable to disable 64-bit Windows file system redirection while writing to or reading from the WINSYSDIR64 folder through your InstallScript code, and then re-enable it once the write or read is complete. Since some Windows functionality that could be used by the installation requires that redirection be enabled to work, Windows documentation recommends that you disable redirection only for as long as necessary.

Reading from and Writing to Other 64-Bit Destination Folders

InstallScript includes several addition system variables that let you choose between other 32-bit and 64-bit locations on target systems:

- COMMONFILES
- COMMONFILES64
- FOLDER_APPLICATIONS
- FOLDER_APPLICATIONS64
- PROGRAMFILES
- PROGRAMFILES64
Reading from and Writing to 64-Bit Registry Locations

The 64-bit version of Windows includes functionality that maps some 64-bit registry locations to 32-bit equivalents. For example, on a 64-bit version of Windows, HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node is the 32-bit equivalent of HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software.

If you want to install registry data to a 64-bit area of the registry without having it redirected to a 32-bit area, you can place the registry data in a component that is marked as 64 bit. To specify that a component is 64 bit, select Yes for the component’s 64-Bit Component setting. For more information about the 64-Bit Component setting, as well as additional component settings, see Component Settings.

As an alternative, you can use the REGDB_OPTION_WOW64_64KEY option with the REGDB_OPTIONS variable to avoid registry redirection while editing the registry or reading from the registry through your InstallScript code, and then use the REGDB_OPTION_USE_DEFAULT_OPTIONS option with REGDB_OPTIONS to enable changes to the 32-bit area of the registry. Since some Windows functionality that could be used by the installation requires that redirection be enabled to work, Windows documentation recommends that you disable redirection only for as long as necessary.

Installing Self-Registering 64-Bit COM Servers

InstallShield supports 64-bit self-registration of COM servers. For the component that contains the self-registering DLL, .exe, .tlb, or .olb file, select Yes for the component’s Self-Register setting.

Note that 32-bit self-registering files should not be installed to the 64-bit System32 folder, since file system redirection cannot be disabled for self-registration. Thus, if you have a 32-bit self-registering COM server that needs to be installed to the 32-bit System32 folder, ensure that No is selected for the 64-Bit Component setting of the component that contains the COM server.

About Add or Remove Programs Information

InstallScript installations do not support reading or writing Add or Remove Programs information in the 64-bit part of the registry. Therefore, InstallScript installations always install Add or Remove Programs information in the 32-bit part of the registry. In addition, the REGDB_OPTION_WOW64_64KEY option does not disable registry reflection for registry functions such as CreateInstallationInfo, MaintenanceStart, RegDBGetItem, RegDBSetItem, RegDBGetAppInfo, RegDBSetAppInfo, and RegGetUninstCmdLine.

See Also
Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems

Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Installations

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

By default, the Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations are 32-bit. If required, you can change 64-Bit Setup Launcher setting under release configuration for 64-bit installation. For 64-Bit Setup Launcher, see Building 64-bit Setup Exe.

Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI installations enable you to reference either 32-bit or 64-bit locations, and they can launch 32-bit or 64-bit installations, depending on the target system.

For example, if you include in your Suite/Advanced UI project one installation that should target 32-bit systems, and another installation that should target 64-bit systems, you could create an eligibility condition in the Packages view for both of these packages; for the 32-bit package, the eligibility condition would contain a platform condition that checks for the x86 architecture, and for the 64-bit package the eligibility condition would contain a platform condition that checks for the x64 or IA64 architecture. For more information, see Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

See Also
Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Launching InstallShield with vs. Without Administrative Privileges

If you launch InstallShield without administrative privileges, the following functionality is not available:

- **COM extraction**—Extracting COM information from a COM server requires administrative privileges.

  If you specify that you want to have COM information extracted from a COM server in your project, and then you try to build a release while running InstallShield without administrative privileges, build error -6017 occurs.

- **Redistributable downloading**—Downloading redistributables from within the Redistributables view requires administrative privileges. This is because InstallShield tries to download the files to a per-machine location, which requires administrative privileges.

  If you try to download a redistributable from within the Redistributables view but you do not have administrative privileges, InstallShield displays the following message:

  The download failed; make sure you are running as Administrator, and that your machine is connected to the Internet. Would you like to try again?

- **Ability to specify All Users locations for InstallShield prerequisites**—The Prerequisites tab on the Options dialog box is where you specify the folders that contain the InstallShield prerequisites that should be displayed in the Redistributables view and the Prerequisites view. Modifying the All Users location on that tab requires administrative privileges, since InstallShield writes the information to a per-machine location in the registry. Therefore, the All Users location on that tab is disabled if you are running InstallShield without administrative privileges.
• Ability to specify All Users locations for merge modules—The Merge Module tab on the Options dialog box is where you specify the folders that contain the merge modules that should be displayed in the Redistributables view. Modifying the All Users location on that tab requires administrative privileges, since InstallShield writes the information to a per-machine location in the registry. Therefore, the All Users location on that tab is disabled if you are running InstallShield without administrative privileges.

• Ability to edit the locations for Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll—The .NET tab on the Options dialog box is where you specify the locations of Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll files, which are utilities that are included with the .NET Framework. These utilities are used for COM interop and .NET custom actions. Modifying these locations on the .NET tab requires administrative privileges, since InstallShield writes the information to a per-machine location in the registry. Therefore, these location settings on that tab are disabled if you are running InstallShield without administrative privileges.

If you switch between full Administrator and non-Administrator contexts and you use mapped-drive locations in your projects, you may encounter issues. For example, if you map a drive letter to a shared network folder through Windows Explorer without administrative privileges, you can access this drive letter in a non-administrative instance of InstallShield, but not in an administrative instance. Likewise, if you map a drive letter to a shared network folder through Windows Explorer with administrative privileges, you can access this location in an administrative instance of InstallShield, but not in a non-administrative instance. Thus, if you want to reference network locations in your project, consider using UNC paths (such as \server\share) or mapping drive letters both with and without administrative privileges.

Note that if you are using InstallShield from within Visual Studio, you may not have administrative privileges. By default, if you launch Visual Studio by double-clicking its shortcut on a Windows Vista or later system, you will not have administrative privileges.

Task

To run InstallShield from within Visual Studio with administrative privileges on a Windows Vista or later system:

1. On the Start Menu, right-click the Visual Studio shortcut and then click Run as administrator.

2. Create a new InstallShield project or open an existing one. For more information, see one of the following:
   • Creating InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio
   • Opening InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio

Developing and Building Installations on 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Systems

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InstallShield is a 32-bit application that runs on both 32-bit and 64-bit systems. In some cases, InstallShield behaves differently, depending on whether you are using it on a 32-bit system or a 64-bit system; you may also encounter differences depending on which operating system you are using. The following sections explain these differences.

Note that like InstallShield, the command-line build (ISCmdBld.exe), the Standalone Build, and the automation interface are also 32-bit applications. Therefore, the same platform-specific differences occur for these tools.
Loading the Automation Interface

The automation interface is a 32-bit interface; therefore, it must be loaded from a 32-bit process. If you are using the automation interface on a 64-bit machine, you may need to load the automation interface through a 32-bit executable file. Otherwise, you may encounter errors.

For more information, see Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System.

Adding System Files to Your Project

When you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system and you want to add to your project a system file whose source location is the 64-bit System folder (System32) on your development machine, it is not possible to drag the file from one of the source computer panes at the top of the Files and Folders view to the appropriate location in one of the destination computer panes.

To add a 64-bit System32 file on your development machine to your InstallShield project, you can browse to the Sysnative folder on your machine and then select the appropriate file for your project. To learn more, see Adding Files from Your 64-Bit Source Machine’s 64-Bit System32 Folder.

Viewing Both the 32- and 64-Bit Areas of the Source Machine’s Registry on 64-Bit Development Systems

If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit development system, the Registry view in InstallShield displays both the 32-bit and 64-bit areas of your machine’s registry:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node

This support enables you to drag and drop entries from those source areas to the appropriate areas in the destination pane of this view when you are configuring registry data changes for your project.

Note that if you want your installation to install registry data to a 64-bit area of the registry on 64-bit target systems without having it redirected to a 32-bit area, you must place the registry data in a component that is marked as 64 bit. Simply dragging 64-bit data from the source panes in the Registry view to a location in one of the destination panes of the view does not mark the component as 64 bit. For more information, see the following:

- Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
- Dragging and Dropping Registry Entries to Create Registry Keys

Extracting COM Data from 64-Bit COM Servers

If you want to extract COM data from a 64-bit COM server at design time or at build time, you must be using InstallShield on a 64-bit operating system. If you use InstallShield on a 32-bit system, 64-bit COM extraction is not available.

To learn about extracting COM data, see Extracting COM Registration Data at Build Time.

Scanning 64-Bit Files for Dependencies

If you use the dependency scanners in InstallShield to help you identify dependencies that you may need to add to your project, these scanners can check 64-bit files in your project for dependencies only if you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit operating system.
If you are using InstallShield on a 32-bit system, the dependency scanners in InstallShield cannot check 64-bit files in your project for dependencies. To add 64-bit dependencies to a project on a 32-bit system, consider manually adding the required files and merge modules to your project.

To learn about scanning files for dependencies, see Identifying Application Dependencies.

**Scanning 64-Bit .NET Assemblies for Dependencies and Properties**

If you use InstallShield on a 64-bit version of Windows Vista or later or a 64-bit version of Windows Server 2008 or later, and you use one of the built-in methods for detecting dependencies, InstallShield can scan for 64-bit dependencies of the 64-bit .NET assemblies in your project.

These methods also scan for 32-bit dependencies of the 32-bit .NET assemblies in your project.

Note that if you use InstallShield on a 32-bit version of Windows, these built-in scans can check for only 32-bit dependencies of the 32-bit files in your project. If your project includes 64-bit files, you can manually add any dependencies to the project as needed.

To learn more, see the following:

- Identifying Properties and Dependencies of .NET Assemblies
- Scanning 64-Bit .NET Assemblies for Dependencies

**Using 64-Bit .NET Installer Classes and COM Interop**

If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit version of Windows, the .NET tab on the Options dialog box—which is displayed when you click Options on the Tools menu in InstallShield—lets you specify different paths for the 32-bit and 64-bit locations of the Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.d11 files that are included with the .NET Framework. InstallShield uses the paths that you specify at build time for releases that include .NET installer classes and COM interop.

If you are building from the command line with ISCmdBld.exe on a 64-bit version of Windows, and you use the existing -t parameter to specify the path of the 32-bit version of the .NET Framework, ISCmdBld.exe uses the 64-bit location of Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.d11 for 64-bit .NET installer classes and COM interop.

If you are building through MSBuild or Team Foundation Server (TFS) and you use the existing DotNetUtilPath parameter on the InstallShield task to specify the path of the 32-bit version of the .NET Framework, the build uses the 64-bit location of Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.d11 for 64-bit .NET installer classes and COM interop.

Note that if you are using InstallShield on a 32-bit operating system, the setting for the 64-bit location is disabled, and only 32-bit support for .NET installer cases and COM interop is available. This support also applies to building from the command line with ISCmdBld.exe, and building through MSBuild or TFS.

To learn more, see:

- .NET Tab (on the Options dialog box)
- ISCmdBld.exe
- Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

**See Also**

Launching InstallShield with vs. Without Administrative Privileges
Using Help

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Revenera understands the importance of having useful information and help resources at your fingertips. In addition to the inline help embedded within various views of the InstallShield interface, InstallShield includes a help library that is installed with the product, an online help system that is available on the Web, and documentation that is available in PDF format.

InstallShield Help Library

When you have questions about your product, first consult the InstallShield Help Library. It is a complete user guide.

You can access the InstallShield Help Library from the Help menu in InstallShield, by pressing F1, or by clicking Help buttons in the interface.

No Internet connectivity is required to view the InstallShield Help Library. Essentially, the online help viewer is a tool that you can use to display, search, and filter technical information based on your personal needs.

Using Context-Sensitive Help

While working on a project, clicking a software object displays its help information in the Help window. This is also called “context-sensitive” help.

Help information is also available for each of the properties of a selected software object displayed in the Explorer window, which provides instructions for setting that property.

Web-Based Online Help

Web-based online help is available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on our Web site at http://docs.revenera.com. This help resource center provides near real time updates to documentation.

Documentation as PDF

InstallShield documentation is also available as a PDF at: https://community.revenera.com/.
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http://www.revenera.com
InstallShield provides powerful features and time-saving tools that make authoring reliable Windows Installer and InstallScript installations easy. The InstallShield Help Library is a resource that will help you harness the full potential of InstallShield. The help topics you might want to read first depend upon your previous experience with InstallShield installation-authoring software. The table below directs you to various topics based on your level of experience.

Table 2-1 • Getting Started Road Map

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Installation Fundamentals

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An installation, in its simplest terms, is the “package” used to install your files and programs onto your user’s machine. It is a complete collection of the application files, as well as logic that interacts with the installer engine. The primary task of any installation is to transfer the application files from the source medium to the end user’s computer. The complexities of the Windows operating system make it anything but simple to create an effective, coherent installation without the aid of a utility such as InstallShield.

An installation is divided into three levels: products, features, and components. The following diagram illustrates this hierarchy:
Figure 2-1: Installation Hierarchy

A product is the highest level of organization in an installation project. A product is usually one main application (for example, a word processor) and all of the files and data that the application requires; a suite of applications may also be a product.

A feature is the smallest installable part of a product, from the end user’s perspective. As the designer of an installation program, you usually allow the user to choose which features to install and which features to leave on the source media. In a word processor product, the main executable may be one feature, and optional dictionaries may be a separate feature. A feature should be self-contained, in the sense that a feature should not require sibling features. For example, a thesaurus feature should not require a dictionary feature that the user can choose not to install. However, you can design features to contain subfeatures, which allow the end user finer control over which files and data to install.

Each feature in a project is made up of one or more components. A component is the smallest installable part of a product from the installation developer’s perspective; components are invisible to the end user. Each component contains files (and other resources) with similar properties. For example, all of the files in a component will be installed in the same directory on an end user’s machine, and all of the files in a component should apply to the same operating system or language. A dictionary feature might contain several language-specific dictionary components. In addition to containing files, components generally contain registry data, shortcuts, file extension information, and other system data to write to a user’s machine.

When you are designing an installation, the overall task is to separate the product’s files into components based on the files’ destination, operating system, language, and other properties, and to associate each component with one or more features.

See Also
Application Lifecycle
Working with Projects
Creating Installations

Application Lifecycle

Your application lifecycle should not end when your customer installs your application. As a software vendor, the success of your application goes well beyond the initial installation on the customer’s desktop. Customers expect to have easy access to product updates, enhancements, and critical information. Your ability to communicate with your customers and monitor the health of your application is vital to your ongoing growth and profitability.
Too often, software vendors require their customers to initiate communication. Vendors who are not proactively creating an ongoing dialog are missing a tremendous opportunity. Unless the customer is an active visitor to your Web site or public user communities, they miss important information about updates, upgrades, hot fixes, and general technical bulletins. You miss revenue and service opportunities.

![Diagram Illustrating Application Lifecycle Management](image)

**Figure 2-2:** How FlexNet Connect Manages the Application Lifecycle

The above diagram illustrates how FlexNet Connect is used to manage the application lifecycle:

1. **Create Install**—InstallShield makes it easy for software developers to create installations that run on any platform.
2. **Run Install**—Installations created with InstallShield technology have successfully installed on over 400 million machines worldwide.
3. **Create Update**—InstallShield enables software developers to rapidly build patches and updates.
4. **Notify User**—FlexNet Connect notifies every user that a new update is ready to be installed.
5. **Download & Install**—FlexNet Connect downloads the update and installs it in one seamless, integrated process.
6. **View Reporting**—FlexNet Connect provides immediate feedback on the update’s adoption rate.

**See Also**
- Creating Installations
- Updating Applications
- Notifying End Users about Upgrades Using FlexNet Connect
- General Information View Settings

## Starting InstallShield

**InstallShield 2020**

Each time you open InstallShield (with the exception of the initial launch after installing the product), you are taken directly to the InstallShield Start Page. The Start Page provides quick access to product information, to recently opened projects, and to InstallShield resources.

**See Also**
- InstallShield Start Page
InstallShield Start Page

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The InstallShield Start Page provides quick access to product information, to recently opened projects, and to InstallShield resources. The Start Page includes the following sections:

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<td>Click a project task to quickly create a new project, open an existing project, or browse to one of the sample projects included with the InstallShield installation.</td>
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<td>Help Topics</td>
<td>Frequently accessed help topics are listed in this section. To access the entire InstallShield Help Library from the Start Page, press F1 or click the Help Library link in the Resources section.</td>
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<td>(Recently Opened Projects)</td>
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<td>Getting Started</td>
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Working with Projects

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An InstallShield project specifies the files, folders, and operations that make up the project’s output. A project’s output is one of the following (depending on the project type):

- Installation: creates or updates a copy of your application on the target system
- Redistributable (merge module or InstallShield object): contains logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality when included in an installation
- Transform: enables an administrator to apply modified settings to an Windows Installer installation when deploying the installation

A project can be as simple or as complex as you need to meet your requirements. A simple project might consist of files, components, features, and registry entries. More complex projects might consist of these items plus redistributables, initialization file changes, and calls to external DLL functions.

See Also
Project Types

Installation Projects Overview

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With InstallShield, you have the ability to choose between a variety of different installation project types—those that use InstallShield’s powerful InstallScript programming language (InstallScript), those that use the Windows Installer database (Basic MSI), or a combination of the two (InstallScript MSI).

The installation project type you choose depends on the needs of your software installation. InstallShield provides the same intuitive user interface for all project types, so your application’s needs can dictate the project type and your authoring experience does not change. Additionally, the knowledge gained by learning how to create projects of one type is applicable to projects of the other types.

Similarities Between Project Types

All InstallShield installation project types create installations that have the same professional, industry-standard look and feel that your end users have come to expect from InstallShield. All enable you to create customized installations to meet the needs and expectations of your end users.

Despite the similarities in the project types’ feature sets, there are some important differences between them—especially between the InstallScript and Basic MSI projects. See Determining Which Installation Project Is Right for You to learn which of these project types is right for your software installation needs.
Determining Which Installation Project Is Right for You

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InstallShield enables you to create different types of projects, but for the beginner there is just one significant choice to make: Do you want to build your installation with Windows Installer or InstallScript technology? Deciding which project type is right for you depends on your experience with InstallShield software and installation development and on your installation and deployment needs. The three main project types are described below.

**Basic MSI Projects**

Basic MSI projects use the Windows Installer service to drive the entire installation, including calls to any custom actions (InstallScript, VBScript, JScript, .exe files, .dll files, managed code). The Basic MSI project type is recommended when you want to do any of the following:

- You want to meet the Windows logo program requirements.
- You want to maximize compatibility with administrative tools such as Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager, or if your software will be customized by corporate system administrators prior to deployment. The Basic MSI project type gives them the flexibility to create transforms for the installation package and its associated properties, without repackaging your installation.
- You want to avoid writing scripting code and want to instead set properties and make table entries.
- You want to upgrade an existing Basic MSI project.

**InstallScript Projects**

InstallScript projects use InstallScript to control the installation. This project type is recommended for any of the following scenarios:

- You have advanced requirements for the end-user experience (the end-user dialogs), such as multimedia elements.
- You want to use full-screen billboards during the run time of your installation.
- You prefer authoring the project using a procedural language at its core rather than a set of database tables.
- You want to perform actions before or after the main installation has been run.
- You want to upgrade an existing InstallScript project.

**InstallScript MSI Projects**

InstallScript MSI projects use both the Windows Installer engine and the InstallScript engine to drive the installation. This project type is the most complicated since it uses both of those engines for the installation; it is not recommended for beginners. This project type may be recommended in the following scenarios:

- You want to meet the Windows logo program requirements.
- You have advanced requirements for the end-user experience (the end-user dialogs), such as multimedia elements.
You prefer authoring the project using a procedural language at its core rather than a set of database tables.

- You want to perform actions before or after the main installation has been run.
- You want to upgrade an existing InstallScript MSI project.

**Tip** • Repackager is a project conversion tool that is available in AdminStudio. You can use this tool to convert InstallScript projects and InstallScript MSI projects to Basic MSI projects.

**See Also**
- InstallScript Installation Projects
- Basic MSI Installation Projects
- InstallScript MSI Installation Projects
- Converting from One Project Type to Another Project Type

### Project Types

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InstallShield offers a number of different project types to assist you in creating the optimal project for your end users.

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| Advanced UI        | ![Icon](image.png) | Edition • *This project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. If you open this type of project in the Premier edition of InstallShield, it opens as a Suite/Advanced UI project.*

An Advanced UI project lets you create a bootstrap application with a contemporary, customizable user interface for a single .msi package, .msp package, or InstallScript package, as well as multiple InstallShield prerequisites. An Advanced UI installation uses a setup launcher (Setup.exe) to conditionally launch packages on target systems as needed.

| Basic MSI          | ![Icon](image.png) | A Basic MSI project uses Windows Installer to provide the user interface for the installation. When you choose this project type, you need to create features and components, and specify all application files and other distributable data. |

| DIM                | ![Icon](image.png) | A DIM project is targeted toward engineering teams who want to foster collaboration, enable distributed installation development, and maximize efficiency in their organizations. A developer installation manifest (DIM) is a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete, logically separated portion of a product installation. You can incorporate one or more DIMs into Basic MSI projects. |
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MSIX is a Windows app package format that provides a modern packaging experience to all Windows apps. The MSIX package format preserves the functionality of existing app packages and/or install files in addition to enabling new, modern packaging and deployment features to Win32, WPF, and WinForm apps. |
| **MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard**   | ![icon](image) | The MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard enables you to convert existing Windows Installer files (.msi files) to MSIX packages through a Basic MSI project.                                                            |
| **MSIX Modification Package Project** | ![icon](image) | **Edition** • *This project type is available in the Premier and Professional edition of InstallShield.*  
MSIX Modification Package is a new type of MSIX package that store customizations (Introduced in Windows 10, version 1809). MSIX Modification Packages are applied as an overlay of an MSIX package, not at installation time, but upon execution of the application. Modification packages can also be plugins/add-ons that may not have an activation point. IT professionals can use this feature to flexibly change MSIX containers so that applications are overlaid by their enterprise's customizations. |
| **Transform**                       | ![icon](image) | A transform (.mst file) is a simplified Windows Installer database that contains the differences between two Windows Installer databases. Creating a new transform project launches the Open Transform Wizard. |
| **Visual Basic .NET Wizard**        | ![icon](image) | Select this option to launch the Visual Studio .NET Wizard for Visual Basic .NET, C# .NET, and Visual C++ .NET.                                                                                                  |
| **C# .NET Wizard**                 | ![icon](image) | Select this option to launch the Visual Studio .NET Wizard for Visual Basic .NET, C# .NET, and Visual C++ .NET.                                                                                                  |
| **Visual C++ .NET Wizard**         | ![icon](image) | Select this option to launch the Visual Studio .NET Wizard for Visual Basic .NET, C# .NET, and Visual C++ .NET.                                                                                                  |

**See Also**  
Creating New Projects  
Determining Which Installation Project Is Right for You  
Converting from One Project Type to Another Project Type
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

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Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations are bootstrap applications that package together installations and InstallShield prerequisites as a single installation while providing a unified, fully customizable user interface. They use a setup launcher (Setup.exe) to conditionally launch packages on target systems as needed.

Note that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations require Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later.

Also note that the ability to create and build a Suite/Advanced UI installation that includes a sideloading Windows App package (.appx) requires Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later on the machine that has InstallShield or the Standalone Build.

See Also
Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations
Primary Packages vs. Dependency Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

MSIX Projects

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Edition • The MSIX project type is available in the Premiere edition and Professional edition of InstallShield.

MSIX is the Windows app package format that provides a modern packaging experience to all Windows apps. The MSIX package format preserves the functionality of existing app packages and/or install files in addition to enabling new, modern packaging and deployment features to Win32, WPF, and WinForm apps.

In InstallShield 2019 and later, you can now use MSIX project type to build MSIX packages. It contains windows applications for side-loading or distribution via the Windows Store.

- Package Information
- Package Payload
- Media

Package Information

Now you can describe and identify your project by providing:

- General Information view to specify details such as the name and format of the project file.
- MSIX VisualAssets explorer to offer an integrated, visual method for describing visual aspects of the MSIX apps.
- Capabilities view that requires to be enabled in app's package manifest to access certain API or resources like pictures, music, or devices such as the camera or the microphone.
Declarations view that provides a visual tool for creating and managing the application, package level declarations and allows to configure their properties.

Content URIs view to specify the URIs that can use window.external.notify to send a Script-Notify event to the app.

Package Payload

Now you can specify the files that designs your MSIX application:

Files and Folders view lets you to add files to your InstallShield project. You can organize these files into folders on the target system.

Important • If you are packaging your UWP application using MSIX project, you are required to add all the assets in the same folder structure as expected by the application.

Applications view offers an integrated, visual method for designing windows app properties that comprises part of or all of the functionality delivered in the package.

Registry view enables you to define registry keys and values to be created by your installation.

Media

Now you can customize the files and folders that you will use to distribute your installation:

Path Variables view makes your installation easily portable between development systems through the use of variables.

Releases view provides a visual tool for each product in your project.

Basic MSI Installation Projects

Basic MSI is the Windows Installer–based project type in InstallShield. Basic MSI projects are recommended in cases where the Windows Installer service should drive the entire installation. They allow you to author your installation using only the native Windows Installer feature set. The geometry of your end user dialogs as well as the flow of your setup user interface (UI) is authored directly in the MSI package, and the Windows Installer Service uses its native user interface rendering capabilities to display the UI to your end users. The advantages of this project type are fully realized if you need to author your installation in an open format.

Note • Create a Basic MSI project if your software will be customized by corporate systems administrators prior to deployment. It gives them the flexibility to create transforms for the installation package and its associated properties, without repackaging your installation.

Basic MSI projects have the ability to run InstallScript code in the form of custom actions. As with InstallScript projects, Basic MSI projects take advantage of other robust features provided by InstallShield such as dialog authoring, the ability to call custom actions in standard Windows .dll files, and the ability to specify support files.
Run-Time Behavior for Basic MSI Installations with InstallScript Custom Actions

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See Also
- Installation Projects Overview
- InstallScript Installation Projects
- Converting from One Project Type to Another Project Type

For InstallShield 12 and Later Projects

The following steps outline the run-time behavior for Basic MSI installations that include InstallScript custom actions:

1. The package is launched by the Windows Installer service.
2. Any sequenced InstallScript custom actions execute as follows.
   a. The Windows Installer calls the relevant entry point in ISSetup.d11 (loaded from the Binary table).
   b. ISSetup.d11 extracts its Setup.inx resource to a temporary location.
   c. ISSetup.d11 executes relevant script code.

The run-time behavior for Installshield 12 and later Basic MSI projects that have InstallScript custom actions is much different than the behavior for InstallShield 11.5 and earlier because of some architecture enhancements. For more information about the enhancements, see Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier.

For InstallShield 11.5 and Earlier Projects

For installations created with InstallShield 11.5 and earlier, the run-time behavior is as follows:

1. Setup.exe installs ISScript.msi.
2. Setup.exe launches MsiExec.exe to install the primary .msi file. (Setup.exe must be included in the installation, or it must already be present on the target system.)
3. ISMsiServerStartup (immediate custom action) starts and initializes IDriver.exe.
4. Any sequenced InstallScript custom actions execute as follows.
   a. The Windows Installer finds the relevant entry point in ISScriptBridge.d11.
   b. ISScriptBridge.d11 finds the running IDriver.exe instance using the running object table (ROT).
   c. IDriver.exe executes relevant script code.
5. ISCleanUpSuccess shuts down IDriver.exe.

If you upgrade an InstallShield 11.5 or earlier project to InstallShield 2020, the run-time behavior is updated to the behavior described for InstallShield 12 and later projects.

See Also
- Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier Basic MSI Projects that Have InstallScript Custom Actions
- Overview of ISSetup.dll
DIM Projects

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The DIM support in InstallShield is targeted toward engineering teams who want to foster collaboration, enable distributed installation development, and maximize efficiency in their organizations. A developer installation manifest (DIM) is a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete, logically separated portion of a product installation. Some benefits of using DIMs are as follows:

- Working with DIMs enables multiple team members to contribute to the development of the installation simultaneously. Each software developer or other team member can work on a separate DIM that the release engineer can reference in one or more installation projects.
- Release engineers can reuse DIMs in multiple installation projects, enabling efficiency.
- DIMs include support for virtually the same functionality that is available in Basic MSI projects. This gives authors of DIMs all of the flexibility that they need to develop their portions of an installation.

See Also
- Modularizing Installation Projects to Distribute Development Work and Enable Reuse
- Using Path Variables in a DIM
- Specifying the Default Destination Folder for a DIM

InstallScript Installation Projects

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The InstallScript installation project type provides the power and flexibility of the InstallScript programming language and the familiarity of the InstallShield Professional project. Windows Installer is not used at all. The installation is completely script driven and very flexible, and it uses the InstallScript engine, the same trusted engine used by InstallShield Professional.

*Note* • *InstallScript installations are generally less desirable to systems administrators because they require the use of Setup.exe, rather than being self-contained in an .msi file, and may not be fully customizable prior to deployment. If your software will be customized by corporate systems administrators prior to deployment, create a Basic MSI installation project.*

The InstallScript Engine

With InstallScript projects, the run-time user interface is rendered and its flow controlled by InstallScript, and the changes that are made to the target operating system are done through InstallShield’s trusted InstallScript engine, with no reliance on Windows Installer.

Using InstallScript as the installation driver has many benefits. The first is that InstallScript’s event model enables you to create a script-driven installation without writing a single line of code. If you want to add custom functionality, you need to implement only the events whose functionality you want to change.

The user interface abilities for Basic MSI projects are somewhat limited with regard to the types of controls you can use or the kind of control you have over dialog events. InstallScript projects have no such limitation—offering a wide range of standard controls along with the ability to add custom dialog controls. Dialog messaging in the script enables you to have complete control over how your end-user dialogs behave.
Upgrading Projects Created Using InstallShield Professional

Installation projects created using InstallShield Professional (version 5.5 and later) upgrade to the InstallScript project type.

Additional Features for InstallScript Projects

InstallScript projects provide a few additional features that are not available in Basic MSI projects:

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See Also

- Installation Projects Overview
- Basic MSI Installation Projects
- Converting from One Project Type to Another Project Type

InstallScript MSI Installation Projects

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InstallScript MSI installations use two different installer engines:

- The Windows Installer engine runs the standard Execute sequence of the .msi package. This is the sequence that typically modifies the target system.

- The InstallScript engine serves as the custom user interface (UI) handler of the installation. It also executes the InstallScript code. The advantage of using the InstallScript engine for the UI is that it offers support for highly customized run-time dialogs.

InstallShield offers two different styles for the UI of InstallScript MSI installations:

- **Traditional style**—This style lets you use the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler for your InstallScript MSI installation. With this style, your installation must include a Setup.exe setup launcher. The setup launcher serves as a bootstrap application that initiates the InstallScript engine to display the UI and run the InstallScript code, and the Windows Installer to run the Execute sequence of the .msi package.

- **New style**—This style lets you use the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler for your InstallScript MSI installation. For this style, InstallShield embeds the InstallScript engine within the .msi package. The Windows Installer calls the InstallScript engine to display the UI. The Windows Installer also runs the Execute sequence of the .msi package.

  This option requires Windows Installer 4.5 on the target machine. This option also has some limitations that require careful planning if you decide to use this style.
For detailed information about these two styles, see *Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.*

**Note •** Because this project type uses two different engines, it is more complex than pure InstallScript or Basic MSI installation projects. It is recommended only for advanced users.

Traditional-style InstallScript MSI installations are less desirable to systems administrators than Basic MSI installations or new-style InstallScript MSI installations. That is because traditional-style InstallScript MSI installations require the use of Setup.exe, rather than being self-contained in an .msi package, and they may not be fully customizable prior to deployment. If your software will be customized by corporate systems administrators prior to deployment, create a Basic MSI project. As an alternative, you could consider using the new-style InstallScript MSI installations, but your must ensure that any system changes that need to be made are done with custom actions in the Installation Execute sequence. To ensure that sufficient privileges are available, custom actions should have an in-script execution setting of deferred in system context.

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#### See Also
- InstallScript Installation Projects
- Basic MSI Installation Projects
- Converting a Basic MSI Project to an InstallScript MSI Project
- Converting an InstallScript MSI Project to an InstallScript Project

### Run-Time Behavior for InstallScript MSI Installations

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#### For InstallShield 12 and Later Projects

The following steps outline the run-time behavior for InstallScript MSI installations:

2. ISSetup.d11 does the following:
   a. Loads Setup.inx.
b. Executes pre-installation InstallScript events (for example, OnBegin).

c. Launches the Windows Installer (and the InstallScript engine for the external user interface).

d. Each InstallShield custom action executes as follows (for example, OnMoved). (Note that this essentially the same mechanism that is used in Basic MSI with InstallScript custom actions.)

   i. The Windows Installer calls the relevant entry point in ISSetup.dll. (This is a different instance of ISSetup.dll, loaded from the Binary table.)

   ii. ISSetup.dll extracts its Setup.inx resource to a temporary location.

   iii. ISSetup.dll executes relevant script code.

   iv. Executes post-installation InstallScript events (for example, OnEnd).

The run-time behavior for InstallShield 12 and later InstallScript MSI projects is much different than the behavior for InstallShield 11.5 and earlier because of some architecture enhancements. For more information about the enhancements, see Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier.

**For InstallShield 11.5 and Earlier Projects**

For InstallScript MSI installations created with InstallShield 11.5 and earlier, the run-time behavior is as follows:

1. Setup.exe installs ISScript.msi.
2. Setup.exe launches IDriver.exe.
3. IDriver.exe does the following:

   a. Loads Setup.inx.

   b. Executes pre-installation InstallScript events (for example, OnBegin).

   c. Launches the Windows Installer (and the InstallScript engine for the external user interface).

      Each InstallScript custom action executes as follows (for example, OnMoved). (Note that this is the same mechanism used in Basic MSI installations with custom actions.)

      i. The Windows Installer calls the relevant entry point in ISScriptBridge.dll.

      ii. ISScriptBridge.dll finds the running IDriver.exe instance using the running object table (ROT).

      iii. IDriver.exe executes relevant script code.

   d. Executes post-installation InstallScript events (for example, OnEnd).

**See Also**

Overview of ISSetup.dll

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**Merge Module Projects**

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Merge modules allow you to add existing pieces of functionality to your installation. For example, if your application requires the VB Run-Time DLL, you can add Microsoft’s Visual Basic Virtual Machine module to your setup application. Traditionally, you would have to create registry entries, set the target folders, custom actions and any other necessary steps yourself. With merge modules, all you need to do is associate an existing merge module with your installation and move on to your next task.
InstallShield provides you with the ability to create your own merge modules to distribute with your installations or give away to other developers. This can be useful if you are going to include certain pieces of functionality in all of your installation projects. Rather than having to recreate that part of the installation every time, you can create it once as a merge module and then associate that module with all of your installation projects.

**InstallScript Custom Actions in Merge Module Projects**

Merge modules can contain InstallScript custom actions. However, you must manually create the **Module** Sequence table entries to make sure that the custom actions are merged properly.

**How Merge Modules Work**

When a merge module is associated with an installation project, it is merged into the .msi database at build time. As a result, you are merging two distinct projects (your new installation and the existing merge module) into one .msi file. The merge module behaves like a component in that it is not installed unless the feature with which it is associated is installed. Therefore, if you have a feature that requires VB run-time DLLs, and that feature is not selected for installation, the VB merge module will not be installed.

**See Also**

Designing Merge Modules

**MSI Database and MSM Database Projects**

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The MSI Database and MSM Database project types allow you to edit Windows Installer installation databases and merge module databases directly, rather than working through an intermediate project format (.ism file). These project types extend the Direct Editor functionality to include different views that are supported in standard installation and merge module projects. The views that are supported in these project types are intended to function as they do for an .ism project.

**Project** • There is no string entry or path variable support in an MSI Database or MSM Database project.

You can directly edit an existing .msi file or .msm file, or directly create a new database by opening a new MSI Database or MSM Database project. The data in this file should match what you would get if you created a blank Basic MSI or Merge Module project and built a database from that project.

**See Also**

Adding Files in Direct Edit Mode
Adding Merge Modules in Direct Edit Mode

**InstallScript Object Projects**

**InstallShield 2020**

Using InstallShield objects, you can easily install key Windows technologies. To install a technology, simply include the corresponding InstallShield object in your installation. If a technology is required by a particular component, you can associate the corresponding InstallShield object with the feature.
QuickPatch Projects

InstallShield 2020

A QuickPatch project is a specific type of project recommended for installation authors who want to ship small, single updates to their users. Changes that are more extensive such as adding custom actions and changing .ini data typically require a standard patch.

QuickPatch authoring provides a simple alternative to creating a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, even though it provides less customization. Fundamentally, both patch creation methods produce the same deliverable types: .msp and .exe files.

With a QuickPatch, you can do any of the following:

- Add new files to the original installation or an earlier QuickPatch.
- Delete files in the original installation.
- Delete files that were added with a previous QuickPatch.
- Perform the same set of above operations on registry entries.
- Remove custom actions that were included with the original installation but that do not apply to the current QuickPatch project.

The creation of a QuickPatch project always begins with the Create New QuickPatch Wizard. After you have completed the wizard, you can configure the QuickPatch project settings once the project opens in InstallShield.

See Also
Upgrades Overview
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
Working with Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Projects

Transform Projects

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A transform (.mst file) is a simplified Windows Installer database that contains the differences between two .msi databases. Transforms enable an administrator to apply modified settings to a database when deploying an installation package.

InstallShield has a transform project type that enables you to edit .msi packages without having to convert them to an InstallShield (.ism) project. You can save the changes made as a transform (.mst) file.

When you create a transform project or open a transform in InstallShield, the Open Transform Wizard launches to gather information about the base .msi file and any additional transform files that you want applied to the base .msi file.

See Also
Editing Transforms
Using Projects

InstallShield allows you to create, edit, upgrade, and save numerous project types—from installation projects to InstallShield object projects that allow you to reuse functionality within InstallShield.

The pages in this section cover a variety of topics, including how to create a particular project type, how to create project templates, and what to expect when you upgrade from a different InstallShield product.

See Also
- Working with Projects
- Project Types

Creating New Projects

There are a number of ways to create a new InstallShield project.

Task
To create a new project, do one of the following:
- Click the New Project button on the toolbar or on the InstallShield Start Page.
- Press Ctrl+N.
- On the File menu, click New.

Any of these steps launches the New Project dialog box, from which you can select the project that you want to create.

Using a Template to Create a New Project

Your project templates are listed in the New Project dialog box on the appropriate tab. For more information, see Basing New Projects on Templates.

Creating a Project From Within Microsoft Visual Studio

You can create an InstallShield project from within the Microsoft Visual Studio workspace. For more information, see Creating InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio.

See Also
- Project Types

Opening Projects

Task
To open an existing InstallShield project, do one of the following:
- Click the Open Project button on the toolbar.
• On the **File** menu, click **Open**. In the **Open** dialog box, navigate to the project file.
• Press Ctrl+O.
• Click the **Open an existing project** link or click a recently opened project link on the InstallShield Start Page.
• Double-click a project file (.ism) on the desktop or in Windows Explorer.

With the exception of clicking a specific file or file link, all of the above options launch the Open dialog box, which enables you to browse to your project file.

**See Also**
- Opening Projects from Source Code Control
- Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects
- Opening Patch Creation Properties Files in Direct Edit Mode

### Opening Projects from Source Code Control

**InstallShield 2020**

An option on the Open dialog box enables you to get the latest version of a project folder from your source control application.

#### Task

**To open a project from source control:**

1. On the **File** menu, click **Open**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
2. Click the **Source Control** button. A login dialog box for your source control program opens.
3. Log on to your source control program and browse to your project folder or database.

InstallShield gets the latest versions of every file in that project to a working directory.

**Note** • *If you do not have a source control application on the system that has InstallShield, the Open dialog box does not display the Source Control button.*

**See Also**
- Opening Projects

### Opening Patch Creation Properties Files in Direct Edit Mode

**InstallShield 2020**

You can open a previously created patch creation properties file from the Open dialog box.

#### Task

**To open a patch creation properties (.pcp file):**

1. On the **File** menu, click **Open**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
2. In the **Files of type** list, click **Patch Creation Properties Files (*.pcp)**.
3. Select the .pcp file you want to edit and click **Open**.

Your patch project file opens in the Direct Editor.

**See Also**

Opening Projects

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**Opening Windows Installer Packages**

**InstallShield 2020**

InstallShield provides the option to either edit MSI packages directly in the IDE in Direct Edit Mode or convert it to an InstallShield project (.ism), and then edit it as a Basic MSI project in the IDE.

**Note •** Some functionality may be limited when editing an MSI package in Direct Edit Mode.

**Task**

**To open an MSI package in Direct Edit Mode of the IDE:**

1. Click the **Open Project** button on the toolbar. A browse dialog opens.

2. Select **Windows Installer Packages (*.msi)** from the **Files of Type** list.

3. Select the MSI package that you want to open.

4. Ensure that the **Open as** field is set to Auto, and click **Open**.

**Note •** By default, the IDE opens an MSI package in Direct Edit Mode.

The **Open MSI/MSM Wizard** can convert an existing Windows installer (.msi) package to an InstallShield project (.ism) file, and open the new project to modify in the IDE.

**Note •** You can also open Patch Creation Project files (.pcp files) in InstallShield and edit them in the Direct Editor.

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**Opening Merge Modules**

**InstallShield 2020**

The **Open MSI/MSM Wizard** can convert an existing Windows Installer merge module (.msm file) to an InstallShield project (.ism) file, and open the new project in the InstallShield IDE.

**Task**

**To launch the Open MSI/MSM Wizard:**

1. Click the **Open Project** button on the toolbar. A browse dialog opens.

2. Select **Windows Installer Modules (*.msm)** from the **Files of Type** list.

3. Go to the merge module and click **Open**.
The Open MSI/MSM Wizard prompts for specific information about the project you are creating, and then opens your new merge module project in the IDE.

**Opening Object Projects**

*InstallShield 2020*

You can open an object project (.ipo or .ipr) that you created using InstallShield Professional. When you open this project in InstallShield, it is migrated to a merge module (.msm) project.

**Placing Merge Modules in the Redistributables View**

*InstallShield 2020*

To associate your merge module with InstallShield installation projects, you can automatically place your merge module project in the Modules folder so it is available in the Redistributables view for use in setup projects.

**Task**

**To automatically place your merge module project in the Modules folder:**

Select the “Add to local merge module catalog” option in the Merge Module Options panel of the Release Wizard.

**Saving Projects**

*InstallShield 2020*

When you create a new project, it is saved automatically with the name and location that you provide in the New Project dialog box.

InstallShield enables you to save a copy of the open project as a template or as a new project with a different name and location.

**See Also**

Project Templates

**Saving a Project with a New Name and Location**

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When you save your project with a new name and location, a copy of the renamed project file and all of its associated files and folders are saved in the new location. The next time that you save your project, all changes are saved to this new location.

**Task**

**To save your project with a new name and location:**

1. On the File menu, click Save As. The Save As dialog box opens.

2. In the Save in box, select the appropriate location.
3. Select or clear the Create ‘Project Name’ subfolder and save the project in the created folder check box as appropriate. In both cases, a <Project Name> subfolder is created in the Project Location box (on the File Locations tab of the Options dialog box).

If you select the Create ‘Project Name’ subfolder and save the project in the created folder check box, the project file (.ism) is saved in the <Project Name> subfolder. If you clear the check box, the project file is saved in the location specified in the Project Location box.

4. If the new project’s GUID should be different than the GUID of the original project, select the Create and assign a new project GUID to the saved project check box. If the new project’s GUID should be the same GUID of the original project, clear this check box.

5. To use the name that you specified in the File name box as the value for the Product Name setting (in the General Information view) of the new project, select the Update the project settings appropriately based on the new project name check box. If the new project’s Name property should be the same as that of the original project, clear this check box.

Note • When you save a project with external dependencies, such as InstallScript files, your new project points to the original copies of these files. Duplicate copies are not made. Therefore, before you delete your original project, ensure that you do not delete any files that may be used by the new project.

See Also
Save As Dialog Box

Converting from One Project Type to Another Project Type

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InstallShield offers support for converting some types of projects to other types of projects.

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See Also
Project Types

Converting a Basic MSI Project to an InstallScript MSI Project

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Converting your Basic MSI project to an InstallScript MSI project allows you to take full advantage of the scripting capabilities that are available in InstallShield.

Caution • This conversion is irreversible. After you convert your Basic MSI project to an InstallScript MSI project and save it, you cannot easily convert your project back to a Basic MSI project. Before you convert your Basic MSI project, it is generally good practice to first create a back-up copy of it.

Converting Projects

Task To convert your Basic MSI project to an InstallScript MSI project:

1. Open your Basic MSI project.

2. On the Project menu, point to Project Converters, and click Convert to InstallScript MSI project.

Converting Dialogs

Because an InstallScript MSI project uses resource-based dialogs—instead of using the Windows Installer dialog-related tables—no Windows Installer-based dialogs from your original project are available after the migration. You need to manually add any custom dialogs.
Your converted installation project contains the default InstallScript MSI dialogs. To review the default dialogs, go to the InstallScript view and view the dialogs displayed in the OnFirstUIBefore and OnFirstUIAfter events.

Converting an InstallScript MSI Project to an InstallScript Project

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InstallScript MSI projects created using InstallShield, InstallShield DevStudio, or InstallShield Developer can be easily converted to the InstallScript project type.

Task

To convert an existing InstallScript MSI project to an InstallScript project:

1. Open the InstallScript MSI project.
2. On the Project menu, point to Project Converters, and click Convert to InstallScript project.

GUIDs

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GUID stands for globally unique identifier. A GUID is 128 bits long, and the algorithm used to generate a GUID guarantees each GUID to be unique. Because GUIDs are guaranteed to be unique, they can be used to identify COM classes, Product Codes, and various other codes.

For example, after a product is installed, a key is created under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall and is named after the installation’s Product Code. At one time, this key was named after the Product Name. However, this caused a potential conflict. If two installations were installed on the same machine, and both shared the same Product Name, they would also share the same registry key. Because a GUID is now used, it guarantees that this conflict does not occur.

An example GUID is {5D607F6A-AF48-4003-AFA8-69E019A4496F}. Any letters in a GUID must be in uppercase.

GUIDs in Your Project

When you create an installation project, there are a number of different GUIDs that are relevant to your project.

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**Project** • For information on when you need to change GUIDs in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, see Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update.

## Changing the Default Project Location

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All new projects are saved by default in the following location:

C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects

To specify a new default location for your installation projects, use the File Locations tab on the Options dialog box.

**Note** • Although this folder is used for all new installation projects, any existing projects remain in the previous location.
Reusing Project Elements

You can save several elements in your project to reuse in another project. In some cases, the data must be saved to an intermediary file and in others you can export it directly to another .ism file. The manner in which you can reuse each element is described below.

Entire Projects
By saving a project as an InstallShield project template, you can create a project from the template that is almost identical to the original project.

Registry Entries
When you export registry entries to a REG file, you can import that file into another component’s registry data in the same project or an entirely different one.

String Entries
You can export a project’s string entries for a specific language to a tab-delimited text file. Typically, you would send the text file out for translation and then import the string entries back into the project for another language. However, you could also add the exported string entries to another project by importing the file into the other project.

End-User Dialogs
You can save all of your dialogs to an .rc file, export them individually to InstallShield dialog template files, or export them directly to another project.

Components
To export a component to another project, right-click on the component and select Export Components Wizard. Follow through wizard and the component and all of its data are added to the specified project.

Custom Actions
You can export a custom action to another project by right-clicking on the custom action in the Custom Actions explorer and clicking Export. The Custom Actions explorer is in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) and the Custom Actions view (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).

Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
InstallShield supports the use of repositories. A repository is a collection of common elements that can be shared and reused in different installation projects. Elements that can be stored in a repository include:

- End-user dialogs
- InstallScript files
- Merge modules
Repositories provide you with the ability to reuse project elements in multiple projects and strive for consistency. They also save you from having to duplicate work. For example, if many of the installations for your organization’s products include a particular custom dialog, you can create that custom dialog once and then publish it to your repository. Any time you want to use that dialog in another installation, simply add the dialog from your repository to your project.

Two types of repositories are available in InstallShield:

- **Local repository**—A local repository is your own collection of installation elements that you want to be able to reuse in multiple projects. A local repository is stored on your local machine, and it is not available to other installation authors.

- **Network repository**—A network repository is a collection of installation elements that multiple installation authors can access and reuse in their projects as needed. A network repository fosters collaboration among installation authors; it is stored on a network. For information on configuring a network repository, see **Setting up a Network Repository**.

**Edition** • Network repositories are available in the Premier edition of InstallShield only. Local repositories are available in both the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield.

**See Also**
- Publishing a Dialog (.isd) File to a Repository
- Publishing InstallScript Files (.rul and .h) to a Repository
- Publishing a Merge Module to a Repository from Within a Merge Module Project
- Publishing Project Templates to a Repository
- Publishing SQL Script Files to a Repository
- Publishing a System Search to a Repository

**Setting up a Network Repository**

InstallShield 2020

**Edition** • Network repositories are available in the Premier edition of InstallShield only.

To configure a network repository, or to change the network repository settings, use the Repository tab on the Options dialog box.

**Project Templates**

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A project template contains all of the default settings and design elements that you want to use as a starting point when you create an installation project or merge module project.

You can open a template in InstallShield and edit it as you would a project. To create a template, save any project as a template. For more information, see **Creating Project Templates**.
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For instructions on starting a new project based on a template, see Basing New Projects on Templates.

InstallShield project templates serve only as a starting point for new projects. After you have created a project based on a template, there is no link between the current project and the existing template. If you change an element in the template, it does not affect the project that you created based on that template. However, you can modify the template and create another project based on the updated version of the template.

See Also
Creating Project Templates
Reusing Project Elements

Creating Project Templates

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The procedure for creating a template file varies, depending on whether you are creating a template for a project type that uses .ism project files (Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module), or for a project type that uses .issuite project files.

Creating a Project Template File for Projects that Use .ism Project Files

You can create a project template from any .ism project file; this includes installation projects and merge module projects. When you create a template from an .ism project file, the template file has an .ist file extension.

Task  To create a template (.ist) from an .ism project file:

1. Edit the project to include the desired default settings, user interface, features, and so on.
2. On the File menu, click Save As. The Save As dialog box opens.
3. In the Save As type box, select InstallShield Template (*.ist).
4. Type a file name (with the .ist extension) and select a location for the new template. The recommended location for templates is a Templates folder within the project location folder.
5. Click OK.

You can open the template in InstallShield and make additional changes. You can use the final version of your template to create a new project.

Creating a Project Template File for Projects that Use .issuite Project Files

You can designate any Advanced UI or Suite Advanced UI project (.issuite) to be a template. Project files and template files for these project types have the same file extension: .issuite.

Task  To designate that an .issuite project file is a template file and make the template available for selection in the New Project dialog box:

Right-click in the All Types tab on the New Project dialog box and then click Add New Template. InstallShield lets you browse to the .issuite file that you want to use as a template, and it adds a new icon for it to the All Types tab.
Basing New Projects on Templates

InstallShield 2020

To save time, you can base multiple projects on a single project template that contains default settings and design elements. The template can be stored somewhere on your system. It can also be stored in a repository.

Task To create a project using a template as a starting point:

2. Click the All Types tab.
3. Select the template that you want to use.

Note • To display templates that are stored in a repository, right-click in the box of project types and ensure that Show Templates in Repository is enabled. To add a template to the tab, right-click in the box of project types and then click Add New Template. Then browse to the desired template file (.ist file).

4. In the Project Name box, type a name for your project.
5. In the Location box, type the path to the directory where you want to store your template, or click the Browse button to find it.
6. Click OK. InstallShield creates the new project based on the template that you selected, and the new project is opened in InstallShield.

The new project is virtually identical to the project template, except that InstallShield generates a new product code (for installation projects), package code, and upgrade code (for Windows Installer–based installation projects), and a module ID for merge module projects.

See Also
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

Publishing Project Templates to a Repository

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If you have an existing template that you would like to reuse for other projects or share with other users, you can publish it to a repository.

Task To publish a template to a repository:

2. Click the All Types tab.
3. Right-click the template that you want to publish and then click Publish Template to Repository. The Publish Wizard opens.
4. Complete the panels in the Publish Wizard.
After you have created a project that is based on a template in your repository, there is no link between the current project and the existing repository template. If you make a change to the template and then republish it to the repository, it does not affect the project that you created based on the template. However, you can create a new project based on the updated version of the template in the repository.

See Also
Basing New Projects on Templates
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

Sample Projects

InstallShield 2020

A number of example project (.ism) files have been included with the InstallShield installation. These projects are stored in the Samples folder. The default location is:

C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Samples

These projects show you how a certain aspect of an installation project—such as release flags—can be implemented.

Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

InstallShield provides a Project Assistant to help you quickly and easily build a basic installation project. The Project Assistant provides a framework of installation project tasks to guide you through the project creation process and provides pertinent information along the way.

How the Project Assistant Works

When you create a new installation project or transform, the Project Assistant view automatically opens.

Information that you enter in the Project Assistant is saved directly to the underlying project file. Therefore, you can switch to the Installation Designer (described below) and view or modify your information using the full power of the InstallShield Installation Development Environment (IDE). In this way, you can use the Project Assistant to create the foundation for a more advanced installation where you use the Installation Designer, as needed, to customize your installation.

Integration with the Installation Designer

The Installation Designer tab displays all of the views in the InstallShield interface that are available for your project type. Here you can add more complex and powerful elements to your installation project. You can create your installation project using the Project Assistant and then use the Installation Designer to fine-tune project elements.
The Installation Designer and the Project Assistant run simultaneously. Any changes that you make in one are reflected instantly in the other. For example, if you remove a feature while using the Installation Designer tab, that feature is no longer present in your installation project and does not appear in the Project Assistant.

See Also
Using the Project Assistant
Showing or Hiding the Project Assistant

Using the Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

When you create a new installation project, the Project Assistant is automatically displayed. The home page has an installation design diagram to help you visualize the steps that are involved in creating an installation. You can work within the Project Assistant to create your project or click the Installation Designer tab to further define a basic installation project.

See Also
Project Assistant

Using the More Options, Other Places, and Help Links Sections in the Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The left column on each Project Assistant page contains one or more lists of links to help you in creating your installation and finding information:

- More Options—Provides additional configuration options relating to the specific area on the Project Assistant page. These are less common options that complete the functionality of the Project Assistant.
Other Places—The view in the Installation Designer that corresponds to the current Project Assistant page. Clicking the link launches the full Installation Designer and activates that view.

Help Links—This list provides links to help topics pertinent to the current Project Assistant page.

See Also
Project Assistant

Navigating in the Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database
• Transform

Task • To navigate from one page of the Project Assistant to another, do one of the following:

• To navigate directly to a specific page, click the appropriate icon in the navigation bar at the bottom of the page.

• To follow the Project Assistant steps sequentially, do one of the following:
  
  • Click the Next or Back arrow buttons to move forward or backward.
  
  • Press CTRL+TAB to move to the next page and CTRL+SHIFT+TAB to move to the previous page.

• To move back to the Home page and view the installation design diagram, click the Home button on the navigation bar.

See Also
Project Assistant

Opening the Installation Designer

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database
• Transform
The Installation Designer tab displays the views in the InstallShield Installation Development Environment (IDE). You can use this tab to add more complex and powerful elements to your installation project than you can with the Project Assistant. To open a view in the Installation Designer, click the Installation Designer tab.

**Note** • The Installation Designer and the Project Assistant run simultaneously. Any changes that you make in one are reflected instantly in the other.

**See Also**
Project Assistant

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### Showing or Hiding the Project Assistant

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Project Assistant provides a simplified view of installation project tasks. You can perform all of the same tasks—and also further customize your project—through the Installation Designer.

If you prefer to create your InstallShield project entirely from within the Installation Designer, you can hide the Project Assistant so that its tab is not displayed in the InstallShield interface. Similarly, if the Project Assistant is hidden, you can choose to display it.

**Task** • To show or hide the Project Assistant:

On the **View** menu, click **Project Assistant**.

When the Project Assistant command has a check mark next to it, the tab for the Project Assistant is shown in the InstallShield interface. When the check mark is not displayed, the Project Assistant is hidden.

If the Project Assistant command does not have a check mark, the Installation Designer becomes the default tab whenever you create a new project.

**See Also**
Project Assistant
Application Information Page

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Application Information page is where you specify general information about the application your project will install, including the application’s name and version, your company’s name and Web address, and the application icon.

**See Also**
Application Lifecycle
Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel
Company Name and Product Name in Your Installation

Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel provides a list of the applications that are installed on a computer system. You can view information about particular programs and add, modify, or remove programs from Add or Remove Programs.

The information you provide in the Application Information page of the Project Assistant is used to populate information for your application’s Add or Remove Programs information when your application is installed.

**See Also**
General Information View
Company Name and Product Name in Your Installation

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Your company name and product name are used in several places in your installation project.

**How Your Company Name Is Used Throughout Your Installation Project**

Your company name is used to set the default installation directory for your application. It is also used in Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel for your application on the end user’s system.

**How Your Product Name Is Used Throughout the Installation Project**

Your product name is used in your application’s entry in Add or Remove Programs (in the support information link) on the target system. It is also used in setting the default installation directory.

**See Also**

General Information View
Setting a Destination Folder for the Component’s Files

Installation Requirements Page

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Installation Requirements page enables you to easily set installation requirements for the target system. For example, if your application requires a specific operating system in order to run properly, you can indicate that in the first section of this page.

**See Also**

Specifying Operating System in the Project Assistant
Creating Custom Installation Requirements
Modifying the Run-Time Message for Software Requirements
When Does the Installation Check for Requirements?
Specifying Operating System in the Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

Project • The ability to specify operating system in the Project Assistant is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

When you specify operating system on the Installation Requirements page of the Project Assistant, InstallShield creates launch conditions. These conditions are added to the LaunchCondition table of your .msi file; you can view and edit this table in the Direct Editor.

How InstallShield Creates the Operating System Launch Conditions

When you specify operating system on the Installation Requirements page, you are essentially excluding operating systems that do not support your application.

For example, if you select only the check box for the latest Windows operating system, InstallShield creates a launch condition to exclude the operating systems that you did not select on the Installation Requirements page. With this type of launch condition, future versions of Windows operating systems are supported automatically because they are not excluded in the launch condition.

See Also
Creating Custom Installation Requirements
When Does the Installation Check for Requirements?
Settings for Platforms and Platform Suites

When Does the Installation Check for Requirements?

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

To ensure that the required software or operating system is present on the target system, the installation checks for these requirements in the beginning of the installation before any files are transferred.
Modifying the Run-Time Message for Software Requirements

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

If your installation has software requirements and the target system does not have the selected software, a run-time message is displayed during the installation. You can modify the message that is displayed.

**Task**

To modify the run-time message:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Installation Requirements page.
2. Select Yes in answer to the software requirements question.
3. Select the software that your application requires. The default run-time message is displayed to the right.
4. Click the run-time message to edit it.

**See Also**

Installation Requirements Page

Creating Custom Installation Requirements

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

You can create customized installation requirements in the Installation Designer by using the product’s Install Condition setting. For this setting, you can create conditions that the Windows Installer must evaluate before launching the installation. For more information, see Setting Product Conditions.

You can also use the System Search Wizard to search for a particular file, folder, registry key, or .ini value on the target system. The System Search Wizard enables you to create a condition with the search value.

**See Also**

Conditional Statement Syntax
Specifying Operating System in the Project Assistant
Installation Architecture Page

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Installation Architecture page lets you specify the features you want your installation program to display to the end user. A feature is the smallest separately installable piece of your product from the end user’s standpoint. Individual features are visible to end users when they select a Custom setup type during installation.

**Note** • Features can contain subfeatures, subsubfeatures, and so forth, to as many levels as your installation program requires.

**See Also**
Creating Installations with Multiple Features
Determining Whether to Create a Multiple-Feature Installation
Default Features
Defining Feature Hierarchy

Adding Features in the Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

**Task**

To add a feature:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Installation Architecture page.
2. Select Yes in answer to Do you want to customize your Installation Architecture?
3. To add a main feature, click the Installation Architecture explorer. To add a subfeature, click the feature that you want to be the parent feature, and then click New. The Project Assistant creates the new feature.
4. Name the feature or click Rename to name it later.

Determining Whether to Create a Multiple-Feature Installation

Install Shield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Features are the building blocks of an installation, from the end user’s perspective. Because of this, features should represent distinct and discrete pieces of functionality within your installation.

If your application has different blocks of functionality, you should create a multiple-feature installation. For example, if your installation contains your application (.exe file) and a help library (.hlp file), your installation project should contain at least two features—one for each piece of functionality.

To learn more about creating a multiple-feature installation within the Project Assistant, see Creating Installations with Multiple Features.

See Also
Creating Features

Creating Installations with Multiple Features

Install Shield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

You can create an installation with multiple features using the Project Assistant or in the Installation Designer (IDE).

**Task**

To create a multiple-feature installation in the Project Assistant:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the **Installation Architecture** page.
2. Select Yes to indicate you want to customize your installation architecture.
3. Click the **Installation Architecture** explorer and then click New. The Project Assistant creates a new feature.
4. Press F2 or right-click the feature and select Rename to provide a name for the new feature.

5. To add another feature at the same level, click the Installation Architecture explorer and then click New. To create a subfeature, click the feature that you want to be the parent feature, and then click New. The Project Assistant creates the new feature.

6. Continue adding features and subfeatures as needed.

To learn about working with features in the Installation Designer, see Creating Features.

See Also
Determining Whether to Create a Multiple-Feature Installation
Features View

Default Features
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The default feature concept exists only in the Project Assistant. All resources (for example, files or registry data) that are added to an installation project need to be associated with a feature. If a resource is not associated with a feature, it is not installed to the target system at run time.

Using a default feature simplifies the authoring experience in the Project Assistant. You do not need to worry about associating project resources with a feature to ensure that they are installed. When you add registry data, create new shortcuts, or add files when All Application Data is selected, all of these resources are added to the default feature.

Setting the Default Feature
You can set the default feature in the Installation Architecture page of the Project Assistant.

What Happens If There Are No Features or No Default Feature Is Selected?
When you navigate to the Installation Architecture page or add data to the Application Files, Application Shortcuts, or Application Registry pages, InstallShield selects the first root feature as the default feature. If there are no features, InstallShield creates one silently.

See Also
Features View
Defining Feature Hierarchy

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Top-level features are the highest level in the feature hierarchy. Top-level features might include the application you want to install, a help library feature, and a sample projects feature.

Beneath the top-level features are subfeatures or child features. This is a feature that is dependent upon another feature for installation purposes. If the parent (or top-level) feature is not installed to the target system, the child feature is not installed.

See Also
Creating Features

Application Files Page

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Application Files page lets you specify the files you want to associate with each of your features.

See Also
Adding Files to a Fixed Folder Location
Viewing Additional Predefined Folders
Adding Files to Features in the Project Assistant
Removing Files from Features in the Project Assistant

Adding Files to Features in the Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
Chapter 2  Getting Started

Project Assistant

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Task  To add a file to a feature:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Application Files page.
2. In the feature list at the top of the page, select the feature that should contain the file.
3. In Destination Computer explorer, select the folder to which you want to add the file.
4. Click Add Files. The Open dialog box opens.
5. Browse to the file that you want to add.
6. Click Open to add the file to the selected feature. The message “The file you have added ... may have dependencies” appears.
7. Click Yes if you want to have those dependencies automatically added to your installation project.

Removing Files from Features in the Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

Project  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Task  To remove a file from a feature:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Application Files page.
2. Click the file you want to remove and press Delete.

Adding Files to a Fixed Folder Location

InstallShield 2020

Project  This information applies to the following project types:
If you know exactly where you want the installation to install your project files on the target system, you can hard-code a fixed folder destination.

**Task**

To add files to a fixed folder location in the Project Assistant:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Application Files page.
2. Right-click Destination Computer and click New Folder.
3. For the new folder’s name, type the drive in which the destination is located—for example, C:
4. Beneath the drive letter folder, further define the destination path by adding subfolders.

**See Also**

Destination Folders

### Viewing Additional Predefined Folders

InstallShield 2020

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Project Assistant’s Application Files page displays the more commonly used predefined folders. You can view and hide predefined folders in this page.

**Task**

To display additional predefined folders:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Application Files page.
2. Right-click Destination Computer and click Show Predefined Folder.
3. In the list of predefined folders, select the folder you want to display.

**Tip**

To hide predefined folders, deselect them in the list of predefined folders.

**See Also**

Destination Folders
Application Shortcuts Page

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Application Shortcuts page lets you specify shortcuts for your application’s files on the target system’s desktop or Start menu. By default, this page displays a shortcut for each executable file that you have added to your project through the Project Assistant. You can delete these, and add shortcuts to other files that you have included in your installation project.

See Also
- File Extensions
- Creating Shortcuts to Files That Are Not Included in the Installation
- Modifying a Default Shortcut in the Project Assistant
- Associating a Shortcut’s Target with a File Extension in the Project Assistant

File Extensions

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

File name–extension associations, or file associations, are registry settings that tell Windows what application to use to open files of a certain type. For example, Windows typically opens text files (files with the .txt extension) with Windows Notepad, and opens bitmap files (files with the .bmp extension) with Microsoft Paint.

A file extension allows someone to identify the type of file without accessing the file. A suffix (.abc) is appended to the file name. The file extension is also useful in that another application can recognize whether the application can work with the file (for example, open the file or modify it), based on the extension.

In InstallShield, you can register your own file extensions by configuring the settings in the Advanced Settings area of a component in the Components view or the Setup Design view. Registering your file extension instructs the target machine’s operating system to use your application to open files with your file extension when an end user clicks on a file.

See Also
- Registering a File Extension
Creating Shortcuts to Files That Are Not Included in the Installation

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

You can configure your installation to create a shortcut that points to a file that already exists on the target system. This file does not have to be included in your installation project.

Task

To create a shortcut to a file that is not included in the installation:

1. Open the Installation Designer.
2. In the View List under System Configuration, click Shortcuts.
3. In the Shortcuts explorer, right-click the destination directory that you want to contain the shortcut and then click New Shortcut to Preexisting File. The Browse for Shortcut Target dialog opens.
4. Browse to the target file’s location and enter the file’s name in the File Name setting.
5. Click OK.
6. Configure the shortcut’s settings.

See Also
Creating Shortcuts

Modifying a Default Shortcut in the Project Assistant

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform
Task To modify a default shortcut:

1. In the **Project Assistant**, open the **Application Shortcuts** page.
2. Select the shortcut that you want to modify.
3. Make the required changes as needed.

### Associating a Shortcut’s Target with a File Extension in the Project Assistant

**InstallShield 2020**

- **Project** This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - InstallScript MSI
  - MSI Database
  - Transform

You can associate a shortcut’s target with a file extension. When you do this, Windows will use the target file to launch files with the specified file extension. For example, if you enter `.txt`, when the end user opens a `.txt` file, the target file of this shortcut is launched to open the `.txt` file.

Task To associate a shortcut’s target with a file extension:

1. In the **Project Assistant**, open the **Application Shortcuts** page.
2. Click the shortcut to activate the shortcut options.
3. Select the **Associate shortcut with file extension** option.
4. Type the file extension that you want to associate with this shortcut’s target—for example, `.txt`. You can add multiple extensions by separating them with a comma.

### Application Registry Page

**InstallShield 2020**

- **Project** This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - InstallScript
  - InstallScript MSI
  - MSI Database
  - Transform

The Application Registry page lets you specify any registry data that your application requires.
See Also
Updating the Registry
Associating Registry Data with Features
Using Variable Data Types in Registry Data
Application Paths
Configuring Registry Data in the Project Assistant
Modifying Registry Data Values in the Project Assistant

Updating the Registry
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The registry is a database for your computer’s configuration information. Information included in a computer’s registry includes user profiles, hardware and software installed on the computer, and property settings.

How Do I Know What Registry Data My Application Requires?

The application developer should be able to provide registry information for you. Specifically, you will need to know if the application you are installing requires any user-specific (HKEY_CURRENT_USER) or machine-specific (HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE) settings.

The developer can provide a .reg file that you add to your installation. InstallShield allows you to import .reg files into your installation project.

Configuring Registry Data in the Project Assistant
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform
To configure registry data:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Application Registry page.
2. Select Yes in answer to the question about configuring registry data.
3. Right-click the registry item to which you want to add the data, select New, and point to Key.
4. Name the key.
5. Right-click the key, select New, and point to the appropriate command. You can pick Default Value, String Value, Binary Value, DWORD Value, Multi-String Value, or Expandable String Value, depending on the type of data you want to register.

Modifying Registry Data Values in the Project Assistant

To modify registry data:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Application Registry page.
2. Double-click the data.
   If you double-clicked a multi-line string, the Multi-Line String Value dialog box opens. If you double-clicked any other type of registry data, the Edit Data dialog box opens.
3. Edit the data and click OK.

Associating Registry Data with Features
All the registry data that you add in the Project Assistant’s Application Registry page is added to your project’s default feature. You can associate your registry data with another feature in the Installation Designer.

**Task** To use the Installation Designer to associate registry data with a feature other than the default feature:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.
2. In the View Filter list, select the feature with which you want to associate the registry data.
3. Create or drag and drop the registry data in the appropriate registry location.

**See Also**
- Updating the Registry
- Filtering Registry Entries by Component or Feature

### Using Variable Data Types in Registry Data

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

InstallShield allows you to use variable data types or properties when creating registry data for your installation project.

**Task** To use INSTALLDIR as a variable in the registry (Windows Installer-based projects only):

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Application Registry page.
2. Select Yes to indicate that you want to configure the registry data that your application will install.
3. Right-click HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT, point to New, and select Key.
4. Name the key Installation Location.
5. Right-click the Installation Location key, point to New, and select String Value.
6. Name the string value My Installation Location.
7. Double-click the My Installation Location key. The Edit Data dialog box opens.
8. In the Value Data field, type [INSTALLDIR].

At run time, the value of [INSTALLDIR] is replaced with the installation directory.
Application Paths

Project

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The application path registry key contains data that Windows uses as a private search path for the specified application’s .dll files. If you install an application’s .dll files into a directory not found in the PATH environment variable (and not into the application’s directory), you should set the appropriate application path to include the .dll file directory during installation. Application path information is stored in the registry under HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\AppName.exe.

See Also
Specifying an Application Path for a Component

Installation Interview Page

Project

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- MSI Database

The Installation Interview page lets you specify the dialogs you want the end user to see when your installation program runs. Based on your answers to the questions on this page, the Project Assistant adds the corresponding dialog to your installation project.

See Also
Specifying Dialogs for Your Installation in the Project Assistant
Allowing End Users to Modify the Installation Location
License Agreements
Creating Selectively Installable Installations
Adding Project Assistant Dialog Support to Projects Upgraded from InstallShield Professional

Specifying Dialogs for Your Installation in the Project Assistant

Project

This information applies to the following project types:
Task

To specify dialogs for your installation:

1. Do you want to display a License Agreement Dialog?—Select Yes to browse to your license agreement file.

2. Do you want to prompt users to enter their company name and user name?—Select Yes to display a dialog requesting this information.

3. Do you want your users to be prompted to modify the installation location of your application?—Select Yes to present a dialog that allows end users to change the installation location. See Allowing End Users to Modify the Installation Location for more information.

4. Do you want users to be able to selectively install only certain parts of your application?—Select Yes to allow end users to select which parts of the application they want to install. See Creating Selectively Installable Installations for more information.

5. Do you want to give users the option to launch your application when the installation completes?—Select Yes and browse to your application file. When this option is set to Yes, the final dialog in the installation presents a check box that allows end users to immediately launch your application upon clicking the Finish button.

Tip • To add a custom graphic to your installation dialogs, click the link in the More Options section of this page to launch the Dialog Images dialog box.

Allowing End Users to Modify the Installation Location

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If you want to provide end users with control over where your software is installed on their system, you can allow them to modify the installation location.

In a Windows Installer-based installation, the Windows Installer property INSTALLDIR serves as the default installation directory. When you allow users to modify the installation location, the CustomSetup dialog is presented during the installation.

In an InstallScript project, TARGETDIR serves as the default installation directory. When you allow users to modify the installation location, the SdSetupType2 dialog is presented during the installation.
License Agreements

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- MSI Database

In order to install your product, you may require that your end users agree to certain legal requirements. For example, most software vendors do not allow end users to copy or distribute their software to others.

Your installation can present an End User License Agreement (EULA) in the License Agreement dialog at run time. The EULA is a legal contract between you and the end user, with regard to the use of your product.

The License Agreement dialog displays your license agreement text and contains a radio button group (Yes or No). If the end user does not agree to accept the EULA, your software is not installed and the installation ends.

Task • To add a License Agreement dialog to your project in the Project Assistant:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Installation Interview page.
2. Select Yes to indicate that you want to add a License Agreement dialog.
3. Type the path to your license agreement file or browse to the file.

  Project • For Basic MSI and MSI Database projects, the file must be a rich text file (.rtf).
  For InstallScript projects, the file type depends on which license dialog that you are using and which parameters you are passing to it. The SdLicenseEx and SdLicense2Ex functions have support for .rtf files and text files (.txt).

Creating Selectively Installable Installations

InstallShield 2020

You can allow your end users to select which portions of your installation they want to install to their systems. This is a custom installation, which provides a list of the available features within your installation. The end user can select the features to install in a dialog presented at run time.

For example, your installation might contain your application’s executable (.exe) file, a documentation (.chm) file, and a samples file. All of these files are contained in different features, which are provided in an option list to the end user. If the end user needs only the application, they can select to install the executable file, but not the documentation or samples file.

See Also
Configuring a Feature’s Install Level Setting
Installation Localization Page

InstallShield 2020

Edition • Multilingual language support is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Installation Localization page lets you specify the languages your installation supports, and specify string values and associated identifiers, which you can use in your end user interface to make your installation more easily localizable in other languages.

Note • You can specify the set of string data that you want to edit in the drop-down menu at the top of the page.

See Also
Localizing String Data from the Project Assistant
How Localized String Data Is Used in the Installation

Localizing String Data from the Project Assistant

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Much of the text in your installation project is stored as string entries. To make localizing your installation easier, InstallShield provides the capability to export your strings for translation and import the translated strings back into your project.

Task • To export all of the string data in your project for translation:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Installation Localization page.
2. In the data list at the top of the page, select All String Data.
3. In the list of languages, select a language.
4. In the More Options area, click Export localizable strings. The File Name dialog box opens.
5. Save the text (.txt) file to the location you want.
6. Send the text file to your translation company or department.

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<td>5.</td>
<td>Browse to your .txt file and click <strong>Open</strong>. The translated strings are imported back into your project.</td>
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See Also
Translating String Entries

How Localized String Data Is Used in the Installation

InstallShield 2020

There are two types of string data in an installation project—string data that is specific to your installation and string data that is specific to your application.

The majority of the string data in an InstallShield project is used at run time when an end user runs the installation. However, some of the string data is installed to the target system. For example, a localized shortcut is localized string data that is installed to the end user’s system.

Build Installation Page

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Tip • The following information applies to releases that are built within InstallShield (without integration with Visual Studio). For information on building an InstallShield release from within Visual Studio, see Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio.

The Build Installation page lets you specify what type of distribution you want to build and, optionally, the location to which you want to copy the distribution files. It also enables you to digitally sign the package.

See Also
Building Your Installation from the Project Assistant
After Completing the Project Assistant: Next Steps
Building Your Installation from the Project Assistant

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Tip: The following information applies to releases that are built within InstallShield (without integration with Visual Studio). For information on building an InstallShield release from within Visual Studio, see Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio.

Task: To build your installation:

1. In the Project Assistant, open the Build Installation page.
2. Select the installation image types you want to build.

Note: The Single MSI Package option should be selected for machines that already have Windows Installer installed since no attempt will be made to check and install the engine if it is not there.

3. If you want InstallShield to automatically copy your installation to another location after the build finishes, click the Optional distribution settings link for each build option and specify the location.

4. If you want InstallShield to distribute your installation after the build finishes, click the Optional distribution settings link for each build option and select the Distribute After Build check box.

5. To digitally sign your Setup.exe file to assure your end users that the code within your application has not been modified or corrupted, click the Digitally Sign Setup hyperlink. The Digitally Sign Setup dialog box opens. Configure the settings as needed.

5. Click Build Installations.

The Output window opens, and the Build tab displays information about the progress of the build. The build is finished when the Build tab displays the log file information.

Tip: The Signing tab in the Installation Designer lets you specify which portions of your installation should be digitally signed at build time. InstallShield enables you to sign any and all of the following files in a release, depending on what type of project you are using:

- Windows Installer package (.msi file or .msm file) for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects
- Setup.exe file for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects
- Media header file for InstallScript projects
- Package (self-extracting single-executable file) for InstallScript projects
- Any files in your release, including your application files
To learn more, see Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time.

Windows Logo • All executable files (including .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .cpl, .drv, and .scr files) in an installation must be digitally signed for the Windows logo program.

See Also
Digital Signing and Security
Digitally Sign Setup Dialog Box

After Completing the Project Assistant: Next Steps

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

After going through the Project Assistant pages and completing the fields, you have an installation project framework that you can use as a functional installation or you can further customize to fit your needs.

Further Customizing Your Project

The Installation Designer provides an easy way to access all of the installation creation views available in InstallShield. Click the Installation Designer tab at the top of the Project Assistant workspace to display the views.

Within the Installation Designer, you can see the View List, which is a list of all available views for the project type that you are creating. To display the View List on the left side of the workspace, press F4.

Learning About InstallShield Views

For detailed information about each of the InstallShield views, refer to the topics in the View List section of the InstallShield Help Library.

Working with the InstallShield Interface

InstallShield 2020

The InstallShield interface is a graphical user interface with conventional Windows-based elements such as a menu bar, a toolbar, and dialog boxes. This section includes topics that explain how to perform basic tasks using these elements and how to customize the interface.

See Also
Showing or Hiding the Project Assistant
View Reference
Displaying the View List

InstallShield 2020

**Task** To see the View List in the InstallShield interface:

1. Click the **Installation Designer** tab at the top of the InstallShield interface.

2. Do one of the following to display the View List:
   - On the **View** menu, click **View List**. The **View List** appears on the left side of the InstallShield interface.
   - Click the toolbar’s **View List** button.
   - Press F4 to hide or show the **View List**.

**See Also**

View Reference

Opening Views in the InstallShield User Interface

InstallShield 2020

The first step in many InstallShield procedures is to open a particular view in the Installation Development Environment (IDE).

**Task** To open a view:

1. Click the **Installation Designer** tab. The **View List** is displayed along the left side of the IDE. If the **View List** is not displayed, see Displaying the View List.

2. In the **View List**, select the view you want to open. To see all available views, expand the View List folders.

Working with the Group Box Area in Various Views

InstallShield 2020

A number of views in InstallShield have a group box area that lets you organize the rows in the view. The views that contain this group box support multiple levels of grouping simply by dragging the column headers and dropping them onto the group box (the area that says, “Drag a column header here to group that column”). InstallShield displays the rows in the view hierarchically according to column arrangement in the group box. Examples of views that contain the group box are the String Editor, Property Manager, the Redistributables, Prerequisites, and Path Variables views.

Note the following tips for working with the group box:

1. To move a column header to the group box area, drag the column header and drop it onto the group box.
2. To copy a column header onto the group box area, press CTRL while dragging the column header and dropping it onto the group box. When you do this, the column header is displayed as a column header, and in the group box.
3. When you are dropping group box headers onto the group box area, you can drop them onto other column headers. This enables you to organize rows hierarchically.
• To remove a column header from the group box, drag it from the group box area and drop it onto the row of column headers. When you are dragging it over the row of column headers, InstallShield displays arrows to indicate where in the row the column header would be displayed if you dropped it.

• To sort the items in the grid by a particular column header, click the column header in the group box or in the row of column headers.

The following examples demonstrate different ways for using the group box to organize content in views.

**Default Behavior: Empty Group Box Area**

By default, no column headers are displayed in the group box. The following screen shot shows part of the Redistributables view. Items are sorted by the Name column.

![Figure 2-3: Empty Group Box Area](image)

**Grouping by One Column Header**

If you press CTRL while dragging and dropping one column header onto the group box, InstallShield arranges the rows in the grid into groups of items. The following screen shot shows part of the String Editor view. Rows are organized to help identify the recently added and modified strings that need to be translated.

![Figure 2-4: Grouping Rows by One Column Header](image)

**Grouping by Two Column Headers**

If you press CTRL while dragging and dropping one column header onto another column header in the group box, InstallShield arranges the rows in the grid into multiple groups of items. The following screen shot shows part of the Redistributables view. Rows are organized to help identify the InstallShield prerequisites and merge modules that have been added to the project.
Showing or Hiding Toolbars

InstallShield 2020

Task  
To show or hide a toolbar, do one of the following:

• Right-click a toolbar and select the toolbar that you want to be displayed or hidden.

• On the Tools menu, click Customize. The Customize dialog box opens. Select the check box for each toolbar that you want to be displayed. Clear the check box for each toolbar that you want to be hidden.

See Also
Adding Buttons and Menus to a Toolbar
Removing Buttons and Menus from a Toolbar
Showing or Hiding Toolbars
Creating Custom Toolbars
Toolbars
Adding Buttons and Menus to a Toolbar

Task

To add a button or menu to a toolbar:

1. Ensure that the toolbar that you want to change is visible.
3. Click the Commands tab.
4. In the Categories box, click the category for the button or menu that you want to add.
5. Drag the button or menu from the Commands box to the appropriate toolbar.

Tip • To create your own custom toolbar, drag the button or menu to the empty gray area near the toolbars.

See Also
Removing Buttons and Menus from a Toolbar
Showing or Hiding Toolbars
Creating Custom Toolbars
Toolbars

Removing Buttons and Menus from a Toolbar

Task

To remove a button or menu from a toolbar:

1. Ensure that the toolbar that you want to change is visible.
3. Right-click the button or menu that you want to remove, and then click Delete.

See Also
Adding Buttons and Menus to a Toolbar
Showing or Hiding Toolbars
Creating Custom Toolbars
Toolbars
Creating Custom Toolbars

To create a custom toolbar:

2. Click the Toolbars tab.
3. Click the New button. The New Toolbar dialog box opens.
4. In the Toolbar name box, enter a descriptive name for the toolbar, and click OK.
5. Customize the new toolbar by adding menus or buttons.

See Also
- Showing or Hiding Toolbars
- Adding Buttons and Menus to a Toolbar
- Removing Buttons and Menus from a Toolbar
- Toolbars

Docking or Undocking the Output Window

The Output window or its individual tabs can be docked to any side of the workspace in InstallShield, or they can be dragged to free-floating positions.

If you drag the Output window or one of its tabs to the edge of the InstallShield interface, it becomes a docked window. If you drag the Output window or one of its tabs away from any of the edges of the InstallShield interface, it becomes undocked.

To undock the Output window:
Drag the title bar of the Output window to the new location. Resize the Output window as needed.

To dock the Output window:
Drag the title bar of the Output window to the left, right, top, or bottom edge of the InstallShield interface.

To undock a tab on the Output window:
Drag the tab to the new location. Resize the Output window as needed.
**Task**

To dock one of the Output window tabs:

Drag the tab to the left, right, top, or bottom edge of the InstallShield interface.

**See Also**

Output Window

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**Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views**

InstallShield 2020

Several views in InstallShield have a script editor pane that you can use to write code for your projects. Examples of views that contain the script editor pane are:

- **InstallScript view**—When you select a script file in this view, InstallShield displays a script editor pane where you can write InstallScript code.

- **SQL Scripts view**—When you select a SQL script in this view, the Script tab shows a script editor pane that lets you edit your SQL file.

- **Custom Actions and Sequences view**—When you select a VBScript or JScript custom action in this view, the Script tab shows a script editor pane that lets you edit your VBScript or JScript file.

This section of the documentation describes how to use the script editors in InstallShield.

**See Also**

InstallScript View
SQL Scripts View
Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)

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**Using Bookmarks in the Script Editors**

InstallShield 2020

Bookmarks are markers that let you jump to specific lines within your script with a minimum number of keystrokes. Bookmarks are visible in the left margin of the script editor. Note that InstallShield does not save bookmarks when you close your project.

**Task**

To add a new bookmark or clear an existing bookmark:

1. Do one of the following:
   - Place the insertion point in the line of your script that you want to contain a bookmark.
   - Place the insertion point in the line of your script that contains the bookmark that you want to clear.

2. Press ALT+K.
Task To move the insertion point to the next line that contains a bookmark:
Press CTRL+K.

Task To move the insertion point to the previous line that contains a bookmark:
Press CTRL+SHIFT+K.

See Also
Keyboard Shortcuts for the Script Editors

Enabling or Disabling Auto Completion in the Script Editors

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want to be able to use automatic completion when you are typing in the script editor in various views (for example, the InstallScript view and the SQL Scripts view). If auto completion is enabled, InstallShield displays a pop-up list of alphabetically ordered functions, keywords, constants, and string identifiers that begin with the letters that you are typing in the script editor. Instead of manually typing the entire word, you can select it in the pop-up list, and InstallShield adds it to your script.

Auto completion can increase your efficiency because it can reduce the time that you spend typing code. It can also help you avoid typographical errors in your code.

Tip • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same auto completion settings are used for all script editors. If you change the settings in the SQL Scripts view, the settings are also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

Task To specify whether auto completion should be available in the script editors:
1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.
2. In the Auto completion setting, select the appropriate option:
   • Yes—InstallShield displays a pop-up list of available functions, keywords, constants, and string identifiers that begin with the letters that you are typing code in the script editors. This is the default option.
   • No—InstallShield does not display a pop-up list when you are typing code in the script editors.
3. In the Include local variables setting, select the appropriate option:
   • Yes—InstallShield adds local variables that are defined in InstallScript to the pop-up list of available functions and other script words that begin with the letters that you are typing code in the InstallScript editor. This is the default option.
   • No—InstallShield does not include local variables in the pop-up list when you are typing code in the InstallScript editor.
Note that if you select No, the Functions, Properties, and Methods folders in the center pane of the InstallScript view do not list any functions, properties, or methods from your script files.

If Yes is selected for this setting and you notice performance issues when you are typing code in the InstallScript view, you might want to change this setting to No.

\[Note\] The Include local variables setting applies to the script editor in the InstallScript view; it does not have any effect on the script editors in other views, such as the SQL Scripts view. This setting is ignored if you select No for the Auto completion setting.

4. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield enables or disables auto completion in the InstallScript editor as needed.

For details about how auto completion works, see Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors.

See Also
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors

InstallShield enables or disables auto completion in the InstallScript editor as needed.

For details about how auto completion works, see Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors.

See Also
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

To use auto completion for a function name, a keyword, a constant, or string identifier:

1. Open the view that contains the appropriate script editor, and select the script that you want to edit.
2. Place the insertion point where you want to enter code in your script.
3. Do one of the following:
   - Type the first characters of the function name, keyword, or other script word.
     Depending on the view that you are using and the language that is entered in the script editor in that view, InstallShield displays a pop-up list of alphabetically ordered functions, keywords, and other script words that begin with the letters that you are typing in the script editor. The first word that matches the characters that you typed is selected in the list. If no word matches the characters that you typed, no word in the list is selected.
   - If you are using the script editor in the InstallScript view and you want to use auto completion for a list of available string identifiers, enter the string constant operator (@). InstallShield displays a pop-up list of alphabetically ordered string identifiers.
4. If the selected word is not the one you want (or no word is selected), select another word in one of the following ways:
   - To navigate through the list, use the pop-up list’s scroll bar; then, click the desired word to select it.
   - To change the selection to the previous or next word, use the UP ARROW and DOWN ARROW keys.

5. To paste the selected word into your script, double-click the word, or press the ENTER key or the TAB key.

   To close the list without pasting the selected word, press ESC or click outside the pop-up list.

See Also
Viewing Function Call Tips for an InstallScript Function in the Script Editor

Enabling or Disabling InstallScript Function Call Tips in the Script Editor

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to display an InstallScript function call tip—a type of tooltip—when you are entering a function call in your script in the InstallScript view. A function call tip shows a built-in function’s parameter information. It also shows a description of the built-in function, as well as a description of the parameter that you are entering.

Function call tips let you see language information within the script editor, without requiring you to switch to a different window.

Tip • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same auto completion settings are used for all script editors. If you change the settings in the SQL Scripts view, the settings are also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

Task To specify whether function call tips should be shown in the script editor of the InstallScript view:

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.

2. In the Show function call tips setting, select the appropriate option:
   - Yes—InstallShield displays function call tips when you are entering function calls in your script. This is the default option.
   - No—InstallShield does not display function call tips when you are entering function calls in your script.

3. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield enables or disables function call tips in the InstallScript editor as needed.

For details about how function call tips work, see Viewing Function Call Tips for an InstallScript Function in the Script Editor.

See Also
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box
Viewing Function Call Tips for an InstallScript Function in the Script Editor

If function call tips are enabled, InstallShield shows InstallScript function call tips—a type of tooltip—when you are entering function calls in your script in the InstallScript view. A function call tip shows a built-in function’s parameter information. It also shows a description of the built-in function, as well as a description of the parameter that you are entering.

To learn how to enable function call tips, see Enabling or Disabling InstallScript Function Call Tips in the Script Editor.

Task

To view a description of a function, as well as parameter details about that function:

1. Enter a function name in your script by typing it or using automatic function name completion, as described earlier.
2. Type a left parenthesis—(—after the function name. InstallShield displays a function call tip that shows a complete call to the function, including all of its parameters. The tip also includes a description of the function, as well as a description of the next parameter that you need to enter. The first parameter appears in blue, by default.
3. Type the parameters as indicated by the call tip. Each time that you type a comma, the next parameter in the function syntax appears in blue, by default.
4. To close the call tip, type the right parenthesis—). Or, press ESC or click in the script editor pane outside the call tip.

Tip

• To view additional details about a particular built-in function, constant, or other InstallScript word, place the insertion point within that word, and then press F1. The InstallShield Help Library opens, enabling you to learn more about that particular word.

See Also

Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors

Enabling or Disabling Syntax Highlighting in the Script Editors

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want the script editors in various views in InstallShield to display script files with color attributes that identify keywords, comments, strings, and other script elements. Each category is displayed in a different color so that you can easily identify them.

This functionality—called syntax highlighting—helps to improve the readability and context of code. In addition, it can help you avoid errors that are caused, for example, when you attempt to use a reserved word as a user-defined identifier. It can also help you locate other errors in your script, such as misspelled keywords, missing quotation marks at the end of a string, and missing comment characters.

Tip

• Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same syntax highlighting and color settings are used for all script editors. If you change the settings in the SQL Scripts view, the settings are also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.
Task

To specify whether syntax highlighting should be enabled in the script editors:

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.

2. In the Syntax highlighting setting, select the appropriate option:
   - Yes—InstallShield uses the syntax highlighting that is defined in the Colors area of the Script Editor Properties dialog box in all of the script editors. This is the default option.
   - No—InstallShield does not use any syntax highlighting in any of the script editors.

3. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield enables or disables syntax highlighting in the script editors as needed.

InstallShield lets you define the foreground color and background color that is used for each script word category. To learn how, see Changing Colors for Syntax Highlighting in the Script Editors.

See Also
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

Changing Colors for Syntax Highlighting in the Script Editors

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InstallShield lets you change the colors that are used to differentiate among different script elements in the script editor in various views (for example, the InstallScript view and the SQL Scripts view). You can change the foreground color (the color that is used for the text), as well as the background color, for script elements such as comments, functions, and strings.

This functionality—called syntax highlighting—helps to improve the readability and context of code. In addition, it can help you avoid errors caused, for example, when you attempt to use a reserved word as a user-defined identifier. It can also help you locate other errors in your script, such as misspelled keywords, missing quotation marks at the end of a string, and missing comment characters.

Tip

Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same syntax coloring settings are used for all script editors. If you change the settings in the SQL Scripts view, the settings are also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

Task

To change the syntax highlighting that is used in the script editors:

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.

2. In the Colors area, click the setting for the script element that you want to configure. InstallShield displays foreground and background buttons in the setting.

3. Do one of the following:
   - Click the foreground button or the background button. The Colors dialog box opens, enabling you to select the color that you want to use.
Enter the RGB values for the color that you want to use for the foreground or the background. For example, the entry 0; 0; 0 / 255; 255; 255 indicates that InstallShield should use black (which has an RGB value of 0; 0; 0) for the foreground and white (255; 255; 255) for the background. If you do not want to set a color for a particular area, you can use dashes (-;-;-).

4. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

If script highlighting is enabled, InstallShield changes the colors that are used to display text in the script editor as needed. To learn more, see Enabling or Disabling Syntax Highlighting in the Script Editors.

To make the best use of this functionality, note the following:

- Misspelled reserved words are not recognized by the editor and are not displayed with syntax coloring. If you see in your script a “reserved word” that is not displayed with indicating attributes, it is possible that it is misspelled.

- Coloring of string literals includes both the opening and closing quotation marks. If the closing quotation mark is missing, string coloring will extend to the end of the line; in that case, text that should have followed the quotation will be displayed as though it were part of the string literal.

- Syntax coloring makes it easy to identify comments that open with /* and are not closed properly with */. In that case, all of the text that follows the comment is displayed with the comment color attribute.

- In lines that include comments starting with two slashes (/), all text from the comment character to the end of the line is recognized as a comment.

- In the script editor that is displayed in the InstallScript view, InstallShield does not use syntax coloring for files that have an extension other than .rul or .h (for example, log or report files).

**See Also**

Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

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### Changing the Font that Is Used to Display Text in the Script Editors

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you change the font that is used in the script editor in various views (for example, the InstallScript view and the SQL Scripts view).

_Tip_ • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same font is used for all script editors. If you change the font in the SQL Scripts view, the font is also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

**Task**

To change the font, font style, or font size that is used to display text in the script editors:

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.

2. In the General area, click the Font setting, and then click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Font dialog box opens.

3. Specify the font changes as needed.

4. Click OK. The Font dialog box closes.
5. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield changes the font that is used to display text in the script editor as needed.

**See Also**
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

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### Showing or Hiding Line Numbering in the Script Editors

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want the left margin of the script editors in InstallShield to contain line numbers.

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**Tip** • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same line numbering setting is used for all script editors. If you change the setting in the SQL Scripts view, the settings are also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

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**Task**

**To specify whether line numbering should be enabled in the script editors:**

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.

2. In the Line numbering setting, select the appropriate option:
   - Yes—InstallShield adds line numbers to the left margin of all of the script editors.
   - No—InstallShield does not show any line numbers in the left margin of any of the script editors. This is the default option.

3. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield shows or hides line numbering in the script editors as needed.

**See Also**
Going to a Line Number in a Script that Is Displayed in a Script Editor
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

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### Going to a Line Number in a Script that Is Displayed in a Script Editor

InstallShield 2020

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**Task**

**To move the insertion point to a specific line number in your script:**

1. On the Edit menu, click Go To. The Go To Line dialog box opens.

2. In the Line box, type the number of the line where you want to move the insertion point.

3. Click OK.
Enabling or Disabling Automatic Indentation in the Script Editors

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want to use automatic indentation in the script editors when you are writing code. Auto indentation may help improve readability.

If automatic indentation is enabled, InstallShield indents a new line according to the indentation that is used in the previous line. When you press ENTER in the script editor pane, the insertion point appears on a new line, positioned directly beneath the first character of the previous line. To stop indenting a new line, press BACKSPACE; doing so removes the indentation.

If automatic indentation is disabled, a new line is not indented—that is, the insertion point is placed in the first column of the new line.

Tip • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same automatic indentation setting is used for all script editors. If you change the setting in the SQL Scripts view, the settings are also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

Task To specify whether automatic indentation should be enabled in the script editors:

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.
2. In the Automatic indentation setting, select the appropriate option:
   • Yes—InstallShield adds support for automatic indentation in all of the script editors. This is the default option.
   • No—InstallShield does not use automatic indentation in any of the script editors.
3. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield enables or disables automatic indentation in the script editors as needed.

See Also
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

Setting the Tab Width for the Script Editors

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you specify the width of tabs in the script editor in various views (for example, the InstallScript view and the SQL Scripts view).

Tip • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same tab setting is used for all script editors. If you change the setting in the SQL Scripts view, the settings are also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.
Task

To specify the width that InstallShield should use for tabs that are entered in the script editors:

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.

2. In the Tab width setting, enter the width—as a multiple of the character space size—that you want for tabs in your scripts. The default value is 4.

3. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield adjusts the widths of the tabs in your script as needed.

See Also
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

Enabling or Disabling Syntax Folding in the Script Editors

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want the script editors in various views in InstallShield to include support for syntax folding. When syntax folding is enabled, InstallShield adds a plus sign (+) or a minus sign (−) in the margin next to each line of code that starts an expandable or collapsible block of script. You can click a plus sign to expand hidden code, or a minus sign to hide code.

Syntax folding can help you minimize the clutter of large scripts and focus on the code that is relevant to the work that you are currently doing. It can also help you see the overall structure of a script.

Tip • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same syntax folding setting is used for all script editors. If you change the setting in the SQL Scripts view, the setting is also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

Task

To specify whether syntax folding should be enabled in the script editors:

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.

2. In the Syntax folding setting, select the appropriate option:
   - Yes—InstallShield uses the syntax folding in all of the script editors.
   - No—InstallShield does not use any syntax folding in any of the script editors. This is the default option.

3. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield enables or disables syntax folding in the script editors as needed.

See Also
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box
Showing or Hiding Whitespace in the Script Editors

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want the script editors in various views in InstallShield to display a symbol or other mark in place of each instance of whitespace in your script. For example, if you select Yes, InstallShield displays each space character in the script as a middle dot (·) and each tab character as an arrow. InstallShield also identifies line breaks when whitespace is enabled.

Tip • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same whitespace setting is used for all script editors. If you change the setting in the SQL Scripts view, the setting is also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

Task To specify whether whitespace should be shown or hidden in the script editors:

1. Right-click in the script editor pane and click Properties. The Script Editor Properties dialog box opens.
2. In the Show whitespace setting, select the appropriate option:
   - Yes—InstallShield shows whitespace characters and symbols in all of the script editors.
   - No—InstallShield does not show whitespace characters and symbols in any of the script editors. This is the default option.
3. Click OK. The Script Editor Properties dialog box closes.

InstallShield shows or hides whitespace characters and symbols in the script editors as needed.

See Also
Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

Dragging and Dropping Text in the Script Editors

The script editors in InstallShield support drag-and-drop text editing, enabling you to move or copy selected text from one location in your code to another.

Moving Text

Task To move text:

1. Select the text that you want to move.
2. Place the mouse pointer over the selected text.
3. Press and hold down the left mouse button.
4. When you see a small rectangle appear beneath the mouse pointer, move the pointer to the location in your script to which you want to move the selected text. Continue to hold down the left mouse button while you move the pointer.
5. When the pointer is at the location in which you want to move the text, release the left mouse button.

**Copying Text**

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<td>3.</td>
<td>Press CTRL, and then press and hold down the left mouse button.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>When you see a small rectangle and a plus sign beneath the mouse pointer, move the pointer to the location in your script to which you want to copy the selected text. Continue to hold down CTRL and the left mouse button while you move the pointer.</td>
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**Printing a Script File from Within a Script Editor**

*InstallShield 2020*

InstallShield lets you print a script that is displayed in the script editors in various views (for example, the **InstallScript** view and the **SQL Scripts** view).

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<td>2.</td>
<td>Specify the options that you prefer.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Click <strong>OK</strong>.</td>
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**Keyboard Shortcuts for the Script Editors**

*InstallShield 2020*

The script editors in InstallShield include support for the following keyboard shortcuts.

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<td>CTRL+H</td>
<td>Displays the Replace dialog box, which lets you search for text or other characters and replace them.</td>
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<td>Moves to a specified line.</td>
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<td>TAB</td>
<td>Indents the selected text to the right one tab stop.</td>
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<td>CTRL+U</td>
<td>Changes the selected text to all lowercase.</td>
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<td>CTRL+V</td>
<td>Inserts the Clipboard contents at the insertion point.</td>
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<td>CTRL+Y</td>
<td>Redoes the previously undone action.</td>
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<td>CTRL+A</td>
<td>Selects all of the text in the entire document.</td>
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<td>CTRL+Z</td>
<td>Undoes the last action.</td>
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<td>ALT+BACKSPACE</td>
<td></td>
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<td>SHIFT+TAB</td>
<td>Outdents the selected text.</td>
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<td>CTRL+SHIFT+U</td>
<td>Changes the selected text to all uppercase.</td>
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<td>CTRL+M</td>
<td>Maximize the width of the script editor or restore it to its previous width.</td>
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<td>CTRL+I</td>
<td>Opens the Function Wizard, which helps you add a function call at the insertion point in the script that is displayed in the InstallScript view.</td>
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<td>ALT+K</td>
<td>Switches between adding and removing a bookmark in the line of script that currently contains the insertion point.</td>
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<td>CTRL+K</td>
<td>Moves to the line in the script that contains the next bookmark.</td>
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<td>CTRL+SHIFT+K</td>
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**See Also**

*Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views*
Configuring Advanced Settings for InstallShield

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One of the InstallShield program files is a file called Settings.xml. This file exposes some advanced machine-wide settings for InstallShield. When you install InstallShield, Settings.xml is installed to one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:

- **English** — InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0409
- **Japanese** — InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0411

The Settings.xml file for the Standalone build is installed in one of the following locations:

- **English** — Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0409
- **Japanese** — Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0411

In most cases, you should not modify the Settings.xml file. However, in some cases, you may need to make changes in this file. This section of the documentation describes some scenarios that would require Settings.xml changes:

- Changing the Timestamp Server for Digital Signatures
- Configuring the Compression Level for Files that Are Streamed into Setup.exe and ISSetup.dll
- Configuring the Maximum Size for .cab Files
- Modifying the List of Portable Executable Files for the Standalone Build
- Adding Support for XML Encoding Options
- Specifying the Location Where All Virtual Packages Should Be Built
- Changing the Default Clone_wait Parameter for the Setup
- Configuring Platform Architecture for Digital Signing

⚠️ **Caution** • The Settings.xml file contains critical data; if this file is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.

Changing the Timestamp Server for Digital Signatures

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **InstallScript Object**
- **Merge Module**
- **QuickPatch**
When you specify digital signature information for a release, InstallShield uses VeriSign’s server ([http://timestamp.verisign.com/scripts/timstamp.dll](http://timestamp.verisign.com/scripts/timstamp.dll)) as the default timestamp server during builds. InstallShield includes a machine-wide setting that lets you replace that default server with a different timestamp server. The setting also lets you disable timestamping.

InstallShield 2019 R2 and later supports adding a delay between the successive digital signing, this requires only if the timestamp server fails handle the successive signing requests.

Required to specify the `<DelayBetweenSigning default="1500"/>` node in the settings.xml, under `<DevStudio/Build>` node in Settings.xml in milliseconds.

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**Caution** • The following instructions require that you modify the `Settings.xml` file that is installed with InstallShield. This file contains critical data; if it is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.

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**Task**  
**To configure the timestamp server for digital signatures:**

1. Close InstallShield.
2. Find the `Settings.xml` file that is installed with InstallShield. `Settings.xml` is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
   - **English**—`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0409`
   - **Japanese**—`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0411`
3. Create a back-up copy of the `Settings.xml` file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.
4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open the `Settings.xml` file.
5. Search for the `<DigitalSignature>` element. It looks something like this:

   ```xml
   <DigitalSignature Timestamp="http://timestamp.verisign.com/scripts/timstamp.dll"/>
   ```

6. To override the timestamp server with a different one, set the value of the Timestamp attribute to the appropriate URL.

   To disable timestamping, use an empty value for the Timestamp attribute:

   ```xml
   <DigitalSignature Timestamp=""/>
   ```

   **Note** • Disabling timestamping may affect how long your digital signature is considered to be valid.

7. Save the `Settings.xml` file.
8. Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the `Settings.xml` file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the major elements of the file; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

In InstallShield 2019 and later, the timestamp server is set to a SHA-2 server to:

- `<DigitalSignature Timestamp="http://sha256timestamp.ws.symantec.com/sha256/timestamp"/>

Whenever you build a release that includes digital signature information, InstallShield sets the timestamp according to the setting that you configured.
Tip • If you use the Standalone Build to build a release, update the Settings.xml file that is installed with the Standalone Build. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:

- **English**—Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0409
- **Japanese**—Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0411

See Also
Digital Signing and Security

Configuring the Compression Level for Files that Are Streamed into Setup.exe and ISSetup.dll

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

This information does not apply to custom compression, where only the files that are associated with one or more features are compressed into .cab files.

InstallShield includes a machine-wide setting that lets you specify the compression level that you want to use for files that are streamed into Setup.exe files and ISSetup.d11 files at build time. Following are examples of files that may be streamed into the Setup.exe files and ISSetup.d11 files:

- All of your product’s files (if the release is one in which all of the files are compressed into the Setup.exe setup launcher)
- InstallShield prerequisite installations that have a location of Extract From Setup.exe
- The .NET Framework installation if it has a location of Extract From Setup.exe
- The Windows Installer installation if it has a location of Extract Engine From Setup.exe

InstallShield also lets you specify particular files (with or without wild-card characters) that should not be compressed when they are streamed into Setup.exe files or ISSetup.d11 files.

**Caution** • The following instructions require that you modify the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. This file contains critical data; if it is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.

**Task** • To configure compression settings for streamed files:

1. Close InstallShield.
2. Find the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
3. Create a back-up copy of the Settings.xml file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.

4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open the Settings.xml file.

5. Search for the `<StreamCompression>` element. It looks something like this:

```
<StreamCompression exclude="*.CAB" compressionlevel="-1"/>
```

6. To prevent certain files or file types from being compressed when they are streamed into Setup.exe files or ISSetup.dll files, set the value of the exclude attribute to the names of those files. Note the following guidelines:

- To specify more than one file, separate each file name with a comma.
- To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*).

For example, to specify that .cab files, .exe files, and a file called test.txt should not be compressed, set the value of the exclude attribute as follows:

```
<StreamCompression exclude="*.CAB,*EXE,test.txt" compressionlevel="-1"/>
```

The default value is `*.CAB`, since .cab files are a compressed type of file.

7. Do one of the following:

- If you want to use a compression level that offers a balance between the size of the compressed file and the time that is required to extract the compressed files at run time, set the value of the compressionlevel attribute to `-1`. This is the default value.

- To specify a particular compression level, set the value of the compressionlevel attribute to a number from 0 to 9, where 0 indicates no compression and 9 indicates maximum compression.

  In general, when you specify a number from 0 to 9, the higher the number that you specify, the smaller the resulting compressed file is, and the longer it may take to extract the files at run time.

8. Save the Settings.xml file.

9. Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the Settings.xml file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the major elements of the file; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

Whenever you build a compressed release for one of the applicable project types, InstallShield streams files into Setup.exe files and ISSetup.dll files according to the settings that you configured.

Tip • If you use the Standalone Build to build a release, update the Settings.xml file that is installed with the Standalone Build. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:

- English—Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0409
- Japanese—Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0411

See Also
Overview of ISSetup.dll
Configuring Advanced Settings for InstallShield
Configuring the Maximum Size for .cab Files

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

In addition, it is applicable only if you are building a compressed network image release in which all of the files are embedded in the single-file .msi package or the Setup.exe setup launcher.

This information does not apply to custom compression, where only the files that are associated with one or more features are compressed into .cab files.

The .cab file type has some limitations. For example, the maximum size of a single .cab file is 2 GB. In addition, some users have had trouble signing large .cab files and verifying the digital signature of large signed .cab files.

To work around these limitations, InstallShield enables you to specify on a machine-wide basis the maximum size for each .cab file that is built for a compressed network image release. When InstallShield is creating the .cab files for your release and it reaches the .cab file threshold that you configured, it splits the data into two or more .cab files, creating multi-part .cab files. Note that if you do not want InstallShield to create multi-part .cab files, you can configure InstallShield to store the data in a single .cab file.

Caution • The following instructions require that you modify the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. This file contains critical data; if it is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.

Task To specify whether InstallShield should create multi-part .cab files and—if appropriate—specify the maximum .cab file size:

1. Close InstallShield.
2. Find the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
   - English—InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0409
   - Japanese—InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0411
3. Create a back-up copy of the Settings.xml file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.
4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open the Settings.xml file.
5. Search for the <CompressedNetworkCABSize> element. It looks something like this:
   
   <CompressedNetworkCABSize default="600"/>
   
6. Do one of the following:
   - To specify the maximum size for .cab files, type the size in MB as the value of the default attribute. In the aforementioned example, the maximum size is 600. The value should be 2048 or less, since the maximum size of a .cab file is 2 GB (2048 MB).
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The default value is 600.

- If you do not want InstallShield to create multi-part .cab files, set the value of the default attribute to -1.

7. Save the Settings.xml file.

8. Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the Settings.xml file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the major elements of the file; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

Whenever you build a compressed network image release for one of the applicable project types, InstallShield creates the .cab files according to the requirement that you configured in the Settings.xml file. Depending on the value that you specified in the Settings.xml file, the Media table of the .msi package lists one or more .cab files.

**Tip** • If you use the Standalone Build to build a release, update the Settings.xml file that is installed with the Standalone Build. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:

- **English**—Standalone Build Program Files Folder|Support|0409
- **Japanese**—Standalone Build Program Files Folder|Support|0411

**See Also**
Configuring Advanced Settings for InstallShield

Configuring the Maximum Size for Virtual Media Memory

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The Virtual Media Memory type has some limitations. For example, the maximum size of Virtual Media Memory 512MB.

**Caution** • The following instructions require that you modify the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. This file contains critical data; if it is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.

**Task** • To specify whether InstallShield should specify the maximum Virtual Media Memory size:

1. Close InstallShield.

2. Find the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:

   - **English**—InstallShield Program Files Folder|Support|0409
   - **Japanese**—InstallShield Program Files Folder|Support|0411
3. Create a back-up copy of the Settings.xml file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.

4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open the Settings.xml file.

5. Search for the `<CompressedNetworkCABSize>` element. It looks something like this:

   `<CompressedNetworkCABSize default="600"/>

6. Do one of the following:

   - To specify the maximum size for .cab files, type the size in MB as the value of the default attribute. In the aforementioned example, the maximum size is 600. The value should be 2048 or less, since the maximum size of a .cab file is 2 GB (2048 MB).
     
     The default value is 600.
   
   - If you do not want InstallShield to create multi-part .cab files, set the value of the default attribute to -1.

7. Save the Settings.xml file.

8. Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the Settings.xml file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the major elements of the file; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

Whenever you build a compressed network image release for one of the applicable project types, InstallShield creates the .cab files according to the requirement that you configured in the Settings.xml file. Depending on the value that you specified in the Settings.xml file, the Media table of the .msi package lists one or more .cab files.

**Tip** • If you use the Standalone Build to build a release, update the Settings.xml file that is installed with the Standalone Build. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:

- **English**—Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0409
- **Japanese**—Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0411

See Also

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Modifying the List of Portable Executable Files for the Standalone Build

**InstallShield 2020**

The File Extensions tab on the Options dialog box in InstallShield lets you modify the file extensions that you would like InstallShield to consider to be portable executable (PE) files. InstallShield uses this list to determine how it should create components for dynamically linked files that adhere to the best practice component creation method.

If you are using the Standalone Build to build a release, the Options dialog box is not available. However, you can modify one of the files that is installed in a subfolder of the InstallShield Standalone Build Program Files folder if you want to modify the list of file extensions that the Standalone Build considers to be PE files. The following instructions explain how.
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Caution • The following instructions require that you modify the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. This file contains critical data; if it is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.

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Task To modify the list of file extensions that the Standalone Build considers to be PE files:

1. Close the Standalone Build.

2. Find the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
   - English—Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0409
   - Japanese—Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0411

3. Create a back-up copy of the Settings.xml file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.

4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open the Settings.xml file.

5. Search for the PEFileExtensions element. It looks something like this:
   
   `<PEFileExtensions default="EXE|DLL|OCX|VXD|CHM|HLB|TLB|AX">`

6. Modify the list of file extensions for the default attribute as needed. Note that each file extension is separated with a vertical bar (|).

7. Save the Settings.xml file.

8. Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the Settings.xml file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the major elements of the file; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

The next time that you use the Standalone Build, it will use the updated list of file extensions.

See Also
File Extensions Tab
Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files
Configuring Advanced Settings for InstallShield

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Adding Support for XML Encoding Options

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you specify what type of encoding should be used for an XML file. This setting is available on the Advanced tab when you select the XML file in the XML File Changes view. If the type of encoding that you want to use is not included in the list of available encoding options, you can modify one of the files that is installed in a subfolder of the InstallShield Program Files folder to add additional options. You can add any encoding that is supported by MSXML. The following instructions explain how.

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Caution • The following instructions require that you modify the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. This file contains critical data; if it is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.
Task: To add additional encoding options to the Encoding list on the Advanced tab in the XML File Changes view:

1. Close InstallShield.
2. Find the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
   - **English**—InstallShield Program Files Folder\System\0409
   - **Japanese**—InstallShield Program Files Folder\System\0411
3. Create a back-up copy of the Settings.xml file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.
4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open the Settings.xml file.
5. Search for the ISXML element and its child elements. They look something like this:

   ```xml
   <ISXML>
   <Encodings>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1250</Encoding>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1251</Encoding>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1252</Encoding>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1253</Encoding>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1254</Encoding>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1255</Encoding>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1256</Encoding>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1257</Encoding>
     <Encoding>WINDOWS-1258</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-1</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-2</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-3</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-4</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-5</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-6</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-7</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-8</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-8859-9</Encoding>
     <Encoding>US-ASCII</Encoding>
     <Encoding>UNICODE-1-1-UTF-8</Encoding>
     <Encoding>UNICODE-2-0-UTF-16</Encoding>
     <Encoding>UNICODE-2-0-UTF-8</Encoding>
     <Encoding>ISO-10646-UCS-2</Encoding>
     <Encoding>UCS-4</Encoding>
     <Encoding>UCS-2</Encoding>
     <Encoding>UTF-16</Encoding>
     <Encoding>UTF-8</Encoding>  <!-- Default encoding attribute set to UTF-8 -->
   </Encodings>
   </ISXML>

6. Between the opening and closing Encodings tags, add a new line such as this:

   ```xml
   <Encoding>Type_of_Encoding</Encoding>
   ```

   where `Type_of_Encoding` indicates the encoding that you want to be available. This should be the value that InstallShield should use for the encoding attribute of your XML document.

7. Save the Settings.xml file.
8. Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the `Settings.xml` file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the `<ISXML>` and `<Encodings>` elements; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

The next time that you open the XML File Changes view in InstallShield, you will see the encoding type that you added as one of the available options in the **Encoding used for a new file** list on the Advanced tab for an XML file in the XML File Changes view.

**See Also**
- Advanced Tab for an XML File
- Configuring Advanced Settings for InstallShield

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### Specifying the Location Where All Virtual Packages Should Be Built

**InstallShield 2020**

**Edition** • Support for virtualization is included in the Premier Edition of InstallShield.

When InstallShield converts an .msi package to a virtual package, it saves the virtual package in a subfolder of the folder that contains the .msi file by default. In some cases, you may want to specify a different location for generating all of the virtual packages. For example, if the .msi packages that you are converting are in a read-only location, you may need to override the default virtual package location with an existing writable location.

InstallShield includes a machine-wide setting that lets you specify an existing writable location where all virtual packages should be built. The following instructions explain how to configure this global setting.

**Caution** • The following instructions require that you modify the `Settings.xml` file that is installed with InstallShield. This file contains critical data; if it is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.

**Task**

**To specify the location where all virtual packages should be built:**

1. Close InstallShield.
2. Find the `Settings.xml` file that is installed with InstallShield. `Settings.xml` is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
   - **English** — `InstallShield Program Files Folder\System\0409`
   - **Japanese** — `InstallShield Program Files Folder\System\0411`
3. Create a back-up copy of the `Settings.xml` file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.
4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open the `Settings.xml` file.
5. Search for the `<Virtualization>` element and its child element. They look something like this:

   ```xml
   <Virtualization>
     <!-- Instructions on how to specify a global path -->
     <GlobalBuildRedirectFolder></GlobalBuildRedirectFolder>
   </Virtualization>
   ```
6. Enter the global path as the text content for the `<GlobalBuildRedirectFolder>` element. For example, to create the virtual packages in a subfolder of `\NetworkFolder\VirtualPackages`, use the following:

   `<GlobalBuildRedirectFolder>\NetworkFolder\VirtualPackages</GlobalBuildRedirectFolder>`

   Note that the path must already exist. Do not enclose the path within quotation marks.

7. Save the `Settings.xml` file.

8. Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the `Settings.xml` file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the `<Virtualization>` element; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

Whenever you convert an `.msi` package to a virtual package in InstallShield, InstallShield uses the path that you specified.

See Also
Creating Customized Virtual Applications
Configuring Advanced Settings for InstallShield

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Changing the Default Clone _wait_ Parameter for the Setup

InstallShield 2020

⚠️ **Caution** • The following instructions require that you modify the `Settings.xml` file that is installed with InstallShield. This file contains critical data; if it is edited incorrectly, it can cause InstallShield to fail to work. Use extreme care when editing this file.

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

In Installshield 2018, a new setting is introduced in settings.xml for Clone _wait_ parameter. By default, the original setup is enabled to wait for the completion of the installation process. If you want to generate the setup launcher without the embedded Clone _wait_ option, you can change the setting.

The end users can then override this setting with the command line parameter.

Task To change the default Clone _wait_ parameter for the setup:

1. Close InstallShield.

2. Find the `Settings.xml` file that is installed with InstallShield. `Settings.xml` is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
   - **English**—`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0409`
   - **Japanese**—`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0411`

3. Create a back-up copy of the `Settings.xml` file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.
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4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open the Settings.xml file.

5. Search for the `<Clone_wait>` element and its child element. By default, they look something like this:

   <Clone_wait default="Yes"/>

6. Edit and change the default Clone_wait parameter to "No".

   <Clone_wait default="No"/>

7. Save the Settings.xml file.

8. Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the Settings.xml file in Internet Explorer. Check the code for errors.

See Also
Miscellaneous

Configuring Platform Architecture for Digital Signing

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch

InstallShield 2020 lets you to select platform architecture for digital signing of files.

Task To configure platform architecture for digital signing:

1. Close InstallShield.

2. Find the Settings.xml file that is installed with InstallShield. Settings.xml is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language of InstallShield that you are using:

   - English—InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0409
   - Japanese—InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0411

3. Create a backup copy of the Settings.xml file, in case you later need to revert to the original version.

4. Use a text editor or XML file editor to open Settings.xml file.

   Note • The file should be opened in Administrator mode for modification.

5. Search for the tag `<DigitalSignature>` . The actual tag is `<DigitalSignature Platform="X86"/>`. 
6. To use a different platform architecture, set Platform to either X86 or X64. For example,
   - To use 32-bit Signing: `<DigitalSignature Platform="X86"/>
   - To use 64-bit Signing: `<DigitalSignature Platform="X64"/>

   **Note** • *Invalid entry will automatically use 32-bit Signing.*

7. Save the *Settings.xml* file.

   **Note** • *You cannot use 64-bit signing on a 32-bit Operating System.*

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### Sharing Virtual Machine Settings for Distribution of Releases

**InstallShield 2020**

**Edition** • *The ability to distribute releases to virtual machines is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.*

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

You can configure releases in your projects so that after each successful build of your installation, InstallShield automatically reverts a virtual machine (VM) to a designated snapshot, powers on the VM, and copies your installation to the VM to make it available for testing. You can also alternately perform these testing preparation steps on demand at any time.

When you use the Configuration setting on the Events tab for a selected release in the Releases view to configure VM details, InstallShield writes the data that you specify to a file called *VMConfigurations.xml*. This *VMConfigurations.xml* file is a machine-wide file that you can configure once and then use it in other InstallShield projects, as well as share it with other team members. You can also use this file with the Standalone Build.

The following instructions explain how to share this global file with others.
Task  

To share the customized VM configuration settings file with another machine that has InstallShield or the Standalone Build:

1. On your development machine, configure the VM settings for a release in one of your projects. To learn how, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.

2. Close InstallShield.

3. Find the `VMConfigurations.xml` file that is installed with InstallShield, and make a copy of it for the other machine. `VMConfigurations.xml` is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
   - **English**—`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0409`
   - **Japanese**—`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\0411`

4. Create a back-up copy of the `VMConfigurations.xml` file that is on the other machine, in case you later need to revert to the original version, and then overwrite the installed version with the one from your development machine.

   If you use the Standalone Build to build a release, update the `VMConfigurations.xml` file that is installed with the Standalone Build. `VMConfigurations.xml` is installed in one of the following locations, depending on which language version of InstallShield you are using:
   - **English**—`Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0409`
   - **Japanese**—`Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Support\0411`

Tip • If you make any manual changes to the XML file in a text editor, ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it is not well formed, you may have problems using InstallShield. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the `VMConfigurations.xml` file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the `<VMConfigurations>` element; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

See Also

Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand

Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions

InstallShield 2020

When you start using InstallShield 2020, you can upgrade installation projects that you created using earlier versions or different InstallShield products. This section discusses those upgrades.

- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2014 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2013 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2012 Spring or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2012 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2011 or Earlier
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2010 or Earlier
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2014 or Earlier

InstallShield 2020

The following information describes possible upgrade issues that may occur when you upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield 2014 and earlier to InstallShield 2020. It also alerts you to possible changes in behavior that you may notice between new InstallShield 2020 projects and projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2014 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

General Information about Upgrading Projects that Were Created in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open an project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .775 (for an .ism project) or .2014 (for an .issuite project) before converting it. Delete the .775 or .2014 part from the original project’s file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020: InstallShield 2014 and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

Changes to the List of Supported Versions of Windows for Target Systems

Windows XP SP3 and Windows Server 2003 SP2 are now the minimum versions of Windows that are required for target systems that run the installations that are created in InstallShield; this applies to all project types.

Removal of Support for Digitally Signing with .spc and .pvk Files

InstallShield no longer has support for using .spc and .pvk files to digitally sign files at build time.

If you configured a release or patch in InstallShield 2014 or earlier to be digitally signed at run time with .spc and .pvk files, and then you try to open that project in InstallShield 2020, InstallShield displays upgrade warning -6048 (for a release), -6049 (for a patch), or -6050 (for a QuickPatch project). The warning explains that InstallShield is removing the .pvk file and the associated password from your project during the upgrade.

Before you can successfully build the release or the patch in InstallShield 2020, you will need to remove the .spc reference from the release or patch configuration. You can replace it with a .pfx certificate, or with a reference to a certificate in a certificate store. To learn more, see:

- Digital Signing and Security
- Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time
- Signing a Patch Package
• Signing a QuickPatch Package

If you try to build a release or a patch without removing the .spc reference from it, InstallShield displays build error -7347, stating that the .spc file must be removed.

To learn how to convert an .spc file and a .pvk file to a .pfx file, see Digital Signing and Security.

Automation Interface Changes for Digital Signature Support

The ISWiRelease object no longer includes support for the following read-write properties:

• CorrespondingPrivateKey
• SoftwarePublishingCredentials

If you call those properties, you will encounter an error. Those properties have been replaced with the read-write string property DigitalCertificateInfo.

To learn more, see ISWiRelease Object.

Removal of SignTool.exe and Signcode.exe from InstallShield Installation

SignTool.exe and Signcode.exe are no longer installed on your machine when you install InstallShield. If you want to digitally sign your files manually, consider using SignTool.exe, which is installed with Visual Studio and included in the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK).

Changes to the PowerShell Support in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Installations

The PowerShell custom action support in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations has been revised. The support no longer uses the Windows Installer property IS_PS_EXECUTIONPOLICY to indicate the name of the PowerShell execution policy that you want to be used to run PowerShell custom actions on target systems. Setting this property at run time no longer has any effect on the installation.

Changes to Default Eligibility Conditions for .msi Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

To make it possible to support shared packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, InstallShield no longer needs the previously required MSI Package eligibility conditions for .msi packages. Now you can limit the use of eligibility conditions of .msi packages to check for run-time environment requirements such as platform.

Now when you add an .msi package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project in InstallShield 2020, InstallShield no longer creates an MSI Package eligibility condition for that package by default. This behavior applies to new InstallShield 2020 projects, as well as projects that you created in InstallShield 2014 or earlier and then upgrade to InstallShield 2020.

In addition, if you upgrade an InstallShield 2014 or earlier project that contains the old default MSI Package eligibility condition for an .msi package to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield removes the unnecessary part of the condition from the Eligibility Condition setting for the package.

In some cases, if you customized the default MSI Package eligibility condition in InstallShield 2014 or earlier, InstallShield 2020 may remove it during the upgrade; in other cases, InstallShield leaves it as is. The actual upgrade behavior depends on the customization. For example, if you simply added a platform condition, InstallShield may be able to remove the original MSI Package part of the condition, leaving just the platform condition. However, if the customization is too complex, InstallShield leaves the condition as is.

It is recommended that you review the eligibility conditions for your .msi packages after upgrading to InstallShield 2020 to ensure that they are configured as expected.
If you have customized or somehow otherwise edited the default MSI Package eligibility condition, InstallShield leaves your custom condition during the upgrade. It is recommended that you review the eligibility conditions for your .msi packages to ensure that they are configured as expected.

Previously, the default MSI Package condition for the Eligibility Condition setting of .msi packages used asterisks (*) in the condition’s Product Code and Product Version settings as placeholders for the package’s own product code and product version.

### Changes to the Interpretation of Ampersands in the Wizard Interface of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

The interpretation of ampersands in certain areas of the wizard interface of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects has been modified.

For new InstallShield 2020 projects, as well as projects that you created in InstallShield 2014 or earlier and then upgrade to InstallShield 2020, if you use an ampersand (&) in any of the following areas of the wizard interface of your installation, the installation now displays the ampersand as a literal character instead of interpreting it as a prefix character for a keyboard shortcut. The change also applies if any of these strings include a property that resolves to a value that contains an ampersand.

- The string in the header area of a wizard page or secondary window—This is configured in the Title setting for a wizard page or window in the Wizard Interface view.
- The caption bar of wizard pages—This is configured in the Wizard Caption setting for the Wizard Pages node in the Wizard Interface view.
- The supplemental explanation area of a command link control—This is configured in the Note setting for a wizard page or window.
- The alternate text for an image control—This is configured in the Alt Text setting of an image control on a wizard page or window.

Furthermore, for most label controls, True is now selected by default for the SS_NOPREFIX subsetting under the Style setting; previously False was selected by default. A True value for this subsetting ensures that any ampersands that are included in the string entries for such controls are not inadvertently interpreted as keyboard shortcuts, and that ampersands in the control's strings are displayed as ampersands in the wizard interface.

These SS_NOPREFIX changes apply to the built-in default and predefined wizard pages and windows that are available for new InstallShield 2020 projects. If you upgrade an InstallShield 2014 or earlier project to InstallShield 2020, the SS_NOPREFIX settings are changed automatically for the standard built-in default wizard page and windows. However, no changes are made automatically to custom wizard pages and windows—including the predefined wizard pages—when you upgrade these projects to InstallShield 2020; if you want to change the ampersand interpretation of these, you can do so manually.

Previously, to work around problems with an ampersand being used inadvertently to designate a keyboard shortcut in any of the aforementioned areas of the wizard interface, and instead show a single ampersand, it was possible to use an escaped ampersand (\&) in place of a single ampersand. However, if you upgrade a project that contains one or more instances of those workarounds to InstallShield 2020, the escaped ampersand is now displayed literally as two ampersands. Thus, it may be necessary to review the use of ampersands in the wizard interface of your projects and make changes as needed.

For more information, see [Designating Keyboard Shortcuts and Using Ampersands (&) in the Wizard Interface](#).
Trialware Support

InstallShield no longer includes support for creating the Try and Die or the Try and Buy/Product Activation types of trialware. The Trialware view is no longer included in InstallShield.

See Also

What's New in InstallShield 2015
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions

Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2013 or Earlier

InstallShield 2020

The following information describes possible upgrade issues that may occur when you upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield 2013 and earlier to InstallShield 2020. It also alerts you to possible changes in behavior that you may notice between new InstallShield 2020 projects and projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2013 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

General Information about Upgrading Projects that Were Created in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open an project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .774 (for an .ism project) or .2013 (for an .issuite project) before converting it. Delete the .774 or .2013 part from the original project's file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020: InstallShield 2013 and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

Changes that Affect All Projects (New and Upgraded Projects)

This section describes changes that affect both new projects and projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

Changes that Affect New Projects but Not Upgraded Projects

This section describes changes to InstallShield that may affect new projects but not projects that are upgraded from earlier versions. Note that you may need to make manual changes to upgraded projects.

See Also

What’s New in InstallShield 2014
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2012 Spring or Earlier

InstallShield 2020

The following information describes possible upgrade issues that may occur when you upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield 2012 Spring and earlier to InstallShield 2020. It also alerts you to possible changes in behavior that you may notice between new InstallShield 2020 projects and projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2012 Spring or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

**General Information about Upgrading Projects that Were Created in Earlier Versions of InstallShield**

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open an project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .773 (for an .ism project) or .2012.4 (for an .issuite project) before converting it. Delete the .773 or .2012.4 part from the original project’s file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020: InstallShield 2012 Spring and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

**Changes that Affect All Projects (New and Upgraded Projects)**

This section describes changes that affect both new projects and projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

**Change in Requirements for Target Systems**

InstallShield no longer supports the creation of installations for Windows 2000 systems. If end users have Windows 2000 on their machine and they try to run an installation that was built with InstallShield 2013, the installation may run successfully. Or, unexpected results may occur, unless the project includes launch conditions that prevent end users from running the installation on this legacy operating system.

For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, you may want to consider adding a launch condition that displays a message if end users are running your installation on a Windows 2000 system. For InstallScript projects, you may want to consider adding InstallScript code that uses the SYSINFO structure variable to check for Windows 2000 systems, and then display a message if appropriate.

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations now require at least Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008.

InstallShield no longer supports the creation of installations for mobile devices. Thus, the Mobile Devices view, the Smart Device project type, the Palm OS Object, and the Windows Mobile Object are no longer included in InstallShield. If you try to upgrade a Smart Device project from InstallShield 2012 Spring or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield 2020 displays an error message and fails to open the project. If you upgrade a project from InstallShield 2012 Spring or earlier to InstallShield 2020, and if the project targets desktop platforms and contains other mobile device support, InstallShield removes the mobile device support during the upgrade and logs a warning.
Change in Requirements for Systems Running InstallShield

The minimum operating system requirement for running InstallShield, the Standalone Build, and the InstallShield Developer Installation Manifest (DIM) Editor is now Windows XP SP3 or Windows Server 2003 SP2. Previously, the minimum operating system requirement was an RTM version of either of these operating systems.

Changes for the Virtualization Pack

The Virtualization Pack is included as part of the standalone version of the Premier Edition of InstallShield. It is no longer available as an add-on for the Professional edition of InstallShield.

Repackager Project Conversion Tool No Longer Included

The Repackager is no longer included in the Premier edition of InstallShield. Repackager is now available only with AdminStudio.

Changes to the XML Schema for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Project Files (.issuite)

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project files (.issuite) are XML-based files. The underlying XML schema for the user interface part of the file has changed significantly in InstallShield 2020. Many attributes have been moved to child elements. Conditions, actions, and validations are fundamentally different: element collections are used instead of attribute strings. The new schema is more explicit about what is configured for the user interface of the installation.

If you create a new Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project in InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically uses the new XML schema for the .issuite file. If you upgrade a project from InstallShield 2012 Spring or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically updates the XML schema.

New Predefined Path Variables for Built-in DLL Custom Actions

InstallShield includes two new predefined path variables in projects: ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder and ISRedistPlatformDependentExpressFolder. The default values for these folders refer to subfolders in the Program Files Folder\Redist folder, which contains 32-bit versions of built-in InstallShield custom action DLLs. If you create a new InstallShield 2020 project or upgrade an InstallShield 2012 Spring or later project to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically includes these two predefined path variables in your project. In addition, InstallShield also uses these path variables in paths such as the source location of built-in InstallShield DLL custom actions; this applies to new projects as well as upgraded projects. Previously, InstallShield used either of the following locations as the folder that contained the DLL files: <ISProductFolder>\Redist\Language Independent\i386 or <ISProductFolder>\Redist\Language Independent\i386 Express. This change is noted for informational purposes.

Automation Interface Changes

If you use the automation interface with InstallShield or the Standalone Build, update your existing code to reflect the new ProgID: IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject. The Standalone Automation Interface uses the same ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file that InstallShield uses, but it is installed to a different location.

Note that if you install the Standalone Build on the same machine as InstallShield, the last ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file that is registered is the one that is used.

Changes that Affect New Projects but Not Upgraded Projects

This section describes changes to InstallShield that may affect new projects but not projects that are upgraded from earlier versions. Note that you may need to make manual changes to upgraded projects.
Changes to the Default Wizard Format for the Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Wizard Interface

If you create a new Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project in InstallShield 2020, the default value for the Wizard Format setting is Glass, a new option. If you upgrade a Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI project from an earlier version of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not change the value of the Wizard Format setting; it leaves whatever value was selected in the earlier version of InstallShield.

You can configure your project to use a different wizard format if appropriate. To do so, change the value of the Wizard Format setting that is displayed in the Wizard Interface view when the Wizard Pages node is selected.

For more information, see Selecting the Format for the Wizard Interface.

Changes to the Font Color of Navigation Button Text in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

In some scenarios, if you upgrade an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project from InstallShield 2012 Spring or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the text on the navigation buttons may no longer be legible: the colors for the text and the buttons may not have enough contrast. This may occur if light font color is specified for the text style that is used for navigation button text, and if the target system’s colors are configured to use a light color for buttons on windows.

Beginning with InstallShield 2020, Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations no longer ignore the font color that is specified for the text style of text that is used on navigation buttons. Thus, when you upgrade your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project to InstallShield 2020, you may need to adjust the color of the text style that is used for the navigation button text. To do so, in the Wizard Interface view, click the Wizard Pages node, and note the text style that is selected for the Navigation Text Style setting. Then, find that text style under the Styles node in this view, and adjust its settings as needed.

In InstallShield 2012 Spring or earlier, Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects ignored the text style color for navigation button text. At run time, the installation used the font color that Windows used for navigation buttons; the color was typically black.

New Support for Shell Properties of Shortcuts

The Shortcuts view in InstallShield now has built-in support for setting several Windows Shell properties of shortcuts:

- The Pin to Windows 8 Start Screen setting sets the System.AppUserModel.StartPinOption property by using the following GUID and property ID combination:
  9F4C2855-9F79-4B39-A8D0-E1D42DE1D5F3, 12
- The Prevent Pinning option in the Shell Properties setting sets the System.AppUserModel.PreventPinning property by using the following GUID and property ID combination:
  9F4C2855-9F79-4B39-A8D0-E1D42DE1D5F3, 9
- The Do Not Highlight as New option in the Shell Properties setting sets the System.AppUserModel.ExcludeFromShowInNewInstall property by using the following GUID and property ID combination:
  9F4C2855-9F79-4B39-A8D0-E1D42DE1D5F3, 8

Windows Installer may generate errors if one or more of these property names (instead of the GUID and property ID) are used in a package that is run on a version of Windows that does not have support for these properties.

If you used the Shell Properties setting in InstallShield 2012 Spring or earlier to configure Shell properties for a shortcut, and you upgrade the project to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically replace the property names with the appropriate GUID and property ID combinations. To quickly switch to the GUID and property ID combination, consider...
deleting the old configuration in the Shell Properties view after upgrading your project, and then using the new support to reconfigure one or more of these properties. As an alternative, you can manually override the entry with the appropriate GUID and property ID. To learn more about the built-in support in InstallShield, see Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut.

This support is available for the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

See Also
What’s New in InstallShield 2013
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions

Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2012 or Earlier

InstallShield 2020

The following information describes possible upgrade issues that may occur when you upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield 2012 and earlier to InstallShield 2020. It also alerts you to possible changes in behavior that you may notice between new InstallShield 2020 projects and projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2012 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

General Information about Upgrading Projects that Were Created in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open an project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .772 (for an .ism project) or .2012 (for an .issuite project) before converting it. Delete the .772 or .2012 part from the original project’s file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020: InstallShield 2012 and earlier, InstallShield 12 and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

Changes that Affect All Projects (New and Upgraded Projects)

This section describes changes that affect both new projects and projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

New Default Behavior When Launching an Earlier Version or the Same Version of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation on Target Systems

InstallShield now includes two Suite Installed conditions in each Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project by default:

- A new Suite Installed exit condition prevents end users from being able to install the current version of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation over a future newer version of the same Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

- A new Suite Installed mode condition now causes the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to run in first-time installation mode if end users install a new version of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation over an older version of the same Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.
These new default conditions are available in all new Suite/Advanced UI projects. If you upgrade an InstallShield 2012 Suite project to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically adds these default conditions to the project. To learn more about these conditions, see Detecting Whether a Specific Version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation Is Already Installed.

Previously, if an end user installed a particular version of a Suite installation on a target system on which a newer version of the Suite was already installed, the installation could permit the end user to install the older Suite version over the newer version. In addition, if an end user installed a particular version of a Suite installation on a target system on which the same version of the Suite was already installed, the Suite installation could run in first-time installation mode. Furthermore, if an end user installed a new version of a Suite installation on a target system on which an older version of the Suite was already installed, the Suite installation could run in maintenance mode.

**Automation Interface Changes**

If you use the automation interface with InstallShield or the Standalone Build, update your existing code to reflect the new ProgID: IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject. The Standalone Automation Interface uses the same ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file that InstallShield uses, but it is installed to a different location.

Note that if you install the Standalone Build on the same machine as InstallShield, the last ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file that is registered is the one that is used.

**Changes that Affect New Projects but Not Upgraded Projects**

This section describes changes to InstallShield that may affect new projects but not projects that are upgraded from earlier versions. Note that you may need to make manual changes to upgraded projects.

**Changes to the Default Behavior of New Combo Boxes in the Wizard Interface of Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

If you create a new combo box control on a wizard page or a secondary window in a Suite/Advanced UI project in InstallShield 2020, the control is a box that contains a drop-down list of predefined values. The box is also a text box that lets end users enter a custom value. Previously, if you added a new combo box control in InstallShield 2012, the control contained a drop-down list, but it was not also a text box; that is, end users could not enter a custom value.

If you upgrade the project from InstallShield 2012 to InstallShield 2020, and if the Suite/Advanced UI wizard interface includes a combo box, the combo box is left as a drop-down list of predefined values, but it is not also a text box. To change the control to a drop-down list with the text box, set the CBS_DROPDOWNLIST style for this control to False.

**See Also**

What's New in InstallShield 2012 Spring
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions

**Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2011 or Earlier**

**InstallShield 2020**

The following information describes possible upgrade issues that may occur when you upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield 2011 and earlier to InstallShield 2020. It also alerts you to possible changes in behavior that you may notice between new InstallShield 2020 projects and projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2011 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.
General Information about Upgrading Projects that Were Created in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open a project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .771 before converting it. Delete the .771 part from the original project’s file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020: InstallShield 2011 and earlier, InstallShield 12 and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

Changes that Affect All Projects (New and Upgraded Projects)

This section describes changes that affect both new projects and projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

Changes in Behavior for Some MSI APIs That Are Called in InstallScript Custom Actions

A change was made to how the InstallScript engine calls Windows Installer API such as MsiGetProperty. The engine now calls the Windows Installer APIs directly instead of using wrapper APIs that in turn call the Windows Installer APIs. This change was made to resolve issues with buffer handling and buffer sizes. It applies to all new projects that you create in InstallShield 2020, as well as projects that you have upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020.

As a result of this change, you can use the MSI install handle that is passed to a custom action function with all Windows Installer APIs that require an install handle. Previously, the handle was managed by the InstallScript engine, and it could not be passed directly to Windows Installer APIs.

Also as a result of this change, any Windows Installer APIs that require a buffer size to be specified now fail if the buffer size is not correctly specified. Note that 0 is not a valid size; thus, ensure that your code does not pass a zero value for the size of the buffer.

If you have existing InstallScript custom actions that call Windows Installer APIs, ensure that a large enough buffer size is specified; if it is not, unexpected results could occur.

The following sample code demonstrates how to retrieve the value of a Windows Installer property value string in InstallScript and increase the size of the buffer if necessary.

```plaintext
prototype STRING MyGetProperty (HWND, STRING);
//////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
// MyGetProperty
// Return an MSI property string value
// Input Parameters:
// hMSIHandle: Handle to the currently running MSI database
// szPropertyName: Name of property to retrieve
// Output:
// String containing the property value
//////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
function STRING MyGetProperty (hMSIHandle, szPropertyName)
    NUMBER nBuf, nResult;
    STRING szReturn;
```
//Retrieve the size of the property value
szReturn = "";

nResult = MsiGetProperty (hMSIHandle, szPropertyName, szReturn, nvBuf);

if (ERROR_MORE_DATA = nResult) then
    nvBuf = nvBuf + 1;   //increment buffer size for terminating null

//Retrieve the property value
nResult = MsiGetProperty (hMSIHandle, szPropertyName, szReturn, nvBuf);

if (nResult != ERROR_SUCCESS) then
    szReturn = "";
endif;
endif;
return szReturn;
end;

Note that if the script had used if ( ERROR_SUCCESS == nResult ) then instead of if ( ERROR_MORE_DATA == nResult ) then, unexpected results could occur.

Build Warning -7235 for Basic MSI Projects

By default, software identification tagging is enabled in all Basic MSI projects. This applies to new projects that you create in InstallShield 2020, as well as projects that you have upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020.

If you build a release in a Basic MSI project without entering data in the required identification tag settings (the Unique ID, Tag Creator, and Tag Creator ID settings in the General Information view), and you leave tagging enabled in the project, build warning -7235 occurs. This build warning explains that the software identification tag could not be created and included in the installation because a specific required setting was left blank. To resolve this warning, enter appropriate value in each specific setting, or select No for the Use Software Identification Tag setting in the General Information view.

COM Extraction Changes

InstallShield supports a new monitoring method for COM extraction. If you are using InstallShield on a Windows Vista or later system or a Windows Server 2008 or later system, this new method is used by default. The method uses a kernel driver to monitor the areas of the registry that are modified during dynamic COM extraction at build time and static COM extraction at design time. It combines the advantages that the earlier methods provided, allowing the DLL to read existing registries entries and preventing changes to the build machine.

If necessary, you can switch between the three different COM extraction methods by setting the value data of the UseAPIRegistryHooks registry value, which is in the registry key HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\InstallShield\RegSpy (on 32-bit machines) or HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\InstallShield\RegSpy (on 64-bit machines). Possible REG_DWORD value data are:

• 0—Use API hooking to read existing registry entries for the DLL.
• 1—Use registry redirection to prevent making changes to the registered DLLs on the build machine. If the value is not set, this is the default behavior on Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 systems.
• 2—Use the new kernel mode monitoring, which combines the advantages of both of the other methods. If the value is not set, this is the default behavior on Windows Vista and later systems and on Windows Server 2008 and later systems.
This functionality applies to the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.

**String Entries in Merge Module Projects**

Each string identifier that is created in a Merge Module project now contains the Merge Module’s module ID GUID. This applies to all new string identifiers that are created in all new Merge Module projects, as well as new string identifiers that are created in existing Merge Module projects that were upgraded from InstallShield 2011 or earlier to InstallShield 2020. Note that if you upgrade a Merge Module project from InstallShield 2011 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the module ID GUID is not added to the string identifiers of any existing string entries.

The use of the GUID in string identifiers of Merge Module project string entries helps to minimize or eliminate conflicts that would occur if the same string identifier is used in a Merge Module project and also in an installation project that contains that Merge Module, and if different values are assigned to those two string identifiers.

**See Also**

- What’s New in InstallShield 2012
- Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions

## Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2010 or Earlier

**InstallShield 2020**

The following information describes possible upgrade issues that may occur when you upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield 2010 and earlier to InstallShield 2020. It also alerts you to possible changes in behavior that you may notice between new InstallShield 2020 projects and projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2010 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

### General Information about Upgrading Projects that Were Created in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open a project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .770 before converting it. Delete the .770 part from the original project’s file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020: InstallShield 2010 and earlier, InstallShield 12 and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

### Changes that Affect All Projects (New and Upgraded Projects)

This section describes changes that affect both new projects and projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

**End of Integration Support for Visual Studio 2003 and Earlier**

If you want to create, edit, and build your InstallShield projects directly within Visual Studio, you must use Visual Studio 2005 or later. InstallShield can no longer be integrated with Visual Studio 2003 or earlier.
Deprecation of InstallScript Objects

InstallScript objects have been deprecated in favor of InstallShield prerequisites. In a future release, InstallShield will no longer be able to create or consume InstallScript objects, and no predefined InstallScript objects will be provided. Furthermore, the Merge Module Holder Object will not be available. The recommended alternative for InstallScript objects is InstallShield prerequisites. You can use the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor to begin creating your own InstallShield prerequisites so that you are ready to use them once the InstallScript object technology becomes obsolete. You can share these InstallShield prerequisites among InstallScript, InstallShield MSI, and Basic MSI projects.

InstallShield Builds Only Unicode Versions of Setup.exe and Update.exe; Ability to Create ANSI Versions Is No Longer Available

Now all Setup.exe and Update.exe files that are built in all project types in InstallShield are Unicode. This applies to all new Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and QuickPatch projects that you create in InstallShield 2020. It also applies to all projects that you have upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020. Therefore, the settings that previously enabled you to specify whether you wanted to build a Unicode version or an ANSI version of the setup launcher have been removed:

- The Setup Launcher Type setting on the Setup.exe tab for a release in the Releases view has been removed from Basic MSI projects.
- The Update Launcher Type setting was removed from Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and QuickPatch projects.

  In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this setting was on the Advanced tab for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view.

  In QuickPatch projects, this setting was on the Advanced tab in the Build Settings area of the General Information view.

Changes to Win32 API Definitions

Now that the InstallScript engine has been updated to support Unicode, the Win32 API functions that are prototyped in the InstallScript header file ISRTWindows.h have been updated. Where applicable, wide (W) versions of API prototypes have been added in addition to existing ANSI (A) definitions. For some prototypes, no A or W version is specified; in these cases, the engine now attempt to use the W version. Previously, the A version was used.

If you upgrade an InstallShield 2010 or earlier project to InstallShield 2020, it is possible that these new prototypes could conflict with user-defined prototypes of the same APIs. It is recommended that the InstallScript-provided prototypes be used if possible. However, if you want to use your own prototypes for these Windows APIs instead of the ones that are now prototyped for InstallScript, add ISINCLUDE_NO_WINAPI_H to the list of preprocessor definitions: On the Build menu, click Settings. On the Compile/Link tab, in the Preprocessor Defines box, enter ISINCLUDE_NO_WINAPI_H. Otherwise, you may encounter compile errors.

Ensuring that Your InstallScript Code Supports Unicode

If you use any user-defined Win32 APIs or other external DLL prototypes in your InstallScript code, and the APIs have versions that support Unicode string input, update the prototypes to use BYVAL/BYREF WSTRING or WPOINTER. In addition, review the API functions in your code that accept structures as input to ensure that those that contain string or string pointer members are declared as Unicode as appropriate, if the API requires it.

Update your script to call W versions of Win32 APIs if it is currently calling A versions.

Note that now that the InstallScript engine has been updated to support Unicode, you may see changes in the return values for the InstallScript function StrLength. As a result, you may need to make changes to your InstallScript code calls to this function.
StrLength now behaves the same as StrLengthChars; both of these functions return the number of characters in a given string variable (that is, the number of code units in the UTF-16-encoded string) up to the first null character. This applies to all InstallScript projects that are created in InstallShield 2020, as well as all InstallScript projects that you have upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020. Previously, StrLength returned the number of characters in a given string variable before a null character in the ANSI code page. The behavior of StrLengthChars has not changed.

Differential Release Support in InstallScript Projects

A differential release that is created in an InstallShield 2011 or later InstallScript project can update a product only if its earlier InstallScript installation was also created in InstallShield 2011 or later. If you want to use InstallShield 2011 or later to create an update for a product whose earlier InstallScript installation was created with InstallShield 2010 or earlier, you should create a full release, instead of a differential release.

This requirement is necessary because of the Unicode support that is new in the InstallShield 2011 InstallScript engine. After a differential release is used to update an earlier version of a product on a target system, the earlier version of the installation (along with the earlier engine run time) is used to run any maintenance operations. Because the InstallShield 2010 and earlier versions of the InstallScript engine cannot read the new Unicode storage format, the installation fails.

Uninstalling 64-Bit Registry Entries that Were Installed by the InstallScript Engine

By default, the InstallScript engine now logs the changes that it makes to the 64-bit part of the registry during an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI installation on 64-bit target systems. Furthermore, the 64-bit registry changes that are logged by the InstallScript engine are now uninstalled during uninstallation.

Note that if you created an InstallShield 2010 or earlier installation that wrote 64-bit registry data and you create an upgrade for your product in InstallShield 2020, the existing 64-bit registry entries that were logged by the base installation are not removed when the product is uninstalled from a target system. The only way to work around this limitation is to manually remove the registry data during uninstallation.

Script Editor Changes

Pressing CTRL+SPACEBAR from within the script editor pane in the InstallScript view no longer displays a list of built-in InstallScript functions that are available for auto completion, as it did in InstallShield 2010 and earlier. Now if you want to see a list of built-in InstallScript functions for auto completion, you simply need to start typing the first letter or letters of that function. The pop-up list also contains other InstallScript keywords. To learn more, see Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors.

The context menu that is displayed when you right-click in a script editor pane is now different than it was in InstallShield 2010 and earlier:

- The context menu no longer contains a Show Whitespace command. To show or hide whitespace characters and symbols in the script editors, use the Script Editor Properties dialog box. This dialog box also lets you modify other settings in the script editors, such as font, syntax colors, and line numbering. To access this dialog box, right-click in a script editor and then click Properties.

- The context menu no longer contains a Make Uppercase command or a Make Lowercase command. To make text in the script editor uppercase, select it and then press CTRL+SHIFT+U. To make it lowercase, select it and then press CTRL+U.

- The context menu no longer contains a Find command or a Replace command. To perform a search in a script, press CTRL+F, and then specify the text that you want to find. To search for a string and replace it with something else, press CTRL+H and then specify the appropriate information. As an alternative, you can use the Find and Replace commands on the Edit menu.

For more keyboard shortcuts, see Keyboard Shortcuts for the Script Editors.
The views that contain the revised script editor are the InstallScript view, the SQL Scripts view, and the Custom Actions and Sequences view (when you are viewing a VBScript or JScript file in this view).

**InstallScript Debugger Changes**

If you copy the InstallScript Debugger (ISDbg.exe) from your installation development machine to a debug machine so that you can debug InstallScript code, you must also now copy the file called SciLexer.dll to the same folder on the debug machine. You can find SciLexer.dll on your installation development machine in the same folder as the ISDbg.exe file (InstallShield Program Files Folder\System).

For more information, see Debugging an Installation on Any Computer.

**Changes that Affect New Projects but Not Upgraded Projects**

This section describes changes to InstallShield that may affect new projects but not projects that are upgraded from earlier versions. Note that you may need to make manual changes to upgraded projects.

**DPI Changes and Their Effect on InstallScript Dialogs**

If you have an InstallShield 2010 or earlier InstallScript or InstallScript MSI project that contains one or more edited InstallScript dialogs and you want to upgrade the project to InstallShield 2020 or later, ensure that your machine uses the same DPI value that was selected when the InstallScript dialogs were edited. Otherwise, the dialogs may be sized incorrectly at run time.

Note that once you have upgraded the project, you can change the DPI value on your machine at any time as needed; if you do, the dialogs are sized correctly at run time. Also note that if you upgrade an InstallShield 2020 or later project that contains one or more edited InstallScript dialogs to a future version of InstallShield, you do not need to use the same DPI value during the upgrade.

**Changing Design-Time and Build-Time Locations of Existing InstallShield Prerequisites in Existing Projects**

InstallShield now lets you specify the folders where InstallShield should search for InstallShield prerequisite files (.prq files), their associated data files, and their dependencies. Previously, InstallShield searched for .prq files in the following location only: InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites.

If you move any InstallShield prerequisites from the InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites folder to a new custom location that you have defined on the Prerequisites tab of the Options dialog box (or any of the other places where search paths can be defined now), you may need to perform the following steps in InstallShield 2010 or earlier projects when you upgrade them to InstallShield 2020:

1. In the Redistributables view or the Prerequisites view, clear the check box for each InstallShield prerequisite that is included in your project but is located in a custom location. Also clear the check box for each InstallShield prerequisite whose data files or dependencies were moved from the default location to a custom location.

2. Click the new Refresh button.

3. Select the check box for each InstallShield prerequisite that you removed from your project in step 1.

InstallShield removes the path of the prerequisite from the ISSetupPrerequisites table of your project. The full path was stored in this table in InstallShield 2010 and earlier projects. Note that if you only clear a prerequisite’s check box and then reselect it without clicking the Refresh button, InstallShield continues to use the full path, rather than just the file name, in the ISSetupPrerequisites table.
If you upgrade an InstallShield 2010 or earlier project to InstallShield 2020, change the location of an InstallShield prerequisite, and then add that prerequisite to your project, you do not need to perform the refresh procedure. Also, if you create a new project in InstallShield 2020, you do not need to perform the refresh procedure. In both cases, InstallShield does not include the path in the ISSetupPrerequisites table of your project, which enables you to use the custom search path, instead of the default path.

Preventing an InstallScript MSI Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

The Upgrades view in new InstallScript MSI projects now contains a major upgrade item called ISPreventDowngrade. This item prevents end users from being able to install the current version of your product over a future major version of the same product. If you upgrade an InstallScript MSI project from InstallShield 2010 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the ISPreventDowngrade item is not added automatically. You can manually add an ISPreventDowngrade item if appropriate. To learn how, see the Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product.

See Also
What’s New in InstallShield 2011
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions

Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2009 or Earlier

InstallShield 2020

The following information describes possible upgrade issues that may occur when you upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield 2009 and earlier to InstallShield 2020. It also alerts you to possible changes in behavior that you may notice between new InstallShield 2020 projects and projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

General Information about Upgrading Projects that Were Created in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open a project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .768 before converting it. Delete the .768 part from the original project’s file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020: InstallShield 2009 and earlier, InstallShield 12 and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

Installing More than One Edition of InstallShield

Only one edition of InstallShield 2020—Premier, Professional, or Express—can be installed on a system at a time. Previously, it was possible to install the Express edition on the same system that had the Premier or Professional edition of the same InstallShield version.

Change to the List of Supported Operating Systems for Running InstallShield

The minimum operating system requirement for systems that run InstallShield (the authoring environment) is now Windows XP or Windows Server 2003. Previously, the minimum operating system requirement was Windows 2000 SP3.
Changes that Affect All Projects (New and Upgraded Projects)

This section describes changes that affect both new projects and projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

Setup.exe No Longer Runs on Windows 9x, Windows NT 4, or Windows Me Systems

Setup.exe installations that are created in InstallShield can no longer be run on Windows 9x, Windows NT 4, or Windows Me. If an end user tries to launch Setup.exe on a Windows 9x or Windows Me system, Windows displays a message box with the following error: “The FullSetup.exe PathAndFileName file expects a newer version of Windows. Upgrade your Windows version.” On Windows NT 4 systems, Windows displays a message box with the following error: “FullSetup.exe PathAndFileName is not a valid Windows NT application.”

InstallShield no longer lists these legacy operating systems in any of the areas where target operating systems can be selected. For example, the Installation Requirements tab of the Project Assistant in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects no longer lists these operating systems. In InstallScript projects, the Platforms tab on the Project Settings dialog box no longer lists these operating systems.

If you upgrade an InstallScript project that was created in InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, and if the operating system settings in the earlier project contained references to only these legacy operating systems, InstallShield replaces the legacy operating system options with the option for targeting all supported platforms.

Windows Installer 1.x Redistributables Are No Longer Available

InstallShield no longer includes Windows Installer 1.x redistributables, since they target only legacy versions of Windows that are no longer supported. Previously, it was possible to add Windows Installer 1.x redistributables to a project through the Releases view, or through the Release Wizard.

Redistributable for VBScript Runtime Files Is No Longer Available

InstallShield no longer includes the InstallShield object for VBScript Runtime Files. This redistributable targets only legacy versions of Windows that are no longer supported.

InstallScript Dialog Source Code Changes

The InstallScript code for built-in InstallScript dialogs has been moved from individual InstallScript script files (.rul) to a single ISRTScriptDialogs.rul file. In addition, the event class drop-down list in the InstallScript view has a new Dialog Source option. If you select this option, the event handler drop-down list shows all of the built-in InstallScript dialogs. You can select any dialog in this list to customize its code.

InstallShield supports backwards compatibility: If you imported dialog source code into an InstallShield 2009 or earlier project and then you upgrade the project to InstallShield 2020, you can still use that dialog code. However, if you want to use the dialog sources that are now available when you select the dialogs in the event handler drop-down list, you must first make some changes to your upgraded project. Otherwise, you may encounter compile errors. In order to use the dialog code: On the Build menu, click Settings. On the Compile/Link tab, in the Preprocessor Defines box, enter the following:

_ISSCRIPT_NEW_STYLE_DLG_DEFS

After this definition has been added, if any dialogs had previously been imported into the project in earlier versions of InstallShield, the code in these imported .rul files may cause compile errors. These errors would need to be resolved.

If _ISSCRIPT_NEW_STYLE_DLG_DEFS is not defined, a warning message is displayed when the Dialog Source option is selected in the event class drop-down list in the InstallScript view.
The _ISSCRIPT_NEW_STYLE_DLG_DEFS definition is automatically added to all new projects that are created in InstallShield 2020.

This functionality applies to the following project types: InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object.

**InstallScript Header File Changes**

The InstallScript header files (.h) have been reorganized. As a result, some of the .h files are obsolete. If an InstallScript file (.rul) in your project references one or more of these obsolete .h files, a compile warning is displayed whenever you compile your script or build a release. To resolve the warnings, remove any #include statements that reference the obsolete .h files, and rebuild the release. Also, ensure that ifx.h is referenced in an #include statement in your Setup.rul file or in other script files that are referenced by Setup.rul.

**InstallScript Changes for Windows API Prototypes**

The service-related Windows API prototypes (such as CreateServiceA, StartServiceA, and ControlService) are now prototyped in ISRTWindows.h for all InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects. They are also now prototyped in ISRTWindows.h for all Basic MSI and Merge Module projects that include InstallScript custom actions.

If you want to use your own definitions for these Windows APIs instead of the ones that are now prototyped for InstallScript, add **ISINCLUDE_NO_SERVICEAPI** to the list of preprocessor definitions: On the Build menu, click Settings. On the Compile/Link tab, in the Preprocessor Defines box, enter **ISINCLUDE_NO_SERVICEAPI**. Otherwise, you may encounter compile errors.

Note that the constant ISINCLUDE_NO_WINAPI_H now suppresses only Windows API prototypes, not Windows constants or Windows structure definitions.

**Patch Creation (Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI)**

InstallShield now uses the Windows Installer 4.5 patching technology to create patches. This change is reported for informational purposes.

**New Custom Actions and Database Tables for IIS Support in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects**

If you add IIS support through the Internet Information Services view in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project in InstallShield, InstallShield automatically adds several DLL custom actions to your project to support the IIS functionality. In InstallShield 2020, these custom actions have been enhanced to enable you to add applications to Web sites. In addition, these actions have been renamed to reflect standard naming conventions:

- **ISIISCosting**—This custom action replaces the caExtractIISSuppFiles action.
- **ISIISRollback**—This custom action replaces the caRlbackVRoots action.
- **ISIISUninstall**—This custom action replaces the caRemoveVRoots action.
- **ISIISInstall**—This custom action replaces the caCreateVRoots action.
- **ISIISCleanup**—This custom action replaces the callISCleanup action.

The entry points of each of the DLL custom actions have been renamed to match the corresponding custom action names.

Note that IIS functionality requires administrative privileges. Therefore, each of these DLL custom actions checks the Privileged property value. The value must be 1; if it is not, an error is displayed at run time. In InstallShield 2009 and earlier, each of the IIS custom actions had a Privileged = 1 condition. In InstallShield 2020, this condition is no longer set when you add new IIS Web sites or other IIS data to your project, since the custom actions check the Privileged property value.
If you upgrade a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project that contains IIS support from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically updates and renames the custom actions accordingly. In addition, if the condition for an old custom action was not modified from the default condition, InstallShield also removes the Privileged = 1 condition. If a condition was modified, InstallShield leaves the existing condition as is. You can manually modify any of the conditions if appropriate.

In InstallShield 2020, all of the IIS data is stored in the ISIISItem and ISIISProperty tables. In InstallShield 2009 and earlier, the IIS data was stored in the following tables: ISIISAppPool, ISIISCommon, ISIISMetaData, ISIISWebServiceExtension, ISVRoot, ISVRootAppMaps, and ISWebSite. If you upgrade a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project that contains IIS support from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically moves the IIS data to the new tables; InstallShield also deletes the old tables from the project.

For more information, see:
- Managing Internet Information Services
- InstallShield Custom Action Reference

Changes for the Redistributables View

The Redistributables view has a new toolbar and group box area that provide robust search and organizational functionality. Use the new Show Details button in this view to show or hide the details pane for the selected redistributable in this view. The details pane provides information such as which files a redistributable installs. The Show Details button replaces the Show Details and Hide Details links that were previously available in the upper-right corner of this view.

The new group box area is below the new toolbar in the Redistributables view. You can drag and drop column headings onto this group box area to organize the list of redistributables in a hierarchical format. If you want InstallShield to separate all of the redistributables in the view into two groups—one whose check box is selected and one whose check box is cleared—drag the check box column to the group box area. This enables you to easily identify all of the redistributables that are included in your project. The result is similar to the behavior that previously occurred if you right-clicked any redistributable and then clicked Show Only Selected Items. Note that the Show Only Selected Items command is no longer available in the Redistributables view.

For more information, see Working with the Group Box Area in Various Views.

Limiting the UI Level of a Chained .msi Package to that of the Main .msi Package

The UI level for a chained .msi package is now limited to be no higher than that of the parent package's current UI level. For example, in the following scenario, the chained .msi package is launched silently: you add a chained .msi package to your project in the Releases view and select Full UI (/qf) for its UI level setting, but the main installation is launched silently (/qn). Previously, the chained package showed exactly the UI level that was authored in the Releases view of the main installation; to restore this behavior, set the property ISChainExceedUILevel equal to the value 1.

Encoding and Related Differences for XML File Changes

If you use the XML File Changes view to configure changes for a file that is already present on the target machine, or that is being installed as part of your installation, the installation now uses the encoding that is specified in that XML file, rather than the encoding that is specified in the XML File Changes view. This applies to new projects that are created in InstallShield 2020, as well as projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2009 or earlier.

In addition, if the "Always create this element if it does not already exist" check box is cleared for an element that is not present in the target file, its child elements are no longer created. Thus, for an XML file such as //A/B/C, C is not created on the target system if B is neither present nor set to be created.
Changes to the Major and Minor Version Registry Entries for the Uninstall Key of InstallScript Installations

InstallScript installations now always create VersionMajor and VersionMinor registry values in the Uninstall key; the names of these values now match the entries that are created during Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations. This applies to new installations that are created in InstallShield 2020, as well as installations that are upgraded from InstallShield 2009 or earlier. Previously, in InstallShield 2009 and earlier, the names of the values that InstallScript installations created were MajorVersion and MinorVersion; these are no longer created.

In order to use the new registry values, the values of the following InstallScript constants have been changed:

- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MAJORVERSION is now VersionMajor instead of MajorVersion.
- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MINORVERSION is now VersionMinor instead of MinorVersion.

When the MaintenanceStart function is called, it creates the updated value names in the registry. By default, it also deletes the old value names if they exist. If you do not want the old value names to be deleted from target systems, you can use the new REGDB_OPTIONS option called REGDB_OPTION_NO_DELETE_OLD_MAJMIN_VERSION. If you want to continue using only the old value names, you must delete the new versions after MaintenanceStart returns.

If REGDB_UNINSTALL_MAJOR_VERSION or REGDB_UNINSTALL_MINOR_VERSION is used with the RegDBGetItem function, RegDBGetItem first checks for the new value; if the new value is found, the function returns the value data from the new value. If the new value is not found, the function automatically checks for the old value; if the old value is found, the function returns the value data from the old value.

To provide backwards compatibility, the following new constants are available:

- REGDB_UNINSTALL_MAJOR_VERSION_OLD
- REGDB_UNINSTALL_MINOR_VERSION_OLD

You can specify these constants with the RegDBGetItem, RegDBSetItem, and RegDBDeleteItem functions to get, set, and delete the old values.

The following new string constants are also available:

- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MAJORVERSION_OLD is defined as MajorVersion.
- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MINORVERSION_OLD is defined as MinorVersion.

For more information, see the following in the InstallScript Language Reference:

- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MAJORVERSION
- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MAJORVERSION_OLD
- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MINORVERSION
- REGDB_VALUENAME_UNINSTALL_MINORVERSION_OLD
- REGDB_UNINSTALL_MAJOR_VERSION
- REGDB_UNINSTALL_MINOR_VERSION
- REGDB_OPTIONS
- RegDBSetItem
- RegDBGetItem
- RegDBDeleteItem
Removal of the SdShowMsg Dialog from the List of Editable Dialogs

The Dialog Editor does not currently support dialogs, such as SdShowMsg, that do not have a title bar; if you try to customize the SdShowMsg dialog, it may get corrupted. Therefore, this dialog is no longer displayed in the Dialogs view as one of the dialogs that you can edit. To customize this dialog, you should use the SdShowMsg call, not the Dialog Editor.

Automation Interface Changes

The value of the eosAll constant for the OSFilter, which is a member of the ISWiComponent and ISWiRelease objects in the automation interface, has been changed. The new value is 64028880; previously, it was 5308624. If you are using the value of this constant to configure the list of operating systems for a component or a release through the automation interface, you must update your script to use the new value.

For more information, see the following:

- ISWiComponent Object
- ISWiRelease Object

Changes for the Locations of InstallScript Run-Time Script, Library, and Header Files

The InstallScript run-time library files that are installed with InstallShield have been consolidated into a central location, instead of several separate subdirectories. The script, library, and header files are now installed in Src, Lib, and Include folders in the following directory:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt

The following folders are no longer installed, since the files within them are consolidated in the above location:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\IISRuntime
InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\SQLRuntime
InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\XMLRuntime

Note that because of a name conflict, the Assert.h file in the following location is being renamed as ISAssert.h:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt\Include

If you create a new project in InstallShield 2020, it uses the new locations of the files. If you upgrade a project from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield updates the projects to use the new locations.

Changes in the Way that Linked Libraries and Their Locations Are Specified

The Compile/Link tab on the Settings dialog box has a new Additional Library Paths box that lets you specify the locations where the InstallScript compiler should search for InstallScript libraries (.obl files) that are not one of the standard InstallShield locations. For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, the standard locations are:

- <ISProductFolder>\Script\Ifx\Lib
- <ISProductFolder>\Script\Isrt\Lib

For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, the standard locations are:

- <ISProductFolder>\Script\Iswi\Lib
- <ISProductFolder>\Script\Isrt\Lib
If you create a new project in InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically lists the standard InstallShield script libraries such as ISRT.obl in the Libraries (.obl) box on the Compile/Link tab. However, InstallShield no longer includes the full path in that box. If you want to add your own custom libraries, you can specify the library file name in the Libraries (.obl) box, and the path in the Additional Library Paths box. You do not need to specify the full path and file name in the Libraries (.obl) box.

If you upgrade a project that was created in InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically removes the path of the standard script libraries that are listed in the Libraries (.obl) box. For more information, see Compile/Link Tab.

**Removal of the InstallScript Structure Definition for ISOSVERSIONINFO**

The definition of the ISOSVERSIONINFO structure, as well as the corresponding unused global instances of this structure, has been removed. The equivalent OSVERSIONINFO structure is still available. This definition removal does not cause any functionality changes; however, if you attempt to use the ISOSVERSIONINFO structure definition or global structure instances, a compiler error results.

To avoid a compiler error, do either of the following:

- Update the script to use the equivalent OSVERSIONINFO structure, and declare a local instance of this structure if needed. Update the script to use the appropriate structure member names. (Note that the OSVERSIONINFO member names are different than the ISOSVERSIONINFO member names.) Following is the definition of OSVERSIONINFO:

  ```
  typedef OSVERSIONINFO
  begin
    NUMBER nOSVersionInfoSize;
    NUMBER nMajorVersion;
    NUMBER nMinorVersion;
    NUMBER nBuildNumber;
    NUMBER nPlatformId;
    STRING szCSDVersion[128];
  end;
  ```

- Declare the structure and structure instances locally as follows:

  ```
  // Data structure that contains operating system version information.
  // Used by ISCompareServicePack.
  typedef ISOSVERSIONINFO // define a structure
  begin
    LONG ISIOSVersionInfoSize; // Size in bytes of this data structure
    LONG ISIMajorVersion; // Major version number of the OS.
    LONG ISIMinorVersion; // Minor version number of the OS.
    LONG ISIBuildNumber; // Build number of the OS.
    LONG ISIPlatformId; // Operating system platform.
    STRING szISCSDVersion [128]; // Additional information about OS.
  end;

  // Variable for the operating system version information data structure.
  // Used by ISCompareServicePack.
  ISOSVERSIONINFO ISVersion;

  // Pointer that points to the OS version information variable.
  // Used by ISCompareServicePack.
  ISOSVERSIONINFO POINTER pISVersion;
  ```
Obsolete Keys Are No Longer Written to Setup.ini for InstallScript Projects

The following keys are obsolete and are no longer written to the Setup.ini file for InstallScript projects: Resource, EngineVersion, and EngineBinding.

ISCab.exe Is No Longer Available

ISCab.exe is no longer supported. Therefore, it is no longer included with InstallShield.

Changes that Affect New Projects but Not Upgraded Projects

This section describes changes to InstallShield that may affect new projects but not projects that are upgraded from earlier versions. Note that you may need to make manual changes to upgraded projects.

Changes to Support for Securing Permissions for Files, Folders, and Registry Keys

The General Information view has a new Locked-Down Permissions setting that lets you specify whether you want to use the new custom InstallShield handling or the traditional Windows Installer handling for all new permissions that you set for files, folders, and registry keys in your project. The new custom InstallShield handling option offers several advantages over the traditional Windows Installer handling option.

In all new projects, the default value for this setting is the custom InstallShield handling option. If you upgrade a project from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the traditional Windows Installer handling option is the default value of this setting.

This new setting is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

For more information, see the following:

- Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment
- Selecting the Locked-Down Permissions Type for a Project

Changes to the ReadyToInstall Dialog for Beta Windows Installer 5 Support of Per-User Installations

The General Information view has a new Show Per-User Option setting. This setting lets you specify whether you want the ReadyToInstall dialog—in certain scenarios—to include buttons that let end users indicate how they want to install the product: for the current user or for all users. The per-user button sets the new Windows Installer property MSIINSTALLPERUSER equal to 1 to indicate that the package should be installed for the current user. The MSIINSTALLPERUSER property is available with the beta of Windows Installer 5.

If you create a new Basic MSI project in InstallShield 2020, the ReadyToInstall dialog includes support for the per-user and per-machine buttons; these buttons are displayed or hidden at run time if appropriate. If you upgrade a Basic MSI project from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the ReadyToInstall dialog does not have this support automatically. You can manually add these buttons and their associated conditions to the ReadyToInstall dialog if appropriate; use the ReadyToInstall dialog in a new InstallShield 2020 project as a guideline.

Public Directory Properties for Feature Destinations Are Added to SecureCustomProperties

When you specify a location for the Destination setting of a feature and the location includes a public directory property, InstallShield now adds that property to the SecureCustomProperties property to allow end users to change the destination after the product has been advertised. This occurs in new projects that are created in InstallShield 2020. The change is also made for all feature destinations if you upgrade a project from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.
This change applies to the following project types: Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI.

**Changes to the Conditions for the InstallWelcome Dialog and the ResolveSource Action**

The condition on the InstallWelcome dialog and the ResolveSource action has been changed to Not Installed for all new Basic MSI projects that are created in InstallShield 2020. The conditions were changed so that the InstallWelcome dialog and the ResolveSource action can be used for a first-time installation with a patch. If you upgrade a Basic MSI project from InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the conditions are not changed automatically. If you want the dialog and action to be used for a first-time installation with a patch, you can change the conditions in your upgraded project to Not Installed.

**Improvements to the .rtf File Size Limit for the SdLicenseRtf and SdLicense2Rtf Functions**

The file size limit for the .rtf files that are used with the InstallScript dialog functions SdLicenseRtf and SdLicense2Rtf is now 16 MB instead of 64 KB. Previously, if the file size was more than 64 KB, part of the EULA text was missing from the license dialog at run time.

Note that if you had overridden the SdLicenseRtf or SdLicense2Rtf functions in your script in InstallShield 2009 or earlier and then upgraded that project to InstallShield 2020, you would need to manually change the size limit by updating the SendMessageTimeout call with the EM_EXLIMITTEXT message in DLG_INIT. The iParam parameter (the fourth parameter) of the SendMessageTimeout call needs to be changed. The SendMessageTimeout call should be changed to this:

```c
SendMessageTimeout( hEdit, EM_EXLIMITTEXT, 0, 0xffffff );
```

Previously, the code contained this:

```c
SendMessageTimeout( hEdit, EM_EXLIMITTEXT, 0, 0 );
```

**Removal of the OnResolveSource Event Handler from InstallScript MSI Installations**

The InstallScript event handler OnResolveSource has been removed from InstallScript MSI projects. The Windows Installer now handles all source resolution. If you added the OnResolveSource event to an InstallScript MSI project in InstallShield 2009 or earlier and then you upgrade that project to InstallShield 2020, that event will no longer be called.

**Changes to the Way that a Log File Is Displayed from the SetupCompleteSuccess Dialog in Basic MSI Installations**

The ShowMsiLog custom action now launches Notepad.exe from the SystemFolder directory, instead of from the WindowsFolder directory. Thus, if your installation is run on Windows Vista or later and the end user indicates on the SetupCompleteSuccess dialog that they want to view the log file, the installation launches Notepad.exe from the SystemFolder directory. This change was made because on Windows Server 2008 Standard Edition, Notepad.exe is available in the System32 directory, but not the Windows directory.

Note that behavior is available by default in all new Basic MSI projects that are created in InstallShield. If you upgrade an InstallShield 2009 or earlier Basic MSI project to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically change the behavior. You can manually change the behavior if necessary: In the Custom Actions and Sequences view, click the ShowMsiLog action. (If this action is not displayed, right-click the Custom Actions node and then click Show All Custom Actions.) Set the Filename & Commandline setting as follows:

```bash
[SystemFolder]notepad.exe "[MsiLogFileLocation]"
```

Thus, the value should contain [SystemFolder] instead of [WindowsFolder].
Changes for ALLUSERS Property in InstallScript MSI Installations

Beginning with InstallShield 2010, the ALLUSERS property is set to 1 by default in all new InstallScript MSI projects. This is the recommended implementation, since most installations must be run in a per-machine context with administrative privileges. This value is also recommended to help avoid ALLUSERS-related issues when an InstallScript MSI installation is run silently.

If you upgrade a project that was created with InstallShield 2009 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically change the value of the ALLUSERS property or add this property if it was not defined in the earlier project.

InstallScript Installations No Longer Include _Setup.dll

InstallScript installations no longer include _Setup.d11. Some earlier versions (DevStudio 9 and InstallShield X) did not log _Setup.d11 for uninstallation. As a result, this file was left behind in the Disk1 folder location (DISK1TARGET) after uninstallation. If an update was created with a later InstallShield version (InstallShield 10.5 through InstallShield 2009) and the update was for an original installation that was created with DevStudio 9 or InstallShield X, _Setup.d11 was deleted during uninstallation because _Setup.d11 was logged by the update. Since _Setup.d11 is not included in InstallScript installations that are created with InstallShield 2020, the _Setup.d11 file may now be left behind. Therefore, if you are updating from an installation that was created with DevStudio 9 or InstallShield X, you may need to delete the _Setup.d11 file manually (DISK1TARGET ^ "_Setup.d11") during uninstallation to ensure that the uninstallation is complete.

Saving a Project as an Earlier Version

InstallShield no longer has support for downgrading a project. That is, you cannot save an InstallShield 2020 project as an InstallShield 2009 or earlier project.

Trialware Support

The only edition of InstallShield that includes the Trialware view is the Premier edition. This edition lets you create the Try and Die type of trialware. InstallShield no longer includes support for creating the Try and Buy/Product Activation type of trialware.

Web Projects

The Web project type is no longer listed as one of the types of new projects that you can create in InstallShield. To use the same functionality that was available with a Web project in InstallShield 2009 and earlier, create a Basic MSI project, and then add a Web site in the Internet Information Services view.

The only difference between a Web project and a Basic MSI project was that a new Web project automatically contained a predefined folder for the IISROOTFOLDER directory in the Files and Folders view. All of the files that you add to the IISROOTFOLDER directory are installed to the Web server’s root directory on the target system. InstallShield adds predefined folder for the IISROOTFOLDER directory to a Basic MSI project when you add a Web site to the project. Thus, a Basic MSI project that contains at least one Web site configured in the Internet Information Services view is equivalent to a Web project that was created in InstallShield 2009 or earlier.

Compact Projects

InstallShield no longer has support for Compact projects.

Visual Studio Integration

Microsoft Visual Studio can be integrated with only one version of InstallShield Premier Edition or InstallShield Professional Edition at a time. The last version of InstallShield that is installed or repaired on a system is the one that is used for Visual Studio integration.
See Also
What’s New in InstallShield 2010
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions

Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2008 or Earlier

General Information about Upgrading Projects that Were Created in Earlier Versions of InstallShield

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open a project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .766 before converting it. Delete the .766 part from the original project’s file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2020: InstallShield 2008, InstallShield 12 and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

Changes that Affect All Projects (New and Upgraded Projects)

This section describes changes that affect both new projects and projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

New Default Setup Launcher Value for New Releases: Windows Installer Is Not Included

When you create a new release in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, the redistributable for the Windows Installer engine is no longer included by default:

- If you use the Release Wizard to create a new release, the Setup Launcher panel is where you specify whether to include the Windows Installer. The default value for the Support these operating systems setting is Do not install Windows Installer. Previously, the default value was Both Windows 9X and NT.

- If you create a new release by right-clicking the Releases explorer in the Releases view, the default value for the Setup Launcher setting on the Setup.exe tab is now Yes (no MSI engine included). Previously, the default value for this setting was Yes (include Windows NT & Windows 9x MSI engine).

This change applies to all new releases that are created in new InstallShield 2020 projects.

If you upgrade a project from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, this change applies to all new releases; InstallShield does not automatically change the value for releases that were originally created in the earlier InstallShield version.
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Upgrade and Patch Validation

When you build QuickPatch projects, InstallShield now runs patch and upgrade validation. Therefore, when you build a QuickPatch package in InstallShield 2020, you may see validation errors and warnings. If you built a QuickPatch project in InstallShield 2008 or earlier, InstallShield did not run the upgrade and patch validation; thus, patch or upgrade validation errors or warnings were never displayed at build time.

In addition, the Val0015 warning now checks the ISSelfReg table in QuickPatch projects and in patches that are created through the Patch Design view in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. If a QuickPatch or patch project adds a row to the ISSelfReg table, Val0015 warns you that the patch will be uninstallable. Previously, Val0015 did not check for entries in this table.

File Compression for Files that Are Streamed into Setup.exe and ISSetup.dll at Build Time

If you build a release that uses a Setup.exe setup launcher or a ISSetup.dll file, InstallShield now compresses files that it streams into the Setup.exe file or the ISSetup.dll file at build time. The default compression level that InstallShield uses offers a balance between file size and time that is required to extract the compressed files at run time. This applies to new Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects as well as existing Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

If you want to change the compression level or you do not want to use any compression, you can override the default level through a machine-wide setting. For more information, see Configuring the Compression Level for Files that Are Streamed into Setup.exe and ISSetup.dll.

Previously, InstallShield did not include any support for compressing files that were streamed into the Setup.exe file or the ISSetup.dll file at build time. Thus, if you compare a release that was built in InstallShield 2008 or earlier with the same release that is built with the default compression level in InstallShield 2020, you may notice that the file size of Setup.exe or ISSetup.dll is slightly different. In addition, the time that is required to extract files may be slightly different.

Multi-Part .cab Files

InstallShield now has a default limit of 600 MB for each .cab file that it creates at build time for a network image release in which the compression type is the standard compression type (not custom compression) and all of the files are embedded in a single-file .msi package or a Setup.exe setup launcher. When InstallShield is creating the .cab files for this type of release and it reaches this limit, it splits the data into two or more .cab files, creating multi-part .cab files. This applies to new Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects as well as existing Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

You can modify the .cab size limit if necessary. In addition, if you do not want InstallShield to create multi-part .cab files, you can configure it to create single .cab files. For more information, see Configuring the Maximum Size for .cab Files.

Previously, InstallShield did not create multi-part .cab files, and there was no built-in limit for the .cab file size.

Automation Interface and Standalone Build

If you have existing automation scripts that work with the InstallShield Automation Interface, you no longer need to change the library name from IswiAutoN to SAAutoN (where N indicates the version number) throughout the scripts in order to use them with the Standalone Automation Interface.

The Standalone Build that is available with InstallShield Premier Edition now uses the same directory structure that InstallShield uses.

The ISCmdBld.exe file that is available with InstallShield Premier Edition is now installed with the Standalone Build. Previously, the Standalone Build used IsSaBld.exe, a different file, for command-line builds.
FlexNet Connect Support in InstallScript Projects

InstallScript projects no longer include an Update Notifications view, which is used to add FlexNet Connect support to an installation.

Note the following details about FlexNet Connect support in InstallScript projects:

- InstallShield does not add ISUS.lib to the list of libraries (or enable any other FlexNet Connect functionality) when ISEnableUpdateService is changed to 1 in the InstallShield table. The ISUS.lib library is no longer supported.

- If you upgrade an InstallScript project from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically disables FlexNet Connect support and removes the ISUS.lib from the list of linked script libraries.

- The InstallScript constants and functions for FlexNet Connect still compile. However, all of the functions—except for UpdateServiceGetAgentTarget—now return ISERR_NOT_IMPLEMENTED. UpdateServiceGetAgentTarget returns null (""").

- All calls to the InstallScript functions for FlexNet Connect were removed from the default InstallScript code. In the OnUpdateUIBefore event handler, the code for UpdateServiceOnEnabledStateChange was removed. In the OnMoveData event handler, the code blocks for UpdateServiceRegisterProduct and UpdateServiceCreateShortcut were removed.

  Note that if you upgrade an InstallScript project from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020 and you had overridden these events in the earlier version of your project, the aforementioned functions are called. This should not cause any problems. The functions now return ISERR_NOT_IMPLEMENTED.

  Also, the OnFirstUIAfter event handler was updated to not include the option of calling SdFinishUpdate, which was disabled previously by default.

- All FlexNet Connect–related run-after-reboot functionality was removed. Therefore, the product is not registered with FlexNet Connect after a reboot.

- When you build an InstallScript project, InstallShield no longer adds any FlexNet Connect–related files to the media.

- ISUS.lib will no longer be supported and thus will not be provided with the product.

FlexNet Connect Support in InstallScript MSI Projects

The following FlexNet Connect–related functions have been deprecated for InstallScript MSI projects:

- GetUpdateStatus—This function always returns FALSE.

- SetUpdateStatus—This function returns ISERR_NOT_IMPL.

- GetUpdateStatusReboot—This function always return FALSE.

- SetUpdateStatusReboot—This function returns ISERR_NOT_IMPL.

All calls to the SetUpdateStatus and SetUpdateStatusReboot functions were removed from the default InstallScript code.

Multilanguage Support in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

If an installation includes multilanguage support and end users launch Setup.exe again (after the product is already installed) to run the installation in maintenance mode, the language selection dialog is no longer displayed. The maintenance dialogs are displayed in the same language that was used to originally install the product.
Similarly, if a multilanguage minor upgrade or small update is run to update an earlier version of an already installed product, the language selection dialog is not displayed. The upgrade dialogs are displayed in the same language that was used to originally install the product.

This behavior helps ensure that the same language that was used to run the original installation and install its features is also used to repair the original installation, as well as to add other features that were not originally installed but are installed during maintenance mode or upgrades.

**InstallScript Multi-Instance Support**

For an InstallScript multilanguage, multi-instance installation that displays the language selection dialog, the instance selection dialog is now displayed before the language selection dialog. The dialog order change enables end users to select a different language for a new instance of the product. If end users specify in the instance selection dialog that they want to maintain an existing instance, the language selection dialog is not displayed. Note that when the instance selection dialog is displayed, it is displayed in the same language that would be used to display the language selection dialog.

If multiple instances of a non-multi-instance installation are installed through the `Setup.exe /ig` command-line parameter, the language selection dialog is displayed only during a first-time installation; it is not displayed during maintenance mode. This helps ensure that the same language that was used to run the original installation and install its features is also used to repair the original installation, as well as to add other features that were not originally installed but are installed during maintenance mode.

During an InstallScript full-release installation that does not display the instance selection dialog—such as an installation that is run in silent mode or with the `Setup.exe -hide_usd` command-line parameter—the installation automatically installs a new instance. This behavior occurs for all new InstallShield 2020 projects, as well as projects that are upgraded from earlier versions to InstallShield 2020. In InstallShield 2008, `/hide_usd` resulted in the first installed instance being maintained, and silent mode resulted in a new instance being installed. In InstallShield 12 and earlier, the first installed instance would be maintained in both the `/hide_usd` and silent mode scenarios.

For a differential media, the first instance read is updated.

During a non-multi-instance installation on a system where two or more instances are installed (using the `Setup.exe /ig` command-line parameter), the instance selection dialog is displayed. The instance selection dialog does not allow a new instance to be installed during a non-multi-instance installation because a non-multi-instance installation does not generate a new random GUID for the new instance. The instance selection dialog includes the “default” instance (the instance whose GUID matches the product code) if it installed and it is one of the instances that can be maintained. This behavior applies to all new InstallShield 2020 projects, as well as projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

If a single instance is installed, the installation automatically attempts to maintain the installed instance; it does not show the instance selection dialog. Note that is true even if the installed instance is not the default instance. As a result of this behavior, if the default instance is not installed but a non-default instance is installed (using the `/ig` parameter), it is not possible to install or maintain the default instance without (a) first uninstalling the non-default instance or (b) specifying the GUID of the default instance through the `/ig` parameter. Therefore, if you support using the `/ig` parameter to install multiple instances, it is recommended that you always use this parameter. This behavior applies to all new InstallShield 2020 projects, as well as projects that are upgraded from earlier versions of InstallShield.

For InstallShield 2008, if a non-multi-instance installation was run on a target system that had multiple instances installed, the instance selection dialog was not displayed; in this case, the default instance was always used. For InstallShield 12 and earlier, if a non-multi-instance installation was run on a target system that had multiple instances installed, the instance selection dialog was displayed; this dialog did not allow a new instance to be displayed (because a non-multi-instance installation does not generate a new random GUID for the new instance). However, the title bar of the dialog indicated that the end user should select an instance to update; it should have indicated that the end user should select an instance to update or maintain.
Changes for SdRegisterUser, SdRegisterUserEx, SdCustomerInformation, and SdCustomerInformationEx in InstallScript MSI Installations

In an InstallScript MSI installation, the following InstallScript text substitutions now map directly to Windows Installer properties:

- IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDOWNER maps to the Windows Installer property USERNAME.
- IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDCOMPANY maps to the Windows Installer property COMPANYNAME.

Therefore, when these InstallScript variables are set and retrieved, the corresponding Windows Installer properties are set and retrieved. The default values for these variables are no longer read from the registry; instead the Windows Installer properties are used by default. To use the previous functionality, you can set the variables manually through the following sample code:

```
// Registered Owner (Only load from registry if pre-loaded value (from log file) is "")
if( !StrLengthChars( IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDOWNER ) ) then
    szValue = "";
    RegDBGetItem( REGDB_WINCURRVER_REGOWNER, szValue );
    if( StrLengthChars( szValue ) ) then
        IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDOWNER = szValue;
    endif;
endif;

// Registered Company (Only load from registry if pre-loaded value (from log file) is "")
if( !StrLengthChars( IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDCOMPANY ) ) then
    szValue = "";
    RegDBGetItem( REGDB_WINCURRVER_REGORGANIZATION, szValue );
    if( StrLengthChars( szValue ) ) then
        IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDCOMPANY = szValue;
    endif;
endif;
```

In an InstallScript MSI installation, the various registration-related dialogs—SdRegisterUser, SdRegisterUserEx, SdCustomerInformation, and SdCustomerInformationEx—now set IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDOWNER, IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDCOMPANY, and IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDCOMPANY as appropriate based on the end users’ selections. This automatically updates the corresponding Windows Installer properties.

When a null string ("") is specified for either svName or svCompany for the any of the registration-related dialog functions (SdRegisterUser, SdRegisterUserEx, SdCustomerInformation, or SdCustomerInformationEx), the functions use the appropriate variable (determined from the corresponding Windows Installer property) as the default. Previously, the variables were used only if both svName and svCompany were null; for SdCustomerInformation and SdCustomerInformationEx, the values were read directly from the Windows Installer properties, bypassing the script variables.

If a null string ("") is specified for the svSerial parameter, the default value for the serial number field is now set to IFX_PRODUCT_REGISTEREDSERIALNUM. Previously in this case, the dialog displayed no value.

The following InstallScript variables are new or have been changed:

- **DISABLE_PERUSERBTN**—This existing variable indicates that the per-user radio button should be disabled (or hidden) in cases that it would normally be enabled. This variable is always initialized to FALSE. Previously, this value was initialized to TRUE on Windows 9x systems; otherwise, it was FALSE.
- **DISABLE_ALLUSERBTN**—This existing variable indicates that the all-user radio button should be disabled (or hidden) in cases that it would normally be enabled. This variable is always initialized to FALSE. Previously, this value was...
initialized to TRUE if the operating system was not Windows 9x and the end user was not an administrator or power user.

- **HIDE_DISABLED_BTNS**—This new variable indicates that the all-user and per-user radio buttons should be hidden instead of being disabled. The default value is TRUE. Note that if this variable is set to TRUE, both radio buttons are hidden if either button is determined to be disabled.

The registration dialogs now automatically disable (or hide) the per-user radio button on Windows 9x regardless of the value of DISABLE_ALLUSERBTN. Previously, the per-user radio button was disabled only if DISABLE_PERUSERBTN was FALSE.

Note also that the registration dialogs automatically disable (or hide) the all-users radio button if the end user is not an administrator or power user, regardless of the value of DISABLE_ALLUSERBTN. This behavior has not changed.

These changes apply to all new InstallScript MSI projects that are created in InstallShield 2020, as well as InstallScript MSI projects that were created in earlier versions of InstallShield and then upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

**Proxy Server Support**

You may want to configure your installation to download certain files only if they are needed on the target system. For example, the Windows Installer engine, the .NET Framework, and some InstallShield prerequisites may already be present on some or most target systems. Instead of embedding these files in your installation (which would increase your overall installation size), you can configure your project so that only the ones that are needed are downloaded at run time.

If your end users access the Internet through a proxy server and your installation is configured to download files, the installation now uses the system proxy settings that are manually configured in Internet Explorer during the download. This occurs even if another browser on the target system is the default browser.

Note that InstallShield does not include support for the Automatically Detect Settings functionality in Internet Explorer. (If end users have the Automatically Detect Settings check box selected in Internet Explorer for their LAN connection and the installation needs to download files, the installation fails because the files cannot be downloaded. If it is possible that your end users may have the Automatically Detect Settings check box selected in Internet Explorer for their LAN connections, you may want to embed all of the files in your installation rather than configure them to be downloaded; if the files are embedded, the failures can be avoided.) However, InstallShield does support the Automatic Configuration Script functionality that is set up for LAN connections in Internet Explorer.

This is the behavior for all new projects in InstallShield 2020, as well as all projects that are created in earlier versions and then upgraded to InstallShield 2020.

In InstallShield 2008 and earlier, the installation attempted to use the proxy server settings that were configured in whatever browser was the default browser. However, this was not always possible, and it caused some problems:

- If Netscape 6 or 7 was the default browser, the Netscape 4 settings were used. If Netscape 8 or 9 was the default browser, the system (Internet Explorer) settings were used.

- If Netscape 4 settings were used, only the proxy server list was read and imported correctly. The proxy bypass list was read, but it was not imported correctly.

- Non–Internet Explorer 4 compatible settings such as the auto-proxy script setting were not imported.

- The method that the installation used for determining the default browser was not compatible on Windows Vista. Therefore, on Windows Vista systems, an installation may not have detected the default browser correctly.
Web Downloader Option to Wrap a 1.x .msi Package into a .cab File Is No Longer Available

InstallShield no longer includes an option to specify that an .msi package should be wrapped into a .cab file. This option was previously available for the Web Downloader type of media in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects in which the Windows Installer 1.1 or 1.2 was included. The recommended method is to use Windows Installer 2.0 or later and to digitally sign the package.

Status Text in InstallScript MSI Projects

The OnFirstUIBefore, OnMaintUIBefore, OnAdminInstallUIBefore, OnAdminPatchUIBefore, OnPatchUIBefore, OnUninstall, and OnResumeUIBefore event handlers in an InstallScript MSI project now include `SetStatusExStaticText` calls by default in all new InstallScript MSI projects. This new default code sets status text for the STATUSEX dialog; the status text that is displayed is now appropriate for the type of operation (first-time installation, maintenance, uninstallation, repair, etc.) being performed. Previously, it was necessary to manually add the `SetStatusExStaticText` calls; otherwise, the status text that was displayed did not correspond with the type of operation being performed.

Note that if you upgrade an InstallScript MSI project from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020 and you had overridden one or more of the updated events in the earlier version of your project, you must manually add the `SetStatusExStaticText` code to these events.

Changes for the InstallScript Variable SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER

You can specify `SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER` (for InstallScript or InstallScript MSI projects) or `<SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER>` (for InstallScript projects) in the Display Name setting for a folder in the Shortcuts view. Then you can define the display name for the folder at run time by setting the `SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER` variable in your script before the shortcut is created. The shortcut is typically created during file transfer.

To use this functionality in an InstallScript MSI installation, any letters that are specified for the Key Name setting of the folder in the Shortcuts view must be all uppercase (for example, NEWFOLDER1).

`SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER` is now initialized to the same value as `IFX_PRODUCT_NAME` during initialization. Note that these variables are not synchronized once initialized; therefore, if you change one and want the other to change, you must change both manually.

Note that also as part of this change, the default OnFirstUIBefore event handler code in InstallScript MSI projects no longer includes the following line of code:

```
SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER = @PRODUCT_NAME;
```

If you have an InstallScript MSI project that was created in InstallShield 2008 or earlier and you modified the default OnFirstUIBefore code, InstallShield does not remove this line from your code when you upgrade your project to InstallShield 2020.

To learn more, see SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER.

Change in Behavior for the InstallScript Function FeatureFileEnum

If you use the question mark (?) as a wild-card character for the szQuery parameter of the InstallScript function FeatureFileEnum, the function now uses the question mark as a substitute for exactly one character. If you used the question mark as a wild-card character with FeatureFileEnum in a project that you created in an earlier version of InstallShield, you may need to change your InstallScript code when you upgrade it to InstallShield 2020. In earlier versions of InstallShield, the function used the question mark as a substitute for one or zero characters.

For example, if you create a new InstallScript project with default settings and add the following InstallScript code to your project, the dialog that is displayed at run time does not display anything.
#include "ifx.h"

LIST listFiles;

program

    listFiles = ListCreate( STRINGLIST );
    FeatureFileEnum( MEDIA, "DefaultFeature", "Default?Component", listFiles, NO_SUBDIR );
    SdShowInfoList( "", "", listFiles );

endprogram

In installations that were created earlier versions of InstallShield, the dialog displayed DefaultComponent.

**All InstallScript Installations Now Support Showing Update UI**

All InstallScript projects now support showing the update user interface (UI). Previously, the General Information view and the Project Settings dialog box had a confusing option that enabled the update UI to be disabled. If the update UI was disabled, the MEDIA_FLAG_UPDATEMODE_SUPPORTED flag was not set for MEDIA_FIELD_MEDIA_FLAGS, and the OnSetUpdateMode event handler did not set the UPDATEMODE variable when appropriate. As a result, the update UI was not shown.

Note that changing the value of ISShowUpdateUI in the InstallShield table (which the previous option updated) no longer has any effect.

It is possible to duplicate the previous functionality through the following methods:

- Override the OnSetUpdateMode event and update the function to return before setting the UPDATEMODE variable. The installation never shows the update UI.
- Override the OnMaintUIBefore event and change the call for FeatureRemoveAllInMediaAndLog to FeatureRemoveAllInMedia.

**Changes for the Certified for Windows Vista Validation Suites**

The two Certified for Windows Vista validation suites that help you determine whether your installation or merge module meets the requirements for the Windows Vista logo program have been revised. They now consist of only the InstallShield ICEs (ISICEs). The Microsoft-created ICEs (ICE01 through ICE99) have been removed, since they are available in the Full MSI Validation Suite for installation packages and in the Merge Module Validation Suite for merge modules.

In addition, these two suites have been renamed:

- The new name for the Certified for Windows Vista Validation Suite (plus InstallShield ICEs) is *InstallShield Certified for Windows Vista Validation Suite*.
- The new name for the Certified for Windows Vista Merge Module Validation Suite (plus InstallShield ICEs) is *InstallShield Certified for Windows Vista Merge Module Validation Suite*.

For more information about the validation and the Certified for Windows Vista program, see:

- Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
- Validating Projects

**Updated InstallScript Objects and Object Templates**

A number of improvements were made to the InstallScript objects and InstallScript object templates that are available for use with InstallShield 2020 InstallScript projects.
If you have an Internet connection, you can use the Check for Updates feature in InstallShield to obtain the updated InstallScript objects and object templates for the version of InstallShield that you are using. To check for updates: On the Tools menu, click Check for Updates. InstallShield launches a window or dialog, which checks for updates.

**Changes that Affect New Projects but Not Upgraded Projects**

This section describes changes to InstallShield that may affect new projects but not projects that are upgraded from earlier versions. Note that you may need to make manual changes to upgraded projects.

**Unicode and ANSI Versions of the Setup.exe and Update.exe Bootstrappers**

InstallShield now enables you to specify whether you want to create a Unicode version or an ANSI version of the Setup.exe setup launcher for a Basic MSI project. Previously, if your Basic MSI project included a setup launcher, InstallShield always built an ANSI version; it did not include support for building a Unicode version.

A Unicode setup launcher can correctly display double-byte characters in the user interface of the setup launcher, regardless of whether the target system is running the appropriate code page for the double-byte-character language. An ANSI setup launcher displays double-byte characters in the setup launcher dialogs if the target system is running the appropriate code page. However, it displays garbled characters instead of double-byte characters in those dialogs if the target system is not running the appropriate code page.

If you create a new release in a Basic MSI project in InstallShield 2020, the default setup launcher type is Unicode. In addition, if you create a new patch configuration or a new QuickPatch project in InstallShield 2020, the default update launcher type is Unicode.

If you upgrade a Basic MSI project from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the setup launcher type for any existing releases is ANSI. You can override the type if appropriate.

Similarly, if you upgrade a Basic MSI project or a QuickPatch project from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the update launcher type for any existing patch is ANSI. You can override the type if appropriate.

**Dynamic File Links**

When you add or modify a dynamic file link in a project, you can specify which component creation method you want InstallShield to use: a new best practice method or the previously available one-component-per-directory method. These methods are applicable to dynamic file linking in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

If you create a new dynamic file link in InstallShield 2020, InstallShield uses the best practice method by default.

All dynamic file links that are created in InstallShield 2008 or earlier use the one-component-per-directory method. If you have a project with dynamic file links and you upgrade it from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield continues to use the one-component-per-directory method for creating the components of those already present dynamic file links. For any new dynamic file links that you create in the upgraded project, the best practice method is used by default. For detailed information about the two component creation methods, as well as guidance on which method you should use, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.

**IIS Web Sites and Associated Components**

InstallShield now includes support for installing IIS Web sites without any virtual directories. In addition, InstallShield now lets you associate a Web site with a component. As a result of these enhancements, a Web site is created on a target machine if a virtual directory or a component that is associated with it is installed.
If you add a new Web site through the Internet Information Services view in InstallShield 2020, InstallShield automatically associates that Web site with a component. If you upgrade an InstallShield 2008 or earlier project that already has an IIS Web site, InstallShield does not automatically associate that Web site with a component. Use the General tab that InstallShield displays when you select a Web site in the Internet Information Services view if you want to associate the selected Web site with a component.

Note that if a Web site is associated with a component, the Web site’s **Delete Web Site on Uninstall** check box now corresponds with the Permanent setting for that component in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, or with the Uninstall setting for that component in an InstallScript project. That is, if you select or clear the **Delete Web Site on Uninstall** check box for a Web site, InstallShield automatically updates the value of the component’s Permanent setting or Uninstall setting, as appropriate.

### Simplification of QuickPatch Packages

The new Streamline QuickPatch setting on the Advanced tab in a QuickPatch project determines how InstallShield builds QuickPatch packages. A streamlined QuickPatch package typically has fewer new subfeatures and custom actions than a non-streamlined QuickPatch package.

In some cases, InstallShield cannot streamline the QuickPatch package. For example, if you configure the QuickPatch package to remove an installed file, InstallShield cannot streamline it.

When you create a new QuickPatch project, the default value for the Streamline QuickPatch setting is Yes. However, when you upgrade a QuickPatch project from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the value for this setting is No. You can change this value if appropriate. For more information, see **Specifying Whether to Streamline the QuickPatch Package**.

### Default Condition for the SetARPINSTALLLOCATION Custom Action

By default, all new Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects contain the built-in InstallShield custom action **SetARPINSTALLLOCATION**. This custom action, which sets the value of the ARPINSTALLLOCATION property to the fully qualified path for the product’s primary folder, is scheduled for the Installation Execute sequence, and it has no condition. In InstallShield 2008 and earlier, the default condition for this custom action was Not Installed. With this default Not Installed condition, the custom action is not run during maintenance mode, and this results in a blank value for the ARPINSTALLLOCATION property. To avoid this behavior in a project that you upgrade from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, open the Custom Actions and Sequences view and delete the Not Installed value from the Install Exec Condition setting for this custom action.

### New Sequence Location for the MigrateFeatureStates Action

By default, the MigrateFeatureStates action is now sequenced immediately after the CostFinalize action in all new Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. If you use the SQL Scripts view to add SQL support to the new project, InstallShield now schedules the InstallShield built-in custom action **ISSQLServerFilteredList** after the MigrateFeatureStates action. In InstallShield 2008 and earlier, the **ISSQLServerFilteredList** was sequenced before the MigrateFeatureStates action, and this caused run-time error 2601. To avoid this error in a project that you upgrade from InstallShield 2008 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, open the Custom Actions and Sequences view and move the **ISSQLServerFilteredList** action after the MigrateFeatureStates in the Installation User Interface sequence.

### Template Summary Property Changes

You can specify a value for the Template Summary property in the General Information view or for a product configuration in the Releases view. If you try to enter an invalid value (for example, if you indicate multiple platforms or you use more than one semicolon), InstallShield displays a warning message box and does not allow you to change the value for the property.
Earlier versions of InstallShield permitted you to enter invalid values. If you upgrade an InstallShield 2008 or earlier project to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically change the invalid value. However, you can manually update the value if appropriate. For more information, see Using the Template Summary Property.

**Welcome Assistant Removed**

The Welcome Assistant, which was displayed the first time that you opened InstallShield, is no longer included.

**InstallShield MSIPackageDiff Replaced by InstallShield MSI Diff**

The tool called InstallShield MSIPackageDiff is no longer included with InstallShield. It has been replaced by a more powerful tool called InstallShield MSI Diff. You can launch InstallShield MSI Diff from within InstallShield: On the Tools menu, point to Difference, and then click InstallShield MSI Diff.

For more information, see InstallShield MSI Diff.

**See Also**

What’s New in InstallShield 2009
Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions

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**Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 12 or Earlier**

**InstallShield 2020**

The following information describes changes that may affect projects that are upgraded from InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

**Upgrading Projects Created inEarlier Versions of InstallShield**

If you use InstallShield 2020 to open a project that was created with an earlier version, InstallShield 2020 displays a message box that asks you if you want to convert the project to the new version. If you reply that you do want to convert it, InstallShield creates a backup copy of the project with a file extension such as .765 before converting it. Delete the .765 part from the original project’s file name if you want to reopen the project in the earlier version of InstallShield. Note that you cannot open InstallShield 2020 projects in earlier versions of InstallShield.

You can upgrade projects that were created with the following versions of InstallShield to InstallShield 2008: InstallShield 12 and earlier, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Professional 7 and earlier, and InstallShield Developer 8 and earlier. Note that projects that were created with InstallShield MultiPlatform or InstallShield Universal cannot be upgraded to InstallShield 2008.

**End of Support for Windows 9x, Windows NT 4, and Windows Me on Target Systems**

InstallShield no longer supports the creation of installations for Windows 9x, Windows NT 4, and Windows Me systems. If end users have one of these operating systems on their computer and they try to run an installation that was built with InstallShield 2020, unexpected results may occur, unless the project includes launch conditions that prevent end users from running the installation on any of these legacy operating systems.

For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, you may want to consider adding launch conditions that display a message if end users are running your installation on any of the legacy systems. For InstallScript projects, you may want to consider adding InstallScript code that uses the SYSINFO structure variable to check for these legacy systems, and then display a message if any of these legacy systems are present.

To learn more, see:
COM Extraction

When you use InstallShield to extract COM information from a COM server, InstallShield puts the data in the Registry table, instead of in the TypeLib table. Microsoft strongly advises against using the TypeLib table.

Unused Directories Automatically Removed from .msi File at Build Time by Default

Note that if you upgrade a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project that was created in InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the new Keep Unused Directories setting on the Build tab in the Releases view is set to No. Therefore, if a directory that is listed in the Directory column of the Directory table is not referenced in any known location in the .msi file, InstallShield removes it from the Directory table of the .msi file that it creates at build time. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this occurs after any merge modules are merged, but only directories that are present in the .msi file are removed; therefore, if a merge module contains new unused directories in its Directory table, the new unused directories are added to the installation.

Changes for ALLUSERS and for the CustomerInformation Dialog

Beginning with InstallShield 2008, the ALLUSERS property is set to 1 by default in all new Basic MSI projects. This is the recommended implementation, since most installations must be run in a per-machine context with administrative privileges.

If you upgrade a project that was created with InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically change the value of the ALLUSERS property or add this property if it was not defined in the earlier project.

Also new with InstallShield 2008, by default, the CustomerInformation dialog in all new Basic MSI projects does not display the radio button group that enables end users to specify whether they want to install the product for all users or for only the current user. This is the recommended implementation for this dialog.

If you upgrade a project that was created with InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield does not automatically change the CustomerInformation dialog.

To learn more, see:

- Per-User vs. Per-Machine Installations
- ALLUSERS

Windows Server 2003 Conditions and 64-Bit Windows XP Conditions for Setup Prerequisites

The operating system version number is 5.2 for both Windows Server 2003 and 64-bit Windows XP. As a result, prerequisites that were created in InstallShield 12 and that required Windows Server 2003 could be installed on 64-bit Windows XP systems, and those that required Windows XP could not be installed on 64-bit Windows XP systems.

To resolve this issue, the Setup Prerequisite Editor in InstallShield 2008 has been enhanced to enable you to specify whether the target system is required to be a workstation, a server, or a domain controller.
To resolve this issue for an existing prerequisite that includes a Windows Server 2003 requirement or a 64-bit Windows XP requirement, open the prerequisite in the Setup Prerequisite Editor in InstallShield 2008. On the Conditions tab, select the condition that needs to be corrected and click Modify. In the Select which platform the prerequisite should be run on box, select the appropriate operating system requirement. Doing this correctly sets the new Product (OS) Type setting to the appropriate workstation, server, or domain controller value.

**Automation Interface**

The Display Save Options dialog setting was removed from the Releases view. Therefore, the WebSaveOptionsDlg property, which corresponds with that setting, is no longer available for the ISWiRelease object of automation interface.

**New Default Value for the Cache Path Setting for a Release**

The default value for the Cache Path setting for a compressed release in the Releases view is now set to \[LocalAppDataFolder\]Downloaded Installations. The previous default value was \[WindowsFolder\]Downloaded Installations, which may not be available to users on locked-down systems. If you migrate a project from InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, the Cache Path setting is not automatically changed. Therefore, you may want to change that value.

**InstallScript One-Click Install Installations**

Setup.exe is no longer used as the setup player for InstallScript One-Click Install installations; Setup.ocx is now used instead. In order for a Setup.ocx file to be included in an installation, the new Generate One-Click Install setting in the Releases view must be set to Yes. If you upgrade an InstallScript project from InstallShield 12 or earlier to InstallShield 2020 and the Create Default Web Page setting in the Releases view is set to Yes, InstallShield sets the Generate One-Click Install setting to Yes automatically during the upgrade. However, if the Create Default Web Page setting is set to No and you intend to distribute the installation over the Internet, you must manually select Yes for the Generate One-Click Install setting after upgrading the project.

All functionality that is related to the Save And/or Run Setup dialog box has been removed from InstallShield. If you want to give end users the option of downloading and saving the installation (or creating an icon on the desktop), you need to implement this within your installation’s Web page, and handle the download and save operations through the Web page.

To pass data to a launched One-Click Install installation, use the is::CmdLine parameter and the CMDLINE script variable. Previously, it was possible to pass data from the Web page to the installation; however, this support has been removed. Note that the only valid value for the first parameter of SetProperty is now is::CmdLine.

To learn more about One-Click Install installations, see One-Click Install Installations in InstallScript Projects.

**Patch Creation for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects**

InstallShield now uses version 3.1 of Patchwiz.dll to create patches.

**DemoShield Support**

DemoShield is no longer being sold. In addition, it is no longer supported. Therefore, InstallShield no longer includes any DemoShield integration.

**Changes for the Windows Vista Validation Suites**

The validation suites that help you determine whether your installation meets installation requirements for the Windows Vista logo program have been renamed:
The new name for the Windows Vista Quality Validation Suite (plus InstallShield ICEs) is *Certified for Windows Vista Validation Suite (plus InstallShield ICEs).*

The new name for the Windows Vista Quality Merge Module Validation Suite (plus InstallShield ICEs) is *Certified for Windows Vista Merge Module Validation Suite (plus InstallShield ICEs).*

In addition, three of the InstallShield ICEs have been moved to the InstallShield Best Practice Suite.

For more information about the validation and the Certified for Windows Vista program, see:

- Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
- Validating Projects

To learn about the validators that are now available as InstallShield Best Practices, see:

- ISBP17 (which was previously known as ISICE13)
- ISBP18 (which was previously known as ISICE14)
- ISBP19 (which was previously known as ISICE15)

See Also

*What's New in InstallShield 2008*
*Upgrading from Earlier InstallShield Versions*

## Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier

### InstallShield 2020

For InstallShield 12, a number of improvements were made to the InstallScript MSI architecture to resolve issues with security (COM/DCOM) and other areas that can cause some installations to fail for various reasons. The architecture was improved for InstallShield 12 to resolve these issues and to make InstallScript MSI a more reliable project type. The improvements also help increase the reliability of InstallScript projects, as well as Basic MSI projects that include InstallScript custom actions.

The following table compares the earlier design with the current design:

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<td>Each InstallScript custom action is handled by ISScriiptBriidge.d1l (a C++ MSI DLL), which forwards actual script execution to the ongoing IDRiwer.exe process.</td>
<td>Each InstallScript custom action is handled by ISSetup.d11 (a single C++ MSI DLL), which contains the full InstallScript engine.</td>
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<td>A set of engine files is required. They must be installed by ISScript.msi before the primary installation begins.</td>
<td>No engine files or ISScript.msi file is required. ISSetup.d11 is self-contained.</td>
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<td>All InstallScript custom actions execute in a shared IDRiwer.exe process. The IDRiwer.exe process remains resident until a final shutdown custom action is required.</td>
<td>Each InstallScript custom action is independent and has its own self-contained lifecycle. From the custom action entry point, ISSetup.d11 starts the script engine, executes the relevant script, and shuts down the engine.</td>
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Advantages of the Architecture Changes That Were Introduced in InstallShield 12

The architecture in InstallShield 12 and later has several advantages over the earlier architecture:

• End users no longer encounter error 1607, error 1608, or other COM/DCOM run-time errors that are related to finding the running IDriver.exe file. When these errors occurred under the earlier model, they were difficult to resolve, often requiring changes to DCOM settings. Also, the reliance on the running object table made the model brittle across the spectrum of usage scenarios, including Fast User Switching and Windows Terminal Services.

• The engine binding is static. No shared engine files are installed to Program Files\Common Files\InstallShield. The reliance in InstallShield 11.5 and earlier on shared engine files made the model brittle because separate installations were not isolated. Changes to one engine version could break an existing installation. Isolation, especially for an installer, is one key to reliability.

• The ISScript.msi file (the InstallScript engine installer) is no longer needed. The earlier model required an ISScript.msi file to execute prior to the primary .msi file. Because the full application was not contained in a single .msi file, the installation essentially required a bootstrap for Basic MSI installations that had InstallScript custom actions. This was very inflexible for enterprises that use Active Directory for managed environments. Also, it was confusing for advanced users who expect the main .msi file to be self-contained. InstallScript MSI installations still require a bootstrap, so that requirement is no different than the earlier architecture; however, Basic MSI installations with InstallScript custom actions no longer require a bootstrap.

• Fewer InstallShield custom actions are needed to run the installation. The earlier model relied on a deep coupling between startup and shutdown custom actions that could easily fail. If one of the required custom actions was deleted or moved, the installation would not work properly.

Disadvantages of the Architecture Changes That Were Introduced in InstallShield 12

The disadvantages of the architecture in InstallShield 12 and later include the following:

• InstallScript events are not available in Basic MSI and merge module projects; therefore, all InstallScript code for these project types must be run by InstallScript custom actions. Global variables do not share state between these custom action invocations. Therefore, you can declare a global variable in one InstallScript custom action script and then use that global variable throughout the script. However, if your Basic MSI installation has a second InstallScript custom action, the global variable declared in the first script is not available to the second script.

With the earlier model, InstallScript developers were able to use script code in any of the InstallScript events in Basic MSI projects, and any InstallScript global variables shared state. This allowed setup authors to write custom actions with a more holistic view and sense of continuity across the installation. However, because global variables are generally discouraged in programming, the new limitation should actually result in better-written InstallScript code.

• In-memory objects must be serialized in order to be shared between custom action invocations. With the earlier model, InstallScript developers could store complex object-based data in global variables. As with the aforementioned disadvantage, this may actually result in better InstallScript code.

Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 and Earlier Projects

The extensive rearchitecture that has been introduced in InstallShield 12 may require some manual changes when you upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield 11.5 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.
Task

To upgrade your project:

1. Before you convert your project, create a backup version of your project file and any InstallScript files.
2. Open InstallShield 2020.
3. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
4. Browse to select the project file (.ism) of the InstallShield 11.5 or earlier project that you want to upgrade. A dialog box opens, prompting you to specify whether you want to upgrade the project.
5. Click Yes.

InstallShield upgrades your project and saves a backup copy of the project file (.ism).

To learn about possible manual changes that you may need to make to upgraded projects, see the following:

- Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier Basic MSI Projects that Have InstallScript Custom Actions
- Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier InstallScript MSI Projects
- Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier InstallScript Projects
- Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier QuickPatch Projects that Have InstallScript Custom Actions
- Creating Standard Patches for InstallShield 11.5 and Earlier InstallScript MSI Projects
- Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier InstallScript MSI Object Projects or Projects that Contain This Type of Object

See Also

Global vs. Local Variables

Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier Basic MSI Projects that Have InstallScript Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

The following sections explain details about upgrading Basic MSI projects that were created in InstallShield 11.5 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

Global Variables, Global Pointers, and SUPPORTDIR

With InstallShield 12 and later, when a Basic MSI installation executes an InstallScript custom action, the compiled InstallScript is loaded before the action is called, and it is unloaded after the action completes. Thus, each InstallScript custom action executes in its own session with complete InstallScript engine loading and unloading. This behavior is different than with InstallShield 11.5 and earlier: the compiled InstallScript was loaded once before the first InstallScript custom action that was used by the InstallScript was executed, and it was unloaded at the end of the installation after all InstallScript custom actions were completed.

A major implication of this change in behavior is that global variables and pointers are no longer maintained between individual InstallScript custom action calls:

- If you need to store a value across multiple custom action calls, you must use some external mechanism such as the registry, Windows Installer properties, or an external data file to store the information between calls. If you choose to
use Windows Installer properties in deferred, commit, or rollback InstallScript custom actions, see the guidelines in Windows Installer Properties and Deferred, Commit, and Rollback InstallScript Custom Actions.

- If you need to use a COM object or some other global object across custom action calls, you must initialize the object for each individual custom action call in order for the object to be valid.

Another implication of this change is that each custom action initializes and uses its own individual SUPPORTDIR. Therefore, you cannot share information across individual calls using files in SUPPORTDIR, since each custom action invocation will have its own unique SUPPORTDIR. You can share information using FOLDER_TEMP or some other file location.

Note that FOLDER_TEMP may not be the same path for all of your InstallScript custom actions. If you have some InstallScript custom actions that run in system context and some that do not, they will have different temp paths if the package is running in an elevated state. The InstallScript custom actions run in the context of a different user, so storing files in the temp directory and retrieving it later may not work in certain scenarios.

**Windows Installer Properties and Deferred, Commit, and Rollback InstallScript Custom Actions**

Deferred, commit, and rollback InstallScript custom actions in Basic MSI installations have access to only some of the built-in Windows Installer properties: CustomActionData, ProductCode, and UserSID. If you want an InstallScript custom action to access any other properties (such as SUPPORTDIR) during deferred, commit, or rollback execution, you need to pass them as CustomActionData. You can do so by scheduling an immediate set-a-property type of custom action (or, for example, an immediate InstallScript custom action with the MsiSetProperty function) to set a property that matches the name of the custom action. The value of this property is then available in the CustomActionData property within the deferred custom action.

For example, if you want to access a property such as SUPPORTDIR, you could create an immediate custom action that is called MyCustomActionName and that sets the MyCustomActionName property to [SUPPORTDIR], and then substitute "SUPPORTDIR" with "CustomActionData" in the MsiGetProperty call:

```
MsiGetProperty(hMSI, "CustomActionData", szSupportDir, nLen)
```

For more details, see the following:

- Accessing or Setting Windows Installer Properties Through Deferred, Commit, and Rollback Custom Actions
- Obtaining Context Information for Deferred Execution Custom Actions

Note that failure to compensate for an unavailable Windows Installer property may cause unexpected results during installation. For example, since in a deferred action, MsiGetProperty(hMSI, "INSTALLDIR", szInstallDir, nLen) sets szInstallDir to the empty string, szInstallDir ^ szFile may refer to a file in the current directory instead of a file in [INSTALLDIR]. The current directory for a deferred custom action is often [SystemFolder].

Deferred, commit, and rollback InstallScript custom actions do not have access to the ProductLanguage property. If your installation includes multilanguage support and it also has a deferred, commit, or rollback InstallScript custom action that needs access to the language in which the end user is running the installation, the installation assumes that this language is the installation's default language. This could be a problem if an end user runs the installation in a language other than the default language. However, deferred, commit, and rollback custom actions do not typically display any user interface, so this would usually not be a problem.

**Predefined InstallScript Event Handler Functions**

The predefined InstallScript event handler functions are no longer available in Basic MSI projects with InstallScript custom actions. In InstallShield 11.5 and earlier, the following InstallScript event handler functions were available for Basic MSI projects:
OnBegin
OnMoving
OnMoved
OnEnd

InstallShield no longer supports these event handler functions for Basic MSI projects that have InstallScript custom actions. They are not called once the project is rebuilt with InstallShield 12 and later. Note that these event handler functions still compile in InstallShield 12 and later; they are just not called.

If you use these event handler functions in your project, you need to manually schedule custom actions that call these functions. To learn how, see Creating and Scheduling InstallScript Custom Actions that Call InstallScript Event Handlers for Basic MSI Projects.

InstallShield InstallScript Scripting Engine Merge Module

Beginning with InstallShield 12, the InstallShield scripting engine merge module is no longer available for inclusion in Basic MSI projects. In InstallShield 11.5 and earlier, you could use this merge module to distribute the InstallScript engine for installations that did not include Setup.exe. InstallShield 12 and later automatically includes the InstallScript engine as part of ISSetup.dll in Basic MSI installations that have InstallScript custom actions, regardless of whether Setup.exe is used. Therefore, you do not need this merge module in InstallShield 2020 projects.

If you use InstallShield 2020 to try to build a release for a project that has this merge module, you may encounter a build error such as the following one:

```
ISDEV : error -4075: File not found. An error occurred merging Module 'InstallShieldScriptingEngine.4F635B62_07BF_4779_B74E_D80C29D508E3:0' for Feature 'NewFeature1'.
```

To resolve this build error, remove this merge module from your project; you can do so by clearing its check box in the Redistributables view.

Changes to the InstallScript Engine Files

With InstallShield 12 and later, Basic MSI installations that include InstallScript custom actions no longer install InstallScript engine files to the following directory:

```
<COMMONFILES>\InstallShield\Driver\Version>\Intel 32
```

For InstallShield 11.5 and earlier Basic MSI projects with InstallScript custom actions, several files were stored in the Binary table:

- Setup.inx
- Isconfig.ini
- Isrt.dll
- ISScriptBridge.dll
- _isresXXXX.dll (where XXX is the language—one .dll was included for each language included in the installation)
- StringxXXXX.txt (where XXX is the language—one .txt was included for each language in the installation)

For InstallShield 12 and later, all of these files (except ISScriptBridge.dll, which is no longer used) are stored inside the ISSetup.dll file, and that is the only file that is stored in the Binary table.
The InstallScript engine file changes have not been known to cause any upgrade issues. These changes are reported for informational purposes.

See Also
Run-Time Behavior for Basic MSI Installations with InstallScript Custom Actions
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier

Creating and Scheduling InstallScript Custom Actions that Call InstallScript Event Handlers for Basic MSI Projects

InstallShield 2020

For InstallShield 12 and later, the predefined InstallScript event handler functions are no longer available in Basic MSI projects with InstallScript custom actions. In InstallShield 11.5 and earlier, the following InstallScript event handler functions were available for Basic MSI projects and InstallScript MSI object projects:

- OnBegin
- OnMoving
- OnMoved
- OnEnd

InstallShield no longer supports these event handler functions for Basic MSI projects that have InstallScript custom actions. They are not called once the project is rebuilt with InstallShield 2020. Note that these event handler functions still compile in InstallShield 2020; they are just not called.

Similarly, these same predefined InstallScript event handler functions are not supported in InstallScript MSI object projects that are converted to merge module projects automatically when they are opened in InstallShield 2020. The functions are not called once the converted merge module project is built in InstallShield 2020.

If you have these events in your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI object project and you upgrade your project to InstallShield 2020, you need to manually schedule custom actions that call the event handler functions. The following instructions explain how to do so.

Task

To manually schedule InstallScript custom actions that call the predefined InstallScript event handler functions:

1. Open the upgraded project in InstallShield 2020.

2. Make the appropriate changes to your InstallScript file:
   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
   b. Find the OnBegin, OnMoving, OnMoved, and OnEnd event handler functions in your script. You can quickly find a function by clicking the function name in the center pane of the view.
   c. Rename the functions to an alternate name to avoid conflicts with existing function prototypes automatically included in ifx.h. For example:
      - MyOnBegin
      - MyOnMoving
      - MyOnMoved
d. Update the existing functions to take a single HWND parameter. For example:

```c
function MyOnBegin(HWND) begin end;
```

e. Add appropriate prototypes for these new functions:

```c
export prototype MyOnBegin(HWND);
export prototype MyOnEnd(HWND);
export prototype MyOnMoved(HWND);
export prototype MyOnMoving(HWND);
```

3. Add InstallScript custom actions that call your renamed InstallScript event handler functions:

a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences (in Basic MSI projects) or Custom Actions (in merge module projects).

b. In the center pane, right-click the Custom Actions explorer and then click New InstallScript. InstallShield adds an InstallScript custom action.

c. Type a name for the custom action; use the same name that you used to rename the InstallScript functions. For example:

- MyOnBegin
- MyOnMoving
- MyOnMoved
- MyOnEnd

d. Select the new InstallScript custom action that you created.

e. Set the Function Name setting to the name of the InstallScript function.

f. For the In-Script Execution setting, specify the value that is indicated in the table below.

4. Schedule the InstallScript custom action for the appropriate part of the installation:

a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.

b. Right-click the action or dialog that you want your InstallScript custom action to follow and click Insert. The Insert Action dialog box opens, providing a list of all the actions and dialogs that are currently associated with your project.

c. Select the InstallScript custom action that you created. If appropriate, enter a condition in the Condition box for launching the InstallScript event.

d. Click OK.

To match the previous functionality as closely as possible, set the in-script execution in step 3f and schedule the InstallScript custom actions in step 4b as follows:

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<tr>
<td>MyOnBegin</td>
<td>Immediate (default)</td>
<td>One of the first actions in the Installation User Interface sequence.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Note the following:

- Global variables and pointers are no longer maintained between individual InstallScript custom action calls. In addition, each InstallScript custom action initializes and uses its own individual SUPPORTDIR. Therefore, you cannot share information across individual calls using files in SUPPORTDIR. For more information, see Global Variables, Global Pointers, and SUPPORTDIR.

- Most Windows Installer properties are not available to deferred, commit, and rollback InstallScript custom actions. For more information, see Windows Installer Properties and Deferred, Commit, and Rollback InstallScript Custom Actions.

Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier InstallScript MSI Projects

The following sections explain details about upgrading InstallScript MSI projects that were created in InstallShield 11.5 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.

Global Variables, Global Pointers, and SUPPORTDIR

With InstallShield 2020 and earlier versions, when an InstallScript MSI installation initializes, it loads the compiled InstallScript file, and it calls InstallScript events in this “main” loaded InstallScript file as necessary during the installation.

However, for InstallShield 12 and later, when a function within the InstallScript is called by the Windows Installer engine as an InstallScript custom action, the custom action behaves like an InstallScript custom action in a Basic MSI installation. That is, the function is executed in a completely separately loaded script instance; the script is loaded before the action is called and unloaded after the action completes. Thus, each InstallScript function that is called by the Windows Installer engine as an InstallScript custom action executes in its own session with complete InstallScript engine loading and unloading. This behavior is different than with InstallShield 11.5 and earlier: the custom actions were called in the single main loaded script file instance that was loaded during initialization and unloaded at the end of the installation.

A major implication of this change in behavior is that InstallScript functions that are called as InstallScript custom actions no longer have access to global variables and pointers that are maintained by the main executing script file:

- If you need to interact with the main executing InstallScript file to perform tasks such as using or changing global variables or modifying objects that are maintained by the main executing script file (which includes updating the status bar or logging script operations for uninstallation), your function must be called from an InstallScript event—not as an InstallScript custom action. Functions that are called from InstallScript events are executed in the main...
InstallScript instance. (Exception: Some InstallScript error events such as OnFilesInUse are called as a result of an
error message from the Windows Installer engine. The Windows Installer engine launches these InstallScript error
events as InstallScript custom actions; thus, the limitations of InstallScript custom actions also apply to these
InstallScript events.)

- If you need to store a value across multiple InstallScript custom action calls, you must use some external mechanism
such as the registry, Windows Installer properties, or an external data file to store the information between calls. If you
choose to use Windows Installer properties in deferred, commit, or rollback InstallScript custom actions, see the
guidelines in Windows Installer Properties and Deferred, Commit, and Rollback InstallScript Custom Actions.

- If you need to use a COM object or some other global object across custom action calls, you must initialize the object
for each individual custom action call in order for the object to be valid.

Another implication of this change is that each custom action initializes and uses its own individual SUPPORTDIR. Therefore,
you cannot share information across individual calls using files in SUPPORTDIR, since each custom action invocation will
have its own unique SUPPORTDIR. You can share information using FOLDER_TEMP or some other file location.

Note that FOLDER_TEMP may not be the same path for all of your InstallScript custom actions. If you have some InstallScript
custom actions that run in system context and some that do not, they will have different temp paths if the package is
running in an elevated state. The InstallScript custom actions run in the context of a different user, so storing files in the
temp directory and retrieving it later may not work in certain scenarios.

Windows Installer Properties and Deferred, Commit, and Rollback InstallScript Custom
Actions

Deferred, commit, and rollback InstallScript custom actions in InstallScript MSI installations have access to only some of
the built-in Windows Installer properties: CustomActionData, ProductCode, and UserSID. If you want an InstallScript
custom action to access any other properties (such as SUPPORTDIR) during deferred, commit, or rollback execution, you
need to pass them as CustomActionData. You can do so by scheduling an immediate set-a-property type of custom action
(or, for example, an immediate InstallScript custom action with the MsiSetProperty function) to set a property that
matches the name of the custom action. The value of this property is then available in the CustomActionData property
within the deferred custom action.

For example, if you want to access a property such as SUPPORTDIR, you could create an immediate custom action that is
called MyCustomActionName and that sets the MyCustomActionName property to [SUPPORTDIR], and then substitute
"SUPPORTDIR" with "CutomActionData" in the MsiGetProperty call:

```
MsiGetProperty(hMSI, "CustomActionData", szSupportDir, nLen)
```

For more details, see the following:

- Accessing or Setting Windows Installer Properties Through Deferred, Commit, and Rollback Custom Actions
- Obtaining Context Information for Deferred Execution Custom Actions

Note that failure to compensate for an unavailable Windows Installer property may cause unexpected results during
installation. For example, since in a deferred action, `MsiGetProperty(hMSI, "INSTALLDIR", szInstallDir, nLen)` sets
szInstallDir to the empty string, `szInstallDir ^ szFile` may refer to a file in the current directory instead of a file in
[INSTALLDIR]. The current directory for a deferred custom action is often [SystemFolder].

Deferred, commit, and rollback InstallScript custom actions do not have access to the ProductLanguage property. If your
installation includes multilanguage support and it also has a deferred, commit, or rollback InstallScript custom action that
needs access to the language in which the end user is running the installation, the installation assumes that this language
is the installation's default language. This could be a problem if an end user runs the installation in a language other than the default language. However, deferred, commit, and rollback custom actions do not typically display any user interface, so this would usually not be a problem.

**Changes to the DoInstall Function**

The `DoInstall` function now launches the setup executable file of the child installation instead of using the already-running installation engine to run the child installation. This change should be automatic; that is, it should not require any changes to existing InstallScript code. The child installation may take slightly longer to initialize than in previous versions because the installation executable file needs to initialize. For more information, see DoInstall.

Note that now calling `DoInstall` is similar to calling `LaunchAppAndWait`. When the installation is run from any removable media, such as a CD-ROM or a floppy disk, the Setup.exe file on Disk1 may not be available during the entire installation. (If Setup.exe becomes unavailable while it is running, the operating system sometimes displays a prompt to request that the end user insert the correct disk, and this may cause the installation to fail.) Therefore, to avoid this problem, the Setup.exe file is copied to a Temp folder, and the installation is relaunched from there. The original Setup.exe then terminates. However, when this happens, `DoInstall` (or `LaunchAppAndWait`, if it is called) behaves as if the installation has completed, and it does not wait.

Several workarounds for this issue exist. One method is to use the `/Clone_wait` parameter when you are launching the child installation; as a result of this workaround, the launched installation keeps the original launched process running, and the parent installation then waits. Note, however, that this may cause problems if the original CD containing Setup.exe is not available throughout the entire installation. This includes multiple-CD installations, where the first CD is not available during some parts of the installation.

The only other way to avoid this problem is to add code that determines the ID of the child processes of the launched process and wait for the child process to complete.

**Changes to Disk1 Files**

InstallShield no longer places the following file on the Disk1 image of the built installation because it is no longer needed:

**ISScript<version>.msi**

In InstallShield 12 and later, the following file is placed on the Disk1 image of the built installation:

**ISSetup.dll**

The Disk1 file changes have not been known to cause any upgrade issues. These changes are reported for informational purposes.

**Changes to the InstallScript Engine Files**

With InstallShield 12 and later, InstallScript MSI installations no longer install InstallScript engine files to the following directory:

```<COMMONFILES>\InstallShield\Professional\Runtime\<MajorVersion>\<MinorVersion>\Intel32```

For InstallShield 11.5 and earlier InstallScript MSI projects, several files were stored in the Binary table:

- Setup.inx
- Isconfig.ini
- Isrt.dll
- ISScriptBridge.dll
• \_isresXXXX.dll (where XXXX is the language—one .dll was included for each language included in the installation)
• StringxXXXX.txt (where XXX is the language—one .txt was included for each language in the installation)

For InstallShield 12 and later, all of these files (except ISScriptBridge.dll, which is no longer used) are stored inside the ISSetup.dll file, and that is the only file that is stored in the Binary table.

The InstallScript engine file changes have not been known to cause any upgrade issues. These changes are reported for informational purposes.

InstallScript-Related Custom Actions

Several built-in InstallScript-related custom actions were eliminated in InstallShield 12 for InstallScript MSI projects. If you upgrade an InstallScript MSI project from InstallShield 11.5 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield removes these built-in custom actions from your project. Because these custom actions have been removed, some existing InstallScript event handler functions that were previously called by the custom actions are now called directly from InstallScript. For more information, see Creating and Scheduling InstallScript Custom Actions that Call InstallScript Event Handlers for InstallScript MSI Projects.

Changes for Deploying an InstallScript MSI Installation Without a Setup.exe File

To allow InstallScript MSI installations to be run without the Setup.exe file so that the packages can be deployed through technologies such as Active Directory, you may be able to use the instructions that are described in Knowledge Base article Q108166 - HOWTO: Deploying an MSI Wrapped with an InstallShield Script-Based Setup.exe. However, if you follow the procedure that is described in that article and users launch the .msi file directly, some of the InstallScript events (such as OnMoved) are never called. The reason that they are not called is that some of the InstallScript event handler functions that were previously called by built-in InstallScript-related custom actions are not called, since the InstallScript-related custom actions have been removed.

For more information, see Creating and Scheduling InstallScript Custom Actions that Call InstallScript Event Handlers for InstallScript MSI Projects.

See Also

Run-Time Behavior for InstallScript MSI Installations
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier

Creating and Scheduling InstallScript Custom Actions that Call InstallScript Event Handlers for InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallShield 2020

Several built-in InstallScript-related custom actions were eliminated in InstallShield 12 for InstallScript MSI projects. If you upgrade an InstallScript MSI project from InstallShield 11.5 or earlier to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield removes these built-in custom actions from your project. Because these custom actions have been removed, some existing InstallScript events that were previously called by the custom actions are now called directly from InstallScript. This article identifies the eliminated custom actions and explains how add custom actions that call these InstallScript events so that the scheduling is similar to the scheduling used in InstallShield 11.5 and earlier.

The eliminated custom actions also may affect your InstallScript MSI installation if you allow the installation to run without the Setup.exe file so that the packages can be deployed through technologies such as Active Directory. The procedure for implementing this is described in Knowledge Base article Q108166 - HOWTO: Deploying an MSI Wrapped with an InstallShield Script-Based Setup.exe. Note that if you follow the procedure that is described in that article and end users launch the .msi file directly, some of the InstallScript events are never called. The reason that they are not called is that
some of the InstallScript event handler functions that were previously called by built-in InstallScript-related custom actions are not called, since the InstallScript-related custom actions have been removed. If you configure your installation according to the Q108166 article, you may also need to follow the instructions below to add custom actions that call the built-in InstallScript events.

The following built-in InstallScript-related custom actions were eliminated in InstallShield 12. They are removed from InstallScript MSI projects when they are upgraded from InstallShield 11.5 or earlier to InstallShield 2020:

- ISCleanupSuccess
- ISCleanUpSuspend
- ISCleanUpUserTerminate
- ISCleanupFatalExit
- ISMsiServerStartup
- ISRebootPatchHandler
- ISRollbackCleanup
- ISSave
- OnCheckSilentInstall (For details about changes for this custom action, see OnCheckSilentInstall.)
- OnFeaturesInstalled
- OnFeaturesInstalling
- OnInstallFilesActionAfter
- OnInstallFilesActionBefore
- OnMoved
- OnMoving

Because these custom actions have been removed, some existing InstallScript event handlers that were previously called by the custom actions are now called directly from InstallScript. This includes the following InstallScript event handlers that are called immediately before file transfer:

- Feature functions for Installing and Uninstalling
- OnGeneratedMSIScript
- OnGeneratingMSIScript
- OnInstallFilesActionBefore
- OnMoving

It also includes the following InstallScript event handlers that are called immediately after file transfer:

- Feature functions for Installed and Uninstalled
- OnMoved
- OnInstallFilesActionAfter
These changes were made to make global variables and global pointers available for these InstallScript event handler functions. However, because previously the events were called from custom actions, the sequence of these events in relation to other custom actions that are called directly by Windows Installer has changed. Therefore, you may need to adjust your InstallScript code appropriately to account for these changes.

Except in the case of the feature event handlers, it is also possible to add custom actions that call these event handler functions so that the scheduling is similar to the scheduling used in InstallShield 11.5 and earlier. However, global variables and global pointers are not maintained between calls, as discussed in the Global Variables, Global Pointers, and SUPPORTDIR section.

Calling OnFeatureInstalling, OnFeatureUninstalling, OnFeatureInstalled, or OnFeatureUninstalled from a custom action during file transfer does not have any effect on the installation. This is because these functions are called from InstallScript just before file transfer, and they do not have any effect when they are called more than once.

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**Task**

To manually schedule an InstallScript custom action that calls a predefined InstallScript event handler function:

1. Open the upgraded project in InstallShield 2020.

2. Make the appropriate changes to your InstallScript file:
   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
   b. Find the event handler function in your script. You can quickly find a function by clicking the function name in the center pane of the view.
   c. Rename the function to an alternate name to avoid conflicts with existing function prototypes automatically included in ifx.h. For example:
      - MyOnGeneratingMSIScript
      - MyOnMoving
      - MyOnMoved
   d. Update the existing function to take a single HWND parameter. For example:
      ```
      function MyOnGeneratingMSIScript(hMSI) begin end;
      ```
   e. Add appropriate prototypes for this new function:
      ```
      export prototype MyOnGeneratingMSIScript(HWND);
      ```

3. Add an InstallScript custom action that calls your renamed InstallScript event handler function:
   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
   b. In the center pane, right-click the Custom Actions explorer and then click New InstallScript. InstallShield adds an InstallScript custom action.
   c. Type a name for the custom action; use the same name that you used to rename the InstallScript function. For example:
      - MyOnGeneratingMSIScript
      - MyOnMoving
      - MyOnMoved
   d. Select the new InstallScript custom action that you created.
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4. Schedule the InstallScript custom action for the appropriate part of the installation:

a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.

b. Right-click the action or dialog that you want your InstallScript custom action to follow and click Insert. The Insert Action dialog box opens, providing a list of all the actions and dialogs that are currently associated with your project.

c. Select the InstallScript custom action that you created. If appropriate, enter a condition in the Condition box for launching the InstallScript event.

d. Click OK.

To match the previous functionality as closely as possible, set the in-script execution in step 3f and schedule the InstallScript custom actions in step 4b as follows:

Table 2-11 • Scheduling the Custom Actions

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<td>OnMoving</td>
<td>Deferred in system context</td>
<td>In the Installation Execute sequence between the InstallInitialize and AllocateRegistrySpace actions</td>
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<tr>
<td>OnFeaturesInstalling,</td>
<td>Deferred in system context</td>
<td>In the Installation Execute sequence between the InstallInitialize and AllocateRegistrySpace actions (after OnMoving)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>which calls all the feature Installing and Uninstalling events that are defined. Note: This will not have any effect, as explained above.</td>
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<td>OnMoved</td>
<td>Deferred in system context</td>
<td>In the Installation Execute sequence between the ScheduleReboot and InstallFinalize actions (before OnGeneratedMSIScript)</td>
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<td>Deferred in system context</td>
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Note the following:

- Global variables and pointers are no longer maintained between individual InstallScript custom action calls. In addition, each InstallScript custom action initializes and uses its own individual SUPPORTDIR. Therefore, you cannot share information across individual calls using files in SUPPORTDIR. For more information, see Global Variables, Global Pointers, and SUPPORTDIR.

- Most Windows Installer properties are not available to deferred, commit, and rollback InstallScript custom actions. For more information, see Windows Installer Properties and Deferred, Commit, and Rollback InstallScript Custom Actions.

### OnCheckSilentInstall

In InstallShield 11.5 and earlier, the OnCheckSilentInstall custom action automatically called the OnMsiSilentInstall InstallScript event if the InstallScript MSI installation was being installed silently without using Setup.exe (for example, if the following command-line was used: `Msi.exe /i<Package> /qn`). In InstallShield 12 and later, this event is not called in InstallScript MSI installations. However, you can add a custom action that calls the OnMsiSilentInstall event handler function. To do so, use the aforementioned instructions, noting the following scheduling requirements in steps 3f and 4b:

```c
    cchValueBuf = MAX_PATH;
    // Check whether Setup.exe is being used, if so just return.
    MsiGetProperty(nHandle, "ISSETUPDRIVEN", szValueBuf, cchValueBuf);
    if(StrLengthChars(szValueBuf)) then
        return ISERR_SUCCESS;
    endif;
```

Also, to require that the InstallScript event run only in the expected scenario, add the following code to the event:

```c
    cchValueBuf = MAX_PATH;
    // Check whether Setup.exe is being used, if so just return.
    MsiGetProperty(nHandle, "ISSETUPDRIVEN", szValueBuf, cchValueBuf);
    if(StrLengthChars(szValueBuf)) then
        return ISERR_SUCCESS;
    endif;
```

### Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier InstallScript Projects

InstallShield 2020

The following sections explain details about upgrading InstallScript projects that were created in InstallShield 11.5 or earlier to InstallShield 2020.
Including InstallScript Objects in InstallScript Projects

InstallScript installations created in InstallShield 2020 cannot consume objects that were created with InstallShield 11.5 or earlier.

If you upgrade an InstallScript project to InstallShield 2020, all references to any InstallShield objects are updated to point to the InstallShield 2020 versions of the objects. If the new version object is not present on the system, an error indicating that the object could not be found is displayed at build time.

For instructions on acquiring the InstallShield 2020 objects, see Obtaining Updates for InstallShield.

Changes to the DoInstall Function

The DoInstall function now launches the setup executable file of the child installation instead of using the already-running installation engine to run the child installation. This change should be automatic; that is, it should not require any changes to existing InstallScript code. The child installation may take slightly longer to initialize than in previous versions because the installation executable file needs to initialize. For more information, see DoInstall.

Note that now calling DoInstall is similar to calling LaunchAppAndWait. When the installation is run from any removable media, such as a CD-ROM or a DVD, the Setup.exe file on Disk1 may not be available during the entire installation. (If Setup.exe becomes unavailable while it is running, the operating system sometimes displays a prompt to request that the end user insert the correct disk, and this may cause the installation to fail.) Therefore, to avoid this problem, the Setup.exe file is copied to a Temp folder, and the installation is relaunched from there. The original Setup.exe then terminates. However, when this happens, DoInstall (or LaunchAppAndWait, if it is called) behaves as if the installation has completed, and it does not wait.

Several workarounds for this issue exist. One method is to use the /Clone_wait parameter when you are launching the child installation; as a result of this workaround, the launched installation keeps the original launched process running, and the parent installation then waits. Note, however, that this may cause problems if the original CD containing Setup.exe is not available throughout the entire installation. This includes multiple-CD installations, where the first CD is not available during some parts of the installation.

The only other way to avoid this problem is to add code that determines the ID of the child processes of the launched process and wait for the child process to complete.

Setup.exe Changes

The /deleter command-line parameter for Setup.exe is no longer needed. If you specify this parameter, the installation will not run. Note that InstallScript installations no longer clone the installation immediately when they are launched (unless, for example, the installation is running from the temp folder because the /runfromtemp parameter is specified), so /deleter is no longer needed.

The /clone_nowait command-line parameter for Setup.exe is no longer needed. If you specify this parameter, Setup.exe ignores it. Note that InstallScript installations no longer wait for the cloned installation to complete by default unless the /Clone_wait parameter is specified. For more information on /Clone_wait, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

Like InstallScript MSI and Basic MSI installations, InstallScript's Setup.exe file returns meaningful return codes. Therefore, if you are checking the return value of Setup.exe, in InstallShield 11.5 and earlier, it would always be 0; in InstallShield 12 and later, Setup.exe returns an appropriate return value. For details on the possible return codes, see Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (InstallScript Projects).
Changes to Disk1 Files

InstallShield no longer places the following files on the Disk1 image of the built installation because they are no longer needed:

- Engine32.cab
- Setup.ibt

In InstallShield 12 and later, the following files are placed on the Disk1 image of the built installation:

- ISSetup.dll
- _Setup.dll

The Disk1 file changes have not been known to cause any upgrade issues. These changes are reported for informational purposes.

Changes to the InstallScript Engine Files

With InstallShield 12 and later, InstallScript installations no longer install InstallScript engine files to the following directory:

<COMMONFILES>\InstallShield\Professional\Runtime\<MajorVersion>\<MinorVersion>\Intel32

This change has not been known to cause any upgrade issues. This change is reported for informational purposes.

See Also
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier

Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier QuickPatch Projects that Have InstallScript Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

QuickPatch projects that are created in InstallShield 12 and later for InstallScript MSI projects can only patch media that were also created with InstallShield 12 and later. If you want to use InstallShield 2020 to create an update for an application whose previous InstallScript MSI installation was created with InstallShield 11.5 or earlier, you should create a create a minor-upgrade package instead of a QuickPatch, and use the Patch Design view to create a standard patch. Subsequent patches from this version can be created as QuickPatch projects.

Creating a QuickPatch for a Basic MSI project (with or without InstallScript custom actions) has not been known to cause any issues.

See Also
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier
Creating Standard Patches for InstallShield 11.5 and Earlier InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield 12 and later does not support the creation of InstallScript MSI patches (using the Patch Design view) where both the latest and previous setups were created with InstallShield 11.5 or earlier. Creating a patch where the latest setup is created with InstallShield 12 or later and the previous setup was created with InstallShield 11.5 or earlier has not been known to cause any issues.

See Also
Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier

Upgrading InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier InstallScript MSI Object Projects or Projects that Contain This Type of Object

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield 11.5 and earlier included the InstallScript MSI Object type of project. This project type is no longer available in InstallShield.

Upgrading InstallScript MSI Object Projects

If you open an InstallScript MSI Object project in InstallShield 2020, InstallShield will convert it to a merge module project. Predefined InstallScript event handlers are not available in merge module projects that have InstallScript custom actions. Therefore, if you have an InstallShield 11.5 or earlier InstallScript MSI object project that uses InstallScript event handler functions, you must manually schedule custom actions that call these functions when the project is converted to a merge module project in InstallShield 2020. To learn how, see Creating and Scheduling InstallScript Custom Actions that Call InstallScript Event Handlers for Basic MSI Projects.

Note that InstallShield 2020, as well as earlier and later versions of InstallShield, can consume InstallShield 2020 merge modules that have InstallScript custom actions.

Upgrading Projects that Contain InstallScript MSI Objects

Building upgraded projects that contain already-built InstallScript MSI objects (.imm files) will fail; these objects cannot be consumed in InstallShield 2020. If you try to do so, a build error such as the following one occurs:

ISDEV : error -4075: File not found. An error occurred merging Module 'InstallShieldMSIObjectName.4F635B62_07BF_4779_B74E_D80C29D508E3:0' for Feature 'NewFeature1'.

where "InstallShieldMSIObjectName.4F635B62_07BF_4779_B74E_D80C29D508E3:0" is information that is specific to the missing InstallScript MSI object. To resolve this build error, remove this InstallScript MSI object from your project; you can do so by clearing its check box in the Redistributables view.

See Also
Merge Module Projects
Build Errors and Warnings
Upgrading Projects Created with InstallShield Express

InstallShield 2020

If you have an InstallShield project that was created using versions 2.1 through 5.x of InstallShield Express, that project is automatically upgraded to a Basic MSI project when you open it in InstallShield 2020. InstallShield 2020 converts InstallShield Express projects to a Basic MSI project because it is the comparable project type.

To learn how to convert your upgraded project to an InstallScript MSI project, see Converting a Basic MSI Project to an InstallScript MSI Project.

Task To upgrade an Express project:

Open the project in InstallShield. A dialog box opens to ask if you would like to upgrade your project.

- Click Yes to upgrade your project. Your project opens in InstallShield.
- Click No to leave the project unopened.

A backup copy of your original project is created and stored in the location specified in the dialog box.

InstallShield 2020 preserves the logic and dialog of the Setup Types view when it migrates Express 2.x projects (.iwz) to a Basic MSI project in InstallShield 2020. In earlier versions of Express, setup types were based on components. In Express 2.x projects (.iwz), components were replaced by features, and file groups are now mapped to destination folders instead of components.

When you upgrade an Express 2.x project (.iwz) to a Basic MSI project in InstallShield 2020, you can edit setup types by changing a feature’s Install Level property and dialog control events.

Note • Billboard properties from Express projects will not be migrated since they are not supported in Basic MSI projects. You will receive warning 701 when the billboards property is specified in earlier Express projects.

If you migrate an Express project with a language that is not installed with your current version of InstallShield, you will lose support for that language. Language support is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

See Also
Converting a Basic MSI Project to an InstallScript MSI Project

Upgrading Projects Created with InstallShield Professional

InstallShield 2020

You can upgrade projects that were created using InstallShield Professional. When you are using InstallShield 2020 and you open an installation project that was created with InstallShield Professional, your project is automatically upgraded. This enables you to immediately work with your project in InstallShield 2020.

Projects that were created using InstallShield Professional were composed of several .ini files referenced by an .ipr file. In InstallShield 2020, your installation project is one file—an .ism file.
First Step: Opening Your Installation Project

Task  To open an installation project created in InstallShield Professional:

1. Open InstallShield.
2. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select the InstallShield Professional project file (.ipr) that you would like to open.
4. Click Open.

Your project opens in InstallShield, and the extension changes from .ipr to .ism. A backup of your original .ipr project is saved as ProjectName.ipr.bak in the same folder.

Next Steps: Modifying Your Installation Project

After you upgrade your installation project, you can use the views, menus, wizards, and other parts of the InstallShield user interface to modify your project settings.

You may also need to make changes to the upgraded project; see Migrating from InstallShield Professional 6.x and Migrating from InstallShield Professional 5.x.

Note • In InstallShield 2020, support files are linked to a subfolder of the project folder; in InstallShield Professional, support files were physically copied to a subfolder of the project folder.

See Also

Script Changes: Lexicon Conversion
Adding Project Assistant Dialog Support to Projects Upgraded from InstallShield Professional
Upgrade Errors (Upgrading from InstallShield Professional)
Upgrade Warnings (Upgrading from InstallShield Professional)
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Migrating from InstallShield Professional 6.x

InstallShield 2020

When you upgrade an InstallShield Professional 6.x installation to InstallShield 2020, note the following:

- You can quickly convert a script that uses a program...endprogram block to an event-based script that calls all appropriate event handler functions except the user interface and file transfer functions. For details, see OnShowUI.
- The new simplified model for Internet installations eliminates many of the Ether object’s methods and all of its properties and subobjects (while providing InstallScript enhancements that let you handle any Internet-specific requirements). If your Internet installation used any of these properties and methods, see Replacing Obsolete Properties and Methods.
- Installations created in version 6.x contained a number of automatically created string entries; the installation used these string entries to get information. These string entries were redundant—they contained the same information contained in the Project Settings property sheet. InstallShield 2020 simplifies matters by allowing the information specified in the project settings to be used at runtime.
Note that using this information is not required; you can continue using your existing string entries as before by simply leaving them intact in your project.

If you want your migrated installation to automatically use the information from your project’s Project Settings property sheet, delete the following string entries from your project:

COMPANY_NAME
PRODUCT_NAME
PRODUCT_KEY
PRODUCT_VERSION
TITLE_CAPTIONBAR
FOLDER_NAME
TITLE_MAIN

Also, update any script code that may be using one of these string entries to use the new corresponding system variable instead, as shown in the following table:

Table 2-13 • String Entries and Corresponding New System Variables

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<th>System Variable</th>
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<tr>
<td>COMPANY_NAME</td>
<td>IFX_COMPANY_NAME</td>
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<tr>
<td>PRODUCT_NAME</td>
<td>IFX_PRODUCT_NAME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRODUCT_KEY</td>
<td>IFX_PRODUCT_KEY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRODUCT_VERSION</td>
<td>IFX_PRODUCT_VERSION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TITLE_CAPTIONBAR</td>
<td>IFX_SETUP_TITLE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FOLDER_NAME</td>
<td>IFX_PRODUCT_NAME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TITLE_MAIN</td>
<td>IFX_SETUP_TITLE</td>
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Note that you can remove only a subset of these string values if you want some values to be read from the string entries and some to be read from the project settings. If you retain any of these string values, be sure to modify them as required, rather than changing the unused project settings; in particular, when creating an update installation, be sure to update the value of the PRODUCT_VERSION string entry if it exists.

- If your installation uses an event-based script and you have overridden the default OnSetUpdateMode event handler code, a message such as the following may be displayed at run time: “The installed version of the application could not be determined. The setup will now terminate.” If this error occurs, add code that manually sets IFX_INSTALLED_VERSION during the OnSetUpdateMode event. For sample code, see the default code that is included in the OnSetUpdateMode event of a new InstallShield 2020 InstallScript project.

- If your installation uses an event-based script and you have overridden the default OnFirstUIBefore event handler code, you must replace the following code (from the 6.x version of OnFirstUIBefore) in order to install files to the appropriate default location:

  TARGETDIR = PROGRAMFILES ^ @COMPANY_NAME ^ @PRODUCT_NAME;

  with the following code (from the new default OnFirstUIBefore code) to set TARGETDIR:
/* Handles both end users with administrative or power user privileges and end users without such privileges. */
if ( ALLUSERS ) then
    TARGETDIR = PROGRAMFILES ^ IFX_COMPANY_NAME ^ IFX_PRODUCT_NAME;
else
    TARGETDIR = FOLDER_APPDATA ^ IFX_COMPANY_NAME ^ IFX_PRODUCT_NAME;
endif;

/* Handles both standard and multi-instance installations. */
if( MAINT_OPTION = MAINT_OPTION_MULTI_INSTANCE && MULTI_INSTANCE_COUNT > 0) then
    nLoop = 1;
    svDir = TARGETDIR;
    while(ExistsDir(TARGETDIR) = EXISTS)
        NumToStr(szTargetDirAppendix,nLoop);
        TARGETDIR = svDir + szTargetDirAppendix;
        nLoop = nLoop + 1;
    endwhile;
endif;

If you are using a procedural script (one with a program...endprogram block), you need to update the code in which you set TARGETDIR in order to set the default target directory appropriately for users without administrator privileges.

- If your installation uses an event-based script and you have overridden the default OnMaintUIBefore event handler code, and during uninstallation you want to remove all features including those that are not listed in the media but only in the log file (see FeatureRemoveAllInMediaAndLog for more information), then you must replace the following code (from the 6.x version of OnMaintUIBefore):
  case REMOVEALL: ComponentRemoveAll();
  with the following code (from the new default OnMaintUIBefore code):
  MediaGetData( MEDIA, MEDIA_FIELD_MEDIA_FLAGS, nMediaFlags, szIgnore );
  case REMOVEALL:
      /* Properly handles updating. */
      if( nMediaFlags & MEDIA_FLAG_UPDATEMODE_SUPPORTED ) then
          FeatureRemoveAllInMediaAndLog();
      else
          FeatureRemoveAllInMedia();
      endif;
  If you are using a procedural script that supports script-based uninstallation you need to update your call to ComponentRemoveAll appropriately.

- If your script calls RegDBSetItem to alter the registry entries that are created by MaintenanceStart (or DeinstallStart), and it makes those calls to RegDBSetItem in an event handler that is called before the OnMoved handler (for example, OnMoving or <feature name>_OnInstalled), you must move those calls to RegDBSetItem. MaintenanceStart is now called in the OnMoveData event handler’s default code, whereas previously MaintenanceStart was called automatically immediately after the maintenance/uninstallation feature was installed and before any other features were installed.

- The InstallShield Professional 6.x default event handler code included the following lines in both OnFirstUIBefore and OnMaintUIBefore:
  SetStatusWindow( 0, "" );
  Enable( STATUSEX );
  StatusUpdate( ON, 100 );
In InstallShield 2020, this code has been relocated to the default OnMoveData event handler code, so you have the following options:

- If you have not customized this code, you do not need to do anything because the redundant calls will not cause a problem. You can safely remove this code from OnFirstUIBefore and OnMaintUIBefore if you want to avoid code duplication.

- If you have customized this code and you want these customizations to apply regardless of what user interface (UI) event is called, you should remove the code from OnFirstUIBefore and OnMaintUIBefore, then override the OnMoveData event and place the customized code in place of the default code.

- If you have customized the code and you want specific code depending on what UI event is called, you should override OnMoveData, comment out the default code, and continue to use your existing code. Note that in this case, if your installation supports updating you may also want to customize OnUpdateUIBefore.

- The 6.x default event handler code included the following commented-out code in the OnFirstUIBefore and OnMaintUIBefore events:

```
// TO DO: if you want to enable background, window title, and caption bar title
// SetTitle( @TITLE_MAIN, 24, WHITE );
// SetTitle( @TITLE_CAPTIONBAR, 0, BACKGROUNDCAPTION );
// Enable( FULLWINDOWMODE );
// Enable( BACKGROUND );
// SetColor( BACKGROUND, RGB( 0, 128, 128 ) );
```

If you activated this code and would like to provide a consistent UI experience regardless of what UI event is called, you can remove this code from OnFirstUIBefore and OnMaintUIBefore and then override OnShowUI and customize the code appropriately.

- Many Windows API functions are declared in included header files (.h files) in InstallShield 2020. If any of these functions are also explicitly declared in your script code, do one of the following:

  - Remove your function declaration and use the declaration provided by InstallShield Professional.

  - If you are creating a script that needs to be compilable in both InstallShield 2020 and earlier versions, surround your declaration with code like the following:

    ```c
    #if _ISCRIPT_VER < 0x700
    prototype ...
    #endif
    ```

You may also need to update code that calls a Windows API function, if the declaration defined by InstallShield Professional is different than your declaration.

- In order that the end user interface flows smoothly, by default the installation initialization dialog box remains displayed until the script displays a dialog box. To close the installation initialization dialog box, call Disable(DIALOGCACHE) or any dialog box function.

### Migrating from InstallShield Professional 5.x

**InstallShield 2020**

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**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript Object projects.
Script Changes

The basic structure of an InstallShield Professional 5.x script is supported in the InstallScript project type in InstallShield 2020. To compile a Professional 5.x script in InstallShield, you must first make the following changes:

Preprocessor Directives

- Include the following statement at the beginning of your script:

  ```
  #include "ifx.h"
  ```

- Remove any #define statements for SD_SINGLE_DIALOGS and its associated SD_<dialog name> constants.

- You may need to remove some #define statements that define Windows constants if those statements result in compiler errors. Many Windows constants are defined in Ifx.h (which is in the InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt\Include subfolder) or its included files.

Built-In Functions

- Remove the following functions, which were supported in Professional 5.x but are not supported in InstallShield 2020. Some of these functions will compile, but they will not give the expected results. Where possible, supported alternatives are suggested.

Table 2-14 • Obsolete Professional 5.x Functions

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<tr>
<td>AppCommand</td>
<td>None. (Appropriate only for platforms using the Program Manager shell, which are no longer supported.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>AddProgItemEx</td>
<td>AddFolderIcon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CmdGetMsg</td>
<td>Windows API function GetMessage (call CmdGetHwndDlg to get the dialog handle)</td>
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<td>CmdGetParam1</td>
<td>Windows API function GetMessage (call CmdGetHwndDlg to get the dialog handle)</td>
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<td>CmdGetParam2</td>
<td>Windows API function GetMessage (call CmdGetHwndDlg to get the dialog handle)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommitSharedFiles</td>
<td>The actions performed by this function in Professional 5.x are done automatically in InstallShield 2020.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreateProgGroupEx</td>
<td>AddFolderIcon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteGroup</td>
<td>DeleteProgramFolder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteProgItem</td>
<td>DeleteFolderIcon</td>
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<tr>
<td>ExitProgMan</td>
<td>None. (Appropriate only for platforms using the Program Manager shell, which are no longer supported.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetGroupNameList</td>
<td>GetFolderNameList</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetItemNameList</td>
<td>None. (Appropriate only for platforms using the Program Manager shell, which are no longer supported.)</td>
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Call Disable(LOGGING) before any code that makes changes to the target system that you do not want logged for uninstallation, and call Enable(LOGGING) after that code. This is necessary because logging of changes for uninstallation is automatically enabled before any script code is executed.

Note that this is different from Professional 5.x installations in which logging did not begin until DeinstallStart was called. If you have any installation actions that previously were not logged because they occurred before DeinstallStart, you will need to add an additional Disable(LOGGING) call before these installation actions to disable logging manually.

If you want your installation to display a background, you must call Enable(BACKGROUND). In InstallShield 2020, the background is disabled by default, whereas in Professional 5.x it was enabled by default. (In event-based scripts, code for customizing and displaying a background exists in comment lines at the beginning of the default code for OnFirstUIBefore. To activate this code, remove the slash characters at the beginnings of the desired lines.)

Note that some user-interface functions, such as PlaceBitmap, will not work properly (nor return a negative value to let you know they failed) if the installation background is not enabled.

- It is no longer necessary to call RegDBSetItem with the argument REGDB_UNINSTALL_NAME to set the value of [DisplayName] under the uninstallation key. This is now done when MaintenanceStart or DeinstallStart is called.

- Calling SetColor with STATUSBAR as its argument will not have any effect in InstallShield 2020; status bars are drawn using system colors.

- When you call StrGetTokens, if the first (or last) character of szString matches a character in szDelimiterSet, a null string ("") is not inserted in the list as the first (or last) element. Instead, the characters between the first and second (or last and next to last) delimiters are inserted in the list as the first (or last) element.

- When you call StrGetTokens, if a wildcard character is included in the filename specified by szSrcFile, the filename part of szTargetFile is not ignored as in previous versions of InstallShield Professional; instead, all of szTargetFile is treated as the target path to which each source file is copied to with its existing name. For example, CopyFile( "C:\\*.\\", "D:\\File.txt" ) copies files to a folder named File.txt on the D drive.

### Table 2-14 • Obsolete Professional 5.x Functions (cont.)

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<td>QueryProgGroup</td>
<td>None. (Appropriate only for platforms using the Program Manager shell, which are no longer supported.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>RegDBCreateKey</td>
<td>RegDBCreateKeyEx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegDBCreateKeyValue</td>
<td>RegDBCreateKeyValueEx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegDBGetKeyValue</td>
<td>RegDBGetKeyValueEx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegDBSetKeyValue</td>
<td>RegDBSetKeyValueEx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReloadProgGroup</td>
<td>None. (Appropriate only for platforms using the Program Manager shell, which are no longer supported.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReplaceProgItem</td>
<td>None. (Appropriate only for platforms using the Program Manager shell, which are no longer supported.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ShowGroup</td>
<td>None. (Appropriate only for platforms using the Program Manager shell, which are no longer supported.)</td>
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- WaitOnDialog now returns IDCANCEL when the end user selects the system menu’s Close command or clicks the title bar’s Close button from a custom dialog. In previous versions, DLG_CLOSE was returned in these cases.

- If you pass GetSystemInfo a first argument of DRIVE and a third argument that is a UNC path, the function correctly returns a negative value. Previously it returned zero, falsely indicating success, although due to operating system limitations UNC paths are not supported in that case.

- When you call ParsePath with its third argument set to PATH and its second argument set to a UNC path that includes only a server name without a trailing backslash (for example, “\\TheServer”), the function correctly sets the first argument equal to a double backslash (“\\”). In Professional 5.x, the function would set the first argument equal to a single backslash (“\”).

- The Professional 5.x Help Library listed specific numeric return values, other than 0 (zero) for success, for some functions. Some of these numeric values have changed for InstallShield 2020; a script used in InstallShield 2020 should compare a function’s return value only to the constants that are currently listed in that function’s help.

- In order for the end-user interface to flow smoothly, by default the installation initialization dialog remains displayed until the script displays a dialog. To close the installation initialization dialog, call Disable(DIALOGCACHE) or any dialog function.

- ComponentMoveData’s second argument no longer returns useful data.

- Passing a pointer to a string as the fourth argument of SendMessageTimeout no longer gives the expected result. To pass string data to SendMessageTimeout, see the Additional Information section of the SendMessageTimeout topic.

**Predefined Constants**

- Remove the following constants, which were supported in Professional 5.x but are not supported in InstallShield 2020:
  
  \- \  COMPONENT\_VALUE\_ALWAYSOVERWRITE
  \- \  COMPONENT\_VALUE\_NEVEROVERWRITE
  \- \  COMPONENT\_VALUE\_NEWERDATE
  \- \  COMPONENT\_VALUE\_NEWERVERSION
  \- \  COMPONENT\_VALUE\_OLDERDATE
  \- \  COMPONENT\_VALUE\_OLDERVERSION
  \- \  COMPONENT\_VALUE\_SAMEORNEWDATE
  \- \  COMPONENT\_VALUE\_SAMEORNEWVERSION
  \- \  COMPONENT\_FIELD\_DESTINATION
  \- \  COMPONENT\_FIELD\_OVERWRITE

- Remove statements that assign values to the following predefined variables (for example, TARGETDISK=”C:\\”;). Such statements will not compile in InstallShield 2020; these constants are now read-only.

  CMDLINE
  COMMONFILES
  ERRORFILENAME
  FOLDER_DESKTOP
FOLDER_PROGRAMS
FOLDER_STARTMENU
FOLDER_STARTUP
ISRES
ISUSER
ISVERSION
MODE
PROGRAMFILES
SUPPORTDIR
TARGETDISK (The value of this variable is automatically updated when TARGETDIR is changed.)
UNINST
WINDIR
WINDISK
WINSYSDIR
WINSYSDISK

**DLLs**

- When you called a DLL function in Professional 5.x, all string arguments were passed by reference; in InstallShield 2020, you can pass a string argument by value. To specify the method for passing an argument, in the function prototype, precede the argument's data type with the `BYREF` or `BYVAL` keyword; for example, `MyDLL.MyFunc(BYREF NUMBER, BYVAL STRING)`. The InstallShield 2020 compiler includes the following compiler warnings to encourage the use of the appropriate keyword.

- If your script includes DLL function calls where neither `BYREF` nor `BYVAL` has been specified, you receive compiler warning W7507. To eliminate this warning, add the appropriate keyword to the function prototype.

- If you specify a literal string for a string argument that is passed by reference, you receive compiler warning W7511. To eliminate this warning, add the `BYVAL` keyword to the function prototype.

When you call a function in an external DLL, make sure the same calling convention is used in the script and the DLL. In Professional 5.x, the installation engine always used the stdcall convention but would sometimes overlook an inconsistent DLL convention. The InstallShield 2020 engine does not; it generates an error (exception 0x80040704) when the wrong calling convention is used.

In your script, you can declare a calling convention, either cdecl or stdcall, when declaring a DLL function. For example:

```c
prototype cdecl MyDLL.MyFunction (INT, INT);
```

If you do not explicitly declare a calling convention, InstallShield uses stdcall.

- In InstallShield 2020, InstallScript arrays are internally formatted as OLE Automation safe arrays, not native C or C++ arrays. To pass an InstallScript array to a DLL function that expects a C or C++ array, you must place the array data in the expected format by calling `GetArrayFromISArray`. 
In InstallShield 2020, a string variable whose address is stored in a pointer variable cannot be changed by passing the pointer to a DLL function. To allow a DLL function to change the value of a string variable, pass the variable itself as an argument to the function, after declaring the data type of that argument specifying the BYREF operator.

You no longer need to call the UseDLL function before calling a DLL that is located on Windows’ DLL search path. The DLL search path is the following:

1. The folder from which the application loaded.
2. The current folder.
3. The 32-bit Windows system folder.
4. The 16-bit Windows system folder.
5. The Windows folder.
6. The folders that are listed in the PATH environment variable.

Use this feature with caution; the values of the current folder and PATH environment variable on an end user’s machine are not predictable.

Miscellaneous

- The undocumented array syntax ArrayName[nArrayIndex] is no longer supported. In InstallShield 2020, the syntax for all arrays is ArrayName(nArrayIndex).
- If you explicitly declare a return type for a script-defined function, you must specify the same return type in the function definition, after the keyword “function”, or the script will not compile. (If you do not explicitly declare a return type, the return type is assumed to be NUMBER.) In previous versions of InstallShield Professional, return types were assumed to be NUMBER regardless of explicit specifications of other return types, so this issue did not arise.
- To place uninstall information under HKEY_CURRENT_USER, set the value of the ALLUSERS system variable to FALSE.
- To pass a literal character as an argument to a built-in or user-defined function, you must pass its numeric ASCII value.
- When processing the system variable CMDLINE, be aware that the following command line switches are no longer used by Setup.exe and so are included in CMDLINE: -SMS, -z, -c, -e, -q, -t, and -x. The -SMS switch is obsolete because now Setup.exe always stays in memory until the installation is complete. The -z switch is obsolete because now Setup.exe initializes correctly even on systems with more than 256 megabytes of memory.
- Remove Professional 5.x’s ODBC Template code, which will not compile in InstallShield 2020. This is because the following function call is nested even on systems with more than 256 megabytes of memory:

  ComponentGetData ( szMedia, szCompName,
  COMPONENT_FIELD_DESTINATION, nvData, svDest );

  In InstallShield 2020 this function call does not compile because the Destination property is a file group property, not a component property.

Other Changes

- Pressing F3 no longer works to exit an installation.
- Setup.exe no longer supports the -f switch for using a renamed Setup.inx.
- InstallShield 2020 installations do not support including special billboards for low-resolution systems.
• If neither a source file nor the already-existing target file has a version number, and the source file’s file group’s Overwrite property is “Newer Version”, “Same or Newer Version”, or “Older Version”, then the file on the target system is not overwritten. In Professional 5.x installations, the target file would be overwritten.

• InstallShield 2020 does not support displaying Windows 95-style dialogs.

• The Lang key in a silent installation’s response (.iss) file’s [Application] section no longer has any effect.

• In Professional 5.x installations, any registry key logged by the installer would be removed during uninstallation in any case. In InstallShield 2020, keys created by RegDBCreateKeyEx and non-shared keys in registry sets are removed only if the installer created the key, that is, the key did not exist when the installation was run.

Script Changes: Lexicon Conversion
InstallShield 2020

Terminology Change
In InstallShield Professional, the functional building blocks of your installation from the end user’s perspective were called components. With InstallShield 2020, these building blocks are called features.

Because of this change in terminology, a number of InstallScript function names have also changed. When you upgrade a project that you created using InstallShield Professional, some items in your script might undergo a lexicon change or be aliased.

• Function Names
• ComponentFileInfo (FeatureFileInfo) Flags
• ComponentSetData (FeatureSetData) and ComponentGetData (FeatureGetData) Flags

Function Names
Any InstallScript function name that referred to component now refers to feature. For example, ComponentDialog is now FeatureDialog. The parameters for these functions have not changed. Click a feature function to view the corresponding help topic.

Table 2-15 • Function Name Changes

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ComponentFileInfo (FeatureFileInfo) Flags

Flags that you used with the ComponentFileInfo (now FeatureFileInfo) function in InstallShield Professional are converted to reflect their use with features in InstallShield 2020.

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Note • The flags that are not available return -137, which indicates that the option is not functional. You can use the FeatureError function to provide more information about the return value.

Table 2-16 • ComponentFileInfo Flags
**ComponentSetData (FeatureSetData) and ComponentGetData (FeatureGetData) Flags**

Flags that you used with the ComponentSetData and ComponentGetData (now FeatureSetData and FeatureGetData) functions in InstallShield Professional are converted to reflect their use with features in InstallShield 2020.

Table 2-17 • Deprecated ComponentSetData and ComponentGetData Flags

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See Also

ISAlias Table
Adding Project Assistant Dialog Support to Projects Upgraded from InstallShield Professional

InstallShield 2020

When you upgrade an installation project from InstallShield Professional to InstallShield and the project contains a Setup.rul file that was created in InstallShield Professional, some questions may not be available on the Installation Interview page of the Project Assistant. This is because the Setup.rul file is missing the portions of the OnFirstUIBefore event code that InstallShield uses to key on script tags.

If you create a new InstallScript project and look at the OnFirstUIBefore event, you will see the following code that the Project Assistant requires in order to support dialog functions:

```csharp
//{{IS_SCRIPT_TAG(FunctionName)
InstallScript code...
//}}IS_SCRIPT_TAG(FunctionName)
```

Task To add Project Assistant dialog support to your upgraded project:

1. In the InstallScript view, open your Setup.rul file.
2. Comment out the OnFirstUIBefore event code.
3. In the event category list at the top of the InstallScript pane, select the OnFirstUIBefore event. InstallShield re-adds this event to your script.
4. Copy the pertinent dialog code to the commented-out code for the OnFirstUIBefore event.
5. Delete the OnFirstUIBefore event code that you added in step 3.
6. Remove the comments from the remaining OnFirstUIBefore event code.

Upgrading Projects Created with InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition

InstallShield 2020

If you have an InstallShield project (.ism file) that was created using InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition, that project is automatically upgraded to a Basic MSI project when you open it in InstallShield. See Converting a Basic MSI Project to an InstallScript MSI Project to learn how to convert your upgraded project to an InstallScript MSI project.

Task When you open the project, a dialog box appears to ask if you would like to upgrade your project.

- Click Yes to upgrade your project. Your project opens in the IDE.
- Click No to leave the project unopened.

A backup copy of your original project is created and stored in the location specified in the dialog.

Upgrading a Setup from the Command Line

You can also upgrade your setup project when you build it from the command line. Use the -u parameter to upgrade your setup project from the command line without building it.
Troubleshooting Upgrade Errors

Any errors that result from the upgrade are displayed in the output panel at the bottom of the IDE. For information on these errors, see Upgrade Errors and Warnings (Upgrading from InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition).

See Also

Converting a Basic MSI Project to an InstallScript MSI Project
Post-Upgrade Changes in the Property Manager

Post-Upgrade Changes in the Property Manager

InstallShield 2020

Properties in the Property Manager with an empty value (no value) are invalid for MSI. Because of this, ***DO_NOT_BUILD*** appears in place of the empty value for these properties. In this way, properties with empty values are preserved as placeholders after the upgrade, but are not built into the .msi package.

See Also

Converting a Basic MSI Project to an InstallScript MSI Project
Upgrading Projects Created with InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition

Upgrading from Other InstallShield Editions

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield is available in three different editions: Premier, Professional, and Express.

Features that Are in Only the Premier Edition

Following is a list of some of the features that are available in the Premier edition but not the Professional, or Express editions:

- **Ability to create and build Suite/Advanced UI installations**—Create a bootstrap application with a contemporary, customizable user interface for multiple .msi packages, .msp packages, InstallScript packages, .exe packages, sideloading Windows App packages (.appx), and Windows Installer transactions, as well as multiple InstallShield prerequisites. A Suite/Advanced UI installation packages together multiple separate installations as a single installation while providing a unified user interface; it uses a setup launcher (Setup.exe) to conditionally launch packages on target systems as needed.

- **Support for InstallScript actions and other types of actions in Suite/Advanced UI installations**—Suite/Advanced UI installations have built-in support for launching different types of actions to perform various run-time tasks that are outside the scope of the packages that you are including in the installation. The actions can run executable files, call DLL functions, run PowerShell scripts, set a Suite/Advanced UI property, run InstallScript code, or call a public method in a managed assembly at run time.

- **Virtualization support**—The Microsoft App-V Assistant is included in the Premier Edition of InstallShield. Use this assistant to create customized virtual applications in the Microsoft App-V format. Virtualization enables you to isolate an application in its own environment so that it does not conflict with existing applications or modify the underlying operating system.

- **Application Virtualization Suitability Suites**—Several validation suites are available in InstallShield for helping you to determine how ready your products are for virtualization. The InstallShield virtualization internal consistency
evaluators (ISVICEs) that are included in these suites let you check suitability for Microsoft App-V 4.x, Microsoft App-V 5.x, Microsoft Server App-V, VMware ThinApp, and Citrix XenApp. The validation suites can enable you to make more informed decisions about how you should build your product if you are considering offering your customers a virtualized version.

- **Support for DIM files**—The ability to create DIM projects is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. This support is also available in the InstallShield Developer Installation Manifest Editor, a collaboration add-on. The ability to add DIM files to Basic MSI projects is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

  A DIM project is a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete portion of a product installation. Working with DIMs enables multiple team members to contribute to the development of the installation simultaneously. Each software developer or other team member can work on a separate DIM that the release engineer can reference in one or more Basic MSI projects.

- **Multilingual installations**—Create a single installation that displays end-user text in multiple languages and can handle conditional installation of language-specific files. Change dialogs and messages to any one of 34 additional languages using pre-translated strings.

  **Project** • Note that support for two of those languages—Arabic (Saudi Arabia) and Hebrew—is available in only Basic MSI and Merge Module projects.

- **Arabic (Saudi Arabia) and Hebrew language support**—InstallShield Premier Edition includes support for Arabic (Saudi Arabia) and Hebrew languages, which are written and read from right to left. All of the default end-user dialog strings are available in these languages.

  Since these languages are read from right to left, the Premier edition also includes support for mirroring Arabic and Hebrew dialogs; that is, InstallShield uses a right-to-left layout for Arabic and Hebrew dialogs. Thus, for example, buttons that are on the right side of dialogs in English and other left-to-right languages are moved to the left side of right-to-left-language dialogs.

- **Ability to specify commands that run before, during, and after builds**—InstallShield Premier Edition includes release settings that you can use to specify commands that you want to be run at various stages of the build process. You can schedule commands that run at the following build events: (a) before InstallShield starts building the release, (b) after InstallShield has built the .msi package and the .cab files (if your product’s data files are to be stored in .cab files), but before the .msi package has been digitally signed and streamed into the Setup.exe file, and (c) after InstallShield has built and signed the release.

- **Ability to distribute installations to virtual machines that InstallShield provisions at build time or on demand**—You can configure your projects so that after each successful build of your installation, InstallShield automatically reverts a virtual machine (VM) to a designated snapshot, powers on the VM, and copies your installation to the VM to make it available for testing. You can also alternately perform these testing preparation steps on demand at any time. The testing preparation capability makes it possible to reduce testing time and eliminate manual steps. The VM can be on a Microsoft Hyper-V Server, a VMware ESX or ESXi Server, or a VMware Workstation.

- **Extra licenses for InstallShield MSI tools**—InstallShield includes several tools: InstallShield MSI Diff, InstallShield MSI Query, InstallShield MSI Sleuth, and InstallShield MSI Grep. You can use these tools to troubleshoot issues with Windows Installer packages. InstallShield Premier Edition includes a separate installation and extra licenses that let you install just the InstallShield MSI tools, without InstallShield, on separate machines. For specific terms, see the End-User License Agreement for the InstallShield MSI tools.
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• **Ability to import IIS data from existing IIS Web sites into a project**—InstallShield includes an IIS scanner (IISscan.exe), a command-line tool for scanning an existing IIS Web site and recording IIS data about the Web site. The IIS scanner creates an XML file that contains all of the settings for the Web site, its virtual directories, its applications, and its application pools. You can use the XML file to import the IIS data into the Internet Information Services view in InstallShield Premier Edition. Once you have imported the IIS data into a project, you can use the Internet Information Services view to make changes to the IIS settings as needed.

• **Support for deploying Web Deploy packages**—Suite/Advanced UI installations, available in the Premier edition of InstallShield, have built-in support for deploying Web Deploy packages to IIS Web servers and the cloud.

• **InstallShield Collaboration**—InstallShield Premier Edition includes licenses for InstallShield Collaboration for Visual Studio.

• **Network repository**—A network repository is a collection of installation elements that multiple installation authors can access and reuse in their projects as needed. A network repository fosters collaboration among installation authors; it is stored on a network.

• **InstallShield Best Practice Suite**—InstallShield includes a set of validators called the InstallShield Best Practice Suite. The InstallShield Best Practice (ISBP) validators in this suite alert you if your installation violates best-practice guidelines.

• **Additional dialog themes**—Several dialog themes are available only in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

**Features that Are in Only the Premier and Professional Editions**

Following is a list of some of the features that are available in the Premier and Professional editions but not the Express edition:

• **Ability to create and build Advanced UI installations**—Create a bootstrap application with a contemporary, customizable user interface for a single .msi package, .msp package, or InstallScript package, as well as multiple InstallShield prerequisites. An Advanced UI installation uses a setup launcher (Setup.exe) to conditionally launch packages on target systems as needed.

(Note that the Suite/Advanced UI functionality in the Premier edition of InstallShield includes extended support for this functionality: The Suite/Advanced UI functionality enables you to package multiple .msi packages, .msp packages, InstallScript packages, .exe packages, sideloading Windows App packages (.appx), and Windows Installer transactions, as well as multiple InstallShield prerequisites into a single installation with a contemporary, unified, customizable user interface.)

• **Standalone Build**—This tool, which is available with the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield, enables you to install only the part of InstallShield that builds the installations, plus any redistributables that you want to include, on a build machine. Extra licenses of the Standalone Build are available for purchase.

• **Dialog Editor**—The Dialog Editor enables you to modify the layout of existing end-user dialogs or create new custom dialogs. Import and export dialogs to share them across projects. Construct different dialogs for each language supported in the project.

• **InstallShield MSI tools**—The Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield includes several tools: InstallShield MSI Diff, InstallShield MSI Query, InstallShield MSI Sleuth, and InstallShield MSI Grep. You can use these tools to troubleshoot issues with Windows Installer packages.

• **Automation interface**—Use script to add new files, add or delete features, change the product name and upgrade code, change release settings, change summary information stream items, change release flags, change any property, initiate the build process, and more.
• **Release customization**—Define which project segments to compress, which features to place on which disk, and which languages to include. Choose to filter application data based on language to support localization efforts.

• **Source code control integration**—Simplify the process of checking projects in and out of your source code control system and save space when differencing projects. The SCC integration in the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield supports integration with various source code control systems.

• **Flexible localization support**—The Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield include a String Editor view, which gives you complete and centralized control over the localizable text strings that are displayed at run time during the installation process. You can use this view to edit the strings for everything from button text to feature descriptions. This view also includes support for exporting string entries (which you can have translated) and for importing translated string entries back into your project.

• **Project validation**—Use standard .cub files to validate installations and merge modules. Use the upgrade and patching validation to find out about potential upgrade problems and resolve them before you release your upgrades and patches.

• **Patch creation**—In addition to enabling you to create QuickPatch projects, the Premier and Professional editions let you create standard patches that contain updates to a previous version of your product.

• **Manage multiple product versions**—Build versions such as Evaluation, Debug, Standard, and Advanced—from a single project. Allow specific features, InstallShield prerequisites, and other elements to be chosen for inclusion in (or exclusion from) a release through user-defined flags.

• **Support for InstallScript**—The Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield include support for InstallScript, a simple but powerful programming language. You can add InstallScript custom actions to Windows Installer–based installations or create InstallScript projects, which use the InstallScript engine instead of the Windows Installer engine to control the entire installation.

• **Flexible custom action support**—The Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield include support for several custom action types that are not available in the Express edition. These extra custom action types enable you to do the following: set a property, set a directory, call a public method in a managed assembly, or display error message under certain conditions and abort the installation.

• **Flexible shortcut support**—The Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield include support for configuring various advanced settings for shortcuts that are not configurable in the Express edition. For example, the Premier and Professional editions let you prevent a shortcut in your project from being pinned to the taskbar or to the Start menu. They also let you prevent a shortcut on the Start menu from being highlighted as newly installed after end users install your product. These shortcut options are often used for tools or secondary products that are part of an installation.

• **Merge module authoring and editing**—Package pieces of a project for reuse across application installations. Reuse those you create or any of the ones included in the product. Edit and open modules for greater customization.

• **Project templates**—Create project templates that contain all of the default settings and design elements that you want to use as a starting point when you create an installation project or merge module project.

• **Multiple IIS Web sites**—The Express and Limited editions of InstallShield let you install only one Web site per installation. The Premier and Professional editions let you install more than one Web site per installation.

• **Support for IIS application pools and Web service extensions**—Install and manage IIS application pools and Web service extensions.

• **Advanced support for Windows services**—Although the Express edition of InstallShield includes some support for working with services, the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield include additional flexibility for services. For example, the Premier and Professional editions enable you to start, stop, or delete a service during installation or
uninstallation; the service can be part of your installation, or it can be already present on target systems. These editions also let you configure extended service customization options that were introduced in Windows Installer 5.

- **SQL support**—Connect to SQL servers, import database schema and data, associate SQL scripts with features, and more with SQL support.

- **Ability to modify text files or XML files**—Use the Text File Changes view or the XML File Changes view to configure files that you want to modify on the target system at run time.

- **Pure 64-bit support**—Windows Server Core supports disabling 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support. As this configuration becomes more popular, you may want to ensure that your 64-bit applications can install without any reliance on 32-bit functionality. To make this possible, the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield include support for building pure 64-bit .msi packages; these can be run on 64-bit Windows-based systems that do not have WOW64 functionality.

- **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**—Use this tool to create new InstallShield prerequisites and modify existing ones.

- **Custom icons for Setup.exe and Update.exe**—Specify a custom icon (.exe, .dll, or .ico file) that you want to use for Setup.exe and Update.exe files that you create at build time. The icon is displayed on the Properties dialog box for Setup.exe; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties. End users can also see the icon when they view your Setup.exe file in Windows Explorer.

- **Expiration dates for Setup.exe**—Set an expiration date, as well as an expiration message, for Setup.exe. If end users try to run Setup.exe on or after the date that you have specified in your project, the expiration message is displayed, and the installation exits.

- **Support for installation of multiple packages using transaction processing**—Windows Installer 4.5 and later include support for installing multiple packages using transaction processing. The Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield let you add chained .msi packages to an installation project. Your package, plus the added .msi packages, are chained together and processed as a single transaction. If one or more of the packages in the transaction cannot be installed successfully or if the end user cancels the installation, the Windows Installer initiates rollback for all packages to restore the system to its earlier state.

- **Ability to export and reuse various project elements**—Increase efficiency by moving pieces of an existing project (dialogs, custom actions, or features) to a merge module or another installation project.

- **Multiple-instance support**—Create an installation that lets end users install multiple instances of a product on the same machine and in the same user context.

- **Device driver support**—Device driver support in the Premier and Professional editions simplifies the process of installing device drivers from installation using the Driver Installation Frameworks for Applications (DIFxApp) from Microsoft.

- **Additional Dialog Themes**—Several dialog themes are available only in the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield. The Limited and Express editions contain only two themes.

- **Conversion of Visual Studio merge module projects**—The Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield let you convert a Visual Studio merge module project to an InstallShield merge module project; this is necessary if you want to build a merge module for consumption in other projects.

- **COM+ application proxy support**—Manage COM+ application proxies during your installation. A COM+ application proxy consists of a subset of the attributes of the server application, and it enables remote access from a client machine to the machine where the application resides.

For additional details about the features that are included with each edition, contact InstallShield Sales, or visit [http://www.installshield.com](http://www.installshield.com).
To learn about upgrading from one edition to another, see the appropriate topic:

- Upgrading from the Express Edition to the Professional or Premier Editions
- Upgrading from the Professional Edition to the Premier Edition

Upgrading from the Express Edition to the Professional or Premier Editions

InstallShield 2020

If you have an Express project type that was created using the Express edition of InstallShield, that project is upgraded to a Basic MSI project when you open it in the Premier or Professional edition of InstallShield. This upgrade is done because Basic MSI is the comparable project type for the Express project type. QuickPatch projects created with the Express edition remain as QuickPatch projects in the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield.

When you open any project created with the Express edition in the Premier or Professional edition, InstallShield converts the file from an .ise file to an .ism file. A backup of your .ise file is saved before the conversion takes place.

Billboard properties from Express edition projects will not be migrated since they are not supported in Basic MSI projects. You will receive warning 701 when the billboards property is specified in Express edition projects.

Task

**To upgrade an Express edition project:**

Open the project in the Premier or Professional edition of InstallShield. A dialog box opens to ask if you would like to upgrade your project.

- Click **Yes** to upgrade your project. Your project opens in InstallShield.
- Click **No** to leave the project unopened.

A backup copy of your original project is created and stored in the location specified in the dialog box.

Upgrading from the Professional Edition to the Premier Edition

InstallShield 2020

When you open a Professional edition project in the Premier edition, your project does not need to be converted. It opens seamlessly in the Premier edition, enabling you to take advantage of Premier edition–only features. To learn about the specific features, see **Upgrading from Other InstallShield Editions**.

For additional information about the features included with each edition, visit [http://www.installshield.com](http://www.installshield.com).
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects

InstallShield 2020

Visual Studio includes limited support for creating setup and merge module projects. InstallShield lets you convert or import these types of Visual Studio projects into InstallShield projects so that you can use the advanced features and functionality in InstallShield to create installations and merge modules.

With InstallShield, you can do the following:

- Import a Visual Studio setup project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield Basic MSI or Merge Module project (.ism), or import a Visual Studio merge module project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield Basic MSI or Merge Module project (.ism). These tasks enable you to create InstallShield installation and merge module projects that contain the same data and settings that were in your Visual Studio project. During the import process, you can choose to import or ignore certain settings in the Visual Studio project.

- Convert a Visual Studio setup project to an InstallShield Basic MSI project, or convert a Visual Studio merge module project to an InstallShield merge module project. Converting a Visual Studio merge module project to an InstallShield Merge Module project is necessary if you want to build a merge module for consumption in other projects.

**Note** • If your Visual Studio project contains one or more project outputs, you can use InstallShield to import that Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project; however, InstallShield cannot convert that Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project.

The following versions of Visual Studio are supported:

- Visual Studio 2010
- Visual Studio 2008
- Visual Studio 2005
- Visual Studio .NET 2003
- Visual Studio .NET

Benefits of Using an InstallShield Project Instead of a Visual Studio Project

If you convert or import your Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project, you can use the features in InstallShield to fully customize your project.

Following is a list of a few of the tasks that you can perform in InstallShield projects but not in Visual Studio projects:

- Modify the layout of dialogs through a visual Dialog Editor.
- Manage components and features.
- Store custom actions in the Binary table of the .msi or .msm database. (With Visual Studio, all custom actions must be installed with the product.)
- Manage SQL-related tasks, such as connecting to a SQL server and running SQL scripts.
- Manage IIS Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions.
• Add billboards that are displayed during file transfer.
• Modify XML files or other text files on the target system at run time.
• Create shortcuts to pre-existing files on a target system.
• Manage COM+ applications.

Import Process
InstallShield lets you import a Visual Studio setup or merge module project into an InstallShield Basic MSI or Merge Module project.

**Note** • If the Visual Studio setup or merge module project that you want to import into an InstallShield project contains one or more project outputs, the InstallShield project must be in the same Visual Studio solution that contains the Visual Studio setup or merge module project and all of its project dependencies.

In order to import a Visual Studio project that contains project outputs, you must be using InstallShield from within Visual Studio. If your InstallShield project is open in InstallShield, but not from within Visual Studio, and you try to import a Visual Studio project that contains project outputs into the InstallShield project, an error occurs.

**Task** To import a Visual Studio project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield project (.ism):

1. In InstallShield, create or open the Basic MSI or Merge Module project.
2. On the **Project** menu, click the **Visual Studio Deployment Project Wizard** button.

InstallShield imports the Visual Studio project into your open InstallShield project based on the settings that you configured in the wizard. As InstallShield imports the project, it displays the status of the project import in the Output window. The Output window shows each step of the conversion process, and it lists any conversion errors and warnings.

Conversion Process
If you use InstallShield to convert a Visual Studio setup project, InstallShield creates an InstallShield Basic MSI project (.ism).

If you use InstallShield to convert a Visual Studio merge module project, InstallShield creates an InstallShield Merge Module project (.ism).

**Task** To convert a Visual Studio project (.vdproj) to an InstallShield project (.ism):

1. Open InstallShield.
2. On the **File** menu, click **Open**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
3. In the **Files of type** box, select **Visual Studio Setup Projects (*.vdproj)**.
4. Browse to the location of the Visual Studio project that you want to open, and select the project file.
5. Click the **Open** button.
InstallShield creates an InstallShield project based on the settings in the Visual Studio project. InstallShield stores the .ism file in the same folder as the .vdproj file. As InstallShield creates the .ism file, it displays the status of the project conversion in the Output window. The Output window shows each step of the conversion process, and it lists any conversion errors and warnings.

Once the conversion process finishes successfully, the new InstallShield project is displayed in InstallShield.

**Post-Import and Post-Conversion Tasks**

**Prerequisite Tasks**

Visual Studio lets you add one or more predefined prerequisites to one or more configurations in a Visual Studio setup project. The import and conversion processes in InstallShield attempt to convert all of the prerequisites in all of the configurations to equivalent InstallShield prerequisites. If InstallShield does not include a corresponding InstallShield prerequisite, warning -9071 occurs, alerting you that the prerequisite could not be converted. To resolve this warning, consider creating an InstallShield prerequisite that installs the required redistributable, and add that InstallShield prerequisite to your project. For more information, see Defining InstallShield Prerequisites and Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects.

**User-Interface Tasks**

The import and conversion processes do not incorporate the dialogs from a Visual Studio project into the InstallShield project. Once you have imported or converted your project, you can use the Dialogs view in InstallShield to configure settings for the dialogs in your project.

**Language Tasks**

If you imported a Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project and the following conditions exist, InstallShield replaces the existing string entry values in your project with default string entry values for the language of your Visual Studio project:

- You indicate in the Visual Studio Deployment Project Wizard that you would like to import the language of the Visual Studio project.
- The language of your Visual Studio project does not match the default language in your InstallShield project. (In Visual Studio, the Localization property indicates the project’s language. In InstallShield, the Default Language setting in the String Editor view indicates the project’s default language.)
- InstallShield has support for the language that is used in your Visual Studio project. (If you are using the Professional edition of InstallShield, you may not have support for the language that is used in your Visual Studio project.)

For example, if you indicate in the Visual Studio Deployment Project Wizard that you would like to import the language of the Visual Studio project, if the language of your InstallShield project is Spanish, and if you are using the Premier edition of InstallShield, InstallShield replaces the Spanish run-time strings in your project with the default German translations. Thus, if you edit a string entry value by revising a setting such as the Publisher setting in the General Information view, and then you indicate in the wizard that you want to import the language of a Visual Studio project, InstallShield overwrites the value of the Publisher setting—as well as values for other settings—with the default German string entry values.

Therefore, if you change the project language while importing your Visual Studio project, review the settings in the General Information view and the String Editor view, and modify the string entry values if appropriate.
.NET Installer Class Tasks

If your Visual Studio project includes a .NET installer class custom action, InstallShield configures the .NET installer class information for the .NET assembly’s component during the conversion process, instead of creating a .NET installer class custom action. InstallShield does not include support for the Condition property of a .NET installer class custom action in Visual Studio. Therefore, if your Visual Studio project contains a .NET installer class custom action that has a condition, you may want to use the Components view in InstallShield to create a condition for the component that contains the .NET assembly after you have converted your project.

Additional Tasks

You can also use the other views in InstallShield to make additional changes to your project.

Note • Visual Studio lets you specify a directory path that contains multiple formatted properties, such as [ProgramFilesFolder]\[Manufacturer]\[ProductName], for the application folder. Visual Studio projects use a directory custom action to resolve the path at run time. However, InstallShield does not support this type of directory path. Therefore, InstallShield resolves the path during the conversion process and uses the INSTALLDIR property for the path.

See Also
Working with Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects
Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard

Obtaining Updates for InstallShield

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If you have an Internet connection, you can view the updates and obtain the latest InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and objects; service packs; patches; and other updates for the version of InstallShield that you are using.

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See Also
Including Redistributables in Your Installation
Standalone Build
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield

InstallShield 2020

**Important** • Language support varies, depending on the edition of InstallShield that you are using, the project type, and the language of the InstallShield interface (English or Japanese).

Note that support for Arabic (Saudi Arabia) and Hebrew is available only in Basic MSI, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI projects in the Premier edition.

The InstallShield Premier edition includes default run-time strings in 35 supported languages. When you add a supported language to a project, that language is made available in various language-related settings throughout InstallShield. In addition, InstallShield adds translated string entries for that language to your project. The string entries are for the default dialogs, messages, and other end-user interface elements. For a list of the supported languages, see Language Identifiers.

The InstallShield Premier edition also lets you add unsupported languages, beyond the built-in 35 languages, to Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects through the New Language Wizard. An unsupported language is one in which none of the default run-time strings are translated. When you add an unsupported language to a project, that language is made available in various language-related settings throughout InstallShield. In addition, InstallShield uses the strings from your project’s default language as placeholders for the strings in that newly added unsupported language; you can use the String Editor view to provide translated strings for the unsupported languages.

The English version of the InstallShield Professional edition lets you select one of 33 languages (any of the supported languages, except for Arabic or Hebrew) to use as the run-time language for all of the projects that you create. The English version of the InstallShield Professional edition includes default run-time strings for the one language that you have selected.

The Japanese version of the InstallShield Professional edition lets you select English plus one additional supported language; that is, if you are using the Japanese version of the InstallShield Professional edition, you can create projects with English run-time strings as well as projects with run-time strings from one other supported language. The Japanese version of the InstallShield Professional edition includes default run-time strings in English, plus the one additional supported language that you have selected.

If you want to modify the default run-time strings or you are adding custom dialogs, messages, and other end-user interface elements to your project, you can enter the custom run-time strings directly in your InstallShield project. As an alternative, you can export a language’s string entries to a file, translate the string values in the file, and then import the translated file into your project. This support is available in all editions of InstallShield.

To learn more about language support in InstallShield, see the following sections of the documentation:

- Localizing the End-User Interface
- Creating Multilingual Installations
- Code Page Requirements for Language Support
- Settings for Languages
Code Page Requirements for Language Support

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If you plan on creating releases that include run-time strings in a language that includes double-byte characters (for example, Japanese, Greek, or Korean), determine whether you need to install any code pages on your build machine.

Unicode encoding is used to display run-time strings throughout InstallShield. With Unicode encoding, double-byte characters are displayed correctly within InstallShield, even if InstallShield is on a system that does not have a project’s target languages installed. In addition, you can build releases on a system that does not have the release’s target languages.

However, if you use ANSI encoding for run-time strings (for example, if you export the string entries from a project as an ANSI text file and then import the translated ANSI text file into your project), you need to install the code pages for those languages on your build machine. The code pages allow your system to accurately represent the characters of those languages. If your build machine does not have the code pages installed, InstallShield reports a build error when you try to build a release, and the installation does not display double-byte characters properly at run time.

Tip • It is recommended that you use Unicode encoding instead of ANSI encoding when you are exporting string entries to a file for translation.

See Also
Exporting and Importing String Entries
Installing Supplemental Language Support on a Build Machine

Installing Supplemental Language Support on a Build Machine

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The following instructions explain how to install code pages on a build machine that has Windows XP. This may be necessary if you want to build releases that contain Chinese, Japanese, and Korean languages. On later operating systems, the code pages are typically installed by default.

Task To install code pages on a build machine that has Windows XP:

1. In the Control Panel, launch Regional and Language Options.
2. Click the Languages tab.
3. Click the Details button.
4. Click the Add button.
5. Select the language for which you want to add a code page.
6. Click OK.

The following instructions explain how to install files for right-to-left languages such as Arabic and Hebrew on a build machine that has Windows XP. On later operating systems, these files are typically installed by default. If these files are not installed, the String Editor view may display the strings left to right instead of right to left.
Task

To install right-to-left language support on a build machine that has Windows XP:

1. In the Control Panel, launch Regional and Language Options.

2. Click the Languages tab.

3. In the Supplemental language support area, select the Install files for complex script and right-to-left languages check box.

4. Click the Add button.

5. Select the language for which you want to add a code page.

6. Click OK.

7.

See Also

Code Page Requirements for Language Support

Supported Application Programming Languages

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield allows you to create installations for applications created in any programming language—including applications created with Java, Pascal, C++, Visual Basic, Delphi, C#.NET, Visual Basic .NET, ASP .NET, and Cobol.

Even if you created your application using a language other than those listed above, you can use InstallShield to create an installation for your application. In addition—if you are not deploying an application, but want to package files or a database—you can use InstallShield to assist with those tasks.

See Also

Project Types
InstallShield 2020

This section contains tutorials that walk you through the process of creating an installation using InstallShield.

Table 3-1 • Available Tutorials

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<td><strong>Globalization Tutorial</strong></td>
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*Note* • The Premier edition of InstallShield must be installed on your development system in order to successfully complete this tutorial.
InstallScript Project Tutorial

This tutorial guides you through the process of creating, building, running, and enhancing an InstallScript installation using InstallShield.

The tutorial is divided into several steps. After the first step—Step 1: Creating, Building, and Testing Projects—the other steps can be performed independently, and in any order, so you can focus on the information relevant to your work.

In this tutorial, you will learn how to handle many of the tasks that an installation needs to address, including:

- Installing files
- Setting up shortcuts and registry data
- Conditionally installing data
- Changing the installation’s user interface
- Building release images
- Testing the installation

Throughout the tutorial are links to related topics in the Help Library.

Begin the tutorial

Step 1: Creating, Building, and Testing Projects

This step demonstrates how to create an installation project, build a release image, and test the installation. After completing this step, you will know how to:

- Use the Project Assistant to create a new project.
- Specify global properties of your installation project.
- Define setup types, features, components, and file links.
- Build a release image for duplication and distribution.
- Run your installation from the InstallShield user interface.

An installation is made up of three levels:

Table 3-1 • Levels Within an Installation

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<td>Components</td>
<td>A component is the smallest separately installable piece of your product from the developer’s viewpoint. A component specifies files, shortcuts, registry data, and other data to be installed on the target system. The end user never directly interacts with components. A component can be placed in more than one feature, and the component’s data will be installed if the user selects at least one feature associated with the component.</td>
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The installation that you will create in this tutorial installs and configures an application called **Tutorial App**. The source files for Tutorial App are located in one of the Samples subfolders within the InstallShield Program Files folder. The default installation location is:

C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Tutorial Project

### Creating a Project with the Project Assistant

After launching InstallShield, create a new InstallScript project by doing the following:

1. Open the **New Project** dialog box by doing one of the following:
   - Click the **Create a new project** link in the **Start Page’s Project Tasks** section (on the left of the page).
   - On the **File** menu, click **New**.
   - Click the toolbar’s **New Project** button
2. In the **New Project** dialog box, click the **InstallScript** tab.
3. In the **InstallScript tab’s** list view, select the **InstallScript Project** icon.
4. In the **Project Name** edit box, type the project name **Tutorial**.
5. Click **OK**.

There are many other ways to create a project, such as updating a project created using InstallShield Professional. For more information, see Creating New Projects.

InstallShield creates a project file called `ProjectName.ism`, in this case `Tutorial.ism`. The project file stores all the settings you make in the InstallShield user interface. To move a project to another machine, copy the `.ism` file (and the installation source files) to the other system.

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**Tip** • You can change the directory where new project files are created by choosing Options from the Tools menu, selecting the File Locations tab, and entering the new location in the “Project Location” field.
Your new project is opened to its Project Assistant tab. To begin using the Project Assistant, click the Next button in the lower right corner.

**Tip** • You can do the Project Assistant’s steps in any order, and switch at any time (by clicking the appropriate tab) between the Project Assistant and the Installation Designer, in which you can add more complex and powerful elements to your installation project.

### Specifying Application Information

The Application Information page lets you specify general information about the application that you are installing.

**Task** • For this tutorial, do the following:

1. In the **Specify your company name** edit box, type the name *Tutorial Co*.
2. In the **Specify your application name** edit box, type the name *Tutorial App*.
3. Leave the other fields unchanged.

The value you enter in the application name field is used in dialogs displayed to the end user, as the display name for your application in Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel. The application name and company name you enter determine the default location of application shortcuts on the Windows Start menu, and the default value for the `TARGETDIR` system variable, which specifies the default destination for components’ files.

### Customizing the Installation Architecture

The Installation Architecture page lets you specify the features you want to be displayed by your installation. A feature is the smallest separately installable piece of your product from the end user’s standpoint. Individual features are visible to end users when they select a Custom setup type.

**Note** • Features can contain subfeatures, subsubfeatures, and so forth, to as many levels as your installation requires.

**Task** • For this tutorial, do the following:

1. For the **Do you want to customize your Installation Architecture?** question, select Yes.
2. Select the existing **DefaultFeature** feature and rename it **ProgramFiles**.
3. Create a new feature called **HelpFiles**. To do so, click **Installation Architecture** and then click the **New** button.
Adding Files to Your Project

InstallScript Project Tutorial

The Application Files page lets you specify the files you want to link with each of your features.

First, select from the list of features the feature in which you want to insert files. To add file links, click the Add Files button, and then browse for the file or files you want to include in the selected feature.

Task

For this tutorial, add the Tutorial.exe file to the ProgramFiles feature by doing the following:

1. In the list of features, click ProgramFiles.
2. In the tree control (with top node Destination Computer), select Application Target Folder.
3. Click Add Files.
4. Browse for Tutorial.exe, which is located in your source directory.
5. When the "The file you have added ... may have dependencies" message appears, click No; Tutorial.exe has no dependencies.

Creating Shortcuts

InstallScript Project Tutorial

The Application Shortcuts page lets you specify shortcuts for your application’s files on the target system’s desktop or Start menu. By default, this page displays a shortcut for each executable that you have included in your installation project; you can delete these, and add shortcuts to other files that you have included in your installation project.

For this tutorial, leave this page’s default specifications unchanged: a shortcut to Tutorial.exe on the Start menu.

Configuring Registry Data

InstallScript Project Tutorial

The Application Registry page lets you specify any registry entries that your application requires.

Note • An InstallScript project includes script code that by default creates the application uninstallation key (Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\<GUID> under the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE or HKEY_CURRENT_USER root key as appropriate) and its values and data; you do not need to specify these registry entries.

For this tutorial, do not specify any registry entries in this page. Registry entries are covered in Step 2, Shortcuts and Registry Data, of the tutorial.
Selecting Dialogs with the Installation Interview

The Installation Interview page lets you specify the dialogs that you want the end user to see when your installation runs. Based on your answers to the questions on this page, the Project Assistant adds the corresponding dialog function to your installation script. Script changes related to dialogs are covered in Step 6 of the tutorial.

Task For this tutorial, do the following:
1. Select the No option button under the text "Do you want to display a License Agreement Dialog?"
2. Leave the other option buttons set to Yes.

Choosing a Language for Your Installation

The Installation Localization page lets you specify the languages that your installation supports. It also lets you specify string values and associated identifiers, which you can use in your end user interface to make your installation more easily localizable in other languages.

Edition Multilingual language support is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Task For this tutorial, change the display name of the HelpFiles feature by doing the following:
1. In the list box, select Feature String Data. The table on the right displays all of the feature string entries.
2. In the Value column, click HelpFiles (the value associated with the identifier IDS_FEATURE_DISPLAY_NAME2), and change it to Help Files; that is, add a space.

Building Your Installation

The Build Installation page lets you specify what type of distribution you want to build (and, optionally, the location to copy the distribution files to).

Task For this tutorial, do the following:
1. Select the CD-ROM option.
2. Click Build Installations.
The output window opens with the Build tab uppermost and displays information about the progress of the build. The build is finished when the Build tab displays the line "Build finished at date and time".

Continue

Running Your Installation

To run your installation from within InstallShield, click the Run toolbar button or press CTRL+F5.

The installation displays the dialogs that you specified in the Installation Interview Page of the Project Assistant. The values you entered in the Project Assistant are displayed to the end user in the appropriate dialogs. For example, at run time, the default value of TARGETDIR that you specified in the Project Assistant appears in the Choose Destination Location dialog. If the end user browses for a different destination directory, TARGETDIR stores the new value.

After the installation is complete, you can browse for the directory and find the files installed by your setup program. If the installation was successful, you will see the tutorial files installed.

Maintenance Mode

When a user runs an installation a second (or later) time for a product installed on their system, the installation runs in maintenance mode. Maintenance mode allows the user to modify feature selections from the first-time installation, repair the features already installed, or remove the entire program.

Uninstalling the Program

To uninstall the program, click the Run button (or press CTRL+F5), and select Remove from the Setup Maintenance dialog. This is the same behavior a user sees when selecting your application in Add or Remove Programs.

Now that you have created a basic installation project, click the Installation Designer tab (near the top of the window) to expand and fine-tune your installation as illustrated in the next step of the tutorial.

See Also
Troubleshooting Your Installation
Configuring the Enable Maintenance Setting

Working with the InstallShield Interface

Now that you have created a basic installation project, click the Installation Designer tab (near the top of the window) to expand and fine-tune your project in the InstallShield user interface. The InstallShield user interface is arranged in functional categories that help you add or edit information in your project. This and later steps of the tutorial explore several of the different InstallShield views.

After completing this step, you will know how to:

- Set display properties for your program features.
- Define your program’s setup types.
- Create components and add file links.

Continue
Setting Feature Properties

First, you will set additional properties for the features you created in the Project Assistant, such as the feature display name and description. To edit the feature properties, go to the Features view in the IDE.

Task

To set feature properties:

1. On the Go menu, point to Organization and click Features.
2. In the Features explorer, click the DefaultFeature feature and set its Description property to This feature contains the Tutorial App program files.
3. Select the New Feature feature and set its Description property to This feature contains the Tutorial App help files. As you enter each description, InstallShield creates a string entry—displayed as {ID_STRINGn}—to represent each value.
4. Rename the features in the Features view to have the same names as their respective display names. To rename a feature, click the feature twice to highlight its name, then type the new name.

At run time, if the end user chooses the Custom setup type, the installation displays a dialog that prompts the user to select which features to install. This dialog displays features using the display name and description you specified here.

See Also
Features View

Setting Setup Type Properties

Setup types are collections of features to be installed. A typical installation offers Complete and Custom setup types—where the Complete setup type installs all features, and a Custom setup type displays a dialog that lets the end user choose which features to install.

You modify setup type properties in the Setup Types view of the IDE (under the View List’s Organization node).

Task

For each setup type, select the features to be installed by selecting the boxes in front of the features’ names:

1. For the Complete setup type, select both features.
2. For the Custom setup type, select both features.

See Also
Setup Types View
Creating Components and File Links

You can add links to additional files in the Files and Folders view. In this step, you will add a file to your HelpFiles feature. As you add files in the Files and Folders view, the IDE creates components for you according to Setup Best Practices rules.

**Task**

To add the source file Tutorial.html to a new component in the Help Files feature:

1. Go to the Files and Folders view (under the View List's Application Data node).
2. Select Help Files from the feature list at the top of the view.
3. In the “Destination computer’s folders” area, right-click the Destination Computer icon and verify that Show Components is selected.
4. Right-click the Application Target Folder icon and select New Component.
5. Rename the new component HelpComponent.
6. In the “Source computer’s folders” area, browse for the source folder containing TutorialHelp.html.
7. Drag the TutorialHelp.html icon from the “Source computer’s files” area and drop it on the HelpComponent icon.

This type of file linking, where the list of files linked to a component does not change, is called *static file linking*. To link to a directory (and possibly its subdirectories) whose contents might change between builds, see Dynamic File Linking.

**Tip**

You can use the InstallShield dependency scanners to determine additional files required by your application that are currently not included in your project. For example, Tutorial App uses MFC, so it will be necessary to add the MFC Runtime object to your project in the Redistributables view if you intend to target systems that do not have the MFC run-time libraries installed.

The next step of the tutorial explains how to build a release image for your installation project.

**See Also**

Files and Folders View
Redistributables
Static Scanning Wizard
Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Building a Release

Before testing an installation, it is necessary to build a release. A release image contains all of the files to be distributed to the end user on a CD-ROM or floppy disk or from a network location.

The simplest way to build a new release is to use the Release Wizard. The Release Wizard is where you specify release properties, such as the type of media (CD-ROM, for example) to use and whether to compress files on the media. You can launch the Release Wizard by clicking the Release Wizard toolbar button, or by choosing Release Wizard from the Build menu.
Click Next in the Welcome panel to specify your release settings. You can click Help in any panel for more information about the current step.

Naming the Release

In the Specify a Release panel, specify a release name. The release name is used as the name of a folder in which your built release will be placed. For this example, create a new release called cdrom.

Selecting the Media Type and General Options

Media Type Panel

In the Media Type panel, you specify the type of media for which you are building a release. The media type you specify indicates the size of the disk image folders the Release Wizard creates: when you build a release for CD-ROM, the Release Wizard divides your disk images into folders, each of which is smaller than 650 MB.

For this tutorial, select CD-ROM.

Click Next to specify general options for your release.

General Options Panel

The General Options panel lets you do the following:

- Create a self-extracting executable file for distributing your installation
- Pass command line options to Setup.exe
- Pass preprocessor variable definitions to the compiler
- Select whether to place the compiled script file (.inx file) in a cabinet file

For this tutorial, leave the panel’s default settings unchanged.

Specifying a Password and Supported Platforms

Password Panel

In the Password panel, you can specify a password for your installation, and, if you do, whether to execute the password-checking code in the OnCheckMediaPassword event handler function’s default code.

For this tutorial, do not specify a password.

Click Next to specify the operating systems you want to support in the current release.
Platforms Panel
In the Platforms panel, you can specify the operating systems you want to support in the current release.
For this tutorial, do not change the default selection: **Use platforms specified by the Platforms project property.**

Continue

Specifying Setup Languages and Including Features

Setup Languages Panel
In the Setup Languages panel, you can specify the languages you want your installation to be able to run in, and whether to display a dialog that allows the end user to select the language in which they want the setup displayed.

The wizard will build into your installation only those language-specific elements, including string entries and dialogs, that you select in this panel. All language-independent resources, such as product properties and built-in actions, are included as a matter of course.

For this tutorial, leave the default selections unchanged.

Click Next to specify which features you want to include in the current release.

Features Panel
In the Features panel, you can specify which features are included in the built release.
For this tutorial, do not change the default selection: **Use the ‘Include in Build’ feature property to determine inclusion.**

Continue

Defining Media Layout and Dialog Appearance

Media Layout Panel
In the Media Layout panel, specify, for individual features or for all features, whether the features’ files are stored in cabinet files or placed uncompressed in the disk image.

For this tutorial, do not change the default selection: "Cabinet File(s)".

User Interface Panel
In the User Interface panel, specify the look and feel of your installation’s end user dialogs.

For this tutorial, leave the default selections unchanged.

Continue
Specifying Internet Options and Digitally Signing Your Application

**Internet Options Panel**

In the Internet Options panel, specify various Internet-related options. Any release can be run over the Internet, regardless of its media type.

For this tutorial, check the Create a default Web page for the setup box and leave the other default selections unchanged.

**Digital Signature Panel**

In the Digital Signature panel, you can digitally sign your application. Digitally signing your application helps to assure your end users that the code within your application has not been modified or corrupted since publication.

For this tutorial, leave the default selections unchanged.

Continue

Specifying Update and Postbuild Information

**Update Panel**

The Update panel lets you specify the release format and the existing releases for which the current release can be run as an update.

For this tutorial, leave the default selections unchanged.

**Postbuild Options Panel**

The Postbuild Options panel lets you copy disk image folders to a folder or FTP site, or execute a batch file, after the release build is complete.

For this tutorial, leave the default selections unchanged.

Continue

Reviewing Your Settings

The Summary panel displays the Release Wizard settings for the current release. If the settings are correct, select the Build the Release check box and click Finish to build your release. If not, click Back to modify the settings.

Status messages for the build in progress are displayed in the output window.

When the build is complete, the files to copy onto the CD are placed in the following directory:

`<ProjectFolder>Tutorial\cdrom\DiskImages\DISK1`.

After making changes to your project in later steps of the tutorial, you can rebuild the latest release by clicking the Build toolbar button, choosing Build from the Build menu, or pressing F7.
You can now run the installation as you did previously in this tutorial. To run the installation as an Internet installation, click the toolbar’s Open Release Folder button and launch Setup.htm.

The next step of the tutorial explains how to create shortcuts and registry data for an installation.

**See Also**
- Release Wizard
- Troubleshooting Your Installation
- Building a Release from the Command Line

## Troubleshooting Your Installation

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After running your installation, if files are not installed, check the following parts of your project:

- Verify that TARGETDIR is set to the proper value. This is set in the General Information view.
  
  For this tutorial, the recommended value is as follows:
  
  `[ProgramFilesFolder]TutorialCo\TutorialApp`

- Verify that your setup types have features associated with them.

- Verify that your features have components and files associated with them.

- After making any changes to your installation, it is necessary to **rebuild your project** by clicking the Build button or pressing F7.

**See Also**
- Build Errors and Warnings
- Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)
- Validating Projects

## Step 2: Shortcuts and Registry Data

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This step explains how to use the IDE to:

- Create program shortcuts
- Create registry information

**Continue**

## Creating Shortcuts

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You create and modify shortcuts in the Shortcuts view. The properties of a shortcut include its display name, its target executable and arguments, and the icon it displays. Using the Project Assistant, you have already created a shortcut to Tutorial App in the end user’s Programs folder, under the Start menu.
Task

In this step you create a shortcut on the end user’s desktop.

1. Go to the **Shortcuts** view.

2. Right-click the **Desktop** icon and select **New Shortcut**. The **Browse for Shortcut Target** dialog box opens.

3. In the dialog box, select **Application Target Folder** from the **Look in** drop-down menu and select Tutorial.exe from the files list.

4. Click **Open** to close the **Browse for Shortcut Target** dialog box.

5. Rename the shortcut icon to an internal name such as tutorial.

Next, set the following properties for the shortcut:

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Tip • To create a shortcut to a file already located on the user’s machine, enter the path to the file—using system variables to represent the path to the file, when possible. For example, to launch a copy of Windows Notepad located in the user’s Windows or WinNT folder, enter the shortcut target as `<WINDIR>\Notepad.exe`.

Continue

See Also

Shortcuts View

Creating Registry Data

Another common requirement for installations is to write information to the target system’s registry. To add registry data to a component, you can use the Registry view.

For example, to create a registry value called *TutorialData* under *HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Tutorial Co\Tutorial\1.00.0000*:
Task

To create registry data:

1. Go to the Registry view.
2. In the Destination computer’s Registry view area, right-click Destination Computer and select New Registry Set.
3. Rename the registry set tutorial.
4. Under the tutorial registry set, right-click HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE and from the New submenu select Key.
5. Rename the key Software.
6. Repeat the process for subkeys named Tutorial Co, Tutorial, and 1.00.0000.
7. In the Destination computer’s Registry data area, right-click and select New String Value.
8. Rename the value TutorialData.
9. Double-click the TutorialData value and enter <TARGETDIR> in the Value data field.
10. Click the tutorial registry set, and in the Registry Set Install Conditions pane check DefaultComponent.

At run time, if the end user selects a setup type or collection of features that includes the Tutorial.exe component, the registry data is created on the target system.

Verifying that the Shortcut Was Created

Task

To verify that your installation created the shortcut:

1. Rebuild your project by clicking the Build toolbar button or pressing F7.
2. Run the project by clicking the Run button or pressing CTRL+F5 (first removing any existing version of the program from your system). A shortcut to Tutorial App should be present in the Programs folder of your Start menu.

Verifying that the Registry Data Was Created

Task

To verify that the installation created the registry data:

1. Launch Tutorial App from its shortcut.
2. From the Tutorial menu, choose Verify Registry Data. If the registry data was created, a message box displaying the text <TARGETDIR> is displayed.

The next step of the tutorial explains how to register a COM server (self-registering file).

Step 3: Registering COM Servers

For many files, the installation’s only requirement is to copy the files from the source media to the target system. For others, the installer also needs to register the files with the target system. One category of file that needs extra handling is a self-registering file.
In this step you will create a component that installs and registers Tutorial.ocx and an HTML file that uses it.

A COM server is usually a DLL or .ocx file that requires extra information to be written to the target system’s registry before applications and Web pages that use the self-registering file can find it.

**Task**  
**To install a self-registering file:**

1. Go to the Files and Folders view.
2. At the top of the Files and Folders view, in the View Filter list, select the ProgramFiles feature.
3. In the Source computer’s folder pane, browse for Tutorial.ocx in your source directory.
4. Drag Tutorial.ocx from the Source computer’s folders pane and drop it into the Destination computer’s folders pane’s Application Target Folder. The component SelfRegFiles is created under Application Target Folder; this component contains Tutorial.ocx and has its Self-Register property set to Yes, as you can verify by right-clicking the component and selecting Properties.

Next, add the HTML file to a new component also associated with the ProgramFiles feature.

**Task**  
**To add the HTML file to a new component associated with the ProgramFiles feature:**

1. In the Destination computer’s folders pane of the Files and Folders view, right-click Application Target Folder and select New Component.
2. Rename the component OcxHTML.
3. Drag the file TutorialCtrl.html from the Source computer’s files view into the OcxHTML component.

**Task**  
**After rebuilding your release (by pressing F7) and running the installation (by pressing CTRL+FS), you can verify that the file was registered properly:**

1. Launch Tutorial App using its shortcut in the Programs menu, or by double-clicking its icon.
2. Choose COM Server Test from the Tutorial menu.
3. If the COM server was registered correctly, the HTML page displays a “success” message.

The next step of the tutorial demonstrates how to install files conditionally.

### Step 4: Conditions and Properties

In this step, you will learn how to conditionally install data on a target system.

A common requirement for installations is to install certain files on a system only if particular conditions are met. For example, files may be specific to an operating system or language, or should be installed only if the user has appropriate privileges.
To install a component (and its files and other data) only on particular operating systems, you can use the component’s Operating Systems property. You can modify a component’s properties by opening the Setup Design view, expanding the feature icon that contains the feature, and selecting the desired component.

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**Task**

*To create a component that will be installed only on systems that have Windows 8:*

1. Go to the Setup Design view.
2. Right-click the HelpFiles feature and select New Component.
3. Rename the component to windows_8_files.
4. Click the Files icon for the component and add the file ReadmeNT.txt from your source folder by right-clicking in the Files pane and browsing to the file.
5. Click the windows_8_files component to display the component’s property grid.
6. Select the component’s Operating Systems setting and click the browse button. The Platforms dialog opens.
7. Select the Windows 8 check box.
8. Click OK.

After you rebuild (by pressing F7) and run the installation (by pressing CTRL+F5), and any files or other data contained in the component will be installed only if the target system is running Windows 8.

The next step of the tutorial describes how to modify your project’s script.

**See Also**

FeatureSelectItem Function

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**Step 5: Working with Scripts**

InstallShield uses the InstallScript language to drive an installation. You can modify the project’s script in the InstallScript view.

**Tip**

Press CTRL+M to maximize the Script Editor; press CTRL+M again to restore it.

InstallScript project scripts use an event-driven model, where a series of predefined functions are called in a specific order. For information about the built-in categories of event handlers and the order in which event handler functions are called, see Event Handlers.

The functions already defined in your script appear in the Functions tree. To view or edit an existing function, click its name in the Functions tree.

**Note**

Event handler functions are called even if they do not explicitly appear in your script. If an event handler function does not appear in your script, its default code is used.
To add and edit an event handler function, select the desired event category (such as Before Move Data) from the script editor’s left drop-down list, and then select the name of the desired event (such as Begin) from the right drop-down list. Event handler functions that are already explicitly defined in your script appear in boldface text.

For example, the OnBegin event handler is the first function called in an installation script, for both a first-time installation and maintenance mode.

**Task** To add your own code to the OnBegin event handler, begin by creating the function:

1. Select **Before Move Data** from the event category list on the left.
2. Select **Begin** from the event handler list on the right.

The following code is added to your script:

```plaintext
//////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
// FUNCTION: OnBegin
//////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
function OnBegin( )
begin
  // TO DO: you may change default non-UI settings, for example
  //        //
  //        // You may also perform your custom initialization steps, check requirements, etc.
end;
```

You can place any code you want to execute at the beginning of your installation in the `OnBegin` function.

**Using the Function Wizard**

This example demonstrates how to use the Function Wizard to add a call to the MessageBox function. This displays a message when the user begins the installation.

**Task** To add the MessageBox function to your OnBegin function:

1. Delete the comments (lines beginning with //) between the lines reading begin and end;, and place the text insertion point between the lines.
2. Press CTRL+I to launch the Function Wizard.
3. In the **Function Category** list, select **Built-in dialog**.
4. In the **Function Name** list, select **MessageBox**.
5. Click **Next**.
6. In the `szMsg` field—which contains the message you want to display—type "Welcome to the Tutorial installation!" (including the quotation marks).
7. In the `nType` drop-down list—which specifies the type of message box to display—select **INFORMATION**.
8. Click **Finish** to paste your function call into the script.

Your **OnBegin** function should now appear as follows:

```pascal
function OnBegin( )
begin
    MessageBox ( "Welcome to the Tutorial installation!" , INFORMATION );
end;
```

**Compiling the Script**

After modifying the script, you must compile the script for the changes to take effect. Compile the script by clicking the Compile toolbar button, choosing Compile from the Build menu, or pressing CTRL+F7. Status messages are displayed during compilation in the output window of the IDE.

**Tip** • If compiling the script results in any errors or warnings, you can double-click the error message to highlight the script line where the error occurred.

When you run the installation (by clicking the Run toolbar button, or by pressing CTRL+F5), the message box appears before the Welcome dialog is displayed.

**Displaying the Message only for First-Time Installation**

The **OnBegin** function is called for both a first-time installation and a maintenance-mode installation, which means the message box will be displayed when the user reinstalls or removes the program. To display the message box only for a first-time installation, you can place your MessageBox call inside an if statement that determines if the user is running the installation for the first time.

InstallScript defines a system variable called **MAINTENANCE**, which is true if the installation is running in maintenance mode and false otherwise. To display your message box only for a first-time installation, change the **OnBegin** function to read as follows:

```pascal
function OnBegin( )
begin
    if (!MAINTENANCE) then
        MessageBox("Welcome to the Tutorial installation!", INFORMATION);
    endif;
end;
```

After you compile and run the installation, the message box appears only for a first-time installation, and not for maintenance mode.

**InstallScript**

The InstallScript language contains hundreds of functions for performing installation-related tasks, such as working with the registry and INI files, testing characteristics of the target operating system, and displaying dialogs. For details and examples, see the InstallScript Language Reference.

The next step of the tutorial explains how to modify the dialogs that are displayed by your installation.
Step 6: Changing the User Interface

This step describes three ways you can modify the user interface of your installation:

1. **Taking different actions based on user input.**
2. **Modifying user-interface-related script functions to display different dialogs.**
3. **Modifying the layout and properties of a dialog using the Dialog Editor.**

See Also
Displaying Billboards

Handling User Input

In your InstallScript code, the event handler functions that contain the dialog functions displayed at run time are:

- **OnFirstUIBefore**, which contains the dialogs to be displayed before data transfer for a first-time installation.
- **OnFirstUIAfter**, which contains the dialogs to be displayed after data transfer for a first-time installation.
- **OnMaintUIBefore**, which contains the dialogs to be displayed before data transfer for a maintenance-mode installation.
- **OnMaintUIAfter**, which contains the dialogs to be displayed after data transfer for a maintenance-mode installation.

**Note** • *The OnMaintUIBefore and OnMaintUIAfter event handler functions are not called if the project’s Maintenance Experience property is set to "No uninstall or maintenance".

A default InstallScript project created with the Project Assistant defines the **OnFirstUIBefore** event handler function, which defines the user interface for a first-time installation. **OnFirstUIBefore** calls dialog functions to display the dialogs that you specified in the Project Assistant’s Installation Interview page. For example, the following code displays a dialog that prompts the end user to enter a user name and company name:

```plaintext
szMsg = "";
szTitle = "";
nResult = SdRegisterUser( szTitle, szMsg, szName, szCompany );
```

The end user’s user name and company name are returned in the last two variables, which you can then use in any way you want, for example, to create a registry key or check against information you have stored in a file.

Changing the Dialogs Displayed

The InstallScript language includes many predefined dialogs that you can display in your installation’s user interface.
Task  To replace the default user information dialog with one that also prompts the user for a serial number, you can replace the SdRegisterUser function with a call to SdRegisterUserEx:

1. In the InstallScript view, select OnFirstUIBefore from the Functions node.
2. Declare the string script variable szSerial by adding the following to the declarations before begin in the OnFirstUIBefore() function:
   
   ```
   string szSerial;
   ```
3. Delete the lines containing the call to SdCustomerInformation:
   
   ```
   Dlg_SdRegisterUser:
   szMsg = "";
   szTitle = "";
   nResult = SdRegisterUser( szTitle, szMsg, szName, szCompany );
   if (nResult = BACK) goto Dlg_SdLicense2;
   ```
4. Replace the deleted lines with the following:
   
   ```
   Dlg_SdRegisterUserEx:
   szMsg = "";
   szTitle = "";
   szSerial = "";
   nResult = SdRegisterUserEx(szTitle, szMsg, szName, szCompany, szSerial );
   if (nResult = BACK) goto Dlg_SdLicense2;
   ```
5. Change goto statements that previously pointed to Dlg_SdRegisterUser to point to Dlg_SdRegisterUserEx.
6. Press CTRL+F7 to compile the script.

Using this approach, you can insert additional dialog in your installation’s user interface, or replace existing ones.

Continue

See Also
Dialog Functions
Dialog Customization Functions

Using the Dialog Editor

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The Dialog Editor allows you to modify the appearance of dialog displayed by your installation.

As shown in the previous step, the serial number entered by the end user is displayed in the SdRegisterUserEx dialog as plain text.

Task  To modify the dialog so the password is hidden as the end user types it:

1. In the Dialogs view (which is under the List View’s User Interface node), right-click the SdRegisterUserEx icon and select Edit.
2. Select the English (United States) icon.
3. In the **Dialog Editor**, select the edit field under the **Serial Number** label.

4. Change the **Password** property of the **Edit** control from False to True.

**Tip** • To maximize the Dialog Editor view, press CTRL+M.

After rebuilding the project (by pressing F7) and running it (by pressing CTRL+F5), the serial number entered by the user will be hidden.

**Tip** • To restore a **dialog** to its default appearance, right-click the dialog’s icon and select **Revert Dialog to Default**.

End of Tutorial
Basic MSI Project Tutorial

InstallShield 2020

This tutorial guides you through the process of creating, building, running, and enhancing a Basic MSI installation project using InstallShield.

The tutorial is divided into several steps. After the first step—Step 1: Creating, Building, and Testing Your Project—the other steps can be performed independently, and in any order, so you can focus on the information relevant to your work.

In this tutorial, you will learn how to handle many of the tasks that an installation needs to address, including:

- Installing files
- Setting up shortcuts and registry data
- Conditionally installing data
- Registering COM servers
- Changing the installation’s user interface
- Building releases
- Testing the installation

Throughout the tutorial are links to related topics in the InstallShield Help Library.

Begin the tutorial

Step 1: Creating, Building, and Testing Your Project

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This step demonstrates how to create an installation project, build a release image, and test the installation. After completing this step, you will know how to:

- Use the Project Assistant to create a new project.
- Configure many of the settings in your installation project.
- Define features, components, and file links.
- Build a release for duplication and distribution.
- Run your installation.
Basic MSI Installation Building Blocks

A Basic MSI installation is made up of two levels:

Table 3-1 • Levels Within a Basic MSI Installation

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<td>Features</td>
<td>A feature is the smallest separately installable piece of your product, from the end user’s viewpoint. If the end user selects the Custom setup type during the installation, a dialog with which the user can choose which features to install is displayed. Each feature contains components.</td>
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Tutorial Files

The installation that you will create in this tutorial installs and configures an application called Tutorial App. The source files for Tutorial App are located in one of the Samples subfolders within the InstallShield Program Files folder. The default installation location is:

C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Tutorial Project

Creating a New Basic MSI Project

The first step in the tutorial is to create a new Basic MSI project.

Task

To create a new Basic MSI project:

1. On the File menu, click New, or click the New Project button in the toolbar. The New Project dialog box opens.
2. Click the Windows Installer tab and select the Basic MSI project type.
3. In the Project Name field, enter Tutorial.
4. In the Location setting, leave the default value.
5. Select the Create the project in ‘Project Name’ subfolder check box.
6. Click OK.

InstallShield creates and opens your project.
InstallShield creates a project file called `ProjectName.ism`, or in this case, `Tutorial.ism`. The project file stores all of the settings that you configure in InstallShield. To move a project to another machine, copy the .ism file (and the installation source files) to the other system.

**Tip** • To change the default directory where new project files are created, open the Options dialog box (available when you click Options on the Tools menu). On the File Locations tab, in the Location setting, enter a new path.

### Specifying Application Information

After you create a new project, the Project Assistant launches to help you specify project and application information. The first page in the Project Assistant provides a graphical overview of the installation creation process. To begin using the Project Assistant, click the Application Information icon at the bottom of the view.

The Application Information page is where you specify general information about the application that your project will install.

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**Task**  
**To specify application information for the tutorial:**

1. In the **Specify your company name** setting, enter **TutorialCo**. This automatically updates the information in the **Specify your company Web address** setting.

2. In the **Specify your application name** setting, enter **TutorialApp**. The value that you enter is used on dialogs that are displayed to end users. It is also used as the display name for your application in Add or Remove Programs.

3. In the **Specify your application version** and **Specify your company Web address** settings, leave the default values.

4. Click the **Browse** button under the **Application Icon** setting, and browse to the `Tutorial.exe` location. The default location is `C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Tutorial Project`. Open the .exe file and select the Icon Index:0.

The Application Information panel will look like the following when you are finished.

![Application Information Panel](image)

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**Figure 3-1:** Application Information Panel
The application name and company name you enter determine the default location of application shortcuts on the Windows Start menu, and the default value for the INSTALLDIR property, which specifies the default destination for your program’s files.

Note • The default value of INSTALLDIR is \[ProgramFilesFolder\]Your Company Name\Your Product Name. The special form \[ProgramFilesFolder\] expands to the location of the user’s Program Files folder at run time. For a list of the other directory properties that are defined by Windows Installer, see the System Folders Set by the Installer section in Windows Installer Property Reference.

Setting Installation Requirements

The Installation Requirements page allows you to easily set installation requirements for the target system. For example, if your application requires a specific operating system in order to run properly, you can indicate that in the first section of this panel.

Operating

If your application required a certain version of Windows or later to run on the target system, you would select Yes and then select the operating systems with which your application can run properly.

For the tutorial, leave No selected

Software Requirements

If your application’s installation requires that a particular piece of software be installed on the target system, select Yes and select the required software. To customize the run-time message that will be displayed if the required software is not present on the target system, click on the run-time message and edit.

Note • The run-time message is not displayed in this section until a software requirement is selected.

For the tutorial, leave No selected.

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Customizing Installation Architecture

The Installation Architecture page lets you specify the features that you want your installation to display to end users. A feature is the smallest separately installable piece of your product from the end user’s standpoint. Individual features are visible to end users when they select a Custom setup type during installation.

Note • Features can contain subfeatures, subsubfeatures, and so forth, to as many levels as your installation requires.
Your installation architecture currently contains a default feature, Tutorial_Files. The default feature is always installed when an end user runs your installation. In this step, you will add another feature to the installation architecture.

**Task**

For the tutorial, add a new Help_Files feature:

1. Select Yes for the Do you want to customize your Installation Architecture? option.
2. Right-click the Installation Architecture node and select New.
3. Name the new feature Help_Files.

When you finish this step, your installation architecture will look like this:

![Installation Architecture](image)

**Figure 3-2:** Installation Architecture

Continue

### Adding Files to Your Project

The next step is to add your application’s files to the installation project. The Application Files page lets you specify the files you want to associate with each of your features.

In this step, you will add the Tutorial executable file to the Tutorial_Files feature.

**Task**

To add the Tutorial executable to the Tutorial_Files feature:

1. Select the Tutorial_Files feature from the drop-down list of features at the top of the page.
2. In the tree control (with top node Destination Computer), select the INSTALLDIR node.
3. Click Add Files. An Open dialog box opens.
4. Browse to Tutorial.exe, which is located in the Tutorial Files source directory.
5. Click Open to add the file to the Tutorial_Files feature.
6. When the file you have added ... may have dependencies message appears, click No. Tutorial.exe has no dependencies. The file is added to the feature and appears in the file list panel on the right.

**Note:** The key icon next to the file indicates that this file is the key file of the feature’s component. Windows Installer requires that most components have a single key file. The Windows Installer service uses a component’s key file for several purposes, including checking for the file’s existence to determine if a component needs to be repaired and using the key file as the
default target for a shortcut. When you add an executable file to a feature in a Basic MSI project, the Project Assistant automatically sets it as the key file of the component it creates behind the scenes for the file. For more information, see Setting Component Key Files.

Continue

Creating Shortcuts

The Application Shortcuts page lets you specify shortcuts for your application’s files on the target system’s desktop or Start menu. By default, this page displays a shortcut for each executable that you have included in your installation project. You can delete these, and add shortcuts to other files that you have included in your installation project.

Task To activate the shortcut to Tutorial.exe:

Click the Launch Tutorial.exe icon. Leave the default setting, Create shortcut in Start menu, selected. InstallShield will create a shortcut to Tutorial.exe on the end user’s Start menu when the installation is run.

Continue

Configuring Registry Data

The Application Registry page lets you specify any registry entries that your application requires.

For the tutorial, do not specify any registry entries in this page. Registry entries are covered in Step 2: Shortcuts and Registry Data.

Continue

Selecting Dialogs with the Installation Interview

The Installation Interview page lets you specify the dialogs that you want end users to see when your installation runs. Based on your answers to the questions on this page, the Project Assistant adds the corresponding dialog to your installation project.

Task To specify dialogs for the tutorial, do the following:

1. Do you want to display a License Agreement Dialog?—Select No. If you selected Yes for this option, you would be able to browse to your license agreement file.

2. Do you want to prompt users to enter their company name and user name?—Select Yes. The installation displays a dialog requesting this information.

3. Do you want your users to be prompted to modify the installation location of your application?—Select Yes. For more information, see Allowing End Users to Modify the Installation Location.
4. **Do you want users to be able to selectively install only certain parts of your application?**—Select Yes. For more information, see Creating Selectively Installable Installations.

5. **Do you want to give users the option to launch your application when the installation completes?**—Select Yes and browse to the Tutorial.exe file (located in `[ProgramFilesFolder]\TutorialCo\Tutorial`). When this option is set to Yes, the final dialog in the installation presents a check box that allows the end user to immediately launch your application upon clicking the **Finish** button.

### Choosing a Language for Your Installation

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The Installation Localization page lets you specify the languages your installation supports, and specify string values and associated identifiers, which you can use in your end user interface to make your installation more easily localizable in other languages.

**Edition** • For language options in addition to the language that you chose when you installed InstallShield, you must have the Premier edition of InstallShield.

**Task** • For this tutorial, leave English (United States) selected and change the display names of the installation’s features by doing the following:

1. In the list box, select **Feature String Data**. The table on the right displays all of the feature string entries.
2. In the **Value** column, click **Tutorial_Files** (the value associated with the identifier IDS_FEATURE_DISPLAY_NAME2) and change it to **Tutorial Files**.
3. Click **Help_Files** (the value associated with the identifier IDS_FEATURE_DISPLAY_NAME3) and change it to **Help Files**.

**Note** • For more information, see Creating Multilingual Installations.

### Building Your Installation

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After defining your installation project’s architecture, adding your application files, creating shortcuts, and selecting dialogs, you are ready to build the installation.

The Build Installation page lets you specify what type of distribution you want to build and, optionally, the location to which you want to copy the distribution files.
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Task To build the installation you have just created:

1. Select the CD-ROM option.
2. Click Build Installations.

The Output window opens and displays information about the progress of the build.

Note • The build generates warning -7235. This is expected. You can continue to the next step without resolving this warning, or to resolve this warning, configure the settings in the Software Identification Tag area of the General Information view as needed. If Yes is selected for the Use Software Identification Tag setting but you have not entered values in one or more of the required identification settings (the Unique ID, Tag Creator, and Tag Creator ID settings in the General Information view), build warning -7235 occurs, once for each of the settings that are blank. For more information, refer to Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product.

In the next step, you will run your installation.

Continue

Running Your Installation

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After completing the Project Assistant steps in this tutorial, you have created a fully functional installation that installs the Tutorial executable.

Task To run your installation:

Click the Run button on the toolbar or press CTRL+F5.

The installation displays the dialogs that you specified in the Installation Interview page of the Project Assistant. The values you entered in the Project Assistant are displayed to the end user in the appropriate dialogs. For example, at run time, the default value of INSTALLDIR that you specified in the Project Assistant appears in the Choose Destination Location dialog box. If the end user browses for a different destination directory, INSTALLDIR stores the new value.

After the installation is complete, you can browse for the directory and find the files installed by your installation. If the installation was successful, you will see the tutorial files installed.

Maintenance Mode

When a user runs an installation a second (or later) time for an application installed on their system, the installation runs in maintenance mode. Maintenance mode allows the user to modify feature selections from the first-time installation, repair the features already installed, or remove the entire application.
Uninstalling the Application

Task

To uninstall the Tutorial application:

Click Uninstall.

Now that you have created a basic installation project, click the Installation Designer tab (near the top of the InstallShield window) to expand and fine-tune your installation as illustrated in the next step of the tutorial.

See Also
Troubleshooting Your Installation

Working in the IDE

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After creating a project, you set properties of the project in the InstallShield installation development environment, or IDE. The IDE is arranged in functional categories that help you add or edit information in your project. This and later steps of the tutorial explore several of the IDE views.

Note • The views displayed in the IDE differ, depending on the project type you create.

After completing this step, you will know how to:

- Set properties for your program features.
- Create components and add file links.

Continue

See Also
Automation Interface

Setting Feature Properties

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First, you will set additional properties for the features you created in the Project Assistant, such as the feature display name and description. To edit the feature properties, go to the Features view in the IDE.

Task

To set feature properties for this tutorial, do the following:

1. Open the Features view. The Features view is located in the Organization section of the View List.
2. In the Features view, select the Tutorial_Files feature to display its property grid on the right.
3. Type the following text in the Description field: This feature contains the Tutorial application files.
4. Select the New_Feature feature to display its property grid.
5. Type the following text in the Description field: This feature contains the Tutorial help files.
As you enter the display names and descriptions, InstallShield creates a string entry—displayed as {ID_STRING<n>)—to represent each value.

At run time, if the end user chooses the Custom setup type, the installation displays a dialog that prompts the user to select which features to install. This dialog displays features using the display name and description you specified here.

**Continue**

**See Also**

Features View

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### Creating Components and File Links

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You can add links to additional files in the Files and Folders view. In this step, you will add a file to your Help_Files feature. As you add files in the Files and Folders view, the IDE creates components for you according to Setup Best Practices rules.

**Task**

To add Tutorial.html to a new component in the Help_Files feature:

1. Open the **Files and Folders** view.

2. In the **Destination computer’s folders pane**, right-click the **Destination Computer** icon and verify that **Show Components** is selected.

3. Select **Help_Files** from the feature list at the top of the view.

4. Expand the tree in the **Destination computer’s folders pane** to see the [INSTALLDIR] folder.

5. Right-click the [INSTALLDIR] folder and select **New Component**. Name the component **Help_Component**.

6. In the **Source computer’s folders pane**, browse for the Tutorial files source folder containing TutorialHelp.html.

7. Drag the **TutorialHelp.html** icon from the **Source computer’s files pane** to the **Help_Component** component in the **Destination computer’s folders**. InstallShield adds the file to Help_Component component in the Help_Files feature.

8. Click the **Help_Component** icon to display the component’s files in the **Destination computer’s files pane**.

9. Because each component should have a key file, right-click the TutorialHelp.html file and select **Set Key File**.

This type of file linking, where the list of files linked to a component does not change, is called **static file linking**. To link to a directory (and possibly its subdirectories) whose contents might change between builds, see **Dynamic File Linking**.

The next step of the tutorial explains how to build a release image for your installation project.

**See Also**

Files and Folders View
Redistributables View
Static Scanning Wizard
Dynamic Scanning Wizard
Building a Release

Before testing an installation, it is necessary to build a release to update your project settings. A release contains all of the files to be distributed to end users on a CD-ROM or from a network location.

The simplest way to build a release is to configure settings in the Release Wizard. The Release Wizard is where you specify release properties, such as the type of media (CD-ROM, for example) to use and whether to compress files on the media.

To begin using the Release Wizard:

1. Click the Release Wizard button on the toolbar or choose Release Wizard from the Build menu.
2. In the Welcome panel, click Next to begin defining your release settings.

Naming the Product Configuration and Release

In the Product Configuration panel, you specify the name for the current product configuration. The product configuration name is the name of a folder (inside your project folder) in which your built release will be placed.

For the tutorial:

1. Create a new product configuration called Tutorial.
2. Click Next to specify a release name.

In the Specify a Release panel, specify a release name. The release name is used as the name of a folder (inside the product configuration folder) in which your built release will be placed.

For the tutorial:

1. Create a new product release called CDROM.
2. Click Next.

Continue
Specifying Filtering Settings and Languages

Filtering Settings Panel

In the Filtering Settings panel, you can specify features or components to leave out of the current release.

Task

*For the tutorial:*

Use the default settings (no filtering), and click **Next** to continue.

Setup Languages

In the Setup Languages panel, you specify which languages (from among the project languages) the user interface of your installation should display, and whether to display a dialog from which the user can select the installation language.

Task

*For the tutorial:*

Use the default settings (include English in the user interface), and click **Next** to continue.

Continue

Selecting the Media Type and Disk Spanning Options

Media Type Panel

In the Media Type panel, you specify the type of media for which you are building a release. The media type you specify indicates the size of the disk image folders the Release Wizard creates. When you build a release for CD-ROM, the Release Wizard divides your disk images into folders, each of which is smaller than 650 MB.

Task

*For the tutorial:*

Select **CD-ROM** from the **Media Type** menu.

Disk Spanning Options Panel

The Disk Spanning Options panel lets you specify how your program files should be arranged, if multiple disk images are required. The Custom spanning type lets you specify the disk image on which to place the files in particular features.

Task

*For the tutorial:*

Select **Automatic**, which lets the **Release Wizard** determine the disk image on which to place each feature’s files.
Specifying Compression Settings and Setup Launcher Options

**Release Configuration Panel**

In the Release Configuration panel, you can specify whether to compress all, none, or some of the files in your installation project.

**Task**

*For the tutorial:*

Select Compress all files.

**Setup Launcher Panel**

The Setup Launcher panel lets you specify whether to create a Setup.exe setup launcher, and whether to include the Windows Installer 3.1 engine with your installation. The Windows Installer engine installation is necessary for target systems that have older versions of Windows Installer.

**Task**

*For the tutorial:*

Leave the default settings selected.

For this step, leave all the defaults selected.

Continue

Adding Digital Signature and Password Protection

**Digital Signature Panel**

The Digital Signature panel allows you to digitally sign your application. Digitally signing your application helps to assure your end users that the code within your application has not been modified or corrupted since publication.

**Task**

*For the tutorial:*

Leave the default settings (no digital signature).

**Password & Copyright Panel**

The Password & Copyright panel allows you to activate password protection for your installation project and to indicate specific information for your application’s copyright.
Task  

For the tutorial:

Leave the default settings (no password protection or copyright information).

Continue

Including .NET Framework Support and Choosing Advanced Settings

.INST Framework Panel

In the .NET Framework panel, specify whether to include .NET Framework support in your release.

Task  

For the tutorial:

Leave the default settings (do not include .NET Framework).

Advanced Settings Panel

The Advanced Settings panel lets you specify additional settings related to the current release, such as the level of compression to use and whether to create a PDF file for SMS distribution.

Task  

For the tutorial, select the following check boxes:

- Use long file names
- Optimize size
- Generate Autorun.inf—This generates a file that enables AutoPlay for your CD-ROM image.

For information about the other settings, click the Help button on the Advanced Settings panel.

Continue

Reviewing Your Settings

Summary

The Summary panel displays all of the Release Wizard settings for the current release.

Task  

If the settings are correct:

1. Select the **Build the Release** check box.
2. Click **Finish** to build your release.
Status messages for the build in progress are displayed in the output window. When the build is complete, the files to copy onto the CD are placed in the directory:

\<ProjectFolder>\Tutorial\cdrom\DiskImages\DISK1.

You can have InstallShield copy your built disk images to another directory using the Events tab in the Releases view.

**Rebuilding Your Project**

After making changes to your project in later steps of the tutorial, you can rebuild the latest release by clicking the Build toolbar button or choosing Build from the Build menu, or pressing F7.

The next step of the tutorial explains how to create shortcuts and registry data for an installation.

**See Also**

Release Wizard

Building a Release from the Command Line

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**Troubleshooting Your Installation**

After running your installation, if files are not installed, check the following parts of your project:

- Verify that `INSTALLDIR` is set to the proper value. This is set in the General Information view.
  
  For this tutorial, the recommended value is `\[ProgramFilesFolder\]TutorialCo\TutorialApp`.

- Verify that your features have components and files associated with them.

- After making any changes to your installation, it is necessary to rebuild your project by clicking the Build button or pressing F7.

**See Also**

Build Errors and Warnings

Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)

Validating Projects

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**Step 2: Shortcuts and Registry Data**

This step explains how to use the IDE to:

- Create program shortcuts

- Create registry information

**Continue**

The processes for creating other types of system data are similar to the items described in this step. For more information, view the topics listed below.
Creating Shortcuts

You create and modify shortcuts in the Shortcuts view. The properties of a shortcut include its display name, its target executable and arguments, and the icon it displays.

Creating the Shortcut

**Task**

*In this step you will create a shortcut to Tutorial App in the user’s Programs folder, under the Start menu.*

1. Open the *Shortcuts* view. The *Shortcuts* view is located in the *System Configuration* section of the *View List*.
2. Right-click the *Programs Menu* folder icon, and select *New Advertised Shortcut*. The *Browse for a Component* dialog appears.
3. In the dialog, select *Tutorial_Files* from the *Feature* drop-down menu and select Tutorial.exe from the files list and click *Open* to close the dialog.
4. Rename the shortcut icon to an internal name such as *Tutorial*.
5. Set the following shortcut properties:

**Table 3-2 • Shortcut Properties**

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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Comment</th>
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<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Tutorial Application</td>
<td>To accommodate target systems that do not support long file names, the IDE will create an expression that includes a short file name, as in “TUTORI~1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Launch the Tutorial application</td>
<td>Displayed as a tooltip.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advertised</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>At run time, if the user advertises the product or the feature containing the shortcut, the shortcut is created but the component’s files are not installed until the user launches the shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>Advertised shortcut to [INSTALLDIR]Tutorial.exe</td>
<td>Automatically set to the component’s key file for an advertised shortcut.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Tip • To create a shortcut to a file already located on the end user’s machine, set the Advertised property to No, and enter the path to the file—using Windows Installer directory properties to represent the path to the file, when possible. For example, to launch a copy of Windows Notepad located in the user’s Windows or WinNT folder, enter the shortcut target as [WindowsFolder]\Notepad.exe.

See Also
Shortcuts View

Creating Registry Data

Another common requirement for installations is to write information to the target system’s registry. To add registry data to a component, you can use the Registry view.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To create a registry value called TutorialData under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Tutorial Co\Tutorial\1.00.0000:</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Open the Registry view.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The Registry view is located in the System Configuration section of the View List.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Select Tutorial.exe from the View Filter at the top of the view.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>In the Destination computer's Registry view pane, right-click HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, select New, and point to Key.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Rename the key SOFTWARE.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>Repeat the process for subkeys named Tutorial Co, Tutorial, and 1.00.0000.</td>
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<tr>
<td>6.</td>
<td>In the Destination computer’s Registry data pane, right-click and select New String Value.</td>
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<tr>
<td>7.</td>
<td>Rename the value TutorialData.</td>
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<tr>
<td>8.</td>
<td>Double-click the TutorialData value and enter [INSTALLDIR] in the Value data field.</td>
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</table>

The Registry view should now appear as follows:
Tip • To write the value of a Windows Installer property to the registry, you can use the form [PropertyName]. In this example, creating a registry value whose data is [INSTALLDIR] writes the value of INSTALLDIR to the registry.

At run time, if the end user selects a setup type or collection of features that includes the Tutorial.exe component, the registry data is created on the target system.

Verifying that the Shortcut Was Created

Task To verify that your installation created the shortcut:

1. Rebuild your project by clicking the **Build** toolbar button or pressing **F7**.
2. Run the project by clicking the **Run** button or pressing CTRL+F5 (first removing any existing version of the program from your system). A shortcut to the Tutorial application should be present in the **Programs** folder of your **Start** menu.

Verifying that the Registry Data Was Created

Task To verify that the installation created the registry data:

1. Launch Tutorial App from its shortcut.
2. From the **Tutorial** menu, choose **Verify Registry Data**. If the registry data was created, a message box displaying the value of INSTALLDIR is displayed.

The next step of the tutorial explains how to register a COM server (self-registering file).

Step 3: Registering COM Servers

For many files, the installation’s only requirement is to copy the files from the source media to the target system. For others, the installer also needs to register the files with the target system. One category of file that needs extra handling is a COM server, commonly known as a self-registering file or ActiveX control. A COM server is usually a DLL or OCX that requires extra information to be written to the target system’s registry before applications and Web pages that use the self-registering file can find it.
Creating a COM Server Component

To install and register these and other types of files, you can use the Component Wizard. The Component Wizard creates components that copy the files, and perform any additional registration steps. In this step you will create a component that installs and registers Tutorial.ocx and an HTML file that uses it.

Task

To create a COM server component:

1. Open the Files and Folders view. The Files and Folders view is located in the Application Data section of the View List.
2. At the top of the Files and Folders view, in the View Filter list, select the Tutorial_Files feature.
3. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click the [INSTALLDIR] folder and select Launch Component Wizard.
4. In the Welcome panel of the Component Wizard, select the Let me select a type and define the component myself option and click Next.
5. In the Component Type panel, select the COM Server icon, type Tutorial.ocx in the Component Name field, and click Next.
6. In the COM Server—Destination panel, verify that the destination is set to [INSTALLDIR].
7. In the COM Server File panel, click the browse button next to the COM Server File field and browse for Tutorial.ocx in your tutorial files source directory. Click Next.
8. After the Component Wizard has extracted the COM information, review the COM information and click Finish to create the component.

The next step is adding the HTML file to the component you just created.

Task

To add the HTML file to the component:

1. In the Destination computer’s folders pane of the Files and Folders view, select the new Tutorial.ocx component.
2. Drag the file TutorialCtrl.html from the Source computer’s files pane to the Destination computer’s files pane.
3. Verify that Tutorial.ocx is marked as the key file of its component.

Note • See Registering COM Servers for other options for registering self-registering files, including extracting COM information each time that you rebuild the release—for COM servers with interfaces that change between builds—or calling the file’s self-registration functions.
Verifying that the COM Server Was Registered

**Task**

*After rebuilding your release (by pressing F7) and running the installation (by pressing CTRL+F5), you can verify that the COM server was registered properly:*

1. Launch Tutorial App using its shortcut in the **Programs** menu, or by double-clicking its icon.
2. Choose **COM Server Test** from the **Tutorial** menu.
3. If the COM server was registered correctly, the HTML page displays a “success” message.

The Component Wizard can also create components that install and configure fonts and Windows NT services.

The next step of the tutorial demonstrates how to install files conditionally.

**See Also**

Component Wizard

Step 4: Conditions and Properties

In this step, you will learn how to conditionally install data on a target system.

**Operating System Conditions**

A common requirement for installations is to install certain files on a system only if particular conditions are met. For example, files may be specific to an operating system or language, or should be installed only if the user has appropriate privileges.

To install a component (and its files and other data) only on particular operating systems, you can use the component’s Operating Systems property. You can modify a component’s properties by opening the Setup Design view, expanding the feature icon that contains the feature, and selecting the desired component.

**Task**

*To create a component that will be installed only on systems running Windows 7 or later:*

1. Open the **Setup Design** view. The **Setup Design** view is located in the **Organization** section of the **View List**.
2. Right-click the **Help_Files** feature and select **New Component**.
3. Rename the component **Windows_7_Files**.
4. Expand the **Windows_7_Files** component, click the **Files** icon for the component, and add the file **ReadmeNT.txt** from your tutorial files source folder by right-clicking in the Files pane and browsing to the file.
5. Right-click the **.txt** file and select **Set Key File**.
6. Click the **Windows_7_Files** component to display the component’s property grid.
7. Select the component’s Condition property and click the browse button to launch the **Condition Builder** dialog.
8. Create the following condition: `VersionNT>=601`. For information on creating conditions, see **Building Conditional Statements**.
9. Click **OK** to close the **Condition Builder** dialog and add the condition.

After you rebuild (by pressing F7) and run the installation (by pressing CTRL+F5), and any files or other data contained in the component will be installed only if the target system is running Windows 7 or later.

### Windows Installer Conditions

The Windows Installer service stores some global information about your installation and about the user’s operating system in properties. Some properties are built into the Property table of your MSI database, and some are created and set by the Windows Installer engine when the user launches an installation.

Properties commonly used in conditions include:

- **AdminUser**, which is set if the user running your installation has administrative privileges.
- **VersionNT**, numeric values describing the operating system version the user is running.
- **PhysicalMemory**, which contains the amount of RAM—in megabytes—on the user’s system.

A Windows Installer condition is a statement of logic that compares a property value against a constant value, or tests if a property exists. For example, Windows Installer defines properties called **ScreenX** and **ScreenY**, which contain the user’s monitor resolution in pixels. A Windows Installer condition that checks that the user has at least 800 by 600 resolution would read “(ScreenX>=800) And (ScreenY>=600)”.

Conditions can also test if a property is defined. For example, the **AdminUser** property is set only if the user has administrative privileges, and a condition that tests if a user has administrative privileges is simply “AdminUser”.

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**Task**

**To create a component that will be installed only if the user has administrative privileges:**

1. Right-click the **Help_Files** feature and select **New Component**.
2. Rename the component **Admin_Component**.
3. Expand the **Admin_Component** component and click the **Files** icon.
4. Add the file AdminOnly.txt from your tutorial files source folder, and set it as the key file of the component.
5. Click the browse button in the component’s **Condition** property to display the **Condition Builder** dialog.
6. In the **Condition Builder** dialog, type **AdminUser** in the **Condition(s)** field.
7. Click **OK**.

At run time, the component's data are installed only if the user has administrative privileges.

The next step of the tutorial describes how to modify your installation’s user interface.

**See Also**

Building Conditional Statements
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties

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**Step 5: Changing the End-User Interface**

This step describes three ways you can modify the end-user interface of your installation:
Adding a New Dialog

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The Basic MSI project includes many dialogs that you can display in your installation’s user interface. The topic, Running Your Installation, in this tutorial, showed the dialogs your installation displays based on your selections in the Project Assistant’s Installation Architecture page.

Task: To create a new dialog:

1. Open the Dialogs view. The Dialogs view is located in the User Interface section of the View List.
2. Right-click the All Dialogs explorer and then click New Dialog. The Dialog Wizard opens. Click Next to dismiss the Welcome panel.
3. In the Dialog Template panel, click Interior Wizard Panel, and select the Let me insert this dialog in a User Interface sequence check box.
4. In the User Interface panel, select Installation in the User Interface Sequence list. In the list of dialogs, select InstallWelcome. Based on these selections, InstallShield will insert your new dialog in sequence immediately following the InstallWelcome dialog.
5. In the Dialog Position and Condition panel, leave the default settings, and click Finish. Your new dialog appears in the Dialogs list.
6. Right-click the dialog and select Rename. Rename the dialog WelcomeBitmap.

Using the same technique, you can insert additional dialogs in your installation’s user interface.

Continue

See Also
Creating New Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects

Modifying Dialog Layout in the Dialog Editor

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The Dialog Editor allows you to modify the appearance of dialogs displayed by your installation.

Task: In this step, you will modify the WelcomeBitmap dialog that you just created:

1. First, create a bitmap (using a program like Microsoft Paint) that measures 300 by 150.
2. Open the Dialogs view.
3. Expand the WelcomeBitmap dialog’s node. Click English (United States) to open the Dialog Editor.
4. Click the **Dialog Bold Title** text box at the top of the dialog. In the **Text** field, type *Welcome Bitmap*. This changes the dialog’s main title.

5. Click the **Dialog Normal Description** text box at the top of the dialog. In the **Text** field, type *Displays my welcome bitmap*. This changes the dialog’s description.

6. Click the **Bitmap** button on the **Dialog Control** toolbar and use the cursor to drag a box on the dialog. Set the **Height** to 150 and the **Width** to 300.

7. Click the **Bitmap** button on the **Dialog Control** toolbar and use the cursor to drag a box on the dialog. Set the **Height** to 150 and the **Width** to 300.

After rebuilding the project (by pressing F7) and running it (by pressing CTRL+F5), the Welcome Bitmap dialog will appear after the Install Welcome dialog.

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**Tip** • To maximize the Dialog Editor view, press **CTRL+M**.

End of Tutorial

**See Also**

*Editing Dialog Layout in Basic MSI Projects*
Globalization Tutorial

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The Globalization tutorial introduces you to the tools and options that InstallShield provides for creating a global installation package. A global installation is one that has the potential to run in many different languages. Depending on how you choose to build your installation, you can either include all the languages in one package and let the end user select the language, or you can build individual installation packages for each language that you target. This tutorial walks you through the process of creating an all-encompassing installation.

Edition • The Premier edition of InstallShield must be installed on your development system in order to successfully complete this tutorial.

If you have not already done so, you may want to run through the Basic MSI tutorial to familiarize yourself with how to create an installation package. When finished with the Basic MSI Tutorial, you will have a Basic MSI installation project that is ideal for adding additional languages. The complete project file for the Basic MSI tutorial was installed with this product in one of the Samples subfolders within the InstallShield Program Files folder. The default location is:

C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Tutorial Project\Tutorial

Project • Almost all of the information in the tutorial also applies to InstallScript installation projects. Differences are explicitly noted in the tutorial text.

Begin the tutorial

Opening the Project File

InstallShield 2020 » Globalization Tutorial » Step 1

This tutorial uses Othello.ism, which is a sample project file that is installed with InstallShield.

Task • To begin the tutorial:

Open Othello.ism, which is located in one of the Samples subfolders within the InstallShield Program Files folder. The default location is:

C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Basic Installation Project

Project • Othello.ism is a Basic MSI installation project. Almost all of the information in this tutorial also applies to InstallScript installation projects; differences are explicitly noted in the tutorial text.

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Selecting the Target Languages

The first step in creating a global installation is to select the languages that you want to target. For this tutorial, you will add two languages to your installation project: German and Polish.

**Task**

To add languages to your project:

1. In the View List under **Installation Information**, click **General Information**.
2. In the **Setup Languages** setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The **Setup Languages** dialog box opens.
3. Select the **English (United States)**, **German**, and **Polish** check boxes.

InstallShield adds string entries for English, German, and Polish to your project. Each string entry consists of a language-independent identifier and a corresponding language-specific value. The string entries include the built-in user-interface string resources that are already translated. To view all of the string entries, you can use the String Editor view. (In the View List under User Interface, click String Editor.)

Every time that you add a new string entry to your default language, a parallel entry is made to the string entries for all of the other languages that are in your project.

Continue

Editing Language-Specific String Entries

The next step is to edit string entries in your installation project. You will edit string entries for three different settings: The feature’s display name, the shortcut’s display name, and the shortcut’s description. (The shortcut’s description will be created as part of the next step in this tutorial.)

**Feature Display Name**

**Task**

To provide a display name for a feature:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design**.
2. In the **Setup Design** explorer, click **ProgramFiles**.
3. In the **Display Name** setting in the right pane, enter **Program Files** if it is not already there.

If you click anywhere else within the Setup Design view, you will see that the text that you entered has been preceded by a string identifier, which is enclosed within curly brackets ({}). You can view all of your project’s string entries by clicking the ellipsis button (...) that is displayed when you click the Display Name setting.
Shortcut Display Name

Task  To add a display name for the shortcut:

1. In the Setup Design explorer, expand the ProgramFiles feature, and then expand the Program_Executables component.
   The component Program_Executables contains a shortcut to the file Othello.exe.

2. Click the Shortcuts icon under the Program_Executables component.

3. In the Shortcuts explorer, click the Othello shortcut. InstallShield displays the shortcut’s settings in the right pane.
   Currently, the Display Name setting is set to Othello. The value is preceded by a string identifier, which is enclosed within curly brackets ({}).

4. To change the display name, enter the new name in the Display Name setting.

Continue

Creating String Entries

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Because many of your text strings might be used in multiple places in your project, it is inefficient to store each instance of these strings in the project. Instead, you can create the string once, and use it anywhere a string is needed. To help streamline the process of localizing a project, all of the text strings that may be displayed at run time during the installation process are available in one consolidated view: the String Editor view. You can use this view to create new string entries.

For the shortcut’s Description setting, you are going to enter your new string entry through the String Editor view. Then, you will associate that string with the shortcut’s description.

Task  To create a new string entry and use it for the shortcut’s Description setting:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click String Editor.

2. Do one of the following:
   - Click the New button.
   - Press the INSERT key.

   The String Entry dialog box opens.

3. In the String Identifier box, enter the following:
   MYSTRING

4. In the Value box, enter the following text:
   This is the description of the Othello shortcut.

5. In the Comments box, you can optionally specify an internal note about the string entry. The comments are not displayed at run time.

6. Click OK. InstallShield adds new rows in the String Editor view, one for each language (English, German, and Polish).
7. In the View List under System Configuration, click Shortcuts.

8. In the Shortcuts explorer, click the Othello shortcut. InstallShield displays the shortcut’s settings in the right pane.

9. In the Description setting, click the ellipsis setting (...). The Select String dialog box opens.

10. Select the MYSTRING row, and then click OK.

Your new string is now entered as the value for the Description setting.

Continue

Including Language-Specific Files and Components

The next step in creating a global installation involves including language-specific files and components within your installation project. For example, although many of your program files may be language-independent, your help files and run-time strings are both language-specific. For the purpose of this exercise, you will add three new components to your project. Each component contains a Readme file that is localized in all of your supported languages.

Task To add a component to your project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design.

2. In the Setup Design explorer, right-click the feature called ProgramFiles, and then click New Component.

3. Type English_Readme for the component’s name.

4. Repeat this process two more times. Name these components Polish_Readme and German_Readme.

Translated versions of a simple Readme file are included with InstallShield. These files are located in one of the Samples subfolders within the InstallShield Program Files folder:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Basic Installation Project\Data Files\Readme

Task To add a file to the English_Readme component:

1. Expand the new English_Readme component, and then click the Files icon under the English_Readme component.

2. Right-click in the Files list and click Add.

3. Browse to the English.txt file, and then click Open.

Repeat these steps for the German and Polish components, adding Deutsch.txt to and Polski.txt, respectively.

Continue
Specifying Component Installation Conditions

Now that you have created your language-specific components, you need to include logic that will let the installer know which of these components should be installed. By specifying a component condition, you can determine the default language of the target system and then install the appropriate file. Each of the three language-specific components that you created will need a condition. If that condition evaluates to True, the component is installed.

Task

To create the component condition:

1. Click the German_Readme component.
2. In the right pane, click the Condition setting, and then click the ellipsis button (...) for this setting. The Condition Builder dialog box opens.
3. In the Properties list, select SystemLanguageID, and then click the Add button.
4. In the Operators list, select the equals sign (=), and then click the Add button.
   The Condition(s) box contains SystemLanguageID = , which reflects the selections you previously made.
5. Next you need to provide a value that will be checked when the installation is run. Because you are currently editing the German component, enter 1031 after the equal sign. 1031 is the language ID for German. Since the component is installed only if this equation evaluates to true (that is, the target system’s language is German), this component is not installed on any machine that is not running in German.

Follow the same steps from above to add a condition to the Polish_Readme component. Instead of using 1031 as the language value, use 1045, which is the language ID for Polish.

You need to choose one language as your default language. For this example, English is the default. Therefore, the condition that you use for the English_Readme component differs from the other two. The condition for the English_Readme component should appear as follows:

SystemLanguageID<>1045 AND SystemLanguageID<>1031

With this logic, if the language of the target machine is not German or Polish, the English_Readme component is installed.

Project • To learn how to specify which language-dependent components are installed at run time for InstallScript and InstallScript object projects, see Installing Components Based on Language.

Continue

Translating the Strings

Before you can build your installation project, you need to translate the English strings that you entered for the feature’s display name, the shortcut’s display name, and the shortcut’s description. For this tutorial, they have been translated for you. All you have to do is enter the correct text for the German and Polish string entries. You can use the String Editor view to do this.
German String Values

Open the String Editor view. Find each of the following string identifiers for the German language. You can enter the string identifier in the Search Grid box to easily find each string. As an alternative, you can click the Identifier column heading to sort all of the string entries by identifier. Update the German values for the three string entries as follows:

Table 3-1 • German String Entries

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Identifier</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FEAT_DISPLAYNAME</td>
<td>Programmdateien</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SHORTCUT_DISPLAYNAME</td>
<td>Othello-Verknuepfung</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSTRING</td>
<td>Dies ist die Beschreibung der Verknuepfung fuer Othello.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Polish String Values

Update the Polish values for the three string entries:

Table 3-2 • Polish String Entries

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Identifier</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FEAT_DISPLAYNAME</td>
<td>Pliki Programu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SHORTCUT_DISPLAYNAME</td>
<td>Skrt do Othello</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSTRING</td>
<td>Opis skrtu Othello.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In most translation situations, you export your string entries for translation. To learn more, see Translating String Entries. However, for the purposes of this tutorial, it is easier to edit the string entries within the String Editor view.

Continue

Building the Installation

To build your installation:

1. Click the Release Wizard button on the toolbar.
2. In the first two panels, specify a product configuration and release name.
3. Accept the default settings for every other panel in the wizard except the Setup Languages panel.
4. The **Setup Languages** panel enables you to choose which languages to include in your installation. Only the languages that you specified in the General Information view appear in the list of available languages—English, Polish, and German. Select the check box next to each language.

5. Also, ensure that you select the **Display the Setup Languages Dialog** check box. This dialog allows end users to select the language in which they want the installation to run.

6. Accept the default settings provided in the remaining wizard panels.

7. When you reach the **Summary** panel, ensure that the **Build the Release** check box is selected, and then click the **Finish** button.

8. InstallShield builds the release.

Continue

Running the Installation

To run your installation:

1. Click the **Run Setup** button on the toolbar. The **Choose Setup Language** dialog appears.

2. To run your installation, select **German (Standard)** and click **OK**. From this point forward, every dialog is displayed in German.

**Note • After an installation is run in a particular language, Windows Installer caches this information and always runs the installation in that language.**

As the installation wizard progresses, you may notice that some buttons are not properly sized. You can easily fix this problem by opening the Dialog Editor and resizing the controls so the text fits in the control.

In the Custom Setup panel (in German it is called Angepasstes Setup), the feature name is now **Programdateien**. Your localized string entries are a part of the installation.

Continue

Testing the Installation

The last step is testing the globalized installation that you created.
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Task  To test the installation:

1. Open the Start menu and select Programs. The Othello shortcut is displayed as Othello Verknpfung. You can see the shortcut’s description, which also appears in German.

2. Navigate to the installation directory for Othello. It should be in <Program Files Folder>\Shakespeare Inc\Othello. The readme file that you installed is called Deutsch.txt.

End of tutorial
Creating Installations

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If you have ever installed an application onto your computer, you have seen an installation in action—from the end user's perspective. An installation's primary task is to transfer files from the source medium to the local drive. An installation often also displays a user interface to obtain end user selections, configures the target system (for example, makes any required registry entries and creates shortcuts), and enables modification or uninstallation of the installed application. Creating an installation involves performing some or all of the following tasks.

Specify Installation Information

Basic information that you enter in the General Information view is used in various parts of the installation; for example, the product name is used to create the application information registry key.

Organize and Transfer Files

File transfer involves copying files from the source medium, such as a CD or DVD, to a local drive on the end user's machine. Depending on the configuration the end user chooses—by selecting a setup type (in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI installation) or features—all or only some of the files may be transferred to the local disk.

Organize the files to be installed into setup types and features to help your end users select the most appropriate files. Within each feature, organize the files into components according to their type and purpose, for example, files that are installed to the same target folder.

Configure the Target System

In addition to installing files, many installations need to configure the target system by creating shortcuts and program folders, modifying the registry, modifying initialization file (.ini file) data, configuring Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) resources, modifying environment variables, modifying XML files, modifying text files, schedule tasks, and install and control Windows services.

Customize Installation Behavior

InstallShield offers wide-ranging customization options. InstallScript installations are driven by InstallShield's simple but powerful InstallScript programming language, which—in addition to its built-in functions—enables you to call DLL and Windows API functions and launch child installations and other applications from your installation. Windows Installer-
based installations can use custom actions to run InstallScript, VBScript, or JavaScript code; call DLL functions; run executable files; call a managed method in a managed assembly; set a property or a directory; trigger an error and end the installation; run PowerShell scripts; terminate a process; or run other installation packages.

**Define the End-User Interface**

An installation’s end-user interface provides information and installation configuration options to the end user. Through the user interface, an end user can choose to install only part of a product, choose to leave some files on the source medium, view a license agreement, or provide the installer information that may be necessary to properly configure the installation.

The user interface can be customized to meet the needs of your installation. For example, you can prompt a user for a serial number before starting the installation to protect your software against illegal use. During file transfer, an installation can display billboards that provide product information such as new features or usability tips. A status bar may also be displayed to show the progress of the file transfer process.

**Configure Servers**

A server-side installation may need to create and manage new Internet Information Services (IIS) Web sites, manage COM+ applications and components, or manage and organize SQL scripts by server connections and settings.

**Prepare the Installation for Maintenance and Uninstallation**

To uninstall, modify, or repair an application, the operating system must have some indication that the application is present. To accommodate this, an installation registers an application with the operating system so that it can be easily maintained or uninstalled.

Much of the information registered in this process is available to the end user through Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel. For example, technical support contact information, product update information, product version, and product publisher information are registered in this process.

**Build, Test, and Deploy the Installation**

Once you have created your installation project, you will want to build, test, and deploy the installation: create the files that you will release to your users, test the installation for errors, and optionally copy the files to a local or network location or an FTP site.

**See Also**

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**Before You Begin**

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The “Before You Begin” section of the InstallShield Help Library contains information that is helpful to installation authors as they create new installation projects with InstallShield. The topics provide background information on Windows Installer, the Windows logo program, INSTALLDIR, TARGETDIR, and other areas of installation development.

**See Also**

Getting Started
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program

Microsoft established a list of requirements that a product and its installation must fulfill in order to participate in the Windows 8 Desktop App Certification Program. The requirements outline criteria that help make a product more compatible, reliable, and secure when running on Windows systems. Products that meet the Windows 8 Desktop App Certification Program requirements can carry the Compatible with Windows 8 logo.

Qualifying for the Windows Logo Program

To learn how to qualify for the Windows logo program, visit MSDN. This Web site has information about the Windows logo program.

Certified for Windows Validation Suites in InstallShield

Validating your installation package or merge module may help you identify whether your product meets installation requirements for Windows logo program. If a package or merge module fails one or more validation rules, InstallShield reports the specific rules that were violated and offers additional information to help you troubleshoot the problem.

Therefore, if you are interested in being able to use the Windows logo, consider using both of the following suites to validate your installation package:

- **InstallShield Validation Suite for Windows 8**—This suite consists of a number of InstallShield internal consistency evaluators (ISICEs) that help you identify issues that may make your installation behave unexpectedly on Windows systems. This suite checks for issues that may not be revealed in the Full MSI Validation Suite.

- **Full MSI Validation Suite**—This suite consists of ICEs that Microsoft created.

If you create a merge module in InstallShield, use the following suites to validate your merge module:

- **InstallShield Merge Module Validation Suite for Windows 8**—This suite consists of a number of InstallShield ISICEs that help you identify issues that may make your merge module behave unexpectedly on Windows systems. This suite checks for issues that may not be revealed in the Merge Module Validation Suite.

- **Merge Module Validation Suite**—This suite consists of ICEs that Microsoft created.

Additional validation suites are also available.

To learn more, see Validating Projects.

Windows Logo • The Windows Logo Guideline alert appears throughout the InstallShield Help Library whenever the information relates to complying with the Windows logo program guidelines.

See Also

- Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program
- Digital Signing and Security
- Windows Installer and Logo Requirements (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Windows Installer and Logo Requirements (Windows Installer Help Library)
Introduction to Windows Installer

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A Windows Installer–based installation is distributed as an .msi package, which consists of a Windows Installer database (.msi database) and related data files (.cab files, uncompressed data files, etc.). The .msi databases, implemented as COM structured storage, contain dozens of tables that describe the changes that are to be performed on the target system. For example, some of the .msi tables are:

- **File**, which describes the files to be installed
- **Registry**, which describes the registry data to be written
- **Shortcut**, which describes shortcut settings

Other .msi database tables describe the appearance and behavior of the installation’s user interface, install and configure Windows services and ODBC information, determine characteristics of the target system, and store icons and other binary data for use during installation.

From a developer’s perspective, perhaps the greatest change in Windows Installer installation programs is that there is no explicit script to write. Instead, Windows Installer–based installations perform standard and custom actions, where an action displays a dialog, queries the target system, or makes changes to the target system. These actions are arranged into sequences, which are ordered collections of actions.

Windows Installer includes a collection of application program interface functions, or APIs, dedicated to managing product installations. Applications must call the Windows Installer APIs in order to take advantage of features available with Windows Installer.

An integral part of Windows operating systems, Windows Installer provides a standard format for component management as well as an interface for managing applications and system tools. Various versions of Windows Installer are available as redistributables for Windows operating systems.

Although it is possible to create a Windows Installer package by editing .msi database tables directly, the large number of tables and relationships among them makes doing so a formidable task. InstallShield organizes the process of developing an installation for Windows Installer into various views, providing graphical editors and wizards that shield the developer from much of the implementation detail that is associated with .msi databases.

For more information on Windows Installer technology, see the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also
Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects

Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
Some of the specific details apply to only some of these project types. These differences are noted where appropriate.

One of the goals of Windows Vista and later, as well as User Account Control (UAC), is to allow users to run as standard users all of the time. Elevation should rarely be required; if it does occur, it should occur for as short of a duration as possible.

Several different areas of InstallShield affect whether an installation triggers UAC consent or credential prompts for elevated privileges. Understanding these different settings will help you create the appropriate UAC experience for your installation when end users run it on Windows Vista and later systems. It will also offer guidance if you are trying to minimize the number of UAC prompts that are displayed during your installation.

Depending on how it is configured, an installation that includes InstallShield prerequisites may prompt for elevated privileges on Windows Vista and later systems at several different points during the installation:

1. When the end user launches the Setup.exe file
2. When the Setup.exe file launches a setup prerequisite that requires elevated privileges
3. When the ISInstallPrerequisites custom action relaunches the Setup.exe file in feature prerequisite installation mode because one or more of the features being installed has an associated feature prerequisite
   
   Note that the ISInstallPrerequisites custom action does not verify whether any feature prerequisites require elevated privileges before the prompt for elevated privileges is displayed. In addition, the ISInstallPrerequisites custom action does not check the conditions on any of the feature prerequisites to determine whether the feature prerequisites need to be installed. The prompt for elevated privileges is always displayed.

**Project** • Basic MSI projects include support for feature prerequisites.

4. When the Windows Installer begins the Execute sequence of the .msi package

**Project** • This last installation point applies to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, but not InstallScript projects.

**UAC-Related Settings in InstallShield**

Following is a list of the InstallShield settings that help determine whether UAC prompts are displayed during an installation on Windows Vista and later systems:

- **Required Execution Level**—Use this setting in the Releases view to specify the minimum execution level required by your installation’s Setup.exe file. InstallShield uses the value that you select (Administrator, Highest available, or Invoker) in the application manifest that it embeds in the Setup.exe launcher. For more information, see Specifying the Required Execution Level for Your Setup Launcher on Windows Vista and Later Platforms.

- **The prerequisite requires administrative privileges**—If you are creating or modifying an InstallShield prerequisite for your installation, use this check box to indicate whether administrative privileges are required in order to install this prerequisite. This check box is on the Behavior tab in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. For more information, see Specifying that an InstallShield Prerequisite Requires Administrative Privileges.

- **Require Administrative Privileges**—Use this setting in the General Information view to specify whether the Execute sequence of your installation’s .msi package requires administrative privileges. If you set this to No, InstallShield sets bit 3 in the Word Count Summary property to indicate that elevated privileges are not required to install your product. For more information, see Entering Summary Information Stream Data.
Project • The Require Administrative Privileges setting does not apply to InstallScript projects.

- Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated—Use this setting in the Releases view to specify whether the .msi package should be advertised—and if so, whether it should be run silently or with the full user interface (UI)—after the InstallShield prerequisites in the installation have been successfully installed with elevated privileges on Windows Vista and later machines. The advertisement may allow end users to avoid the UAC prompt that would otherwise be displayed for an .msi package that requires elevated privileges. For more information, see Specifying Whether a Product Should Be Advertised If Its InstallShield Prerequisites Are Run with Elevated Privileges.

Project • The Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated setting does not apply to InstallScript projects.

In addition, the type of InstallShield prerequisite—either setup prerequisite or feature prerequisite—may affect whether UAC prompts are displayed during an installation on Windows Vista and later systems. To learn more about these two types of InstallShield prerequisites, see Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites.

Note the following UAC-related behavior on Windows Vista and later:

- If Required Execution Level is set to Invoker, any InstallShield prerequisites in your installation do not require administrative privileges, and Require Administrative Privileges is set to No, end users should see no UAC prompts during installation.
- If Required Execution Level is set to Invoker, your installation includes setup prerequisites that require administrative privileges, and Require Administrative Privileges is set to No, end users should see one UAC prompt—plus up to one additional UAC prompt for each reboot—during installation.
- If the full user interface of the setup launcher is displayed and the installation includes setup prerequisites that need to be installed, the setup launcher typically displays the setup prerequisite dialog before the main installation starts. If one or more of the setup prerequisites that need to be installed require administrative privileges, the Install button on the message box has the shield icon to alert the end user that elevated privileges are required.
- If the installation is continuing after a reboot and privileges must be elevated, the OK button of the continuation message box has the shield icon. If privileges do not need to be elevated, the shield button is not displayed.
- If your installation includes more than one setup prerequisite that must be installed on a target machine and one or more of those setup prerequisites requires administrative privileges, the UAC prompt is displayed before the first setup prerequisite is installed. This may allow elevated privileges to be used for all prerequisites without requiring separate UAC prompts for each prerequisite installation. Note, however, that if a setup prerequisite installation causes a reboot, administrative privileges are lost, and a UAC prompt may be displayed if any of the remaining prerequisites require administrative privileges.

A slightly different behavior applies to feature prerequisites. If your installation is going to install any features that are associated with prerequisites, the UAC prompt is displayed when the ISInstallPrerequisites custom action relaunches Setup.exe in feature prerequisite installation mode. This occurs regardless of whether any of the feature prerequisites require elevated privileges. It also occurs before any of the feature prerequisites’ conditions are evaluated to determine whether the feature prerequisites need to be installed. Note that if a feature prerequisite installation causes a reboot, administrative privileges are lost. After the reboot, the ReadyToInstall dialog is displayed again, and the end user needs to click the Install button to proceed with the rest of the installation. In this case, the UAC prompt is displayed again when the ISInstallPrerequisites custom action relaunches Setup.exe in feature prerequisite installation mode.
• Note that if Require Administrative Privileges is set to No but your .msi package tries to perform a task for which it does not have adequate privileges, Windows Installer may display a run-time error.

• If privileges are elevated at the end of an installation and the SetupCompleteSuccess dialog launches the product, elevated privileges are carried over to your product. In most cases, running an application with elevated privileges is discouraged.

Sample Scenarios
The following sections contain examples that illustrate different combinations of values for the aforementioned settings in InstallShield. The diagrams show when Windows Vista and later request elevated privileges for standard users or administrative users who have limited privileges. The examples are based on the default UAC settings on Windows Vista and later systems.

Example 1: UAC Prompt Is Displayed for a Prerequisite that Requires Administrative Privileges; .msi File Is Advertised
The example 1 diagram shows an installation that requires elevation for a setup prerequisite, a feature prerequisite, and for the Execute sequence of the .msi package. Windows Vista and later display one UAC prompt for the setup prerequisite, and another one for the feature prerequisite.

If the feature prerequisite was not included or if it was a setup prerequisite instead of a feature prerequisite, the second UAC prompt (which is labeled as UAC prompt #2 in the diagram) would not be displayed. In these cases, UAC prompt #2 would not be needed because the .msi package is successfully advertised after the setup prerequisite is installed with elevated privileges.
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**Figure 4-1:** Diagram of an Installation that Has Invoker as the Required Execution Level and that Advertises the .msi Package

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Limited Privileges</th>
<th>Privilege Changes</th>
<th>Elevated Privileges</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Double-click Setup.exe (which has a manifest that specifies Invoker as required execution level)</td>
<td>UAC prompt #1 (displayed because setup prerequisite to be installed requires elevation)</td>
<td>Install setup prerequisite that requires elevation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run Setup.exe</td>
<td>Install setup prerequisite that requires elevation</td>
<td>Advertise .msi that requires elevation for Execute sequence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch UI sequence of .msi</td>
<td>UAC prompt #2 (displayed because a feature to be installed has an associated prerequisite)</td>
<td>Install feature prerequisite that may or may not require elevation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Launch Execute sequence of .msi</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example 2: UAC Prompt Is Displayed for Setup.exe and After a Reboot for a Prerequisite that Requires Administrative Privileges**

The example 2 diagram shows an installation that requires elevation for Setup.exe, two setup prerequisites, a feature prerequisite, and the Execute sequence of the .msi package. Because the Setup.exe file has a manifest that specifies Administrator as the required execution level, elevated privileges are used for each part of the installation. The second UAC prompt is displayed because elevated privileges are lost during a reboot.
Figure 4-2: Example 2—Diagram of an Installation that Has Administrator as the Required Execution Level
See Also
Run-Time Behavior for an Installation that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites
Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites
Using Windows Installer with UAC (Windows Installer Help Library)
Using Windows Installer with UAC (Windows Installer Help Library)
Guidelines for Packages (Windows Installer Help Library)
Guidelines for Packages (Windows Installer Help Library)
Authoring Packages without the UAC Dialog Box (Windows Installer Help Library)
Authoring Packages without the UAC Dialog Box (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing a Package with Elevated Privileges for a Non-Admin (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing a Package with Elevated Privileges for a Non-Admin (Windows Installer Help Library)

Setting an Application’s Disk Usage
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Windows Installer uses a process called file costing to determine the total disk space a current installation requires. This encompasses costs for files that will be installed or removed, registry entries, shortcuts, and other components of an installation.

File Costing

File costing takes into account the fact that some files are overwritten by newer versions, which decreases the file cost. These values are dependent on the volume to which each file is to be installed or removed, and they are recalculated when a component’s directory association is changed.

File costs are determined for each component, depending on whether it is installed locally, installed to run from the source media, such as a CD, or removed.

With InstallShield, you can set your application’s disk usage. This allows you to control file costing by choosing to run your application from the source media, from the local machine, or to install it when required. Note that running your application from the source enhances application resiliency and conserves space on an end user’s system.

Application Resiliency

If Windows Installer cannot provide a component, the Windows Installer technology enables applications to try to repair the component or to reinstall the component if the corresponding file is corrupted or the current file is older than the available version.

Source Resiliency

In addition to supporting application resiliency, the Windows Installer supports source resiliency through the Source List, which can include network locations, URLs, or compact discs from which applications are installed on-demand. Administrators can use the Group Policy Editor to disable this functionality.

INSTALLDIR vs. TARGETDIR

INSTALLDIR represents the main product installation directory for a Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations, such as the end user launching Setup.exe or your .msi database.
TARGETDIR represents the installation directory for an InstallScript installation, or for an administrative Windows Installer-based installation (when the user runs Setup.exe or MsiExec.exe with the /a command-line switch).

In an InstallScript MSI project, the InstallScript variable MSI_TARGETDIR stores the target of an administrative installation.

See Also
Setting the Default Product Destination Folder (INSTALLDIR)
Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
TARGETDIR (InstallScript Variable)

Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

To prevent end users from being able to install the current version of your product over a future major version of the same product, the Upgrades view should contain a major upgrade item, the major upgrade item should be properly configured to prevent the current version of your product from being installed over a future version, and your project should include a properly configured and scheduled type 19 custom action.

When you create a new Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, InstallShield automatically adds support for preventing the current installation from overwriting a future major version:

- The Upgrades view contains a major upgrade item called ISPreventDowngrade.

  The Products sharing my Upgrade Code option is selected on the Common tab of the major upgrade item. The value of the Upgrade Code setting on the Advanced tab is {000000000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}. When you build a release, InstallShield uses the appropriate upgrade code value instead of the placeholder value in the .msi package that it generates at build time. For more information on the upgrade code, see Setting the Upgrade Code.

  InstallShield sets the Detect Property setting of this major upgrade item to ISFOUNDNEWERPRODUCTVERSION and configures the other settings as appropriate.

- The Custom Actions and Sequences view contains a custom action called ISPreventDowngrade, a type 19 custom action that Windows Installer launches when an end user tries to install the current version of your product over a future major version.

  InstallShield schedules the ISPreventDowngrade custom action for the user interface and execute sequences of the installation sequence so that Windows Installer runs it if appropriate, regardless of what user interface level is used. In addition, InstallShield uses ISFOUNDNEWERPRODUCTVERSION as the condition for this custom action.

The following instructions explain how to manually add this support for projects that you created in InstallShield 12 or earlier and then upgraded to InstallShield 2020.
Task To manually add support for preventing end users from being able to install the current version of your product over a future major version:

1. Use the Upgrades view to add a major upgrade item to your project.
2. On the Common tab, select the Products using my Upgrade Code option.
3. Configure the settings on the Advanced tab for the major upgrade item as follows:
   a. In the Minimum Version setting, specify the product version that you are using for your current project.
      As an alternative, you can enter the following string in this setting:
      ***ALL_VERSION***
      That value is a placeholder value. If you use that extract string in the Minimum Version setting, InstallShield uses the product version of the currently open project instead of the placeholder value in the .msi package that it generates at build time.
   b. Leave the Maximum Version setting blank. If a value is listed for this setting, delete it.
   c. If your project includes multiple languages, specify the language identifiers in the Language setting.
   d. In the Detect Only setting, select Yes; for all of the other Yes-No settings, select No.
   e. In the Detect Property setting, type a descriptive name such as the following one:
      FOUNDNEWERVERSION
4. Add and schedule a type 19 custom action for your project to handle scenarios where an end user tries to install the current version of your product over a future major version:
   a. In the Custom Actions and Sequences view, right-click the Custom Actions explorer and click New Error.
   b. Select the new custom action.
   c. In the Error Message setting, type the error message text that should be displayed when an end user tries to install the current version of your product over a future major version.
   d. In the Install UI Sequence and Install Exec Sequence settings, select After FindRelatedProducts.
   e. In the Install UI Condition and Install Exec Condition settings, type the value that you specified in step 3e.

See Also
ISICE19
Preventing an Old Package from Installing Over a Newer Version (Windows Installer Help Library)
Preventing an Old Package from Installing Over a Newer Version (Windows Installer Help Library)

Preparing Installations for Non-Administrator Patches

InstallShield 2020
Windows Installer 3.0 and later enables you to create patches that can be installed by non-administrators. Non-administrator patches can be used if strict criteria are met. For example, the base installation that the patch will update must include the certificate that will be used to sign the patch package. To learn about the other criteria that must be met, see Non-Administrator Patches.
Task | To prepare a base installation that can later be updated by non-administrator patches:
--- | ---
1. | In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. | In the Releases explorer, click the release whose digital signature information you want to configure.
3. | Click the Signing tab.
4. | Specify the digital signature information.

InstallShield automatically adds the necessary information to the MsiDigitalCertificate table and the MsiPatchCertificate table. This enables you to create patches that can be installed by non-administrators.

Tip • The digital signature settings are also available in the Releases view.

The Windows Installer design enables you to sign a package with one certificate and also allow patches that are signed with a different certificate. The following instructions explain how to add to the base installation the additional certificates for the patches.

Task | To add additional digital certificates:
--- | ---
1. | Use a tool such as $SignTool.exe to sign a dummy file. $SignTool.exe is part of the Windows SDK.
2. | In your original installation project, open the Direct Editor.
3. | In the Tables explorer, click MsiDigitalCertificate.
4. | Click the last row in the table to add a new entry.
5. | In the DigitalCertificate field, type a unique name for your certificate.
6. | Click the CertData field. The Edit Binary Stream dialog box opens.
7. | In the File name box, enter the path and name of the file that you signed in step 1. You can click the browse button to find the file.
8. | Click OK.
9. | In the Tables explorer, click MsiPatchCertificate.
10. | Click the last row in the table to add a new entry.
11. | In the PatchCertificate field, type a unique name for your patch certificate.
See Also
Signing a Patch Package
Signing a QuickPatch Package
Digital Signing and Security
User Account Control (UAC) Patching (Windows Installer Help Library)
User Account Control (UAC) Patching (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiDigitalCertificate Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
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MsiPatchCertificate Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiPatchCertificate Table (Windows Installer Help Library)

Settings for Platforms and Platform Suites

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

Note that some of the settings apply to both of these project types, but some apply only to one of these project types.

InstallShield includes several settings for platforms, platform suites, and languages.

Specifying Platforms at the Project Level

One project-level setting enables you to specify the platforms that your project supports:

• Platform Filtering—Use this setting to specify the platforms that you want to be available when you select operating system requirements for components or releases in your project. In general, if a platform is not listed for this setting at the project level, you cannot designate that a particular component or release in your project is targeted for that platform.

The Platforms setting is available for InstallScript projects. To access this setting, open the General Information view. You can also configure this setting through the Project Settings dialog box: on the Project menu, click Settings, and click the Platforms tab.

Note • Specifying platforms at the project level does not create target system requirements for running the installation. If you want to create target system requirements in an InstallScript project, use the SYSINFO structure to identify the operating platform of the target system.

For information on how to specify target system requirements for InstallScript MSI projects, see Specifying Operating System in the Project Assistant.

Specifying Operating Systems and Platform Suites at the Component Level

Two component-level settings enable you to specify platform information for a component:

• Operating Systems—If a component is specific to one or more operating systems, use this setting to indicate those operating systems. If the target machine’s operating system does not match one of the operating systems that are specified for this setting, the component is not installed.
By default, components are operating system independent, meaning that none of the component’s data are specific to certain operating systems.

The Operating Systems setting is available for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects. To access this setting, open the Components view and select a component.

- **Platform Suite(s)**—If a component is specific to one or more platform suites, use this setting to indicate the suites. If you specify more than one suite, you can indicate whether all or any of the suites must be present on the target machine in order for the component to be installed.

By default, components are platform suite independent, meaning that none of the component’s data are specific to a particular platform suite.

This setting provides an additional layer of filtering beyond the Operating Systems setting. Set the Platform Suite(s) setting only if necessary, and be sure to select only those platform suites that are required for the proper functioning of your application. For example, if a component should be installed on both the Home and Professional editions of Windows XP, you can leave Suite Independent as the value for this setting; selecting Windows XP for the Operating Systems setting encompasses both editions.

The Platform Suite(s) setting is available for InstallScript projects. To access this setting, open the Components view and select a component.

**Specifying Platforms at the Release Level**

One release-level setting enable you to specify platform information for a release:

- **Platform(s)**—If a release is specific to one or more platforms, use this setting to indicate the platforms. If the platform specified for a component does not match one of the platforms that is selected for this setting, InstallShield does not include the component in the release.

The default value for this setting is Use Project Setting. This value indicates that the release supports the platforms that are specified at the project level.

The Platform(s) setting is available for InstallScript projects. To access this setting, open the Releases view and select a release. You can also configure this setting through the Platforms panel in the Release Wizard.

**Controlling Support for Platforms and Platform Suites at Run Time for InstallScript Projects**

During run time of InstallScript installations, you can control the platforms and platform suites that your installation supports by calling the `FeatureFilterOS` function.

In the OnFilterComponents event handler, the framework typically calls this function with the platforms and platform suites that match the target system so that only the appropriate components are installed. By calling `FeatureFilterOS`, you can override this default behavior to install or prevent the installation of components based on any platform or platform suite criteria that you specify.

For more information, see FeatureFilterOS.

**See Also**
- Specifying Operating System in the Project Assistant
- Platforms Tab
- Platforms Dialog Box
- Modify Property Dialog Box/Release Wizard—Platforms Panel
Specifying Installation Information

InstallShield 2020

As you begin creating your installation project, you will need to specify important installation information at the outset. This includes specifying product and project settings and configuring Add or Remove Programs settings.

Configuring General Project Settings

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield stores your project settings in a single installation project file (.ism file). This file stores all of the information about your project. In the General Information view, you can edit basic information about your installation project—including the author’s name, the languages that the project supports, and any comments that you want to include.

The General Information view is also where you configure general product information such as the product name, the product code (GUID), and the version number. A product is the top level of organization in an installation project. The installation is further divided into features and components, which are subsets of your product. Although an installation can contain multiple features and components, it can have only one product.

For detailed information about each of the project and projects settings that are available, see General Information View.

Saving an InstallShield Project File (.ism) in XML or Binary Format

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you save your .ism project file in XML or binary format.

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<td>• Binary—To save the project file as a database file, select this option. This format is best for the speed of opening and saving the project file.</td>
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<td>• XML—To save the project file as a hierarchical text-based format, select this option. This project file format is best for use with source code control systems.</td>
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Note • Your InstallShield project file (.ism) retains the .ism file extension when you save it in XML or binary format.

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects (.issuite) are always saved as XML files.
Specifying a Product Name

InstallShield 2020

Enter the name of your product in the Product Name setting of the General Information view. The name that you enter should be the name of the product for which you are creating an installation. This value is used throughout your project, in various instances; for example:

- The name of the source file folder under the project location
- In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: the name of the Windows Installer package (.msi file) that InstallShield builds by default
- In run-time dialogs
- Under the informational registry key in accordance with Windows logo requirements. The informational values are found in the following location and are used in Add or Remove Programs to enable an end user to change or remove your product.

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\ProductCode
```

Since it will be incorporated into the paths for your source files, the product name cannot contain any of the following characters: \/:*?"<>|.

Tip • In an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI project, you can use the UNINSTALL_DISPLAYNAME variable to specify a different product display name in Add or Remove Programs.

For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects—If you do not want to use the product name for the .msi package file name, you can use the MSI Package File Name setting on the General tab for a product configuration in the Releases view and specify a different .msi file name. Note that if you want to be able to release minor upgrades or small updates to update your product, the previous and latest versions of your installation must have the same .msi package name. Attempting to perform a minor upgrade or a small update when the .msi file name has changed can lead to Windows Installer run-time error 1316.

Caution • If you want to include an ampersand (&) in your product name, you must use two ampersands (&&) to display the name properly in end user dialogs. For example, to display New & Improved Product, you should enter the product name as New & Improved Product.

See Also
Designing Merge Modules
General Information View
UNINSTALL_KEY

Specifying the Product Version

InstallShield 2020

When you are specifying the version number for your product, you must ensure that you enter a valid product version. The version must contain only numbers. It is typically in the format aaaa.bbbb.cccccc or aaaa.bbbb.cccccc.dddddd, where aaaa represents the major version number, bbbb represents the minor version number, cccccc represents the build number, and ddddd represents the revision number. The maximum value for the aaaa and bbbb portions is 255. The maximum value for cccccc and ddddd is 65,535.
At run time, the installation registers the version number of the product that is being installed. The entire version string is displayed in Add or Remove Programs. The product version number is important because the installation engine uses it in part to determine whether to apply an upgrade.

To configure the product version, use the General Information view. This product version can be overridden in other areas of InstallShield—for example, for a product configuration in the Releases view of a Basic MSI project. You can also specify the version number that you want an upgrade to target in other areas of InstallShield—for example, in the Upgrades view of a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project.

Note that although you can include the fourth field (dddd) when you specify your product’s version, the installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions.

For Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects—if your release includes a Setup.exe file, the product version that you specify is displayed on the Properties dialog box for Setup.exe. For more information, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.

For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects—Instead of hard-coding a value, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value. (To use a path variable: On the Project menu, click Settings. Then select the appropriate path variable on the Application tab.)

See Also
ProductVersion Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
ProductVersion Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
Designing Merge Modules
General Information View
Product Version Numbers in InstallScript and InstallScript Object Projects

Product Version Numbers in InstallScript and InstallScript Object Projects

By default, InstallScript projects use version numbers in packed DWORD format—that is, as a four-byte value whose first byte is the major version, second byte is the minor version, and last two bytes are the build number. Packed DWORDS are entered and displayed in the format major.minor.build; for example, 1.2.3 or 255.255.65535. Packed DWORD version numbers are assumed in the default script code for registering the version number of the product that is being installed, and for comparing that version number to that of the already installed product during an update installation.

If any of these version numbers are not in packed DWORD format, you must modify the script code as discussed in the following sections.

Version Number of the Already Installed Product

The default OnSetUpdateMode event handler function code compares the version number of the product that is being installed, and the version numbers to which the update can be applied (as specified in the Release property sheet), to the system variable IFX_INSTALLED_VERSION. The installation automatically attempts to initialize the value of this system
variable to the string equivalent of the data in the Version value under the application uninstallation registry key. If that value does not exist, or its data is not a packed DWORD, then the value of \textit{IFX\_INSTALLED\_VERSION} is a null string (""), in which case the default \texttt{OnSetUpdateMode} code displays an error message and aborts the installation. One solution is to insert code that checks the version information on the system and sets \texttt{IFX\_INSTALLED\_VERSION} equal to an appropriate packed DWORD value. For example, if previous installations stored a version string in the MyVersion value under HKEY\_LOCAL\__MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\MyCompany\MyProduct, you could insert code like the following:

\begin{verbatim}
if (IFX\_INSTALLED\_VERSION="") then
  /* Get the registered version information. */
  RegDBSetDefaultRoot( HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE );
  RegDBGetKeyValueEx( "Software\\MyCompany\\MyProduct",
                        "MyVersion", REGDB\_STRING, szVersionString, nSize );

  /* Assign a value to IFX\_INSTALLED\_VERSION. */
  switch (szVersionString)
    /* A registered version string of "A" corresponds to an existing version number of 1.0.0. */
    case "A":
      IFX\_INSTALLED\_VERSION = "1.0.0";
    /* A registered version string of "B" corresponds to an existing version number of 1.1.0. */
    case "B":
      IFX\_INSTALLED\_VERSION = "1.1.0";
    /* An absent version string corresponds to an existing version number of 0.0.0. */
    default:
      IFX\_INSTALLED\_VERSION = "0.0.0";
  endswitch;
endif;
\end{verbatim}

**Version Number of the Product that Is Being Installed**

The default \texttt{OnMoveData} event handler function code calls \texttt{RegDBSetVersion} to take the product version number that you entered in the General Information view and enter it in the target system’s registry. \texttt{RegDBSetVersion} assumes that the product version is in packed DWORD format. If you want to register a product version that is not in packed DWORD format, you must replace OnMoveData’s call of \texttt{RegDBSetVersion} with code like the following:

\begin{verbatim}
/* The setup automatically initializes the value of the system variable IFX\_PRODUCT\_VERSION to the product version that you entered in the Product Version setting in the General Information view. */
RegDBSetItem(REGDB\_UNINSTALL\_VERSION, IFX\_PRODUCT\_VERSION );
RegDBSetItem(REGDB\_UNINSTALL\_DISPLAY\_VERSION, IFX\_PRODUCT\_VERSION );
\end{verbatim}

\texttt{RegDBSetItem} must be called after \texttt{MaintenanceStart}.

**See Also**

Creating an InstallScript Release to Update Previous Versions

### Setting the Product Code in a Windows Installer–Based Project

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\textbullet Basic MSI \\
\textbullet InstallScript MSI \\
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The product code is a string that uniquely identifies your product. An installation uses a product code at run time to determine whether the product has already been installed.

Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies your product, or click the Generate a new GUID button ({{...}}) in the Product Code setting in the General Information view to let InstallShield generate a new GUID. The installation registers this GUID at run time.

⚠️ **Caution** • Because the product code uniquely identifies your product, changing the code after distributing a release of your product is not recommended.

**See Also**
- GUIDs
- General Information View

### Setting the Product Code in an InstallScript-Based Project

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The product code is a GUID string that uniquely identifies your product. An installation uses a product code at run time to determine whether the product has already been installed.

Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies your product, or click the Generate a new GUID button ({{...}}) in the Product Code setting in the General Information view to let InstallShield generate a new GUID. The installation registers this GUID at run time.

⚠️ **Caution** • The project GUID is used to associate uninstallation or maintenance with the original installation. A new GUID is automatically generated for each new project that you create, including copies of existing projects. Once you have changed a project’s GUID, its previous GUID cannot be recovered. For these reasons, changing a project’s GUID is typically not necessary and should be approached with caution.

**See Also**
- GUIDs
- General Information View
Setting the Upgrade Code

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

The upgrade code is a GUID that uniquely identifies the product family to which the product belongs. In most cases, the upgrade code should be consistent across different versions and languages of a family of related products so that Windows Installer can use it to search for related versions of the product that are already installed.

To configure the GUID for a new product, use the Upgrade Code setting in the General Information view. This upgrade code value can be overridden in other areas of InstallShield—for example, for a product configuration in the Releases view, or for each instance that is defined on the Multiple Instances tab for a product configuration in the Releases view.

When you are working on an upgrade for a new version of your product, use the upgrade code that was configured in the General Information view (or overridden in one of the aforementioned other areas of InstallShield) as the GUID that you specify in the Upgrades view of your upgrade project or in your QuickPatch project; when these upgrade codes match, the upgrade or patch can target the base version, and Windows Installer can update it as needed.

See Also

Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update
GUIDs

Setting Product Conditions

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant lets you specify some commonly used installation requirements for the target system. For example, if your application requires a specific operating system in order to run properly, you can indicate that on the Installation Requirements page.

InstallShield also enables you to define your own custom conditions that Windows Installer must evaluate before your product can be installed. Conditions that you create in the General Information view and on the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant apply to the entire product; if one or more of the conditions are false on the target system, the installation exits and an error message is displayed.
For example, if your product requires 64 MB of RAM in order to run properly, you can use the Product Condition Builder dialog box to create a condition. At run time, the Windows Installer checks the target system to determine how much RAM is installed. If it is less than 64 MB, or if any of the other product conditions are false, the Windows Installer displays an error message and exits the installation.

**Tip** • You cannot guarantee the order in which Windows Installer evaluates product launch conditions. If it is necessary to control the order in which the conditions are evaluated, you can create an error custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view for each condition, and schedule them in the appropriate order.

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**Task** • To create a custom launch condition for your product’s installation:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.

2. Click the Install Condition setting and then click the ellipsis button (...). The Product Condition Builder dialog box opens.

3. Click the New Condition button. InstallShield adds a new condition row to the Conditions box.

4. Do one of the following:
   - In the Condition column, type the launch condition.
   - Use the Properties list, the Operators list, and the Add buttons to build your conditional statement:
     a. In the Properties list, select a property and then click the Add button. InstallShield adds the property to the Condition column.
     b. If your conditional statement should contain an operator, select an operator in the Operators list and then click the Add button. InstallShield adds the operator to the conditional statement.
     c. If your conditional statement should contain a value, double-click the condition field, press END so that the insertion point is at the end of the condition statement, and enter the value.

5. In the Message column, enter the error message that you would like to be displayed if the condition evaluates to false.

When you type a value for this column, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can double-click this setting and then click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

**Note** • Windows Installer dialogs, which display the text that you specify in the Message column, do not recognize the escape sequences \r (carriage return), \n (new line), or \t (tab).

6. Click OK.

**Important** • InstallShield performs basic condition validation; however, you should still double-check that your condition statements evaluate to the expected outcome. For more information and example conditions, see Building Conditional Statements.
Setting the Default Product Destination Folder (INSTALLDIR)

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Your project’s INSTALLDIR property serves as the default folder for all of your product’s files. Its value is assigned to the Windows Installer folder property INSTALLDIR, which is the default feature and component destination folder.

**Windows Logo** • According to the Windows logo program requirements, the default destination of your product’s files must be a subfolder of the Program Files folder or the end user’s Application Data folder, regardless of the language of the target system. If you use ProgramFilesFolder as the parent folder for your product’s destination folder setting, your files are installed to the correct location. The default value for the INSTALLDIR setting is:

```
[ProgramFilesFolder]\Company Name\Product Name
```

**Task** To set a product’s INSTALLDIR property:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.

2. To use a built-in Windows Installer directory as part of your path: In the INSTALLDIR setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Set INSTALLDIR dialog box opens. In the Destination Directories box, select a destination folder.

   As an alternative, you can manually enter the path in the INSTALLDIR setting.

**Note** • Selecting a new folder property in the Set INSTALLDIR dialog box overwrites the contents of the value in the INSTALLDIR setting. You can specify a subfolder of any folder property by separating subfolders with a backslash—for example, [ProgramFilesFolder]\My Company\Program.

**Other Destination Folder Considerations** (Windows Installer–based projects only)

Setting the feature’s Remote Installation setting to Favor Source—or to Favor Parent when the subfeature’s parent feature is set to Favor Source—means that the feature’s files will not be installed on the target system, regardless of the product’s INSTALLDIR property.
Each feature and component has a Destination setting. The feature’s Destination setting overrides the product’s Destination Folder setting, and the component’s Destination setting overrides the feature’s. Therefore, if you want all of your product’s files to be installed by default to the product’s destination folder, enter [INSTALLDIR] for all of your features’ and components’ Destination settings.

When using an installer folder property such as INSTALLDIR, you are specifying a default value. An end user could change this value by setting a property when launching Msiexec.exe at the command line or by selecting a new destination folder for a feature in the CustomSetup dialog.

See Also
Component Destination vs. Feature Destination

Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment

InstallShield offers several ways to secure files, folders, registry keys, and Windows services for end users who run your product in a locked-down environment:

- **Traditional Windows Installer handling**—In Windows Installer–based projects, you can choose to use the built-in Windows Installer support for setting permissions for files, folders, and registry keys at run time. With this option, InstallShield stores permission information for your product in the LockPermissions table of the .msi database.

  This type of permission handling cannot be combined with the new Windows Installer handling; if you try to build a release that contains the MsiLockPermissionsEx table and the LockPermissions table, build error -7207 occurs.

- **New Windows Installer handling**—In Windows Installer–based projects, you can choose to use the latest Windows Installer support for setting permissions for files, folders, registry keys, and Windows services at run time. With this option, InstallShield stores permission information for your product in the MsiLockPermissionsEx table of the .msi database.

  This option requires Windows Installer 5 or later on the target system; earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore settings for this type of handling.

  This type of permission handling cannot be combined with the traditional Windows Installer handling; if you try to build a release that contains the MsiLockPermissionsEx table and the LockPermissions table, build error -7207 occurs.

- **Custom InstallShield handling**—In Windows Installer–based projects, you can choose to use custom support for setting permissions at run time. With this option, InstallShield stores permission information for your product in the custom ISLockPermissions table of the .msi database. InstallShield also adds custom actions to your project.

- **SetObjectPermissions, an InstallScript Function**—You can use the SetObjectPermissions function in InstallScript events and InstallScript custom actions to set permissions at run time.

All of these methods enable you to assign permissions for a file, folder, or registry key to specific groups and users. For example, you may assign Read, Write, and Delete permissions for a particular file to the Administrators group, but only Read permissions for all of the users in a different group. The new Windows Installer handling option also lets you assign permissions for a Windows service.
### Determining Which Option to Use

The following table compares the different types of methods for setting permissions.

**Table 4-1 • Comparison of Different Ways to Secure Objects in a Locked-Down Environment**

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<td>• <strong>Traditional Windows Installer handling, New Windows Installer handling, and Custom InstallShield handling</strong>—Available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.</td>
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<td>• <strong>SetObjectPermissions function</strong>—Available in InstallScript events in the following project types: InstallScript, InstallScript MSI.  Also available through InstallScript custom actions in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Well-known security identifiers (SIDs)</strong></td>
<td>• <strong>Traditional Windows Installer handling</strong>—Supports a limited number of SIDs (Administrators, Everyone).</td>
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<td>• <strong>New Windows Installer handling, Custom InstallShield handling, SetObjectPermissions function</strong>—Supports many SIDs (Administrators, Authenticated Users, Creator Owner, Everyone, Guests, Interactive, Local Service, Local System, Network Service, Power Users, Remote Desktop Users, and Users).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Localized names for SIDs</strong></td>
<td>• <strong>Traditional Windows Installer handling</strong>—Does not support localized names for SIDs; if you try to use a localized name, the installation fails.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>New Windows Installer handling, Custom InstallShield handling, and SetObjectPermissions function</strong>—Supports localized names for all of the supported well-known SIDs (Administrators, Authenticated Users, Creator Owner, Everyone, Guests, Interactive, Local Service, Local System, Network Service, Power Users, Remote Desktop Users, and Users).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Ability to deny specific permissions</strong></td>
<td>• <strong>Traditional Windows Installer handling</strong>—Not supported. This handling lets you set specific permissions; you cannot deny permissions. Thus, you can give a user read-only access to a file. However, you cannot prevent a user from having read-only access.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>New Windows Installer handling, Custom InstallShield handling, and SetObjectPermissions function</strong>—Supported. These options let you indicate whether you want to deny a user or group from having the permissions that you are specifying.</td>
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### Table 4-1: Comparison of Different Ways to Secure Objects in a Locked-Down Environment (cont.)

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<th>Comparison Category</th>
<th>Explanation of Available Support</th>
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</table>
| **Effect on permissions that already exist**             | ![List of options for different handling options](options-list)
| **Traditional Windows Installer handling**               | Existing permissions may be deleted. For example, if permissions are already set for a folder on the target system for the Everyone user, and your installation needs to set permissions for the Administrators user, this option would allow you to set permissions for the Administrators user. However, the existing permissions for Everyone would be deleted. |
| **New Windows Installer handling, Custom InstallShield handling, and SetObjectPermissions function** | These options let you add permissions to a file, folder, or registry key that already exists on the target system, without deleting any existing permissions for that object. For example, if permissions are already set for a folder on the target system for the Everyone user, and your installation needs to set permissions for the Administrators user, these options would allow you to set permissions for the Administrators user without deleting the existing permissions for the Everyone user. |

| **Ability to propagate permissions to child objects (subfolders, files, and subkeys)** | ![List of options for different handling options](options-list)
| **Traditional Windows Installer handling**               | Not supported. If you want to configure permissions for a subfolder or a file in a folder (or a subkey under a registry key), the parent that is created on the target system automatically inherits the permissions of its child. |
| **New Windows Installer handling, Custom InstallShield handling, and SetObjectPermissions function** | Supported. These options let you configure permissions for a folder (or a registry key), and indicate whether you want the permissions to be applied to all of the folder’s subfolders and files (or the registry key’s subkeys). |

| **Ability to set permissions for objects that are not being installed as part of your installation** | ![List of options for different handling options](options-list)
| **Traditional Windows Installer handling, New Windows Installer handling, and Custom InstallShield handling** | Not supported. |
| **SetObjectPermissions function**                       | Supported. You can secure permissions for a file, folder, or registry key that is installed as part of your installation, or it can be already present on the target system. |

| **Ability to set permissions for a new user that is being created during the installation** | ![List of options for different handling options](options-list)
| **Traditional Windows Installer handling**               | Not supported. |
| **New Windows Installer handling, Custom InstallShield handling, and SetObjectPermissions function** | Supported. If a new user is created during the installation, you can configure permissions for that user. |

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**Learning More about the Custom InstallShield Handling Option or the Traditional Windows Installer Handling Option**

In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects, you need to specify whether you want to use the custom InstallShield handling or the Windows Installer handling. To learn how, see [Selecting the Locked-Down Permissions Type for a Project](#).
To learn how to set permissions for a file or folder using either of these options, see Configuring Permissions for Files and Folders. For information on setting permissions for a registry key using either of these options, see Configuring Permissions for Registry Keys.

**Learning More about the New Windows Installer Handling Option**

To use the new Windows Installer handling option for a service, add a service to your project and then configure its settings. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.

To use the new Windows Installer handling option for files, folders, or registry keys, use the MsiLockPermissionsEx table in the Direct Editor view.

**Learning More about the InstallScript Function SetObjectPermissions**

For information on the SetObjectPermissions function, see SetObjectPermissions.

**See Also**
LockPermissions (Windows Installer Help Library)
LockPermissions (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiLockPermissionsEx (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiLockPermissionsEx (Windows Installer Help Library)

**Selecting the Locked-Down Permissions Type for a Project**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

InstallShield includes a project-wide setting that lets you specify how your installation should configure permissions for files, folders, and registry keys for end users in a locked-down environment.

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**Task** Selecting the locked-down permission type for a project:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In the Locked-Down Permissions setting, select the appropriate option:
   - Custom InstallShield handling—InstallShield adds a custom table and custom actions to your project to set permissions on the target system. This is the default value.
   - Traditional Windows Installer handling—InstallShield uses the LockPermissions table in the .msi database to store permissions information for your product.
For a detailed comparison of these two options, see *Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment*.

The next time that you configure permissions for a file, folder, or registry key in your project, InstallShield uses the locked-down permission type that you selected:

- If you selected the traditional Windows Installer handling option, InstallShield uses the `LockPermissions` table in your project.
- If you selected the custom InstallShield handling option, InstallShield uses the `ISLockPermissions` table in your project; InstallShield also adds the `ISLockPermissionsCost` and `ISLockPermissionsInstall` custom actions to your project.

If you change the value of the Locked-Down Permissions setting but your project already contains permission settings for files, folders, or registry keys, InstallShield displays a message box that lets you specify whether you want to migrate the permission data to the appropriate table. If you choose to migrate the data, InstallShield moves the data to the table that corresponds with the option that you selected; if you are switching from the custom InstallShield handling option to the traditional Windows Installer handling option, InstallShield also deletes the `ISLockPermissionsCost` and `ISLockPermissionsInstall` custom actions from your project.

**See Also**
LockPermissions (Windows Installer Help Library)
LockPermissions (Windows Installer Help Library)

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**Specifying Whether Windows Installer Installations Should Be Logged**

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InstallShield enables you to specify on a project-wide basis whether Windows Installer 4.0 or later should log your installation. You can also customize the types of messages that are logged.

**Task**

To specify project-wide logging information for Windows Installer 4.0 or later:

1. In the View List under *Installation Information*, click *General Information*.
2. Click the *Create MSI Logs* setting, and then click the ellipsis button (...). The *Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later* dialog box opens.
3. Select the appropriate option. If you select the custom option, enter the `MsiLogging` value.
   
   For a list of valid parameters for the `MsiLogging` value, see *MsiLogging Property* in the Windows Installer Help Library.
4. Click **OK**.

The results vary, depending on which option you select in the Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later dialog box:

- If you select No, installations are not logged. This is the default value.
- If you select Yes, InstallShield populates the `MsiLogging` property with the default value of `voicewarmup`. If the installation is run on a target system that has Windows Installer 4.0, the following occurs:
  - The installer creates a log file according to the default logging mode of `voicewarmup`.
  - The installer populates the `MsiLogFileLocation` property with the log file's path.
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- A **Show the Windows Installer log** check box is added to the SetupCompleteSuccess, SetupCompleteError, and SetupInterrupted dialogs. If the end user selects that check box and then clicks Finish, the log file is opened in a text file viewer or editor.

- If you select Custom, InstallShield populates the MsiLogging property with the value that you specify in the box. If the installation is run on a target system that has Windows Installer 4.0, the following occurs:
  - The installer creates a log file according to the custom value that you specified in the box.
  - The installer populates the MsiLogFileLocation property with the log file’s path.
  - A **Show the Windows Installer log** check box is added to the SetupCompleteSuccess, SetupCompleteError, and SetupInterrupted dialogs. If the end user selects that check box and then clicks Finish, the log file is opened in a text file viewer or editor.

Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore the MsiLogging setting. The **Show the Windows Installer log** check box is not visible in run-time dialogs that are displayed on systems running earlier versions of Windows Installer.

**Important** • The MsiLogFileLocation property is read-only; it cannot be used to set or change the log file location.

**See Also**
Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later Dialog Box

Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times

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The InstallScript project type offers several options for the behavior of your installation when a target machine already has your product installed and the end user reruns the installation.

**Table 4-2 • Maintenance Experience Settings**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Maintenance Experience</th>
<th>When Maintenance UI Is Displayed</th>
<th>Number of Entries Created in Add or Remove Programs</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Standard</td>
<td>Whenever the installation is rerun</td>
<td>One</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Multi-Instance</td>
<td>Only when the installation is rerun from the Add or Remove Programs</td>
<td>Multiple—a separate entry for each instance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No uninstall or maintenance</td>
<td>Never</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can select these options from the Maintenance Experience setting in the General Information view.

For the default behavior—the standard option—the maintenance user interface is displayed if end users rerun an installation on machines.

The multi-instance option lets your end users rerun an installation multiple times as a first-time installation rather than as a maintenance installation. By default, this option lets end users install the product to a different location each time that they run the installation. Each time that they run the installation as a first-time installation, the components that they select (whether directly or by selecting a setup type) are installed.
If one or more instances of your product are present on a machine when an end user reruns the multi-instance installation with a user interface, the installation displays the Qualifying Product(s) Detected dialog. This dialog enables the end user to select the instance to which the update should be applied. However, if the end user reruns the installation silently, the installation suppresses the Qualifying Product(s) Detected dialog and creates a new instance on the machine.

**Project** • For information on multiple-instance support in Basic MSI projects, see Installing Multiple Instances of Products.

### Configuring the Enable Maintenance Setting

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**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript MSI projects.

Use the Enable Maintenance setting in the General Information view to indicate whether you want to display the full maintenance user interface (UI) or the uninstallation UI when end users rerun the installation on a system on which the product is already present.

The following table shows the available options for the Enable Maintenance setting.

**Table 4-3** • Enable Maintenance Setting Options

<table>
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<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Unless the /removeonly command-line parameter is passed to Setup.exe, the system variable REMOVEONLY is set to FALSE when an end user reruns the installation, and the standard maintenance UI is displayed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>The system variable REMOVEONLY is set to TRUE when an end user reruns the installation, and the uninstallation UI is displayed.</td>
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</table>

**Note** • Selecting No for the Enable Maintenance setting does not cause the OnUninstall event handler to be called. If you want the OnUninstall event handler to be called, you must use the /uninst command-line parameter for Setup.exe. Note that this is applicable only if the InstallScript UI style is the traditional style, which uses the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler. The /uninst command-line parameter is not supported if the InstallScript UI style is the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler). To learn more, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.

**Note** • InstallScript MSI installations show separate Change and Remove buttons in Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel by default. Clicking the Change button always displays the maintenance UI, and clicking the Remove button always displays the uninstallation UI.

The Enable Maintenance setting has no effect on the behavior that occurs if end users initiate maintenance for your product by clicking the Change button for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs.
If you want to prevent end users from being able to run maintenance from within Add or Remove Programs, select Yes for the Disable Change Button setting in the General Information view.

See Also
General Information View
Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
REMOVEONLY

Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations

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Project • This information applies to InstallScript MSI projects.

InstallScript MSI installations use two different installer engines:

- The Windows Installer engine runs the standard Execute sequence of the .msi package. This is the sequence that typically modifies the target system.
- The InstallScript engine serves as the custom user interface (UI) handler of the installation. It also executes the InstallScript code. The advantage of using the InstallScript engine for the UI is that it offers support for highly customized run-time dialogs.

Traditionally, Windows Installer has had support for only external custom UI handlers; therefore, InstallScript MSI installations have always required a Setup.exe setup launcher. The setup launcher serves as a bootstrap application that initiates the InstallScript engine to display the UI and run the InstallScript code, and the Windows Installer to run the Execute sequence of the .msi package.

Windows Installer 4.5 introduces support for embedded custom UI handlers. If the InstallScript engine is embedded within the .msi package, an InstallScript MSI installation does not require the Setup.exe setup launcher; end users can launch the installation by launching the .msi package. In this case, the .msi package contains the information that the Windows Installer needs to know about launching the InstallScript engine for the installation’s UI.

Thus, InstallShield offers two different styles for the UI of InstallScript MSI installations:

- Traditional style (requires a Setup.exe setup launcher)—This style lets you use the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler for your InstallScript MSI installation. This is the default style.
- New style (requires Windows Installer 4.5 on the target machine)—This style lets you use the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler for your InstallScript MSI installation. With this style, InstallShield embeds the InstallScript engine within the .msi package. Note that this option has some limitations.

The following sections provide detailed information about these two styles; review this information to determine which style would best meet your requirements.
Traditional Style (InstallScript Engine as an External UI Handler)

The general flow in a traditional-style InstallScript MSI package during a first-time installation is as follows:

1. The InstallScript engine opens the .msi package.

2. All actions in the Installation UI sequence are run with the exception of the ExecuteAction. The actions are run in ascending sequence order.

3. The InstallScript engine performs its own internal component costing to determine the space required for all features and components in the installation.

4. The InstallScript engine launches the compiled script contained in ISSetup.dll. The event sequence for the events that are run before the .msi package installation is as follows:
   a. OnBegin
   b. OnXxxUIBefore (where Xxx is First, Maint, Admin, Patch, Resume, etc.)
   c. OnGeneratingMsiScript
   d. OnMoving
   e. OnFeaturesInstalling (Any feature installing and uninstalling events are run at this point.)
   f. OnInstallFilesActionBefore
   g. OnGeneratedMsiScript

5. The InstallScript engine launches the .msi package installation through MsiInstallProduct. The following factors determine the command line that the InstallScript engine passes through MsiInstallProduct: installation mode (for example, first-time installation, maintenance mode, minor upgrade, patch), internal feature selections, and current property values.

6. If the .msi package installation is successful, the InstallScript engine writes the secondary uninstall key (InstallShield_{ProductCode}) to the machine and then launches the following events:
   a. OnInstallFilesActionAfter
   b. OnFeaturesInstalled (Any feature installed and uninstalled events are run at this point.)
   c. OnMoved
   d. OnXxxUIAfter (where Xxx is First, Maint, Admin, Patch, Resume, etc.)
   e. OnEnd

7. After the script has completed, the InstallScript engine writes the InstallScript log to the machine.

8. The InstallScript engine shuts down.
New Style (InstallScript Engine as an Embedded UI Handler)

The InstallScript MSI embedded UI support attempts to follow the same general flow as traditional-style InstallScript MSI installation. However, there are certain portions of the flow that do not occur or are unnecessary. The general flow in a new-style InstallScript MSI package during a first-time installation is as follows:

1. The .msi package is launched directly or by Setup.exe (which then launches Msiexec.exe, which is the same behavior for a Basic MSI installation).
2. The Windows Installer engine extracts all files that are in the MsiEmbeddedUI table and calls the initialize embedded UI function in the DLL that contains the embedded UI handler attribute. (In the InstallScript MSI case, this is ISSetup.dll).
3. The InstallScript engine initializes and manually launches the ISSetupFilesExtract action if it is present and its condition in the InstallUISequence evaluates to true.
4. The InstallScript engine performs manual resolution of all entries in the Directory table.
5. The InstallScript engine performs its own internal component costing to determine the space required for all features and components in the installation.
6. The InstallScript engine launches the compiled script contained in ISSetup.d11. The event sequence for the events that are run before the .msi package installation is as follows:
   a. OnBegin
   b. OnXxxUIBefore (where Xxx is First, Maint, Admin, Patch, Resume, etc.)
   c. OnGeneratingMsiScript
   d. OnMoving
   e. OnFeaturesInstalling (Any feature installing and uninstalling events are run at this point.)
   f. OnInstallFilesActionBefore
   g. OnGeneratedMsiScript
7. The InstallScript engine returns control to the Windows Installer engine, which then begins running the installation's Execute sequence.
8. If the .msi package installation is successful, the Windows Installer engine calls back into ISSetup.d11. ISSetup.d11 then launches the following events:
   a. OnInstallFilesActionAfter
   b. OnFeaturesInstalled (Any feature installed and uninstalled events are run at this point.)
   c. OnMoved
   d. OnXxxUIAfter (where Xxx is First, Maint, Admin, Patch, Resume, etc.)
   e. OnEnd
9. The InstallScript engine shuts down and returns control to the Windows Installer.

For the new-style InstallScript MSI installations, the Install UI sequence is not run. If any custom actions are sequenced in the Install UI sequence, they will not run, similar to how such actions would not run in a Basic MSI that is launched with /qb or /qn.

The InstallScript engine does not log any changes that are made to the system from InstallScript events.
Most command-line parameters that are supported by traditional-style InstallScript MSI installations are also supported for new-style InstallScript MSI installations. If an end user launches the .msi package directly, these parameters can be passed through the ISSCRIPTCMDLINE property.

**Limitations with the Traditional Style (InstallScript Engine as an External UI Handler)**

*Uninstallable Patch Support*

The traditional style does not have support for creating uninstallable patches.

**Limitations and Known Issues with the New Style (InstallScript Engine as an Embedded UI Handler)**

If you are considering the new style, note the following details.

*Windows Installer 4.5 Requirement*

The new style requires that Windows Installer 4.5 be present on the target system. You can add InstallShield prerequisites for Windows Installer 4.5 to your project so that Windows Installer 4.5 is installed if it is not present. If you include these InstallShield prerequisites in your installation, you need to use a Setup.exe setup launcher. For more information, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects. Note that Windows Installer 4.5 cannot be installed on some of the early versions of Windows.

If Windows Installer 4.5 is not installed on a target system at run time, and the installation is launched with Setup.exe, the setup launcher displays error 1713 and indicates that the installation requires Windows Installer 4.5 or later in order to run. The installation aborts after the end user dismisses this error message. If the .msi package is launched directly, the installation displays an error indicating that the package needs to be launched from the Setup.exe file.

*Upgrade and Patch Support*

InstallShield does not include any built-in support for creating an upgrade that uses the new style if the upgrade updates a product that was installed with the traditional style. Therefore, if you use the traditional style to build a release of your product and then you later create an upgrade, consider using the traditional style again for the upgrade. This applies to all types of upgrades (major upgrades, minor upgrades, and small updates) that are packaged as full-installations or as patches.

Note that if the previous setups that a patch is targeting use the traditional style, the patch should also use the traditional style. Also note that a QuickPatch project maintains the UI style from the original installation. Therefore, if the original installation used the traditional style, the QuickPatch package also uses the traditional style. If the original installation used the new style, the QuickPatch package also uses the new style.

As a workaround for the major upgrade scenario, you could consider having your new-style major-upgrade installation read the uninstall string of the earlier product from the registry, and launching it with the InstallScript function LaunchApplication to uninstall the earlier version of your product before installing the new version. Note that you may need to set LAAW_SHELLEXECUTEVERB to runas before using LaunchApplication in your script.

*MsiDoAction*

Attempting to call the MsiDoAction function from one of the events that are run before the .msi package installation returns an error. This error occurs because of the handle that the Windows Installer passes to the InstallScript engine. The handle does not support running standard or custom actions in the .msi package. This function can be called from InstallScript custom actions if needed.
**MsiGetTargetPath and MsiSetTargetPath**

The Windows Installer `MsiGetTargetPath` and `MsiSetTargetPath` functions do not work correctly in the new style if they are in event-driven script. These functions rely on the Directory Manager having been initialized by the Windows Installer costing actions. In new-style InstallScript MSI installations, Windows Installer costing is not performed. Thus, `MsiGetTargetPath` fails to return any path information, and `MsiSetTargetPath` fails to set the requested target path. In both cases, Windows Installer logs messages in a verbose log if either of these functions are called.

To update installation paths, use `FeatureSetTarget`.

Note that `MsiGetTargetPath` and `MsiSetTargetPath` can be called through InstallScript custom actions that are sequenced after `CostFinalize` in the Installation Execute sequence.

**FeatureTransferData and ComponentTransferData**

The behavior of the InstallScript functions `FeatureTransferData` and `ComponentTransferData` is undefined for the new style of InstallScript MSI installations and should not be used.

```plaintext
program...endprogram
```

New-style InstallScript MSI installations cannot use procedural scripts (that is, those with a `program...endprogram` block). The program function is not called in this case. An event-driven script should be used to customize the behavior of the installation.

```plaintext
/uninst
```

New-style InstallScript MSI installations do not support the `/uninst` command-line parameter.

**BATCH_INSTALL**

Attempting to reboot by setting the `BATCH_INSTALL` variable does not work correctly. To perform a reboot, use the `ScheduleReboot` action for the `REBOOT` property.

**Reboot Support**

Reboots for new-style InstallScript MSI installations are handled in the same manner as they are handled for Basic MSI installations—not as they are handled for InstallScript-based installations (where the installation resumes after the restart and the `OnRebooted` event handler is called).

New-style InstallScript MSI installations should be authored similarly to Basic MSI installations to handle reboots; the installation does not run after a scheduled reboot occurs, and the `OnRebooted` event handler is not called.

**Msiexec.exe /x (for Uninstallation)**

If an end user tries to uninstall the product through the command line using the statement `Msiexec.exe /x {ProductCode}`, the uninstallation may be successful. However, the Windows Installer displays an error dialog near the end of the uninstallation. The error dialog indicates that the Windows Installer service could not be accessed.

To perform an uninstallation from the command line, the current recommended method is to use one of the following:

```plaintext
msiexec.exe /i {ProductCode} REMOVE=ALL
msiexec.exe /x {ProductCode} /qn
```

Neither of these examples triggers the Windows Installer error.
Recommendations

For new-style InstallScript MSI installations, the UI functionality may be run without administrator privileges. Therefore, the following points are recommended (and, in general, also apply to all Windows Installer–based installations):

- Do not assume that administrator privileges will be available from any InstallScript events.
- Any system changes that need to be made should be done with custom actions in the Installation Execute sequence. InstallScript custom actions can be used. To ensure that sufficient privileges are available, custom actions should have an in-script execution setting of deferred in system context.
- Custom actions that modify the system should have corresponding rollback actions that restore the system to its earlier state if the installation fails.
- Custom actions that modify the system should also have corresponding actions that run during uninstallation to remove the installed items from the system.
- If changes are made to the system from InstallScript events, the changes are not logged by the InstallScript engine and would need additional script code to clean up these resources during uninstallation.

Using InstallScript to Differentiate Between the Two Styles at Run Time

You can use the INSTALLSCRIPTMSIEEUI variable to write a single script that produces different run-time behavior for the different UI styles. To learn more, see INSTALLSCRIPTMSIEEUI.

See Also

Event Handlers
Installation Sequence
User Interface Sequence
Execute Sequence
MsiDoAction (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiDoAction (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiGetTargetPath (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiGetTargetPath (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiSetTargetPath (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiSetTargetPath (Windows Installer Help Library)

Specifying the InstallScript User Interface Type for InstallScript MSI Installations

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Project • This information applies to InstallScript MSI projects.

In InstallScript MSI projects, you have the choice of two different types of InstallScript user interface (UI). For detailed information about these two styles, including any limitations, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.

Task To specify the InstallScript user interface type for an InstallScript MSI project:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. For the InstallScript User Interface Type setting, select the appropriate option.
• **Traditional Style (Requires Setup.exe)**—If you want to use the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler for your InstallScript MSI installation, select this option. With this style, your installation must include a Setup.exe setup launcher. The setup launcher serves as a bootstrap application that initiates the InstallScript engine to display the UI and run the InstallScript code, and the Windows Installer to run the Execute sequence of the .msi package.

This is the default option for this setting.

• **New Style (Requires Windows Installer 4.5)**—If you want to use the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler for your InstallScript MSI installation, select this option. With this style, InstallShield embeds the InstallScript engine within the .msi package. The Windows Installer calls the InstallScript engine to display the UI. The Windows Installer also runs the Execute sequence of the .msi package.

This option requires Windows Installer 4.5 on the target machine. This option also has some limitations that require careful planning if you decide to use this style.

**See Also**
General Information View

### Entering Summary Information Stream Data

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**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Some of the Summary Information Stream settings are available in DIM projects. In this project type, the values in these settings are not displayed or used at run time. You can use these settings in this project type as a reference for internally identifying the project.

Windows Installer databases (.msi and .msm files) are implemented as COM structured storage, and COM structured storage files usually contain a Summary Information Stream. The Summary Information Stream contains information about your company and the software being installed. For more information, see Accessing the Summary Information Stream Panel to learn how to view your file’s summary information.

For a description of each Summary Information Stream setting, see General Information View.

**See Also**

Setting Summary Information Stream Properties
Using the Template Summary Property
Accessing the Summary Information Stream Panel
Accessing the Summary Information Stream Panel

**Task** To access summary information for an .msi or .msm file:

1. Right-click the .msi file or .msm file and click **Properties**. The **Properties** dialog box opens.
2. Click the **Summary** tab to view the summary information.

**Tip** The General Information view is where you populate the information for the Properties dialog box for your installation.

See Also
- Setting Summary Information Stream Properties
- Entering Summary Information Stream Data

Setting Summary Information Stream Properties

**Task** To specify summary information for the project:

1. In the View List under **Installation Information**, click **General Information**.
2. Find the **Summary Information Stream** area of the view.
3. Modify the values of the settings as needed.

**Setting the Summary Information Stream Comments at Build Time**

You also have the option of entering comments at build time. You can use the `SummaryInfoComments` parameter of `MSBuild.exe` task to set the **Summary Information Stream** comments at build time, such as including the build number, as shown in the following example:

```bash
MSBuild.exe c:\installers\Setup.sln /Property:SummaryInfoComments="Insert Comments Here"
```

See Also
- General Information View

Using the Template Summary Property

**Project** This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
You can use the Template Summary setting in the General Information view to essentially establish conditions for processor type and language; if a target system does not meet these requirements, the installer displays an error message and exits the installation.

**Tip** • You can also set the Template Summary setting for a product configuration in the Releases view. Any value entered in the Releases view overrides the value set in the General Information view.

**Syntax**

List the processor type first, followed by your installation’s default language. For language, enter any four-digit language ID or 0 (zero) for language neutral.

- Separate the two categories with a semicolon.
- If your installation supports multiple products and you want to have multiple entries in the language category—for example, 1033 for English and 1031 for German—separate them with a comma.

**Caution** • If your installation targets 64-bit machines, do not enter both Intel and Intel64 in this field. Doing so causes your installation to fail. Also, if you enter Intel64, your installation will not run on 32-bit operating systems.

Valid processor values include:

- Intel
- Intel64
- x64

**Setting Conditions Based on Processor Type and Language**

If your installation runs only on Intel processors and English-based systems, use the following syntax in the Template Summary property:

Intel;1033

If the processor-type condition fails, the installer displays an error message and then exits.

If your product runs on x64 processors and supports English and German, enter the following:

x64;1033,1031

To specify that the package is language-independent, you can use the syntax Intel; or Intel;0.

**Setting Conditions Based on Language Only**

To put a condition on the language only, start the entry with a semicolon and specify your setup’s default language:

;1036
Leaving the first portion empty indicates that the target processor is Intel. If a language is not specified, InstallShield provides the release languages in the Summary Information Stream.

**See Also**
Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds
General Information View
Setting Product Conditions
Template Summary Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
Template Summary Property (Windows Installer Help Library)

### Configuring Add or Remove Programs Information

**InstallShield 2020**

The settings in the Add or Remove Programs area of the General Information view describe the information that appears in Add or Remove Programs tool in the Control Panel.

If you have not entered a value for a particular Add or Remove Programs setting, a sample value appears in grey text. This value is meant to serve as an example and is not included in the final Windows Installer database.

The General Information view enables you to set much of the information that is displayed to the end user through Add or Remove Programs.

**Project** • In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects—Most of the values that you specify are stored in Windows Installer properties with names beginning with ARP, such as ARPPPRODUCTICON or ARPHELPLINK. One exception to this is the Publisher setting. This value should be set with your company name and is stored in the Manufacturer property.

In a Basic MSI project—To prevent your product from appearing in the Add or Remove Programs, you can set the Windows Installer property ARPSYSTEMCOMPONENT to 1 in the Property Manager. Note that setting this property simply suppresses the display of your product in Add or Remove Programs. An end user can still remove your product by running the installation in maintenance mode or from the command line.

In an InstallScript MSI project—To prevent your product from appearing in the Add or Remove Programs, select Yes for the Hide Add/Remove Panel Entry setting in the Releases view.

**See Also**
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
General Information View

### Specifying a Readme File

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
In the Read Me setting in the General Information view, enter the name of the Readme file for your product. On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product's entry in Add or Remove Programs. Alternatively, you can link to a Readme file located on the Internet by specifying a valid URL.

**Project** • In a Windows Installer–based project (Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project), special formatting is required to properly display a path when the Readme file is installed as part of your installation; see the following section. In an InstallScript or InstallScript Object project, enter a hard-coded path or a URL, or specify a path relative to a system variable enclosed by angle brackets, for example, `<TARGETDIR>\Readme.txt`. This data is written to the target system's registry by the default OnMoveData event handler.

**Displaying the Readme File Path in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects**

You can enter a hard-coded path or a URL for the Readme file. However, the name of a folder, such as `[MyDirectory]`, or of a component, such as `[MyComponent]`, is not resolved. That means that the Readme value in the Support Information dialog box would be displayed as `\INSTALLDIR\Readme.txt` or `[MyComp]Readme.htm`. The path is not resolved because this property is merely setting the initial value of the Windows Installer property ARPREADME, and formatted strings are never resolved for Windows Installer properties.

InstallShield's solution is to use a custom action to set ARPREADME with the value that you enter in the Read Me setting. By setting it with the SetARPReadme custom action, the path is resolved during the installation. For example, `Readme.doc` might be a file in the component Help_Files. In this case, enter `[Help_Files]Readme.doc` for the Read Me setting. Assuming Help_Files is installed to `C:\Program Files\MyCompany\MyProduct\Help`, the path that would be displayed in Add or Remove Programs on the target system would be `C:\Program Files\MyCompany\MyProduct\Help\Readme.doc`.

Instead of the component name, you can use the file key. Do not use a folder from the Directory table because it will not be resolved at run time. The file key is not as reliable as the component name, because it is subject to change if the files are dynamically linked or the release uses patch optimization. Continuing the example above, if `Readme.doc` has a file key of `F501_Readme.doc`, enter `[#F501_Readme.doc]` for the Read Me setting. If it is installed to the same folder, Add or Remove Programs displays the following path on the target system:

`C:\Program Files\MyCompany\MyProduct\Help\Readme.doc`

The custom action SetARPReadme is added every time that the Read Me setting in the General Information view contains a string and the Installation Execute sequence contains the CostFinalize action. SetARPReadme is inserted into the Installation Execute and User Interface sequences directly after CostFinalize.

See Also
General Information View
Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

ISO/IEC 19770-2 is an international standard for the creation of software identification tags. A software identification tag is a small XML-based file that contains descriptive information about the software, such as the product name, product edition, product version, and publisher. Software asset management tools collect the data in the tags to provide accurate application identification for software that is installed in an enterprise.

Software identification tagging is evolving as an industry standard, enabling independent software vendors to create smarter applications that give their customers better information for software asset management and license optimization initiatives. Including the identification tag in your product’s installation makes it possible for your customers to use tools that can monitor their internal usage of your product, allowing them to understand, manage, and optimize the number of licenses of your product that they obtain from you.

Proper tag creation requires that you configure standard General Information settings such as Product Name and Product Version. It also requires that you configure a few identification-specific settings, which are also in the General Information view.

Task To include a software identification tag in your installation:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In the Software Identification Tag area of the view, modify the values of the settings as needed.
   - The Use Software Identification Tag setting lets you specify whether you want to include a tag in your installation. Select Yes, which is the default value, and then configure the other settings in the Software Identification Tag area as needed.

When you use tagging in your project, InstallShield adds the tag to two new components that it creates, and it associates the components with one of your project’s features. The components are:

- ISO19770_LocalTag, which has a destination of INSTALLDIR
- ISO19770_SystemTag, which has a destination of CommonAppDataFolder

Use the Setup Design view if you want to associate these components with a different feature in your project. For more information, see Component-Feature Associations.

At build time, if the following conditions are true, InstallShield includes the software identification tag with the installation that it builds:

- Yes, the default value, is selected for the Use Software Identification Tag setting in the General Information view.
- The Unique ID, Tag Creator, and Tag Creator ID settings in the General Information view have values.

Note that if tagging is enabled but you have not entered values in one or more of the three aforementioned tag identification settings, InstallShield generates a build warning to inform you that the tag could not be included in your release. To resolve this warning, configure the settings in the Software Identification Tag area of the General Information view as needed.
If you configure your project to include a software identification tag and you also configure the release in the Releases view to use a .pfx file to digitally sign your release, InstallShield digitally signs the tag at build time. Note that the .NET Framework 3.5 must be installed on your build machine in order to sign a tag file.

See Also
General Information View Settings

Including Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager Application Model Data About Your Product

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

Microsoft System Center 2012 Configuration Manager is a solution that helps IT administrators manage and deploy applications to users throughout an enterprise. It takes a user-centric approach to application delivery, allowing IT administrators to define each application so that it can be deployed to users on a variety of devices in the most appropriate format, with the required application dependencies.

Accurate identification of deployment metadata is necessary for migrating applications into the Configuration Manager application model. InstallShield includes the ability to specify some of the application model metadata for an application through a software identification tag. When AdminStudio users import a package into the AdminStudio Application Catalog, AdminStudio Application Manager mines package elements for deployment data such as detection methods, dependencies, requirements, as well as information in the software identification tag. AdminStudio makes this information available to users for review and tests before publishing to Microsoft System Center 2012 Configuration Manager.

**Task** To include application model data for System Center Configuration Manager in your installation:

1. Ensure that you are including a software identification tag in your project. For more information, see Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product.

2. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.

3. In the Add SCCM App Model Data setting, select Yes.

4. Configure the subsettings under the Add SCCM App Model Data setting as needed. For more information, see General Information View Settings.

When you include tagging and application model data in your project, InstallShield adds the tag with the application model data to two new components that it creates, and it associates the components with one of your project’s features. The components are:

- ISO19770_LocalTag, which has a destination of INSTALLDIR
- ISO19770_SystemTag, which has a destination of CommonAppDataFolder

Use the Setup Design view if you want to associate these components with a different feature in your project. For more information, see Component-Feature Associations.

At build time, if the following conditions are true, InstallShield includes the software identification tag with the installation that it builds; it also includes the application model data in the tag:
• Yes, the default value, is selected for the Use Software Identification Tag setting in the General Information view.
• The Unique ID, Tag Creator, and Tag Creator ID settings in the General Information view have values.
• Yes is selected for the Add SCCM App Model Data setting in the General Information view.

If you configure your project to include a software identification tag and you also configure the release in the Releases view to use a .pfx file to digitally sign your release, InstallShield digitally signs the tag at build time. Note that the .NET Framework 2.0 or later must be installed on your build machine in order to sign a tag file.

See Also
General Information View
Organizing Files for Your Installation

InstallShield 2020

The primary task of an installation is to transfer files from your distribution media to your end user’s hard drive. In an InstallShield installation, files are organized in a hierarchy: files are included in components; components are associated with features (and optionally subfeatures); and, in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI installations, features are associated with setup types.

At run time, your end user simply selects the setup type—or, if you allow it, the features and subfeatures—that he or she wishes to install. End users do not see components, which you use to group your files according to their type and purpose. For example, files that are installed to the same target folder can be placed in the same component, as can self-registering files.

A file often relies on functions in other files to perform a task. However, you may not be aware of all these other files—known as dependencies—when you include your application’s files in your project. To help you identify dependencies, InstallShield offers three dependency scanners that automatically add these files to your project.

In addition to including individual files in your project, you can also include redistributables (InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and objects), which contain logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality. For example, to include the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) files in your installation, you can add the InstallShield prerequisite for JRE to your installation project.

See Also
- Files and Folders View
- Components View
- Features View
- Setup Types View
- Dependency Scanners
- Redistributables View
- DIM References View

Designing Installations

InstallShield 2020

There are two main perspectives in an installation project—that of the developer and that of the end user. In InstallShield, these perspectives are addressed in detail in the Components and Features views, respectively.

Components

Components represent the developer’s view of the product. They are installation authoring tools that help the developer organize similar application data—such as files, registry entries, and shortcuts—into logical groups.

To enable the end user to choose which features to install, you should divide your application into components that correspond with the features of your application.

Using InstallShield, you can also publish your project’s components.

Note • The conditions that you specify for the Publish Components, Publish Features, or Publish Product actions are not validated during design time, so use proper syntax and check to ensure that the condition produces the expected outcome.
Features

Features are the building blocks of an application from the end user's perspective. Each feature represents a specific piece of functionality for your product—such as the help files. End users should be able to install and uninstall discrete features of your product.

For example, an end user with limited hard drive space could elect not to install a product tutorial. If the user subsequently purchases another computer or frees resources on an existing one, the previously uninstalled product tutorial could then be installed.

You should separate your application into features that correspond to the components of your application.

See Also
- Components View
- Features View

Separating Applications into Components

InstallShield 2020

Use the following guidelines to separate an application into components.

- Identify resources that function as a group; each group can be a component.
- Windows Installer requires that every file in a component be installed to the same directory. If you need to install a directory structure, each subdirectory must correspond to a separate component.
- The resources in a component should require the same conditions.
- To take full advantage of Windows Installer repair functionality, each .exe, .dll, and .ocx file should be placed in its own component, and each should be the component's key file. The Best Practices option of the Component Wizard can create components for you using this rule.
- Similarly, each .chm or .hlp file should be placed in its own component, along with any corresponding .chi or .cnt file.
- No resource should be included in more than one component, even across products. If a component's resources are required by more than one product, consider creating a merge module with the shared resources.
- When mapping a component to one or more features, ensure that all parts of a component map to the features.
- When testing your installation, you may want to divide your application into several components to thoroughly measure its performance.

See Also
- Setting Component Key Files

Separating Applications into Features

InstallShield 2020

Use the following guidelines to separate an application into features.

- Separate your application into independent parts, such as help, clip art, and program files. This gives the end user combination options when installing your application. For instance, if your application contains a large, graphic-intensive clip art file, you could make the clip art file a feature. This gives the end user the option of installing or not installing the file—a vital ability for users with limited available resources.
In separating your application into features, ensure that end users can recombine the parts in several ways to fulfill specific needs. When doing this, consider the needs of all users, from system administrator to customer service representative to developer and everyone in between. By addressing all groups of users, you are promoting increased distribution and usage of your application.

Each feature should have one function—such as help files—and should be clearly defined according to this functionality to facilitate recognition and comprehension. Features should possess an independent functionality, such that users can install and use the feature by itself, if they so choose.

If one feature requires another, make the dependent feature a child of the other.

To eliminate confusion, keep any information pertaining to the management of the system or application transparent to the user.

Using Path Variables

Traditionally, to link to source files in an installation project, you would need to create a reference to that file using a hard-coded path. For example, you might have a source file called Program.exe located at C:\Work\Files that you want to include in your installation. However, if you used hard-coded paths, you needed to enter the entire path every time that you want to associate a source file from that directory. If you moved the file to another directory, you needed to change the hard-coded path as it appears in your installation project. If your installation consisted of a small number of source files, this might not have been a problem. Unfortunately, some installations contain thousands of files that all would need to be remapped if you change the folder structure or migrate the project to a different machine.

With path variables, you can define commonly used paths in a central location so that you do not need to change every source file’s path each time you move the project or change the directory structure.

All path variables can be viewed and modified in the Path Variables view. You can use path variables in almost any location in InstallShield where you link to source files, such as in the Dialog Editor, dynamic file links, and the release location. Instead of entering the path variables yourself, you can have InstallShield recommend them whenever you browse to a path. To have InstallShield automatically recommend path variables, select the Always display the Path Variable Recommendation dialog to me option on the Path Variables tab of the Options dialog box.
Note • Path variables are used during the development of your installation project. These paths do not apply to the target machines where the application is being installed. Rather, they are used to link to source files for your installation project. When the project is built, those links are evaluated and the files they point to will be built into the installation.

See Also
Path Variables View
Path Variables Tab (on the Options dialog box)

Types of Path Variables

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch
- Suite/Advanced UI

InstallShield includes support for several types of path variables:

- Predefined Path Variables
- Standard Path Variables
- Registry Path Variables
- Environment Path Variables

Predefined path variables define standard Windows directories; this type of variable cannot be renamed or modified. The standard, registry, and environment types of path variables are custom variables that you can create and define as needed.

See Also
Path Variables View
Path Variables Tab (on the Options dialog box)

Predefined Path Variables

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
Predefined path variables are variables that are set to certain standard Windows directories. These variables cannot be renamed or modified, but they can be used in your installation project to point to predefined directories. Following is a list of predefined path variables, their typical values, and the corresponding InstallScript path variables. (In an InstallScript project, InstallScript path variables are used in InstallShield, for example, as options in the list for the Destination property of a component. InstallScript path variables also correspond to system variables that can be used in the installation script.)

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Using Predefined Path Variables

**Project** • Windows Installer based projects only: The **Path Variable Recommendation** dialog box enables you to specify whether you want to use predefined path variables. This dialog box is launched if you enter a hard-coded path when inserting a source file into your installation and you have selected the *Always display the Path Variable Recommendation dialog to me* check box on the Path Variables tab of the **Options dialog box**. If you enter a path that is included in a predefined path variable, InstallShield suggests that you use the path variable rather than the hard-coded path.

You can also use predefined path variables when defining the value for a **standard path variable**. You may want to define a standard path variable to a subfolder of a predefined variable. For example, `<ProgramFilesFolder>\InstallShield` could be used as the value for a standard path variable.

Predefined path variables are **smart** variables. This means they are set to the correct directory, even if your Windows directory is located on your D drive instead of your C drive. If you change the default project location on the File Locations tab of the Options dialog box, InstallShield updates this variable to reflect the new directory.

**See Also**
Path Variables View

Standard Path Variables

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch
- Suite/Advanced UI

Standard path variables are sometimes referred to as user-defined variables. These variable types are native to InstallShield. That is, they do not rely upon outside resources, as do registry or environment variables.

Using Standard Path Variables

Once you have created a standard path variable, you can use it every time you add a source file to your project. For example, you might create a variable called `<MyFiles>` and have it pointing to `C:\Work\Files`. If you add a source file to your project that contains that variable's path in its destination, it is recommended that you use the variable rather than hard-coding the path. This recommendation is displayed in the **Path Variable Recommendation** dialog box.

To have InstallShield automatically recommend path variables, select the *Always display the Path Variable Recommendation dialog to me* option on the Path Variables tab of the **Options dialog box**.
Tip • To override the value of a user-defined path variable, an environment variable, or a registry value for a particular release at build time, use the Path Variable Overrides setting on the Build tab for that release. To learn more, see Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release.

See Also
Path Variables View

Registry Path Variables

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch
- Suite/Advanced UI

Registry path variables enable you to define your own variables based on the default value of a specified registry key.

Once you have created a registry path variable, you can use it every time that you add a source file to your project. When you add a file to a component from a folder that contains the value of MyRegVar, it is recommended that you use the variable rather than hard-coding the path. This recommendation is displayed in the Path Variable Recommendation dialog box.

To have InstallShield automatically recommend path variables, select the Always display the Path Variable Recommendation dialog to me option on the Path Variables tab of the Options dialog box.

Tip • To override the value of a user-defined path variable, an environment variable, or a registry value for a particular release at build time, use the Path Variable Overrides setting on the Build tab for that release. To learn more, see Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release.

See Also
Path Variables View
Environment Path Variables

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch
- Suite/Advanced UI

Environment path variables enable you to define your own path variables based on certain values on the Environment dialog box.

**Task**

To view the Environment dialog box:

1. Right-click **My Computer** and click **Properties**. The **System Properties** dialog box opens.
2. On the **Advanced** tab, click **Environment Variables**.

A common scenario where environment path variables may be useful is when performing a build from the command line. If you do nightly builds on a machine dedicated to that purpose, you may need to change the path variables from the command line. As long as you use environment path variables, you can define the paths to your project’s files from either a batch file or the command line. These paths are evaluated when the installation project is built, and the correct paths to the files will be used.

**Using Environment Path Variables**

After you have created an environment path variable, you can use it every time that you add a source file to your project. For example, you might create a variable called `<MyFiles>` and have it point to `C:\Work\Files`. If you add a source file to your project that contains that variable’s path in its destination, it is recommended that you use the variable rather than hard-coding the path. This recommendation is displayed in the **Path Variable Recommendation** dialog box.

To have InstallShield automatically recommend path variables, select the **Always display the Path Variable Recommendation** dialog to me option on the Path Variables tab of the **Options** dialog box.

**Tip** • To override the value of a user-defined path variable, an environment variable, or a registry value for a particular release at build time, use the Path Variable Overrides setting on the Build tab for that release. To learn more, see Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release.

**See Also**

Path Variables View
Creating and Defining a Custom Path Variable

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Path Variables view is where you create and define standard path variables, environment path variables, and registry path variables.

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For descriptions of each column, see Path Variables View.

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See Also
- Standard Path Variables
- Registry Path Variables
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Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:
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- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

InstallShield lets you override the values of your project’s standard path variables, environment path variables, and registry path variables for each release in your project. This functionality enables you to essentially replace certain files and folders in your project with others at build time, depending on the particular release that you are building.

For example, in a Basic MSI project, you could use this functionality to swap out the custom action DLL files—a 32-bit version for your project’s 32-bit release, and a 64-bit version for your project’s 64-bit release. Or perhaps for a Suite/Advanced UI project, you might want to use this functionality to swap out UI elements such as images and EULAs for different releases in your project; this would enable you to easily generate installations for different editions or branded versions of your product.

Task

To override the value of a custom path variable for a release:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
3. On the Build tab, in the Path Variable Overrides setting, click the ellipsis setting (...). The Path Variable Overrides dialog box opens.

   The Path Variable Overrides dialog box shows check boxes for the path variables, environment path variables, and registry path variables that are configured in the Path Variables view. Note that it does not include check boxes for any predefined path variables, or for path variables that are already overridden for the same release in the Releases view.

4. Select the check box of each path variable that you would like to override for the selected release.
5. Click OK. InstallShield closes the dialog box. Under the Path Variable Overrides setting, InstallShield adds a new subsetting for each path variable that you selected.
6. For each path variable subsetting, specify the appropriate new value.

At build time, InstallShield uses the new values that you specified in the Releases view to override the default values that are set in the Path Variables view.

Additional Methods for Overriding Path Variables

As an alternative to overriding a path variable in the Releases view, you can override a path variable in the following ways:
• If you are building from the command line with IsCmdBld.exe, use the -l parameter to specify a path variable and a new value.

• If you are building through MSBuild or Team Foundation Server (TFS), use the PathVariables parameter on the InstallShield task. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldPathVariableOverrides when the default targets file is used.

Note those methods take precedence over any value that you set in the Path Variable Overrides setting in the Releases view.

See Also
Overriding Path Variables in a DIM Project for Use in an Installation Project
Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
Path Variable Overrides Dialog Box
Path Variables View

Converting Absolute Path References in Your Project to Path Variables

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• QuickPatch
• Suite/Advanced UI

You might not need to use path variables when you begin your installation project, but you may realize the benefits they provide well after you have started. Rather than going through each file link and changing it to a path variable, you can use the Converting Source Paths Wizard.

This wizard scans your project for static links and converts them all to path variables. If any of your static links can be replaced with existing path variables, the wizard does this automatically. For all other links, the wizard provides a list of the possible variables. After you choose the variables that you want to use, the wizard converts all of the links.

Task
To launch the Convert Source Paths Wizard:

On the Project menu, click Convert Source Paths.

See Also
Convert Source Paths Wizard
Deleting a Path Variable

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• QuickPatch
• Suite/Advanced UI

Task • To remove a path variable from your project:

1. Do one of the following:
   • In QuickPatch projects: In the View List under Patch Settings, click Path Variables.
   • In all other project types: In the View List under Media, click Path Variables.

2. Select one or more path variables that you want to delete.

To select multiple consecutive path variables, select the first path variable, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last path variable. To select multiple nonconsecutive path variables, select the first path variable, press and hold CTRL, and select each additional path variable.

3. Click the Delete Selected Path Variables button.

See Also
Path Variables View

Including Files and Folders

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Your files, the core of your product, are also the core of your installation. Files are added to a project only at the component level. In installation projects, components are associated with features, which are what end users see when they run your installation. If the component’s feature is selected for installation, the component’s files are installed to the target system.

When you are adding files to components in Windows Installer–based projects, you should be aware of Setup Best Practices. By default, the Setup Best Practices Wizard monitors your setup design and alerts you if you have violated Best Practices.

You can add files to your project in the Setup Design view (for installation projects) or the Components view, and in the Files and Folders view.
Adding to Your Project Files to Be Installed on Target Systems

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You can use the Files and Folders view to add files to your project.

Task

To add a file to your project:

1. In the View list under Application Data, click Files and Folders.
2. In the View Filter list, select the feature that should contain the file that you want to add.
3. Windows Installer–based projects only: In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click Destination Computer, point to Show Predefined Folder, and then click the predefined folder that you want to use.
4. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, click the folder into which you want to place the file.
5. In the Source computer’s folders pane, navigate to the folder containing the file you want to add.

INSTALLDIR (for Windows Installer–based projects) or Application Target Folder (for InstallScript projects) is the most commonly used target location, because this is the default root directory for your application’s files.

6. Select and drag the file you want to add from the Source computer’s files pane to the Destination computer’s files pane.

Tip • You can specify how INSTALLDIR is displayed in the Destination computer’s folders pane of the Files and Folders view by setting your preference on the Directory tab of the Options dialog box.

You can also specify a hard-coded destination directory.

The Destination computer’s folders pane contains a list of predefined destinations. You can add a file to either a predefined destination or to a destination that you create.

Automatically Creating New Components When You Add Files

InstallShield can create new components to properly handle the new files as you add them to your project. To accommodate this, use the View Filter in this view to select the feature with which you want to associate any newly created components.

If no features exist, you have the option of creating one when you first add files in this view.
Project-Specific Differences for Automatic New Component Creation

In a Windows Installer–based project, InstallShield creates components according to Setup Best Practices. For example, all portable executable files (.exe, .dll, .ocx files) are given their own component. All other files are added to the default component for each destination directory. However, if you drag files directly to one of the components listed under a destination folder, the Setup Best Practices rules are ignored.

In an InstallScript project, InstallShield creates components based on the file types—for example, all self-registering files are contained in one component, all non-self-registering files in another component, and all .NET files in a different component. The components appear as subfolders in the Files and Folders view.

Changing the Component/Feature Relationship

You can change the component/feature relationship by right-clicking a component in the Destination computer's folders pane and then clicking Properties. On the Properties dialog box, use the Features tab to make the necessary changes.

Tip • To display components in the Files and Folders view, right-click a destination folder (in the lower-left pane of the view) and click Show Components.

See Also
Files and Folders View
Adding Files to Components
Setting Component Key Files
Specifying Hard-Coded Destination Directories
Setup Best Practices
Tips for Managing Files and Folders in Your Project

Dragging and Dropping Files Using the Context Menu

InstallShield 2020

The files explorer in the Files and Folders view enables you to drag and drop folders from your source computer to destinations on the target system. You have a number of options when you drag files from the Source computer's folders pane to the Destination computer's folders pane.

Tip • When you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system and you want to add to your project a system file whose source location is the 64-bit System folder (System32) on your development machine, it is not possible to drag the file from one of the source computer panes at the top of the Files and Folders view to the appropriate location in one of the destination computer panes. To learn more, see Adding Files from Your 64-Bit Source Machine's 64-Bit System32 Folder.

Task To display the context menu:

1. In the View list under Application Data, click Files and Folders.

2. In the Source computer's folders pane or the Source computer's files pane, right-click a folder or file and drag it to the Destination computer's folders pane or the Destination computer's files pane. Then release the mouse button.

If the predefined folder to which you adding the folder or file is not displayed in the Destination computer's folders pane, you can add it. To learn how, see Displaying Predefined Folders in the Files View.
InstallShield displays a context menu that contains several commands.

Table 4-2 • Commands that Are Available on the Context Menu in the Files and Folders View

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<td>Add</td>
<td>Adds the folder, subfolders, and/or files selected. This is the same as the default drag-and-drop behavior.</td>
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<td>Add Preserving Source Structure</td>
<td>Adds the selected folder, subfolders, and/or files while preserving the file/folder structure found on the source computer. This command is available only if the source folder matches a predefined Windows destination folder. In addition, the destination on which you drop the file or folder must be the Destination Computer.</td>
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<td>Add Folder(s) Only</td>
<td>Adds only the folders selected and any subfolders contained in the selected folder. Does not add any files contained within the selected folders or subfolders.</td>
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<td>Add Folder(s) Only Preserving Source Structure</td>
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<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Ends the drag-and-drop operation without making any changes.</td>
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Adding Files from Your 64-Bit Source Machine’s 64-Bit System32 Folder

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On 64-bit systems, the System32 folder is reserved for 64-bit applications. When you try to view your development machine’s 64-bit System folder from within the Files and Folders view in InstallShield, Windows redirects the view to instead display the SysWOW64 folder—the 32-bit version of the folder. Thus, when you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system and you want to add to your project a system file whose source location is the 64-bit System folder (System32) on your development machine, it is not possible to drag the file from one of the source computer panes at the top of the Files and Folders view to the appropriate location in one of the destination computer panes.

To work around the redirection and add a 64-bit System32 file on your development machine to your InstallShield project, you can browse to the Sysnative folder on your machine and then select the appropriate file for your project. The following instructions explain how.

⚠️ Caution • Note that in many cases, including system files in an installation is not recommended, since the system folder is protected by Windows. In these cases, the preferred way to deliver and update system files is to use a Microsoft redistributable, if one is available for the technology, or to have end users obtain the updates through Windows Update.
Task

To add to your project a file in the 64-bit System32 folder of a development system that has 64-bit Windows:

1. In the View list under Application Data, click Files and Folders.
2. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, click the folder into which you want to place the file.
3. Right-click in the Destination computer’s folders pane, and then click Add File. The Open dialog box opens.
4. Specify the following path (but replace the drive letter with the applicable drive letter if appropriate):
   C:\Windows\Sysnative
5. Select the appropriate file that you want to add to your project, and then click the Open button.

InstallShield adds the file to your project. InstallShield uses the Sysnative folder as part of the path for the source file that you added. WOW64 sees the Sysnative folder as a special alias; the file system does not redirect access away from this folder.

Tip • Note that you can also add 64-bit System32 files through the Components view or the Setup Design view: in these views, expand the node of the component that you want to contain the 64-bit System32 file. Select the Files node under that component. Then, right-click the Files pane on the right, and then click Add File. Specify the C:\Windows\Sysnative path, as described in the aforementioned procedure.

Availability of Sysnative Folder Support on Windows-Based Systems

Use of the Sysnative folder is not supported on 32-bit machines. If you use the Sysnative folder in an InstallShield project on a 64-bit system but then you try to build a release in that InstallShield project on a 32-bit system, InstallShield generates one or more build errors or warnings informing you that it could not find the source file.

If you are using the automation interface with InstallShield or the Standalone Build to create, edit, or build an installation on a 64-bit machine that has Sysnative support, you can use the Sysnative folder in paths when you are specifying the source folder for system files that are in the 64-bit System folder.

See Also

Developing and Building Installations on 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Systems

Creating New Destination Folders

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Task

To create subfolders of the predefined folders:

1. In the View list under Application Data, click Files and Folders.
2. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click a folder and click New Folder.
3. Rename your new folder by selecting it, pressing F2, and typing the new name.

Alternately, you can drag an entire folder onto one of the destination folders, thereby adding a new subfolder to the target folder that contains the source folders files. This new subfolder has the same name as the source folder.
Creating Empty Folders

Basic MSI Projects
You can use the CreateFolder table of an .msi database—exposed in the Direct Editor—to create empty directories.
For an example, see Knowledge Base article Q103218.

InstallScript MSI Projects
The CreateDir function creates an empty directory.

Specifying Hard-Coded Destination Directories

Specifying Drive Destinations

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<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click Destination Computer and click New Folder, or click Destination Computer and press INSERT. InstallShield adds a new folder.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>For the name of the folder, type the drive letter followed by a colon (for example, C:).</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Press ENTER.</td>
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Specifying Folders and Subfolders to Create a Destination Path
You can specify folders and subfolders beneath a drive letter folder to create a hard-coded destination path:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Right-click a folder and click New Folder, or click a folder and press INSERT.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>For the name of the folder, type the destination path—for example, a\b\c. This creates a folder structure with a at the top, b below a, and c below b.</td>
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See Also
Files and Folders View
Tips for Managing Files and Folders in Your Project

Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

InstallShield has built-in support that makes it easy to specify files and folders that you want to be removed from target systems at run time. This file and folder removal capability is useful for scenarios such as removing application-created files that your installation does not otherwise track.

You can schedule the removal of a file or folder for one of the following events:

• When the file or folder’s component is being installed
• When the file or folder’s component is being uninstalled
• When the file or folder’s component is being installed or uninstalled

Note that if the item to be removed is a folder, that folder is removed only if it is empty.

InstallShield offers different methods for configuring a file or folder removal in a project.

Using the Files and Folders View to Specify Files and Folders to Be Removed

Task To configure file and folder removals through the Files and Folders view:

1. In the View list under Application Data, click Files and Folders.
2. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, select the destination folder that contains the file or folder that you want to be removed.
4. Configure the settings as needed. For details, see File Removal Properties Dialog Box.

InstallShield adds a file or folder icon to the Destination computer’s files pane. The icon has a red X through it to indicate that it is referencing an item to be removed.
Using the Setup Design View or Components View to Specify Files and Folders to Be Removed

Task

To configure file and folder removals through the Setup Design view or the Components view:

1. In the View list under Organization, click Setup Design (in installation projects) or Components.

2. In the Setup Design or Components tree, expand the node of the component that contains the file or folder that you want to be removed, and then click the Files subnode.


4. Configure the settings as needed. For details, see File Removal Properties Dialog Box.

InstallShield adds a file or folder icon to the Files pane. The icon has a red X through it to indicate that it is referencing an item to be removed.

Editing File or Folder Removal Settings

To change the settings for a file or folder removal, right-click the removal item and then click Properties. The Properties dialog box opens, enabling you to edit the settings as needed.

See Also

Files and Folders View
Setup Design View
Components View
Tips for Managing Files and Folders in Your Project

Tips for Managing Files and Folders in Your Project

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Through drag-and-drop operations, common keyboard shortcuts such as CTRL+C and CTRL+P, and context menus that are available when you right-click items, you can easily move the files and folders to different destination folders and to different features.

Managing the Destination of Files and Folders in Your Project

Task

To manage the destination of files and folders in your project:

1. In the View list under Application Data, click Files and Folders.

2. Do any of the following:

   • To change the settings for a file or folder, right-click the item and then click Properties. The Properties dialog box opens, enabling you to edit the settings as needed.

   • To move a file from one destination folder to another, drag it from one location in the Destination computer’s files pane to the appropriate folder in the Destination computer’s folders pane.

   • To move a folder from one destination folder to another, drag it from one location in the Destination computer’s folders pane to the appropriate folder in the same pane.
• To copy a file or folder from one location to another, press and hold CTRL while dragging the item from one location to another.

As an alternative, you can copy an item to your Clipboard and then paste it into the appropriate location. Right-click the item and click Copy, or click it and press CTRL+C. Next, select another folder that you want to contain the file. Then right-click its folder and click Paste, or click the folder and press CTRL+P.

• To delete a file or folder from your project, right-click it and then click Delete.

Managing the Feature Associations for Files in Your Project

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<td>In the View list under Application Data, click Setup Design (in installation projects) or Components.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Expand the node of the component that contains the file whose feature association you want to manage, and then click the Files subnode. InstallShield displays its files in the Files pane on the right.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Do any of the following:</td>
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<td>• To copy a file from one feature to another, you can copy a file to your Clipboard and then paste it into the appropriate feature. Right-click the file and click Copy, or click it and press CTRL+C. Next, select another feature that you want to contain the file. Then right-click its Files pane, and click Paste, or click it and press CTRL+P.</td>
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<td>• To remove a file from a feature, right-click the file and then click Remove.</td>
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Finding Files and Folders in Your Project

If you have added numerous folders and files to your project, you may have trouble finding a particular folder or file. You can perform a search for folders and files in the Files view; InstallShield locates any matches and highlights the first one. You can keep searching until you find all matches for your search criteria.

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<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Destination computer’s folders pane, select Destination Computer.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>As an alternative, you can press CTRL+F.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>In the Find What box, type the text to be found. You can use wildcard expressions, such as *.exe.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>In the Look at area, specify whether you want to search for files, folders, or both.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Specify any other desired criteria.</td>
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<tr>
<td>7.</td>
<td>Click Find Next. The first item (if any) that matches your search criteria is selected in either the Destination computer’s folders pane or the Destination computer’s files pane.</td>
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<tr>
<td>8.</td>
<td>To find the next item (if any) that matches your criteria, press the F3 key. Repeat this step as necessary.</td>
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Displaying Components in the Files and Folders View

To display the components in your installation and the files that are associated with them:

1. In the View list under Application Data, click Files and Folders.

2. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click any folder and click Show Components (in Windows Installer–based projects) or Show Components and Subfolders (in InstallScript-based projects).

Components in installation projects that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon ( ).

Modifying Components through the Files and Folders View

In the folders explorer of the Files and Folders view, you can right-click a component and click Properties to display the Component Properties dialog box. Through this dialog box, you can modify the component’s properties, add dynamic file links, and change that features contain the component.

Note • (Windows Installer–based projects only) You can launch the Component Wizard by right-clicking a folder icon and then clicking Launch Component Wizard.

Configuring Settings for a File

You can set a number of properties for each file that is to be installed on the target system.

To specify the properties for a file:

1. In the View list under Application Data, click Files and Folders.

2. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, click the folder that contains the file whose properties you want to configure.

3. In the Destination computer’s files pane, right-click the file and then click Properties. The Properties dialog box opens.

To see a description of each property that you can set, see File Properties Dialog Box.
File Associations

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

File associations are registry settings that tell Windows what application to use to open files of a certain type. For example, Windows typically launches Notepad.exe when a text (.txt) file is opened.

To view and modify registered file types on your system, open Windows Explorer, and on the Tools menu, click Folder Options. Use the File Types tab of the Folder Options dialog box to see how the file associations are configured.

Similarly, you can identify the application that is associated with a given file by right-clicking the file in Windows Explorer and then clicking Properties.

File associations are stored in both HKLM\SOFTWARE\Classes and HKCU\SOFTWARE\Classes; you can see a merged view of the data under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT.

Creating File Associations for Your Installation Project

Best-practice guidelines recommend that you create a file association for every nonhidden type of file created or used by your product. You can quickly and easily create file associations for your installation project with the File Extensions view, which is available as an advanced setting within the Components view and the Setup Design view (for installation projects only). When an end user installs a feature that contains a file association, the file association is registered on the target machine; an entry is made in the appropriate part of the registry, and the entry links your file type to your application through the ProgID. The ProgID, which is sometimes called a file type’s application identifier or tag name, uniquely identifies your application and helps the operating system recognize your file association.

See Also
Registering a File Extension

Adding New File Extensions

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

If your application manipulates files with a unique file extension, you can register your file type. For example, if your application manipulates files with the .xyz extension, registering the file type instructs the operating system to open the file with your application when the user double-clicks its icon.

**Task**  
*To add a new file extension:*

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** (in installation projects only) or **Components**.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the **Advanced Settings** item to expand it.
4. Click **File Types**. The **File Types** explorer opens.
5. In the **File Types** explorer, right-click **Extensions** and click **New Extension**. InstallShield creates a new extension with the default name **New ExtensionN**, where N is a unique number.
6. Type your extension without the dot (for example, enter **ext** instead of **.ext**).

**See Also**
File Type Settings  
Registering a File Extension

**Removing File Extensions**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information does not apply to InstallScript or InstallScript Object projects.

**Task**  
*To remove an extension:*

1. Open the **Setup Design** view (for installation projects only) or the **Components** view.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the **Advanced Settings** item to expand it.
4. Click **File Types**. The **File Types** explorer opens.
5. In the **File Types** explorer, right-click the extension and click **Delete**.
Setting File Extension Properties

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**Project** • This information does not apply to InstallScript or InstallScript Object projects.

The extension properties determine the registry entries for your file extension, as well as the ProgID associated with it. Detailed help is available in the help pane in InstallShield when you click each property.

**See Also**
Registering a File Extension

Specifying Command Verbs

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**Project** • This information does not apply to InstallScript or InstallScript Object projects.

By default, the verb open is added to your file extension.

**Task**
To add a new verb and specify its properties:

1. Open the Setup Design view (for installation projects only) or the Components view.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the Advanced Settings item to expand it.
4. Click File Types. The File Types explorer opens.
5. In the File Types explorer, right-click the extension and click New Verb. InstallShield creates a new verb with the default name New VerbN, where N is a unique number.
6. Type the name of your new verb. You can use any of the canonical verbs, such as open, print, find, and properties.
7. Select the new verb to edit its properties. Its property sheet opens to the right.

Removing a Verb from a File Extension

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information does not apply to InstallScript or InstallScript Object projects.

**Task**
To remove a verb:

1. Open the Setup Design view (for installation projects only) or the Components view.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the **Advanced Settings** item to expand it.
4. Click **File Types**. The **File Types** explorer opens.
5. Right-click the verb and click **Delete**.

### Adding New MIME Types

**InstallShield 2020**

Project • *This information does not apply to InstallScript or InstallScript Object projects.*

**Task** To add a new MIME type:

1. Open the **Setup Design** view (for installation projects only) or the **Components** view.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the **Advanced Settings** item to expand it.
4. Click **File Types**. The **File Types** explorer opens.
5. In the **File Types** explorer, right-click the extension and click **New MIME Type**. InstallShield creates a new MIME type with the default name **MIME TypeN**, where *N* is a unique number.
6. Type the MIME type; for example, **image/jpeg**.

Click the MIME type to view its Class ID property. Click the Class ID property to edit it in the lower pane. Press CTRL+V to paste a class ID into the property field.

See Also
Registering a File Extension

### Removing MIME Types

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Project • *This information does not apply to InstallScript or InstallScript Object projects.*

**Task** To remove a MIME type:

1. Open the **Setup Design** view (for installation projects only) or the **Components** view.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the **Advanced Settings** item to expand it.
4. Click **File Types**. The **File Types** explorer opens.
5. Right-click the MIME type and click **Delete**.
Creating ProgIDs

The ProgIDs item in the File Types explorer contains all of the programmatic identifiers—ProgIDs, also known as application identifiers or tag names when they support file types—that you want to associate with file extensions. A file type’s ProgID is an arbitrary string, but it should be unique on the target system. One ProgID naming convention is to append the word file to your extension without a dot—the .ext extension might use the ProgID extfile. Another convention is to name a file-type ProgID after the application used to open the file type, as in SampleApp.Document.

For example, an .xyz file extension could point to a xyzfile ProgID, and all of the .xyz file-type information would be registered under xyzfile.

Task To create a ProgID:

1. Open the Setup Design view (for installation projects only) or the Components view.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the Advanced Settings item to expand it.
4. Click File Types. The File Types explorer opens.
5. In the File Types explorer, click the extension. The extension properties are displayed in the right pane.
6. In the ProgID property, type the name of your ProgID. InstallShield adds your ProgID under ProgIDs in the File Types explorer.
7. In the File Types explorer, click the new ProgID and then set its properties.

See Also
Registering a File Extension

Removing ProgIDs

Task To remove a ProgID:

1. Open the Setup Design view (for installation projects only) or the Components view.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the Advanced Settings item to expand it.
4. Click File Types. The File Types explorer opens.
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5. In the File Types explorer, click the extension. The extension properties are displayed in the right pane.
6. In the ProgID property, delete the ProgID.

Dynamic File Linking

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If you want to add the contents of an entire directory to your project, you can do so through the use of dynamic file linking. When you select a source folder for dynamic linking, InstallShield adds the files within that folder to your release at build time. InstallShield scans the source folder before every build and automatically incorporates any new or changed files into your release. Dynamic file linking is useful when the list of files in a folder—and possibly the list of files in its subfolders—might change between builds.

**Important** • Dynamic file linking should be used with caution. If you inadvertently delete a dynamically linked file from the source folder that your dynamic link references, that file is not included in your release the next time you build it, and InstallShield does not display any build warning or error. Your product may install without any issues, but it may not work as expected, since the dynamically linked file that was inadvertently deleted is no longer being installed. Therefore, it is recommended that you avoid using dynamic file links for critical executable files—such as .exe, .dll, or .ocx files—especially if your product requires them in order to run successfully.

Whenever possible, it is better to use the best practice method, instead of the by-directory method, for creating components for dynamically linked files. Note that with both methods, however, a minor upgrade, a small update, or a patch may not install correctly if a file that was present in a target image is removed from the dynamic link for the upgrade or patch.

Filtering Dynamically Linked Files

When you are configuring your dynamic file link, you can specify whether you want to include subfolders of the dynamically linked folder. To further filter the files that are dynamically linked, you can identify specific names of files that you want to be included in or excluded from the dynamic link. In addition, you can use wild cards to specify only certain files or file types to be added or excluded.

For example, if all of your image files are in one folder along with sound files and you want to dynamically link only the image files, you could specify that you would like to include only .bmp and .ico files in the dynamically linked folder. To do so, you would use an asterisk (*) in your include pattern, as in the following example:

```
*.bmp, *.ico
```

To include or exclude a specific file, you would enter the full file name in the include or exclude pattern box. For more details, see Creating a Dynamic Link.

Distinguishing Dynamically Linked Files and Folders from Static Files and Folders in the InstallShield Interface

When a dynamic file is displayed within the InstallShield interface, the lower-left corner of the file's icon includes an image that indicates that it is a dynamically linked file:

InstallShield includes that same dynamic file image on the icon of subfolders that are included in dynamic file links:
Furthermore, InstallShield adds an arrow to the folder image—in addition to the dynamic file image—on the component icon of subfolders that are included in dynamic file links:

![Folder Icon with Arrow]

The icons that the InstallShield interface displays for static files and folders do not include this dynamic link image.

See Also
- Limitations of Dynamic File Linking
- Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files
- Working with Releases
- Setting Component Key Files
- Using Path Variables

Limitations of Dynamic File Linking

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Limitations for Windows Installer–Based Projects

Note the following limitations if you are considering dynamic file linking in Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects:

- You cannot create custom actions to a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot associate a file extension with a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot extract COM information from a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot set any properties such as Shared, Permanent, or Never Overwrite for a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot use the .NET installer class functionality for a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot specify that COM interop should be enabled for a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot change default file settings (such as Read-Only or Hidden).
- You cannot set file permissions for a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot create shortcuts to a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot perform a static or dynamic scan of a dynamically linked file.
- You cannot exclude a subfolder from a dynamically linked folder.
• For Basic MSI projects: You cannot launch a dynamically linked file from the SetupCompleteSuccess end-user dialog. Any file that you add directly (not through dynamic linking) to your project has an internal name (FileKey). When you create a custom action, a file extension, shortcut, or other type of item, it actually points to this internal name.

When you add files to your project through dynamic links, the files are not physically added to the project. This means that these files do not have any FileKeys that can be associated with custom actions, file extensions, etc.

Limitations for InstallScript–Based Projects
For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, a single component cannot contain both static files and dynamically linked files.

See Also
Working with Releases
Setting Component Key Files
Using Path Variables

Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

InstallShield provides two methods for creating components for dynamically linked files: the best practice method and the one-component-per-directory method.

Using the Best Practice Method
When best practices for component creation are followed, InstallShield performs the following tasks at build time for all of the files that meet the include and exclude filter criteria of your dynamic link:

• InstallShield creates a separate component for each portable executable (PE) file in the dynamically linked folder. Each PE file is the key file of its component.

• InstallShield adds all non-PE files at the root level of the dynamic link to the component that contains the link.

• If the dynamic link includes a subfolder, InstallShield creates a new component for all of the non-PE files in that subfolder. If the dynamic link includes more than one subfolder, InstallShield creates a separate component for all of the non-PE files in each subfolder.

This is the default functionality for all new dynamic links.

Tip • The File Extensions tab on the Options dialog box is where you specify which file types are PE files.
Using the By-Directory Method

When the by-directory method is used for component creation, InstallShield performs the following tasks at build time for all of the files that meet the include and exclude filter criteria of your dynamic link:

- InstallShield creates one component for all of the files that are in the root-level dynamically linked folder, regardless of the file types.
- If the dynamic link includes one or more subfolders, InstallShield creates a separate component for all of the files in each subfolder, regardless of the file types. The first dynamically linked file in a subfolder's component is the key file of that component.

This method of component creation is the traditional method that was available in InstallShield before the best practice method was introduced.

Determining Which Component Creation Method to Use

For most dynamic links, the preferred component creation method is the best practice method. This method enables you to create patches more easily than with the by-directory method. For minor upgrades and small updates, the components, key files, and feature-component organization need to be maintained across the earlier and later .msi databases; for patches, the File table keys also need to be maintained. Since each component name and component code—and possibly key files—change at each build with the by-directory method of dynamic file linking, issues may occur. The advantage of the best practice method is that it allows for greater predictability than with the by-directory method.

Tip • When you are configuring an upgrade, use the patch optimization functionality in your build settings. Using patch optimization helps you keep component names, component codes, File table keys, and Directory table keys synchronized from the earlier release. For more information, see Upgrade Considerations.

Note that if you want to create a patch for an earlier version of your product, and the earlier installation includes dynamic links that used the by-directory method, you must continue to use the by-directory method for the same dynamic links. However, if you add new dynamic links in your upgrade project, you can use the best practice method for those new dynamic links. That is, you can mix both types of dynamic linking in the same project and create a patch to deliver the upgrade.

Important • Whenever possible, it is better to use the best practice method, instead of the by-directory method, for creating components for dynamically linked files. Note that with both methods, however, a minor upgrade, a small update, or a patch may not install correctly if a file that was present in a target image is removed from the dynamic link for the upgrade or patch.

Note • For information on the rules that Windows Installer uses when determining whether a file included in a package should overwrite a file that already exists on the target system, see Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System.

Specifying Which Component Creation Method You Want to Use

The File Linking tab on the Component Properties dialog box is where you specify which component creation method you want to use.
Creating a Dynamic Link

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Project • The procedure for creating dynamic file links differs, depending on which project type you are using. Note that parts of the procedure apply to the following Windows Installer–based projects:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Parts of the procedure apply to the following InstallScript-based projects:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

You can use the Files and Folders view to create a dynamic link.

Task

To create a dynamic link:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Files and Folders.
2. In the View Filter list, select the feature that should contain components with the dynamically linked files.
3. Ensure that components are displayed in the Destination computer’s folders pane.
   
   If components are not displayed: In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click Destination Computer and click Show Components (in Windows Installer–based projects) or Show Components and Subfolders (in InstallScript-based projects).

   For an InstallScript-based project: right-click a component and click File Linking. The Link Type dialog box opens.
5. Define the dynamic link and click OK.

Tip • You can also use the Components view to add dynamic file links. For more information, see Adding Dynamic File Links to Components.

See Also

Limitations of Dynamic File Linking
Files and Folders View
Adding Dynamic File Links to Components

Windows Installer-Based Projects

The following procedure applies to Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

Task To add a dynamic link to a component:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Components.
2. In the Components explorer, expand the component for which you want to add dynamic file links, and then click the Files item under that component.
4. Click the New Link button. The Dynamic File Link Settings dialog box opens. This dialog box is where you set the source folder for your link, indicate whether to include its subfolders and whether the files are self-registering, and specify which file types to include and exclude.
5. Click OK. Any file conflicts are resolved with prompts to overwrite existing files with the new versions. Click Yes to overwrite, No to retain the existing file version, or Cancel to exit the dialog box without saving any of your dynamic file link settings. You will also be warned if the folder contains no files, or if it is already in use in another dynamic link.

Your new file link details appear in the Files pane.

InstallScript-Based Projects

The following procedure applies to InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects.

Task To add a dynamic link to a component:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Components.
2. In the Components explorer, click the component that should contain the dynamic link.
3. Select the value of the Link Type property and click the ellipsis button (...). The Link Type dialog box opens.
4. Specify the folder that contains the files to include, and specify any other desired options.
5. Click OK.

Tip • You can also use the Files and Folders view to add dynamic file links. For more information, see Creating a Dynamic Link.

See Also
Limitations of Dynamic File Linking
Creating a Dynamic Link
Setting a Key File for a Dynamic File Link

*Project* • This information applies to dynamic links that use the one-component-per-directory method of component creation (as described in *Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files*) in the following Windows Installer–based projects:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

This information does not apply to dynamic links that use the best practice method of component creation.

A dynamically linked file whose component uses the one-component-per-directory method of component creation cannot be the key file of a component.

To set a key file for a component containing a dynamic link, add a static link to the desired file, and then set the static link to be the key file of the component. In the dynamic link settings, enter the full name of the key file in the `Exclude files with the following extensions` field.

For example, you might have a source directory containing several `.txt` files, and you want the file called `Key.txt` to be the key file. First, add a static link to `Key.txt` to a component, and set `Key.txt` as the key file. Next, create a dynamic link with the same source folder, setting the `Include files with the following extensions` setting to `*.txt` and the `Exclude files with the following extensions` setting to `Key.txt`.

For a dynamic link that includes subdirectories, the build process sets the first file in a subdirectory’s component as the key file of the dynamically generated component.

See Also

Dynamic File Linking

Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

At run time, Windows Installer considers the following questions when determining whether files should be overwritten on the target system:

- Should the component be installed?
- If the component should be installed, do its files need to be installed or updated?

The following sections explain how Windows Installer evaluates these questions.
Determine Whether a Component Needs to Be Installed

During costing, Windows Installer checks the key path of a component to determine if the component should be installed. If the component has a directory or ODBC key path, Windows Installer installs the component. In addition, if a registry key path is used for the component and both of the following conditions are true, Windows Installer installs the component:

- No is selected for the Never Overwrite setting of the component.
- The key path does not exist on the target system.

If one or both of those conditions are false for a component that has a registry key path, Windows Installer does not install the component at run time.

If a component has a key file instead of a key path, Windows Installer checks the target system for the presence of that file. Windows Installer installs the component in all of the following scenarios:

- The file is not present on the target system.
- The file is present on the target system, and the key file of the component has a higher or equal version number compared to the version number of the file on the target system.
- The file is present on the target system, and the key file of the component and the file on the target system are unversioned.

If the key file of the component has a lower version number than the file on the target system, Windows Installer does not install the component at run time. In addition, Windows Installer does not install the component at run time if the key file of the component is unversioned but the file on the target system is versioned. Thus, Windows Installer does not install a component if its key file could be downgraded at run time.

Determine Whether a File Needs to Be Installed

If Windows Installer determines that a component needs to be installed, it reviews the files for that component and determines if they need to be installed. If the name and target location of the key file matches the name and location of a file on the target system, Windows Installer uses the following rules by default to determine whether the file in your installation should overwrite the corresponding file on the target system:

- **Always Overwrite**—If the Always Overwrite check box for the file is selected, the file on the target system is overwritten, regardless of version number.
- **Versioned Files**—In all cases, the file with the highest version is maintained, even if the file already on the target system has a higher version than the one being installed. Additionally, a file of any version is maintained over unversioned files.
- **File Language**—All other things being equal, the file that is the same language as the installation is maintained over different language versions of the file. The only exception to this rule applies to multiple language files. Files with multiple languages are maintained over single language versions of a file.
- **Date**—If the modified date of a file already present on the target system is later than the creation date of that file, the file is not overwritten. This rule protects user preference files from being overwritten during an upgrade or reinstallation.

If a file is in the component that is being installed but it is not present on the target system, Windows Installer always installs that file.
Note • The REINSTALLMODE property can be set to modify the default file-versioning rules. For more information, see Understanding File Overwrite Rules.

See Also
Checking File Versions Before Installing
Setting Component Key Files
File Versioning Rules (Windows Installer Help Library)
File Versioning Rules (Windows Installer Help Library)

Displaying Predefined Folders in the Files View

Task To display a predefined destination folder:

1. In the View list under Specify Application Data, click Files.
2. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click Destination Computer, point to Show Predefined Folders, and then click the type of predefined folder that you want to use.

See Also
Destination Folders

Companion Files

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The use of companion files enables you to bind the installation action of one file to another file. For example, if your installation project has two files—FileA.exe and FileB.dat—companion files let you bind FileB.dat to FileA.exe so that if FileA.exe needs to be installed or reinstalled, then FileB.dat is also installed or reinstalled. If FileA.exe needs to be uninstalled, then FileB.dat is also uninstalled.

Using Companion Files

This mechanism is useful when trying to override the Windows Installer’s default file versioning rules. For instance, file versioning rules state that for non-versioned files, any file on the target machine that has a modified date later than its created date is considered user data and should not be overwritten. This is not always a valid assumption, so you may want to use companion files to bind a non-versioned file to a versioned file.
Creating Companion File Associations

Task

To create a companion file association:

1. In the Files and Folders view, add the versioned file to your project.
2. Open the Components view.
3. In the Components explorer, expand the component that contains the file that you just added, and then click Files. Note the value in the Key column for that file.
4. Right-click the file and then click Add.
5. Select the unversioned file to add it to the selected component.
6. Right-click the second file and then click Properties. The Properties dialog box opens.
7. Select the Override system version check box.
8. In the Version box, type the name of the value noted in the Key column from step 3.

Note • InstallShield generates a unique file key every time you add a file. Therefore, if you remove the file that you have created a binding to, it is possible that the file key will not persist. You would need to update the version of the unversioned file.

See Also
Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System

Configuring Permissions for Files and Folders

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

InstallShield lets you configure settings for securing files and folders for end users who run your product in a locked-down environment. You can assign permissions for a file or folder to specific groups and users. For example, you may assign Read, Write, and Delete permissions for a particular file to the Administrators group, but only Read permissions for all of the users in a different group.
To configure the permissions for a file or folder:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Files and Folders.

2. For a file: In the Destination computer’s files pane, right-click the file and then click Properties. The Properties dialog box opens.
   - For a folder: In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click the folder and then click Properties. The Properties dialog box opens.

3. Click the Permissions button. The Permissions dialog box opens.

4. Add, modify, and remove permissions entries as needed. For more information, see Permissions Dialog Boxes for Files and Directories.

Depending on what is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view of your project, InstallShield adds permissions data to either the ISLockPermissions table or the LockPermissions table. To learn more, see Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment.

Tip • You can also configure permissions for a component’s destination folder. To do so, first click a component in the Components view. Next, click the value for the Destination Permissions setting, and then click the ellipsis button (...). The Permissions dialog box opens. On this dialog box, you can configure permissions as needed.

See Also
Configuring Permissions for Registry Keys

Extracting COM Data When Files Are Added

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

When you drag and drop new files in the Files and Folders view or in the Files subview under a component, you can statically extract COM data for self-registering files. This is an alternative to extracting COM registration data at build time.

This option is also available in the COM Registration node under Advanced Settings in the Components view.
Extracting a File’s COM Data

Task

To extract COM data on demand, rather than at build time:

Right-click the file (or in the COM Registration node, right-click COM Registration) and click Extract COM Data for Key File.

Note • This option is enabled only if the file is an .exe file or a file that is self-registering, and if the file is the component’s key file.

Tip • If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system, InstallShield can extract COM data from a 64-bit COM server. In order to install the data to the correct locations, the component must be marked as 64 bit. To learn more about 64-bit support, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.

Refreshing a File’s COM Data

If the file’s COM data has already been statically extracted, you can select Refresh COM Data for Key File. When you refresh the COM data, the old COM data is deleted from the project, then the current COM data for the file is added to the project.

Installing Self-Registering Files

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The installer uses “traditional” self-registration to register your self-registering files when the files are marked as self-registering and (in a Windows Installer–based project) they are in a component that has the COM Extract at Build property set to No. The files are unregistered when they are uninstalled. The self-registration functions supported are DllRegisterServer and DllUnregisterServer.

Before setting a file’s Registration property, make sure the file is self-registering. According to Setup Best Practices, there should be only one .dll file, .ocx file, or .exe file per component.

Tip • The recommended method for installing self-registering files with Windows Installer is to write the registration information to the .msi database tables (Class, ProgID, and others). Instead of marking a file as self-registering, you can use the component’s advanced settings, extract the COM information at build time, or extract the COM information when you add a file in the Files and Folders view in order to register the ProgIDs, type libraries, and so on. Using the advanced settings works whether you are installing the file in the installation or advertising it for “just-in-time installation.” A further advantage is that the file can be unregistered if the installation fails.

Even if you set the component’s COM Extract at Build property to No, any information that is contained in the COM Registration advanced setting will nonetheless be registered during installation. You might want to check the COM Registration advanced setting and the component’s registry data to verify that the entries are intentional and do not conflict with those made by the self-registration functions.
Identifying Properties and Dependencies of .NET Assemblies

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield offers support for identifying the properties and dependencies of .NET assemblies. The functionality depends on the project type that you are using.

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In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, when you add a .NET assembly to your project, it is recommended that you set it as the key file of its component. No other .NET assemblies should be included in that component.

When a .NET assembly is the key file of its component, you can use one of the following methods to identify its dependencies:

- If you know which files and merge modules are required for the .NET assembly, you can manually add them to the same feature that contains the .NET assembly component in your project. This method is recommended, since it gives you the most control over what is included in your project.

- If you do not know which files and merge modules are required for the .NET assembly, use one of the following built-in methods:
  - To identify the .NET assembly’s dependencies on demand, use the Static Scanning Wizard to detect possible dependencies. This wizard displays a list of the dependencies that it finds, and it lets you specify whether you want to include each one in your project. Note that this method is available in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, but not in DIM or Merge Module projects.
  - To identify the .NET assembly’s dependencies each time that you build your project, select Dependencies and Properties for the component’s .NET Scan at Build setting. If InstallShield detects any possible missing dependencies at build time, InstallShield incorporates them into the release that it generates.

Configuring the properties of a .NET assembly makes it possible for Windows Installer to update and uninstall the assembly when needed. When a .NET assembly is the key file of its component, you can use either of the following methods to identify its properties:

- Manually enter the properties and their values: In the Components view, under the Advanced Settings area for the component that contains the .NET assembly, select .NET assembly subnode under the Assembly node, and configure the properties as needed. Note that the properties and values that you enter must match the information in the assembly’s manifest file. If they do not match, the assembly might be left on the target system when the feature that contains the .NET component is uninstalled.

- To identify the .NET assembly’s properties each time that you build your project, select the Properties Only option or the Dependencies and Properties option for the component’s .NET Scan at Build setting. If InstallShield detects any possible missing properties at build time, InstallShield incorporates them into the release that it generates.
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In InstallScript projects, when you add a .NET assembly to a component in your project, you can use the component’s .NET Assembly setting to identify the assembly as a local .NET assembly. You can also use one of the following methods for identifying the dependencies of the .NET assembly:

- If you know which files and merge modules are required for the .NET assembly, you can manually add them to the same feature that contains the .NET assembly component in your project. This method is recommended, since it gives you the most control over what is included in your project.

- If you do not know which files and merge modules are required for the .NET assembly, use one of the following built-in methods:
  - To identify the .NET assembly’s dependencies on demand, use the Static Scanning Wizard to detect possible dependencies. This wizard displays a list of the dependencies that it finds, and it lets you specify whether you want to include each one in your project.
  - To identify the .NET assembly’s dependencies each time that you build your project, select Dependencies for the component’s .NET Scan at Build setting. If InstallShield detects any possible missing dependencies at build time, InstallShield incorporates them into the release that it generates.

If Not an Assembly is selected for the component’s .NET Assembly setting, InstallShield does not scan for dependencies of the component’s assembly.

Note that when Local Assembly is selected for the component’s .NET Assembly setting, the installation performs COM interop registration and configures .NET installer class information for the component at run time.

See Also
Scanning 64-Bit .NET Assemblies for Dependencies
Reviewing .NET Dependency Scanner Results
Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners

Scanning 64-Bit .NET Assemblies for Dependencies

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

If you use InstallShield on a 64-bit version of Windows Vista or later or a 64-bit version of Windows Server 2008 or later, and you use either of the following built-in methods for detecting dependencies, InstallShield can scan for 64-bit dependencies of the 64-bit .NET assemblies in your project:

- To identify a 64-bit .NET assembly’s dependencies on demand, use the Static Scanning Wizard to detect possible dependencies. This wizard displays a list of the dependencies that it finds, and it lets you specify whether you want to include each one in your project.
To identify a 64-bit .NET assembly’s dependencies each time that you build your project, select one of the dependency options for the component’s .NET Scan at Build setting. For InstallScript projects, the component’s .NET Assembly setting must also be set to Local Assembly. If InstallShield detects any possible missing dependencies at build time, InstallShield incorporates them into the release that it generates.

These methods also scan for 32-bit dependencies of the 32-bit .NET assemblies in your project.

Note that if you use InstallShield on a 32-bit version of Windows, these built-in scans can check for only 32-bit dependencies of the 32-bit files in your project. If your project includes 64-bit files, you can manually add any dependencies to the project as needed.

**How the Built-In Scanning Methods Detect Platform-Specific and Platform-Independent .NET Dependencies in Windows Installer-Based Projects**

In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, when you use either of the aforementioned built-in methods for detecting .NET dependencies, InstallShield uses a specific order for detection, as indicated in the following table.

**Table 4-3 • Order for Detecting .NET Assembly Dependencies**

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If a .NET assembly is not in the GAC, InstallShield checks the same folder that contains the assembly when scanning for dependencies, and then it checks any subfolders.
See Also
Identifying Properties and Dependencies of .NET Assemblies
Reviewing .NET Dependency Scanner Results
Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners

Reviewing .NET Dependency Scanner Results

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield offers different built-in methods for identifying dependencies of .NET assemblies. If you use these built-in methods, the scanning may identify as a dependency a file or merge module that is not required by your product. If you are using the Static Scanning Wizard and that occurs, you can specify in the wizard that you do not want to add that dependency to your project. If you are using the .NET scan at build functionality to automatically include any possible .NET dependencies in your project at build time, you can change the values of the component’s settings so that the .NET assembly is not scanned for dependencies automatically:

- In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, InstallShield scans each component’s .NET assembly for dependencies automatically at build time by default. You can override this default behavior by changing the value of a component’s .NET Scan at Build setting as needed.
- In InstallScript projects, InstallShield does not scan each component’s .NET assembly for dependencies at build time by default. You can override this default behavior by changing the values of a component’s .NET Assembly setting and its .NET Scan at Build setting as needed.

In addition, InstallShield enables you to specify on a machine-wide basis any files that you want to be included or excluded automatically any time that you perform a dependency scan through InstallShield. For more information, see Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners.

To obtain the best results when you are trying to identify dependencies, it is recommended that you thoroughly test your product and its installation on a clean machine. If your product does not behave as expected, determine whether any dependencies are missing from the machine, and if so, whether they should be included in the installation.

See Also
Identifying Properties and Dependencies of .NET Assemblies
Scanning 64-Bit .NET Assemblies for Dependencies

Installing Fonts Through InstallScript and InstallScript Object Projects

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
When you include a font file—.ttf, .ttc, or .fon file—in your installation project (using either the Components view or the Files and Folders view), the file is automatically marked internally to be registered on the target machine if you have enabled global font registration. At run time, the OnInstalledFontFile event handler function is called immediately after each font file is installed; the default code for this event handler function calls the RegisterFontResource function to register the font if it is internally marked for registration.

Font Titles
InstallShield determines the font title that the installation registers for the font in the following manner:

- For an .fon file, InstallShield—by default—reads the font title from the registry of the source system. If no title can be found in the registry, InstallShield stores the file name as the font title. For an .fon file in a component whose Link Type property is set to Static, InstallShield displays the font title in the Font title box on the file's File Properties dialog box.
- For a TrueType file (.ttf or .ttc file), by default the installation reads the font title from the file at run time, and at design time no text is displayed in the Font title box.
- For all three types of files, in a component whose Link Type property is set to Static, if you enter non-default text in the Font title box, the installation registers that text as the font title.

Installing Fonts to the Windows Fonts Folder
Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

Task To install a font file to the Windows Fonts folder, do either of the following:
- In the Files and Folders view, place the font file in the Destination computer's folders pane's Fonts Folder folder, which is a subfolder of the Windows folder.
- In the Components view, place the font file in a component whose Destination property is set to <FOLDER_FONTS>.

Enabling or Disabling Global Font Registration
Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

You can enable or disable automatic registration of font files globally.
**Task**  
To enable or disable global font registration:

1. In the View List under **Installation Information**, click **General Information**.
2. In the **Font Registration** setting, specify the appropriate option:
   - To enable global font registration, select **Enabled**.
   - To disable global font registration, select **Disabled**.

**Enabling or Disabling Registration of a Font File**

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*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript Object**

You can enable or disable automatic registration of font files for individual files.

**Task**  
To enable or disable automatic registration of an individual font file:

1. Open the **Components** view, **Setup Design** view, or **Files and Folders** view.
2. Right-click the font file and click **Properties**. The **Properties** dialog box opens.
3. To enable automatic registration of the font file, select the **Register Font File** check box.
   - To disable automatic registration of the font file, clear the **Register Font File** check box.
4. Click **OK**.

**Using Components**

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Components are elements of the application from the installation developer’s perspective. Components are not visible to the end user. When the user selects a feature for installation, the installer determines which components are associated with that feature and then those components are installed. Components of an application would contain the executable binary files, data files, shortcuts, help system files, and registry entries.

You can create and modify components in the Setup Design view (for installation projects) or the Components view.

**Component-Feature Relationships**

*Project* • Features are not used in DIM or Merge Module projects.
Components are associated with features in the Setup Design view. For more information, see Associating New Components with Features.

Files

Expand a component’s tree in the Setup Design view or the Components view and click Files to view a list of all files associated with that component. To learn how to add files, see Adding Files to Components.

See Also
Setup Design View
Components View

Setup Best Practices

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

InstallShield makes adhering to Setup Best Practices easier by alerting you to Best Practices violations while you are creating components in the Setup Design view and in the Component Wizard. By following these guidelines, you can create clean installations that distribute reusable components efficiently and avoid problems that result from file incompatibility.

When you are creating components in the Setup Design view, the Setup Best Practices Wizard monitors the files that you add to the components, alerts you when you have done anything that conflicts with Best Practices, and then gives you the opportunity to correct the action in the wizard. To turn off the wizard's automatic scanning of your setup design, select Options from the Tools menu.
InstallShield checks for compliance with the following Setup Best Practices:

**Table 4-4 • Setup Best Practices that InstallShield Monitors**

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<td>Components should not contain multiple .exe, .dll, .ocx, .chm, or .hlp files</td>
<td>Each component should contain only one portable executable file (an .exe, .dll, or .ocx file) or WinHelp file (.hlp file). Windows Installer components are designed such that all of the advanced settings and component settings, such as the GUID code, refer ideally to a single portable executable file or help file. Place other .exe, .dll, .ocx, and .hlp files into new components. One reason for this rule is that, at run time, if the user chooses Repair for an installed product, Windows Installer checks for the existence of each installed component's key file. If the key file is missing, Windows Installer reinstall s the missing component. Therefore, if a file that is not the key file of a component is missing, it may not be restored during repair mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use merge modules</td>
<td>Merge modules contain all of the files, registry entries, and logic necessary to install a distinct piece of functionality. You should not distribute a file for which a merge module is available. Using merge modules also helps you comply with two related requirements—the Best Practice to avoid associating a file with more than one component and the Windows logo guideline not to ship any core components. If the Best Practices monitoring option is enabled, the Setup Best Practices Wizard alerts you whenever you try adding to a component any file that is part of the merge modules that InstallShield provides.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

You should also be aware of the following component creation Setup Best Practices, to which InstallShield does not automatically alert you:

**Table 4-5 • Setup Best Practices for which InstallShield Does Not Automatically Provide Alerts**

<table>
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<td>Put a shortcut target in its own component</td>
<td>Any file that serves as the target for a shortcut requires its own component. That file must be the key file for the component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group other files into components</td>
<td>Organize all files that do not fall into any of the above categories in components according to the files’ requirements, such as a common destination folder or version checking.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
InstallShield offers several methods for creating components.

- Use the Setup Design view (in installation projects only) or the Components view to create a new component and manually configure it. For more information, see Using the Setup Design or Components Views to Create a Component.

- Use the Component Wizard to allow InstallShield to define components for you according to Setup Best Practices. This wizard is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module. For more information, see Using the Best Practices Option with the Component Wizard.

- If you are creating a component for a COM server, or a font, it is recommended that you use the Component Wizard. This wizard is available in the following project types: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module. For more information, see Using the Component Type Option with the Component Wizard.

### Using the Setup Design or Components Views to Create a Component

For installation projects, you can create a new component in the Components view and then associate it later with a feature, or you can create a component under a specific feature in the Setup Design view, as described below. Note that the Setup Design view is not available in DIM or Merge Module projects.

#### Using the Setup Design View to Create a Component

For installation projects only, follow the steps below to create a component in the Setup Design view.
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Task

To create a component in the Setup Design view:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design.

2. In the Setup Design explorer, right-click a feature or subfeature and click New Component, or press CTRL+INSERT. InstallShield adds a new component with the default name New Component n (where n is a successive number).

3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to give it a new name.

The new component is automatically associated with the selected feature.

Using the Components View to Create a Component

For installation projects, DIM projects, and Merge Module projects, follow the steps below to create a component in the Components view.

Task

To create a component in the Components view:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Components.

2. Right-click the Components explorer and click New Component, or press INSERT. InstallShield adds a new component with the default name New Component n (where n is a successive number).

3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to give it a new name.

4. For installation projects, associate the component with one or more features.

Note • In installation projects, components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon (≠).

In InstallScript projects, the following characters are invalid in component names:

\ / : * ? " ' < > |

When you create a component, its property sheet is displayed to the right. You should immediately specify the component’s properties, including the required Component Code (Windows Installer–based projects only) and Destination properties.

After you have created a component and specified its properties, you can associate your application’s files, registry entries, and shortcuts with it.

See Also

Component Settings

Using the Best Practices Option with the Component Wizard

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
The fastest way to create components is to launch the Component Wizard and have InstallShield organize your files into components for you. Select the **Create components for me using best practices** option to have the wizard generate components by applying **Setup Best Practices** to the files you specify.

**Task**

**To launch the Component Wizard, do one of the following:**

- For installation projects only: Right-click a feature in the **Setup Design** view and select **Component Wizard**.
- For installation projects, DIM projects, and Merge Module projects: Right-click **Components** in the explorer of the **Components** view and click **Component Wizard**.

**See Also**

Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

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**Best Practice Rules for Creating Components**

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

When you select the Best Practices option for creating a component through the Component Wizard, the wizard automatically organizes your files into components based on Setup Best Practices. It creates components according to the following rules:

- The wizard looks at every file that you add to see if it is already included in your project. If the file is a duplicate, the wizard does not create a component for it.
- A new component must be created for each portable executable file (.exe, .dll, or .ocx file). The component bears the name of the portable executable file. The wizard creates a GUID for the Component Code property and sets the portable executable file as the component’s key file.
- The Component Wizard attempts to extract registration information for each portable executable file. If it succeeds, the wizard creates a COM server component and writes the data to the component’s COM Server advanced setting.
Every help (.hlp) file that you specify will reside in its own component along with its associated contents (.cnt) file. The component is named after its help file. The wizard creates a GUID for the Component Code property and makes the help file the component’s key file. The same rule applies to HTML Help (.chm) files and the .chi files that accompany them.

The Component Wizard puts all font (.ttf and .ttc) files into a single component called Font Files. The wizard creates a GUID for the Component Code property and sets the first file in the list as the key file. Any .fon files that you specify will automatically be included in the AllOtherFiles component that is created. Since .fon files do not have a title, they will not be added to the Font table in the .msi package. To have these files added as fonts, you will need to use the Fonts option in the Component Wizard.

Any files that do not fall into the above categories are grouped into a single component named All Other Files. The wizard creates a GUID for the Component Code property and sets the first file in the list as the key file.

Letting InstallShield Create a COM Server Component

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

If you select the Create components for me using Best Practices option on the Welcome panel of the Component Wizard, InstallShield automatically creates a separate component for each portable executable file that you specify. The wizard also attempts to extract registration information for each portable executable file.

If it succeeds, all of the registration information that maps to the COM Registration advanced setting is written there. The wizard creates any additional entries, such as the InProcServer32 ThreadingModel value, in the component’s registry data.

Note • If your COM server is an executable, you must put an OLESelfRegister attribute with the value of 1 into the Version section of the component’s resource file.

See Also
Editing the Registry

Letting InstallShield Create Font Components

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
If you select the **Create components for me using Best Practices** option on the Welcome panel of the Component Wizard, InstallShield automatically creates a separate component for all font (.ttf and .ttc) files that you specify. Any .fon files are added to the AllOtherFiles component that is created due to the fact that these files do not have an embedded font title. To have .fon files added to your setup as fonts, use the **Fonts option** in the Component Wizard.

The destination folder for the font component is set to the destination folder that you chose in the Component Wizard. After the component is created, you can set its Destination Folder to the Windows Installer folder property **FontsFolder** (that is, use \[FontsFolder\] as the destination), the usual default location for fonts. Place square brackets around FontsFolder, as you would when specifying \[INSTALLDIR\].

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**Task**

If the font was not registered on your system, you must specify the font title by doing the following:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** (in installation projects only) or **Components**.
2. In the explorer, expand the component that contains the font file and click **Files**. The **Files** view opens.
3. Right-click the font file and click **Properties**. The **Properties** dialog box opens.
4. In the **Font title** box, type a font title in the format FontName (FontType)—for example, **Roman (All res)**.
5. Click **OK**.

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**Using the Component Type Option with the Component Wizard**

If you have files with special installation requirements, using the **Let me select a type and define the component myself** option of the Component Wizard is the recommended method for organizing them into components.
Task  

To launch the Component Wizard, do one of the following:

- For installation projects only: In the Setup Design view, right-click a feature and click Component Wizard.
- For installation projects, DIM projects, and Merge Module projects: In the Components view, right-click the Components explorer and click Component Wizard.

The Let me select a type and define the component myself option of the Component Wizard supports the following component types:

- COM servers
- Font files
- Install services
- Control services

Note • If you want to create a component that installs, starts, stops, or deletes a service during installation or uninstallation, you can use the Services view. You can also use this view to configure extended service customization options, which are not configurable through the Component Wizard. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.

See Also
Component Wizard

Installing COM Servers

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Although you can create a component in one of several ways, the recommended method for installing a COM server (.exe, .dll, or .ocx) file in an installation is to create a COM server component in the Component Wizard.

The wizard panels displayed depend on the selections you made in previous panels. For example, the Classes panel is not displayed if the wizard succeeds in extracting the registration information in the COM Server Executable panel.

Tip • InstallShield includes support for 64-bit COM extraction. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.
Installing Fonts

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Although you can create a component in one of several ways, the easiest way to install a font (a .ttf, .fon, or .ttc file) in an installation is to create a Fonts component in the Component Wizard.

In the Component Wizard, the panels that are displayed depend on the selections made in previous panels. For example, the Add New Fonts panel is not displayed unless you selected *I also want to add fonts not installed on this system* in the Add Installed Fonts panel.

**See Also**
- Component Wizard

Exporting Components to Other Projects

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

**Task**

To save a component to another project:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** (in installation projects only) or **Components**.
2. Right-click the component and click **Export Components Wizard**.
Tip • You can also access the Export Components Wizard from the Project menu in InstallShield.

When you export a component into a project, a copy of this component is added to the specified .ism file, along with all of the component’s data, such as its files, shortcuts, registry entries, and advanced settings. Any string entries, properties, and path variables used in the dialog are also copied to your new project.

If the target .ism file already has a component of the same name with different properties, the Resolve Conflict dialog box opens to offer you options for resolving the conflicts.

See Also
Reusing Project Elements

Deleting a Component in Your Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

You can permanently delete components in both the Setup Design view and the Components view.

Task • To delete a component:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (in installation projects only) or Components.
2. Right-click the component and click Delete from project.

The component is permanently deleted from your project.

See Also
Associating New Components with Features
Component-Feature Associations

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Transform

A component can be associated with as many features or subfeatures as necessary. For example, a text editor product might have two features—an editor and a spell checker. Both the editor and spell checker have dependencies that are in a System .dll files component. When designing this installation, you should associate the System .dll files component with both the editor and the spell checker features.

You can associate components with features in the Setup Design view. There are two ways to associate components with features in the Setup Design view, depending on whether or not the component already exists. For more information, see Associating New Components with Features and Associating Existing Components with Features.

Note • Components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon:

Associating New Components with Features

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Transform

Task • To associate a new component with a feature:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design.

2. Right-click the feature or subfeature and click New Component or Component Wizard. InstallShield creates a component and associates it with the selected feature.
Associating Existing Components with Features

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Transform

**Task** • To associate an existing component with a feature:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design**.
2. Right-click the feature or subfeature and click **Insert Components**.
3. Select the components you want to associate with this feature from the list of components, and click **OK**.

You can move or copy existing components from one feature to another using a drag-and-drop operation:

- To move an existing component, drag the component from one feature to another.
- To copy an existing component, press CTRL while you drag the component from one feature to another.

Disassociating Components from Features

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Transform

**Task** • To remove a component-feature association:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design**.
2. Right-click the component that you want to dissociate from the feature, and click **Remove from feature**.

Even though the component is no longer associated with this feature, it is still present in your project.
Adding Data to a Component

You can use the Components view to add files, registry data, and shortcuts to components.

Adding Files to Components

All of the files in a component must share the same component settings.

Criteria for Adding Files to a Component

You can add a group of files to a component only if they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- All files have the same destination folder.
- All files should be installed with the same conditions (including operating system and language).

Create new components organized around your files’ installation needs and component properties. You should also be aware of Setup Best Practices when adding files to a component. Setup Best Practices helps you to write clean installations and distribute reusable components effectively.

Methods for Adding Files to Components

The way in which you add files to a component varies slightly depending on how you create your component. The sections below discuss how to associate files with components based on the way in which the component was created.

Creating a New Component in InstallShield

When you create a component by right-clicking in the Setup Design view (for installation projects) or the Components view, first select the component’s Files item to view its file list.

Task

Use one of the following methods to associate files with this component:

- Drag and drop files from Windows Explorer onto the file list.
- Right-click in the file list and click Add. In the resulting dialog box, browse to select as many files as you want to add from that folder. Click Open.

Creating a New Component Using the Component Wizard

If you use the Component Wizard to create a component, you can add files to the component in the Files panel.

Task

Use one of the following methods to associate files with this component:

- Drag and drop files from Windows Explorer onto the file list.
• Right-click in the file list and click Add. In the resulting dialog box, browse to select as many files as you want to add from that folder. Click Open.

InstallShield creates links to your application’s files. These links are used to locate the files when you build a release of your installation. If any of these links becomes invalid, File Not Found appears next to the file.

All of the above methods for adding files link the files statically, which means that the file links do not change if new files are added to or removed from the source folder. For an alternative to static linking, see Adding Dynamic File Links to Components.

See Also
Setup Best Practices

Changing the Value in the Link To Column for a Component’s File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

In the Components view, you can expand a component to display the Files node, which shows the files associated with that component. In the Files explorer, the Link To column provides the directory or the path variable that you used when you added the file. You can use the Direct Editor to change what appears in this column.

Task
To edit the directory:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. In the Tables explorer, click File.
3. Locate the file and edit the value in the ISBuildSourcePath column.

See Also
Direct Editor

Deleting a File from a Component

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

Task  To delete a file from a component:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Components.
2. In the Components explorer, expand the component that contains the file that you want to delete, and then click Files item under it. The files associated with that component are displayed in the right pane.
3. Right-click the file that you want to delete and click Delete.

Adding Registry Data to Components

You can use the Registry view to add registry keys and values to a component. This information is written to the target system’s registry if the component is installed. To learn how to add registry keys and values, see the following:

• Creating Registry Keys
• Dragging and Dropping Registry Entries to Create Registry Keys
• Creating Registry Values
• Importing Registry Files
• Exporting Registry Files

Creating Shortcuts in the Components View

Project • For installation projects, you can create shortcuts in the Shortcuts view.

Before you can create a shortcut, you must create a component that contains the file to which the shortcut is going to link.
**Task** To create a new shortcut:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Components.
2. In the Components explorer, expand the component that should be associated with the shortcut that you are creating, and then click Shortcuts. The Shortcuts explorer opens in a new pane.
3. In the Shortcuts explorer, right-click a destination folder and click either New Folder or New Shortcut. You can create a program folder if you want your shortcut to appear under your company name, for example.
   
   If you created a folder for your shortcut, create the shortcut by right-clicking your new folder and clicking **New Shortcut**.
4. Define the shortcut’s properties.

**See Also**
- Shortcuts View
- Creating Shortcuts and Program Folders

**Adding Subfolders to Statically Linked Components**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

**Task** To add a subfolder to a statically linked component:

In the Components or Setup Design view, right-click the component’s Static File Links subnode and then click **New Folder**.

**Component Key Files**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
One of your component’s files can serve as its key file. A key file is a file that the Windows Installer uses to detect the component’s presence on the target machine and determine whether it needs to be updated. In order to create advanced component settings or shortcuts, a key file must be specified.

**Caution** • If your project includes dynamically linked files, InstallShield may automatically set some of the dynamically linked files as the key file of a component. For more information, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.

**See Also**
- Setting Key Paths for Components
- Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System

### Setting Component Key Files

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

**Task** • **To specify one of your component’s files as the key file:**

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (in installation projects only) or Components.

2. In the explorer, expand the component and click Files.

3. Right-click in the files list and click Set Key File. The file icon ( ) for that file is replaced with a key icon ( ).

A component can have either one key file or one key path. If you have already set a key file or a key path for a component, a warning message box appears if you try to set another key file. Click Yes in the message box to replace the existing key file or key path with the new key file.

**Note** • You cannot specify a key file in the Files and Folders view. Key files must be set in either the Setup Design or Components view.

**See Also**
- Setting Key Paths for Components
- Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System
Clearing a Key File from a Component

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

If you no longer want a file to serve as the component’s key file, you can clear the key file from that component.

Task

To clear the key file from a component:

1.  In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (in installation projects only) or Components.
2.  In the explorer, expand the component and click Files.
3.  Right-click the key file and click Clear Key File.

Component Settings

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

When you create a component, its settings have default values, depending on whether you created the component using a view, or using a wizard.
Task

To edit a component’s settings:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (in installation projects only) or Components.
2. Click the component that you want to configure, and modify its settings as needed.

For descriptions of each of the settings, see Component Settings.

See Also
Components View

Component Destination vs. Feature Destination

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Note that DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects do not include features. These types of projects are added to features in Basic MSI projects. Thus, components in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects are associated with the features in the installation projects that consume them.

Both components and features have a destination setting, but there are some differences in how they are used when an end user runs your installation.

Allowing End Users to Change the Destination

You can use the feature’s destination setting if you want to allow the end user to modify where the feature is installed on the target system. Because a feature’s destination can be changed by the end user, you must use a public property for the feature destination. A public property has a name with only uppercase letters (for example, INSTALLDIR).

Note • If you want all the components in a feature to be installed to the feature’s destination, you must set all of the components’ destinations to match the feature’s destination.

Setting a Specific Destination

If you want a component to go to a specific location that cannot be changed by the end user, you must set the component destination to some directory that is not used as a feature destination.
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See Also
Setting a Destination Folder for the Component’s Files
Setting a Feature’s Destination

Setting a Destination Folder for the Component’s Files

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

Each component can have a different destination location for its files. The default value for the Destination setting is as follows:

• For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, and MSM Database, and Transform projects—INSTALLDIR, initialized to [ProgramFilesFolder]Company Name\Product Name in the product’s INSTALLDIR property
• For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects—TARGETDIR, initialized by default to PROGRAMFILES ^ IFX_COMPANY_NAME ^ IFX_PRODUCT_NAME in the default script code for the OnFirstUIBefore event handler function

Windows Logo • According to Windows logo requirements, the default destination of your application’s files must be a subfolder of the end user’s Program Files folder. If you use INSTALLDIR or ProgramFilesFolder as the parent folder for your feature’s Destination setting, your files will be installed to the correct location.

Task To change the component’s destination folder:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (installation projects only) or Components.
2. Select the component whose destination you want to change.
3. In the Destination setting, select one of the options from the list, or click the ellipsis button (…) to select or create a directory.

Other Destination Folder Considerations

Project • These considerations apply to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
Component’s Remote Installation Setting

Setting the component’s Remote Installation setting to Favor Source (or to Optional when the component’s feature is set to Favor Source) means that the component’s files will not be installed on the target system, regardless of the component’s Destination setting.

Feature’s Remote Installation Setting

Each feature also has a Destination setting. If different, the component’s Destination setting overrides the feature’s destination. The feature’s Destination setting is optional, but the component’s is required.

INSTALLDIR as Default Destination

The assumption behind using INSTALLDIR as the default Destination setting for all of your features and components is that you want all of your application’s files installed to the same root folder. This way, when an end user changes the destination folder for any of the features in the CustomSetup dialog, the destination folders for all of the features that are set to be installed to the path contained in INSTALLDIR also change.

Note • If the component’s destination is set to something other than INSTALLDIR, the components are installed to the destination specified for each component and changing INSTALLDIR has no effect on the components’ destinations.

An installer folder property such as INSTALLDIR specifies a default value. An end user can change this value by setting a property when launching Msiexec.exe at the command line or by selecting a new destination folder for a feature in the CustomSetup dialog.

[GlobalAssemblyCache] for Components Containing a .NET Assembly

If a component contains a .NET assembly, you can set the component’s destination to [GlobalAssemblyCache]. When a .NET assembly is installed to a target system’s Global Assembly Cache (GAC), the assembly can be accessed by other applications on the system.

In general, it is preferable to install assemblies to the local application directory. This increases application isolation.

Note • To install an assembly to the Global Assembly Cache, the .NET Scan at Build setting for the assembly’s component must be set to either Properties Only or Dependencies and Properties.

See Also

Msiexec.exe Command-Line Parameters
CustomSetup Dialog Options
Windows Installer Property Reference
Scanning for .NET Dependencies and Properties
Specifying a Component's Destination from the Script

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

Specifying the target destination of a component's files from the script lets you change that destination at run time based on end-user input or other conditions.

**Task**

To specify the target destination of a component's files from the script:

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Files and Folders**.
2. In the **Destination computer's folders** pane, right-click **Script-defined Folders** and click **New Folder**. InstallShield adds a subfolder with the default name `<NEW VARIABLE N>`, where `N` is a successive number. You can rename this subfolder to any string that is enclosed in angle brackets; for example, `<My Script-defined Folder>`.
3. To specify the target destination of an existing component's files:
   a. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Components** or **Setup Design**.
   b. Select the component that you want to configure.
   c. In the component's property grid, click the value of the **Destination** property and in the list, select the name of the subfolder that you created in step 1.

To create a new component and specify the target destination of its files:

a. In the **Files and Folders** view, drag the desired file or files from the **Source computer's folders** pane and drop them on the subfolder that you created in step 1. InstallShield creates a new component with the default name `FilesN`.

b. In your script, call **FeatureSetTarget** to assign a target location to the subfolder that you created in step 1; for example:

   ```
   AskDestPath( "", "Choose a location for the XYZ files." , svEndUserSelectedPath, 0 );
   FeatureSetTarget( MEDIA , "<My Script-defined Folder>" , svEndUserSelectedPath);
   ```

Uppercase Directory Identifiers and Component Destinations

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **MSM Database**
• Transform

Declaring a Directory Identifier in uppercase letters makes that value a public property that can be set from the user interface. In order to allow the end user or administrator to change the destination via the user interface or from the command line, the Directory Identifier for the component's destination must be a public property.

Using mixed-case or lowercase letters for the Directory Identifier defines the directory entry as a private property. Private properties cannot be changed from the user interface.

Specifying Whether a Component’s Files and Other Associated Data Are Uninstalled During Uninstallation

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

You may need to ensure that a component's files, registry entries, shortcuts, and other data are not uninstalled when end users uninstall your product. Following are examples of scenarios where it may be appropriate to ensure that a component’s data are not uninstalled:

• You want to prevent the uninstallation of files that may be used by other products.

• The component contains a font.

• The component is being installed to [SystemFolder]. According to validation rules, if a component is installed to this location, it should not be uninstalled during uninstallation.

The setting that controls whether the component’s data are uninstalled depends on which project type you are using.

Task To specify whether a component’s files, registry entries, and other data are uninstalled:

1. In the Setup Design view (installation projects only) or the Components view, select the component that you want to configure. InstallShield displays its settings in the right pane.

2. In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—Configure the Permanent setting as appropriate:

   • If the component data should not be uninstalled when end users uninstall the product, select Yes.

   • If the component data should be uninstalled, select No.
In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects—Configure the **Uninstall** setting as appropriate:

- If the component data should not be uninstalled when end users uninstall the product, select **No**.
- If the component data should be uninstalled, select **Yes**.

The Permanent and Uninstall settings apply to all types of data that are associated with a component. This includes files, registry entries, shortcuts, XML file changes, and SQL scripts.

## Configuring Component Conditions

**InstallShield 2020**

### Project

*This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Conditional installation of your components can be useful if you are creating different versions of the same product—for example, a trial version and a full version. You might not want to provide full functionality in the trial version, therefore you would not install all of the components. Another use for conditional component installation is to save disk space. If the target system does not have enough disk space for all of the components, you can set non-required components to install conditionally.

Using the component’s Condition setting, you can enter a statement that the installation must evaluate before setting up your component’s data on the target system. The component is not installed if its condition evaluates to false. However, the component is installed or advertised if its condition evaluates to true, assuming that its feature is selected for installation.

### Task

**To set a condition for a component in your project:**

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** (for installation projects only) or **Components**.
2. Select the component that you want to configure.
3. Click the **Condition** setting and then click the ellipsis button (...). The **Condition Builder** dialog box opens.
4. Do one of the following:
   - In the **Conditions** box, type the component condition.
   - Use the **Properties** list, the **Operators** list, and the **Add** buttons to build your condition:
     - In the **Properties** list, select a property and then click the **Add** button. InstallShield adds the property to the **Condition** column.
b. If your conditional statement should contain an operator, select an operator in the Operators list and then click the Add button. InstallShield adds the operator to the conditional statement.

c. If your conditional statement should contain a value, enter the value.

5. Click OK.

**Important** • InstallShield performs basic condition validation; however, you should still double-check that your condition statements evaluate to the expected outcome. For more information and example conditions, see Building Conditional Statements.

See Also
Condition Builder Dialog Box
Reevaluating Component Conditions During Reinstallation
Conditional Statement Syntax
Setting Feature Conditions

Reevaluating Component Conditions During Reinstallation

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Windows Installer evaluates a component’s condition again when a product is reinstalled if you select Yes for the component’s Reevaluate Condition setting. If the condition evaluates to true upon reinstallation, the component is reinstalled—or installed for the first time if the condition initially evaluated to false or if the component was never selected for installation.

**Transitive Components**

Components that were installed but whose conditions evaluate to false upon reinstallation are removed. Because of this special feature, which allows you, in effect, to swap components during reinstallation, components with Yes selected for the Reevaluate Condition setting are considered transitive components.

Consider an application that requires a different .dll file depending on whether it is installed on Windows XP or Windows Vista. You could create a component for each file and attach a condition to each component to check the version of the operating system. The component for Windows Vista would have the following condition:

```
VersionNT=600
```

The Windows XP–specific component might have the following condition:
When the product is installed on a Windows XP system, the appropriate version of the .dll file is installed and the Windows Vista version is not. What happens if the end user upgrades to Windows Vista? When the product is reinstalled, the Windows XP–specific component is uninstalled, and the Windows Vista–specific component is installed (as long as these components are both transitive).

See Also
Configuring Component Conditions
Using Transitive Components (Windows Installer Help Library)
Using Transitive Components (Windows Installer Help Library)

Managing Reference Counts for Shared Files

A file’s reference count (also referred to as refcount) is the number of products on a target system that use the file. Reference counts help to ensure that if multiple products are sharing a file, the file remains on the target system until all of the products that share it are removed.

Reference counts for shared files are stored in the following registry key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SharedDLLs

Both Windows Installer–based projects and InstallScript-based projects include support for managing the reference counts for shared files. The functionality is slightly different, depending on the project type.

Behavior in Windows Installer–Based Installations

In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects, you can indicate that a key file is shared by selecting Yes for the Shared setting of the key file’s component. If the installation installs the key file and Yes is selected for the component’s Shared setting, a reference count is created in the registry—if it does not already exist—and incremented. During uninstallation of the key file, the reference count is decremented.

Windows Logo • Windows logo guidelines require that the reference count be incremented when installing shared files and decremented when uninstalling. Core component files (which they recommend you not install) should not be reference counted.
Behavior in InstallScript-Based Installations

In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, you can mark a component as shared. If the installation installs the component's files and Yes is selected for the component's Shared setting, a reference count for each file is created in the registry—if it does not already exist—and incremented. During uninstallation of the component, the reference count is decremented.

You can call the InstallScript function `GetFileInfo` with the `FILE_SHARED_COUNT` constant to determine an existing file's reference count.

How to Mark a Component as Shared

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<td>1.</td>
<td>In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Select the component that you want to configure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>For the Shared setting, select Yes.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Tip • One example of when you should always mark a component as shared is if its files are to be installed to a shared directory such as the System folder or the Common Files folder.

Note • Note that the installation increments any existing reference count for any file in a component regardless of whether you mark the component as shared. However, if no reference count exists, the installation does not create one unless you select Yes for this Shared setting.

Checking File Versions Before Installing

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

For InstallScript projects, this functionality is handled by the component’s Overwrite setting. When you click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting, the Overwrite dialog box opens, enabling you to specify whether files of the component should overwrite existing files on the target system.
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The **Never Overwrite** setting for a component enables you to indicate whether you want your installation to overwrite a file if it already exists on the target system:

- If you select Yes, the file—if it exists on the target system—is never overwritten, regardless of the file version. Selecting Yes for this setting overrides file versioning rules.
- If you select No and the file version on the target system is newer than the version being installed, the file on the target system is not overwritten. However, if the version being installed is newer, the file on the target system is overwritten.

Windows Installer checks for the existence of the component’s key file when determining if it should install the component. For more information, see [Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System](#).

Installing Files of the Same Name

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Source Location setting for a component identifies a subfolder where the component’s files will be stored in the source disk images, if the component’s files are not compressed. The component’s files will be copied to this subfolder in your release image.

The Source Location setting does not require a value, and in most cases, it can be left blank. If you enter a value, it must be a valid Windows folder name.

One instance where the Source Location setting could be used is when you are creating an installation that contains more than one language. In this scenario, you can have multiple files with the same name. You can create a component for each language and configure the Source Location setting as needed for each one. When you use the Source Location setting, any file with the same name can be copied onto the disk in two different locations, without the risk of being overwritten.

For example, create two components called *German* and *English*. For the first component’s Source Location setting, enter *GermanVersion*. For the second component’s Source Location setting, enter *EnglishVersion*. Create two files called *Test.txt*, giving them slightly different contents. Assign each file to a component.

When you build your installation with uncompressed files, two separate folders on the disk images will be created, one called *GermanVersion* and one called *EnglishVersion*. Separate versions of *Test.txt* will be copied to each of these folders, but neither copy will be overwritten.

**Note** • The Source Location setting is not the same as the destination location. While it is conceivable that you might want to copy both versions of the file to the end user’s machine, it is more likely that you would want to filter the files by language.

**See Also**
*Adding Files to Components*
*Working with Releases*
Setting a Component’s Remote Installation Setting

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Remote Installation setting for a component determines whether the component’s files are installed on the target system or run from the source medium, such as a CD-ROM or network server. The default value for a new component is Favor Local, which means that the component’s files are installed on the target system.

**Task**  •  To change this value so the component’s files run only from the source medium:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. Select the component that you want to configure.
3. In the Remote Installation setting, select Favor Source. Selecting Optional gives this component the Remote Installation setting of its feature.

The component’s Remote Installation setting overrides the feature’s. For more information, see Component’s Remote Installation Setting vs. Feature’s Remote Installation Setting.

**Caution**  •  If the component contains a Windows service, select the Favor Local option. Although an end user could change the feature’s installation state through the CustomSetup dialog, the Windows Installer cannot install a service remotely.

**See Also**
- Setting a Feature’s Remote Installation Setting
- CustomSetup Dialog Options

Component’s Remote Installation Setting vs. Feature’s Remote Installation Setting

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
• Transform

The component’s Remote Installation setting always overrides the feature’s Remote Installation setting. For example, if a component’s Remote Installation setting is set to Favor Local, its files are installed on the target system regardless of the feature’s Remote Installation setting.

The files are run from the source medium when a component’s Remote Installation setting is set to Favor Source. If you want a component’s feature to dictate whether the files run from the source medium, select Optional for the component’s Remote Installation setting.

When a component is associated with more than one feature and Optional is selected for the component’s Remote Installation setting, the files are installed locally if any of its features is set to Favor Local. If the component is set to Favor Local or Favor Source, the files are installed accordingly.

See Also
Setting a Component’s Remote Installation Setting
Setting a Feature’s Remote Installation Setting

Extracting COM Registration Data at Build Time

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

By selecting Yes for a component’s COM Extract at Build setting, you indicate that you want InstallShield to scan the component’s key file for COM registration data whenever you build a release that contains that component. The extracted information is placed into the release so that Windows Installer registers the COM server when it is installed or advertised. All the necessary registry settings made by the component are extracted when you select Yes for this setting.

Unlike the Component Wizard, the build process does not write the extracted COM information to the project (.ism) file. Instead, it is dynamic, in that it is updated each time that you rebuild. It also means that you can rebuild an existing release through InstallShield or the command line even when you do not have write access to the project file.

Note • The PATH system variable on the build machine must be set to include the directories of all of the .dll files to which the COM server links; otherwise, the file will fail to register and COM information will not be extracted.

The build feedback (displayed in the Output window and in the build log files) details the registration information that was extracted.

Tip • If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system, InstallShield can extract COM data from a 64-bit COM server. In order to install the data to the correct locations, the component must be marked as 64 bit. To learn more about 64-bit support, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.
Resolving Conflicts

Despite selecting Yes for the COM Extract at Build setting, you can still specify COM information under the component’s COM Registration advanced setting and in the component’s Registry explorer. The existing information will always be registered when the component is installed.

If entries are detected under COM Registration, InstallShield asks you if you want to delete them if Yes is selected for the COM Extract at Build setting. If any conflicts are found during the build, you receive a warning about the item in the advanced setting that was overwritten with the dynamically acquired data.

Even with these safeguards, you might want to check the COM Registration advanced setting and the component’s registry data to verify that the entries are intentional and do not conflict with the data extracted at build time.

See Also
Working with Releases
Building a Release from the Command Line
Registering COM Servers
Extracting COM Data When Files Are Added

Scanning for .NET Dependencies and Properties

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

InstallShield lets you indicate that a component should be scanned for .NET dependencies and properties at build time. The functionality depends on the project type that you are using.

Windows Installer–Based Projects

In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, you can use the .NET Scan at Build setting to indicate whether you want a component’s key file to be scanned for .NET dependencies and properties at build time.

Note • The build-time scan does not scan the key file of a component if the key file is not a .NET assembly file.
Several options are available from the .NET Scan at Build setting for a component:

### Table 4-6 • Options for the .NET Scan at Build Setting in Windows Installer–Based Projects

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<td>InstallShield does not scan the key file of this component for .NET dependencies or properties.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Properties Only</td>
<td>At build time, InstallShield scans the key file of this component for .NET properties. InstallShield populates the MsiAssembly and MsiAssemblyName tables with the assembly properties, as needed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dependencies and Properties</td>
<td>At build time, InstallShield scans the key file of this component for .NET dependencies and properties. InstallShield populates the MsiAssembly and MsiAssemblyName tables with the assembly properties, as needed. In addition, InstallShield adds the missing files, components, and merge modules that are required by the .NET assembly to the release.</td>
</tr>
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**Note** • *To install an assembly to the Global Assembly Cache, the .NET Scan at Build setting must be set to either Properties Only or Dependencies and Properties.*

This setting affects how the Static Scanning Wizard scans the files in your project.

### InstallScript-Based Projects

In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, you can use the .NET Scan at Build setting to indicate whether you want a component’s files to be scanned for .NET dependencies at build time.

Several options are available from the .NET Scan at Build setting for a component:

### Table 4-7 • Options for the .NET Scan at Build Setting in InstallScript-Based Projects

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<td>InstallShield does not scan the files of this component for .NET dependencies.</td>
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<td>Dependencies</td>
<td>InstallShield scans the files of this component for .NET dependencies. InstallShield adds the missing dependencies to the release.</td>
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**See Also**

- Identifying Properties and Dependencies of .NET Assemblies
- MsiAssembly Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
- MsiAssembly Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
- MsiAssemblyName Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
- MsiAssemblyName Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Specifying the .NET Application File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

The .NET Application File setting is used when the component is scanned at build time (based on the .NET Scan at Build setting) or by the Static Scanning Wizard. The scanner uses this setting—along with the component destination—to determine the value of the File Application setting for the assembly.

The scanning algorithm works in the following way to configure the .NET assembly’s File Application setting:

1. The scanning algorithm checks the component’s Destination setting. If the value is \[GlobalAssemblyCache\], the .NET assembly’s File Application setting is set to null.

2. If the component’s destination is something other than \[GlobalAssemblyCache\], the scanning algorithm checks the component’s .NET Application File setting. If this value is not null, the value of this setting is used to set the assembly’s File Application setting.

3. If the component’s destination is something other than \[GlobalAssemblyCache\] and the .NET Application File setting is null, the component’s key file is used to set the assembly’s File Application setting.

See Also

Static Scanning
Static Scanning Wizard
Component Settings

Reading Properties Passed to the .NET Installer Class

InstallShield 2020

This is an example of a .NET class that implements the installer class and demonstrates how to read properties that are passed to the installer class from the installation.

```csharp
using System;
using System.Configuration.Install;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using System.Collections;

namespace MyInstall
{
    ///
    /// Summary description for Class1.
    ///
    [System.ComponentModel.RunInstallerAttribute(true)]
    public class MyInstallClass : Installer
    {
        public MyInstallClass()
        {
```
public override void Install(IDictionary stateSaver)
{
    base.Install(stateSaver);
    foreach (string strKey in Context.Parameters.Keys)
    {
        MessageBox.Show(strKey + " is " + Context.Parameters[strKey]);
    }
}

public override void Commit(IDictionary stateSaver)
{
    base.Commit(stateSaver);
    foreach (string strKey in Context.Parameters.Keys)
    {
        MessageBox.Show(strKey + " is " + Context.Parameters[strKey]);
    }
}

public override void Uninstall(IDictionary stateSaver)
{
    base.Uninstall(stateSaver);
    foreach (string strKey in Context.Parameters.Keys)
    {
        MessageBox.Show(strKey + " is " + Context.Parameters[strKey]);
    }
}

public override void Rollback(IDictionary stateSaver)
{
    base.Rollback(stateSaver);
    foreach (string strKey in Context.Parameters.Keys)
    {
        MessageBox.Show(strKey + " is " + Context.Parameters[strKey]);
    }
}

See Also
.NET Installer Class Arguments Dialog Box

Enabling and Disabling Registry Reflection

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
• Transform

Registry reflection keeps the 32-bit registry view and the 64-bit registry view in sync on the target machine.

**Note** • Only 64-bit systems with Windows Installer 4 and later support registry reflection. In addition, only Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later support it.

If an end user installs a 64-bit application that has a component with registry reflection enabled, Windows Installer makes the associated registry changes in the 64-bit view of the registry, and the reflector copies the registry changes to the 32-bit registry view. Similarly, if an end user then installs a 32-bit application that modifies the same registry key or value, Windows Installer makes the associated registry changes in the 32-bit view of the registry, and the reflector copies the registry changes to the 64-bit registry view.

If registry reflection is disabled, Windows Installer calls the `RegDisableReflectionKey` function on each key being accessed by the component. This function disables registry reflection for the specified key. Disabling reflection for a key does not affect reflection of any subkeys.

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### Task

To enable or disable registry reflection for all new and existing registry keys that are affected by a component:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Components.
2. In the Components explorer, select the component for which you want to configure the registry reflection setting.
3. To enable registry reflection, set the Disable Registry Reflection setting to No. This is the default value.
   
   To disable registry reflection, set the Disable Registry Reflection setting to Yes.

For more information about registry reflection, see Registry Reflection in the MSDN Library.

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### Specifying Whether Shared Component Patching Should Be Enabled for a Component

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want to enable shared component patching for a component. By default, it is disabled.

If this multiple-package sharing feature were enabled in at least one package that is installed on the target system, Windows Installer 4.5 treats the component as shared among all of those packages. If a patch that shares this component is uninstalled, Windows Installer can continue to share the highest version of the component’s files on the system.

The purpose of this multiple-package component sharing is to prevent files from being downgraded during the uninstallation of a patch that contains a component that is shared with one or more other installed packages. The intent is to keep the highest version of the component’s files present on the machine after uninstallation of that patch.
**Note** • If the DisableSharedComponent policy is set to 1 on a target system, Windows Installer ignores this setting for all packages.

*Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier ignore this setting.*

The following diagram illustrates an example of two products, ABC and XYZ, that share a component that contains a file called file.dll. An end user installs product ABC first, and version 1.0.0.0 of file.dll in the shared component is installed. Next, the end user installs product XYZ, which includes version 1.1.0.0 of file.dll. Since this version is higher than the file that was installed for product ABC, Windows Installer overwrites the current version with version 1.1.0.0. Then, the end user installs an uninstallable patch for product ABC. This patch contains version 1.2.0.0 of file.dll. Since this version is higher than the one that is already present on the target system, Windows Installer overwrites the current version with version 1.2.0.0. If the end user uninstalls the patch, either of the following results may occur:

- If the value of the Multiple Package Shared Component setting is Yes for either product ABC or product XYZ and if Windows Installer 4.5 is present, uninstalling the patch from product ABC could restore version 1.1.0.0 to the target system.

- If the value of this setting is No for product ABC and product XYZ, the file would be downgraded to version 1.0.0.0, even though product XYZ used 1.1.0.0. As a result, if product XYZ requires version 1.1.0.0, product XYZ may no longer work properly.
Figure 4-1: If the Multiple Package Shared Component setting for the shared component is set to Yes in either package and if Windows Installer 4.5 is present, version 1.1.0.0 of the file may be restored. Otherwise, the file may be unintentionally downgraded to version 1.0.0.0.
Task: To specify whether to enable shared component patching for a component:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. Select the component that you want to configure.
3. Select the appropriate value for the Multiple Package Shared Component setting:
   • To enable shared component patching, select Yes. InstallShield sets the msidbComponentAttributesShared attribute of the selected component to indicate that it should be shared.
   • To disable shared component patching, select No. InstallShield does not set the msidbComponentAttributesShared attribute of the selected component. However, if this component is shared with another package, the msidbComponentAttributesShared attribute may be set for this component in that package. Therefore, Windows Installer 4.5 would consider the multiple-package component to be shared.

Advanced Component Settings

Project: This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Advanced Settings area under a component in the Components view (and in the Setup Design view) enables you to fulfill installation requirements for special component types. For example, when you copy an .ocx file to the target system, you must register its classes, ProgIDs, and type libraries so that the file’s methods can be properly accessed. Advanced settings use Windows Installer’s built-in functionality for registering COM servers; setting up ODBC drivers, data sources, and translators; installing, controlling, and configuring Windows services; and registering a file association.

By specifying the advanced settings, you can publish your component and register COM servers, file extension servers, and MIME types. If the component is selected, an advanced setting is made on the target system when the component is installed or advertised. That way, the file is ready to execute once it is installed. Publishing components—a type of advertising—is accomplished through the Publishing advanced setting.

Configuring COM Registration Settings Manually

Project: This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
Important •  The recommended method for installing a COM server is to have Windows Installer register its classes, ProgIDs, and so on. Calling self-registration functions violates Setup Best Practices.

It is recommended that you avoid using the TypeLib table. For more information, see TypeLib Table in the Windows Installer Help Library.

The easiest way to populate the COM Registration advanced setting is to have the Component Wizard extract the necessary information or extract COM data for a key file. (You can also have it extracted dynamically at build time, in which case you do not need to use this advanced setting.) It is recommended that you modify the COM Registration advanced setting or create COM entries in the component’s Registry explorer only if you are familiar with the technical details behind your file’s registration.

Task To install a COM server solely through editing the component’s advanced settings:

1. Ensure that a single COM server is added to the component. The file must be a single portable executable file (such as an .exe, .dll, or .ocx file), according to Setup Best Practices.

2. Make the COM server the component’s key file.

3. For the component’s COM Extract at Build setting, select No.

4. Expand the component’s Advanced Settings item to view all of the advanced settings.

5. Click COM Registration to configure COM server information.

Right-click one of the items in the COM Registration explorer to modify or to create registration information for your COM server. Right-click an item and click Rename to rename the new item.

Note •  The PATH system variable on the build machine must be set to include the directories of all of the .dll files to which the COM server links; otherwise, the file will fail to register and COM information will not be extracted.

Configure the settings for each registration item or subitem that you create. More help is available in the help pane in InstallShield when you click each registration setting.

See Also
- Setup Best Practices
- Setting Component Key Files
- Extracting COM Data When Files Are Added
- Installing COM Servers
- Extracting COM Registration Data at Build Time
- Registering COM Servers
- COM Registration Settings
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Organizing Files for Your Installation

Configuring COM Classes for COM Registration Manually

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

Task • To register a class ID:
1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component, and under Advanced Settings, select COM Registration. The COM Registration explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. In the COM Registration explorer, right-click COM Classes and click New COM Class.
4. Type a new name for the COM class if needed. The name that you give the COM class will be registered as the default value under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\<GUID>. To give the class a new name, right-click it and click Rename.
5. Click the new COM class to configure its settings.
6. Specify a context type for this class. The following list tells you which server context is appropriate for which type of COM server:
   • LocalServer32—32-bit .exe file
   • LocalServer—16-bit .exe file
   • InprocServer32—32-bit .dll or .ocx file
   • InprocServer—16-bit .dll or .ocx file

   If the server context is LocalServer or LocalServer32, click the context to configure the Default Inproc Handler and Argument settings.

See Also
Configuring COM Registration Settings Manually
COM Registration Settings

Configuring ProgIDs for COM Registration Manually

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
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- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **MSM Database**
- **Transform**

A progID is a string used to identify a class in the format `Component.Class.N`.

**Task**

To specify a new programmatic identifier:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** (for installation projects only) or **Components**.
2. In the explorer, expand the component, and under **Advanced Settings**, select **COM Registration**. The COM Registration explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. In the **COM Registration** explorer, right-click **ProgIDs** and click **New ProgID**.
4. Type a new name for the ProgID. Use the format `Component.Class.N`. To give the class a new name, right-click it and click **Rename**.
5. Click the new ProgID to configure its settings.

**Version-Independent ProgIDs**

A version-independent progID is a string used to identify a class in the format `Component.Class`, which is constant for all versions of a class.

**Task**

To specify a new version-independent programmatic identifier:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** (for installation projects only) or **Components**.
2. In the explorer, expand the component, and under **Advanced Settings**, select **COM Registration**. The COM Registration explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. In the **COM Registration** explorer, right-click **Version-Independent ProgIDs** and click **New ProgID**.
4. Type a new name for the ProgID. Use the format `Component.Class`. To give the class a new name, right-click it and click **Rename**.

See Also
- Configuring COM Registration Settings Manually
- COM Registration Settings

Configuring Type Libraries for COM Registration Manually

InstallShield 2020
Important • It is recommended that you avoid using the TypeLib table. For more information, see TypeLib Table in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Task To specify a type library or libID:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.

2. In the explorer, expand the component, and under Advanced Settings, select COM Registration. The COM Registration explorer appears in a separate pane.

3. In the COM Registration explorer, right-click Type Libraries and click New Type Library.

4. Type a new name for the type library, or libID, referenced by this COM server. The name that you give the type library item is registered as the default value under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\TYPELIB\<libID>\<version>. Use the format Component.Class. To give the class a new name, right-click it and click Rename.

5. Click on the type library to configure its settings.

See Also
Configuring COM Registration Settings Manually
COM Registration Settings

Registering a File Extension

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform
If your application manipulates files with a unique file extension, you can register your file type in the File Types area, which is available as an advanced setting within the Components view and the Setup Design view (for installation projects only). For example, if your application manipulates files with the .xyz extension, registering the file type instructs the operating system to open the file with your application when the user double-clicks its icon.

This advanced setting registers the following information about a file type on the target system when the component is installed or advertised:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Information Registered</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File Extensions</td>
<td>You can associate file extensions (such as .doc and .txt) with the component’s key file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProgIDs</td>
<td>By setting the ProgID property in the extension, you can name a ProgID—for example, extfile—that will contain the file type registration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Verbs</td>
<td>You can register command verbs (such as Open and Print) that appear in the context menu that Windows Explorer displays when an end user right-clicks a file with the current extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIME Type</td>
<td>You can also register multipurpose Internet mail extension (MIME) types, also known as media types or content types, for the component’s key file. You can also associate a MIME type with a class ID.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • File associations are stored in both HKLM\SOFTWARE\Classes and HKCU\SOFTWARE\Classes; you can see a merged view of the data under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT. It is recommended that you use the File Types editor instead of writing directly to the registry to support Windows Installer feature advertisement.

Note also that Windows Installer writes file-extension advertisement information to the registry, which appears to be a string of random characters. This behavior is normal.

See Also
- File Associations
- File Type Settings
- Adding New File Extensions
- Creating ProgIDs

Installing Assemblies

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
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- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

**Note** • The recommended way to add a .NET assembly to your project is to add an assembly as a component’s key file and select Properties Only for the component’s .NET Scan at Build setting.

In the Assembly section of a component’s Advanced Settings, you can add a private or global Win32 assembly or .NET assembly to be registered when the current component is installed. Using assemblies helps you install products that are self-contained, without affecting other applications on the system.

Note that a component can contain only one assembly.

**See Also**
Adding Assemblies
Testing for .NET Assembly Support on the Target System
Assembly Settings
Scanning for .NET Dependencies and Properties
Static Scanning Wizard

Adding Assemblies

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

When you add a .NET assembly as the key file of a component, InstallShield automatically adds values to the .NET assembly settings when the component is scanned at build time, or when you run the Static Scanning Wizard.

**Task** • To add a .NET or Win32 assembly to a component:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the Advanced Settings item to expand it.
4. Right-click Assembly and then click New Win32 Assembly or New .NET Assembly.
5. Click the assembly and then configure the Manifest, File Application, and related settings.
InstallShield adds the information that you enter for the assembly to the MsiAssembly and MsiAssemblyName tables of your Windows Installer database. You can view and edit these tables using the Direct Editor.

**See Also**
- Assembly Settings
- Scanning for .NET Dependencies and Properties
- Static Scanning
- Static Scanning Wizard

### Deleting Assemblies

**Task**  
To delete an assembly from a component:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component.
3. Click the Advanced Settings item to expand it.
4. Right-click the assembly and click Delete.

### Testing for .NET Assembly Support on the Target System
To see if a target system supports .NET assemblies, you can test the `MsiNetAssemblySupport` property. To see if a target system supports Win32 assemblies, you can test the `MsiWin32AssemblySupport` property. (Win32 assemblies are supported only on Windows XP and later.) The assembly tables, actions, and properties require Windows Installer version 2.0 or later.

**Specifying an Application Path for a Component**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The App Paths registry key is a useful installation-related key that helps an executable file find its .dll files without having to modify the PATH environment variable. An executable file’s App Paths key looks like this:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\Filename.exe
```

A program’s App Paths key typically contains a value named Path, which should contain a semicolon-delimited list of directories where the program’s .dll files could be located. Windows uses this key to find your application and its .dll files if their locations are not already in the system’s path. If an end user moves or renames your application’s executable file through the Explorer shell, Windows automatically updates the file’s App Paths key.

**Task** • *To specify an application path for your component:*

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.

2. Select the component that you want to configure, and expand its Advanced Settings item.

3. Click the Application Paths item under Advanced Settings.

4. Select the check box of the file for which you would like to create a key.

5. In the Application Path column, enter the paths to the file’s dependencies, or select a Windows Installer folder property from the list rather than hard-coding a path. Separate multiple paths with a semicolon (;).

6. Click OK.

**See Also**

Application Path Settings
Configuring Device Driver Settings

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

For information on installing device drivers in InstallScript projects, see *Installing Device Drivers*.

Once you run the Device Driver Wizard, which adds the table and entries, custom actions, features, and components needed to include device drivers in your installation, you can set properties associated with a component that includes a device driver. The following information describes the various options that you can set within InstallShield.

The Device Driver advanced setting’s Common tab within the Components view enables you to specify whether the current component includes a device driver and, if so, select desired run-time installation options. The Sequence tab enables you to specify the order in which the project’s device drivers (not just the current component’s device drivers) should be installed.

See Also

Device Driver Settings

Publishing Components

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Publishing advanced setting for a component enables you to specify publishing information for your component. Publishing is a type of advertising (just-in-time installation) in which no user-interface elements are created for the component during installation, but the component can be installed through Add or Remove Programs or when an installed component requests the published component from the installer.

You must create at least one component ID for each advertised component.
Important • Do not confuse the component ID with the GUID that is entered in the Component Code setting for the component; they must be unique values. The component ID that you use for the Publishing advanced setting is a category identifier that represents the category of components that are being grouped together as a qualified component.

Each component ID must have at least one qualifier. The qualifier is a string that you can use to distinguish this language or version of the component from any other (for example, to specify a language). It must be unique for the component.

At run time, the installation registers the component IDs and qualifiers and uses these unique values to manage the published components. By calling the Windows Installer functions, your installed component—or another installed component (known as cross-product advertisement)—can request information about an advertised component and install it.

See Also
Specifying Publishing Information
Publishing Settings

Specifying Publishing Information

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

The Publishing advanced setting for a component enables you to specify publishing information for your component. Publishing is a type of advertising (just-in-time installation) in which no user-interface elements are created for the component during installation, but the component can be installed through Add or Remove Programs or when an installed component requests the published component from the installer.

Task To publish a component that you have created:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (in installation projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component that you want to publish, and under Advanced Settings, select Publishing. The Publishing explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. Right-click the Publishing explorer and then click New ComponentID to generate an ID for your new component. InstallShield adds a unique componentID and a corresponding qualifier.
4. In the Publishing explorer, click the new qualifier and configure its value.

In the Custom Actions and Sequences view of an installation project, you can set the conditions that need to be fulfilled in order for your product to be advertised on the target system.
Task  To set the advertisement conditions in an installation project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. In the Sequences explorer, expand the Advertisement item, and then the Execute item.
3. Click the appropriate Execute action, and then configure its Conditions setting as needed.

See Also
Publishing Settings

Adding ComponentIDs for a Component to Be Published

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

You must add at least one componentID to the Publishing advanced setting of a component if you want the component to be published.

Task  To add a componentID:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component that should have the new componentID, and under Advanced Settings, select Publishing. The Publishing explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. Right-click the Publishing explorer and then click New ComponentID. InstallShield adds a unique componentID and a corresponding qualifier.

See Also
Specifying Publishing Information
Publishing Settings

Removing ComponentIDs

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
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- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Task To remove a componentID:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component, and under Advanced Settings, select Publishing. The Publishing explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. In the Publishing explorer, right-click the componentID and click Delete.

See Also
Specifying Publishing Information
Publishing Settings

Adding Qualifiers to ComponentIDs

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Each componentID must have at least one qualifier. When you create a componentID, by default it has a qualifier. To rename this qualifier, right-click it and click Rename.

Task To add a new qualifier:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component, and under Advanced Settings, select Publishing. The Publishing explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. In the Publishing explorer, right-click the componentID and click New Qualifier. InstallShield creates a new qualifier with a default name.
4. Type a name for the qualifier.

**See Also**
Specifying Publishing Information
Publishing Settings

**Removing Qualifiers from ComponentIDs**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

**Task**  To remove a qualifier:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** (for installation projects only) or **Components**.
2. In the explorer, expand the component, and under **Advanced Settings**, select **Publishing**. The **Publishing** explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. In the **Publishing** explorer, right-click the qualifier and click **Delete**.

**See Also**
Specifying Publishing Information
Publishing Settings

**Configuring Qualifier Settings**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
You have the option of specifying an informational string, called application data, for each qualifier.

**Task**  
To set the qualifier properties:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component, and under Advanced Settings, select Publishing. The Publishing explorer appears in a separate pane.
3. In the Publishing explorer, click the qualifier.
4. In the Application Data setting, enter the appropriate value.

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

**See Also**  
Specifying Publishing Information  
Publishing Settings

### Defining Features

**InstallShield 2020**

A feature is the smallest installable part of a product, from the end user’s perspective. It represents a specific capability of your product—such as its help files or a part of a product suite that can be installed or uninstalled based on the end user’s selections. Your entire installation should be divided into features, each of which performs a specific purpose.

Subfeatures are further divisions of a feature. Because features should be self-contained elements of a product or product suite that an end user can selectively install, it might make sense for you to organize portions of your installation as subfeatures of a parent feature.

**Tip**  
Although you can create many levels of subfeatures, you should keep the design as simple as possible for organizational purposes.

**See Also**  
Features View

### Creating Features

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
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- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Transform

You can use the Setup Design view or the Features view to create features, as well as subfeatures, for your project.

**Task**

**To create a feature:**

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** or **Features**.
2. Right-click the top-level item in the explorer and click **New Feature**. InstallShield adds a new feature with the default name **New Feature_n** (where n is a successive number).
3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click **Rename** to give it a new name.
4. Configure the feature’s settings in the right pane.

**Project** • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects, feature names must contain only letters, digits, underscores (_), and periods (.), and they must begin with a letter or an underscore.

In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, the following characters are invalid in feature names:

| / : * ? " ' < > |

**Tip** • To add a subfeature, right-click the parent feature and click **New Feature**.

You can create multiple nested features at one time by adding a new feature and typing **Feature 1\Feature 2\Feature 3** for the feature’s name. InstallShield creates a nested feature structure where **Feature 3** is a subfeature of **Feature 2**, which is a subfeature of **Feature 1**.

After you have created all of your product’s features and subfeatures, you need to create components and then associate them with your features.

**See Also**

Features View
Setup Design View
Associating New Components with Features

**Configuring Feature Settings**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
Task  To configure a feature’s settings:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.
2. Select the feature that you want to configure.
3. Configure the settings in the grid in the right pane.

See Also
Features View
Setup Design View

Setting a Feature’s Destination

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Each feature and subfeature can have a different destination location for its files. The default value for a new feature’s Destination setting is INSTALLDIR, which is set in the General Information view.

Windows Logo • According to the Windows logo program requirements, the default destination of your product’s files must be a subfolder of the Program Files folder or the end user’s Application Data folder, regardless of the language of the target system.

Task  To change the feature’s destination folder:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.
2. Select the feature whose destination you want to change.
3. In the Destination setting, select one of the options from the list, or click the ellipsis button (...) to select or create a directory.

   If you want the destination to be configurable at run time, the destination folder that you select must be a public property (containing all uppercase letters).

Note • You can leave the feature’s Destination setting blank.
Other Destination Folder Considerations

Changing Feature Destinations at Run Time

If you want to change a feature’s destination directory at run time based on the end user’s feature selection, you can use Windows Installer custom action type 35.

For more information about changing a directory’s target location, see Changing the Target Location for a Directory in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Feature’s Remote Installation Setting

Setting the feature’s Remote Installation setting to Favor Source (or to Favor Parent when the subfeature’s parent feature is set to Favor Source) means that the feature’s files will not be installed on the target system, regardless of the feature’s Destination setting.

Component’s Destination Setting

Each component also has a Destination setting. If the feature’s Destination setting and the component’s Destination setting have different values, the component’s Destination setting overrides the feature’s. The feature’s Destination setting is optional, but the component’s Destination setting is required.

INSTALLDIR as Default Destination

The assumption behind using INSTALLDIR as the default Destination property for all features and components is that all of your application’s files should be installed to the same root folder. As a result, when an end user changes the destination folder for any of the features in the CustomSetup dialog, the destination folders for all of the features that are set to be installed to the path contained in INSTALLDIR also change.

Note • If the component’s destination is set to something other than INSTALLDIR, the component is installed to the destination that is specified for the component; changing INSTALLDIR has no effect on the component’s destination.

A directory property such as INSTALLDIR specifies a default value. An end user can change this value by setting a property when launching Msiexec.exe at the command line or by selecting a new destination folder for a feature in the CustomSetup dialog.

See Also
Setting the Default Product Destination Folder (INSTALLDIR)
Windows Installer Property Reference
Component Destination vs. Feature Destination
MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters
CustomSetup Dialog Options

Setting Feature Conditions

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
Conditional installation of your features can be useful if you are creating different versions of the same product—for example, a trial version and a full version. You might not want to provide full functionality in the trial version; therefore, you would not install all of the features. Another use for conditional feature installation is to save disk space. If the target system does not have enough disk space for all of the features, you can set non-required features to install conditionally.

### Task

**To set a condition for a feature in your project:**

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** or **Features**.
2. Select the feature that you want to configure.
3. Click the **Condition** setting and then click the ellipsis button (...). The **Feature Condition Builder** dialog box opens.
4. Click the **New Condition** button. InstallShield adds a new condition row to the **Conditions** box.
5. In the **Level** column, type the install level that should be used for the feature if the condition is met.
   
   **Note that if the condition is met, this value overrides the value that is specified for the feature’s the Install Level setting.**
6. Do one of the following:
   
   - In the **Condition** column, type the feature condition.
   - Use the **Properties** list, the **Operators** list, and the **Add** buttons to build your condition:
     
     a. In the **Properties** list, select a property and then click the **Add** button. InstallShield adds the property to the **Condition** column.
     
     b. If your conditional statement should contain an operator, select an operator in the **Operators** list and then click the **Add** button. InstallShield adds the operator to the conditional statement.
     
     c. If your conditional statement should contain a value, double-click the condition field, press END so that the insertion point is at the end of the condition statement, and enter the value.
7. Click **OK**.

**Important** • InstallShield performs basic condition validation; however, you should still double-check that your condition statements evaluate to the expected outcome. For more information and example conditions, see **Building Conditional Statements**.

### Run-Time Behavior for Feature Conditions

The default install level of a feature is the value that is configured in the Install Level setting in the Features view or the Setup Design view. This value is overridden if a feature condition evaluates as true; in this case, the install level of the feature is set to the Level value that is associated with the true conditional statement.

Each feature’s install level value is compared to the value of the global public property INSTALLLEVEL; only those features with install level values less than or equal to INSTALLLEVEL are selected for installation.
For example, if you have a feature that you want to be selected by default only if the end user has elevated privileges, you can give the feature a condition of `Not Privileged` and set the install level for that condition to 200. If the end user does not have elevated privileges, the condition is true, and the feature will be given the install level 200. Because 200 is greater than the default product install level (100), the feature will not be selected by default.

**Tip** • You can conditionally hide a feature by giving the feature a condition that sets the install level to the number 0. If the condition is true, the feature will be deselected, and it will not be displayed in the CustomSetup dialog.

**See Also**
- Feature Condition Builder Dialog Box
- Conditional Statement Syntax
- Configuring a Feature’s Install Level Setting
- Configuring Component Conditions

## Displaying Features to End Users

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

InstallShield enables you to indicate how you want a feature to be presented to the end user in the custom setup type dialog that corresponds with your project type:

- For Basic MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects—CustomSetup dialog
- For InstallScript MSI projects—`SdFeatureDialog2`, `SdFeatureMult`, or `SdFeatureTree`

The Display setting for a feature in the Features view or the Setup Design view is where you indicate whether and how the feature should be displayed. Available options are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Visible and Collapsed</td>
<td>The feature is displayed in the run-time dialog with its subfeatures collapsed by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible and Expanded</td>
<td>The feature is displayed in the run-time dialog with its subfeatures expanded by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Visible</td>
<td>The feature and subfeatures are not displayed in the run-time dialog.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Note** • Selecting Not Visible for this setting does not have any direct impact on whether a feature is installed. A feature is not automatically installed if it is invisible—it just cannot be deselected if it would otherwise be installed, or selected if it should not be installed.

**See Also**
- Conditionally Selecting Features
- Conditionally Hiding Features
- Requiring Features to Be Installed
- Features View
- CustomSetup Dialog Options

## Conditionally Selecting Features

### InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The procedure for conditionally selecting features at run time depends on the project type that you are using.

### Basic MSI, MSI Database, and Transform Projects

The Condition setting for a feature enables you to specify a non-default Install Level value if the condition that you specify succeeds. If a feature’s Install Level value is less than or equal to the project’s INSTALLLEVEL property, the feature will be selected to be installed.

### Task

For example, to deselect a feature if the end user does not have administrator privileges:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.
2. Select the feature that you want to configure.
3. Click the Condition setting and then click the ellipsis button (...). The Feature Condition Builder dialog box opens.
4. Click the New Condition button. InstallShield adds a new condition row to the Conditions box.
5. In the Level column, type 200.
6. In the Condition column, type Not AdminUser.
7. Click OK.
At run time, if the end user does not have administrator privileges (that is, if the condition succeeds), the Install Level property for the feature is set to 200. Because the default INSTALLLEVEL property for a project is 100, the feature is deselected.

**Task**  
You can change the INSTALLLEVEL property in the Property Manager.

**InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects**

The FeatureSelectItem function enables you to select or deselect a feature displayed in a feature-selection dialog such as SdFeatureTree.

**See Also**
Property Manager View
FeatureSelectItem

**Conditionally Hiding Features**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The procedure for conditionally hiding features at run time depends on the project type that you are using.

**Basic MSI, MSI Database, and Transform Projects**

Any feature given an Install Level of zero will be hidden (and deselected).

**Task**  
For example, to hide a feature if the end user running your installation does not have administrative privileges:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.
2. Select the feature that you want to configure.
3. Click the Condition setting and then click the ellipsis button (...). The Feature Condition Builder dialog box opens.
4. Click the New Condition button. InstallShield adds a new condition row to the Conditions box.
5. In the Level column, type 0.
6. In the Condition column, type Not AdminUser.
7. Click OK.
After rebuilding your project and running the installation, the feature will not be displayed or installed if the end user does not have administrative privileges.

**InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects**

The `FeatureSetData` function accepts a `FEATURE_FIELD_VISIBLE` constant that lets you control whether a specific feature is displayed. For example, to hide a feature called HiddenFeature, include the following function call in your script:

```c
FeatureSetData (MEDIA,
    "HiddenFeature",
    FEATURE_FIELD_VISIBLE, FALSE,
    "");
```

**Note** • Hiding a feature does not automatically deselect it. To deselect the feature so that its data is not installed, call the following:

```c
FeatureSelectItem(MEDIA, "FeatureName", FALSE);
```

**See Also**

FeatureSetData  
FeatureSelectItem

**Conditionally Setting the Visibility of a Suite Feature at Run Time**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI  
- Suite/Advanced UI

You can conditionally show or hide a feature of a suite project based upon a property at run time using the `Condition` option under the `Visible` property on the `Features` view of the Installation Designer.

You can use the `Condition` setting to specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the feature should be visible for installation by default on the `InstallationFeatures` wizard page.

For example, if you want a particular feature to be visible by default on target systems that have a particular version of Windows, you can create a condition that specifies that version of Windows.

**Task** • To conditionally display a feature in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. On the `Features` view, click in the `Condition` row under the `Visible` property. A green plus sign, the `New Condition` button, appears at the end of the row.
2. Click the `New Condition` button. A new row is added under the `Condition` row.
3. Click the down arrow next to the `New Condition` button and select the appropriate option—`All`, `Any`, or `None`—from the list.
4. Then in the same row, click the **New Condition** button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement.

If one or more conditional statements are configured, the **Condition** property lists (Condition). If none are configured, the **Condition** property lists (Empty).

For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

### Methods in Automation Interface to Support Conditional Visibility

You can also use the following methods in the automation interface to conditionally set the visibility of a feature in a suite project at run time:

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Method</th>
<th>Syntax</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddVisibleCondition</td>
<td>AddVisibleCondition() As ISWiSuiteCondition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteVisibleCondition</td>
<td>DeleteVisibleCondition()</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VisibleCondition</td>
<td>Read-only object property</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Requiring Features to Be Installed

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

When you select Yes for a feature’s Required setting, the end user cannot deselect it in the CustomSetup dialog (for Basic MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects), or the SdFeatureDialog2, SdFeatureMult, or SdFeatureTree dialogs (for InstallScript MSI projects). The feature will be installed to the target system.

If the value for the Required setting is No, the feature is installed by default, but the end user can deselect it.

In InstallScript MSI projects, the Required setting is applicable to root-level features during a first-time installation. It is also applicable to subfeatures in an upgrade or patch. This setting is ignored for subfeatures during a first-time InstallScript MSI installation.

**See Also**

- CustomSetup Dialog Options
- Using the Required Features Setting
- Features View
Advertising Features

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• MSI Database
• Transform

InstallShield enables you to selectively enable or disable a feature for advertisement. Advertised features are not installed immediately during the installation process. Instead, they are installed when requested. If the feature is assigned, the feature appears to be already installed, although it is not installed until the end user requests it. (Assigned features have their shortcuts installed, and they can be installed from Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel. However, an assigned feature is advertised until a user requests it.) A published feature does not appear on the target system until it is requested from the installer. (Published features lack any end user–interface elements. They are installed programmatically or through an associated MIME type.)

Use the Advertised setting in the Features view to specify whether advertisement should be allowed. Available options for this setting are:

Table 4-11 • Options that Are Available for the Advertisement Setting

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Allow Advertise</td>
<td>End users have the ability to select the advertisement option for this feature in the CustomSetup dialog. Although advertisement is allowed, it is not the default option when the installation is run.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Favor Advertise</td>
<td>The feature is advertised by default. End users can change the advertisement option for a feature in the CustomSetup dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disallow Advertise</td>
<td>Advertising is not allowed for this feature. End users cannot elect to have the feature advertised in the CustomSetup dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable Advertise if Not Supported</td>
<td>Advertisement works only on systems with Internet Explorer 4.01 or later. If the target system does not meet this criterion, advertising is not allowed. If the target system can support advertisement, advertising is allowed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When you allow feature advertisement, the feature is advertised, regardless of the mode in which the installation is running, as long as no other factors prevent it from being advertised. In the CustomSetup dialog, the end user can control which features are immediately installed and which are available later.

Advertisement usually requires support from the application. For example, your product’s spell checker can be advertised. The application interface offers use of the spell checker through a menu command or toolbar button. You must write to check the feature’s installation state and install it when the customer clicks the Spell Check command or button.

See Also
Features View
CustomSetup Dialog Options
Configuring a Feature’s Install Level Setting

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

For InstallScript MSI projects, this information applies only if no setup types are defined in the project.

The Install Level setting for a feature is compared against the INSTALLLEVEL property at run time to determine which features are available for installation. You can use this setting to create specific feature configurations.

Unless the end user deselects features in the CustomSetup dialog, all features with an install level less than or equal to the value of the package’s INSTALLLEVEL property are installed to the target system.

**Note** • You can change the package’s INSTALLLEVEL property in the Property Manager.

**Task**

**To set a feature’s Install Level property:**

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.

2. Select the feature that you want to configure.

3. For the Install Level setting, type an integer for this feature’s install level. The recommended value is 100.

**See Also**

CustomSetup Dialog Options
Feature Settings
Windows Installer Property Reference
Property Manager View

Setting a Feature’s Remote Installation Setting

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform
The Remote Installation setting for a feature determines whether the feature's files are installed on the target system or run from the source medium, such as a CD-ROM or network server. The default value for a new feature is Favor Local, which means that the files in the selected feature are installed on the target system.

**Task**

To change the Remote Installation setting so that the feature's files run only from the source medium:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design** or **Features**.
2. Select the feature that you want to configure.
3. In the **Remote Installation** setting, select **Favor Source**.

**Tip** • Selecting **Favor Parent** gives a subfeature the same value as its parent feature.

**Caution** • If any of the feature's components contain a Windows service, select Favor Local for the Remote Installation setting. Although an end user could change the installation state through the CustomSetup dialog, the Windows Installer cannot install a service remotely.

**See Also**

Component’s Remote Installation Setting vs. Feature’s Remote Installation Setting
Setting a Component’s Remote Installation Setting
Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services
CustomSetup Dialog Options

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**Using Release Flags with Features**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • The following project types include support for release flags:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Release flags enable you to create different versions of your product without having to create more than one project. There are two steps for filtering features according to release flags: assigning release flags and specifying which flags to include in the release.

**See Also**

Assigning Release Flags to Features
Removing Release Flags
Release Flags
Assigning Release Flags to Features

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • The following project types include support for release flags:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Release flags must be set on features that you want to exclude from certain builds. For example, if you have a feature called Add-ons that should be included only in a special edition of your product, you can flag that feature and include it only when needed.

**Task**

**To add a release flag to a feature:**

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.
2. Select the feature that you want to configure.
3. For the Release Flags setting, type a string. The string can be any combination of letters or numbers. To have more than one flag on a feature, use a comma to separate the flags.

To learn how to filter features based on release flags, see Release Flags.

Removing Release Flags

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • The following project types include support for release flags:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Task**

**To remove a release flag from a feature:**

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.
2. Select the feature that you want to configure.
3. In the Release Flags setting, delete the value.
Reordering Features

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

When your end users install your product, the CustomSetup dialog (in Basic MSI, MSI Database, or Transform installations) or one of the feature selection dialogs (in InstallScript or InstallScript MSI installations) displays the features in the same order that they are displayed in the Features view in InstallShield. You can change the order in which the features are displayed.

Task To change the feature order:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.
2. Right-click the feature that you want to move and click Move Up or Move Down. You can also move a feature left or right, thereby making it a subfeature of another feature or a top-level feature.

Tip • You can also reorder your features by dragging and dropping. Any feature or subfeature can be moved in this way.

See Also
CustomSetup Dialog Options

Using the Required Features Setting

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The Required Features setting enables you to specify features that are required by the selected feature. For example, you might have an installation with two features—ProgramFiles and HelpFiles. If it is necessary that end users install ProgramFiles whenever the HelpFiles feature is selected, you need to use the Required Features property.
Task: To arrange this feature requirement:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design or Features.
2. Select the HelpFiles feature.
3. Click the Required Features property and then click the ellipsis button (…). The Required Features dialog box opens.
4. Select the ProgramFiles check box.
5. Click OK.

At run time, if the user selects a Custom setup type, feature-selection dialogs such as SdFeatureTree will not allow the user to deselect the ProgramFiles feature if the HelpFiles feature is selected.

Working with Setup Types

InstallShield 2020

Project • Setup types are available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To create setup types for a Basic MSI project, use the feature’s Install Level setting.

Setup types enable you to provide different versions of your product to your end users. For example, the default setup types are Complete and Custom. The Complete setup type installs all of the files included in your installation. The Custom setup type lets the end user select which features are installed.

Setup types are based on features. You select the features that you would like to associate with each setup type. Then, when an end user selects a certain setup type, only those features that you associated with that setup type are installed.

By default, each project that you create contains predefined setup types. In the Setup Types view, you can add or remove setup types, rename existing setup types, and change which features are associated with each one.

See Also
Setup Types View

Adding Setup Types

InstallShield 2020

Project • Setup types are available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To create setup types for a Basic MSI project, use the feature’s Install Level setting.
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Task To add a setup type:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Types.
2. Right-click the Setup Types explorer and click Add. InstallShield adds a new setup type.
3. Type a new name for the setup type.

See Also
Setup Types View

Editing Setup Types
InstallShield 2020

Project • Setup types are available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To create setup types for a Basic MSI project, use the feature’s Install Level setting.

Task To change which features are associated with a setup type:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Types.
2. In the Setup Types explorer, click the setup type that you want to edit. All of the features in your installation project appear in the lower-left pane.
3. Clear the check boxes next to the features that should not be included in the selected setup type. Select the check boxes next to those features that you want included.

Any setup types listed in the Setup Types pane are automatically added to your installation project.

Note • The SetupType2 function displays only the standard setup types—Complete and Custom—with fixed description text for both. If you want greater flexibility, call SdSetupTypeEx in your script instead of SetupType2. (The default code for the OnFirstUIBefore event handler includes a call to the SetupType2 function.)

Tip • To provide an accelerator key for your setup type, include an ampersand (&) before a letter in the name. For example, the name Cu&stom becomes the label Cu s tom, and the end user can select it during installation by pressing the S key.

See Also
Setup Types View
Renaming Setup Types

Project • Setup types are available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To create setup types for a Basic MSI project, use the feature’s Install Level setting.

Task To rename a setup type:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Types.
2. In the Setup Types explorer, right-click the setup type that you want to edit and then click Rename.
3. Type a new name for your setup type.

This updates the Display Name setting for the selected setup type. The name is displayed in the SetupTypes dialog at run time.

See Also

Setup Types View

Deleting Setup Types

Project • Setup types are available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To create setup types for a Basic MSI project, use the feature’s Install Level setting.

Task To delete a setup type:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Types.
2. In the Setup Types explorer, right-click the setup type that you want to delete and then click Remove.

See Also

Setup Types View
Including Redistributables in Your Installation

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield includes many commonly used third-party redistributables, making it easy to add support for popular technologies such as the .NET Framework to your installation. When you add redistributables to your project, the redistributables, plus all of the associated dependencies, are added to your installation. This simplifies the process of packaging redistributables and helps to facilitate consistency for internal or external use.

The Redistributables view (or in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, the Objects view) contains all of the InstallShield objects and third-party merge modules that are included with InstallShield. In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this view also contains InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to your installation. In InstallScript projects, you can use the Prerequisites view to add InstallShield prerequisites to your installation.

InstallShield Prerequisites

An InstallShield prerequisite is an installation for a product or technology framework that is required by your product. You can add any of the existing InstallShield prerequisites to your installation projects and configure many of their settings. You can also create your own InstallShield prerequisites, and add them to your projects.

InstallShield includes a base set of InstallShield prerequisites. You can also use the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor in InstallShield to define custom InstallShield prerequisites or to edit settings for any existing InstallShield prerequisites.

InstallShield includes support for two types of InstallShield prerequisites:

- **Setup prerequisite**—The installation for this type of prerequisite runs before your installation runs.
- **Feature prerequisite**—This type of prerequisite is associated with one or more features. It is installed if the feature that contains the prerequisite is installed and if the prerequisite is not already installed on the system. Thus, if a feature has a condition that is not met on the target system, or if the end user chooses not to install the feature, the feature is not installed. As a result, none of its associated feature prerequisites are installed, unless the feature prerequisites are also associated with other features that are installed.

Project • Basic MSI projects include support for feature prerequisites.

InstallShield also includes support for including InstallShield prerequisites as packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. For more information, see Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

Merge Modules

A merge module (or .msm file) contains all of the logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality. For example, some applications require Microsoft C++ run-time libraries. Instead of having to include the file in a feature and figure out its installation requirements, you can simply attach the Microsoft C++ runtime library merge module to one of your project’s features.

Note • Many of the merge modules included in the Redistributables view are authored by Microsoft or another third party. InstallShield distributes these modules as a courtesy to assist you in creating your installation project. However, InstallShield cannot modify or fix any problems that may exist within third party-authored modules. You are encouraged to contact the vendor regarding issues with specific third party-authored modules.
Objects

Like merge modules, objects contain logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality. Some objects, such as the DirectX object included with InstallShield, require customization through a wizard. As soon as you add such an object to your installation, its customization wizard opens. You can either customize your object at the time you add it, or cancel the wizard and customize your object later by right-clicking the object and selecting Change Objects Settings.

Redistributables Gallery

Because the file size of many of the redistributables is so large, some that are available for use in your projects are not added to your computer when you install InstallShield. However, these redistributables are still available for download from the Internet to your computer.

Configurable Merge Modules

A configurable redistributable is a merge module or an object that has at least one row in the ModuleConfiguration table that is referenced by at least one row in the ModuleSubstitution table. This enables you to change a value in the redistributable. When you select a configurable module in the Redistributables view, the Merge Module Configurable Values dialog box is displayed to enable you to configure the module at the time you add it. To customize the merge module later, right-click it and select Configure merge module.

See Also

Redistributables View
Prerequisites View
ModuleConfiguration Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
ModuleConfiguration Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
ModuleSubstitution Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
ModuleSubstitution Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Designing InstallShield Prerequisites and Other Redistributables

Shipping Redistributable Files

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InstallShield provides third-party redistributables that you can incorporate into your installation projects. If you include redistributable technology in your projects—for example, Crystal Reports—that redistributable must be licensed from the vendor. You cannot legally redistribute these technologies without the appropriate licensing. For details, consult the vendor’s documentation.

When you build releases in an InstallShield project, InstallShield includes various InstallShield redistributable files in the build output. You may use these InstallShield redistributable files in the build output according to the InstallShield End-User License Agreement. Most of these files are installed in the InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist folder and included in builds as needed. Following is a list of the InstallShield redistributable files.

- _isres_LanguageID.dll
- AppxStub.exe
- ClrSuitePSHelper.dll
- ClrWrap.dll
- CommonHelper.dll
- corecomp.ini
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- default.pal
- DLLWrap.dll
- dotnetfx.exe
- DotNetInstaller.exe
- EulaScrollWatcher.dll
- FileBrowse.dll
- IISHelper.dll
- IISRT.dll
- InstallShield.ClrHelper.dll
- InstallShield.Interop.Msi.dll
- ISBEW64.exe
- ISChain.exe
- ISChainPackages.dll
- ISComSrv.dll
- ISExpHlp.dll
- isexternalui.dll
- IsLockPermissions.dll
- ISNetAPI.dll
- ISNetApiRT.dll
- ISNetworkShares.dll
- ISRegSvr.dll
- Isrt.dll
- ISScheduledTasks.dll
- IsSchRpl.dll
- ISSetup.dll
- ISSQLSrv.dll
- IsWebDeploy.dll
- ISWindowsFeaturesAction.dll
- ISWindowsFeaturesAction64.dll
- ISXmlCfg.dll
- Layout.bin
- PowerShellWrap.dll
- PrqLaunch.dll
• QuickPatchHelper.dll
• SerialNumCAHelper.dll
• SetAllUsers.dll
• Setup.exe
• Setup.ini
• setup.inx
• setup.isn
• setup.ocx
• setup.skin
• Setup_UI.dll
• setupPreReq.exe
• SetupSuite.exe
• SetupSuite64.exe
• SFHelper.dll
• SQLRT.dll
• SuiteAppxHelper.exe
• SuiteSQLRT.dll
• XMLRT.dll
• Image files that are installed in the subfolders in the following folder:
  InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\Themes
• Image and icon files that are installed in the following folder, as well in this folder’s scale-150 and scale-200 subfolders:
  InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist\Language Independent\OS Independent

Managing the Redistributables Gallery

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Because the file size of many of the redistributables is so large, some that are available for use in your projects are not added to your computer when you install InstallShield. However, these redistributables are still available for download from the Internet to your computer.
You can identify the status of a redistributable by its icon. Following is a list of the possible icons in the Redistributables view (or in InstallScript projects, the Objects view or the Prerequisites view) and a description of each:

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<td>This InstallShield prerequisite is installed on your computer.</td>
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<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This InstallShield prerequisite is not installed on your computer but it is available for download.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This InstallShield prerequisite is included in your project but its location is not listed in one of the directories that is specified on the Prerequisites tab of the Options dialog box.</td>
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<td>This merge module is installed on your computer.</td>
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<tr>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This merge module is stored in a repository and is available for inclusion in your project. For more information about repositories, see Using a Repository to Share Project Elements.</td>
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<td>This merge module is not installed on your computer but it is available for download.</td>
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<td>An old version of this merge module is installed on your computer. A new version is available for download.</td>
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**Project** • If you add to your project a redistributable that is not installed on your computer, one or more build errors are generated when you build a release. To eliminate the build errors, either remove the redistributable from your project or download it before rebuilding the release. If a redistributable is not installed on your computer, **Needs to be downloaded** is specified in the Location column for that redistributable.
InstallShield does not permit you to add a redistributable in the Objects view to an InstallScript project if it is not installed on your computer.

**Working with the Redistributables Gallery**

The Redistributables view in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects displays the redistributables gallery, which consists of InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and objects, that you can include with your installations. The Prerequisites view in InstallScript projects also displays the gallery of InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to your project.

**InstallShield Prerequisites**

Many InstallShield prerequisites are available in InstallShield. In addition, the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor in InstallShield enables you to modify these prerequisites and create your own. All InstallShield prerequisite (.prq) files are stored in the following location:

`InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites`

**Merge Modules**

Merge modules are available from a variety of sources. Although InstallShield includes many redistributable modules, new versions may be available or other software developers may have released a module that you need. In addition, InstallShield enables you to create your own merge modules and add them to your redistributables gallery.

The source of the merge module files listed in the Redistributables view is the folder or folders specified on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box. To access the Options dialog box, on the Tools menu, click Options.

The following directory is the default location for the modules that come with InstallShield:

`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Modules\i386`

**Objects**

InstallShield provides many redistributable objects and lets you create your own for inclusion in your installations. Furthermore, you may want to add to your projects the objects that other developers created with InstallShield.

The default location for the objects that come with InstallShield is:

`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Objects`

The objects that are included in the above location are listed in the Redistributables view.

**See Also**

* Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
* Redistributables View
* Creating InstallScript Objects

**Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer**

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The procedures for downloading redistributables to your computer differ, depending on what type of project you are using.
For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

The Redistributables view enables you to download the latest InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and objects from the Revenera Web site to your computer. If a redistributable is not installed on your computer, **Needs to be downloaded** is specified in the Location column for that redistributable.

**Task**

**To download a specific InstallShield prerequisite, merge module, or object:**

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Redistributables**.
2. Right-click the InstallShield prerequisite, merge module, or object that you would like to download and then click **Download Selected Item**.

**Task**

**To download all of the InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and objects that are needed for your installation project:**

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Redistributables**.
2. Right-click any InstallShield prerequisite, merge module, or object and then click **Download All Required Items**.

For InstallScript Projects

The Prerequisites view enables you to download the latest InstallShield prerequisites from the Revenera Web site to your computer. If a redistributable is not installed on your computer, **Needs to be downloaded** is specified in the Location column for that redistributable.

**Task**

**To download a specific InstallShield prerequisite:**

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Prerequisites**.
2. Right-click the InstallShield prerequisite that you would like to download and then click **Download Selected Item**.

**Task**

**To download all of the InstallShield prerequisites that are needed for your installation project:**

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Prerequisites**.
2. Right-click any InstallShield prerequisite and then click **Download All Required Items**.

The Objects view enables you to download the latest merge modules and objects from the Revenera Web site to your computer. If a merge module is not installed on your computer, its icon (ın) indicates that it is not installed. InstallShield does not permit you to add a merge module to your InstallScript project if the merge module is not installed on your computer. If an object is not installed on your computer, it is not listed in the Objects view.
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Task  To download a specific merge module:
1. In the View List under Application Data, click Objects.
2. In the InstallShield Objects/Merge Modules pane, right-click the merge module that you would like to download and then click Download Selected Item.

Task  To download objects:
1. In the View List under Application Data, click Objects.
2. In the InstallShield Objects/Merge Modules pane, right-click any object and click Check Web. The downloads page at the Revenera Web site opens in an Internet browser.
3. Select the object that you would like to download and install. You are prompted during the installation to close InstallShield in order to complete the object installation.

See Also
Obtaining Updates for InstallShield
Managing the Redistributables Gallery
Determining the Files in InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects

Adding InstallShield Prerequisites to the Redistributables Gallery

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Project  This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

Task  To add an InstallShield prerequisite to the redistributables gallery:
1. Acquire the new or updated InstallShield prerequisite (.prq) file.
2. Using Windows Explorer, copy the new prerequisite to the following location:
InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites
3. Close InstallShield if it is currently open.
4. Launch InstallShield.

The modifications that you made are reflected in the Redistributables view (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) and in the Prerequisites view (in InstallScript projects).
Removing InstallShield Prerequisites from the Redistributables Gallery

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

**Task**

To remove an InstallShield prerequisite from the redistributables gallery:

1. Close InstallShield.
2. Using Windows Explorer, locate and delete the InstallShield prerequisite that you want to remove from the gallery. InstallShield prerequisites are located in the following directory:

   `InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites`
3. Launch InstallShield.

The modifications that you made are reflected in the Redistributables view (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or in the Prerequisites view (in InstallScript projects).

Browsing for Merge Modules

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

If a merge module that you would like to add to your project is not listed in the Redistributables view, you can browse to find it and also add it to your project and this view.

**Task**

To browse for a merge module:

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Redistributables**.
2. Right-click an item and click **Browse for Merge Module**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
4. Click **OK**.
See Also
What Happens When You Browse for a Merge Module
Redistributables View

What Happens When You Browse for a Merge Module

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InstallShield does not maintain references to merge modules as explicit paths. Instead, it generates a key for a merge module based on the merge module GUID and the merge module locale. When InstallShield needs to access the merge module, it looks in the folders specified in the Merge Module Locations box for a file that matches that key. The Merge Module Locations box is on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box.

When you browse for a merge module, the path to the folder containing the merge module is added to the list of paths in the Merge Module Locations box. In addition, a GUID:Locale key is added to your installation project based on the selected file.

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If two merge modules in the Merge Module Locations box have the GUID:Locale key, only one is included into your installation, even if they have different file names. Because of the way InstallShield uses the Merge Module Locations box to search, it is not possible to predict which merge module will be included.

Limiting the Number of Directories in the Merge Module Locations Box

If you use a shared merge module gallery, there might be earlier or later versions of a merge module in the gallery than what exists on the target machine. For this reason, it is sometimes prudent to try and limit the number of directories in your Merge Module Locations box.

Task
To limit the number of directories, do one of the following:

- Using Windows Explorer, copy the merge module that you want into one of the folders that is already listed in the Merge Module Locations box.
- Remove the default folders from the search path so that you are referencing only the shared location.

See Also
Browsing for Merge Modules

Adding Merge Modules to the Redistributables Gallery

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
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Task  To add a merge module to the redistributables gallery:

1. Acquire the new or updated merge module.

2. Using Windows Explorer, copy the new module to one of the folders specified on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box.

   The default location for the modules that come with InstallShield is:

   *InstallShield Program Files Folder\Modules\i386*

3. Close InstallShield if it is currently open.

4. Launch InstallShield.

The modifications that you made are reflected in the Redistributables view (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) and in the Objects view (in InstallScript projects).

See Also
- Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer

Removing Merge Modules from the Redistributables Gallery

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Task  To remove a module from the redistributables gallery:

1. Close InstallShield.

2. Using Windows Explorer, locate and delete the merge module that you want to remove from the gallery. Ensure that you search each directory specified on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box.

3. Launch InstallShield.

The modifications that you made are reflected in the Redistributables view (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) and in the Objects view (in InstallScript projects).

Note • If you delete a merge module that is currently associated with your installation, the message [Merge Module Not Found] is displayed to inform you that the module cannot be included in your installation.

See Also
- Managing the Redistributables Gallery
- Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer
Registering Objects in InstallScript Projects

When you register an object from within an InstallScript project, InstallShield adds that object to the redistributables gallery, which makes it available for inclusion in other projects.

**To register an object:**

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Objects**.
2. Right-click an item, point to **Advanced**, and click **Register new object**. The **Project Settings** dialog box opens.
3. On the **Language-Independent Object Properties** tab, specify a media file (`Data1.hdr` file).
4. Specify any other desired settings, and click **OK**.

See Also
Distributing an Object

Incorporating InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects in Projects

InstallShield includes many third-party redistributables that are packaged as InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and objects. You can add these built-in redistributables to your installation projects. To learn how, see this section of the documentation.

**Tip** • For information on creating your own InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and objects, see Designing InstallShield Prerequisites and Other Redistributables.

Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**

For information on adding redistributables to InstallScript projects, see Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects.
Two types of redistributables—merge modules and objects—must be associated with a feature in order to be installed. You can associate a single merge module or object with as many features or subfeatures as needed. If no features exist in your installation project when you attempt to add a merge module or object, the Create a New Feature dialog box opens, enabling you to create a feature. If you do not create a feature, these two types of redistributables cannot be added to your installation project.

When you add an InstallShield prerequisite to an InstallScript MSI project, you cannot associate it with one or more features.

When you add an InstallShield prerequisite to a Basic MSI project, it is not associated with any feature by default, and it is called a setup prerequisite, since it is run before your main installation runs. If appropriate, you can associate an InstallShield prerequisite with one more features that are currently in your project.

**Task**

To add an InstallShield prerequisite, merge module, or object to a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables.
2. If you want merge modules that have been published to a repository to be displayed, right-click a redistributable and ensure that Show Merge Modules in Repository is enabled.
3. Select the check box in front of the redistributable that you want to add. If you select an object, the associated wizard opens to guide you through the customization process.
4. For a merge module or an object: In the Conditional Installation pane, select the check box for each feature that should contain this redistributable.

If you are working with a Basic MSI project and you want to associate a prerequisite with a feature: In the Conditional Installation pane, select the check box for each feature that should contain this prerequisite. If you do not want to associate the prerequisite with a feature, leave the Install before feature selection check box selected. This check box is selected by default when you add an InstallShield prerequisite to a Basic MSI project.

**Tip**

The right pane in the Redistributables view shows details about the merge module, object, or InstallShield prerequisite that is selected in the list of available redistributables. Review this details pane to find out information such as which files a redistributable installs. You can hide or show the details pane by clicking the Show Details button in this view.

**Note**

If Needs to be downloaded is specified in the Location column for an InstallShield prerequisite that you added to your project, that InstallShield prerequisite is not installed on your computer. You can download the InstallShield prerequisite from the Internet to your computer if you would like to include it in your project. If you build a release without first downloading one or more required InstallShield prerequisites, and if you specify that the InstallShield prerequisites should be extracted from Setup.exe or copied from the source media (instead of being downloaded from the Web to the end user’s computer), one or more build errors may be generated. To eliminate the build errors, remove the InstallShield prerequisite from your project, download it to your computer, or change the InstallShield prerequisite location for the release to the download option; then rebuild the release.

**Obtaining InstallShield Prerequisites and Objects**

Note that some of the InstallShield prerequisites and objects are not installed with InstallShield. You may need to download them. For more information, see Obtaining Updates for InstallShield.
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects

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Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

For information on adding redistributables to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, see Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects.

Merge modules and objects must be associated with a feature in order to be installed during an InstallScript installation. You can associate a single merge module or object with as many features or subfeatures as needed. If no features exist in your installation project when you attempt to add a merge module or object, the Create a New Feature dialog box opens, enabling you to create a feature. If you do not create a feature, these two types of redistributables cannot be added to your installation project.

When you add an InstallShield prerequisite to an InstallScript project, you cannot associate it with one or more features.

Task • To add an InstallShield prerequisite to an InstallScript project:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Prerequisites.

2. Select the check box in front of the InstallShield prerequisite that you want to add.

Tip • The right pane in the Prerequisites view shows details about the InstallShield prerequisite that is selected in the list of available redistributables. Review this details pane to find out information such as which files a redistributable installs. You can hide or show the details pane by clicking the Show Details button in this view.

Note • If Needs to be downloaded is specified in the Location column for an InstallShield prerequisite that you added to your project, that InstallShield prerequisite is not installed on your computer. You can download the InstallShield prerequisite from the Internet to your computer if you would like to include it in your project. If you build a release without first downloading one or more required InstallShield prerequisites, and if you specify that the InstallShield prerequisites should be included with the media (instead of being downloaded from the Web to the end user’s computer), one or more build errors may be generated. To eliminate the build errors, remove the InstallShield prerequisite from your project, download it to your computer, or change the InstallShield prerequisite location for the release to the download option; then rebuild the release.

Also note that if you have an installation (for example, a Setup.exe file or an .msi package) that you want to launch during your installation, you can create your own custom InstallShield prerequisite, and then add that InstallShield prerequisite to your projects as needed. To learn how to create your own InstallShield prerequisite, see Defining InstallShield Prerequisites.

See Also

Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer
Managing the Redistributables Gallery
Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects
Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites
Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
Task  

To add a merge module or object to an InstallScript project:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Objects.

2. In the Features pane, select the feature to which you want to add an object or merge module.

3. Right-click the object or merge module that you want to add and select Add to selected feature. (You can instead drag the object or merge module and drop it on the feature.) For some objects, an associated wizard appears to guide you through the customization process.

Note • Merge modules that are added to a feature in an InstallScript project appear in the Features pane as subitems of the Merge Module Holder object. This object requires the Windows Installer engine. For more information, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

Tip • To see information about an object or merge module, such as files it installs and other actions it performs, select the object or merge module name. The information is displayed in the pane on the right.

Caution • You should not alter another company’s merge module.

Obtaining Objects

Note that some of the objects are not installed with InstallShield. You may need to download them. For more information, see Obtaining Updates for InstallShield.

See Also
Managing the Redistributables Gallery
Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer
Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects
Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites
Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level

Removing InstallShield Prerequisites from a Project

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
Task  To remove an InstallShield prerequisite from your project:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or Prerequisites (in InstallScript projects).
2. Clear the check box in front of the InstallShield prerequisite that you want to remove.

Tip  If an InstallShield prerequisite is included in your installation as a dependency of another InstallShield prerequisite but you want to remove that dependency prerequisite from the installation, you must remove the corresponding dependency from the InstallShield prerequisite. For more information, see Removing a Dependency from an InstallShield Prerequisite.

See Also
Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites

Removing Merge Modules and Objects from a Project
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Project  This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Task  To remove a merge module or object from your project:

- In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: In the Redistributables view, clear the check box in front of the redistributable.
- In InstallScript projects: In the Objects view, right-click the redistributable in the Features window and click Delete from project.

InstallShield moves the merge module or object from your project. In addition, InstallShield automatically removes from the project any dependencies that are associated with that redistributable.

Determining the Files in InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects
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Project  This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
If you need to see a list of files in an InstallShield prerequisite, a merge module, or an object, you can do so from within the Redistributables view in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. The right pane in this view shows details about the InstallShield prerequisite, merge module, or object that is selected in the list of available redistributables. This details pane provides information such as which files a redistributable installs. You can hide or show the details pane by clicking the Show Details button in this view. Clicking the Show Details button in the Prerequisites view of an InstallScript project lets you see the files in the selected InstallShield prerequisite.

If you are using an InstallScript project and you want to see details about a merge module or object that is listed in the Objects view, select that object; InstallShield displays a list of the redistributable’s files, as well as additional information, in the right pane.

Tip • For another way to see the files contained in a merge module or object, see Knowledge Base article Q106474. This article contains a link to a downloadable Merge Module Dependency Viewer.

Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

An InstallShield prerequisite is an installation for a product or technology framework that is required by your product. Some examples of InstallShield prerequisites that are included with InstallShield are Java Runtime Environment (JRE) and SQL Server Express Edition. You can add any of the existing InstallShield prerequisites to your installation projects and configure many of their settings. You can also create your own InstallShield prerequisites, and add them to your projects.

Project • Including InstallShield prerequisites in Windows Installer-based projects enables you to chain multiple installations together, bypassing the Windows Installer limitation that permits only one Execute sequence to be run at a time. The Setup.exe setup launcher serves as a bootstrap application that manages the chaining.

Note • Unlike Windows Installer 4.5 chaining, the InstallShield prerequisite installations are not processed as a single transaction; that is, successful installations are not rolled back after failures in later prerequisites. To learn more about Windows Installer 4.5 chaining support, see Configuring Multiple Packages for Installation Using Transaction Processing.

The Redistributables view is where you add InstallShield prerequisites to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. The Prerequisites view is where you add InstallShield prerequisites to InstallScript projects.
Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites

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Project • Basic MSI projects include support for feature prerequisites.

The following project types include support for setup prerequisites but not feature prerequisites:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

An InstallShield prerequisite that is run before the main installation’s user interface sequence begins is called a setup prerequisite. Setup prerequisites are useful for base applications and technology frameworks that must be installed for all configurations of the installed product or that provide functionality that is used during the installation itself. When you add an InstallShield prerequisite to a project, it is the setup prerequisite type of InstallShield prerequisite by default.

Basic MSI projects enable you to associate InstallShield prerequisites with features in your main installation. When an InstallShield prerequisite is associated with one or more features, it is called a feature prerequisite. Feature prerequisites are installed after an end user has chosen which features to install; like merge modules, a feature prerequisite is installed only if one or more of the features that contain it are installed. Thus, feature prerequisites are useful for applications or components that are used by only some configurations of the installed product and are not used during the installation itself.

Review the following sections for more information that will help you determine which type of InstallShield prerequisite will best fit your requirements.

Special Considerations for Setup Prerequisites

Following are some tips to consider if you are including one or more setup prerequisites in your project.

.NET Framework Requirements

If your product requires that the .NET Framework be installed on the target system, you may include the .NET Framework redistributable to your project. If the target system does not have the .NET Framework, it is installed during your installation. For more details, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.

If your installation includes the .NET Framework redistributable and a setup prerequisite that requires that the .NET Framework be present on the target machine—for example, if it installs files to the GAC—you can specify that the .NET Framework should be installed before the setup prerequisite is installed. To learn more, see Specifying Parameters for Installing an InstallShield Prerequisite.
Displaying an Error If an End User Launches the .msi Package Instead of the Setup Launcher

If your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation includes a setup prerequisite and end users launch the .msi package for your product directly, rather than launch the Setup.exe setup launcher, the setup prerequisite installation will not run. If the prerequisite is not already present on a target system, your product may not work as expected. This scenario may occur if you build an uncompressed release, where the .msi package is not streamed into the Setup.exe file.

To prevent this issue from occurring, you may want to add a type 19 custom action to your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project. This custom action would evaluate the same conditions that were configured for the prerequisite on the Conditions tab in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. The custom action would verify whether the setup prerequisite is still needed; if it is needed, the type 19 error custom action would display an error message and end the installation.

Special Considerations for Feature Prerequisites

Following are some tips to consider if you are including one or more feature prerequisites in a Basic MSI project.

Windows Installer Requirements

If your project includes a prerequisite that installs the Windows Installer, the prerequisite should be a setup prerequisite, not a feature prerequisite. That is, this prerequisite should not be associated with a feature.

.NET Framework Requirements

If your project include a prerequisite that installs the .NET Framework and your installation requires that the .NET Framework be present—for example, if your installation installs files to the GAC—the .NET Framework prerequisite should be a setup prerequisite, not a feature prerequisite. That is, this prerequisite should not be associated with a feature.

Potential Restart Issues for Feature Prerequisites

If you add an InstallShield prerequisite to your project and it may require a restart, it is recommended that you avoid associating the prerequisite with a feature. If a feature prerequisite does trigger a restart, the ReadyToInstall dialog is displayed again after the restart, and the end user will need to click the Install button again to proceed with the rest of the installation.

Calculations for Disk Space Requirements

When the Windows Installer performs the file costing–related actions, it does not automatically include the disk space that is required by any feature prerequisites. Therefore, if the CustomSetup dialog is displayed at run time, the disk space amounts that are listed for various features may be inaccurate, since they will not account for the disk space that is required by feature prerequisites. In addition, it is possible that a target system may have sufficient disk space for the main installation, but not for the feature prerequisites. In this scenario, the target system may run out of disk space midway through the installation.

To prevent file-costing issues for a feature prerequisite in your project, you may want to add a custom action that evaluates the same conditions that were configured for the feature prerequisite on the Conditions tab in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. This custom action would detect whether the feature prerequisite needs to be run if its associated feature is selected to be installed.

If the feature prerequisite would need to be run, the custom action would add a temporary row to the ReserveCost table.

See Also

Associating an InstallShield Prerequisite with a Feature in a Basic MSI Project
Disassociating an InstallShield Prerequisite from a Feature in a Basic MSI Project
Designing InstallShield Prerequisites and Other Redistributables
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Organizing Files for Your Installation

Associating an InstallShield Prerequisite with a Feature in a Basic MSI Project

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**Project** • Basic MSI projects include support for associating prerequisites with features.

To learn about the differences between setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites (which are the two types of InstallShield prerequisites), see *Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites*.

If an InstallShield prerequisite is associated with a feature in a project, it is considered to be a *feature prerequisite*. If it is not associated with a feature, it is considered to be a *setup prerequisite*.

Whenever you add an InstallShield prerequisite to an installation project, it is automatically added as a setup prerequisite by default. You can make it a feature prerequisite by associating it with one or more features that already exist in your project.

**Task**

To associate an InstallShield prerequisite with a feature:

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Redistributables**.
2. In the list of redistributables, select the InstallShield prerequisite that you want to associate with a feature.

   **Note** • The InstallShield prerequisite’s check box must already be selected; this indicates that it is being included in your project. For more information, see *Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects*.

3. In the **Conditional Installation** pane, select the check box of each feature to which you want to add this InstallShield prerequisite.

   If you want to associate the prerequisite with a new feature, you must first create it. To learn how to create a new feature, see *Creating Features*.

   If you associate a prerequisite with all of the features in your project and then you later add a new feature, InstallShield does not automatically associate the feature prerequisite with the new feature.

   **Note** • Feature prerequisites have some limitations that setup prerequisites do not have. For more information, see *Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites*.

Disassociating an InstallShield Prerequisite from a Feature in a Basic MSI Project

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**Project** • Basic MSI projects include support for associating prerequisites with features.

To learn about the differences between setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites (which are the two types of InstallShield prerequisites), see *Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites*. 
If an InstallShield prerequisite is associated with a feature in a project, it is considered to be a feature prerequisite. If it is not associated with a feature, it is considered to be a setup prerequisite.

**Task**

To remove an InstallShield prerequisite from a feature:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables.
2. In the list of redistributables, select the InstallShield prerequisite that you want to disassociate from a feature.
3. In the Conditional Installation pane, select the Install before feature selection check box. This check box is selected by default when you add an InstallShield prerequisite to a Basic MSI project.

**Note** • Setup prerequisites have some advantages over feature prerequisites. For more information, see Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites.

Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites

**Project** • Basic MSI projects include support for feature prerequisites.

The following project types include support for setup prerequisites but not feature prerequisites:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To learn about the differences between setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites (which are the two types of InstallShield prerequisites), see Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites.

The Redistributables view is where you specify the order in which InstallShield prerequisites should be installed if you include more than one in a Basic MSI project or an InstallScript MSI project. The Prerequisites view is where you specify the order in which InstallShield prerequisites should be installed if you include more than one in an InstallScript project.

**Task**

To specify the order in which the InstallShield prerequisites should be installed on the target machine:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables (in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project) or Prerequisites (in an InstallScript project).
2. Add the necessary InstallShield prerequisites to your project if you have not already done so.
3. Right-click any redistributable and click Set InstallShield Prerequisite Order. The InstallShield Prerequisite Installation Order dialog box opens.
4. Select a prerequisite in the list and then click the up or down arrow to move it up or down in the order for installation.

**Project** • Note that when you are specifying the order in a Basic MSI project, InstallShield does not distinguish between setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites. Thus, if your project contains a mix of setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites,
they are all listed in one combined list on the InstallShield Prerequisite Installation Order dialog box. At run time, before the main installation launches, the Setup.exe setup launcher evaluates only the setup prerequisites and—if appropriate—installs them in the order that you specified on the InstallShield Prerequisite Installation Order dialog box. Then later during the installation, the Windows Installer engine evaluates only the feature prerequisites and—if appropriate—installs them in the order that you specified.

**Tip** • If the Windows Installer engine, the .NET Framework, or both must be installed before an InstallShield prerequisite is installed, you can open the InstallShield prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor and specify this requirement. For more information, see Specifying Parameters for Installing an InstallShield Prerequisite.

**See Also**
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
- Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation

### Configuring a Release that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites

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*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

When you package a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation that includes InstallShield prerequisites, you can use any one of the following methods for supplying the InstallShield prerequisite files to end users:
- Store the InstallShield prerequisite files on the source media.
- Compress the InstallShield prerequisite files into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, as needed.
- If necessary, your installation can download the InstallShield prerequisite files that are included in your project from the URL that is specified in the InstallShield prerequisite file (.prq) for each prerequisite.

For InstallScript installations that include InstallShield prerequisites, the methods that are available are slightly different:
- Store the InstallShield prerequisite files on the source media or in Setup.exe, depending on how you configure the settings for the release.
- If needed, your installation can download the InstallShield prerequisite files included in your project from the URL specified in the InstallShield prerequisite (.prq) file for each prerequisite.

You can specify different methods for each InstallShield prerequisite in your project. To learn more, see Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific InstallShield Prerequisite.

You can also override individual methods at the release level if you want all of the InstallShield prerequisites in a release to be available through the same method. For more information, see Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level.
You can configure an InstallShield prerequisite so that it is installed either before or after any installation of the Windows Installer engine and the .NET Framework. For more information, see Specifying Parameters for Installing an InstallShield Prerequisite.

See Also
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites
Defining InstallShield Prerequisites

Specifying the Directories that Contain InstallShield Prerequisites

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

The default location for InstallShield prerequisite files (.prq) is:
InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites

InstallShield lets you specify additional or alternative locations on your local machine, or on a network. This flexibility enables you to store InstallShield prerequisites in source code control and to share a common set of InstallShield prerequisites with other team members.

InstallShield offers several ways for specifying the search paths for InstallShield prerequisite files (.prq):

• If you are editing or building from within InstallShield, use the Prerequisites tab on the Options dialog box—which is displayed when you click Options on the Tools menu—to specify a comma-delimited list of machine-wide folders and current-user folders.

InstallShield saves the paths that you specify on the Prerequisites tab in the registry on your machine. The paths that you specify for the current user are stored in the following location:
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\InstallShield\Version\Professional\Project Settings\PrerequisiteSearchPath

The paths that you specify for all users are stored in the following location:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\InstallShield\Version\Professional\PrerequisiteSearchPath

The Options dialog box is not available if you are using the Standalone Build to build a release; however, if you want, you can manually add the paths to the registry on a machine that has the Standalone Build.

• If you are building from the command line with ISCmdBld.exe, use the -prqpath parameter to specify a comma-delimited list of folders.

If you use an .ini file to specify ISCmdBld.exe parameters, you can use the PrerequisitePath parameter in the [Mode] section of your .ini file to specify a comma-delimited list of folders.

• If you are building through MSBuild or Team Foundation Server (TFS), use the PrerequisitePath parameter on the InstallShield task. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldPrerequisitePath when the default targets file is used. To specify multiple paths, use an ordered array of paths.
Instead of using hard-coded paths, you can use path variables in paths, as in the following example:

\<ISProductFolder>\SetupPrerequisites,\<ISProjectFolder>\MyCustomPrerequisites

The Redistributables view and the Prerequisites view list the names of the InstallShield prerequisites that correspond with the .prq files that are present in the various search paths that are specified on the Prerequisites tab of the Options dialog box. If the same .prq file is in multiple search paths, InstallShield shows only the first instance that it encounters. InstallShield first searches each path that is listed in the per-user setting on the Prerequisites tab. Then, InstallShield checks each path that is listed in the machine-wide setting.

At build time, if your project includes one or more InstallShield prerequisites, InstallShield (or the Standalone Build) searches the specified locations and includes the appropriate InstallShield prerequisites in your release as needed. If the same .prq file is in multiple search paths, InstallShield includes in the build only the first instance that it encounters. It uses the following order to search for .prq files:

1. InstallShield (or the Standalone Build) checks the paths that are specified through the -prqpath command-line parameter, the PrerequisitePath .ini file parameter, or the PrerequisitePath parameter on the InstallShield task.

2. InstallShield checks each path that is listed in the per-user setting on the Prerequisites tab. The paths are saved in the following location in the registry.

   HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\InstallShield\Version\Professional\Project Settings\PrerequisiteSearchPath

   Note that the Prerequisites tab is not applicable to the Standalone Build, but the registry path is applicable.

3. InstallShield checks each path that is listed in the machine-wide setting on the Prerequisites tab. The paths are saved in the following location in the registry.

   HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\InstallShield\Version\Professional\PrerequisiteSearchPath

   Note that the Prerequisites tab is not applicable to the Standalone Build, but the registry path is applicable.

4. If no paths are specified in any of the aforementioned locations, InstallShield checks the default location (InstallShield (or Standalone Build) Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites).

Tip • If you are using the Standalone Build to build a release that includes InstallShield prerequisites but you do not specify one or more search paths, the Standalone Build searches the default path (\<ISProductFolder>\SetupPrerequisites) for the InstallShield prerequisite files. However, if you specify one or more search paths and do not explicitly include the default path, the Standalone Build does not search the default path.

See Also
Using Path Variables

Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific InstallShield Prerequisite

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
InstallShield enables you to specify a different run-time location for each InstallShield prerequisite in your project.

**Task**  
**To specify a different run-time location for each InstallShield prerequisite in your installation:**

1. In the View List under *Application Data*, click *Redistributables* (in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project) or *Prerequisites* (in an InstallScript project).
2. Select the check box for one of the InstallShield prerequisites that you want to include in your installation.
3. Right-click the InstallShield prerequisite and click *Properties*. The *InstallShield Prerequisites Properties* dialog box opens.
4. In the *Build Location* list, click the appropriate option.

Note that the location that you specify can be overridden at the release level. To avoid overriding the value that you selected for an individual InstallShield prerequisite, the InstallShield Prerequisites Location setting at the release level must be set to Follow Individual Selections. For more information, see Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level.

**Tip**  
If an InstallShield prerequisite is added to a project as a dependency of another prerequisite, the location for the InstallShield prerequisite dependency follows the location setting of the InstallShield prerequisite that requires it.

**See Also**  
Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level  
InstallShield Prerequisite Properties Dialog Box

### Assigning Release Flags to InstallShield Prerequisites

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

You can set release flags for InstallShield prerequisites that you want to exclude from certain builds. For example, if you have an InstallShield prerequisite that should be included only in a special edition of your product that contains a special add-on that requires the InstallShield prerequisite, you can flag that InstallShield prerequisite and include it only when it is needed.

**Task**  
**To add a release flag to an InstallShield prerequisite that you have added to your installation project:**

1. In the View List under *Application Data*, click *Redistributables*.
2. Right-click the InstallShield prerequisite and click *Properties*. The *InstallShield Prerequisites Properties* dialog box opens.
3. In the **Release Flags** box, type a string. The string can be any combination of letters or numbers. To have more than one flag on a prerequisite, use a comma to separate the flags.

To learn more about filtering InstallShield prerequisites based on release flags, see **Release Flags**.

**See Also**

InstallShield Prerequisite Properties Dialog Box

### Building a Release that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

When InstallShield builds a Setup.exe file for a project that does not include any prerequisites, it starts with the base Setup.exe file that is stored in the following location:

**InstallShield Program Files Folder\redist\Language Independent\i386**

However, when InstallShield builds a Setup.exe file for a project that includes prerequisites, the aforementioned files cannot be used as the base because it does not have the capability of including prerequisites. A slightly larger file called SetupPrereq.exe is used instead. The base SetupPrereq.exe file is located in the same directory as the base Setup.exe file. Since different base files—Setup.exe and SetupPrereq.exe—are used, only installation authors who are actually including prerequisites in their projects incur the additional size overhead in the final, built Setup.exe file that is distributed to end users.

**See Also**

Creating a Setup Launcher

### Run-Time Behavior for an Installation that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites

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**Project** • The following project types include support for both setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites:

- Basic MSI

The following project types include support for setup prerequisites but not feature prerequisites:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To learn about the differences between setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites (which are the two types of InstallShield prerequisites), see Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites.
Overview of an Installation that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites

The following procedure explains what typically occurs at run time when an end user launches an installation that includes setup and feature prerequisites. Note that some of the steps apply to only certain project types.

1. The setup launcher (typically called Setup.exe) displays the language selection dialog if appropriate.
2. The setup launcher displays the setup prerequisite dialog and launches the setup prerequisite installations if appropriate.
3. The installation displays the installation UI, which may allow the end user to select features or configure items. The installation UI shows a progress dialog.
4. In Basic MSI installations, the setup launcher launches the feature prerequisite installations if appropriate:
   a. The built-in InstallShield custom action ISInstallPrerequisites, which is scheduled between the SetupProgress dialog and the ExecuteAction action, compares the features that were selected for installation against the list in the Windows Installer property IsPrerequisiteFeatures. If there are no matches, no feature prerequisites are installed.
   b. The ISInstallPrerequisites action attempts to find and launch the setup launcher, and it provides the list of features that are being installed. The path to the setup launcher is identified by the Windows Installer properties SETUPEXE DIR and SETUPEXENAME:
      
      [SETUPEXE DIR]\[SETUPEXENAME]

      If ISInstallPrerequisites cannot find the setup launcher in that location, it searches elsewhere. For a first-time installation, ISInstallPrerequisites checks SourceDir. For maintenance mode, ISInstallPrerequisites checks paths that are related to the installation source path.

      If ISInstallPrerequisites still cannot find the setup launcher, or if it finds multiple .exe files, the installation prompts the end user to browse to the setup launcher file. If the end user identifies the file, the installation continues. Otherwise, the installation ends.
   c. The setup launcher evaluates the list of features to select which feature prerequisites to install, and it launches their installations as appropriate.

5. The installation finishes making changes on the target system according to the end user’s selections.
6. The installation switches from the progress dialog to the SetupCompleteSuccess dialog.

The User Interface for an Installation that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites

If a target system needs one or more setup prerequisites to be installed, the setup launcher typically displays the setup prerequisite dialog before the main installation starts. This setup prerequisite lists all of the nonhidden setup prerequisites that are missing from the target system. When an end user clicks the Install button on this dialog, the setup launcher launches the necessary setup prerequisite installations. If one or more of the setup prerequisites is marked as requiring administrative privileges and the installation is run on a system on which User Account Control (UAC) is enabled, the Install button on this dialog has the shield icon to alert the end user that elevated privileges are required.
Figure 4-2: Sample Setup Prerequisite Dialog that Shows the List of Setup Prerequisites that Need to Be Installed

If a setup prerequisite is configured to be hidden, it is not listed in the setup prerequisite dialog, but it is still installed. If all of the setup prerequisites in an installation are hidden, the installation displays the setup launcher’s standard initialization dialog instead of the setup prerequisite dialog.

Tip • For instructions on how to show or hide the setup prerequisite in the setup prerequisite dialog, see Specifying Whether to Include the Name of a Prerequisite in the List of Setup Prerequisites to Be Installed on the Target System.

If the file that a setup prerequisite installation launches is an .msi package and the prerequisite is marked to show progress, the user interface shows a status bar, along with installation progress messages from Windows Installer, while the prerequisite is being installed. This is applicable only if the main installation is a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation. For more details, see Specifying Whether to Show the Progress of an InstallShield Prerequisite Installation at Run Time.

If a setup prerequisite is configured to be optionally installed by the end user, the setup launcher displays a message box that enables end users to choose whether to install the setup prerequisite. For more information, see Allowing End Users to Choose Whether to Install an InstallShield Prerequisite.
If an installation includes feature prerequisites, the setup launcher does not list them in any prerequisite dialog. However, the user interface does show progress messages if appropriate. In addition, the setup launcher displays the optional prerequisite message box if the feature prerequisite is marked as optional.

**Silent Scenarios—Suppressed User Interface in Basic MSI Installations**

The installation can install setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites even if the installation is run silently. That is, InstallShield prerequisites are supported in any of the following scenarios:

- **Silent setup launcher and visible .msi package**—The user interface for the setup launcher is suppressed, but the user interface for the .msi package is visible. For example, the end user might use the following command-line statement:

  ```
  Setup.exe /s
  ```

  In this scenario, the language selection dialog and the setup prerequisite dialog are not displayed.

- **Visible setup launcher and silent .msi package**—The user interface for the setup launcher is displayed, but the user interface for the .msi package is suppressed. For example, the end user might use the following command-line statement:

  ```
  Setup.exe /v"/qn"
  ```

  In this scenario, the feature selection dialog and all of the other dialogs of the main installation are not displayed. However, the end user can set Windows Installer properties such as ADDLOCAL, ADDSOURCE, ADDDEFAULT, and ADVERTISE from the command line to indicate which features should be installed.

- **Silent setup launcher and silent .msi package**—The user interface for the setup launcher and the .msi package are suppressed. For example, the end user might use the following command-line statement:

  ```
  Setup.exe /s /v"/qn"
  ```

  In this scenario, all of the setup launcher and .msi package dialogs are suppressed.

If the UI sequence of the main installation’s .msi package is skipped, the setup launcher evaluates Windows Installer properties such as ADDLOCAL, ADDSOURCE, ADDDEFAULT, and ADVERTISE to determine if any feature prerequisites should be installed, and it installs feature prerequisites accordingly.
Silent Scenarios—Suppressed User Interface in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations

An InstallScript or InstallScript MSI installation can install setup prerequisites even if the installation is run silently. That is, InstallShield prerequisites are supported if the end user launches the installation by entering the following command-line statement:

`Setup.exe /s`

Note that a response file (Setup.iss) is required. To learn more, see Creating the Response File.

The language selection dialog and the setup prerequisite dialog are not displayed.

UAC Prompts

Depending on how it is configured, an installation that includes InstallShield prerequisites may prompt for elevated privileges on Windows Vista and later systems at several different points during the installation:

1. When the end user launches the `Setup.exe` file
2. When the `Setup.exe` file launches a setup prerequisite that requires elevated privileges
3. When the `Setup.exe` file launches a feature prerequisite that requires elevated privileges
4. When the Windows Installer begins the Execute sequence of the .msi package

For more information, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation.

Changing the Behavior of InstallShield Prerequisites

The InstallShield Prerequisite Editor enables you to modify an InstallShield prerequisite if you want to change its installation’s behavior. For example, you can specify whether end users may skip the prerequisite installation, whether the prerequisite requires administrative privileges, and how the prerequisite installation should proceed if it appears that the target machine does or does not need to be restarted. To learn more, see Specifying Installation Behavior for an InstallShield Prerequisite.

You can configure an InstallShield prerequisite so that it is installed either before or after any installation of the Windows Installer engine and the .NET Framework. For more information, see Specifying Parameters for Installing an InstallShield Prerequisite.

See Also

Restarting a Target Machine for InstallShield Prerequisite Installations
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites
Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level

Uninstalling an Application Whose Installation Included InstallShield Prerequisites

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

Your installation may consist of your application plus one or more InstallShield prerequisites. If end users uninstall your application through Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel, the InstallShield prerequisites are still installed on their machines. If an InstallShield prerequisite installation added an entry to Add or Remove Programs, an end user would be able to remove that InstallShield prerequisite through Add or Remove Programs.

See Also
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites
Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level

Working with Merge Modules that Are Included in Installation Projects

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This section of the documentation offers guidance for working with merge modules from within installation projects.

For information on creating or modifying your own merge modules, see Designing Merge Modules.

See Also
Adding Dependencies to Merge Modules
Adding Exclusions to Merge Modules
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
Determining the Files in InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects

Specifying the Directories that Contain Merge Modules

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

InstallShield lets you specify the locations on your local machine, or on a network, where you are storing merge modules (.msm files). This flexibility enables you to store merge modules in source code control and to share a common set of merge modules with other team members.

InstallShield offers several ways for specifying the search paths for merge modules:

• If you are editing or building from within InstallShield, use the Merge Modules tab on the Options dialog box—which is displayed when you click Options on the Tools menu—to specify a comma-delimited list of machine-wide folders and current-user folders.

InstallShield saves the paths that you specify on the Merge Modules tab in the registry on your machine. The paths that you specify for the current user are stored in the following location:
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HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\InstallShield\Version\Professional\Project Settings\MMSearchPath

The paths that you specify for all users are stored in the following location:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\InstallShield\Version\Professional\MMSearchPath

The Options dialog box is not available if you are using the Standalone Build to build a release; however, if you want, you can manually add the paths to the registry on a machine that has the Standalone Build.

- If you are building from the command line with ISCmDBld.exe, use the -o parameter to specify a comma-delimited list of folders.

- If you use an .ini file to specify ISCmDBld.exe parameters, you can use the MergeModulePath parameter in the [Mode] section of your .ini file to specify a comma-delimited list of folders.

- If you are building through MSBuild or Team Foundation Server (TFS), use the MergeModulePath parameter on the InstallShield task. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldMergeModulePath when the default targets file is used. To specify multiple paths, use an ordered array of paths.

Instead of using hard-coded paths, you can use path variables in paths, as in the following example:

<ISProductFolder>\MergeModules,<ISProjectFolder>\MyCustomMergeModules

The Redistributables view and the Objects view list the names of the merge modules that correspond with the merge modules that are present in the various search paths that are specified on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box. If the same merge module is in multiple search paths, InstallShield shows only the first instance that it encounters. InstallShield first searches each path that is listed in the per-user setting on the Merge Modules tab. Then, InstallShield checks each path that is listed in the machine-wide setting.

At build time, if your project includes one or more merge modules, InstallShield (or the Standalone Build) searches the specified locations and includes the appropriate merge modules in your release as needed. If the same merge module is in multiple search paths, InstallShield includes in the build only the first instance that it encounters. It uses the following order to search for merge modules:

1. InstallShield (or the Standalone Build) checks the paths that are specified through the -o command-line parameter, the MergeModulePath .ini file parameter, or the MergeModulePath parameter on the InstallShield task
2. InstallShield checks each path that is listed in the per-user setting on the Merge Modules tab. The paths are saved in the following location in the registry.

   HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\InstallShield\Version\Professional\Project Settings\MMSearchPath

   Note that the Merge Module tab is not applicable to the Standalone Build, but the registry path is applicable.
3. InstallShield checks each path that is listed in the machine-wide setting on the Merge Modules tab. The paths are saved in the following location in the registry.

   HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\InstallShield\Version\Professional\MMSearchPath

   Note that the Merge Module tab is not applicable to the Standalone Build, but the registry path is applicable.
4. If no paths are specified in any of the aforementioned locations, InstallShield checks the following default directories, in order:
   a. InstallShield (or Standalone Build) Program Files Folder\System
   b. InstallShield (or Standalone Build) Program Files Folder\Modules\i386
   c. InstallShield (or Standalone Build) Program Files Folder\Objects
d. InstallShield (or Standalone Build) Program Files Folder\Modules\i386\Japanese

e. InstallShield (or Standalone Build) Program Files Folder\Modules\i386\German

f. Program Files Folder\Common Files\Merge Modules

Tip • If you are using the Standalone Build to build a release that includes merge modules but you do not specify one or more search paths through any of the user-defined methods (that is, in the registry, through the command line or the .ini file, or through the InstallShield task), the Standalone Build searches the aforementioned default directories for the merge modules. However, if you specify one or more search paths and do not explicitly include the default directories, the Standalone Build does not search the default directories.

See Also
Using Path Variables

Overriding a Merge Module’s Destination

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Although you should not alter a third-party merge module, you can override the destination for an InstallShield-created merge module and some third-party merge modules.

Note • This procedure redirects only the TargetDir directory in the merge module, or directories that derive directly from TargetDir. If the merge module is configured to send files to a predefined folder (for example, SystemFolder), you cannot override the module’s destination.

Task
To override a merge module’s destination:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables.

2. Select the check box next to the merge module to add it to your installation.


4. In the Destination box, type a destination or select one from the list of predefined destinations.

5. Click OK.

6. In the Conditional Installation pane, select the feature or features that should contain the merge module.

See Also
Redistributables View
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Troubleshooting Merge Module Issues

Deleting an Associated Merge Module

If you delete a merge module that is currently associated with your installation, the message [Merge Module Not Found] is displayed, thereby making you aware that the module cannot be included in your installation.

Changing the Language Property of a Merge Module

If you change the language property of a user-defined merge module or another company’s merge module after it has been added to the redistributables gallery, a build error occurs if you try to associate the changed merge module with your project. This error occurs because InstallShield uses the language identifier—along with the module identifier—to identify the module file.

If the language identifier of a merge module file is changed after the file is added to the redistributables gallery, InstallShield cannot find the file.

To locate the correct merge module file, you can browse to it from within the Redistributables view. To learn how, see Browsing for Merge Modules.

See Also
What Happens When You Browse for a Merge Module
Redistributables View
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

Publishing a Merge Module to a Repository from Within an Installation Project

Project  •  This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

If you have an existing merge module that you would like to reuse in Windows Installer–based installation projects or share with other users, you can publish it to a repository.

Task  •  To publish a merge module to a repository when you are working on a Windows Installer–based installation project:

1. In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables.
2. Right-click the merge module and then click Publish Wizard. The Publish Wizard opens.
3. Complete the panels in the Publish Wizard.

Merge modules are built into an installation at build time. If you make a change to a repository merge module and then republish it to the repository, any project that has the old version of the repository merge module will be updated the next time that a release of the project’s installation is rebuilt.
See Also
Publishing a Merge Module to a Repository from Within a Merge Module Project
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects

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This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Although the Windows Installer is built into most versions of Windows, a Windows Installer–based installation may depend on certain functionality that is available in only the latest versions of Windows Installer. In addition, some InstallScript installations may require a particular version of Windows Installer.

InstallShield enables you to include a redistributable for Windows Installer in your project. The method for adding a Windows Installer redistributable to your project depends on the project type that you are using, as well as the version of Windows Installer that your installation requires.

For a list of the minimum operating for each version of Windows Installer, see Target System Requirements.

For a list of which versions of Windows Installer were released with which versions of Windows, see Released Versions of Windows Installer in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Note that Windows Installer 5 and Windows Installer 4 are not available as redistributables.

Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallShield gives you the option of including with your installation a Windows Installer redistributable in a self-extracting executable file called Setup.exe.

Windows Installer Distribution

By default, InstallShield creates a Setup.exe setup launcher along with your installation package. The setup launcher is required if you want your installation to install the Windows Installer engine.

If you want to include the Windows Installer redistributable in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, do one of the following:

- For Windows Installer 4.5—Add one or more Microsoft Windows Installer prerequisites to your project. InstallShield includes several versions that target different versions of Windows. For more information, see Including Microsoft Windows Installer Prerequisites.

- For Windows Installer 3.1, 3.0, or 2.0—The Setup.exe tab for a release in the Releases view is where you specify information such as whether you want to use a Setup.exe launcher, whether you want to include one of these versions of the Windows Installer redistributable, and which version of Windows Installer you want to include. To learn more, see Setup.exe Tab for a Release.
As an alternative, you can add one or more Microsoft Windows Installer prerequisites to your project. For more information, see Including Microsoft Windows Installer Prerequisites.

Tip • You can also specify setup launcher requirements in the Setup Launcher panel of the Release Wizard.

Overview of the Installation Process

At run time, Setup.exe determines if Windows Installer is already installed on the target system. If the Windows Installer is found on the target system and it meets the minimum version requirement, it launches your installation package. If Windows Installer is not installed, or a more recent version needs to be installed, Setup.exe installs Windows Installer and then launches your installation package. Note that the system may need to be restarted for Windows Installer to be updated.

InstallScript Projects

In some cases, you may want to add a Windows Installer redistributable to an InstallScript project. For example, you may be using an InstallScript project to chain together multiple Windows Installer–based installations that require a particular minimum version of Windows Installer. In addition, if you add a merge module to an InstallScript project, that merge module must be added as a subitem of the Merge Module Holder object in the Objects view. This Merge Module Holder object requires the Windows Installer engine, so if target systems may not have the Windows Installer present, you need to add the Windows Installer redistributable to your InstallScript project.

If you want to include the Windows Installer redistributable in an InstallScript project, add one or more Microsoft Windows Installer prerequisites to your project. InstallShield includes several versions that target different versions of Windows. For more information, see Including Microsoft Windows Installer Prerequisites.

See Also

Creating a Setup Launcher
Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)
SETUPEXEDIR

Including Microsoft Windows Installer Prerequisites

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield includes InstallShield prerequisites for several versions of Windows Installer. You can use the Redistributables view (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or the Prerequisites view (in InstallScript projects) to add these InstallShield prerequisites to your project.
Checking for the Presence of Windows Installer 4.5 During Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI Installations

You may want your installation to check the target system to determine if Windows Installer 4.5 is installed; if it is not installed, the installation would display an error message box and prevent the installation from continuing. This may be helpful under the following conditions:

- Your installation depends on Windows Installer 4.5 features.
- It is possible that the .msi file might be used to install your product, rather than the Setup.exe setup launcher (which would install Windows Installer 4.5 if appropriate).

For example, if you deploy your installation as an uncompressed release, end users would be able to launch the .msi file directly rather than the Setup.exe file. In addition, if systems administrators want to customize your installation for deploying your product throughout an enterprise environment, they might create an administrative installation version and deploy that.

To determine whether Windows Installer 4.5 is installed and display an error message if it is not, create an error custom action (a type 19 custom action). The following procedure explains how.

Task

To determine whether Windows Installer 4.5 is installed and display an error message if it is not:

1. In the Custom Actions and Sequences view, right-click the Custom Actions explorer and click New Error.
2. Select the new custom action.
3. In the Error Message setting, type the error message text that should be displayed when an end user launches your installation without Windows Installer 4.5 being already installed.
4. In the Install UI Sequence and Install Exec Sequence settings, select an option that would schedule the error message somewhere before the LaunchConditions action. For example, a common sequence for this error action is <First Action>.
5. In the Install UI Condition and Install Exec Condition settings, type the following condition:

   VersionMsi < "4.05"

Locked File/Reboot Issues

When the InstallShield prerequisite installs the Windows Installer 4.5 engine, the existing engine files are often locked. If your installation needs to use the updated engine before the target system is rebooted, be aware of the following behavior.

On Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 systems, the Windows Installer 4.5 engine files are updated immediately and the requirement for a reboot is noted and delayed until the end of the main installation (or any reboot that precedes it). The main installation uses the updated Windows Installer 4.5 engine, and it requests a reboot at the end of the installation.

On Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 systems, the Windows Installer 4.5 engine files are not updated until after a reboot, so a reboot is requested immediately. If the end user allows the machine to be rebooted, the installation continues after the reboot. If the end user does not allow the machine to be rebooted, the installation ends. While the reboot is pending, the Windows Installer 4.5 engine appears as not installed, and subsequent attempts to run the prerequisite would result in a failure and would not allow installation to continue. Rebooting the machine completes the installation of Windows Installer 4.5 and allows the installation to continue as planned.
Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

If your product requires that the .NET Framework be installed on the target system, you can add the .NET Framework redistributable to your project. If the target system does not have the .NET Framework, it is installed during your installation.

You can also include redistributables for .NET Framework language packs in your project. The language packs contain translated text, such as error messages, for languages other than English.

The method for adding the .NET Framework and .NET Framework language packs to your project depends on the project type that you are using, as well as the version of .NET Framework that your product requires.

Note

Some .NET Framework versions include earlier .NET Framework versions:

- .NET Framework 3.5 includes .NET Framework 3.0 SP1 and .NET Framework 2.0 SP1.
- .NET 3.0 Framework SP1 includes .NET Framework 2.0 SP1.
- .NET 3.0 Framework RTM includes .NET Framework 2.0 RTM.

Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

If you want to include .NET support in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, add the appropriate Microsoft .NET Framework prerequisite. For more information, see Including the Microsoft .NET Framework and Microsoft .NET Framework Language Pack Prerequisites.

Note

This includes .NET Framework 4.5 Full, 4.5 Web, 4.0 Full, 4.0 Client, 3.5 SP1, 3.5, 3.0 SP1, 3.0, 2.0 SP2, 2.0 SP1, or 2.0 (only x64, IA64) redistributables.

To test whether the .NET Framework is already installed on the target system, you can use the built-in Ms1NetAssemblySupport property. It is set to the version of a particular .NET DLL (fusion.dll) if the .NET Framework is installed, and it is not set if the .NET Framework is not installed.

InstallScript Projects

InstallScript projects support two methods for adding the .NET Framework redistributables to your project:

- Use the Prerequisites view to add one or more .NET Framework prerequisites to your project.
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- Use the Objects view to add the Microsoft .NET Framework object to your installation. This object also enables you to add one or more language packs to an InstallScript project. To learn more, see Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard.

To determine whether a particular version of the .NET Framework or a language pack is installed, use the Is function and pass the DOTNETFRAMEWORKINSTALLED predefined constant.

**Obtaining InstallShield Prerequisites and Objects**

Note that some of the InstallShield prerequisites and objects are not installed with InstallShield. You may need to download them. For more information, see Obtaining Updates for InstallShield.

**See Also**

Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

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**Including the Microsoft .NET Framework and Microsoft .NET Framework Language Pack Prerequisites**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield includes InstallShield prerequisites for some versions of the .NET Framework and the .NET Framework language packs. You can include these InstallShield prerequisites in Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects if you want to redistribute these versions of the .NET Framework and the language packs.

Following is a list of the .NET Framework redistributables that are available as InstallShield prerequisites. The associated language pack prerequisites are included if available.

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5. (One InstallShield prerequisite is for the full package, and one is for the Web package. The Web package is smaller in size, but it requires an Internet connection on the target system at run time.)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4 Full, which installs the .NET Framework runtime and associated files that are required to run and develop applications that target the .NET Framework 4. (One InstallShield prerequisite is for the full package, and one is for the Web Download package. The Web Download package is smaller in size, but it requires an Internet connection on the target system at run time.)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4 Client, which installs the .NET Framework runtime and associated files that are required to run most client applications. (One InstallShield prerequisite is for the full package, and one is for the Web Download package. The Web Download package is smaller in size, but it requires an Internet connection on the target system at run time.)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 (One InstallShield prerequisite is for the full package, and one is for the Web Download package. The Web Download package is smaller in size, but it requires an Internet connection on the target system at run time.)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 (One InstallShield prerequisite is for the full package, and one is for the Web Download package. The Web Download package is smaller in size, but it requires an Internet connection on the target system at run time.)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 SP1 (This is a Web Download package, which requires an Internet connection on the target system at run time.)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0
• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 (x64)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 SP2
• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 SP2 (x64)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 SP2 (IA64)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 SP1 (x86)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 SP1 (x64)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 SP1 (IA64)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 (x64)
• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 (IA64)

Tip • For information on other versions of the .NET Framework redistributables, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.

These InstallShield prerequisite installations are run in silent mode. Therefore, the language in which the .NET Framework installation runs is not an issue.

Since there currently is no way to install Windows Installer 3.x on 64-bit Itanium systems running Windows XP, and since .NET Framework 2.0 and later require Windows Installer 3.x or later, the 64-bit .NET Framework 2.0 prerequisites cannot be installed on 64-bit Itanium systems running Windows XP.

The InstallShield prerequisite installations determine if the corresponding version of the .NET Framework is already installed on the target machine by checking the Install or InstallSuccess value data for a particular HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE key. For more details, you can open any InstallShield prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor and note the conditions that are set.

See Also
Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects
Modifying an Existing InstallShield Prerequisite
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

Including the MySQL Connector ODBC Prerequisite

This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
You can include in your installation an InstallShield prerequisite that installs MySQL Connector/ODBC 3.51. It enables end users to connect to a MySQL database server that uses ODBC. Before you can add this InstallShield prerequisite to your projects, you must download the MySQL Connector/ODBC driver and configure the InstallShield prerequisite on your system.

**Task**

To add the MySQL Connector ODBC 3.51 prerequisite to your system so that you can add it to your projects:

1. Open Windows Explorer and browse for the InstallShield prerequisite template folder. The default location is:
   
   C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\SetupPrerequisites\Templates

2. Copy the MySQL Connector ODBC 3.51.prq file that is in the Templates folder, and paste it in the InstallShield prerequisite folder. The default location is:

   C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\SetupPrerequisites


4. Save the file in the following location:

   InstallShield Program Files Folder\Objects\MySQL\Redist

The next time that you launch InstallShield, the MySQL Connector ODBC prerequisite is available in the Redistributables view.

If you want to change the location on your machine where you store the installer for the MySQL Connector/ODBC 3.51 driver, you can do so by opening the MySQL Connector ODBC 3.51.prq file in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor and modifying the settings. To open the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, click Prerequisite Editor on the Tools menu. For more information, see Specifying Files for an InstallShield Prerequisite.

**See Also**

Installing the MySQL ODBC Driver

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**Including the InstallShield Prerequisite for the Oracle 11g Instant Client**

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**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

If you want to install the Oracle 11g Instant Client before your installation is run, you can include the Oracle 11g Instant Client prerequisite in your project. Before you can add this InstallShield prerequisite to your projects, you must download Oracle Instant Client and create an .msi package on your system. For more information, see Connecting to an Instance of Oracle and Running SQL Scripts.
Note • If you want your installation to download the Oracle 11g Instant Client whenever it needs to be installed on a target system, check with Oracle to ensure that it is allowed. If it is allowed, you must host the download on your own Web site and add its download path to the InstallShield prerequisite. Revenera does not make this installation available for download.

See Also
Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects

Including the DirectX 9.0 Object

InstallShield 2020

DirectX provides supporting API libraries for multimedia applications and hardware, including the latest graphics cards. If your product requires DirectX to be installed on the target system, you can add the DirectX object—either the Windows Installer–based object for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, or the InstallScript object for InstallScript projects—to your project. If the target system does not have DirectX, it is installed during your installation.

After installation, the DirectX runtime cannot be uninstalled. DirectX is a system component; end users cannot uninstall it without reinstalling the operating system.

Tip • The DirectX object is not installed with InstallShield; you need to download it. To include the DirectX object in Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI projects, obtain the MSI object download. To include the DirectX object in InstallScript projects, obtain the InstallScript object download. To learn more, see Obtaining Updates for InstallShield.

Redistributable Files

The DirectX objects install all DirectX 9.0c core and optional components, including 32-bit- and 64-bit-specific components.

Including the DirectX Object in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

When you add the DirectX object to a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, InstallShield launches the DirectX Object Wizard.

You can use the DirectX object in compressed or uncompressed installations; the DirectX Object Wizard lets you specify whether the DirectX files should be in a folder in the Disk1 folder, or they should be streamed into the .msi file:

- If you specify that the files should be in a folder in the Disk1 folder, InstallShield creates a DirectX folder for your installation at build time and places it in the Disk1 folder of your release. InstallShield lists the DirectX folder in the Disk1 area of the Support Files view (in Basic MSI projects) or the Support Files/Billboards view (in InstallScript MSI projects).

- If you specify that the files should not be in the Disk1 folder, InstallShield embeds the files in your installation’s .msi file. InstallShield lists these files in the Language Independent area of the Support Files view (in Basic MSI projects) or the Support Files/Billboards view (in InstallScript MSI projects).

Note • The custom action that launches the DirectX installation is sequenced in the Execute sequence and run in deferred system context so that it can be run with elevated privileges on Windows Vista and later systems.
**Update the DirectX Object Files for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects**

If you obtain updates for any of the DirectX files and you want to include them in your DirectX object, place them in the appropriate InstallShield Program Files subfolder with the other DirectX files. The location is:

```
InstallShield Program Files Folder\Objects\DirectX9c\Redist
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You can also remove files from that folder if your product does not require them and you do not need to include them in your installation. For more information about the DirectX redistributable files, including details about any updates that Microsoft may have released since the current version of InstallShield was released, see the latest DirectX SDK or Microsoft’s MSDN Web site.

At build time, InstallShield uses whatever redistributable files are in that DirectX folder to build your release.

**See Also**

DirectX Object Wizard

**Identifying Application Dependencies**

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*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

A file often relies on functions in other files to perform a task. However, you may not be aware of all these other files—known as dependencies—when you include your application’s files in your installation project. InstallShield offers scanning wizards to assist you in identifying and working with these files. You can access these scanners in the Dependency Scanners view.

**Table 4-13 • Available Scanning Wizards**

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<td><strong>Static Scanning Wizard</strong></td>
<td>Looks at portable executable files (for example, .exe, .ocx, .com, .tlb, .hlp, and .chm) in your project and checks for dependencies that they may require.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Dynamic Scanning Wizard</strong></td>
<td>Monitors your system while an executable file is running and checks for .dll or .ocx files that may be required by the executable file.</td>
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Any files that are added to a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project through one of these scanners are added in accordance with Setup Best Practices.

If you use the Static and Dynamic scanning wizards, you can specify files that you want to be included or excluded automatically any time that you perform a static or dynamic scan through InstallShield. For more information, see Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners.
See Also
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Dependency Scanners
Opening InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio

Static Scanning

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Static Scanning Wizard enables you to scan the files already added to your project for any dependencies that they may require. This wizard scans all portable executable files (.exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .com, .drv, .scr, and .cpl files) in your project and checks for dependencies that they may require. The wizard displays a list of the dependencies that it finds, and it lets you specify whether you want to include each one in your project.

The new files added to your project are added to the same feature as the file that depends upon them, thereby ensuring that they are installed when needed.

How the .NET Scan at Build Setting Affects Static Scanning

In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, the value that is selected for a component’s .NET Scan at Build setting affects how the Static Scanning Wizard scans the files in that component:

Table 4-14 • Determining How the Static Scanning Wizard Scans Files in a Component

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<th>Value of a Component’s .NET Scan at Build Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>The Static Scanning Wizard does not scan the .NET portion of the component for dependencies or properties. For example, if your component contains Notepad.exe and a .NET assembly file, the Static Scanning Wizard scans Notepad.exe for dependencies and does not scan the .NET assembly file for dependencies or properties.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Properties Only</td>
<td>The Static Scanning Wizard scans the entire component—all files in the component, including .NET assemblies—for properties, but it does not identify dependencies for the .NET portion of the component. For example, if your component contains Notepad.exe and a .NET assembly file, the Static Scanning Wizard scans both files for properties, but it does not identify dependencies for the .NET assembly file.</td>
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Dynamic Scanning

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**

The Dynamic Scanning Wizard is an easy-to-use tool that monitors your system while an executable file runs. The wizard displays a list of .dll and .ocx files that may be required by the executable file, and it lets you specify whether you want to include each one in your project.

The executable file you want to scan can already be included to your project, or it can be added by the wizard.

To learn more about this wizard, see **Dynamic Scanning Wizard**.

**See Also**

- Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
- Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies

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**Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**

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**Table 4-14 • Determining How the Static Scanning Wizard Scans Files in a Component (cont.)**

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<td>Dependencies and Properties</td>
<td>The Static Scanning Wizard scans the entire component—all files in the component, including .NET assemblies—for dependencies and properties. Any dependencies that are found during the scan are presented in the <strong>File Selection panel</strong>. If any properties are found for .NET files, InstallShield adds the properties to the .NET Assembly subnode under the Assembly node in the Advanced Settings area of a component.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If you use InstallShield on a 64-bit version of Windows Vista or later or a 64-bit version of Windows Server 2008 or later, the Static Scanning Wizard and the Dynamic Scanning Wizard can scan for 64-bit dependencies of the 64-bit files in your project. These wizards can also scan for 32-bit dependencies of the 32-bit files in your project. Note that if you use InstallShield on a 32-bit version of Windows, these wizards can scan for only 32-bit dependencies of the 32-bit files in your project. If your project includes 64-bit files, you can manually add any dependencies to the project as needed.

See Also
- Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
- Dependency Scanners

Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Static Scanning Wizard and the Dynamic Scanning Wizard scan your project to help you identify other files that your product may require. Each of these wizards displays a list of possible files and merge modules that you may need to add to your project. Review the scan results carefully, and determine whether it is appropriate to add each specified file and merge module to your project.

Both of the scanners works differently to identify dependencies. In some cases, one of the scanners may identify a dependency that the other does not identify. Therefore, you may want to try using both the static and dynamic scanning wizards for a more complete list of potential dependencies. In some scenarios, a dependency scanner may identify as a dependency a file or merge module that is not required by your product. If that occurs, you can exclude that file or merge module, since the wizards let you include or exclude each identified dependency as needed. In addition, InstallShield enables you to specify on a machine-wide basis any files that you want to be included or excluded automatically any time that you perform a static or dynamic scan through InstallShield. For more information, see Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners.

To obtain the best results when you are trying to identify dependencies, it is recommended that you thoroughly test your product and its installation on a clean machine. If your product does not behave as expected, determine whether any dependencies are missing from the machine, and if so, whether they should be included in the installation.

See Also
- Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies

Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners

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When you run the Static and Dynamic scanning wizards, you may find that they list as dependencies certain files that you do not want added to your installation. To avoid having these files added every time you run the scanner, you can edit Filters.xml. This file enables you to specify any files that you want the scanners to ignore or include.
Filters.xml is in the following location:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support

The file must remain in this location after you edit it; otherwise, the scanners will not work properly.

Tip • You can also use the Filters.xml file to control which registry items should be excluded during COM extraction. For more information, see Filtering Registry Changes for COM Extraction.

The Filters.xml file also lets you control which IIS settings should be excluded when you are importing an IIS Web site. For more information, see Filtering IIS Data When Importing a Web Site and Its Settings into an InstallShield Project.

Excluding Files

The <Exclude> element in the Filters.xml file is where you add subelements for each of the files that you want the scanners to exclude. Any files that are listed here will not be added to your installation project by the scanners.

By default, the <Exclude> element has subelements for common system files that are present on all Windows–based machines.

Including Files

The <Include> element in the Filters.xml file gives you the ability to override individual files that are subelements of the <Exclude> element. Any files that are listed in subelements of the <Include> element will be added to your installation project by the scanners, even if the files are also listed in subelements of the <Exclude> element.

Note • The following vital operating system files are never recognized by the scanner, even if you add them as subelements of the <Include> element:

- kernel32.dll
- ntdll.dll
- user32.dll
- gdi32.dll
- advapi32.dll
- shell32.dll
- ole32.dll

Specifying Files in the <Exclude> and <Include> Elements

If you want to list a file under the <Exclude> or <Include> elements, you must add the file as a subelement. Following is a sample of a properly formatted subelement:
Any other attributes are optional and are not recognized by the scanners. You may want to add additional attributes—such as the `We` attribute in the example above and the corresponding "needthis" value—to identify why an item is being excluded or included.

### Important
Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it's not well formed, all of the filters fail. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the `Filters.xml` file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the `<Filters>` and `<Include>` and `<Exclude>` elements; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

If you add subelements to the `<Exclude>` or `<Include>` elements, be sure that you do not place them within the commented-out section, since InstallShield ignores that area of the `Filters.xml` file.

The following sample XML code shows the format of the `Filters.xml` file:

```xml
<Filters>
  <Include>
    <!--Instructions on how to add files to this element. -->
    <File name="mfc42.dll" We="needthis"/>
  </Include>
  <Exclude>
    <!--Instructions on how to add files to this element. -->
    <Registry key="HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Interface\{00020404-0000-0000-C000-000000000046}\” />
    <File name="12520437.cpx" path="[SystemFolder]" wrp="4.0-10.0"/>
    <File name="12520850.cpx" path="[SystemFolder]" wrp="4.0-10.0"/>
  </Exclude>
</Filters>
```

### See Also
- Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
- Dependency Scanners
- Static Scanning Wizard
- Dynamic Scanning Wizard
Registering COM Servers

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

Most applications require certain COM servers in order to operate properly. In order for the operating system to recognize these COM servers, you need to register them.

With traditional COM, COM data is written directly to the registry. Registry-free COM, or Reg-Free COM, offers a simple alternative to the traditional method. With Reg-Free COM, COM data is written to an application manifest file.

Traditional COM Registration

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

InstallShield supports multiple methods for registering a COM server on a target machine. The following methods are the ones used traditionally:

- The COM information can be extracted from the file at build time (or design time) and written to the COM-related tables of your .msi database.
- The COM server's self-registration function can be called at installation time.

The first method listed—extracting the COM information and writing it to the .msi database—is preferred over the self-registration method. The first method writes the COM class information to the Class, ProgID, and Registry tables of the .msi database.
Determining Whether a COM Server Supports Self-Registration

Not all COM servers support self-registration. Although it is likely that you will know which files in your installation are self-registering, there may be times when you do not know. Because you must handle self-registering files differently than non-self-registering files, you need to be able to determine if a file is self-registering.

In most cases, you can determine whether a file is self-registering if you add it to an InstallShield project. InstallShield tests COM server files when they are added to a project to determine if they are self-registering files. If InstallShield determines that a COM server added to your project is self-registering:

- For Windows Installer–based projects: InstallShield sets the COM Extract at Build property of the file’s component to Yes (if you have specified on the Preferences tab of the Options dialog box that COM extraction should occur at build time).
- For InstallScript-based projects: InstallShield marks the file as self-registering.

Extracting COM Information from a COM Server

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

Note that for MSI Database and MSM Database projects, COM information cannot be extracted at build time; it is extracted at design time.

The recommended method for registering COM servers is to use Windows Installer tables in the .msi database to make the necessary registry entries for your COM server. With this method, Windows Installer is capable of registering files when they are advertised, and it can safely roll back the registration information in case of a failed installation.

Since each component should have only one portable executable file, the assumption is that all of the registration information belongs to a single file, marked as the key file of its component.

InstallShield supports several methods for extracting COM information from a COM server:

- Use the Component Wizard. You can use this wizard to create a new COM server component. With this method, the wizard performs a one-time scan of COM information from the component’s key file.
- For a component’s COM Extract at Build setting, select Yes. Since InstallShield extracts the COM data every time that you build a release, this method is helpful if your COM server’s interfaces change frequently. The COM server must be the key file of its component for this method.
- Extract the information by right-clicking the file in the Files and Folders view and then clicking Extract COM Data for Key File. Use this method if you have already added the COM server file to a component.
As an alternative to having InstallShield extract the COM data, you can manually add COM information to a component in the component’s Advanced Settings.

If you do not want InstallShield to extract COM information every time that you build a release, select No for the COM Extract at Build setting of the component. Use this method if you want InstallShield to register the file according to the information that is statically contained in the component’s COM Registration advanced setting. This advanced setting stores information about the file’s COM classes, ProgIDs, and so on, that were either extracted in the Component Wizard or entered manually in the Advanced Setting area.

When InstallShield extracts COM information from a COM server, the COM class information is written to the Class, ProgId, and Registry tables of the .msi database.

If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit operating system, InstallShield can extract COM data from a 64-bit COM server. In order to install the data to the correct locations, the component must be marked as 64 bit. To learn more about 64-bit support, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.

InstallShield employs a special technique to find all COM information on a COM server without actually registering it. Therefore, COM extraction does not affect the system registry. However, some COM servers’ registration processes depend on existing registry entry values. Although InstallShield has developed an algorithm to avoid this scenario, it may not be foolproof in some extreme cases.

**Caution •** Some applications, like WinRunner, insert hook .dll files into the COM extraction engine. This causes COM extraction to fail and displays the following message: "ISRegSpy detects following module %1 hooked into this process, which causes ISRegSpy to malfunction. You need to shut the application down and restart COM extraction." If you encounter this message, shut down the application and restart COM extraction, as the dialog box instructs.

Do not select the self-registering property for .exe files that are not self-registering. To self-register an .exe file, you need to launch the .exe file with the /regserver command. However, if the .exe file does not support the command line switch, the .exe file will be launched during extraction at build time.

**Note •** The definitions of the COM-related Windows Installer tables prevent a COM server from being placed in more than one feature. If a COM server needs to be placed in more than one feature, the following are two available options:

- Make the second feature that requires the COM server a child of the first, and place the file in the parent feature.
- Use self-registration on the COM server instead of using the COM-related Windows Installer database tables.

**See Also**
Setup Best Practices
Setting Component Key Files

Filtering Registry Changes for COM Extraction

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**Project •** This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
• **Merge Module**
• **MSI Database**
• **MSM Database**

To prevent InstallShield from extracting undesired COM data from a COM server (either at build or design time), you can edit the *Filters.xml* file and specify the registry keys to be excluded. *Filters.xml* is in the following location:

```
InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support
```

The file must remain in this location after you edit it; otherwise, COM extraction will not work properly.

**Tip** • *You can also use the Filters.xml file to control which files should be included or excluded during dependency scanning. For more information, see Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners.*

*The Filters.xml file also lets you control which IIS settings should be excluded when you are importing an IIS Web site. For more information, see Filtering IIS Data When Importing a Web Site and Its Settings into an InstallShield Project.*

### Excluding Registry Keys from COM Extraction

The `<Exclude>` element in the *Filters.xml* file is where you add subelements for each of the registry keys that you want the COM extraction process to exclude. Any keys that are listed here will not be uninstalled when your product is uninstalled.

By default, the `<Exclude>` element has subelements for common system registry keys that are required.

### Specifying Registry Keys in the `<Exclude>` Element

If you want to list a key under the `<Exclude>` element, you must add the key as a registry subelement.

Following is a sample of a properly formatted registry subelement that blocks changes to an InprocServer32 registry key, all of its values, and all of its subkeys:

```
<Registry key="HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{00000231-0000-0010-8000-00AA06D2EA4}\InprocServer32"/>
```

Following is a sample of a properly formatted registry subelement that blocks changes to only the default value of an InprocServer32 registry key:

```
<Registry key="HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{00000231-0000-0010-8000-00AA06D2EA4}\InprocServer32" value=""/>
```

Following is a sample of a properly formatted registry subelement that blocks changes to only the ThreadingModel value name for an InprocServer32 registry key:
<Registry key="HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{00000231-0000-0010-8000-00AA006D2EA4}\InprocServer32" value="ThreadingModel"/>

Table 4-16 • Recognized Attributes for the <Registry> Subelement

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>key</strong></td>
<td>This attribute must be lowercase. The value of this attribute (for example, HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID{00000231-0000-0010-8000-00AA006D2EA4}\InprocServer32 in the above examples) indicates the name of the registry key that you want to filter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>value</strong></td>
<td>This attribute is optional:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To block changes to an entire registry key, do not include the value attribute.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To block changes to the default value of the specified key, set the value of this attribute to a null value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To block changes to the name of a value of the specified key, set the value of this attribute to the name of that registry value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Any other attributes for the <Registry> subelement are optional and are not recognized by the COM extraction process. You may want to add additional attributes to identify why an item is being excluded.

Important • Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if it’s not well formed, all of the filters fail. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the Filters.xml file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the <Filters>, <Include>, and <Exclude> elements; if you cannot, check the code for errors.

If you add subelements to the <Exclude> or <Include> elements, be sure that you do not place them within the commented-out section, since InstallShield ignores that area of the Filters.xml file.

The following sample XML code shows the format of the Filters.xml file:

```xml
<Filters>
  <Include>
    <!--Instructions on how to add files to this element. -->
  </Include>
  <Exclude>
    <!--Instructions on how to add files to this element. -->
    <Registry key="HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Interface\{00020404-0000-0000-C000-000000000046}\"/>
    <File name="12520437.cpx" path="[SystemFolder]" wrp="4.0-10.0"/>
    <File name="12520850.cpx" path="[SystemFolder]" wrp="4.0-10.0"/>
  </Exclude>
</Filters>
```
Self-Registering COM Servers

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

If you have a COM server that is self-registering, you can call the COM server’s self-registration functions at installation time to register the COM server on the target machine.

InstallShield supports different methods for indicating that a COM-related file (.ocx, .dll, .exe, .tlb, or .olb) is self-registering:

- You can specify that a particular file is self-registering. For more information, see File Properties Dialog Box.
- You can specify that a dynamic link is self-registering. For more information, see Dynamic File Link Settings Dialog Box.

Tip • If the self-registering file is part of a 64-bit component, 64-bit self-registration occurs on the target machine. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.

When you mark a COM server .dll or .ocx file as self-registering, the file’s own registration function (DllRegisterServer) is called during installation to register it with the target system, and its unregistration function (DllUnregisterServer) is called during uninstallation to unregister the file.

Registering a file with DllRegisterServer has several limitations:

- COM information registered with DllRegisterServer cannot be advertised.
- Because DllRegisterServer is .dll code, its effects cannot reliably be rolled back during a failed installation.
- DllRegisterServer cannot distinguish between per-user and per-machine COM information.
- Self-registration may require COM servers to be registered in a particular order. InstallShield self-registration (ISSelfReg) enables you to overcome this limitation.
- DllRegisterServer generally does not register a file with a relative path, as needed by systems that support side-by-side sharing.

In addition, if you use any type of self-registration in a patch, the patch will not be uninstallable.

When you mark one or more files as self-registering, InstallShield adds data to a table of your .msi database, and adds some custom actions related to self-registration to your installation Execute sequence. For details, see Self-Registration Methods and InstallShield Self-Registration (ISSelfReg).

Per-machine self-registration information is stored in the registry key HKLM\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID, and per-user self-registration information is stored in HKCU\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID; a merged view of the data is available under HKCR\CLSID.
Chapter 4
Organizing Files for Your Installation

See Also
Determining Whether a COM Server Supports Self-Registration

Self-Registration Methods

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database

On the Preferences tab of the Options dialog box, you can select whether you want to use the InstallShield self-registration method (ISSelfReg) or the Windows Installer self-registration method (SelfReg).

Note • If you use any type of self-registration in a patch, the patch will not be uninstallable.

Windows Installer Self-Registration

Windows Installer self-registration does the following:

• Registers only .dll and .ocx files.
• Registers files in arbitrary order.
• Can register 64-bit files if the self-registering file is part of a 64-bit component.

InstallShield Self-Registration

InstallShield self-registration does the following:

• Can register .exe, .tlb, .dll, and .ocx files.
• Uses batch mode registration to handle any registration dependencies at run time.
• Requires the inclusion of a self-registration engine that is 70 KB in overhead.
• Can register 64-bit files if the self-registering file is part of a 64-bit component.

Note • With InstallShield self-registration, you can specify the order in which the files are registered at run time. You can set the order in the ISSelfReg table (Order column) in the Direct Editor.

See Also
Direct Editor
InstallShield Self-Registration (ISSelfReg)

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

If you have selected ISSelfReg as the self-registration method for COM servers, and if your project contains any files (or dynamic links) marked as self-registered, InstallShield adds information about those files to the **ISSelfReg** table of your .msi database. You can view and edit the **ISSelfReg** table in the Direct Editor. To learn about the fields in this table, see **ISSelfReg Table**.

In addition, if your project contains any files (or dynamic links) marked as self-registered, InstallShield adds the following custom actions to the Execute sequence of your installation.

**Table 4-17** • Custom Actions Added to Projects that Have Self-Registering COM Servers

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISSelfRegisterCosting</strong></td>
<td>Immediate-execution action that reads the <strong>ISSelfReg</strong> table and determines which files need to be registered or unregistered. A file will be registered when its component is scheduled to be installed, and unregistered when its component is scheduled to be uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISUnSelfRegisterFiles</strong></td>
<td>Deferred-execution custom action that unregisters each file whose component is scheduled to be removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISSelfRegisterFiles</strong></td>
<td>Deferred-execution custom action that registers each file whose component is scheduled to be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISSelfRegisterFinalize</strong></td>
<td>Displays error information for files that failed to self-register.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Direct Editor

Registry-Free COM Registration

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
With Reg-Free COM, COM data is written to an application manifest file that is stored in the application folder. The manifest file is an XML file that contains information about an application and the libraries that are associated with it. Note that the Reg-Free COM manifest file, the executable file, and the COM libraries should all be installed to the same folder on the target machine.

**Benefits of Reg-Free COM**

Reg-Free COM has several advantages over traditional COM. For example, with Reg-Free COM, the component is defined within the scope of the application itself. Even if other applications that use the same COM component or a different version of it require that it be registered, it will not interfere with this application.

Problems may occur with traditional COM registration if multiple versions of shared libraries exist on a target system. For example, an installation may overwrite a new version of a shared library with an older version, or a new version might not be backwardly compatible with older versions. This may cause applications that require features of a specific version to crash. These types of situations are commonly known as *DLL Hell*. With Reg-Free COM, you can avoid these problems because other applications cannot access your application’s COM component.

In addition, Reg-Free COM streamlines the upgrade and uninstallation processes. For an upgrade, simply replace the application folder. For an uninstallation, simply remove that folder.

**Limitations of Reg-Free COM**

Reg-Free COM is not appropriate for some solutions. Several limitations exist:

- Reg-Free COM works on only Windows XP or later.
- A component is not suitable for Reg-Free COM if it is a system component or part of the operating system. In addition, it is not suitable if it is a data access component such as Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC). These types of components should not be isolated.
- A COM component can be isolated only once per application. Consider grouping COM components in a single class library as a workaround to this limitation.

**See Also**

Reg-Free COM Wizard

**Creating and Modifying Reg-Free COM Files for Your Installation**

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**Project**

*This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
Use the **Reg-Free COM Wizard** to create and modify Reg-Free COM manifest files to be included in your installation. Before you use the Reg-Free COM Wizard, you should add the COM libraries (.dll and .ocx files) and the executable file that uses them to your InstallShield project.

The wizard extracts COM information from the libraries that you specify and adds them to the application manifest files. It also creates a new component with the manifest file set as the key file. The manifest component has the same destination and condition as the associated executable-file component.

**Sample Manifest File for a Reg-Free COM File**

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```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
  <assemblyIdentity type="win32" name="Sample.exe" version="1.0.0.10"/>
  <file asmv2:size="24576" name="SampleCircle.dll">
    <hash xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:asm.v2"> ... </hash>
    <typelib flags="HASDISKIMAGE" helpdir="" resourceid="0" tlbid="{C621F4D3-8463-4B0C-9BEC-84D979C41385}" version="1.0"/>
    <comClass clsid="{C621F4D3-8463-4B0C-9BEC-84D979C41385}" description="SampleCircle.Server" progid="SampleCircle.Server" threadingModel="Apartment" tlbid="{6A2304BC-F200-4988-955E-0ACDE272B6E0}"/>
  </file>
</assembly>
```

On a Windows XP system, the presence of the manifest file enables the application to use methods from the COM library without the libraries having been registered in the target system’s registry. Windows XP uses the COM libraries in the current directory before using any other versions of the libraries that may be registered on the target system.

**Including DIMs in a Project**

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*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The contents of the manifest file include the name of the executable file, the file names of the libraries that are associated with the executable files, and the COM information. For the following sample manifest file, the name of the executable file is **Sample.exe**, and the name of the library is **SampleCircle.dll**.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
  <assemblyIdentity type="win32" name="Sample.exe" version="1.0.0.10"/>
  <file asmv2:size="24576" name="SampleCircle.dll">
    <hash xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:asm.v2"> ... </hash>
    <typelib flags="HASDISKIMAGE" helpdir="" resourceid="0" tlbid="{C621F4D3-8463-4B0C-9BEC-84D979C41385}" version="1.0"/>
    <comClass clsid="{C621F4D3-8463-4B0C-9BEC-84D979C41385}" description="SampleCircle.Server" progid="SampleCircle.Server" threadingModel="Apartment" tlbid="{6A2304BC-F200-4988-955E-0ACDE272B6E0}"/>
  </file>
</assembly>
```

On a Windows XP system, the presence of the manifest file enables the application to use methods from the COM library without the libraries having been registered in the target system’s registry. Windows XP uses the COM libraries in the current directory before using any other versions of the libraries that may be registered on the target system.
A developer installation manifest (DIM) is a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete portion of a product installation. DIM projects enable release engineers to efficiently reuse functional portions of an installation.

Working with DIMs also enables multiple developers to contribute to the development of the installation simultaneously. Each software developer can work on a separate DIM that the release engineer can reference in one or more installation projects.

This section of the documentation explains how to include a DIM project in a Basic MSI installation project. It also offers guidance on how to work with a Basic MSI project that includes one or more DIMs.

Tip • To learn how to create a DIM project, see Modularizing Installation Projects to Distribute Development Work and Enable Reuse.

**Determining the Appropriate Method for Incorporating DIMs in Installation Projects**

**InstallShield 2020**

- **Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

A developer installation manifest (DIM) is a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete portion of a product installation. Once you have created a DIM, you can add it to a Basic MSI project in one of two ways:

- **By reference**—You can add a reference for a DIM project to your Basic MSI project. With this method, the DIM elements are merged into the Basic MSI project at build time. Each time that you build the Basic MSI installation, InstallShield references the latest version of the DIM project and includes it in the installation that it generates.

  Using DIM references in Basic MSI projects enables multiple software developers to contribute to the development of the installation simultaneously. Each software developer can work on a separate DIM that the release engineer can reference in one or more installation projects.

  If you want to modify any portion of a DIM project, open the DIM project in InstallShield, make the required changes, and then rebuild any Basic MSI projects that reference that DIM.

  This method is the more commonly performed method.

  To learn more, see Referencing a DIM in a Project.

- **By import**—You can import a DIM project into your Basic MSI project. This method is a one-time, irreversible import that merges the DIM data into the Basic MSI project at design time.

  Any further changes that need to be made to the DIM data are made from within the Basic MSI project. Modifying the original DIM project does not modify the corresponding data in the Basic MSI project.

  You may want to import a DIM project to troubleshoot problems with a product or its installation. When you are importing a DIM project, you have the option to back up your Basic MSI project (.ism) before the import; this option enables you to revert back to the base Basic MSI project without the imported DIM project.

  To learn more, see Importing a DIM into a Project.
DIM projects enables developers and release engineers to reuse functional portions of an installation efficiently.

**See Also**
Modularizing Installation Projects to Distribute Development Work and Enable Reuse

### Referencing a DIM in a Project

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**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

When you add a reference for a DIM project to your Basic MSI project, the DIM elements are merged into the Basic MSI project at build time. Each time that you build the Basic MSI installation, InstallShield references the latest version of the DIM project and includes it in the installation that it generates.

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**Task** • To add a reference for a DIM to a specific feature in a Basic MSI project:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design**.
2. In the **Setup Design** explorer, right-click the feature that you want to contain the DIM reference, and then click **Add DIM Reference**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
3. Browse to the DIM project file (.dim) that you want to reference, and then select that file.
4. Click the **Open** button.

InstallShield adds to the appropriate feature a component node for each component in the DIM project.

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**Tip** • You can also use the DIM References view to add a reference for a DIM to your Basic MSI project. In this view, right-click the **DIMs** explorer and then click **Add DIM Reference**. When you add a reference through this method, the DIM is not associated with any features in the Basic MSI project. To learn how to set up the association, see **Associating a DIM Reference with a Feature**. Each referenced DIM must be associated with a feature in the Basic MSI project; otherwise, InstallShield does not include it in the Basic MSI installation that it generates at build time.

**See Also**
Importing a DIM into a Project

### Associating a DIM Reference with a Feature

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**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

When you are including a DIM reference in a Basic MSI project, the DIM reference must be associated with at least one feature; otherwise, InstallShield does not include it in the Basic MSI installation that it generates at build time.
You can associate a DIM reference with one or more features through the DIM References view or the Setup Design view of the Basic MSI project.

**Task**  
*To use the DIM References view of a Basic MSI project to associate a DIM reference with a feature:*  
1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **DIM References**.  
2. In the **DIMs** explorer, select the DIM that you want to configure.  
3. Click the **Features** tab.  
4. Select the check box of each feature that you want to contain the selected DIM. Clear the check box of each feature that should not contain the selected DIM.

**Task**  
*To use the Setup Design view of a Basic MSI project to associate a DIM reference with a feature:*  
1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design**.  
2. In the **Setup Design** explorer, right-click the feature that you want to contain the DIM reference, and then click ** Associate DIM References**. The **Associate DIM References** dialog box opens; it lists all of the DIM references that are not associated with a feature in the Basic MSI project.  
3. Select each DIM that you want to associate with the selected feature, and then click **OK**.

**See Also**  
Referencing a DIM in a Project

**Resolving Build-Time Conflicts Between a Basic MSI Project and a DIM Reference**

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*Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.*

When you build a Basic MSI release that contains a DIM reference, InstallShield merges the DIM data into the Basic MSI release that it generates. If data conflicts exist, InstallShield needs to determine which data takes precedence: the values in the DIM project or those in the Basic MSI project.

InstallShield lets you specify how you want to resolve conflicts between settings in a DIM project with those in a Basic MSI project that contains a reference to that DIM. Following are examples of different types of conflicts that may occur:

- Both projects contain a property that has the same name but different values.
- Both projects contain a string entry that has the same string identifier but different values for a particular language.
- Both projects contain a path variable that contains the same name but different values.
- Both projects contain a component that has the same name but different values for one or more of its settings.

In most cases, conflicts do not occur, since InstallShield automatically includes a DIM project-specific GUID in the names of items such as properties, string entries, path variables, and components when you create these in a DIM project, but not in a Basic MSI project. If you create a property called `MYPROPERTY` in a Basic MSI project, the property is called `MYPROPERTY`. If you create a property called `MYPROPERTY` in a DIM project, InstallShield internally calls the property `MYPROPERTY.DIM_GUID`. 
where DIM_GUID is the identifier that is defined in the DIM GUID setting of the General Information view of the DIM project. Thus, the name of the property in the DIM becomes, for example, MYPROPERTY.8356F8B7_8DE5_4E04_A77A_6FA722CBE1CC. For this particular example, you can use the Direct Editor to see the internal name of the property in the Property table of the DIM project.

**Task** To indicate how you want InstallShield to resolve conflicts between a Basic MSI project and one of its DIM references:

1. In the View List under Organization, click DIM References.
2. In the DIMs explorer, select the DIM that you want to configure.
3. Click the Build Options tab.
4. For the Conflict Resolution setting, select the appropriate value. Available options are:
   - **Use Base Project Value** — If InstallShield encounters a conflict when merging the DIM data into the Basic MSI installation at build time, InstallShield uses the value that is in the Basic MSI project instead of the value that is in the DIM project.
   - **Use DIM Project Value** — If InstallShield encounters a conflict when merging the DIM data into the Basic MSI installation at build time, InstallShield uses the value that is in the DIM project instead of the value that is in the Basic MSI project.

One possible but unlikely scenario for encountering conflicts is if you import a DIM into a Basic MSI project, modify an item in the DIM project, and then try to add a reference to the same DIM in the Basic MSI project. In this scenario, InstallShield overrides the value of the DIM setting or the value of the Basic MSI setting, depending on how you have the Conflict Resolution setting configured, to avoid a conflict.

**See Also**
- Referencing a DIM in a Project
- Identifying DIM Elements in an Installation Project

### Viewing Build Instructions for a DIM Reference

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**Project** This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

If you add a DIM reference to a Basic MSI project, it is recommended that you check to see whether the author of the DIM included any build instructions that indicate guidance, tips, or other comments that may help you determine whether additional steps may be required for the specific DIM.

**Task** To view build instructions for a DIM reference in a Basic MSI project:

1. Open the Basic MSI project that contains the DIM reference.
2. In the View List under Organization, click DIM References.
3. In the DIMs explorer, select the DIM that you want to configure.
4. Click the Instructions tab.
On the Instructions tab, InstallShield displays any comments that the author of the DIM project entered when creating or editing it.

Overriding the Destination for a DIM Reference

If you create a DIM project, you have the ability to specify the default location on target systems for the files in the DIM project. The location is typically the value of the property \texttt{INSTALLDIR} or a subfolder of that folder. When you add a DIM reference to a Basic MSI project, you can choose to use the destination location that the author of the DIM project configured, or you can override the location and specify a different location.

Task

To view the default destination that is specified for a DIM reference’s files and override it if appropriate in a Basic MSI project:

1. Open the Basic MSI project that contains the DIM reference.
2. In the View List under \textbf{Organization}, click \textbf{DIM References}.
3. In the \textbf{DIMs} explorer, select the DIM that you want to configure.
4. Click the \textbf{Build Options} tab. The \textbf{Destination} setting shows the value that author of the DIM project configured.
5. To override the default value, specify the appropriate value.

Instead of hard-coding a path, you can enter a directory property as part of the path. To select a directory property, click the ellipsis button (\ldots) in this setting. This enables you to select the appropriate directory from a list, or to create a new directory within a predefined directory. Separate further levels of subdirectories with a backslash—for example, \texttt{[ProgramFilesFolder]MyApp\Bin}.

Note that it is also possible to override destinations at the feature and component levels. For more information, see Setting the Default Product Destination Folder (\texttt{INSTALLDIR}).

See Also

Viewing Build Instructions for a DIM Reference

Scheduling Custom Actions and Dialogs from a DIM Reference

If you create a DIM project, you have the ability to create custom actions and dialogs. When you add a DIM reference to a Basic MSI project, you can schedule when you want the custom actions in that DIM to be run during the Basic MSI installation. You can also specify when during the Basic MSI installation the dialogs in that DIM should be run.
To insert custom actions and dialogs from a DIM reference into a Basic MSI project:

1. Open the Basic MSI project that contains the DIM reference.
2. In the View List under Organization, click DIM References.
3. In the DIMs explorer, select the DIM that you want to configure.
4. Click the Sequences tab.
5. In the Sequences explorer, right-click the action or dialog that you want your action to follow and click Insert. The Insert Action dialog box opens, providing a list of all the actions and dialogs that can be added to the sequence.
6. In the list at the top of the dialog box, select the type of action that you want to insert.
7. In the box that shows a list of actions, select the action that you want to insert.
8. Click OK.

See Also
Viewing Build Instructions for a DIM Reference

Opening a Referenced DIM Project from Within an Installation Project

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Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

If you are modifying a Basic MSI project that contains one or more DIM references and you want to edit the DIM project or see detailed information about it, you can open that project with the click of a link. Note that you must be able to access the DIM project from the machine on which you are modifying the Basic MSI project.

To open a referenced DIM project from within a Basic MSI project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click DIM References.
2. In the DIMs explorer, select the DIM that you want to open.
3. On the General tab, click the Launch DIM Project link.

A new instance of InstallShield launches, and the DIM project opens within InstallShield.

See Also
Viewing Build Instructions for a DIM Reference
Importing a DIM into a Project

When you import a DIM project into a Basic MSI project, InstallShield merges the DIM data into the Basic MSI project. The import is a one-time, irreversible action.

You may want to import a DIM project to troubleshoot problems with a product or its installation. When you are importing a DIM project, you have the option to back up your Basic MSI project (.ism) before the import; this option enables you to revert back to the base Basic MSI project without the imported DIM project.

Task

To import a DIM into a specific feature in a Basic MSI project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design.
2. In the Setup Design explorer, right-click the feature that you want to contain the DIM, and then click Import DIM Wizard. The Import DIM Wizard dialog box opens.
3. Complete each panel of the wizard.

See Also
Import DIM Wizard

Resolving Design-Time Conflicts While Importing a DIM Into a Basic MSI Project

When you import a DIM project into an installation project, InstallShield merges the DIM data into the installation project. If data conflicts exist, InstallShield needs to determine which data takes precedence: the values in the DIM project or those in the Basic MSI project.

InstallShield lets you specify how you want to resolve conflicts between settings in the two projects when you are importing. Following are examples of different types of conflicts that may occur:

- Both projects contain a property that has the same name but different values.
- Both projects contain a string entry that has the same string identifier but different values for a particular language.
- Both projects contain a path variable that contains the same name but different values.
- Both projects contain a component that has the same name but different values for one or more of its settings.

If InstallShield encounters a conflict when importing a DIM project, the Resolve Conflict dialog box opens. This dialog box is where you specify how you want to proceed. To learn more, see Resolve Conflict Dialog Box.

In most cases, conflicts do not occur, since InstallShield automatically includes a DIM project–specific GUID in the names of items such as properties, string entries, path variables, and components when you create these in a DIM project, but not in a Basic MSI project. If you create a property called MYPROPERTY in a Basic MSI project, the property is called MYPROPERTY. If
you create a property called MYPROPERTY in a DIM project, InstallShield internally calls the property MYPROPERTY.DIM_GUID, where DIM_GUID is the identifier that is defined in the DIM GUID setting of the General Information view of the DIM project. Thus, the name of the property in the DIM becomes, for example, MYPROPERTY.8356F8B7_8DE5_4E04_A77A_6FA722CBE1CC. For this particular example, you can use the Direct Editor to see the internal name of the property in the Property table of the DIM project.

**See Also**
Importing a DIM into a Project
Import DIM Wizard

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**Identifying DIM Elements in an Installation Project**

When you create a DIM project in InstallShield, InstallShield assigns the project a GUID. This GUID helps to differentiate separate DIM projects. InstallShield also includes this GUID throughout various areas of the DIM project and any Basic MSI project that contains the DIM to identify the data as originating in the DIM.

For example, if you include a file called MyFile.exe in a DIM project that has a GUID of 8356F8B7_8DE5_4E04_A77A_6FA722CBE1CC, InstallShield writes the following value for this file in the File table of the DIM project:

MyFile.exe.8356F8B7_8DE5_4E04_A77A_6FA722CBE1CC

If you include that same MyFile.exe source file in a different DIM project, InstallShield would append a different GUID to the end of the file’s File table entry. If you import the DIM project into a Basic MSI project, InstallShield also imports this file-GUID entry into the File table of a Basic MSI project. If you add MyFile.exe directly to a Basic MSI project, InstallShield does not append a GUID to the end of the file name. If you import the DIM that contains MyFile.exe into a Basic MSI project, you will see the

InstallShield uses the DIM GUID for files, components, path variables, and other types of installation data. This helps to make it easy to identify which parts of a Basic MSI project are included directly in the Basic MSI project, and which originate from various DIM projects that are referenced in or imported into the Basic MSI project.

The use of GUIDs also helps prevent conflicts. For example, if you use different values for a specific path variable in multiple DIM projects, import those DIMs into a Basic MSI project that uses another different value for the path variable, you will not encounter any conflicts. InstallShield uses the appropriate values for each path variable instance when building your Basic MSI installation.

**See Also**
Resolving Build-Time Conflicts Between a Basic MSI Project and a DIM Reference
Resolving Design-Time Conflicts While Importing a DIM Into a Basic MSI Project
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Overriding Path Variables in a DIM Project for Use in an Installation Project

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Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

Depending on how the author of a DIM project defined the project’s path variables, it may be necessary for you to override their values when you build a Basic MSI release that includes that DIM. Otherwise, when you build the installation, you may encounter errors because of missing files, or the wrong files may be included in your build.

InstallShield offers several ways for overriding the path variables in a DIM project:

- If you are building a Basic MSI release and you want to override a path variable for a DIM that was imported into the Basic MSI project, you can use the Path Variable Overrides setting on the Build tab in the Releases view.

- If you are building from the command line with ISCmdBld.exe, use the -1 parameter to specify a path variable name and new value. Use this method if you are building an installation for a Basic MSI project that contains one or more DIMs.

- If you are building through MSBuild or Team Foundation Server (TFS), use the PathVariables parameter on the InstallShield task. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldPathVariableOverrides when the default targets file is used.

- You can open the DIM project and update values of path variables as needed. To learn how to open the DIM project from within an open Basic MSI project, see Opening a Referenced DIM Project from Within an Installation Project.

At build time, InstallShield (or the Standalone Build) uses the path variable overrides that you set when obtaining the source files for your project and building the release.

For more information as well as tips on using path variables in DIM projects, see Using Path Variables in a DIM.

See Also
Using Path Variables
Configuring the Target System

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**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

In addition, certain portions do not apply to certain types of project, as noted.

Every installation changes the target system in some way. The simplest installations might only copy files. More in-depth installations make registry changes, edit .ini files, create shortcuts, configure ODBC resources, use environment variables, modify XML files, modify text files, schedule tasks, and install and control Windows services. For more information on how to configure the target system, refer to this section of the documentation.

See Also
Shortcuts View
Registry View
INI File Changes View
ODBC Resources View
Environment Variables View
XML File Changes View
Text File Changes View
Scheduled Tasks View
Services View

Creating Shortcuts and Program Folders

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**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
You can create shortcuts and program folders on the Windows desktop and on the Start menu by using the Shortcuts explorer in the Shortcuts view. Like files, shortcuts are associated with components. In installation projects, they are created on the target system only if the feature to which the component belongs is selected for installation.

See Also
Shortcuts View

Types of Shortcuts

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

InstallShield offers several types of shortcuts:

Table 4-1 • Types of Shortcuts

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<th>Project Type</th>
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| New Shortcut           | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Creates a new shortcut to a file that exists in your project.  
  Note • This option is disabled when there is no file specified for a component. |
| New Advertised Shortcut| Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Creates an advertised shortcut. The component’s files are not installed to the target system until the end user launches the shortcut. |
Table 4-1 • Types of Shortcuts (cont.)

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<td><strong>New Internet Shortcut</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Creates an Internet shortcut (one whose Internet Shortcut setting is set to Yes) with a default value of <a href="http://www.YourCompanyName.com">http://www.YourCompanyName.com</a> for the Target setting; change this value to the desired URL.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>New Shortcut to Preexisting File</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Creates a shortcut to a file that already exists on the target system.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>New Folder</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Creates a program folder. You can create a program folder if you want your shortcut to appear under your company name, for example.</td>
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Creating Shortcuts

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- **Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - DIM
  - InstallScript
  - InstallScript MSI
  - InstallScript Object
  - Merge Module
  - MSI Database
  - MSM Database
  - Transform

Before you create a shortcut, you should create at least one feature and component. If you have not created a component when you create your first shortcut, InstallShield creates a component for you. You can change the component to which the shortcut belongs by configuring the shortcut’s Component setting.
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**Task**

*To create a shortcut:*

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Shortcuts**.

2. In the **Shortcuts** explorer, right-click one of the destination directories and then click the appropriate command. For a list of available commands, see **Types of Shortcuts**.

   InstallShield adds a new shortcut with the default name **NewShortcutN** (where \( N \) is a successive number).

3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click **Rename** to give it a new name.

4. Configure the shortcut’s settings.

For details about each of the settings that you can configure for shortcuts and folders, see:

- **Shortcut Settings**
- **Folder Settings**

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**Note** • You can create a program folder if you want your shortcut to appear under your company name, for example. When you have created a folder for your shortcut, you can create the shortcut by right-clicking your new folder and then clicking **New Shortcut**.

*You cannot create shortcuts to a dynamically linked file. For more information, see Limitations of Dynamic File Linking.*

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**Tip** • You can also use the Components view or—in installation projects only—the Setup Design view to create a shortcut. If you use either the Components view or the Setup Design view, click the **Shortcuts** item in the explorer; a separate **Shortcuts** explorer opens in a new pane.

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**See Also**

- Shortcuts View
- Specifying the Icon for a Shortcut
- Creating Shortcuts and Program Folders

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**Configuring Shortcut Settings**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
•  **MSM Database**
•  **Transform**

When you have created a shortcut, you need to configure its settings. Shortcut settings enable you to link your shortcut to a file, provide a description of the shortcut, or pass arguments.

**Task**  
To configure the settings for a shortcut:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Shortcuts**.
2. In the **Shortcuts** explorer, click the shortcut. The shortcut’s settings are displayed in the right pane.
3. Configure the settings as needed.

For details about each of the settings that you can configure for shortcuts and folders, see:

•  **Shortcut Settings**
•  **Folder Settings**

**Specifying the Icon for a Shortcut**

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**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

•  **Basic MSI**
•  **DIM**
•  **InstallScript**
•  **InstallScript MSI**
•  **InstallScript Object**
•  **Merge Module**
•  **MSI Database**
•  **MSM Database**
•  **Transform**

InstallShield enables you to specify the icon that should be used for a shortcut that is created on the target system at run time.

**Task**  
To specify the icon for a shortcut:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Shortcuts**.
2. In the **Shortcuts** explorer, click the shortcut whose icon you want to specify. The shortcut’s settings are displayed in the right pane.
3. In the **Icon File** setting, specify the file that contains the icon for the shortcut that you are creating. You must specify an .ico file or the executable file (.dll or .exe) that contains the icon resource.
For Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module projects: You can either type the fully qualified path to the file that contains the icon, or click the ellipsis (…) button to browse to it.

For InstallScript projects: Type the fully qualified path to the file on the target system that contains the icon.

4. If the icon file that you specify contains more than one icon resource, enter the index in the Icon Index setting.
   A nonnegative integer refers to the order of the icon resources in the executable file. For example, 0 refers to the first icon in the file, 1 refers to the second icon, and 2 refers to the third icon.

InstallShield changes the icon that is displayed for the shortcut in the Shortcuts explorer to the one that you specified, unless either of the following conditions is true:

- The project type is InstallScript.
- The shortcut is for a pre-existing file on the target system.

For both of the aforementioned conditions, the icon file is not known until run time. Therefore, InstallShield shows the following icon for each shortcut in the Shortcuts explorer, instead of displaying the icon that is used at run time on target systems.

InstallShield also uses this icon for a shortcut in the Shortcuts explorer if the file that is selected in the Icon File setting does not contain an icon.

**Project** • For Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects: Since Windows Installer requires a separate icon when the component is advertised, InstallShield extracts the icon from any executable file that you specify.

**Tip** • For Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and merge module projects: You can also right-click the icon in the Shortcuts view and then click Change Shortcut icon to specify a different shortcut icon. InstallShield updates the value in the Icon settings with the values that you specify using this method.

**See Also**
Shortcuts View

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**Creating Internet Shortcuts**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
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- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

An Internet shortcut is a text file with the .url extension.

Task
To create an Internet shortcut that opens your Web site:

1. Create a text file called MySite.url with the following contents:

   [InternetShortcut]
   URL=http://www.MySite.com

2. Add this file to a component.

   Otherwise, if you simply right-click and click Add, you will add what the shortcut points to and not the shortcut itself.

   When the end user launches the shortcut, the specified Web site (www.MySite.com) opens in the default browser.

Creating Shortcuts to Folders

InstallShield 2020

Project  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

InstallShield lets you create a shortcut to a folder. The method that you use to create a shortcut to a folder depends on the project type that you are using.

Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform Projects

The Target setting of a shortcut can contain a directory identifier inside square brackets. For example, to create a shortcut to INSTALLDIR, create a shortcut with the following settings:

- Display Name: Shortcut to INSTALLDIR
- Advertised: No
- Target: [INSTALLDIR]
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The **AddFolderIcon** function creates a shortcut to a folder if you pass the path to the folder in the third (**szCommandLine**) parameter.

For example, this code creates a shortcut to the Common Files folder in the end user’s Program Files folder:

```csharp
ProgDefGroupType(COMMON)

szFolder = TARGETDIR;
LongPathToQuote(szFolder, TRUE);

AddFolderIcon(
    ProgramMenuFolder, // where shortcut will appear
    "Shortcut to TARGETDIR", // shortcut display name
    szFolder, // what shortcut launches
    "", // working directory
    TARGETDIR ^ "Sample.exe", 0, // icon file, index
    ", // shortcut key
    NULL); // special settings
```

InstallScript MSI Project

Use the same basic procedure as in the preceding InstallScript section, changing all occurrences of TARGETDIR to INSTALLDIR in the example code.

Specifying a Keyboard Shortcut for Accessing a Shortcut

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Keyboard shortcuts—also sometimes called hot keys—enable you to perform tasks quickly by pressing a combination of keys, such as CTRL+ALT+A, instead of using the mouse. You can assign a keyboard shortcut to your product’s shortcut so that end users can press the appropriate hot keys to launch the shortcut.

**Caution** • It is recommended that you avoid configuring keyboard shortcuts for your shortcuts because they may conflict with existing keyboard shortcuts on the target system.
**Task**

To assign a keyboard shortcut to a shortcut in your project:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Shortcuts**.
2. In the **Shortcuts** explorer, select the shortcut for which you are specifying a hot key.
3. In the **Hot Key** setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The **Hot Key** dialog box opens.
4. Press the keyboard shortcut that you want to use for this shortcut.
5. Click **OK**.

In the Hot Key setting, InstallShield displays the appropriate decimal value that represents the combination of keys that you pressed.

For example, if your key combination is CTRL+ALT+A, InstallShield displays 1601 in this setting. This number is obtained by combining the hex value of CTRL (200) and the hex value of ALT (400) with the logical Or operator. Then, that number (600) is added to the hex value for the A key (41) and converted to a decimal value. In this example, the number that is converted to decimal is 641. After the conversion, it is 1601.

**Renaming Shortcuts**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

When you create a shortcut, your shortcut appears with a default internal name. This name is not displayed to end users, but you can change it to something that is relevant to your project.

**Task**

To rename a shortcut:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Shortcuts**.
2. In the **Shortcuts** explorer, right-click the shortcut that you want to rename and click **Rename**.
3. Type the new name.

**See Also**

Shortcuts View
Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

InstallShield lets you specify one or more shortcut properties that you want the Windows Shell to set at installation run time. For example, InstallShield has built-in support for enabling you to set Shell properties that control the following behavior:

- Suppressing Initial Pinning of a Shortcut to the Windows 8 Start Screen
- Specifying Whether End Users Should Be Able to Pin a Shortcut to the Taskbar or Start Menu
- Preventing a Shortcut on the Start Menu from Being Highlighted as Newly Installed

InstallShield also lets you set additional properties that the Windows Shell supports. To learn more, see Setting Custom Shell Properties.

See Also
Shortcuts View

Suppressing Initial Pinning of a Shortcut to the Windows 8 Start Screen

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Project-specific differences are noted where applicable.
InstallShield lets you specify whether you want to suppress the initial pinning of a shortcut to the Start screen on Windows 8 target systems.

**Note** • *Windows 8.1 disabled automatic pinning of freshly installed applications/shortcuts.*

If you specify that you want shortcut pinning to be suppressed, the installation sets a Windows Shell property that was introduced in Windows 8. You may want to disable pinning for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation.

Earlier versions of Windows ignore this shortcut property.

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**Task**

**To specify whether pinning a shortcut to the Windows 8 Start screen should be suppressed by default:**

1. In the View List under *System Configuration*, click *Shortcuts*.

2. In the *Shortcuts* explorer, select the shortcut that you want to configure. The shortcut’s settings are displayed in the right pane.

3. In the *Shell Properties* setting, click the *Add New Shell Shortcut Property* button, and then click *Suppress Initial Pin to Windows 8 Start Screen*. InstallShield adds a new *Key Name* setting, plus additional rows of related settings under it, and configures them as needed.

Windows Installer 5 introduced support for shortcut properties. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these settings.

Note that Windows 8 maintains information about shortcut pinning to the Start screen after a shortcut is removed by uninstalling the application. Therefore, this setting has no effect on the target system if the shortcut has already been installed on it. Thus, when you are testing this functionality, ensure that you test on a clean machine—one on which this shortcut and its target have never been installed.

For Windows Installer–based projects (Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform), some end users have reported run-time warnings or errors with a message such as the following one when Windows Installer is installing a shortcut that configures Shell properties:

Property [1] for shortcut ‘[2].lnk’ could not be set.

In the aforementioned message, [1] is the name of the Shell property that Windows Installer is attempting to set, and [2].lnk is the name of the shortcut file. In such cases, it appears that the .lnk file could be locked by a different process.

**InstallScript Language Support**

The following InstallScript functions enable you to prevent the pinning of a shortcut to the Start screen:

- `CreateShortcut`
- `SetShortcutProperty`

**See Also**

- *Shortcuts View*
- *Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut*
Specifying Whether End Users Should Be Able to Pin a Shortcut to the Taskbar or Start Menu

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Project-specific differences are noted where applicable.

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want the context menu commands for pinning a shortcut to the taskbar and to the Start menu are to be displayed after end users install your product. You may want to disable pinning for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation. Note that if you configure the shortcut to prevent this pinning, the target of the shortcut is ineligible for inclusion in the most frequently used list on the Start menu.

If you configure a shortcut to prevent this pinning functionality, the installation sets a Windows Shell property. By default, the property is not set for new shortcuts, so end users are able to pin the shortcut to the taskbar and to the Start menu.

Note that shortcuts that contain certain strings cannot be pinned to the taskbar or the Start menu, and they cannot be displayed in the most frequently used list. Examples are:

- Documentation
- Help
- Install
- Remove
- Setup
- Support

Note that the method for hiding the context menu commands varies, depending on the project type that you are using.

Instructions for Windows Installer–Based Projects

For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects, use the Shell Properties setting to hide the context menu commands.

Task

To hide the context menu commands for pinning a shortcut to the taskbar or Start menu:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Shortcuts.
2. In the Shortcuts explorer, select the shortcut that you want to configure. The shortcut’s settings are displayed in the right pane.
3. In the **Shell Properties** setting, click the **Add New Shell Shortcut Property** button, and then click **Prevent Pinning**. InstallShield adds a new **Key Name** setting, plus additional rows of related settings under it, and configures them as needed.

To allow the context menu commands to be displayed, find the Key Name setting that has a Property subsetting with either of the following, and click the **Delete this shortcut shell property** button in the Key Name setting:

- `System.AppUserModel.PreventPinning`
- `{9F4C2855-9F79-4B39-A8D0-E1D42DE1D5F3}, 9`

Windows Installer 5 introduced support for this shortcut property. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting.

Note that for Windows Installer–based installations, some end users have reported run-time warnings or errors with a message such as the following one when Windows Installer is installing a shortcut that configures Shell properties:

```
Property [1] for shortcut '[2].lnk' could not be set.
```

In the aforementioned message, [1] is the name of the Shell property that Windows Installer is attempting to set, and [2].lnk is the name of the shortcut file. In such cases, it appears that the .lnk file could be locked by a different process.

**Instructions for InstallScript Projects**

For InstallScript projects, use the Prevent Pinning setting.

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**Task**

**To hide the context menu commands for pinning a shortcut to the taskbar or Start menu:**

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Shortcuts**.
2. In the **Shortcuts** explorer, select the shortcut that you want to configure. The shortcut’s settings are displayed in the right pane.
3. In the **Prevent Pinning** setting, select **Yes**.

Windows 7 introduced support for this setting. Earlier versions of Windows ignore this setting.

**InstallScript Language Support**

The following InstallScript functions enable you to hide the context menu commands for pinning a shortcut to the taskbar or the Start menu:

- `CreateShortcut`
- `SetShortcutProperty`

**See Also**

- [Shortcuts View](#)
- [Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut](#)

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**Preventing a Shortcut on the Start Menu from Being Highlighted as Newly Installed**

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**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:
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• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

Project-specific differences are noted where applicable.

InstallShield lets you optionally prevent a shortcut on the Start menu from being highlighted as newly installed after end users install your product. This has the same effect as clearing the Highlight newly installed programs check box in the Customize Start Menu dialog box for an individual item on a target system. You may want to set this property for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation.

If you specify that you want to prevent the highlight functionality for a shortcut, the installation sets a Windows Shell property. By default, the property is not set for new shortcuts.

Note that the method for preventing the highlight behavior varies, depending on the project type that you are using.

Instructions for Windows Installer–Based Projects

For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects, use the Shell Properties setting to prevent the highlight behavior.

Task To prevent the Start menu entry for a shortcut from being highlighted as newly installed:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Shortcuts.
2. In the Shortcuts explorer, select the shortcut that you want to configure. The shortcut’s settings are displayed in the right pane.
3. In the Shell Properties setting, click the Add New Shell Shortcut Property button, and then click Do Not Highlight as New. InstallShield adds a new Key Name setting, plus additional rows of related settings under it, and configures them as needed.

To enable the Start menu entry to be highlighted, find the Key Name setting that has a Property subsetting with either of the following, and click the Delete this shortcut shell property button in the Key Name setting:

• System.AppUserModel.ExcludeFromShowInNewInstall
• {9F4C2855-9F79-4B39-A8D0-E1D42DE1D5F3}, 8

Windows Installer 5 introduced support for this shortcut property. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this property.

Note that for Windows Installer–based installations, some end users have reported run-time warnings or errors with a message such as the following one when Windows Installer is installing a shortcut that configures Shell properties:

Property [1] for shortcut ’[2].lnk’ could not be set.

In the aforementioned message, [1] is the name of the Shell property that Windows Installer is attempting to set, and [2].lnk is the name of the shortcut file. In such cases, it appears that the .lnk file could be locked by a different process.
Instructions for InstallScript Projects

For InstallScript projects, use the Do Not Highlight as New setting.

Task

To prevent the Start menu entry for a shortcut from being highlighted as newly installed:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Shortcuts.
2. In the Shortcuts explorer, select the shortcut that you want to configure. The shortcut’s settings are displayed in the right pane.
3. In the Do Not Highlight as New setting, select Yes.

Windows 7 introduced support for this setting. Earlier versions of Windows ignore this setting.

InstallScript Language Support

The following InstallScript functions enable you to prevent the highlight behavior:

- CreateShortcut
- SetShortcutProperty

See Also

Shortcuts View
Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut

Setting Custom Shell Properties

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Project-specific differences are noted where applicable.

InstallShield lets you specify one or more shortcut properties that need to be set by the Windows Shell at run time. The properties that the Shell can set are defined in propkey.h, which is part of the Windows SDK.

Note that the method for preventing the highlight behavior varies, depending on the project type that you are using.
Instructions for Windows Installer-Based Projects

For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects, use the Shell Properties setting to set one or more Shell properties.

Task

To set a Shell property for a shortcut that is in your project:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Shortcuts.

2. In the Shortcuts explorer, select the shortcut that you want to configure. The shortcut’s settings are displayed in the right pane.

3. In the Shell Properties setting, click the Add New Shell Shortcut Property button, and then click Custom Property. InstallShield adds a new Key Name setting, plus additional rows of related settings under it, with placeholder text.

4. Configure each of the settings as needed.

You can add multiple properties for the shortcut if necessary.

Windows Installer 5 introduced support for the Shell shortcut properties. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these properties.

For more information about configuring shortcut properties, see MsiShortcutProperty Table in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Note that for Windows Installer–based installations, some end users have reported run-time warnings or errors with a message such as the following one when Windows Installer is installing a shortcut that configures Shell properties:

Property [1] for shortcut ‘[2].lnk’ could not be set.

In the aforementioned message, [1] is the name of the Shell property that Windows Installer is attempting to set, and [2].lnk is the name of the shortcut file. In such cases, it appears that the .lnk file could be locked by a different process.

InstallScript Language Support

The following InstallScript functions enable you to configure Shell properties in InstallScript projects and in other project types:

- CreateShortcut
- SetShortcutProperty

See Also

Shortcuts View
Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut

Creating Uninstallation Shortcuts for Basic MSI Projects

CreateShell 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.
According to current Windows logo guidelines, best practice is to not place shortcuts to remove the application in the Start menu. An uninstallation shortcut is unnecessary because your application’s uninstaller is in Add or Remove Programs.

You can create an uninstallation shortcut to make it easier for end users to uninstall your product from their systems. When launched, the shortcut automatically starts the uninstallation process.

### Task

**To create an uninstallation shortcut:**

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Shortcuts**.
2. In the **Shortcuts** explorer, right-click the destination directory that should contain the uninstallation shortcut, and then click **New Shortcut to Preexisting file**. InstallShield adds a new shortcut with the default name `NewShortcutN` (where `N` is a successive number).
3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click **Rename** to give it a new name.
4. In the **Arguments** field, type `/x [ProductCode]`. Separate the two arguments with a space.
   
   `msiexec.exe` is the command-line engine for the Windows Installer service. The `/x` argument instructs the Windows Installer service to uninstall the product referenced by the product code.
5. Set the **Advertised** field to **No**.
6. In the **Target** field, select `[SystemFolder]`, and then append `msiexec.exe` to this location.
7. In the **Component** field, select the component with which you want this shortcut associated. If the shortcut should always be installed, associate it with the component containing your application’s main executable file.

### See Also

- Creating Shortcuts and Program Folders
- Files and Folders View
- Creating Uninstallation Shortcuts for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

### Creating Uninstallation Shortcuts for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

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You can create an uninstallation shortcut to make it easier for end users to uninstall your product from their systems. When end users launch the shortcut, the uninstallation process automatically starts.

The following InstallScript code creates a shortcut called **Uninstall Application** on the desktop after file transfer. Launching this shortcut runs your installation in maintenance mode. This code works for both InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects.

```installscript
function OnMoved()
begin
  if( !REMOVEALLMODE ) then
    AddFolderIcon( FOLDER_DESKTOP, "Uninstall Application", UNINSTALL_STRING + ADDREMOVE_STRING_REMOVEONLY, ",", 0, "", REPLACE );
  endif;
end;
```

**Tip** • *If you include ADDREMOVE_STRING_REMOVEONLY, -removeonly is added to the command line. As a result, REMOVEONLY is set, and the OnMaintUIBefore event handler shows only the uninstallation option. To display the standard maintenance user interface, do not include ADDREMOVE_STRING_REMOVEONLY.*

**See Also**
- Using InstallScript
- AddFolderIcon
- ADDREMOVE_STRING_REMOVEONLY
- OnMaintUIBefore

**Configuring the Appearance of a Desktop App’s Tile on the Start Screen**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Windows 8 introduced a grid of application tiles to the Start screen, replacing the usual list of shortcuts, and also presented tiles in place of shortcuts. InstallShield supports customizing the appearance of a desktop app’s tile on the Start screen. The following tile configuration settings are available:

- A toggle between light or dark text when including the app name on medium-sized (150x150) tiles
- Choice of tile background color
- Option to use custom tile images (small: 70x70 and medium:150x150)
Preference to show or hide the app name on medium-sized tiles

The **Tile Configurations** node appears in the main **Shortcuts** view and in each component’s **Shortcuts** subview. Any applicable tile configurations are listed. For a component, **Tile Configurations** only applies if it is a configuration for an .exe file in that component. For the main view, it only applies if the filtering includes the component targeting the configured .exe file.

**Note** • While there is a relation between shortcuts and tiles, they are different. You can configure shortcuts individually, and even create multiple shortcuts to the same .exe file that use different icons; however, you can only create one tile configuration per .exe file.

**Task**

**To configure the appearance of a desktop app’s tile on the Start screen:**

1. In the **Shortcuts** view, or in the **Shortcuts** node of the **Setup Design** or **Components** view, click **Shortcuts**.
2. Right-click **Tile Configurations** and choose the **Add Tile Configuration** context menu option.

**Note** • This step assumes an .exe file has been added to the project. If an .exe file does not exist in the project, the **Add Tile Configuration** context menu option is disabled.

**Tip** • Alternatively, you can right-click the shortcut that targets the .exe file for which you want to configure a Start screen tile and then choose the **Configure Tile** context menu option. A new tile configuration is added (and selected). If a configuration has already been added for the shortcut, the **Configure Tile** option is disabled.

3. In the resulting Browse for Tile Target dialog box, navigate to and select the .exe file for the app whose tile appearance you want to configure. A new tile configuration is added.

4. Use any of the settings available for **Tile Configurations** to customize the appearance of a desktop app’s tile on the Start screen. For additional information regarding available settings, refer to **Tile Configuration Settings**.

**See Also**

**Shortcuts View**

**Tile Configuration Settings**

**Editing the Registry**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
The Windows registry is a system-wide database that contains configuration information used by applications and the operating system. The registry stores all kinds of information, including the following:

- Application information such as company name, product name, and version number
- Path information that enables your application to run
- Uninstallation information that enables end users to uninstall the application easily without interfering with other applications on the system
- System-wide file associations for documents created by an application
- License information
- Default settings for application options such as window positions

**Keys, Value Names, and Values**

The registry consists of a set of keys arranged hierarchically under the My Computer explorer. Just under My Computer are several root keys. An installation can add keys and values to any root key of the registry. The root keys that are typically affected by installations are:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
- HKEY_USERS
- HKEY_CURRENT_USER
- HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT

A key is a named location in the registry. A key can contain a subkey, a value name and value pair, and a default (unnamed) value. A value name and value pair is a two-part data structure under a key. The value name identifies a value for storage under a key, and the value is the actual data associated with a value name. When a value name is unspecified for a value, that value is the default value for that key. Each key can have only one default (unnamed) value.

Note that the terms key and subkey are relative. In the registry, a key that is below another key can be referred to as a subkey or as a key, depending on how you want to refer to it relative to another key in the registry hierarchy.

**InstallShield Projects and the Registry**

InstallShield includes the Registry view to help you with the task of modifying the end user’s registry. Use this view to create keys and values in much the same way that you use the Windows Registry Editor.

All registry data (except the <Default> registry set in a InstallScript project) must be associated with a component. In installation projects, if the component’s feature is selected for installation, the component’s registry data are set up on the target system.

**Caution** • It is important not to modify or delete registry keys indiscriminately because the registry is a vital part of the Windows operating system, and the system may fail to function if vital registry keys are altered.
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Note • The installer automatically creates certain registry entries based on values that you provide in the General Information view.

Windows Logo • These “informational keys” are required if you want to meet the requirements for the Windows logo program.

Also, all of a component’s advanced settings are used to register files on the target system.

See Also
Registry View
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

Filtering Registry Entries by Component or Feature

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform

Several project types (DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database) do not include support for features; these project types have support for by filtering by component, but not by feature.

The Registry view includes a View Filter. This filter enables you to select a component or feature whose registry data you want to display in the view.

The View Filter lists your project’s hierarchy of features, subfeatures, and components. Selecting a feature shows the registry data for all of the components in that feature, but it allows you only to modify and delete existing entries. You need to select a component in order to add a new registry key.

If the feature hierarchy contains a subfeature, selecting a parent feature displays only the registry entries in that feature. It does not display the registry entries in the subfeature.

Browsing for Components

You can browse for components from within the registry explorer. Click the ellipsis button to the right of the View Filter to launch the Browse for Component dialog box. From that dialog box, you can select a feature in the Feature list and then select an existing component or click the new component button to create a new component.

If the View Filter is set to All Application Data, you can right-click a registry hive in the Destination computer’s registry view pane and click Browse for Component to display the dialog box.
Viewing All Registry Entries in Your Project

To view all of the registry entries in your installation, select the All Application Data option in the View Filter. You can export registry data by selecting Export All or Export Selected Branch from the context menu after right-clicking a registry key.

**Note** • You can modify, rename, or delete registry keys and values while filtering the view by All Application Data.

When you click a registry key in the Destination computer’s Registry view pane of the Registry view, InstallShield displays all of the registry data for that key in the lower-right pane of the Registry view. The Component column shows the component with which the registry data is associated. If the same value exists for more than one component, the last component that was associated with the registry data is displayed.

If you have not set a value for a key, no registry data is displayed for that key when you select All Application Data in the View Filter.

**See Also**
Registry View
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

Refreshing the Registry View

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

**Task** • To refresh the Registry view:

Press F12.

**See Also**
Registry View
Creating Registry Keys

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

**Task**

To specify a registry key to be created on the target system when a component is installed:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.

2. In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform, and QuickPatch projects—In the View Filter list, click the component with which you want to associate the registry data.

3. In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, right-click a registry hive or key, point to New, and then click Key. InstallShield adds a new key with the name New Key-n (where n is a successive number).

4. Enter a meaningful name to rename the key, or right-click the key and click Rename to give it a new name later.

By default, all keys that you create are set for automatic installation and uninstallation. This means that they are installed if the component they belong to is installed, and they are uninstalled when that component in uninstalled. For more information on registry key flags, see Registry Flags.

**Tip**

You can create multiple nested keys at one time by creating a new key and typing, for example, Key 1\Key 2\Key 3 in the key’s name. InstallShield creates a nested key structure where Key 3 is a subkey of Key 2, which is a subkey of Key 1.
See Also
Writing Property Values to the Registry
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

Dragging and Dropping Registry Entries to Create Registry Keys

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

The quickest way to add registry entries to your installation project is to drag them from one of the source panes in the Registry view and drop them into one of the destination panes. When you drop an entire key onto the Destination computer's Registry view pane, all of that key's subkeys and values are added to the selected component or, in a InstallScript project, to the registry set on which you drop the entry.

Using the Context Menu to Drag and Drop Keys

You can use the context menu to move multiple keys and values at one time. Right-click a registry entry, drag it to a destination, and click a command on the context menu.

Table 4-2 • Commands Available from the Registry Entry Context Menu

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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>All keys &amp; values</td>
<td>Adds all selected keys, subkeys, and values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Key and its values only</td>
<td>Adds only the selected key and the key's values. No subkeys are added.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Only this key</td>
<td>Adds only the selected key, not any of its subkeys or values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Ends the drag and drop operation without making any changes.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Viewing Both the 32- and 64-Bit Areas of the Source Machine’s Registry on 64-Bit Development Systems

If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit development system, the Registry view in InstallShield displays both the 32-bit and 64-bit areas of your machine’s registry:
• HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software
• HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node

This support enables you to drag and drop entries from those source areas to the appropriate areas in the destination pane of this view when you are configuring registry data changes for your project.

Note that if you want your installation to install registry data to a 64-bit area of the registry on 64-bit target systems without having it redirected to a 32-bit area, you must place the registry data in a component that is marked as 64 bit. Simply dragging 64-bit data from the source panes in the Registry view to a location in one of the destination panes of the view does not mark the component as 64 bit. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.

Importing Data From Another Machine

A limitation of the drag-and-drop procedure is that it works only if the registry entries exist on your installation development system. If you have registry data from another machine, you can import that data with the Import REG File Wizard.

Removing Registry Keys

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Transform
• QuickPatch

Task • To remove a registry key:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.

2. In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform, and QuickPatch projects—In the View Filter list, click the component that contains the registry key, or select All Application Data to view all of the registry keys for your product.

   In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects—In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, open the existing registry set that contains the registry key.

3. In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, right-click the registry key that you want to remove and then click Delete.
Creating Registry Values

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

**Task** • To specify a registry value to be created on the target system:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Registry**.

2. In the **Destination computer’s Registry view** pane, click the key to which you want to add a value. All existing registry values for that key are listed in the **Destination computer’s registry data** pane.

3. Right-click in the list of values and then click the type of data you want to register. Available options are as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default Value</td>
<td>The key’s default value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String Value</td>
<td>A fixed-length text string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Binary Value</td>
<td>The value is interpreted and stored as a hexadecimal value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DWORD Value</td>
<td>Data represented by a number that is four bytes (32 bits) long.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Multi-String Value</td>
<td>Multiple text strings formatted as an array of null-terminated strings, and terminated by two null characters. Selecting this command launches the Multi-Line String Value dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expandable String Value</td>
<td>The value is interpreted and stored as an expandable string. According to the Microsoft Developer Network (MSDN), an expandable string registry value is a null-terminated string that contains unexpanded references to environment variables (for example, %PATH%).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

InstallShield adds a new value with the name New Value n (where n is a successive number). Enter a meaningful name now to rename the value, or right-click the value name and then click Rename to give it a new name later.
Project • In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform, and QuickPatch projects, any registry value can serve as the component’s key path.

See Also
Setting Key Paths for Components
Entering Multi-Line String Values for Registry Keys
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

Modifying Registry Value Data

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

Task • To modify the data for a registry value to be created on the target system:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.

2. In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, click the registry key that has the value that you want to modify. All registry values are listed in the Destination computer’s registry data pane.

3. Double-click the value that you want to modify. The Edit Registry Data dialog box or the Multi-Line String Value dialog box opens.

4. Complete the information in the dialog box, and then click OK.

Project • In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform, and QuickPatch projects—To add value data that contains square brackets ([]), you must precede each bracket with a backslash (\) and surround it with an opening and closing bracket. Otherwise, Windows Installer treats the value as a property. For example, if you wanted to write [stuff] to the registry, you would use \[stuff\] as the value data.

See Also
Entering Multi-Line String Values for Registry Keys
Removing Registry Values

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

Task To remove a registry value from your project:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.

2. In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, click the registry key that has the value that you want to delete. All registry values are listed in the Destination computer’s registry data pane.

3. In the Destination computer’s Registry data pane, right-click the registry value that you want to remove and then click Delete.

Registry Flags

InstallShield 2020

Project • Support for registry flags differs, depending on what project type you are using.

Registry flags enable you to control the installation of your registry entries.

Registry Flags in Windows Installer–Based Projects

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
Transform

By default, your registry entries are created on the target system if the component to which they belong is installed. They are then removed from the target system when that component is removed. If you would like your registry entries to remain on the target system even after the product has been uninstalled, or if you want to create registry entries only if they do not already exist, you need to set the installation flag for that key.

In InstallShield, installation behavior is set at the subkey level. All values beneath the key must have the same installation and uninstallation behavior.

To change the registry flag of a key, right-click one of your project’s keys in the Registry view, and then click any of the commands that are listed in the following table.

Table 4-4 • Types of Registry Flags in Windows Installer–Based Projects

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>![Automatic Icon]</td>
<td>Automatic</td>
<td>This is the default option for all registry keys. If the key is not already present, the installation creates it. During an uninstallation, if the key is empty, it is removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Install only (+) Icon]</td>
<td>Install only (+)</td>
<td>If the key does not already exist, it is created. The key is left on the target system when the component to which this key belongs is uninstalled. This option is available only for keys that do not contain subkeys or values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Uninstall entire key (–) Icon]</td>
<td>Uninstall entire key (–)</td>
<td>If this flag applies to an empty key, the key is not created at installation. If this flag applies to a key that contains values and the key does not exist on the target system, the key and values are created at installation. In both cases, the key, all subkeys, and values are removed at uninstallation—even if the subkeys and values were added after the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Install if absent, Uninstall if present (*) Icon]</td>
<td>Install if absent, Uninstall if present (*)</td>
<td>This option is similar to the default behavior (the Automatic registry flag), with one exception. For the Automatic registry flag, if the key is not empty during uninstallation, it is not removed. For the Install if absent, Uninstall if present (*) flag, if the registry key is present during uninstallation, the key is removed, regardless of whether its subkeys or values remain.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Registry Flags in InstallScript-Based Projects

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object
After your installation has created registry keys on the target system by installing a registry set, subkeys or values may be created under those keys by other installations or applications (or directly by the end user). You can prevent a registry key that your installation installed from being uninstalled if it has any subkeys or values that were not created by the installation. To accomplish this, you can change the registry flag of the key. To do so, right-click one of your project’s keys in the Registry view and then click the following command.

### Table 4-5 • Registry Flag in InstallScript-Based Projects

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| ![Shared among several applications](icon) | When the component to which this key belongs is uninstalled, the key is not removed from the target system if the key has any subkeys or values. (Note that a value that was created by your installation will have already been uninstalled unless you unset its **Remove during Uninstall** flag.) If the key does not have any subkeys or values, the key is removed from the target system regardless of whether it was created by the installation—that is, whether it already existed at the time of installation.

You may want your uninstallation to leave some of your product’s registry values on the end user’s system—for example, registry values that are used by the operating system and are modified by your installation. To do this, right-click the key that contains the registry value that you do not want to be uninstalled. Select the **Shared among several applications** flag for that key. Then right-click the value of the key and ensure that the **Remove during Uninstall** command is not selected.

### See Also
- Registry View
- Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

## Searching for Registry Entries in a Project

### InstallShield 2020

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch
Task: To search for a registry entry within a certain component (in Windows Installer projects) or registry set (in InstallScript projects):

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.
2. In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform, and QuickPatch projects—
   In the View Filter list, select the component that you would like to search. Note that if View All Entries is selected, the Registry view is read only.
   In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects—Open the registry set that you would like to search.
3. Right-click a registry entry and click Find. The Find dialog box opens.
4. Enter the string that you are searching for.
5. Click Find to start the search.

In a Windows Installer project, InstallShield searches only the registry entries for the current component, not all the registry data for the project.

The search starts from the top item and works its way down, regardless of which item is selected. It stops at the first match, highlighting this key. To continue the search, right-click and select Find Next, or press F3. The Find Next feature finds the next match, moving down the explorer.

See Also: Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

Setting Uninstall Behavior for Registry Keys

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

In InstallShield, uninstall behavior for registry entries is set at the key level.

Task: To set the uninstall behavior for a registry key:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.
2. In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, right-click a key and click the appropriate uninstall behavior.
Uninstall Behavior Options

In InstallShield, installation behavior is set at the subkey level. All values beneath the key must have the same installation and uninstallation behavior. For a list of available options, see Registry Flags.

Using Environment Variables in Registry Values

With REG_EXPAND_SZ string values, you can use environment variables for paths that are stored in the registry. These entries require special formatting in order to be recognized by the operating system as environment variables. The format for a REG_EXPAND_SZ value as it appears in the registry is %TEMP%. TEMP is the standard environment variable for the TEMP directory.

Syntax

When creating registry entries of this type, you need to begin the entry with a pound sign followed by a percent sign (#%). Then, you can enter your environment variable, complete with the beginning and ending percent sign. Therefore, if you enter #%%TEMP% in the Registry view in InstallShield, it appears as %TEMP% when written to the registry.

The Type field for this entry appears as REG_EXPAND_SZ, and the Data field is %TEMP%.

See Also
Registry View
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

Writing Property Values to the Registry

Writing property values to the registry involves configuring the system's registry with specific information. This can be done through the Registry Editor or through the Windows Registry Editor, which allows you to view and modify the registry keys and values.
For Windows Installer–based projects, you can use Windows Installer properties in registry values to store information for later use by your product. At run time, Windows Installer automatically expands expressions of the form `[PropertyName]` in registry data to the value of the property called `PropertyName`. Any property defined in the Property Manager view can be used in this way.

For example, if you would like to store the destination location of your software, create a registry value whose data is `[INSTALLDIR]`. At run time, when your installation creates the registry value, the data for that registry value is set to the location where your application is installed.

You can use the same format for registry key names and value names. For example, if you want a key name to be the name of your company, enter `[Manufacturer]` for the name of the key. When the registry key is created on the target system, the name of this key will be the value of the Publisher setting, as entered in the General Information view.

See Also
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time
Registry View
Property Manager View
RegDBSetKeyValueEx

Importing Registry Files

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

InstallShield enables you to import any existing registry (.reg) files that you may have from other installation projects or that you have created outside InstallShield.

Task • To import a .reg file:
1. Launch the Import REG File Wizard.
2. Follow the instructions in the wizard panels to import your .reg file.
When you import a .reg file into a component or registry set, that registry data is added to the component’s or registry set’s registry data and written to the end user’s system if the component or registry set is installed.

Exporting Registry Files

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

When you export a registry (.reg) file, you are copying a portion of your program’s registry data to a registry file.

**Task** • To export a registry file:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.
2. In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, right-click the registry entry that you want to export and click either Export REG File or Export Selected Branch.
   - Export REG File exports the entire component’s registry data.
   - Export Selected Branch exports only the current registry key and any subkeys.

Setting Key Paths for Components

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
A key path is a unique registry value for each component that the Windows Installer uses to detect the component’s presence. This value must contain a file or a folder.

**Task**  
**To set a component’s key path:**

1. In the View List under *System Configuration*, click *Registry*.
2. In the *Destination computer’s Registry view* pane, click the registry entry that contains the registry data that you want to use for the key path.
3. In the *Destination computer’s registry data* pane, right-click the registry key’s value name and then click *Set Key Path*.

   The value’s string, binary, or DWORD icon is replaced with a key icon.

**Task**  
**To remove a component’s key path:**

Right-click the key path and click *Clear Key path*.

*Note* • A component can have either one key path or one key file. If you have already set a key file or a key path for a component, you will get a warning prompt if you try to set another key path. Click Yes in the dialog box to replace the existing key file or key path with the new key path.

**See Also**
- Setting Component Key Files
- Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System

## Configuring Permissions for Registry Keys

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

InstallShield lets you configure settings for securing registry keys for end users who run your product in a locked-down environment. You can assign permissions for a registry key to specific groups and users. For example, you may assign Read, Write, and Delete permissions for a particular registry key to the Administrators group, but only Read permissions for all of the users in a different group.
Chapter 4
Configuring the Target System

Task
To configure the permissions for a registry key:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Registry.

2. In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, right-click the registry key and then click Permissions button. The Permissions dialog box opens.

3. Add, modify, and remove permissions entries as needed. For more information, see Permissions Dialog Boxes for Registry Keys.

Depending on what is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view of your project, InstallShield adds permissions data to either the ISLockPermissions table or the LockPermissions table. To learn more, see Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment.

See Also
Configuring Permissions for Files and Folders

Primary Keys for the Registry Table

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Windows Installer requires a unique primary key for each registry key and value that you add to the Registry table. To enable you to create registry entries in a completely visual environment, InstallShield assigns a unique name to every entry in the database’s Registry table at build time.

You may need to know the entry’s primary key when authoring a custom action. InstallShield supports specifying a primary key on a registry key or value in the Registry Data explorer in the Setup Design view or the Components view. Note that it is not possible to assign the key or value a primary key in the Registry view.

Specifying a Primary Key for the Registry Table

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
To specify a primary key for a registry key or value:

1. Right-click the key or value and click **MSI Value**. The **MSI Value** dialog box opens.
2. Enter the name of the key. Since the primary key must be a Windows Installer identifier, the name may contain only letters, numbers, underscores (_) and periods (.), and it must begin with a letter or underscore.

To view or modify the primary key, right-click the registry key or value and click **MSI Value** again.

If you do not specify a value, InstallShield generates a unique primary key for this entry in the Registry table.

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**Entering Multi-Line String Values for Registry Keys**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

The Registry view provides multi-line string support when you want to add a value to a particular registry key.

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**Task** • To add a multi-line string value:

1. Right-click the registry key to which you want to add the multi-line value, point to **New**, and click **Multi-String Value**. The **Multi-Line String Value** dialog box opens.
2. Select how you want to modify the registry value, and then enter a line for each null-delimited string.
3. Click **OK**.

**Note** • Strings can contain just spaces, but they cannot be empty or [~], which is the delimiter for the strings.
Chapter 4
Configuring the Target System

Writing Entries Under HKCU for a Per-User Installation

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

Since the current user may not have sufficient privileges for modifying keys under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, you may need to write the entries under HKEY_CURRENT_USER.

When you select HKEY_USER_SELECTABLE in the Registry view, the entries are created under the appropriate registry hive, according to the type of installation and the end user’s access rights. In a per-user installation, which means that the ALLUSERS property is set to 2 or that the installation is being run by someone with user-level access privileges, these entries would be made under HKEY_CURRENT_USER. In a per-machine installation, which means that ALLUSERS is not null and that the end user is an administrator, the entries would be written under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE.

Note • Windows does not allow a new key to be created directly under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE. For this reason, any information that you create under HKEY_USER_SELECTABLE must be placed under the SOFTWARE subkey, which is the only subkey common to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE and HKEY_CURRENT_USER.

For example, creating the key HKEY_USER_SELECTABLE\SOFTWARE\MyCompany is valid, but creating HKEY_USER_SELECTABLE\MyCompany is not.

Setting or Getting Multi-Line Strings in the Registry

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

Setting Multi-Line Strings

To set multi-line strings, call the RegDBSetKeyValueEx function. The szValue parameter should contain the substrings to be added, separated by null characters. You must add two null characters to the end of the main string to denote its end. To create such a string, follow these steps:

1. Initialize the string to contain each of the substrings, separated by space characters.
2. Assign the ASCII value for a null string to the string positions after each line.
3. Assign an additional null character (ASCII value 0) to the end of the string.
For example:

```
svValue = "This is line one. This is line two. This is line three. ";
svValue[17] = 0;
svValue[35] = 0;
svValue[55] = 0;
svValue[56] = 0;
```

**Retrieving Multi-Line Strings**

To get multi-line strings, call the `RegDBGetKeyValueEx` function. The substrings will be returned in a main string, separated by null characters. To extract them, use the following code to read the strings into a string list and display them in an `SdShowInfoList` dialog:

```c
def void readMultiLineStrings(char *svValue) {
    char *listID;
    char *szTitle = "String List";
    char *szMsg;
    int i;
    listID = ListCreate( STRINGLIST );
    if (listID != LIST_NULL) then
        StrGetTokens( listID, svValue, "\0" );
        for (i = 0; i < StrGetCount( listID ); i++) {
            szMsg = StrGetToken(i, listID);
            SdShowInfoList( szTitle, szMsg, listID );
        }
    endif;
}
```

**See Also**

- Using Null-Delimited Strings
- `RegDBSetKeyValueEx`
- `RegDBGetKeyValueEx`
- `SdShowInfoList`

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**Working with Registry Functions**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • For InstallScript MSI and Basic MSI projects, it is recommended that you use the Registry view in InstallShield instead of creating registry keys and values through InstallScript code. Handling all of your registry changes in this way allows for a clean uninstallation through the Windows Installer service.

The InstallScript language includes many built-in functions that help you configure an installation so that it accesses the registry; reads, creates, and deletes registry keys; and establishes registry-related parameters for uninstallation.

For example, you can sometimes determine if an application is present on the target system by detecting registry keys used by the application. Many applications store data in the registry key `HKLM\SOFTWARE\CompanyName\ProductName\ProductVersion`. To detect if a registry key exists, you can call the `RegDBKeyExist` function in your InstallScript code as follows:

```c
// always set root key before calling other RegDB functions
RegDBSetDefaultRoot(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE);

if (RegDBKeyExist("Software\ThisCo\ThisApp") = 1) then
    MessageBox("ThisApp is on the system.", INFORMATION);
endif;
```

To learn more about the built-in registry functions available with InstallScript, see the following:

- Registry Functions
Reading Data from the Registry

InstallShield 2020

Basic MSI Project

The AppSearch and RegLocator tables can read a value from the registry. To read the RegisteredOwner value mentioned above, add the following record to the AppSearch table, using the Direct Editor:

Table 4-6 • Values for the AppSearch Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>REGISTERED_OWNER</td>
<td>Must be a public property</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Signature_</td>
<td>registry_sig</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Next, add the following record to the RegLocator table:

Table 4-7 • Values for the RegLocator Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Signature_</td>
<td>registry_sig</td>
<td>Same signature as above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Root</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Key</td>
<td>Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>RegisteredOwner</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Registry data</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

After the AppSearch action runs, the REGISTERED_OWNER property will contain the data read from the registry. If the value is not found, the property will be undefined (empty).

For more information regarding the AppSearch and RegLocator tables, see the Windows Installer Help Library.

For Windows Installer-based projects, you can use the System Search Wizard to find data.
InstallScript MSI Project

With InstallScript, you can use the `RegDBGetKeyValueEx` function. For example, to read the RegisteredOwner value from the key `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion`, you can use code similar to the following:

```pascal
function readRegisteredOwner( )
    STRING svRegisteredOwner;
    NUMBER nvType, nvSize;
begin
    RegDBSetDefaultRoot(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE);
    
    RegDBGetKeyValueEx( 
        "Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion",
        "RegisteredOwner",
        nvType,
        svRegisteredOwner,
        nvSize);
    
    MessageBox( 
        "Registered owner is: " + svRegisteredOwner,
        INFORMATION);
end;
```

You can set a Windows Installer property equal to the value you read using the `MsiSetProperty` function.

See Also

- Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time
- `RegDBGetKeyValueEx`

Changing .ini File Data

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes .ini file functions for modifying .ini file data. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

Initialization (.ini) files serve as a database in which you can store and retrieve information between the uses of your applications. Some .ini files, such as `Boot.ini` and `Wininit.ini`, are used by the operating system. The INI File Changes view enables you to specify changes that should be made to .ini files on the target system. Although you can edit any .ini file found on the target system, editing system .ini files is not recommended.
Task

To edit an .ini file:

2. Add a section to the .ini file.
3. Add a keyword to the .ini file.

Before you can create an .ini file reference, you must have at least one component created. If no components exist when your .ini file reference is created, the Create a New Component dialog box is displayed, enabling you to create a component.

Creating .ini File References

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes .ini file functions for modifying .ini file data. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

The first step in creating an .ini file change is to create a reference to the file that you would like to edit. In order to do this, you need to know the name and location of the file on the target system that you would like to edit. If the file is not in the location that you specify, the installation cannot make changes to this file.

Task

To create a reference to an .ini file:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click INI File Changes.
2. Right-click the INI Files explorer and then click Add INI File.

InstallShield adds a new reference for the .ini file to the INI Files explorer. Configure the .ini file’s settings in the right pane. For details about each setting, see .ini File Settings.

After you have created a reference to an .ini file, you can move on to the next step, which is to add a section to your .ini file.

See Also
INI File Changes View
Importing an Existing .ini File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes .ini file functions for modifying .ini file data. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

InstallShield lets you import an existing .ini file into your project. Once you have imported the .ini file, you can use the INI File Changes view to configure the changes that you want to be made on the target system as needed.

Task

To import an existing .ini file:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click INI File Changes.
2. Right-click the INI Files explorer and then click Import INI File. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select the .ini file that you want to import, and then click Open.

InstallShield imports the .ini file, along with all of its sections, keywords, and values, into your project.

See Also

INI File Changes View

Specifying a Section in an .ini File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes .ini file functions for modifying .ini file data. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

Once you have specified the .ini file that you would like to edit, you can move onto the second step: specifying which section of that file you want to change. The .ini files are divided into sections, with each section containing keywords. Sections are identified by the square brackets surrounding them—for example, [SectionName].

**Task**

**To specify an .ini file section:**

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click INI File Changes.

2. Create a reference to an .ini file if it does not exist.

3. In the INI Files explorer, right-click the .ini file that should contain the section and click Add Section.

InstallShield adds a section to the INI Files explorer. Configure the section’s settings in the right pane. For details about each setting, see Section Settings for an .ini File.

After you have specified a section in your .ini file, you can add a keyword.

**See Also**

INI File Changes View
Using String Entries in InstallShield

**Specifying a Keyword in an .ini File**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes .ini file functions for modifying .ini file data. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

The keywords in an .ini file are the lowest level of organization in the .ini file. Keywords store data that must persist between uses of an application.

Once you have added an .ini file to your project and set up one or more sections, you can add keywords to the sections and then configure the keyword’s properties. The properties of a keyword include the value for the keyword, as well as the action that should be performed (such as replace a data value or append to an existing data value).
**Task**

To specify a keyword for an .ini file:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **INI File Changes**.
2. In the **INI Files** explorer, right-click a section and click **Add Keyword**.

InstallShield adds a keyword to the INI Files explorer. Configure the keyword’s settings in the right pane. For details about each setting, see **Keyword Settings for an .ini File**.

**See Also**

INI File Changes View

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**Reading Data from .ini Files**

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You can use the **GetProfString** function to read data (such as key names) from an .ini file, regardless of where the .ini file is located (for example, on a network). The following example script provides a guide:

/*

Assuming the .ini file is called Test.ini, and contains the following:

```
[ProductSettings]
Key1=One
Key2=2
Key3=III
Key4=....

[OtherSettings]
Key1=Value1
Key2=Value2
```

*/

function OnBegin( )

    STRING svKeyValue; // filled in by GetProfString

begin

    // read a single value
    GetProfString( 
        "\\Server\Config\Test.ini", // file name; note the double backslash for each “real” backslash
        "ProductSettings", // section name without square brackets
        "Key1", // key name
        svKeyValue); // STRING variable to capture key value

    MessageBox("Key1's value is: " + svKeyValue, INFORMATION);

end;

**See Also**

GetProfString
### Reading All Key Names from .ini Files

To read all of the key names from a section in an .ini file, use the following script:

```plaintext
function OnBegin( )
    STRING svAllKeyNames; // filled in by GetProfString
    LIST listKeyNames; // string list containing key names
begin

    // read a single value
    GetProfString(
        "\\Server\Config\Test.ini", // file name; note the double
        "ProductSettings", // section name without square brackets
        "", // key name; null string "" means to get all key names
        svAllKeyNames); // STRING variable to store key names

    listKeyNames = ListCreate(STRINGLIST);

    // take apart string containing key names
    StrGetTokens(listKeyNames, svAllKeyNames, "");

    SdShowInfoList("Key names", "Here they are:", listKeyNames);

    // if desired, you can loop over the key names in the list and read each
    // key's value...

    ListDestroy(listKeyNames);
end;
```

### Configuring ODBC Resources

One of the more complex areas of system configuration involves setting up ODBC drivers, data source names (DSNs), and translators. The ODBC resource must be properly registered on the system with all of the required attributes and, in the case of drivers and translators, install the necessary files, including any installation .dll files. This process is simplified in the ODBC Resources view, in which you can select the drivers, data sources, and translators installed on your development system.
See Also
ODBC Resources View

Installing ODBC Resources

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

All of the ODBC drivers, data source names (DSNs), and translators registered on your system are displayed in the ODBC Resources view. DSNs are shown as children of their associated driver. Expand the explorer to view all of the existing ODBC resources.

To include an ODBC resource in your installation, select the check box next to its name in the ODBC Resources pane in the upper-left corner of the view. In installation projects, the resource must then be associated with at least one feature so that it can be installed. Then, you can set the attributes for the selected resource.

Including Additional ODBC Resources

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

You can also install ODBC resources not listed in the explorer. Where you add them depends on the type of resource.

Task

To add a driver that is not listed in the ODBC Resources explorer in the ODBC Resources view:

1. In the ODBC Resources explorer, right-click Drivers and DSNs and click New Driver.
2. Enter a new name for the driver, or press the F2 key later to rename it.
3. Select the check box next to the new driver to include it in your installation.

**Task**

*To add a data source that is not listed in the ODBC Resources explorer in the ODBC Resources view:*

1. In the **ODBC Resources** explorer, right-click a driver and click **New DSN**.
2. Enter a new name for the DSN, or press the F2 key later to rename it.
3. Select the check box next to the new DSN to include it in your installation.

**Note** • You cannot add a translator to the list. Instead, you must install it on the development system and then select it.

**See Also**

ODBC Resources View

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**Associating ODBC Resources with Features**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **MSM Database**
- **Transform**

Like most of the data in your project, ODBC resources must be associated with a feature. When the feature is installed to the target system, the ODBC resource is installed as a part of the feature.

After you choose to install a driver, DSN, or translator for installation, the Features list is enabled on the right side of the ODBC Resources explorer. Select all of the features to which the ODBC resource belongs. InstallShield creates a new component and associates it with each selected feature. The resource will be installed only once even if it is associated with multiple features, but the resource cannot be installed if none of its features is installed.

In an InstallScript MSI project, if no other feature exists, the resource is added to the DefaultFeature. In a Basic MSI project, if a feature does not exist when you add an ODBC resource to your installation, the **Create a New Feature dialog box** is displayed. This dialog box prompts you to create a feature. If only one feature is associated with an ODBC resource, it cannot be deselected until you select at least one additional feature.
Setting ODBC Resource Attributes

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

When an ODBC resource is registered on the development system, its current attributes are displayed in the Properties list of the ODBC Resources view. You can edit the attributes in the Properties pane after you have selected the driver, data source name (DSN), or translator.

Adding and Deleting New Attribute Entries

Note that adding attributes to a translator is not supported.

Task To add a new attribute to a driver or DSN:

1. Open the ODBC Resources view.
2. In the ODBC Resources explorer, click the driver or DSN that should contain the new attribute entry.
3. Click in the last row of the property sheet, and add the appropriate information for the Property and Value columns.

Task To delete an attribute from a driver or DSN:

1. Open the ODBC Resources view.
2. In the ODBC Resources explorer, click the driver or DSN that should contain the attribute entry that you want to delete.
3. In the property sheet, right-click the row that you want to delete and then click Delete.

See Also
ODBC Resource Settings

Using Environment Variables

This information applies to the following project types:
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- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The InstallScript language includes the GetEnvVar function for retrieving the current value of an environment variable, and it enables you to create an environment variable.

Environment variables are name and value pairs that can be set on the target system with your installation and can be accessed by your application and by other running programs. Environment variables are stored in the registry.

In the Environment Variables view, you can create, set (or modify), and remove environment variables on the target system through your installation. You can also specify environment variable properties in this view.

See Also
Environment Variables View

Setting Environment Variables

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The InstallScript language includes the GetEnvVar function for retrieving the current value of an environment variable, and it enables you to create an environment variable.

Task To create a new environment variable or modify the value of an existing environment variable:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Environment Variables.
2. Right-click the Environment Variables explorer and click Add Environment Variable.
3. InstallShield adds a new environment variable with the default name NewEnvironmentVariableX (where X is a number). Type the name of the variable that you want to modify, remove, or create.
4. In the pane on the right, configure the environment variable’s settings. For details about each setting, see Environment Variable Settings.
See Also
Environment Variables View

Environment Variables Example

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/******************************************************************************
 * The following code creates an environment variable under Windows
 * for an entire system. You can modify the OnEnd event handler
 * function block (or any other function block) to include this example
 * code.
 *
 * NOTE: The current user must have administrator privileges for this
 * code to work.
 ******************************************************************************/

#define WM_WININICHANGE 0x001A
#define HWND_BROADCAST 0xffff
NUMBER nResult;
STRING szKey, szEnv;
WPOINTER pEnv;

begin

  szKey = "SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\Environment";
  RegDBSetDefaultRoot(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE);
  nResult = RegDBSetKeyValueEx(szKey, "Fame", REGDB_STRING, "C:\Test", -1);
  if (nResult < 0) then
    MessageBox("Failed to Set Environment Variable", WARNING);
  else
    MessageBox("Successfully Set Environment Variable", INFORMATION);
  endif;

  // Flush the registry to all applications.
  szEnv = "Environment";
  pEnv = &szEnv;
  SendMessage (HWND_BROADCAST, WM_WININICHANGE, 0, pEnv );
end;

/******************************************************************************
 * The following code creates an environment variable under Windows
 * for the current user. You can modify the OnEnd event handler
 * function block (or any other function block) to include this example
 * code.
 *
 * NOTE: The current user must have administrator privileges for this
 * code to work.
 ******************************************************************************/

#define WM_WININICHANGE 0x001A
#define HWND_BROADCAST 0xffff
NUMBER nResult;


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Modifying XML Files

This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **Transform**

You may need to modify .xml files that store settings related to your product, or you may need to modify standard configuration files such as web.config and machine.config. InstallShield includes support for modifying XML files on the target system at run time. The XML files can be part of your installation, or they can be files that are already present on target systems.

For instructions on how to modify an XML file during installation, consult this section of the documentation.

For background information about XML, see the following Web sites:

- World Wide Web Consortium ([http://www.w3.org](http://www.w3.org))
- W3 Schools ([http://w3schools.com](http://w3schools.com))

**Tip** • Support for XML files extends into other areas of InstallShield product functionality. The System Search feature in InstallShield enables you to search for an attribute value, contents, or existence of the element in the XML file that you specify. For more information, see Searching for XML Data.
Overview of XML File Changes

InstallShield 2020

\textbf{Project} • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

Design-Time Tasks

The XML File Changes view enables you to define modifications that should be made to an XML file at run time. The typical process for defining those modifications is as follows:

1. If the XML file that you are modifying is part of your installation, add the base XML file to a component in your project through the Files and Folders view.

2. In the XML File Changes view, create an XML file reference for the file that you want to modify.

3. Specify the location for the XML file on the target machine.

4. Specify which feature or features should contain the XML file changes. This may be the same feature that contains the component in step 1, or it may be a different feature.

5. Configure the changes that you want to occur at run time.

You may need to add an MSXML redistributable to your project. For more information, see Run-Time Requirements for XML File Changes.

Run-Time Behavior

The XML File Changes view enables you to configure run-time behavior such as the following:

- Add a namespace mapping to an XML file, and add namespace prefixes to elements and attributes.
- Create a specified element if it does not already exist.
- Modify an element if it exists, but do not create it if it does not exist.
- Modify only the first element in the XML file that matches the specified XPath expression, or modify all matching instances.
- Remove an element during uninstallation.
- Set content for an element.
• Create a new attribute during installation, during uninstallation, or both.
• Remove an existing attribute during installation, during uninstallation, or both.
• Append a string to an existing attribute value during installation, during uninstallation, or both.
• For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, and Transform projects: Replace Windows Installer properties in elements, attributes, attribute values, and element content with the appropriate values at run time.
• For InstallScript projects: Substitute InstallScript string variables for elements, attributes, attribute values, and element content with the appropriate values at run time.

When an installation that contains XML file changes runs on a target system, MSXML parses the XML file and executes the XPath expressions that are associated with the changes that you configured. The Advanced tab in the XML File Changes view for an XML file shows the XPath expressions that are executed on target systems.

When MSXML finds an area of the XML file that matches the XPath expression, the changes that were configured in the XML File Changes view are made.

For examples of how to create some basic XPath expressions, see Using XPath Expressions to Find XML Data in an XML File.

Note • If the XML file does not exist on the target system at run time and the Always create XML file if it does not already exist check box is selected on the Advanced tab for the XML file, the XML file is created with the XML data that is configured in the XML File Changes view.

Run-Time Requirements for XML File Changes

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• Transform

The run-time functionality for XML file changes requires the presence of Microsoft XML Core Services (MSXML) 3.0 or later on the target system.

When an installation that contains XML file changes runs on a target system, MSXML parses the XML file and executes the XPath expressions that are associated with the changes that you configured. When MSXML finds an area of the XML file that matches the XPath expression, the changes that were configured in the XML File Changes view are made.

InstallShield includes redistributables for different versions of MSXML. If it is possible that target systems may not have MSXML, or they may not have the appropriate version of MSXML, you can add the appropriate MSXML redistributable to your project in either the Redistributables view (for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or the Prerequisites view (for InstallScript projects).
For detailed information about MSXML, see the MSDN Library.

See Also
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

Creating an XML File Reference

The recommended way to add an XML file that you want to modify at run time is to add the base XML file to a component in your project through the Files and Folders view. Then add an XML file reference to the XML File Changes view, where you can specify the changes that should be made to that file at run time. The easiest way to add the XML file reference is to import the file into the XML File Changes view.

Important • The XML File Changes view is not designed to list a node for every node in an XML file. To improve performance, the XML File Changes view should show only the settings that differ from the base XML file:

- If the XML file that you are modifying is part of your installation, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes and node sets that should be added, changed, or deleted after the XML file is installed at run time.
- If the XML file that you are modifying is a file that is already present on the target system, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes and node sets that need to be added, changed, or deleted at run time.

Therefore, when you are importing a file, import only the nodes in the XML file that you want to modify at run time.

Note that the XML File Changes view does not enable you to specify the order in which new elements should be listed in the XML file. Therefore, importing only the nodes that you want to modify at run time helps to avoid issues that may occur if your product requires that the elements be listed in a particular order.

Task • To import an XML file into the XML File Changes view:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.
2. Right-click the XML Files explorer and then click Import. The Import XML Settings Wizard opens.
3. Complete the panels in the wizard, selecting only the XML file nodes that you want to change.
4. Click Import.
InstallShield adds a new node for the XML file that you imported. The XML file node contains each of the nodes that you selected in the wizard. Each node represents an XPath query that occurs at run time. InstallShield also adds a new component for the XML file that you have imported through the XML File Changes view.

Now you can configure the XML file's settings and specify any element, attribute, and content changes for it.

Tip • You can also add an XML file by right-clicking the XML Files explorer and then clicking New File. However, in most cases, you may want to create your XML file in a third-party XML editor or text editor. Next, add this file to your project through the Files and Folders view. Then, import the file, as described in the aforementioned procedure, and configure the changes that should be made to the file at run time.

See Also
Import XML Settings Wizard
XML File Changes View

Specifying the Location of the XML File

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

When you add an XML file reference in the XML File Changes view, you need to specify the location of the XML file. If the XML file is part of your installation, the location should match the destination that you specified for the base XML file when you added it to your project through the Files and Folders view.

Task
To specify the location of the XML file on the target system:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.
2. In the XML Files explorer, click the XML file whose location you want to specify.
3. Click the General tab.
4. In the XML File Destination area, click the Browse button. The Browse for Directory dialog box opens.
5. In the Destination Directories box, select the location.
6. Click OK.

InstallShield adds the destination that you specified to the Specify the location of the XML file on the target machine box.
See Also
XML File Changes View

Associating an XML File Change Reference with a Feature

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

When you add an XML file reference in the XML File Changes view, InstallShield automatically creates a new component for it. In addition, InstallShield associates the component with the feature that is at the top of your feature list by default. To change this association, you can use the XML File Changes view.

Note • If your project does not contain any features when you add an XML file reference, InstallShield displays the Create a New Feature dialog box, which lets you to create a new feature.

Task To associate an XML file change reference with a feature in your project:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.
2. In the XML Files explorer, click the file whose component you want to associate with a feature.
3. Click the General tab.
4. In the Select Features the XML file belongs to box, select the check box of any feature that should contain the selected XML file change reference. This may be the same feature that contains the base XML file that you added to your project through the Files and Folders view, or it may be a different feature.

If an end user chooses to install the feature that contains the XML file changes, the XML file changes are performed at run time.

See Also
XML File Changes View
Adding a Root Element

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

If you are adding an XML file reference in the XML File Changes view, you can add a root element. Note that an XML file can contain only one root element.

Task

To add a root element to an XML file:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.
2. In the XML Files explorer, right-click the XML file to which you want to add a new root element and click New Root Element.

InstallShield adds the new root element. Use the tabs that are displayed in the right pane to configure its settings.

Tip • To add a root element and one or more levels of subelements in one step, type the name of the root element plus the subelements, with each separated by a slash. For example, to add a root element called Root, a Sub element under the Root element, and a Sub2 element under the Sub element, type the following:

Root/Sub/Sub2

InstallShield automatically expands it in the explorer.

See Also
XML File Changes View

Adding a New Element

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
You can add a new element to the root element or any element in your XML file.

**Task**

To add a new element:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **XML File Changes**.
2. In the **XML Files** explorer, right-click the XML file to which you want to add a new element and click **New Element**.

InstallShield adds the new element. Rename it as appropriate, and use the tabs that are displayed in the right pane to configure its settings.

**Tip** • When you are adding elements and subelements under the root element in the XML File Changes view, you can type the full XPath expression for the name of the element, and it will automatically expand in the explorer.

To add a root element and one or more levels of subelements in one step, type the name of the root element plus the subelements, with each separated by a slash. For example, to add a root element called **Root**, a **Sub** element under the **Root** element, and a **Sub2** element under the **Sub** element, type the following:

```
Root/Sub/Sub2
```

*InstallShield automatically expands it in the explorer so that each element has its own node.

**See Also**

XML File Changes View

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**Adding an Element for a .NET Configuration File**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

If you define .NET configuration settings for your product in a web.config file, you can specify those settings through the XML File Changes view.
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**Task** To add an element for a .NET configuration file:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.

2. In the XML Files explorer, right-click the XML file to which you want to add a configuration element, click Add Predefined Element, point to .NET Configuration Files, point to Web Configuration File, point to a given set of settings, and click the appropriate command.

InstallShield adds the new element in the explorer.


**See Also**
XML File Changes View

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**Adding an Attribute to an Element**
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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

You can add attributes to an element in your XML file and then specify whether the attribute should be created at run time, the attribute should be removed at run time, or the attribute value should be appended to the existing value at run time. You can also schedule whether the task should occur during installation, uninstallation, or both.

If an attribute that you add already exists in the XML file on the target machine but the attribute has a different value than the one that you specified in the XML File Changes view, the installation updates the value at run time.

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**Task** To add an attribute to an XML element:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.

2. In the XML Files explorer, click the XML file to which you want to add an attribute.

3. Click the General tab.

4. Click the Add button.
InstallShield adds a new row—with default values for the Attribute, Value, Operation, and Scheduling columns—to the attribute table. Change any of the settings as needed. To learn more about each of the columns, see General Tab for an XML Element.

Tip • If you configure your installation so that the XML file remains on the target system when its component is uninstalled, you may want to create installation/uninstallation attribute pairs in the attribute table.

For example, to add a key attribute during installation and remove that same key attribute during uninstallation, add two rows with the key attribute to the attribute table; schedule one row for installation, and the other for uninstallation.

See Also
Using Reserved Characters (<, >, &, ', and ") Inside Elements
XML File Changes View

Editing an Attribute’s Value

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

InstallShield enables you to edit the value of an attribute if it is already present on the target machine at run time. To do so, add the attribute to the element in the XML File Changes view, and configure the value for the attribute as needed. The procedure for editing an attribute value is the same as adding an attribute value. To learn more, see Adding an Attribute to an Element.

At run time, if a different value exists for the attribute, the installation replaces the value with the one that you configured in the XML File Changes view.

See Also
XML File Changes View

Adding Content to an Element

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
Task

To add content to one of the elements listed in the XML File Changes view:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.
2. In the XML Files explorer, select the element to which you want to add content.
3. Select the Advanced tab.
4. Select the Set element content check box.
5. In the Content box, type the text content.

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) next to this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

See Also
General Tab for an XML Element
Advanced Tab for an XML Element
Using Reserved Characters (<, >, &, ', and ”) Inside Elements
XML File Changes View

Using XPath Expressions to Find XML Data in an XML File

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform
In order for your installation to add a new element or attribute to an XML file, or to perform some other change to an XML file at run time, MSXML must use the XPath expressions that are defined in the XML File Changes view to navigate through the XML file and locate the areas that need to be modified.

For detailed information about writing XPath expressions, see the following Web sites:

- World Wide Web Consortium (http://www.w3.org)
- W3 Schools (http://w3schools.com)

The following sections show examples of how to create some basic XPath expressions.

**Example 1: Adding Two Elements**

In example 1, the installation adds the bold lines in the following XML document:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Books>
  <Biographies>
    <Book Author="Bill Smith" Copyright="2007">Bill's Great Biography</Book>
    <Book Author="John Smith" Copyright="2006">John's Great Biography</Book>
  </Biographies>
</Books>
```

To add those elements, the following XPath expressions are added under the Biographies node in the XML File Changes view:

```
Book[@Author="John Smith"]
Book[@Author="Bill Smith"]
```

The following screen shots show the settings in the XML File Changes view.

![Figure 4-1: Settings for the Sample.xml File](image)
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Figure 4-2: Settings for the Biographies Node, which Contains the Child Nodes to Be Added

Figure 4-3: General Settings for One of the Child Nodes to Be Added

Figure 4-4: Advanced Settings for One of the Child Nodes to Be Added
Example 2: Adding Attributes to Elements

In example 2, the installation adds the bold attributes and values in the following XML document:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Books>
  <Biographies>
    <Book Author="Bill Smith" Copyright="2007" Publisher="Bill & John's Publish Co.">Bill's Great Biography</Book>
    <Book Author="John Smith" Copyright="2006" Publisher="Bill & John's Publish Co.">John's Great Biography</Book>
  </Biographies>
</Books>
```

The following screen shot shows the settings in the XML File Changes view.
Example 3: Updating an Attribute’s Value

In example 3, the installation searches for the attribute that has the 2006 Copyright value (as shown in bold in the following XML document) and replaces its value with a 2007 Copyright value:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Books>
  <Biographies>
    <Book Author="Bill Smith" Copyright="2007" Publisher="Bill & John's Publish Co.">Bill's Great Biography</Book>
    <Book Author="John Smith" Copyright="2006" Publisher="Bill & John's Publish Co.">John's Great Biography</Book>
  </Biographies>
</Books>
```

To update the value, the following XPath expression is added under the Biographies node in the XML File Changes view:

```
Book[@Copyright="2006"]
```

The following screen shot shows the settings in the XML File Changes view.
Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify XML Files

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, and Transform projects, you can use a Windows Installer property to specify an XML element, an attribute, an attribute value, or an element’s content. At run time, Windows Installer uses MsiFormatRecord to resolve the property value, and it uses that value as the data in your XML file. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined during the installation, in your product’s XML files.

For example, your installation may include the SQL Login dialog, which lets end users select a SQL Server. The name of the server that they select is typically stored in the IS_SQLSERVER_SERVER property. If you want an XML file to contain the name of the SQL server that an end user selects, you can use this property, surrounded by brackets (that is, [IS_SQLSERVER_SERVER]), when you configure your XML file changes in the XML File Changes view. Then at run time, Windows Installer automatically replaces the property with its associated value.

Tip • Use a Windows Installer property for an element, an attribute, or element content only if the value of the property would make a well-formed XML document. If a property value would lead to syntax errors in the XML document, your product or installation may not behave as expected.

For example, if you set the name of an element to [INSTALLDIR]—a Windows Installer property whose value is a path on the target system—the result at run time is an element name that contains backslashes. Element names cannot contain backslashes, and XML documents that contain element names with backslashes are not valid.

Note • If test your XML file from within the XML File Changes view, any Windows Installer properties that are used for XML data are not replaced with the appropriate values during testing. For more information about testing, see Testing Installation Changes to an XML File or Testing Uninstallation Changes to an XML File.
**Example**

The following procedure demonstrates how to use the name of the SQL Server that an end user selects in the SQL Login dialog as the content for one of the elements in your XML file. Note that you can substitute a hard-coded value with a property for any of the elements, attributes, attribute values, or element content in the XML File Changes view. The property that you specify in this view must be enclosed within square brackets, and the property name must be in all uppercase letters; for example, [MYPROPERTY].

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**Task**  
To use the name of the SQL Server that end users select as the content for an XML element:

1. Configure the SQL connection and any associated SQL scripts if you have not already done so, and determine the name of the server property name:
   a. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
   b. Add a SQL connection and SQL scripts as needed. For instructions, see Configuring SQL Support.
   c. In the SQL Scripts explorer, click the SQL connection.
   d. Click the Advanced tab.
   e. Note the name that is selected for the Target Server Property Name setting. The default value is typically IS_SQLSERVER_SERVER.

2. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.

3. In the XML Files explorer, select the element to which you want to add content.

4. Select the Advanced tab.

5. Select the Set element content check box.

6. In the Content box, type the name that is selected in step 1e, and enclose it within brackets. For example:
   
   [IS_SQLSERVER_SERVER]

7. Build your release.

**See Also**

Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties

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**Using InstallScript Text Substitution to Dynamically Modify XML Files**

InstallShield 2020

- **Project**  
  This information applies to InstallScript projects.

For InstallScript projects, you can use a text substitution string variable for an XML element, an attribute, an attribute value, or an element’s content. When the XML file changes occur at run time, the InstallScript run-time code uses the **TextSubSubstitute** function to replace the string variable with the appropriate value. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined during the installation, in your product’s XML files.
Tip • Use text substitution for an element, an attribute, or element content only if the value of the property would make a well-formed XML document. If a property value would lead to syntax errors in the XML document, your product or installation may not behave as expected.

For example, if you set the name of an element to a text substitution string variable that will be replaced with text that includes one or more spaces, end users may have problems with your product or your installation. Element names cannot contain spaces, and XML documents that contain element names with spaces are not valid.

Note • If test your XML file from within the XML File Changes view, any text substitution string variables that are used for XML data are not replaced with the appropriate values during testing. For more information about testing, see Testing Installation Changes to an XML File or Testing Uninstallation Changes to an XML File.

Example

The following procedure demonstrates how to use the name of the SQL Server that an end user selects in the SQL Login dialog as the content for one of the elements in your XML file. Note that you can substitute a hard-coded value with a text substitution string variable for any of the elements, attributes, attribute values, or element content in the XML File Changes view. The string variable that you specify in this view must be enclosed within angle brackets; for example, `<MYPROPERTY>`. The string variable that you specify is case-sensitive.

Task

To use the name of the SQL Server that end users select as the content for an XML element:

1. Configure the SQL connection and any associated SQL scripts if you have not already done so:
   a. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
   b. Add a SQL connection and SQL scripts as needed. For instructions, see Configuring SQL Support.
2. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **XML File Changes**.
3. In the **XML Files** explorer, select the element to which you want to add content.
4. Select the **Advanced** tab.
5. Select the **Set element content** check box.
6. In the **Content** box, type the following:

   `<MYPROPERTY>`

7. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **InstallScript**.
8. Find the dialog code in the OnSQLLogin event for the SQL Login dialog that contains the SQL Server control, and add a call to the InstallScript function **TextSubSetValue**. For example:

   ```csharp
   // Display login dialog (without connection name)
   // COMMENT OUT TO SWAP DIALOGS
   nResult = SQLServerSelectLogin2( szConnection, szServer, szUser, szPassword, bWinLogin, szDB, FALSE, TRUE );
   TextSubSetValue("<MYPROPERTY>", szServer, TRUE);
   ```

Using Reserved Characters (<, >, &, ' , and ") Inside Elements

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• Transform

If you use a reserved character such as a less than symbol (<) inside an XML element, the MSXML parser converts it at run time on target systems to its predefined entity (&lt;). Using the less than symbol instead of its entity would generate an error because XML parsers would interpret it as the start of a new element, and it would result in invalid XML code. Note that if you open the resulting XML file in a browser such as Internet Explorer, the character—not its entity—is displayed inside the XML element.

The following table lists the reserved XML characters and their entity equivalents. The table also indicates whether each reserved character is replaced by its entity at run time.

Table 4-8 • Reserved Characters and Their Predefined Entities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Character</th>
<th>Entity</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;</td>
<td>&lt;</td>
<td>Less than</td>
<td>This character cannot be used as content in an XML element because it is reserved to be used to indicate the start of an XML element. This character is automatically replaced by its entity at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&gt;</td>
<td>&gt;</td>
<td>Greater than</td>
<td>This character is automatically replaced by its entity at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&amp;</td>
<td>&amp;</td>
<td>And</td>
<td>This character cannot be used as content in an XML element unless it indicates the start of an entity. If this character is used as content in an XML element but it does not indicate the start of an entity, it is automatically replaced by its entity at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>‘</td>
<td>'</td>
<td>Apostrophe</td>
<td>This character is not automatically replaced by its entity at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>Quotation mark</td>
<td>This character is not automatically replaced by its entity at run time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Using Namespaces in XML Files

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

XML namespaces provide a method for avoiding element name conflicts. When you are specifying XML file changes in InstallShield, you can specify the namespace mappings that should be declared in the XML file and then specify namespace prefixes for any of the file’s elements.

Tip • If you use the Import XML Settings Wizard to import an XML file into the XML File Changes view, InstallShield imports any namespaces that are declared for the file.

See Also
Namespace Tab for an XML File
XML File Changes View

Declaring Namespace Mappings for an XML File

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

You can declare namespace mappings for an XML file in the XML File Changes view.
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Configuring the Target System

Task  
To declare a namespace mapping for an XML file:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **XML File Changes**.
2. In the **XML Files** explorer, click the XML file that should contain the namespace.
3. Click the **Namespace** tab.
4. Click a row in the table to add a new namespace.
5. In the **Prefix** column, type the prefix that should be used for any elements that are associated with the corresponding namespace.
6. In the **URI** column, type a URL or a string of characters that identifies the Internet resource.

See Also
Namespace Tab for an XML File  
XML File Changes View

Adding a Namespace Prefix to an Element

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

If you have declared a namespace mapping for an XML file, you can associate any element in the file with that namespace by adding the corresponding prefix to the element.

Task  
To add a namespace prefix to an element:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **XML File Changes**.
2. In the **XML Files** explorer, right-click the element to which you want to add a prefix and then do one of the following:
   - To add a prefix to only the selected element, point to **Namespace Prefix**, and then click to the appropriate namespace mapping.
   - To add a prefix to the element and all of its subelements, point to **Namespace Prefix (include all subelements)**, and then click to the appropriate namespace mapping.

InstallShield adds the prefix to the element (and all of its subelements, if appropriate) in the XML Files explorer.
Tip • You can also add a namespace prefix by right-clicking an element, clicking Rename, and adding the prefix and the colon (:) before the element name.

See Also
XML File Changes View

Adding a Namespace Prefix to an Attribute

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

If you have declared a namespace mapping for an XML file, you can associate any attribute in the file with that namespace by adding the corresponding prefix to the attribute.

Task

To add a namespace prefix to an attribute:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.
2. In the XML Files explorer, click the element that contains the attribute.
3. In the right pane, click the General tab.
4. In the grid, double-click the attribute to which you want to add the prefix, and then place the cursor at the start of the attribute name.
5. Add the prefix and a colon (:) before the attribute name.

See Also
XML File Changes View

Removing a Namespace Prefix from an Attribute

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
Task  To remove a namespace prefix from an attribute:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **XML File Changes**.
2. In the **XML Files** explorer, click the element that contains the attribute.
3. In the right pane, click the **General** tab.
4. In the grid, double-click the attribute from which you want to remove the prefix, and then place the cursor at the start of the attribute name.
5. Delete the prefix and a colon (:) before the attribute name.

**See Also**

XML File Changes View

Removing a Namespace Prefix from an Element

InstallShield 2020

**Project** ✠ This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

Task  To remove a namespace prefix from an element:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **XML File Changes**.
2. In the **XML Files** explorer, right-click the element whose prefix you want to remove, and then do one of the following:
   - To remove the prefix from only the selected element, point to **Namespace Prefix**, and then click **<None>**.
   - To remove the prefix from the element and all of its subelements, point to **Namespace Prefix (include all subelements)**, and then click **<None>**.

InstallShield removes the prefix from the element (and all of its subelements, if appropriate) in the XML Files explorer.
Removing Namespace Mappings from an XML File

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.
2. In the XML Files explorer, click the XML file that contains the namespace that you want to remove.
3. Click the Namespace tab.
4. Click the row that contains the namespace mapping that you want to remove, and then click the Delete button. InstallShield removes the namespace from the table.

Testing Installation Changes to an XML File

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.
2. In the XML Files explorer, click the XML file that contains the namespace that you want to remove.
3. Click the Namespace tab.
4. Click the row that contains the namespace mapping that you want to remove, and then click the Delete button. InstallShield removes the namespace from the table.
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InstallShield enables you to test just the XML file changes that are configured for your project through the XML File Changes view without requiring you to build and run your entire installation. When you test the installation changes, InstallShield uses the latest version of MSXML that you have on your machine to parse the XML file and execute the XPath expressions that you configured. When MSXML finds an area of the XML file that matches the XPath expression, the changes that were configured in the XML File Changes view are made.

**Note** • If your XML file changes include Windows Installer properties or InstallScript text substitutions, they are not replaced with the appropriate values during testing.

**Task** To test installation changes to an XML file:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.

2. In the XML Files explorer, right-click the XML file that you want to test and then click Test XML File Install Changes. The Select Test XML File dialog box opens.

3. In the File name box, select the target file to which you want the installation changes applied, or specify a new target file name and location:
   - If you are modifying an XML file that is installed as part of your installation, select a copy of that file. (Do not select the actual file in your installation because testing the XML installation changes would modify it.)
   - If you are modifying an XML file that already exists on the target system, select a copy of that file.
   - To test what happens if the XML file does not exist at run time and it is not installed as part of your installation, specify a new file name and location.

   The default file name is the name of the test file that you right-clicked in step 2.

4. Click Open.

If the target file already exists, InstallShield applies the changes from the test file to the target file. If the target file that you specified does not exist and the Always create XML file if it does not already exist check box is selected on the Advanced tab for the XML file, InstallShield creates the file and applies the changes from the test file.

InstallShield displays details about the installation test on the Results tab of the Output window. The details include a hyperlink to the test file.

**Tip** • If the target file is open in a browser window when you perform the testing, you may need to refresh the browser to see the test changes.

**See Also**
Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify XML Files
Using InstallScript Text Substitution to Dynamically Modify XML Files
XML File Changes View
Testing Uninstallation Changes to an XML File

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

After you have tested the XML file installation changes that you have configured through the XML File Changes view, you may want to test the XML file changes that occur during uninstallation. This enables you to determine whether the changes that you configured behave as you expected during uninstallation.

When you test the uninstallation changes, InstallShield uses the latest version of MSXML that you have on your machine to parse the XML file and execute the XPath expressions that you configured. When MSXML finds an area of the XML file that matches the XPath expression, the changes that were configured in the XML File Changes view are made.

**Note** • If your XML file changes include Windows Installer properties or InstallScript text substitutions, they are not replaced with the appropriate values during testing.

**Task**

To test uninstallation changes to an XML file:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **XML File Changes**.
2. In the **XML Files** explorer, right-click the XML file that you want to test and then click **Test XML File Uninstall Changes**. The **Select Test XML File** dialog box opens.
3. In the **File name** box, select the target file to which you want the uninstallation changes applied. The default value is the name of the file whose installation changes you last tested.
4. Click **Open**.

InstallShield applies the uninstallation changes that are configured in the XML File Changes view to the test file.

InstallShield displays details about the uninstallation test on the Results tab of the Output window. The details include a hyperlink to the test file. Note that if you have configured the XML file to be removed during uninstallation, the hyperlink may not work, since the file may no longer be present.

**Tip** • If the target file is open in a browser window when you perform the testing, you may need to refresh the browser window to see the test changes.
Removing an Element or an XML File from the XML File Changes View

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

Task • To remove an element or an XML file from the XML File Changes view:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click XML File Changes.

2. In the XML Files explorer, right-click the XML file or XML element that you want to remove and click Delete.

If you delete an XML file, InstallShield displays a message that explains that the component associated with the XML file will be deleted along with the file itself.

See Also
XML File Changes View

Modifying Text Files

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

See Also
XML File Changes View
InstallShield enables you to configure search-and-replace behavior for content in text files—for example, .txt, .htm, .xml, .config, .ini, and .sql files—that you want to modify at run time on the target system. The text files can be part of your installation, or they can be files that are already present on target systems.

The Text File Changes view is where you define the changes that you want to be made to the text files. This view lets you do the following:

- Add one or more text change sets to your project. A text change set is a reference to one or more text files that you want to search at run time.
- Add one or more text change items to a text change set. A text change item identifies the search-and-replace criteria.

**Task** To configure text file changes:

1. Create a text change set.
2. Specify the change for the text file.

For more information on how to modify a text file at run time, consult this section of the documentation.

**See Also**
Specifying the Code Page that Should Be Used for Opening ANSI Text Files
Text File Changes View

### Creating a Text Change Set

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

*This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.*

The first step in configuring text file changes is to create a reference to the file (or files) that you would like to edit; this reference is called a **text change set**. The file can be any non-binary file—for example, a .txt, .htm, .xml, .config, .ini, or .sql file. The file can be part of your installation (that is, one that you added to your project in the Files and Folders view), or it can be a file that is already present on target systems.

**Note** • Each text change set must be associated with a component in your project. Therefore, before you can create a text change set, your project must have at least one component. If no components exist when you are creating a text change reference, the **Create a New Component dialog box** is displayed, enabling you to create a component.
**Task**

To create a text change set to reference one or more text files that you want to change at run time:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Text File Changes**.

2. Right-click the **Text File Changes** explorer and then click **Add Change Set**.
   
   InstallShield adds a new change set with a default name.

3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click **Rename** to give it a new name.

   The name is not displayed at run time; it is an internal name that is used to differentiate between various change sets in your project.

4. In the right pane, configure the settings for the change set. For details about each setting, see **Change Set Settings**.

After you have created a reference to a text file and configured its settings, you can move on to the next step, which is to specify the search-and-replace criteria.

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**Tip**

You can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the names of the text files that you want to include in or exclude from your search. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product's text files are modified at run time. To learn more, see **Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files**.

**See Also**

- Specifying the Code Page that Should Be Used for Opening ANSI Text Files
- Text File Changes View

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**Specifying a Change for a Text File**

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**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

Once you have specified the text file that you would like to edit, you can move onto the next step of configuring text file changes: specifying the search-and-replace criteria. Each set of criteria is known as a change item.
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Task To specify the change that you want to be made for a text file:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Text File Changes.

2. In the Text File Changes explorer, right-click the change set item whose text changes you want to define, and then click Add Change.
   InstallShield adds a new change item with a default name.

3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to give it a new name.
   The name is not displayed at run time; it is an internal name that is used to differentiate between various change items in your project.

4. In the right pane, configure the settings for the change. For details about each setting, see Change Set Settings.

   To modify additional strings in the text file, add additional change items to the change set in this view—one for each string change.

   Tip • You can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the search strings and the replacement strings. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s text files are modified at run time. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files.

   See Also
   Text File Changes View

Changing the Order in Which Text File Changes Are Made

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

Text file changes are made on the target system in the order in which they are listed in the Text File Changes view.
**Task**

To change the order in which text file changes are made at run time:

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Text File Changes**.
2. In the **Text File Changes** explorer, right-click one of the change set items or change items that you want to move, and then click either **Move Up** or **Move Down**.

Repeat the last step until all of the text file changes are correctly sorted.

**See Also**

Text File Changes View

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**Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

*This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.*

You can use a Windows Installer property to specify text strings for which you are searching or modifying. You can also use a property to specify the text files that you are including or excluding in your search.

At run time, Windows Installer uses **MsiFormatRecord** to resolve the property value, and it uses that value to modify your text file. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s text files are modified at run time.

**Example**

The following procedure demonstrates how to let end users specify during installation an IP address that must be written to an XML-based **web.config** file at run time. The **web.config** file is installed with the product to **INSTALLDIR**, and it contains XML such as the following:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<configuration>
  <appSettings>
    <add key="IP Address" value="default" />  
  </appSettings>
</configuration>
```

The default value in bold must be replaced by the IP address that an end user enters.
Note that you can substitute a hard-coded value with a property for the following change set settings in the Text File Changes view:

- Include Files
- Exclude Files

In addition, you can use a property for the following change item settings in the Text File Changes view:

- Find What
- Replace With
- Insert Text

The property that you specify in any of these settings must be enclosed within square brackets, and the property name must be all uppercase; for example, [MYPROPERTY].

Step 4 of the procedure is slightly different, depending on the project type, since Windows Installer controls the user interface of Basic MSI installations, and the InstallScript engine controls the user interface of InstallScript MSI installations.

### To let end users specify the IP address:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Text File Changes.
2. Add and configure a change set item, which identifies the file for which you want the installation to search:
   a. Right-click the Text File Changes explorer and then click Add Change Set.
      InstallShield adds a new change set item. Steps 2b through 2d explain how to configure its settings, which are displayed in the right pane.
   b. In the Target Folder setting, select the [INSTALLDIR] directory property.
   c. In the Include Files setting, enter the following:
      ```
      web.config
      ```
   d. Leave the default values for the other settings.
3. Add and configure a change item, which identifies the search-and-replace criteria:
   a. In the Text File Changes explorer, right-click the change set item that you created in step 2, and then click Add Change.
      InstallShield adds a new change item. Steps 3b through 3e explain how to configure its settings, which are displayed in the right pane.
   b. In the Action setting, select Replace.
   c. In the Find What setting, enter the following:
      ```
      <add key="IP Address" value="default"
      ```
   d. In the Replace With setting, enter the following:
      ```
      <add key="IP Address" value="[MYPROPERTY]"
      ```
   e. Leave the default values for the other settings.
4. Use the property in a dialog. This part of the procedure depends on which project type you are using.
Chapter 4
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For Basic MSI projects:

a. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **Dialogs**.

b. In the **Dialogs** explorer, expand the **All Dialogs** folder, and click the language under the dialog that should contain the User Name control. As an alternative, you can add a new dialog.

c. Add an **Edit Field** control to the dialog, and set its **Property** property to the following:

\[
\text{MYPROPERTY}
\]

For InstallScript MSI projects:

a. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **InstallScript**.

b. Find the dialog code in the OnFirstUIBefore event for the dialog that should contain the User Name control, and add a call to the Windows Installer API function **MsiSetProperty**. For example, if you want end users to enter the IP address in an edit box on the SdShowDlgEdit1 dialog that you have added to your project, you would add an **MsiSetProperty** call as shown in the following lines of code:

```c
Dlg_SdShowDlgEdit1:
    nResult = SdShowDlgEdit1 (szTitle, szMsg, szField1, svEdit1);
    MsiSetProperty (ISMSI_HANDLE, "MYPROPERTY", svEdit1);
    if (nResult = BACK) goto Dlg_SdWelcome;
```

5. Build your release.

**Tip** • *If you are creating a multilanguage project and you want to use a property that can have different values based on the language that your installation uses, you can use a localizable property. For more information, see Creating a Localizable Property.*

**See Also**
- MsiFormatRecord (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties
- Working with Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects
- Working with Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects
- Dialog Functions
- Dialog Customization Functions

### Specifying the Code Page that Should Be Used for Opening ANSI Text Files

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**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **Transform**
This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

When an installation opens an ANSI text file to make the changes that are configured in the Text File Changes view, the installation uses the code page that is specified in the CodePage column of the ISSearchReplaceSet table of your project. The default value of this column is the number 0, which is CP_ACP, the code page that is currently configured to be the system Windows ANSI code page on the target system. You can use the Direct Editor view to override this value with a specific code page.

CodePage column is of 2-byte (signed). In order to provide a CodePage value greater than 32,767, you have to provide in the form of 2’s complement.

For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Identifier</th>
<th>CodePage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>UTF-8</td>
<td>65001</td>
<td>-535</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UTF-7</td>
<td>65000</td>
<td>-536</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1252</td>
<td>1252</td>
<td>1252</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Task

To override the default code page that should be used to open an ANSI text file:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. In the Tables explorer, click the ISSearchReplaceSet table. InstallShield displays the table in the right pane.
3. In the grid, find the row that corresponds with the change set item whose code page you want to configure.

   The ISSearchReplaceSet column in this grid shows all of the names of the change sets that are available in the Text File Changes explorer in the Text File Changes view.

4. Change the value of the CodePage field in the appropriate row.

See Also

Direct Editor
Text File Changes View

Removing a Change Item or a Change Set from the Text File Changes View

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
This information does not apply to InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals. You can use these functions in InstallScript projects.

If you no longer want a particular change to be performed to a text file, you can remove its change item from the Text File Changes view. In addition, if you no longer want a file or group of text files to be searched, you can remove the corresponding change sets from the Text File Changes view.

Task

To remove a change item or a change set from the Text File Changes view:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Text File Changes.
2. In the Text File Changes explorer, right-click the change set item or change item that you want to remove, and then click Delete.

InstallShield removes the item from the Text File Changes view.

See Also

Text File Changes View

Scheduling Tasks

You can have your installation create and configure automated tasks through the Windows task scheduler at run time on target systems. The scheduled tasks can launch files that are part of your installation, or files that are already present on target systems.

See Also

Adding a Scheduled Task
Scheduled Tasks View
Adding a Scheduled Task

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

**Note** • Each scheduled task must be associated with a component in your project. Therefore, before you can add a scheduled task, your project must have at least one component. If no components exist when you are adding a scheduled task, the *Create a New Component dialog box* is displayed, enabling you to create a component.

**Task**

**To add a scheduled task to your project:**

1. In the View List under **System Configuration**, click **Scheduled Tasks**.
2. Right-click the **Scheduled Tasks** explorer and then click **Add Scheduled Task**. InstallShield adds a new task with a default name.
3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click **Rename** to give it a new name.

   The name is not displayed at run time; it is an internal name that is used to differentiate between various scheduled tasks in your project.

4. In the right pane, configure the settings for the task. For details about each setting, see **Scheduled Tasks Settings**.

**See Also**

Scheduled Tasks View

Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Configure a Scheduled Task

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
Transform

You can use a Windows Installer property to specify information such as the account information that should be used to run the file that a scheduled task launches.

At run time, Windows Installer uses `MsiFormatRecord` to resolve the property value, and it uses that value to configure your scheduled task. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s scheduled tasks are created at run time.

Example

The following procedure demonstrates how to let end users specify during installation an account and password that should be used to run the scheduled task. The properties that you specify must be enclosed within square brackets, and the property names must be all uppercase; for example, `[MYPROPERTY]`.

Step 4 of the procedure is slightly different, depending on the project type, since Windows Installer controls the user interface of Basic MSI installations, and the InstallScript engine controls the user interface of InstallScript MSI installations.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To let end users specify account and password information for the scheduled task:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>In the View List under System Configuration, click Scheduled Tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Scheduled Tasks explorer, select the task that you want to configure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>In the Run As setting, enter the following:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>[DOMAINNAME]\[USERNAME]</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>In the Password setting, enter the following:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>[PASSWORD]</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>Use the properties in a dialog. This part of the procedure depends on which project type you are using.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- For Basic MSI projects:
  a. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
  b. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs folder, and click the language under the dialog that should contain Domain Name, User Name, and Password controls. As an alternative, you can add a new dialog.
  c. Add an Edit Field control to the dialog, and set its Property property to the following:
     `DOMAINNAME`
  d. Repeat step 5c for the `USERNAME` and `PASSWORD` properties.

- For InstallScript MSI projects:
  a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
  b. Find the dialog code in the OnFirstUIBefore event for the dialog that should contain the Domain Name, User Name, and Password controls, and add a call to the Windows Installer API function `MsiSetProperty`. For example, if you want end users to enter the information in edit boxes on the `SdShowDlgEdit3` dialog that you have added to your project, you would add `MsiSetProperty` calls as shown in the following lines of code:
     ```csharp
     Dlg_SdShowDlgEdit3:
     ```
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nResult = SdShowDlgEdit3
         (szTitle, szMsg, szField1, szField2, szField3, svEdit1, svEdit2, svEdit3);
MsiSetProperty (ISMSI_HANDLE, "DOMAINNAME", svEdit1);
MsiSetProperty (ISMSI_HANDLE, "USERNAME", svEdit2);
MsiSetProperty (ISMSI_HANDLE, "PASSWORD", svEdit3);
if (nResult = BACK) goto Dlg_SdWelcome;


See Also
Scheduled Tasks View

Removing a Scheduled Task

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• Transform

Task • To remove a scheduled task from your project:

1. In the View List under System Configuration, click Scheduled Tasks.

2. In the Scheduled Tasks explorer, right-click the task that you want to remove and then click Delete.

InstallShield removes the task from your project.

See Also
Scheduled Tasks View

Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
Windows services are executable files that Windows-based systems run in the background to manage various system tasks, even if no user is currently logged in. A service is an executable file, but it must be designed as a service; you cannot automatically use an arbitrary executable file as a service. Windows services can be installed to run every time that the system starts or on demand when needed. InstallShield enables you to install new Windows services and configure existing services. Windows has a Services administrative tool with which you can view and configure the services that are installed on a system.

You can use the Services view to configure a component that installs, starts, stops, or deletes a service during installation or uninstallation. You can also use this view to configure extended service customization options that are available with Windows Installer 5. As an alternative to using the Services view, you can use the Services area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view or the Setup Design view. If you configure service information in any of these areas, the other areas are automatically updated accordingly.

Note the following details about working with services:

- The service that you are starting, stopping, deleting, or configuring can either be already present on the target system during installation or uninstallation, or it can be installed as part of your installation.
- The service executable file should be the key file of its component. For more information, see Component Key Files.
- The Remote Installation setting for the service’s component must be set to Favor Local. For more information, see Setting a Component’s Remote Installation Setting.

Tip • The View Filter at the top of the Services view lets you select a component or feature whose service data you want to display in the view, and hide the ones whose service data you do not want to display in the view. The View Filter lists your project’s hierarchy of features, subfeatures, and components.

Task To install, start, stop, delete, uninstall, or configure a service:

1. If your installation is installing the service, add the service executable file to a component in your project, and make it the key file of the component. For more information, see Adding Files to Components.
   If the service is already present on target systems, skip this step.

2. In the View List under System Configuration, click Services.

3. Right-click the Services node and then click Add Service. InstallShield adds a new service.

4. Type a new name for the service now, or click it and then press F2 later to rename it.
   The name that you enter must match the name that is shown on the service’s Properties dialog box. (To access an installed service’s properties: In the Services administrative tool, right-click the service and then click Properties.)

5. Select the service that you added, and then configure the settings that are displayed in the right pane as needed. For information about each of the settings, see Services View.

Repeat the process for each service in this component’s key file.

Note • You must be familiar with the technical details of your service before you can configure its settings.
Tip • If configuring the service fails at run time, the installation may fail with an error message. ICE102 validates some of the service-related settings to help avoid such configuration failures. Therefore, it is recommended that you perform validation for your release.

See Also
Services View

Creating Predetermined User Accounts at Run Time

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield has support for creating one or more Windows user accounts in groups without using logon dialogs. This support requires using three Windows Installer properties for the user account, group, and password of each account that you want to be set up at run time.

Properties for Creating User Accounts

Use the following properties to create user accounts at run time:

- **ISNetApiLogonUsername**—Set the value of this property to the user account that you want the installation to create. Use either of the following formats:
  - `MachineName\UserName`
  - `DomainName\UserName`

- **ISNetApiLogonGroup**—Set the value of this property to the group to which you want the user account to belong.

- **ISNetApiLogonPassword**—Set the value of this property to the password that you want to be configured for the user account.

To configure the required properties and their values, use the Properties view. For instructions on how to do this, see Creating Properties in Windows Installer–Based Projects.

Guidelines for Creating User Accounts

To create more than one user account, separate each entry for the **ISNetApiLogonUsername** property value with a tilde that is enclosed in square brackets: `~`. For example, to create a user named **User1** on a domain named **Domain1** and a user named **User2** on a machine named **Machine2**, use the following format:

`Domain1\User1~Machine2\User2`

Each user account that you specify for the **ISNetApiLogonUsername** property must have a corresponding group in the **ISNetApiLogonGroup** property and a corresponding password in the **ISNetApiLogonPassword** property. If these three properties do not have the same number of entries, a run-time error occurs.
The following table shows sample properties and their corresponding values for the creation of three different user accounts:

**Table 4-9 • Properties for User Accounts and Groups**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Property Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISNetApiLogonUsername</td>
<td>Domain1\User1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISNetApiLogonGroup</td>
<td>Users</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISNetApiLogonPassword</td>
<td>Password1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In this example, **User1** is part of the **Users** group and has a password of **Password1!** for the **Domain1** domain. **User2** is part of the **Users** group and has a password of **Password1!** for the **Domain1** domain. **User3** is part of the **Administrators** group and has a password of **Password1!** for the **Domain2** domain.

The **ISNetApiLogonUsername**, **ISNetApiLogonGroup**, and **ISNetApiLogonPassword** properties are formatted properties. Thus, the value of these properties can be a different property, an environment variable, a file path, or a component directory path. For example:

- **[PROPERTYNAME]**—At run time, this resolves to the value of the specified property.
- **[%EnvironmentVariable]**—At run time, this resolves to the value of the specified environment variable.
- **[#FileKey]**—At run time, this resolves to the full path of the file that has the specified file key in the **File** table.
- **[$ComponentName]**—At run time, this resolves to the installation location of the specified component.

**See Also**

Adding the Ability to Create or Set an Existing User Account

**Per-User vs. Per-Machine Installations**

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project: This information applies to Basic MSI projects.*

Two Windows Installer properties, along with the current user’s privileges, affect where the configuration information such as your product’s shortcuts and registry entries are stored on a target machine—to the All Users profile or the current user’s profile:

- **ALLUSERS** determines where the configuration information is stored.
- **MSIINSTALLPERUSER** indicates that the Windows Installer should install the package for only the current user.

The **MSIINSTALLPERUSER** property is available with Windows Installer 5 and on Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2. Earlier versions of Windows Installer and Windows ignore this property.

You can set the **ALLUSERS** and **MSIINSTALLPERUSER** properties for your project through the Property Manager. You can also set these properties using the following methods:

- **At the command line**
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- Through a custom action
- In the CustomerInformation and ReadyToInstall dialogs

ALLUSERS, MSIINSTALLPERUSER, and Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2

If the ALLUSERS property is set to 2 and MSIINSTALLPERUSER is set to 1, the Windows Installer performs a per-user installation.

During a per-machine installation, the Windows Installer requires elevated privileges, and it directs files and registry entries to per-machine locations. If User Account Control (UAC) is available on the target system, a per-machine installation typically prompts for consent or credentials, depending on the access level of the user. During a per-user installation, the Windows Installer does not prompt for credentials, and it redirects files and registry entries to per-user locations.

For more information, see Single Package Authoring on the MSDN Web site.

Effects of ALLUSERS on Windows Vista and Later

Custom actions that have an in-script execution setting of deferred in system context are used to perform an action with the rights granted to the LocalSystem account on Windows, since the Windows Installer service runs in the system context. Actions not marked as deferred in system context run with user impersonation and have the rights that the user who launches the installation has.

When a per-user installation (that is, one where ALLUSERS is not set) is run, deferred-in-system-context actions run in the same context in which normal deferred or immediate custom actions run, which is with user impersonation. This can potentially cause a run-time issue with the custom action in the following circumstances:

- The user who launches the Windows Installer installation is not an administrator; or the user is running the installation on Windows Vista or later, the user is part of the Administrators group, and the user does not have administrator privileges by default.
- The custom action attempts to modify a resource in a per-machine location on the machine, such as a file in the Program Files folder, or a registry key or value in HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE.

While this may not be an issue with Windows XP or earlier versions of Windows, Windows Vista and later do not give users full administrator privileges by default. Therefore, since a deferred-in-system-context action runs with user impersonation when ALLUSERS is not set, the custom action could fail.

The recommended method for preventing this behavior is to specify that a per-machine installation should always be performed by setting ALLUSERS to 1 in the Property Manager. Per-machine installations are generally easier to manage than per-user installations.

Default Value of ALLUSERS

The ALLUSERS property is set to 1 by default in all Basic MSI projects. If you configure your installation so that it can be installed per user without administrative privileges, you may want to consider changing the value of the ALLUSERS property or removing this property from your project.

Default Controls on the ReadyToInstall Dialog

Use the Show Per-User Option setting in the General Information view to specify whether you want to give end users the option of installing your product for all users or for only the current user. Available options for the Show Per-User Option setting are:
• No—InstallShield does not set any related properties. At run time, the ReadyToInstall dialog does not include the buttons that let end users specify how they want to install the product. This is the default value.

• Yes—InstallShield sets the ISSupportPerUser property equal to 1.

If the following conditions are true at run time, the ReadyToInstall dialog includes the per-user and per-machine buttons:
  
  • The ISSupportPerUser property is equal to 1.
  
  • The target system has Windows 7 or later, or Windows Server 2008 R2 or later.
  
  • The product is not already installed on the target system.

The buttons on the ReadyToInstall dialog let end users specify how they want to install the product. If elevated privileges are required, the shield icon is included on the all-users button. If an end user selects the per-user button, the ALLUSERS property is set to 2, and the MSIINSTALLPERUSER property is set to 1. If an end user selects the all-users button, the ALLUSERS property is set to 1, and the MSIINSTALLPERUSER property is not set.

**Note** • Selecting No for the Show Per-User Option setting in the General Information view does not prevent end users from setting MSIINSTALLPERUSER from the command line when they run your installation. If your installation does not support this, you may want to add a launch condition or other run-time check to prevent this from occurring.

### Default Controls on the CustomerInformation Dialog

By default, the CustomerInformation dialog in all Basic MSI projects does not display the radio button group that enables end users to specify whether they want to install the product for all users or for only the current user. This is the recommended implementation for this dialog.

**Task**

To display the radio button group that lets end users set ALLUSERS from the CustomerInformation dialog:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, under All Dialogs, expand the CustomerInformation dialog, and then click Behavior. InstallShield displays the list of controls for the CustomerInformation dialog.
3. At the bottom of the lower-right pane, click the Conditions tab. In the upper-right pane, InstallShield displays the conditions for the selected control.
4. In the list of controls, click DlgRadioGroupText. InstallShield displays this control’s conditions in the upper-right pane.
5. In the upper-right pane, right-click the row that contains the condition whose value is 1 and whose action is Hide, and then click Delete.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for the RadioGroup control.

**See Also**

Creating Properties in Windows Installer–Based Projects
SdCustomerInformation
SdCustomerInformationEx
ALLUSERS Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
ALLUSERS Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
Running InstallScript Installations Without Administrative Privileges

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

InstallShield enables you to create InstallScript installations that can be run by end users who do not have administrative privileges. The proper locations of registry entries, folders, and Start Menu items are dynamically determined at run time. The InstallScript system variable ALLUSERS is the key to such installations; if an installation is run by an end user who does not have administrative privileges, ALLUSERS is initialized to FALSE, and assigning it a new value in the script has no effect.

Note the following details:

- Automatic registration of files (which are included in components that have Yes selected for the Self-Register setting) requires administrative privileges.
- InstallScript objects typically require administrative privileges, since they usually install or register files in locations that require administrative privileges.
- Installing a DIFx driver requires administrative privileges.
- Installing the Setup Player for a One-Click Install installation requires administrative privileges.
- Installing a Windows service requires administrative privileges.
- Connecting to a remote registry requires administrative privileges.
- If an end user who is not an administrator or power user attempts to maintain an InstallScript installation that was installed when ALLUSERS was set to TRUE, the installation displays an error message during initialization. The error message indicates that a user with administrator rights installed the product, and similar privileges are needed to modify or uninstall the product.

See Also
ALLUSERS
Customizing Installation Behavior

InstallShield 2020

An important aspect of creating an installation is customizing it for your end users' needs. The “Customizing Installation Behavior” section of the documentation discusses various features of InstallShield that help you extend the functionality of your installation. For example, you may find it useful to create custom actions to add support for something not directly supported by Windows Installer. Furthermore, you may set up custom actions to call any script that you write in the InstallScript view’s script editor. Refer to this section of the documentation for more information on how you can customize the installation behavior in your project.

Using InstallScript

InstallShield 2020

You can leverage the power and ease of InstallScript to extend the functionality of your installation package. The InstallScript view includes a script editor pane for you to author your InstallScript code.

Project • You must have a file named Setup.rul in your project if you are using InstallScript. InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects contain a Setup.rul file by default. You must add a Setup.rul file in Basic MSI, DIM, and Merge Module projects if you want to use InstallScript custom actions in these types of projects.

Using Event-Driven InstallScript in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects contain an event-driven script. When you use InstallScript in these project types, many of the functions are logged for uninstallation.

Using InstallScript in Custom Actions

Basic MSI, DIM, and Merge Module Projects

In a Basic MSI, DIM, or Merge Module project, you can use custom actions to run InstallScript at run time. These project types do not support event-driven script.

InstallScript MSI Projects

In an InstallScript MSI project, you can use an InstallScript custom action to extend functionality in an execute sequence where the default event handlers are not scheduled appropriately for your installation’s needs.

Creating and Using Custom Actions

Task To author an InstallScript custom action and execute it in your installation:

1. Add a blank Setup.rul to your project in the InstallScript view if it does not already exist.
2. Write an entry-point function. Note that you cannot call an entry-point function in the User Interface sequence for an InstallScript MSI installation project.
3. Compile the script.
4. Create a custom action that calls your InstallScript function.

5. Invoke the InstallScript custom action by either including it in a sequence (InstallScript MSI, Basic MSI, and merge module projects) or executing it as a control event (Basic MSI and merge module projects).

6. Debug if necessary.

**Note** • As with other custom actions, changes made to the system through InstallScript custom actions are not automatically restored when the package is uninstalled. Because InstallScript custom actions are not logged and removed by the uninstaller, you must write a corresponding custom action to uninstall any changes that your custom action makes.

**See Also**
- Event Handlers
- InstallScript View
- InstallScript Functions that Are Logged for Uninstallation
- Defining Sequences
- InstallScript Limits
- Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views

**Overview of ISSetup.dll**

**InstallShield 2020**

ISSetup.d11 is a C++ MSI DLL that contains the full InstallScript scripting run-time engine. For InstallScript MSI, Basic MSI, DIM, and Merge Module projects, ISSetup.d11 executes InstallScript custom actions. For InstallScript projects, ISSetup.d11 must be in the Disk1 folder.

Your installation always uses the InstallScript scripting run-time engine with which it was built, even if more a more recent version is installed on a target machine by another installation.

**Important** • Note the following information:

- **ISSetup.d11** allows you to add only 1,000 InstallScript custom actions to your InstallScript MSI, Basic MSI, DIM, or Merge Module project. If your project includes more than 1,000 InstallScript custom actions, a build error is generated.

- The version of ISSetup.d11 that is used for InstallScript projects is different than the one that is used in InstallScript MSI, Basic MSI, DIM, and Merge Module projects. These two versions are not interchangeable.

**See Also**
- Redistributable Files that Are Distributed with an InstallScript Installation
- Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 11.5 or Earlier
- InstallScript Limits

**Script Files**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript projects.
When you create an installation project, InstallShield creates two script files and stores them in the Script Files folder of your project folder.

-  **Setup.rul** is created for global event handlers and exception handlers.
-  **FeatureEvents.rul** is created for feature event handlers.

Initially, these two files are empty; the default event handlers defined by InstallShield do not appear in these files unless you select them from within the InstallScript view in InstallShield. When you do so, they are inserted into the appropriate script file and displayed in the script pane in the InstallScript view, where you can edit them.

Note that if you change the default feature event handler code in FeatureEvents.rul, you must put the following statement in Setup.rul to include your changes in the installation:

```
#include "FeatureEvents.rul"
```

**See Also**

-  Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views
-  InstallScript Limits

### Creating InstallScript Files

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

-  **Basic MSI**
-  **DIM**
-  **InstallScript**
-  **InstallScript MSI**
-  **InstallScript Object**
-  **Merge Module**

You must have a file named Setup.rul in your project if you are using InstallScript. InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects contain a Setup.rul file by default. You must add a Setup.rul file in Basic MSI, DIM, and Merge Module projects if you want to use InstallScript custom actions in these types of projects.

**Task**  •  To add a new InstallScript file to your project:

1.  In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
2.  In the InstallScript explorer, right-click Files and click New Script File.
3.  Name the file.

New script files are named Setup.rul by default. If you already have a file called Setup.rul, a new file is added with the name Setup{n}.rul, where {n} is a successive number. You can rename the file by right-clicking it and then clicking Rename.

The new script file is placed in the Link To folder. InstallShield attempts to use a path variable in case you move your project. You cannot edit the Link To value.
You can also include additional header files (.h files) and script files. Repeat the above procedure to add a new script file to your project.

**See Also**
InstallScript View
Predefined Path Variables
Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views
InstallScript Limits

## Opening an InstallScript File

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

**Task**

To open a script file in your project so that you can edit it:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **InstallScript**.
2. In the **InstallScript** explorer, click the file that you want to open.

**See Also**

Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views

## Inserting and Importing Script Files

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

InstallShield enables you to reuse InstallScript files (.rul) and InstallScript header files (.h) in multiple projects. You can insert or import script files into a project through the InstallScript view:
Inserting a script file creates a link to the script file in its current location.

Importing a script file copies the script file to the folder containing the script files for your project. The script files that you import can be stored somewhere on your system, or they can be stored in a repository.

InstallShield supports all path variable types that you define in the Path Variables view for the location of these script files. However, it is important to be aware that a corresponding folder structure exists in your source code database so that your source code control software can resolve paths.

### Inserting Script Files

**Task**

**To insert a script file:**

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
2. In the InstallScript explorer, right-click Files and then click Insert Script Files. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select the InstallScript file (.rul) or InstallScript header file (.h) that you want to insert.
4. Click Open.

### Importing Script Files

**Task**

**To import a script file:**

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
2. In the InstallScript explorer, right-click Files and then click Import Script Files. The Import InstallScript Files dialog box opens.
3. Do one of the following:
   - In the Repository Items box, click the InstallScript file (.rul) or InstallScript header file (.h) that you want to add to your project.
   - If the script file that you want to import is not stored in the repository, click the Browse button to select it.
4. Click OK.

**See Also**

Debugging Scripts
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views

### Compiling Scripts

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
Customizing Installation Behavior

- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

You must compile your script before your InstallScript code can be called in your installation.

InstallShield searches only for a file named Setup.rul when compiling the script. You can include files with different names, but they must be included in Setup.rul or in an include file with the #include preprocessor statement.

Task

To compile your script, do one of the following:

- On the Build menu, click Compile.
- Click the Compile button on the toolbar.
- Press CTRL+F7.

Before compiling, InstallShield saves any changes that you have made to your script files. The compiler’s status, including any error or warning messages, is displayed in the Output window. Double-click a compiler message to go to the line in your script where the error was found.

If you compile your script file after making changes to it, it is not necessary to rebuild your release. Note that InstallShield automatically compiles your script whenever you build a release.

If your script compiled successfully, InstallShield creates Setup.inx (the object code that the setup engine executes) and streams it into your Windows Installer package when you build a release.

You may also need to uninstall the release that you previously ran to test your InstallScript custom action before you can see the changes to the script.

You can set compiler options on the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box.

See Also
Debugging Scripts
InstallScript Error Information
Working with Releases
InstallScript Limits

Debugging Scripts

InstallShield 2020

The InstallScript Debugger is useful for stepping through your InstallScript code and checking the progress of your code.

Before you can debug your script, you must first compile it, execute it as a custom action (if applicable), and build a release.

Task

To debug your script directly from within InstallShield, do one of the following:

- On the Build menu, click Debug.
- Press F5.
Click the **Debug** button on the toolbar.

InstallShield will run the installation and open the InstallScript Debugger when the custom action is executed.

While you are in the InstallScript Debugger, press F1 at any point to view the InstallScript Debugger Help.

For information about debugging on a test system, see **Debugging an Installation on any Computer**.

### See Also

**Compiling Scripts**

### Using Preprocessor Statements to Debug the Script

InstallShield 2020

Use the `#define` and `#ifdef` statements to create an internal debugger in the script.

#### Task

**To debug a script by using the preprocessor statements:**

1. Wherever you want to insert a debug statement in the script, start with the following `#ifdef` directive:
   
   ```
   #ifdef DEBUG
   ```

2. On lines that follow that directive, type the debug statements.

3. On a separate line after the debug statements, type:
   
   ```
   #endif
   ```

4. For debugging purposes, compile the following **compiler setting:***
   
   ```
   DDEBUG=1
   ```

Here is an example of a debugging section using an `#ifdef` statement:

```
#ifdef DEBUG
   if nResult < 0 then
      WriteLine (LogFileHandle, "PlaceBitmap failed");
   endif;
#endif
```

The InstallScript Debugger enables you to trace program execution and inspect variables as your installation executes.

### Renaming an InstallScript File

InstallShield 2020

#### Project

This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **InstallScript Object**
Chapter 4
Customizing Installation Behavior

- Merge Module

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<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the InstallScript explorer, right-click the file and click Rename.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Type a new name for the file.</td>
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</table>

**Project** • InstallScript projects must contain a source file named Setup.rul; that file is the main compilation unit of an installation script. If your InstallScript project does not include a script file with that name, error C8503 occurs when you compile your script or build a release.

Using String Entries in Scripts

InstallShield 2020

You can use string identifiers in your script in place of any value that accepts a string literal. When the custom action is executed, the installation replaces the string identifier with the corresponding string value for the language in which the installation is running.

String identifiers must follow an at symbol (@) in your script. The Select String dialog box lets you browse the list of string entries in your project. It also lets you modify string entries for the default language before inserting the selected string identifier into your script.

For example, assuming your project contains a string identifier called MSG_ACTION_SUCCEEDED, you could display its value in a message box as demonstrated below:

```pascal
szMsg = @MSG_ACTION_SUCCEEDED;
nType = INFORMATION;
MessageBox (szMsg, nType);
```

See Also
Localizing the End-User Interface
String Editor View
How an Installation Determines Which Language to Use for the User Interface

Removing InstallScript Files from Projects

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
• **Merge Module**

When you remove a script file from your installation, you are deleting the reference to that file from your project, but not
the file itself. If you later decide to insert it into your installation, you do not need to rewrite your script.

Note that the script file may, in fact, still be compiled if it is included in another file.

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**Task**

To remove InstallScript files from your project:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **InstallScript**.
2. In the **InstallScript** explorer, right-click the file and click **Remove**.

**Caution** • *You cannot rename a file to the name of an existing file under the project location, even if the script file has been
removed through the above procedure. For example, assume you have a script file called Setup.rul in your project. Next,
remove that file and add a new script file, called Script1.rul by default. You cannot rename Script1.rul to Setup.rul,
because doing so would overwrite the first Setup.rul. To avoid this, you should move your original Setup.rul out of your
project folder, rename it, or delete it through Windows Explorer.*

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**Creating Script Libraries (.obl Files)**

**InstallShield 2020**

InstallScript's built-in functions are defined in library files (.obl files) to which a script is linked when the script is compiled.

**Task**

To create a library file for functions that you have defined:

1. Create one or more .rul files containing the definitions of your functions.
2. At the command line, for each of your .rul files, run Compile.exe with the `-c` switch to compile the file without linking
it to any existing library file. This will create an .obs file (rather than the .inx file that is created by compiling without
the `-c` switch). For example, enter the following command line to create the file MyFunc.obs in the current folder.

   ```
   Compile MyFunc.rul -c
   ```

   To create an .obs file with a different name or location, use the `-o` switch.

3. Run Compile.exe with the `-l` switch, and one or more .obs files as parameters, to create the library file. For example,
enter the following command line to create the file MyFunc.obl in the current folder.

   ```
   Compile MyFunc.obs -l
   ```

   Entering the following command line creates the file MyFunc1.obl in the current folder.

   ```
   Compile MyFunc1.obs MyFunc2.obs -l
   ```

   To create an .obs file with a different name or location, use the `-o` switch.

**Tip** • *If you have many .obs files, you can shorten the command line by using a command file as in the following example:*

```
Compile @MyObsFiles.txt -l
```
To quickly create the command file, you can use the MS-DOS command DIR with its /b (bare format) switch and redirect the output to a file. For example:

```
DIR *.obs /b > MyObsFiles.txt
```

To compile an installation script using your library file, specify the library file on the command line or—when compiling within InstallShield—on the Compile/Link Tab of the Settings dialog box.

**See Also**
Compile.exe

### Publishing InstallScript Files (.rul and .h) to a Repository

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

If you have an existing InstallScript file (.rul) or InstallScript header file (.h) that you would like to reuse in other projects or share with other users, you can publish it to a repository.

**Task**

To publish a script file to a repository:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **InstallScript**.
2. In the **InstallScript** explorer, right-click the script file that you would like to publish, and then click **Publish Wizard**. The **Publish Wizard** opens.
3. Complete the panels in the **Publish Wizard**.

After you have imported a script file from a repository into a project, there is no link between the current script file and the existing repository script file. If you make a change to the script file and then republish it to the repository, it does not affect the script file in the project to which it was imported. However, you can reimport the script file from the repository into your project.

**See Also**

Inserting and Importing Script Files
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
InstallScript Lists

InstallScript 2020

Lists are used to store related information, such as strings or numbers. InstallScript lists are very similar to single-linked lists in the C language. InstallScript list functions are very flexible, enabling you to return information in an order different from the order in which it was stored and access and use that information in a variety of ways.

List Functions

InstallShield provides a number of functions for creating and manipulating lists. There are three types of InstallScript list functions:

- Functions ending in -String that work with string lists only
- Functions ending in -Item that work with number lists only
- Functions that work with either string or number lists

InstallShield also has many secondary list-related functions that use or create lists.

List Structure

Lists are used to store related information—either strings or numbers. All the information in a list must be of the same data type, and the number of elements is limited only by the available memory.

An InstallScript list has two parts. The first part is the head, which InstallShield uses internally. The head of the list contains general information about the list, such as whether it contains strings or numbers. The head also contains pointers to the beginning and end of the list.

The second part of the list is the list body. The list body contains the actual strings or numbers. You can have as many strings or numbers in a list as the memory in the system will allow.

Remember that lists cannot contain both numbers and strings. A list must have only strings or only numbers.

Variables representing lists can be declared as type LIST or type LONG. Lists exist only in memory, meaning they are destroyed when the installation is complete. If a list is local to a function, the list is destroyed when the function returns control to the calling code.

See Also
List Processing Functions

Creating and Destroying Lists

InstallShield 2020

Before creating a list, decide which type of list you want to build: a string list or a number (item) list. To create the list, call the ListCreate function:

// This builds the list head for a string list.
listID1 = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

–or–

// This builds the list head for a number (item) list.
listID2 = ListCreate (NUMBERLIST);
**ListCreate** automatically builds the head of the list and returns its ID number. The ID is used in all subsequent functions that operate on the list. Therefore, you must always create a list using **ListCreate** before you use any other list function. You must store the return value from **ListCreate** in a variable of type LIST or type LONG.

This fragment creates a number list and then a string list. It also tests each one to make sure that the lists were created successfully.

```c
// This creates an empty list for strings.
listID1 = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

if (listID1 = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("Unable to create the string list", SEVERE);
endif;

// This will create an empty list for numbers.
listID2 = ListCreate (NUMBERLIST);

if (listID2 = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("Unable to create the number list", SEVERE);
endif;
```

When you are finished using a list, you will typically want to destroy the list to free the memory for other uses. **ListDestroy** destroys the list and its contents. This example creates a list referenced by listID, adds a string to the list, and then destroys the entire list.

```c
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("Unable to create list.", SEVERE);
    abort;
endif;

ListAddString (listID, "This is a string in the list", AFTER);
ListDestroy (listID);
```

If you do not destroy a list using **ListDestroy**, the list will be destroyed when the installation is complete. If the list is local to a function, the list is destroyed when the function returns control to the calling code.

**See Also**
- ListCreate
- ListDestroy

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### Adding Elements to Lists

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InstallShield provides several functions for adding elements to lists:

**Table 4-1 • Functions that Are Used to Add Elements to Lists**

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<td>ListAddItem</td>
<td>Adds an item to the list.</td>
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<td>ListAddString</td>
<td>Adds a string to the list.</td>
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</table>
ListAddString and ListAddItem add a single element to the list that you specify. Remember that, regardless of where you place the new string in the list, it becomes the current string. Use the options BEFORE and AFTER to indicate where you want to place the new element in the list relative to the current element. If you are working with a newly created list, using either BEFORE or AFTER will add the string to the first element position in the list.

Adding elements to a list and the resulting effects on the list order and the element in the current position are most easily explained by example. The examples below use string lists and ListAddString, but the same principles and steps apply to using ListAddItem and number lists. Consider these scenarios:

- Adding an element to an empty list
- Adding an element before the current element
- Adding an element after the current element
- Adding elements before and after the current element

### Adding an Element to an Empty List

The first string that you add to the list goes immediately after the head of the list. This string (String 1 in the sample code) becomes the current string in the list. The script fragment shown below results in a list like that depicted after it:

```c
// Create the empty list of strings.
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

// Test for a valid list
if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("List not created", SEVERE);
else
    // Add a string to the list.
    szString = "String 1";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);
endif;
```

![Figure 4-1: String 1 is added to a list.](image)
Adding an Element Before the Current Element

InstallShield 2020

If the current string is the first string in the list and you add a new string before it, the new string becomes the first string in the list. The string that was formerly in the first element position now resides in the second element position. The new string at the first element position is now the current string:

// Create the empty list of strings.
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

// Test for a valid list
if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("List not created", SEVERE);
else
    // Add some strings to the list.
    szString = "String 1";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);

    szString = "String 2";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, BEFORE);
endif;

Figure 4-2: String 2 is added before String 1.

Adding an Element After the Current Element

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If the current string is the first string in the list, and you add the new string after the current string, the new string becomes the second string in the list, as well as the new current string. Refer to the script fragment below and to the illustration following it:

// Create the empty list of strings.
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

// Test for a valid list
if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("List not created", SEVERE);
else
    // Add some strings to the list.
    szString = "String 1";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);

    szString = "String 2";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);
endif;
Adding Elements Before and After the Current Element

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As another example, the code segment shown below creates a new list and puts String 1 in the first position. String 2 is then added before String 1, leaving String 2 in the first position as the current string. Next, String 3 is added after the current string, resulting in the list depicted below.

```
// Create the empty list of strings.
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

// Test for a valid list
if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox("List not created", SEVERE);
else
    // Add some strings to the list.
    szString = "String 1";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);

    szString = "String 2";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, BEFORE);

    szString = "String 3";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);
endif;
```

![Head of the List](image)

**Figure 4-3:** String 2 is added after String 1.

In the example above, if String 3 were added before the current string, the result would be as shown below, with String 3 becoming the current string. This code segment is shown below:

```
// Create the empty list of strings.
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

// Test for a valid list
if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox("List not created", SEVERE);
else
    // Add some strings to the list.
    szString = "String 1";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);

    szString = "String 2";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, BEFORE);

    szString = "String 3";
    ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);
endif;
```

![Head of the List](image)

**Figure 4-4:** String 1 is added. Then String 2 is added before String 1. Last, String 3 is added after String 2.
szString = "String 1";
ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);

szString = "String 2";
ListAddString (listID, szString, BEFORE);

szString = "String 3";
ListAddString (listID, szString, BEFORE);

endif;

Figure 4-5: String 1 is added. Then String 2 is added before String 1. Last, String 3 is added before String 2.

### Changing Existing Elements in a List

Call the `ListSetCurrentString` function to change the value of an element in a string list. Remember that only the current element may be changed, so be sure to make the string you want to update the current string in the list.

Call the `ListSetCurrentItem` function to change the value of an element in a number list. Again, the item that you want to update must be the current element in the list.

The example below demonstrates calling `ListSetCurrentItem` to change the value of the current item in a number list. The `ListSetCurrentString` function works in the same manner, but with a string list and string variables.

```c
// Create a list and verify its creation.
listID = ListCreate (NUMBERLIST);
if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("Unable to create list.", SEVERE);
    abort;
endif;

// Add items (1078 and 304) to the list.
nItem = 1078;
ListAddItem (listID, nItem, AFTER);
nItem = 304;
ListAddItem (listID, nItem, AFTER);

// Current item is the second item (304).
// Now set current item to new value (305).
nItem = 305;
ListSetCurrentItem (listID, nItem);
ListDestroy (listID);
```

See Also
- `ListSetCurrentString`
- `ListSetCurrentItem`
Deleting Elements from a List

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Call the `ListDeleteString` function to delete the current string from a list. Or, call the `ListDeleteItem` function to delete the current number from a list. If there are no more elements to delete, these functions return the END_OF_LIST constant.

Note that since `ListDeleteString` and `ListDeleteItem` delete the current element, you must reset the current element to the element that you want deleted. After deletion, the next element in the list becomes the current element. You reset the element by any of the methods described in Traversing Lists.

The example below illustrates the use of several list functions, including `ListDeleteString`. The `ListDeleteItem` function is used in the same manner, except that the list is a number list and the variables are number variables.

```c
// Create the empty list of strings.
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

if (listID = LIST_NULL) then // Test for a valid list.
    MessageBox ("List not created", SEVERE);
endif;

// Add some strings to the list.
szString = "String 1";
ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);

szString = "String 2";
ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);

szString = "String 3";
ListAddString (listID, szString, AFTER);

// Delete the current string.
ListDeleteString (listID);

// Reset the current string in the list.
1Result = ListCurrentString (listID, svString);

// svString contains "String 2."

See Also
ListDeleteString
ListDeleteItem
```

Finding a Particular Element in a List

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You can traverse lists non-incrementally. Call the `ListFindString` function or the `ListFindItem` function when you want to search for a specific string or number element in a list. These two functions begin their search at the current element and continue forward through the list from that point.

To start a search from the beginning of a list, call the `ListGetFirstString` or the `ListGetFirstItem` function before calling the `ListFindString` or the `ListFindItem` function.

When the `ListFindString` or the `ListFindItem` function finds the specified string or number, it becomes the current element in the list.

In the script fragment below, a number list is created, and the number 1 (in nItem) is added as the first element. Then, `ListFindItem` searches the list for the number 1, and deletes it, if found. Finally, the list is destroyed.
listID = ListCreate (NUMBERLIST);

if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("Unable to create list.", SEVERE);
    abort;
endif;

nItem = 1;
ListAddItem (listID, nItem, AFTER);

if (ListFindItem (listID, nItem) = 0) then
    ListDeleteItem (listID);
endif;
ListDestroy (listID);

---

**Note** • The ListFindString and ListFindItem functions look for only the first instance of the specified string or number at or after the current element.

**See Also**
ListFindString
ListFindItem
ListGetFirstString
ListGetFirstItem

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**Getting the First and Next Elements in a List**

InstallShield 2020

Call the ListGetFirstString function or the ListGetFirstItem function to return the first string element or number element, respectively, from a list. The element that you retrieve then becomes the current element in the list.

Call the ListGetNextString function or the ListGetNextItem function to return the string element or number element after the current element in a list. The element that you retrieve then becomes the current element in the list.

// Create the empty list of strings.
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);

// Test for a valid list.
if (listID = LIST_NULL) then
    MessageBox ("List not created", SEVERE);
endif;

// Add some strings to the list.
ListAddString (listID, "String 1", AFTER);
ListAddString (listID, "String 2", AFTER);
ListAddString (listID, "String 3", AFTER);

// Traverse the list and display the strings in a message box.
lResult = ListGetFirstString(listID, szDriveName);

while (lResult != END_OF_LIST)
    MessageBox (szDriveName, INFORMATION);
    lResult = ListGetNextString (listID, szDriveName);
endwhile;

**See Also**
ListGetFirstString
ListGetFirstItem
ListGetNextString
ListGetNextItem

Reading a File into a List

InstallShield 2020

Call the `ListReadFromFile` function to read an entire file into a string list. Each line in the file becomes an element in the list. The `ListReadFromFile` function provides an easy way to load a list, rather than building it one item at a time.

**See Also**
ListReadFromFile

Setting an Index in a List

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield provides the `ListSetIndex` function, which lets you make an element the current element using an index number. If you know the location of a particular element in a list, you can call the `ListSetIndex` function to access that element immediately. You can traverse a list in either direction by using the index to set a specific element in a list to the current element. The index of the list starts at 0 (zero).

The `ListSetIndex` function works on both string and number lists. After you set the indexed element as the current element, call either the `ListCurrentItem` function or the `ListCurrentString` function to return the value of the indexed item.

This example demonstrates traversing a list non-incrementally using `ListSetIndex`.

```plaintext
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);
GetGroupNameList (listID);
nCheck = ListSetIndex (listID, LISTFIRST);

while (nCheck != END_OF_LIST)
    ListCurrentString (listID, svString);
    MessageBox (svString, INFORMATION);
    nCheck = ListSetIndex (listID, LISTNEXT);
endwhile;

ListDestroy (listID);
```

The `ListCount` function tells you how many elements are in a list. The `ListCount` function is used mainly for general information purposes, although it can be used to establish an upper index value in conjunction with `ListSetIndex`. For example, you can call `ListCount` to get the number of elements in a list, and use that value with `ListSetIndex` to traverse a list. The above example, which uses a while loop, is rewritten below using an InstallScript for loop based on the number of elements in the list.

```plaintext
listID = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);
GetGroupNameList (listID);

// Get the number of elements in the list.
```
nItems = ListCount (listID);

// Display the number of elements in the list.
SprintfBox (INFORMATION, "", "i = %d", nItems);

// Loop for nItems times beginning with zero,
// displaying each list element in turn in a message box.
for i = 0 to (nItems - 1)
    ListSetIndex (listID, i);
    ListCurrentString (listID, svString);
    MessageBox (svString, INFORMATION);
    nCheck = ListSetIndex (listID, LISTNEXT);
endfor;

ListDestroy (listID);

See Also
ListSetIndex
ListCurrentItem
ListCurrentString
ListCount

Traversing Lists

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield provides these functions for traversing lists incrementally and non-incrementally:

Table 4-2 • Functions that Are Used to Traverse Lists

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<td>ListCurrentItem</td>
<td>Returns the current item in the list.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ListCurrentString</td>
<td>Returns the current string in the list.</td>
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<td>ListFindItem</td>
<td>Attempts to find a numeric element in a list. If found, the element becomes the current element of the list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ListFindString</td>
<td>Attempts to find a string element in a list. If found, the element becomes the current element of the list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ListGetFirstItem</td>
<td>Retrieves the first element from a number list.</td>
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InstallShield uses single-linked lists, which means that unless you use functions that set indices or search for specific elements in lists, you can traverse lists incrementally in one direction only: from the first element to the last.

InstallShield allows you to traverse lists in non-incremental fashion by means of indices and by searching for particular elements in lists. Refer to the individual function descriptions for more details.

Most list traversing and list access operations are carried out relative to the current list element. Furthermore, most of the functions used to traverse and access lists establish a current element as a result of their action. Therefore, making an element the current element in a list is not an isolated action; it is a byproduct of another action.

If a list is empty, adding an element to the list will establish a current element. If a list is not empty, then making an element the current element is best accomplished by traversing the list or searching for a particular element in the list.

**Tip** • Lists are often processed within while loops, usually checking for END_OF_LIST. An infinite loop can result if the list is not valid. If you are processing lists in a while loop, make sure that you have created the list with the ListCreate function, and that you have not destroyed the list with the ListDestroy function.

### Writing a List to a File

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Call the ListWriteToFile function to write the contents of a string list to a file. Each element in the list becomes a line in the file.

The example script below reads the Autoexec.bat file into the listFile string list and then writes that string list to a file named Autoexec.bak.

```plaintext
listFile = ListCreate (STRINGLIST);
szPath = "C:\\";
szFileOld = "C:\Autoexec.bat";
szFileNew = "C:\Autoexec.bak";

if (ListReadFromFile (listFile, szFileOld) < 0) then
    MessageBox ("ListReadFromFile failed.", SEVERE);
endif;
ListWriteToFile (listFile, szFileNew);
```

### Saving InstallScript Files

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All open script files are saved automatically when you click Save on the File menu in InstallShield.
System Restore

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

System Restore is a Windows feature that enables end users to restore PCs corrupted during software installation. The System Restore feature automatically monitors and records key system changes to the end user's PC. System Restore reduces support costs and increases customer satisfaction by letting the end user easily undo a change that may have harmed their system or revert to a time when they knew that their system was performing optimally.

InstallScript installations support System Restore by setting a restore point before starting the file transfer; the end user can then use System Restore to restore the system to the state it was in before the file transfer.

Note • Installation actions (for example, registry changes and file modifications) that take place before file transfer cannot be undone by System Restore.

Your installations are System Restore compatible by default. You can disable System Restore compatibility by placing the following code in your script's OnBegin event handler:

Disable( PCRESTORE );

If the file Wininit.ini exists in the target machine's Windows folder, the installation cannot set a restore point. To handle Wininit.ini, put code like the following in the OnFirstUIBefore and OnMaintUIBefore event handler functions:

/* Look for Wininit.ini in the Windows folder. If it is found ... */
if FindFile( WINDIR, "Wininit.ini", svResult )=0 then
   bRebootForSystemRestore = TRUE;
   /* ... get its size. */
   GetFileInfo( WINDIR ^ "Wininit.ini", FILE_SIZE, nvSize, svResult );
   /* If its size is zero bytes ... */
   if nvSize=0 then
      /* ... delete Wininit.ini. */
      if DeleteFile( WINDIR ^ "Wininit.ini" )=0 then
         bRebootForSystemRestore = FALSE;
      endif;
   endif;
   /* If Wininit.ini has a non-zero size or could not be deleted, notify the end user and allow a reboot. */
   if bRebootForSystemRestore then
      szQuestion = "Windows System Restore lets you undo " +
                  "changes to your computer. If you want to be able " +
                  "to use System Restore to undo this installation, " +
                  "you must reboot your computer now.\n\n" +
                  "Do you want to reboot your computer now?"
      if AskYesNo( szQuestion, YES )=YES then
         System( SYS_BOOTMACHINE );
      endif;
   endif;
   endif;
Getting and Setting Properties

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Windows Installer properties can contain useful information about the product, the setup, the operating system, and the user. By calling `MsiGetProperty` and `MsiSetProperty`, you can directly interact with these properties in your immediate InstallScript custom action.

**Note** • Note that the `MsiGetProperty` and `MsiSetProperty` properties cannot be used for deferred InstallScript custom actions, which do not have access to the active .msi database and do not recognize any Windows Installer properties. They can access only the information that has been written into the execution script.

The following example retrieves the user name from the Windows Installer setup package, confirms the value, gives the user the opportunity to change it, and then writes the new value back into the database.

**Note** • It may be necessary to specify a proper buffer size if the property value exceeds 1024 characters. For an example of how to write code for this scenario, refer to Changes in Behavior for Some MSI APIs That Are Called in InstallScript Custom Actions in the “Upgrading Projects from InstallShield 2011 or Earlier” topic.

```c
// Include header file for built-in functions
#include "isrt.h"
// Include header file for MSI API functions and constants
#include "iswi.h"

export prototype Func1(HWND);

function Func1(hMSI)
    STRING svName;
    NUMBER nvSize, nResponse;
begin
    // Retrieve the user's name from the MSI database
    nvSize = 256;
    MsiGetProperty (hMSI, "USERNAME", svName, nvSize);

    nResponse = AskYesNo ("Your name will be registered as " +
        svName + ". Is this correct?", YES);

    if nResponse = NO then
        AskText ("Enter the name that will be registered for " +
            "this product.", svName, svName);
    MsiSetProperty(hMSI, "USERNAME", svName);
end;
```
Chapter 4
Customizing Installation Behavior

See Also
Accessing or Setting Windows Installer Properties Through Deferred, Commit, and Rollback Custom Actions
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties
MsiGetProperty (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiGetProperty (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiSetProperty (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiSetProperty (Windows Installer Help Library)

Using Bit Flags
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

Bit flags are one or more (up to 32) Boolean values stored in a single number variable.

Each bit flag typically has a corresponding predefined constant associated with it; this constant has the bit for this flag set to 1 and all other bits set to 0. For example, the following constant identifies the bit flag for bit 0, that is, the right-most bit in the number:

#define BITFLAG_EXAMPLE_1 0x00000001

Other bit flags could be the following:

#define BITFLAG_EXAMPLE_2 0x00000002
#define BITFLAG_EXAMPLE_3 0x00000004

Note that 0x00000003 is not a valid bit flag, since this value corresponds to two bits in the number being set to 1.

Setting Bit Flags in a Variable
To set bit flags in a variable, use the bitwise OR operator (|). For example, to assign the value BITFLAG_EXAMPLE_1 and BITFLAG_EXAMPLE_2 to the number variable nFlags, use code like the following:

nFlags = nFlags | BITFLAG_TEST_1 | BITFLAG_TEST_2;

Clearing a Bit Flag from a Variable
To clear a bit flag from a variable, combine the bitwise AND operator (&) with the bitwise NOT operator (~). For example, to remove the BITFLAG_TEST_1 flag from nFlags, use code such as the following:

nFlags = nFlags & ~BITFLAG_TEST_1;

Testing a Variable for a Bit Flag
To test a variable for a bit flag, use the bitwise AND operator (&) and the bit flag constant to zero all the bits other than the bit for which you are testing. For example, if nFlags is currently set to BITFLAG_TEST_1 | BITFLAG_TEST_2, the following expression evaluates to true (that is, a non-zero result):

nFlags & BITFLAG_TEST_1

All bits other than the rightmost bit are set to 0 by the & operation; the rightmost bit is 1 since it is 1 in both the constant BITFLAG_TEST_1 and nFlags.
The following expression evaluates to FALSE since the third bit of nFlags is 0 and all other bits are set to 0 by the & operation:

\[ n\text{Flags} \& \text{BITFLAG\_TEST\_3} \]

### String Comparisons

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When InstallShield compares two strings, it starts by comparing the initial character in the first string with the initial character in the second string. If those characters are equal, InstallShield then compares the characters in the next position of each string. If those characters are also equal, it moves on to the characters in the next position, continuing in sequence until it encounters one of the following conditions:

- Two characters in the same relative position in the two strings do not match. In this case, InstallShield bases its resolution on the comparison of those two characters. If the character in string one has a greater value than the character in the corresponding position of string two, then string one is greater; otherwise string two is greater.

- The end of one string is encountered without finding unequal characters in corresponding positions. In this case, the strings are of unequal length and therefore they are not equal.

- The end of both strings is reached without finding unequal characters in corresponding positions. In this case, the strings are equal in length and all characters match; therefore the strings are equal.

Consider the following example:

```plaintext
svString1 = "trusting";
svString2 = "TRUTHFUL";

if svString1 = svString2 then
    MessageBox("Equal", INFORMATION);
else
    MessageBox("Not Equal", INFORMATION);
endif;
```

String comparisons are not case-sensitive. Because an uppercase character is equal to its lowercase counterpart, InstallShield finds that the first three characters of `trusting` and the first three characters of `TRUTHFUL` are equivalent. The comparison ends with the test of the characters in the fourth position of each string. Since `s` is lower than `t` in the ASCII character table, `svString1` does not equal `svString2`. The remaining characters are not compared and the else branch is executed.

**Note** • The value of each character is based on its ASCII value. For information about the ASCII values of specific characters and symbols, refer to a basic programming manual.

### Using Null-Delimited Strings

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**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript projects.
Note the following when using a null-delimited, double-null-terminated string (for example, `abc\0def\0ghi\0\0`; such strings are also sometimes referred to as *multiple null-delimited strings* or *multiple null-terminated strings*):

- When declaring a variable that will be set to a null-delimited string value, explicitly size the variable; for example:
  ```c
  STRING szString[1024];
  ```
  Do not use autosizing; the installation engine expects autosized strings to not include null characters within the string.
- Do not try to create arrays of null-delimited strings; since array elements must always be autosized, string arrays do not currently support this type of string.
- The specified size of a null-delimited string should be at least the number of characters to be stored plus two for the two terminating null characters.
- Since strings are automatically initialized to all null characters, you do not need to explicitly set the second-to-last character to null (though this will not cause any adverse effects) unless you have previously set the second-to-last character to something other than null.
- The best way to determine the length of a null-delimited string is to call the `CharReplace` function to replace the null characters and then call the `StrLengthChars` function to determine the size of the resulting string.
- The `StrGetTokens` and `StrPutTokens` functions may be useful when working with null-delimited strings.
- Most InstallScript functions other than the ones noted above do not work with multiple null-delimited strings. If you want to use a multiple null-delimited string with a built-in function, use the `CharReplace` function first to replace the null characters with another character, such as an underscore (`_`).

**Relative Path**

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A relative path includes all of the information necessary to locate a file by starting at the current folder on the current drive, for example, `Support\Validation`. That folder can be located along that relative path only if it exists in the current directory.

**Long File Names**

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Windows operating systems that are 32 bit support long file names. Long file names enable end users to give directories and files more meaningful names. The term *long file name* refers to both long file names and long paths.

InstallShield provides the long file name functions to facilitate the installation of 16-bit applications and 32-bit applications that do not recognize long file names. It is your responsibility to determine your application’s requirements. InstallShield provides the tools to help you install any kind of application.

**See Also**

Long File Name Functions
Long File Names and 16-bit Applications

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You can launch 16-bit applications using long file names, but you cannot pass long file names as arguments to 16-bit applications; 16-bit applications require the short file name versions of long file names to function correctly.

If your installation passes a file name to a 16-bit application, you must provide a valid short file name to the application. Long file names will not work.

If your installation writes file names to files such as .ini files, and if 16-bit applications are expected to use the files, you must write short file names that the 16-bit applications can use.

See Also
Long File Name Functions

Long File Names and Double Quotation Marks

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Under 32-bit operating systems, if you pass a long file name containing one or more space characters to the command line (such as in a DOS shell or in the Command Line setting for an icon), you must enclose the long file name in double quotation marks. This is necessary because the command line recognizes the space character as a delimiter separating a command from other arguments. The double quotation marks convert the long file name to a string literal, allowing the command line to receive it as a single argument.

Under 32-bit operating systems, if you pass a long file name containing one or more space characters to the command line, it must be enclosed in double quotation marks. However, due to the manner in which Windows NT accesses icon files, if a long file name in double quotation marks is used in the Command Line setting for an icon, the default Windows icon may display instead of the application’s icon.

To display your product’s icon, you can specify the icon’s path in the parameter szIconPath of the function AddFolderIcon when using it to add an icon to a program folder.

Double quotation marks must be removed from long file names before they can be converted to short file names in InstallShield. Refer to the LongPathToQuote and LongPathToShortPath functions.

See Also
Long File Name Functions

Long File Name Format

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Long file names contain names longer than the conventional 8.3 (eight characters plus a three-digit extension) short file name limit. Long file names allow the use of all the characters used in short file names. In addition, long file names can contain plus signs (+), commas (,), semicolons (;), equal signs (=), left and right square brackets ([ ]), and spaces.

Leading and trailing spaces are ignored. The fully qualified long file name (including null terminating character) can be up to 256 characters long on NTFS file systems and 260 characters long on VFAT file systems.

By default, the operating system creates a short file name for every long file name. The short file name consists of the first six characters of the long file name, a tilde (~), and a number.
Defining Constants Through the Compiler

You can define InstallScript constants on the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box instead of in the script.

The following restrictions apply when defining constants on this tab:

- You can define only numeric constants.
- If you define a constant that you defined with a #define statement in the script, a compile error occurs.
- If you define a constant that you defined as a variable in the script, the value of the constant is lost at run time.

Using Windows Constants in a Script

Some Windows constants are predefined in the ISRTWindows.h file that is provided in the InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt\Include folder. This file is automatically included in your installation when you include Ifx.h in your script. You do not need to redefine any constants that are defined in ISRTWindows.h; doing so will result in a compiler warning. To determine which constants are predefined, refer to the ISRTWindows.h file.

To use constants that are not defined in ISRTWindows.h, you must define them (using #define) in the declaration block of your installation script. You cannot simply include the Windows.h file that is usually part of a C++ program. The values that you need to assign to the undefined constants can generally be found in an include file that is provided with the appropriate Windows SDK or development tool. (For Microsoft Visual C++, most constants can be found in the Winuser.h file, which is located in the InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Resource folder.)

Coding Long String Literals

To make a very long string literal more easily readable in a script, split the long string into two or more shorter strings, place them on consecutive lines, and concatenate them. In InstallScript, concatenation is performed with the plus sign (+).

The example below shows how to split a long string literal across several lines of code in this way:

```plaintext
szMonths = "January, February, March, April, " +
          "May, June, July, August, September, " +
          "October, November, December";
```

See Also
- Concatenate Operator (+)
Absolute Path

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Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

An absolute path includes all of the information necessary to locate a file by starting at the root directory of a specified drive. For example, `C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020` is the absolute path to the InstallShield folder when installed on drive C.

Building Functions

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Typically, functions are declared at the top of the file, and the body is defined at the bottom of the file. After you declare a function prototype, you need to define the function itself in the function block. Each function block contains only one function.

Task To build a function:

1. Start the function body with the keyword `function`.
2. Type the return value data type used in the function prototype, or type `void` if the function prototype specifies a return type of `void` (which indicates that the function does not return a value). If the function prototype does not specify a return type, it is not necessary to enter one here.
3. Type the function name.
4. To the right of the function name, type the names of the arguments that you are using in parentheses. The arguments must correspond in data type to the parameters that you declared in the `declare` block.

Note • InstallScript functions do not allow you to pass an assignment statement as a parameter. In addition, you cannot use the `&&` or `||` operators within an argument to a function.

Steps 1 and 2 create the function header. Function headers do not end with a semicolon in InstallScript.

5. Declare any local variables that you will use in the function. Then type the keyword `begin` on a line by itself, without punctuation.

6. After the `begin` line, add whichever statements you need in order to accomplish your particular task.

You can also use a return statement, particularly if you want to return a specific value from the function. See below for information on returning values from a function.

7. End your function with the keyword `end`.

A sample function block is shown below:

```plaintext
function GetPathParts(szFullPath, svDrv, svPath, svName)
    LONG lResult;
    begin
        lResult = ParsePath(svDrv, szFullPath, DISK);
    end
```
if (lResult = 0) then
    lResult = ParsePath(svPath, szFullPath, DIRECTORY);
endif;

if (lResult = 0) then
    lResult = ParsePath(svName, szFullPath, FILENAME);
endif;

return lResult;
end;

Note • User-defined functions can return a value with a return statement. Other types of data can be returned in parameters that have been declared with the BYREF operator.

See Also
#include (including the contents of another script in the main installation script)
Declarations

Calling Functions

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All functions—whether user-defined, built-in, Sd, or external—are called in the same way. Type the name of the function, followed by the parameters that you want to pass to the function. For example:

MyFunction (MyAge, MyHeight, MyWeight);

Note • InstallScript functions do not allow you to pass an assignment statement as a parameter. In addition, you cannot use the && or || operators within an argument to a function.

An autosized string variable that is passed by reference to a function is not autosized within the called function. If the function attempts to assign a value whose length is greater than the current size of that parameter, run-time error 401 occurs. To avoid this error, declare strings with a specific size when they are to be passed by reference to a function.

See Also
BYREF Operator
Declarations
return
String Size and Autosize

Calling a DLL File Function

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There are three rules you must remember when you are calling DLL file functions from your InstallScript installation script:

- The maximum length of the DLL file name is 33 characters; the maximum length of the function name is 63 characters.
- The installation cannot accept a composite parameter (that is, a parameter with a width exceeding 4 bytes) when calling a DLL file. However, a parameter can be a pointer that points to a composite structure.
A string variable whose address is stored in a pointer variable cannot be changed by passing the pointer to a DLL file function. To allow a DLL file function to change the value of a string variable, pass the variable itself as an argument to the function, after declaring the data type of that argument specifying the BYREF operator.

**Task**

**To call a DLL file function from your script:**

1. Add the DLL file to your project as a support file if you have not already done so. For more information, see Adding Support Files.

2. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **InstallScript**.

3. In the **InstallScript** explorer, click the InstallScript file (.rul) that should call the DLL function.

4. At the beginning of the script, prototype the function using the following syntax:

   ```plaintext
   prototype [CallingConvention] [ReturnType] DLLName.FunctionName( ParamType1, ParamType2, ... );
   ```

   For example:

   ```plaintext
   prototype BOOL MyDLL.MyFunction( INT, INT, INT );
   ```

   You can specify the calling convention to be cdecl or stdcall. If you do not specify a calling convention, InstallShield uses stdcall.

   Note that the DLL file name is case-sensitive; for example, the script compiler treats `MyDLL.MyFunction` and `mydll.MyFunction` as different functions. When prototyping functions from `User32.dll`, `Gdi32.dll`, or `Kernel32.dll`, you may use the keywords USER, GDI, and KERNEL in place of the DLL file name.

   You can specify the return type to be any InstallScript data type except LIST. If you are declaring a DLL file function call in which a wide-character string argument or a Unicode string argument is expected, use the wstring data type. If you do not specify a return type, the installation assumes that the DLL file function returns a 4-byte value.

4. Load the DLL file by calling the **UseDLL** function. For example:

   ```plaintext
   UseDLL( SUPPORTDIR ^ "MyDLL.dll" );
   ```

   **Note** • You do not need to load _isuser.dll, _isres.dll, or Windows API DLL files, such as User32.dll, Gdi32.dll, and Kernel32.dll. Do not call **UseDLL** and **UnUseDLL** to load and unload these DLL files.

5. Call the function as you would call any other function. For example:

   ```plaintext
   bResult = MyDLL.MyFunction( nInt1, nInt2, nInt3 );
   ```

   It is recommended that you include the DLL file name in the function call, as in the preceding example. If your script declares functions with the same name from different DLL files, calling the function without including the DLL file name results in a compiler error.

   If the installation does not find the called function in the DLL file, the installation raises an exception, which you can handle by using a try...catch...endcatch block.

6. After all script calls to the DLL have been made, unload the DLL file by calling **UnUseDLL**. For example:

   ```plaintext
   UnUseDLL( SUPPORTDIR ^ "MyDLL.dll" );
   ```
**Note** • You can use the IS_NULLSTR_PTR variable to pass a null pointer to an external DLL function or Windows API through a parameter that has been prototyped as an InstallScript string. For more information, see IS_NULLSTR_PTR.

**Passing an Array to a DLL File Function**

**InstallShield 2020**

InstallScript arrays are internally formatted as OLE Automation safe arrays, not native C or C++ arrays. To pass an InstallScript array to a DLL function that expects a C or C++ array, you must place the array data in the expected format by calling GetCArrayFromISArray.

**Declaring Functions**

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The first step in creating a user-defined function is to declare the function. The keyword `prototype` tells the InstallShield script compiler that the line contains a function definition.

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<td>On the same line, enter the function name.</td>
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<td>After the function name, type the data types of the parameters, and enclose them in parentheses and separate them by commas.</td>
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<td>If there are no parameters, put empty parentheses to the right of the function name.</td>
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<td>End the line with a semicolon (;).</td>
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In the following examples, `FunctionName` is a function containing three parameters. The arguments passed when calling `FunctionName` must be, in order, INT, STRING, and SHORT. `CopyBitmapExample` has no parameters. `FileTransfer` has five parameters—three LONG variables and two STRING variables—and returns a NUMBER value.

```
prototype FunctionName (INT, STRING, SHORT);
prototype CopyBitmapExample( );
prototype NUMBER FileTransfer (LONG, LONG, LONG, STRING, STRING);
```

When you are declaring DLL functions, use the format `<DLL file name>.<function name>` for the name of the DLL file function. For example:
prototype MyDLL.MyFunction(INT, INT);

The above declaration signals to the InstallScript compiler that the program will call a function named **MyFunction**, with two INT parameters, in a file named **Mydll.dll**.

You can also optionally declare a calling convention, either cdecl or stdcall, when declaring a DLL file function. For example:

prototype cdecl MyDLL.MyFunction(INT, INT);

If you do not explicitly declare a calling convention, InstallShield uses stdcall. If you explicitly declare both a calling convention and a return type, place the calling convention before the return type.

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**Note** • Most Windows API functions use the stdcall calling convention, but some C or C++ development environments build DLL file functions with the cdecl calling convention unless you prototype your C or C++ function with the __stdcall modifier. For more information, consult your compiler documentation.

Many Windows API functions are declared in the header file **ISRTWindows.h**, which is automatically included when you include **Ifx.h** in your script. (You can prevent the automatic definition of Windows APIs by placing the preprocessor constant **ISINCLUDE_NO_WINAPI_H** in the Preprocessor Defines box on the Compile/Link tab of the **Settings dialog box**.)

**See Also**

- Declarations
- Data Types and Predefined Structures
- Pointers

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### Returning Values from Functions

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Like InstallScript's built-in functions, user-defined functions can be designed to return a value to the caller. To return a value from a function, you must include a return statement, followed by the value to be returned, before the function's end statement. If you do not include a return statement or if you do not specify a value after the keyword return, the value returned by the function is unpredictable. (If the function prototype specifies a return type of void, the function cannot return a value.)

Many programmers use return statements to return error codes that indicate the success or failure of a function call. Most of InstallScript's built-in functions use a return statement for that purpose. The return statement also is used commonly to create functions that return the result of an operation performed on parameters passed to the function, as in the example below, which returns the area of a rectangle:

```plaintext
function RectangleArea (nLength, nWidth)
    INT nVal;
begin
    nVal = (nLength * nWidth);
    return nVal;
end;
```

The keyword return can be followed by a constant, a variable, a numeric or string expression, or a function call. In the example below, **RectangleArea** has been modified to eliminate the assignment statement; the arithmetic expression follows the keyword return:

```plaintext
function RectangleArea (nLength, nWidth)
begin
    INT nVal = (nLength * nWidth);
    return nVal;
end;
```
return (nLength * nWidth);
end;

The value returned by a function can be ignored by the calling program or function, tested in a conditional expression, or assigned to a variable. In the following example, the return value from `RectangleArea` is assigned to the variable `nArea`:

```pascal
nArea = RectangleArea (nLong, nWide);
```

In the next example, the result of `RectangleArea` is tested in a conditional expression:

```pascal
if (RectangleArea(nLong, nWide) > nMaxArea) then
    MessageBox("Area exceeds maximum allowed.", INFORMATION);
endif;
```

To return more than one value or non-numeric values, use the `BYREF` operator to define parameters that are passed by reference.

**See Also**
- `BYREF Operator`
- `Declarations`
- `return`

## Unsupported Functions

**InstallShield 2020**

Some of the functions that were available in InstallShield Professional and InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition are not supported in InstallShield.

### Component Functions

In InstallShield, features are the top-most level of project organization from the end user’s perspective. Because of this, component functions are now feature functions. For example, `ComponentDialog` is now `FeatureDialog`. Nearly all of the component functions are available to you as feature functions in InstallShield.

**Project** *Feature functions are available for use in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI project types. If you have a Basic MSI project, you must convert your project to the InstallScript MSI project type in order to use feature functions in your installation.*

### PreShowComponentDlg and PostShowComponentDlg

In InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition 2.x, you had to call the `PreShowComponentDlg` and `PostShowComponentDlg` functions in order to use component-related (now feature-related) functions. In InstallShield, feature-related functions are available only for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI project types. If you have a Basic MSI project, you must convert your project to the InstallScript MSI project type in order to use feature functions in your script.

Because feature functions are not supported for use in Basic MSI projects, the `PreShowComponentDlg` and `PostShowComponentDlg` functions are no longer necessary and are not supported.
Writing Entry-Point Functions

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI with InstallScript custom actions
• InstallScript MSI with InstallScript custom actions
• Merge Module with InstallScript custom actions

When Windows Installer executes an InstallScript custom action, InstallShield calls the function that you specified when you created the custom action. Every InstallScript custom action must have an exported, user-defined function as an entry point into the script.

Prototyping and Defining Functions

An entry-point function is prototyped and defined like any other function, except that it has the following requirements:

• Its prototype must include the keyword export to declare it as an exported function.
• The function can accept only one argument, which must be a handle to the .msi database.
• It should return a value meaningful to Windows Installer, if your custom action is designed to wait for a return value. These custom action return values are defined in IsMsiQuery.h and available to you if you include IsMsiQuery.h or Iswi.h in your script.

The following example script declares an entry-point function, which returns success if it succeeded:

```c
// Include Isrt.h for built-in InstallScript function prototypes.
#include "isrt.h"

// Include Iswi.h for Windows Installer API function prototypes and constants.
#include "iswi.h"

export prototype MyFunction(HWND);

function MyFunction(HWND)

    STRING szKey, svValue, svPath;
    NUMBER nvType, nvSize, nReturn;
    begin
        RegDBSetDefaultRoot (HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE);
        szKey = "SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\isdev.exe";
        nReturn = RegDBGetKeyValueEx (szKey, "Path", nvType, svValue, nvSize);
        // The App Paths key contains the folder where InstallShield was
        // installed, followed by a semicolon.
        StrSub (svPath, svValue, 0, StrFind(svValue, ";");)
        if nReturn = 0 then
            MessageBox ("InstallShield is installed to " + svPath, INFORMATION);
            return ERROR_SUCCESS;
        else
            MessageBox ("Cannot determine where InstallShield is installed.", SEVERE);
            return ERROR_INSTALL_FAILURE;
```
Multiple Entry Points

Your script can have multiple entry-point functions in it to serve multiple custom actions. However, InstallShield calls only the single entry-point function specified for each InstallScript custom action.

Adding Function Calls with the Function Wizard

You can use the Function Wizard to select a function, specify its arguments, and insert the function in your script.

Declared Windows API Functions

Windows API functions are declared in the header file ISRT.h, which is automatically included in your installation when you include Ifx.h in your script. If this function is also explicitly declared in your script code, do one of the following:

- Remove your function declaration and use the declaration that is provided by InstallShield.
- If you are creating a script that needs to be compatible in both InstallShield 2020 and versions of InstallShield Professional earlier than 7, surround your declaration with code such as the following:

  #if _ISCRIPT_VER < 0x700prototype ...#endif

You may also need to update code that calls the Windows API function, if the declaration that is defined by InstallShield is different than your declaration.

You can prevent the automatic definition of Windows APIs by placing the preprocessor constant ISINCLUDE_NO_WINAPI_H in the Preprocessor Defines box on the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box.

Specifying a Non-Default Feature Event Handler Function

By default, if the file Setup.rul exists in the InstallScript view and defines a function <feature name>_<event name> (for example, NewFeature1_Installing), then that function is the handler for that event of that feature.

You can select a different function to be the handler for the feature event. It can be any function defined in any script file in the InstallScript view, as long as it takes no arguments and is declared using the export keyword, for example:
export prototype MyFeatureHandler();

**Task**  
To specify a non-default feature event handler function, do the following:

1. Open a script file (.rul file) in the **InstallScript** view.

2. Do one of the following in the script editor pane:
   - Declare and define the function that you want to specify as a feature event handler.
   - In the Event Category and Event lists at the top of the script editor pane, select the feature and select an event handler. InstallShield automatically creates the event handler (for example, Feature1Installing).

**Note** *(If you put parentheses in a feature’s name, event handler functions with names of the default form `<feature name>_<event name>` will not compile properly.)*

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**Accessing Global Variables**

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**Project** *(This information applies to InstallScript MSI projects.)*

A global variable is data declared outside of a function and available to any module in the script. By using global variables, you can share persistent data with event handlers, entry-point functions, and user-defined functions.

For example, if you retrieve the value of the operating system’s version in your OnBegin event handler, you can later access that global value in an entry-point function. The following script excerpt illustrates this:

```c
// Include header file for built-in functions
#include <isrt.h>
// Include header file for event handlers and MSI APIs
#include <iswi.h>

// Declare global variable
NUMBER nvResult;

// Prototype entry-point function
export prototype MyFn(HWND);

function OnBegin()
// Declare local variable
STRING svResult;
begin
    GetSystemInfo (WINMAJOR, nvResult, svResult);
end;

function MyFn(hMSI)
begin
    if nvResult > 4 then
        // Code for version of Windows later than 4.0
    else
        // Code for version of Windows earlier than 4.0
end;
```
// Code for Windows 4.0
endif;
end;

**Important** • Global variables share state across all event handlers. However, if you create an InstallScript custom action for your project, global variables will not share state from the InstallScript custom action to the event-driven InstallScript code, or vice versa. Thus, if you declare a global variable in your event-driven InstallScript code, that variable would not be available to your InstallScript custom action. Similarly, if you declare a variable in your InstallScript custom action, that variable would not be available to your event-driven InstallScript code.

### Uninstalling Initialization (.ini) File Entries

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The uninstallation removes modifications that are made with the InstallScript initialization file functions while logging is enabled. For more details, see the information in this section of the documentation.

**See Also**

InstallScript Functions that Are Logged for Uninstallation

### General Limitations of Uninstalling Initialization (.ini) File Entries

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The following limitations apply to uninstalling .ini file entries and modifications automatically:

- Logging must be enabled when the .ini file functions are called.
- If an .ini file was created by any of the .ini file functions, it is not removed.
- If a section name was created by any of the .ini file functions, it is not removed, even if no more keys are present.
- If a key value is completely replaced by an InstallScript function (not appended to, or prepended to), the key values that existed before the installation are not restored. In this case InstallShield considers the replaced key a newly created key and will uninstall it as if it is a new key that was created by the installation.
- The uninstallation does not restore keys or values that were deleted using `WriteProfString`.
- To append a value to existing key (for example, network under [386Enh]), the new entry must either be appended at the end or prepended in the very beginning of the existing string, but never inserted in the middle.
- Only the comma (,) and semicolon(;) are considered valid delimiters. If a string value to be uninstalled is found as a part of longer string, the value and the delimiter before or after it is also removed appropriately (based on the string’s position) only if the delimiter is a comma or a semicolon. For example, if the uninstallation removes `pqr` from the string `Key=pq,rst,uvw`, it also removes the comma after `pqr`. A character other than a comma or a semicolon in its place will not be removed. As a rule, avoid adding spaces around delimiters.

**See Also**

InstallScript Functions that Are Logged for Uninstallation
Uninstalling AddProfString’s Initialization (.ini) File Entries

The uninstallation removes the keyname and value pair completely if the following conditions are true:

- The key was successfully created by AddProfString.
- The keyname and the value pair that exist when the uninstallation is run exactly match the installed keyname and value pair. If another installation or program modifies the installed key between the installation and uninstallation, the keyname and value pair will not be removed completely. Only the value that was created by the original installation will be removed; the key itself and any additional values will not be removed by the uninstaller.

For example, if the System.ini file originally read as follows:

```
[386Enh]
device=votc.386
device=*vmpcd
```

and after your call to AddProfString, it read as follows:

```
[386Enh]
device=*vmp32
device=votc.386
device=*vmpcd
```

the uninstallation would remove device=*vmp32.

If another installation had added a value to the existing line, only the value from the installation that is being uninstalled will be removed. The original keyname and the new value will be left in the file. For example, if you had added the line `Test Values=votc.386` in Test.ini under the [Test] section:

```
[Test]
Test Values=votc.386
Continuous Test=No
```

and another installation had added a new value to Test Values after your installation had run:

```
[Test]
Test Values=votc.386,pctcp.386
Continuous Test=No
```

when your application is uninstalled, votc.386 will be removed and TestValues=pctcp.386 will be left in the file:

```
[Test]
Test Values=pctcp.386
Continuous Test=No
```

See Also

General Limitations of Uninstalling Initialization (.ini) File Entries
Uninstalling ReplaceProfString’s Initialization (.ini) File Entries

The uninstallation removes the keyname and value pair completely if the following conditions are true:

- The key was successfully created by ReplaceProfString.
- The key did not previously exist.
- The keyname and value pair that exist when the uninstallation is run exactly match the installed keyname and value pair. If another installation or program modifies the installed key between the installation and uninstallation, the keyname and value pair will not be removed completely. Only the value that was created by the original installation will be removed; the key itself and any additional values will not be removed by the uninstaller.

For example, if the System.ini file originally read:

```ini
[386Enh]
device=votc.386
device=*vmpcd
```

and after your call to ReplaceProfString, it read:

```ini
[386Enh]
device=*vmp32
device=votc.386
device=*vmpcd
```

the uninstallation would remove device=*vmp32.

See Also
General Limitations of Uninstalling Initialization (.ini) File Entries

Uninstalling WriteProfString’s Initialization (.ini) File Entries

The uninstallation removes the keyname and value pair completely if the following conditions are true:

- The key was successfully created by WriteProfString.
- The key did not previously exist.
- The keyname and value pair that exist when the uninstallation is run exactly match the installed keyname and value pair. If another installation or program modifies the installed key between the installation and uninstallation, the keyname and value pair will not be removed completely. Only the value that was created by the original installation will be removed; the key itself and any additional values will not be removed by the uninstaller.

See Also
General Limitations of Uninstalling Initialization (.ini) File Entries
Extending Your Installation with COM Objects

InstallShield 2020

**Important** • Do not confuse COM objects with InstallShield objects. They are two separate features.

Instead of using DLLs or other executable files, you can extend your installation with COM objects. COM objects can be integrated into your installation fairly easily. Use the following procedure to assign COM objects in your script.

**Task**

**To assign a COM object:**

1. Declare an object variable. For example:
   
   ```
   OBJECT oMyCOMObject
   ```

2. Get a reference to your COM object and assign it to the variable by using the set keyword. For example:
   
   ```
   set oMyCOMObject = CreateObject ( szMyProgID );
   ```
   
   The value of szMyProgID is a valid program ID for your COM object. If you leave the set keyword out, the script engine attempts to set the default property of oMyCOMObject to szProgID. Because there is no default property, since oMyCOMObject does not contain a reference to your COM object yet, the script will fail.

   **Important** • By default, once a COM object is loaded by the installation using `CoCreateObject`, `CoCreateObjectDotNet`, `CoGetObject`, or `DotNetCoCreateObject`, it remains loaded until the installation is finished. The COM object remains loaded regardless of whether the COM object variable goes out of scope or is set to NOTHING.

   Consequently, the library referenced by the COM object is also not released until the installation is finished. However, it is possible to unload the library referenced by the COM object by calling the Windows API `CoFreeLibrary`. `CoFreeLibrary` unloads the library regardless of whether any object variables still reference it. Therefore, you should only call `CoFreeLibrary` after all objects that reference the library have gone out of scope or are set to NOTHING. See the following example code:

   ```
   prototype void ole32.CoFreeLibrary( byval int );
   int hModule;

   program
   // Free the library.
   hModule = GetModuleHandle( "CSharpClassLibrary.dll" );

   if( hModule ) then
     MessageBox( "Failed to get module handle", INFORMATION );
   else
     CoFreeLibrary( hModule ); // Release the Library
   endif;

   endprogram
   ```

   `CoFreeUnusedLibraries` can also be used to unload the library. However, by default, the system waits 10 minutes before unloading the library, and in most cases, the installation requires the library to be unloaded immediately. If your installation
will run on Windows XP and later only, you can call \texttt{CoFreeUnusedLibrariesEx}, which includes the option of unloading the library immediately.

Below is an example COM object that validates a serial number. It has one method, Validate, and one property, IsEval.

```c
function OnFirstUIBefore()

    OBJECT oObj;
    STRING szProgID, szMsg, szTitle, svName, svCompany, svSerial;
    BOOL bValidSerialNumber, bEval, bValidate;
    NUMBER nResult;

    begin
        szProgID = "MySerialValidation";
        set oObj = CreateObject( szProgID );
        if ( !IsObject( oObj ) ) then
            MessageBox( "Object " + szProgID + " is invalid!", SEVERE );
            return ISERR_GEN_FAILURE;
        endif;
        bValidSerialNumber = FALSE;
        while (!bValidSerialNumber)
            szMsg = "Please enter your name, company name, and product serial number.;"
            szTitle = "Enter info";
            nResult = SdRegisterUserEx( szTitle, szMsg, svName, svCompany, svSerial );
            if ( nResult < 0 ) then
                MessageBox( "Failed to display dialog box.", INFORMATION );
                return ISERR_GEN_FAILURE;
            endif;
            /* Check the value of the object's IsEval property. */
            bEval = oObj.IsEval;
            /* Execute the object's Validate method and get the return value from the method. */
            bValidate = oObj.Validate( svSerial );
            if ( bEval || bValidate ) then
                bValidSerialNumber = TRUE;
            else
                MessageBox( "Invalid serial number; please re-enter.", INFORMATION );
            endif;
        endwhile;
        return ISERR_SUCCESS;
    end;
```

\textbf{Note} • You can pass a data structure to your COM object as long as it has the members that your COM object expects. The following is an example of passing a data structure:

```c
#define PERSON_NAME_SIZE 1024

typedef PERSON

    STRING Name[PERSON_NAME_SIZE];
    NUMBER Age;

function OnBegin()
```
PERSON pPerson;
NUMBER nPhoneNumber;
OBJECT oMyCOMObject;
STRING szMyProgID;

begin
  /* Assign a value to szMyProgID in this line. */
  set oMyCOMObject = CreateObject(szMyProgID);
  if ( !IsObject(oMyCOMObject) ) then
    MessageBox("Object " + szMyProgID + " is invalid!", SEVERE);
    return ISERR_GEN_FAILURE;
  endif;
  nPhoneNumber = oMyCOMObject.GetPhoneNumber(pPerson);

  return ISERR_SUCCESS;
end;

---

**Note** • The standard COM return value HRESULT is not visible to an automation client such as InstallScript. To return a value from your COM object method, you should have an [out,retval] parameter in your method’s parameter list, as illustrated in the following code samples.

**IDL:**

```
interface IMyInterface : IDispatch
{
  [id(1)] HRESULT DoSomeWork([in] long nInputValue, [out,retval] long *pReturnValue);
}
```

**C++:**

```
STDMETHODIMP MyInterfaceImpl::DoSomeWork(long nInputValue, long *pReturnValue)
{
  // your implementation code
  *pReturnValue = 1; //return a value to client
  return S_OK;
}
```

**InstallScript:**

```
function OnBegin()
  NUMBER nObjReturn;
  begin
  set oMyCOMObject = CreateObject("MyProgID");
  if (IsObject(oMyCOMObject)) then
    nObjReturn = oMyCOMObject.DoSomething(10);
    /*nObjReturn will contain the value 1, returned from your implementation*/
  endif;
  end;
```

**See Also**

Object Functions
Specifying Features and Subfeatures in Function Calls

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Feature is a general term that refers to a set of components or subfeatures in InstallShield. A subfeature is a feature that is located below another feature—similar to the relationship between a folder and a subfolder.

Top-level features are the highest features in the hierarchy. Top-level features are never referred to as subfeatures.

How to Refer to Features and Subfeatures in InstallScript Code

Some feature functions and setup type dialog functions require you to refer to a single feature, while others require you to refer to multiple features.

Referring to Single Features

To refer to a single feature, use the feature’s name. To refer to a subfeature, use a path-like expression where the name of each feature in the hierarchy leading to that feature is separated by double backslashes. For example, to specify the subfeature Tutorials under the top-level feature Help Files, use the following expression in your installation script:

```plaintext
szFeature = "Help Files\Tutorials";
```

To refer to the subfeature CBT under Tutorials, use the following:

```plaintext
szFeature = "Help Files\Tutorials\CBT";
```

Note that the name of a feature cannot contain backslashes.

Referring to Multiple Features

In InstallScript MSI installations, some feature and setup type dialog functions, such as `SdFeatureMult`, display multiple features and their subfeatures. In these cases, you refer to multiple features by specifying the feature immediately above them in the hierarchy. To refer to multiple top-level features, use a null string ("").

For example, if you pass a null string to the `SdFeatureMult` function, the corresponding dialog displays all the top-level features in your script-created component set in the left window on the `SdFeatureMult` dialog, depending on the value of the MEDIA system variable. All subfeatures appear in the right window on this dialog.

See Also

Feature Functions
Dialog Functions
Dialog Customization Functions
Calling a Windows API Function

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

You can call a Windows API function from within your InstallScript code.

**Task** • **To call a Windows API function:**

1. At the beginning of the script, prototype the function using the following syntax:

   prototype ReturnType DLLName.FunctionName( ParamType1, ParamType2, ... )

   For example:

   prototype INT User.LoadString( INT, SHORT, BYREF WSTRING, INT );

   Use Dumpbin.exe with the /EXPORTS option to determine which functions reside in any of the Windows API DLLs Kernel32.dll, User32.dll, and GDI32.dll. To determine the return type and parameter types for a function, consult a Windows programming reference such as the Microsoft Development Library (MSDL).

2. Call the function as you would call any other function. For example:

   nResult = LoadString( iInstance, nStringID, szMyString, MAX_SIZE );

3. To get extended error information if the function fails, check the value of the Err object's LastDllError property. (It is not possible to call the Windows API function GetLastError to get extended error information, since the setup itself changes this value before returning control to the script.)

Embedding Custom Transfer File Operations

InstallShield 2020

In InstallShield, you can embed additional file transfer operations during the standard file transfer of the installation. Also, the progress bar is updated smoothly and appropriately during these operations. There are a few different common scenarios in which you would use this functionality.
This table provides an overview of what functions are called for each scenario.

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These procedures include step-by-step information about how to use custom file transfer operations for each scenario.

**Task**

**To install additional files during the standard file transfer operation using XCopyFile or CopyFile:**

1. Before file transfer, determine the size of the files to be installed, taking into account the cluster size on the target folder for the files. You can accomplish this using the `GetAndAddFileCost`, `CalculateAndAddFileCost`, and/or `GetAndAddAllFilesCost` functions.

2. Using the `FeatureAddCost` function, add the cost determined in Step 1 to the cost for the feature that these files are associated with. Note that all cost must be associated with a particular feature. Therefore, if the files to be installed are not associated with an existing feature, you must create a dummy feature or use an existing feature.

3. During file transfer, call the `XCopyFile` function to install the files. Typically, this would be done during the Installing event of the feature associated with the additional files or in the OnMoving or OnMoved events. The progress bar is updated smoothly and appropriately during the call. Note that you should disable the Cancel button in the status dialog during the `XCopyFile` operation. See the description for the `XCopyFile` function for more information.

**Note** • There is no additional action required for the uninstallation. The files are uninstalled while the uninstallation progress is updated appropriately.

**Task**

**To call an external installation that installs additional files during the standard file transfer operation:**

1. Before file transfer, determine the size and number of the files to be installed (or other operations) by the external installation by examining the external installation and taking note of what operations occur.

2. Using the `FeatureAddCost` function, add the cost determined in Step 1 to the cost for the feature that this installation is associated with. Note that all cost must be associated with a particular feature. Therefore, if the files to be installed are not associated with an existing feature, you must create a dummy feature or use an existing feature. Review the two scenarios below.

3. If the external installation is called during uninstallation, add the number of operations and size of the operations to the uninstallation cost using `FeatureAddUninstallCost`.

4. During file transfer, use the `LaunchApplication` event to launch the installation, typically in silent mode. Typically, this would be done during the Installing event of the feature associated with the additional files or in the OnMoving or
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OnMoved events. Use the LAAW_USE_CALLBACK option so that your script regains control periodically during the installation and uninstallation.

5. Override the **OnLaunchAppAndWaitCallback** event, and add code to poll the running installation to determine its progress. Then call the **FeatureSpendCost** (Installation) function or the **FeatureSpendUninstallCost** (Uninstallation) function to spend the appropriate amount of cost that the installation has completed. Repeat this process while the external installation is running. The progress bar is updated smoothly and appropriately during the call. Note that you might have to adjust the LAAW_PARAMETERS.nCallbackInterval so that the **OnLaunchAppAndWaitCallback** event is called often enough to keep the progress updated smoothly.

**See Also**
- FeatureAddCost
- FeatureSpendCost
- FeatureAddUninstallCost
- FeatureSpendUninstallCost

Expressing Large Numbers in InstallScript

When a number is stored in an InstallScript integer, only 31 bits of data are available to store the value. Therefore, the maximum value that can be expressed is $2^{31}$ (2 GB). Note also that since InstallScript integers are always considered to be signed, the 32 bit is interpreted as the sign bit and cannot be used to store numeric data. This limits the values that can be expressed to $2^{31}$ (2 GB) instead of $2^{32}$ (4 GB), which could be stored in an unsigned data type.

In some cases, it is necessary or desirable to be able to specify larger values. To accomplish this in InstallShield, a number of functions support the specification of large numbers as a pair of 32-bit numbers with the sign bit (32 bit) of each number always being set to 0 to indicate a positive number. Using this format, it is possible to specify and retrieve a number with up to 62 bits of data or $2^{62}$ of size.

Note however that since the language does not have a data type that can express the number as a single variable, the operations that can be performed on this data are limited. This data is typically passed between functions that support these values. The data can also be converted to a single value expressed in a larger size unit (such as KB or MB) using the **ConvertSizeToUnits** function or passed to an external DLL function that can handle larger data types.

When a number is specified as a high/low pair, the lower 32-bit value specifies the lower 31 bits of data (with the sign bit always set to 0 and ignored) of the full value. The upper 32-bit value specifies the upper 31 bits of data (again with the sign bit always set to 0 and ignored). For example, an upper value of 4 actually indicates $4 \cdot 2^{31}$ or 8589934592 (8 GB) of size. This, combined with a lower value of 100, would indicate a total size of 8589934692 units.

Note that in the case of numbers less than $2^{31}$, the high value will always be 0 and thus can be ignored if you are sure that the size of the value will never exceed $2^{31}$. However, it is recommended that if you need to use this data for computations, you use the **ConvertSizeToUnits** function to convert this data to a single value of the most appropriate units with minimal amount of rounding to express the data in a single value.

**Note** • Note that convention differs from the unsigned high/low value pairs used by Windows in which the lower value stores the lower 32 bits of data and the high value stores the upper 32 bits of data. The **ConvertWinHighLowSizeToISHighLowSize** function is provided for easy conversion of data returned by Windows API functions.

The following functions support high/low value pairs:

- GetDiskInfo
• GetFileInfo
• GetAndAddFileCost
• CalculateAndAddFileCost
• GetAndAddAllFilesCost
• FeatureFileInfo
• FeatureGetCostEx
• FeatureAddCost
• FeatureSpendCost
• ConvertWinHighLowSizeToISHighLowSize
• ConvertSizeToUnits

## Installing Device Drivers

InstallShield supports installing device drivers in InstallScript installations using Windows Driver Install Frameworks (DIFx), which includes the DIFxAPI component. This component allows drivers to be installed or uninstalled without using the Windows Installer.

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**Project**  •  This information applies to InstallScript projects. Installing device drivers is supported in InstallScript MSI and Basic MSI projects using the DIFx Windows Installer functionality. For information on configuring device drivers using the Windows Installer, see Configuring Device Driver Settings.

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### Task

**To install a 32-bit DIFx driver in an InstallScript project:**

1. In the View List under **Installation Information**, click **General Information**.
2. For the **DIFx Support (for 32-bit platforms)** setting, select **Enabled**.
3. Add the DIFx driver files to the project.
4. Override the feature event for the feature containing the DIFx driver files and either call the `DIFxDriverPackageInstall` function for non-Plug and Play (PnP) drivers or the `DIFxDriverPackagePreinstall` function for PnP drivers.
5. Build and run the installation.

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### Task

**To install a 64-bit DIFx driver in an InstallScript project:**

1. In the View List under **Installation Information**, click **General Information**.
2. For the **DIFx Support (for 64-bit Itanium platforms)** setting or the **DIFx Support (for 64-bit AMD platforms)** setting, select **Enabled**.
3. Add the DIFx driver files to the project.
4. Override the feature event for the feature containing the DIFx driver files and either call the `DIFxDriverPackageInstall` function for non-Plug and Play (PnP) drivers or the `DIFxDriverPackagePreinstall` function for PnP drivers.

5. Build and run the installation.

See Also

- General Information View
- Device Driver Functions

### Checking the Compiler Version

**InstallShield 2020**

In InstallShield, `_ISCRIPT_VER` is defined as `0xVVMM`, where `VV` is the major version of the product and `M` is the maintenance pack release number. For example, `0x900` evaluates as InstallShield DevStudio version 9.0 and maintenance pack 0 (the first release). This preprocessor constant was defined in InstallShield Professional 7 as `0x700` and in InstallShield Professional 6 as `0x600`, but is undefined and evaluates as zero in InstallShield Professional 5.x.

You can use this constant to test whether the InstallShield compiler is being used by including code like the following in your script. This code tests for the existence of the first release of InstallShield DevStudio (version 9.0, maintenance pack number 0) or later.

```c
#if _ISCRIPT_VER >= 0x900
    MessageBox( "DevStudio 9.x and above",INFORMATION );
#elif _ISCRIPT_VER >= 0x700
    MessageBox ( "This is an IS 7.x compiler.", INFORMATION );
#else
    MessageBox ( "This is an IS 6.x compiler or below.", INFORMATION );
#endif
```

**Preprocessor Constants Maintained for Backwards Compatibility**

The preprocessor constants `_ISCRIPT_ISPRO` and `_ISCRIPT_ISDEV` will be maintained for backwards compatibility. `_ISCRIPT_ISPRO` is defined for InstallScript projects (and InstallShield Professional projects). `_ISCRIPT_ISDEV` is defined for InstallScript MSI projects and Basic MSI projects.

See Also

- Preprocessor Directives
- `#if`...`#else`...`#endif`...`#elif`

### Checking the Authoring Environment with `_ISCRIPT_ISDEV` and `_ISCRIPT_ISPRO`

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to InstallScript projects.
The preprocessor constant _ISCRIPT_ISPRO is defined in InstallScript projects (and in InstallShield Professional projects) but is undefined and evaluates as zero in InstallScript MSI and Basic MSI projects. The preprocessor constant _ISCRIPT_ISDEV is defined in InstallScript MSI and Basic MSI projects but is undefined and evaluates as zero in InstallScript projects (and in InstallShield Professional projects).

You can use _ISCRIPT_ISDEV and _ISCRIPT_ISPRO to write a single script that produces different behavior in the different project types by including code like the following in your script:

```c
#ifdef _ISCRIPT_ISPRO
    // code specific to InstallShield Professional and InstallScript projects
#else
    #ifdef _ISCRIPT_ISDEV
        // code specific to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects
    #endif
#endif
```

See Also
Preprocessor Directives
#if...#else...#endif
#elif

### Launching an Installation from Another InstallScript Installation

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The following information applies to InstallScript projects.

You can launch a complete installation by calling the `LaunchApplication` function. For example, if you placed the child installation's files on a CD-ROM, you could call `LaunchApplication` as follows:

```
LaunchApplication (SRCDISK ^ "Launched Setup Folder\Setup.exe", "", "", SW_HIDE,"", LAAW_OPTION_WAIT);
```

As an alternative, you can include the child installation in your project as a support file. If you do this, your main installation copies the child installation to the target system, runs the installation, and deletes the installation along with any other support files. Use the SUPPORTDIR variable in the path of your child installation:

```
LaunchApplication (SUPPORTDIR ^ Setup.exe, "", "", SW_HIDE,"", LAAW_OPTION_WAIT);
```

Alternatively, you could insert links to the child installation into your file groups, install the child installation onto the target system, and then launch the installation from the target location. (With these methods, the child installation is left on the target system until the parent installation is uninstalled.)

See Also
LaunchApplication

### Language Support for InstallScript

InstallShield 2020

The table below shows the languages supported by the Premier edition of InstallShield. Following are descriptions of each of the columns:

- **InstallShield Language**—Name used by the InstallShield interface to refer to this language.
- **InstallScript Constant**—Language constant provided by InstallShield for filtering language-specific components.
- **Windows English Equivalent**—Name that the English version of Windows uses to refer to the language.

### Table 4-4 • Supported Languages

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Note that for backward compatibility, this constant continues to be 0x001a rather than the more logical 0x041a (in light of its relation to Serbian); you should continue to use this constant rather than ISLANG_CROATIAN_STANDARD.

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Preventing Color Distortion

If you are experiencing problems with color distortion in your InstallScript custom action, it is most likely due to shifts in the color palette. This section explains how colors are apportioned on Windows systems and offers troubleshooting tips to help you minimize any distortion in your installation’s end-user interface.

On systems operating in 256-color mode, there is one 256-color palette for displaying all available colors; in 16-color mode, there is a 16-color palette, regardless of the number of colors that the video driver supports. Systems operating in high-color or true-color mode do not use a color palette of any type. The colors are displayed directly, so color distortion should not occur on these systems. On systems using a color palette, entries are allocated and used as needed when an object—such as a bitmap—is displayed.

Once the current color palette has been allocated, to display a new color Windows attempts to use a color similar to one that was already allocated. Therefore, distortion may result on a 256-color system if multiple objects that contain several different colors are displayed simultaneously.
Also, Windows allocates 16 static colors (VGA colors) and four additional shades of gray during startup. These colors are used by the system to display 16-color images and are never de-allocated by Windows. See the Windows platform SDK for more information on color palette handling.

Use the tips below to minimize any color distortion related to color palette shifts. Color palette tips apply to all images that you display during installation, including the background color, .avi files, metafiles, and bitmaps.

**Main Installation Window Background**

- Try using a solid color background, which requires only one palette entry. Call the `SetColor` function with a solid background constant to create a solid background.
- Try using a 16-color gradient background, which requires only 16 palette entries. Call the `SetColor` function with one of the gradient color constants to create this type of background.
- Try using a tiled or a centered bitmap background. Call the `PlaceBitmap` function to create one of these backgrounds.
- Avoid using a 256-color gradient background, which requires about 80 palette entries.

**Bitmaps and Metafiles**

- When a bitmap is removed by calling the `PlaceBitmap` function with the REMOVE option, all color palette entries used by that bitmap that are not being used by any other currently displayed image are freed from the color palette when other colors are needed to display other objects. If you experience color distortion, always remove a bitmap once it is no longer visible (instead of covering it with another bitmap) so that its color palette entries are freed.
- Try to use similar colors (including the 16 static colors, which are always allocated) for bitmaps and billboards displayed during the installation to reduce the number of color palette entries needed.
- You can determine the maximum colors available on the target system by calling the `GetSystemInfo` function with the COLORS option. Perhaps you will want to display bitmaps of different resolutions based on the return value.
- Note that 24-bit bitmaps do not include a custom color palette in the bitmap file. When displaying a 24-bit bitmap on a 256-color system, only the currently available palette entries will be used, even if there are additional color palette entries available. If you are displaying 24-bit bitmaps in your installation and you expect it to run on 256-color systems, it is recommended that you also include 256-color versions of your bitmaps.
- Since metafiles are drawn instead of placed, additional color palette entries are not allocated when a metafile is drawn; only the existing color palette entries are used to display the metafile. If you expect your installation to run on 256 color systems, it is recommended that you use only the standard 16 static colors in your metafile, because these colors will be available, regardless of the current color palette’s availability.
- Verify that the system’s video driver supports 256 or more colors. If the video driver does not support 256 colors, the bitmap will not display properly, even if your video card and monitor support 256 colors.
- If a monitor is not capable of displaying 256-color bitmaps, only the 16 static colors are used. This can cause severe distortion problems. If you are using 256-color images in your installation, it is recommended that you require end users to run it on systems that support 256 colors.
Using Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

InstallShield supports the use of custom actions to run InstallScript, VBScript, or JavaScript code; call DLL functions; run executable files; call a managed method in a managed assembly; set a property or a directory; trigger an error and end the installation; run PowerShell scripts; terminate a process; or run other installation packages.

**Task** • InstallShield divides the task of creating and implementing custom actions into the following steps:

1. Create a custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view) or by using the Custom Action Wizard.
2. Decide when your custom action should run.
3. Launch a custom action by inserting it into a sequence or placing it as the result of a dialog’s control event (Basic MSI projects).

For details about each of the InstallShield custom actions that are added automatically to InstallShield projects to support different functionality, see InstallShield Custom Action Reference.

**Project** • Merge module projects only: You can control the launch of custom actions in a merge module by modifying the ModuleInstallExecuteSequence table in the Direct Editor. When you add the merge module to your installation project, all custom actions and dialogs included in the merge module are available for you to insert in the installation’s sequences via the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

**See Also**

- Inserting Actions into Sequences
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
- Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)

Using the Custom Action Wizard

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
You can use the Custom Action Wizard to create a custom action or modify an existing one.

**Task**

To launch the Custom Action Wizard:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences** (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or **Custom Actions** (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).

2. Right-click the **Custom Actions** explorer and click **Custom Action Wizard**. The **Custom Action Wizard** launches.

3. Follow the wizard panels to create your custom action.

Alternatively, you can create a custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view) without using the Custom Action Wizard. For more information, see Creating Custom Actions in the Custom Actions and Sequences View (or the Custom Actions View).

To learn about displaying action information on the progress dialog and in the installation’s log file, see Using Action Text.

**See Also**

Cloning Custom Actions

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**Creating Custom Actions in the Custom Actions and Sequences View (or the Custom Actions View)**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • The **Custom Actions and Sequences view** is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The view is called the **Custom Actions view** in the following project types:

- DIM
- Merge Module
- MSM Database
The recommended way to create a custom action is with the Custom Action Wizard. The wizard walks you through all the required steps to create a custom action and prompts for information. You can also create your custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view)—without using this wizard—by configuring all of its settings directly in the view.

**Task**  
To add a custom action:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences** (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or **Custom Actions** (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).
2. Right-click the **Custom Actions** explorer and then click the type of custom action that you want to add.
3. Rename the new custom action by selecting it, pressing the F2 key, and typing the new name.
4. Configure the custom action’s settings.

To learn about displaying action information on the progress dialog and in the installation’s log file, see Using Action Text.

See Also
Cloning Custom Actions
InstallShield Custom Action Reference

### Cloning Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **MSM Database**
- **Transform**

InstallShield provides the ability to copy or clone your custom actions. Cloning creates a new custom action of the same type and with all of the same properties and values as the original custom action. You can use cloning to create multiple custom actions that have similar attributes without having to manually set every custom action attribute.

Note that the clone operation clones only the custom action. It does not insert the custom action into any of the installation sequences.

**Task**  
To clone a custom action:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences** (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or **Custom Actions** (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).
2. In the **Custom Actions** explorer, right-click the custom action that you want to clone and click **Clone**.
InstallShield adds a copy of the cloned custom action to the Custom Actions explorer. The name of the custom action is the same name as the cloned custom action, except that the copy has a 1 at the end of the name.

See Also
Using Custom Actions

Exporting Custom Actions to Other Projects

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Task • To save a custom action to another project:
1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or Custom Actions (in DIM and Merge Module projects).
2. In the Custom Actions explorer, right-click your custom action and click Export. The Export into dialog box opens.
3. Browse to the location of an existing InstallShield project file (.ism file). It can be either an installation project or a merge module project, but the file cannot be open in another instance of InstallShield.
4. Click Open.

A copy of this custom action is added to the specified .ism file. If the other .ism file already has a custom action of that name with different properties, the Resolve Conflict dialog box opens to offer you options for resolving the conflicts.

See Also
Reusing Project Elements

Configuring Custom Action Settings

InstallShield 2020

Project • The Custom Actions and Sequences view is available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The view is called the Custom Actions view in the following project types:
When you create a custom action, you need to configure its settings. You may also need to later modify its settings. For example, you might want to edit the condition that is assigned to a custom action.

Depending on the type of custom action that you want to create, the settings for that action may have different meanings. For example, if your action calls an executable file that is stored in the .msi package, the Source setting needs to have the name of the entry in the table that points to the executable file that you want to call. The target setting is a command-line argument in this case.

**Task**

To configure the settings for a custom action:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences** (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or **Custom Actions** (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).

2. In the Custom Actions explorer, click the custom action whose settings you want to configure.

3. In the right pane, configure the settings as appropriate.

For information about each setting, see **Custom Action Settings**.

To learn about displaying action information on the progress dialog and in the installation’s log file, see **Using Action Text**.

**See Also**

Summary List of All Custom Action Types (Windows Installer Help Library)
Summary List of All Custom Action Types (Windows Installer Help Library)
InstallShield Custom Action Reference

### Custom Action Type Overview

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The value that is displayed in the MSI Type Number setting for a custom action represents a combination of the type of custom action (such as standard DLL, executable file, or InstallScript), the location (such as stored in the Binary table or installed with the product) as well as several of the custom action’s settings, such as Return Processing, In-Script Execution, and Execution Scheduling. It is the numeric value that is calculated by using the OR operator to combine several bits that are available for the Type column in the Windows Installer CustomAction table. InstallShield also offers support for extended custom action types, such as InstallScript custom actions and standard DLL file functions.
The Windows Installer Help Library refers to custom actions by a numeric type. When you add a custom action to your project in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view), the custom action type number is calculated automatically, and the MSI Type Number setting is set to this number. For example, launching an executable file whose fully qualified path is stored in the Property table is calculated as custom action type 50. To learn what value is used for any of the basic types of custom actions, see Summary List of All Custom Action Types in the Windows Installer Help Library.

For more information about each of the types of custom actions that are available in InstallShield, see Custom Action Types.

See Also
Custom Action Type 50 (Windows Installer Help Library)
Custom Action Type 50 (Windows Installer Help Library)
Inserting Actions into Sequences

Custom Action Return Values

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Depending on your selections in the Custom Action Wizard’s Additional Options panel, Windows Installer will wait for a successful return code before continuing with the installation. Your custom action must return one of these values according to its status.

Table 4-5 • Custom Action Return Values

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>ERROR_FUNCTION_NOT_CALLED</td>
<td>The custom action was not executed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_INSTALL_FAILURE</td>
<td>The custom action failed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_INSTALL_SUSPEND</td>
<td>The custom action was suspended, but it will be resumed later.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_INSTALL_USEREXIT</td>
<td>The custom action could not complete successfully because the end user aborted it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_NO_MORE_ITEMS</td>
<td>The custom action succeeded, but the remaining actions should be skipped.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If you are authoring an InstallScript custom action, your entry-point function can return either \texttt{ERROR\_SUCCESS} or \texttt{ERROR\_INSTALL\_FAILURE}. These constants are defined for you when you include \texttt{Iswi.h} in your script. The InstallScript engine reports any of the other exceptions to Windows Installer.

\section*{In-Script Execution}

InstallShield 2020

\textbf{Project} \textit{This information applies to the following project types:}

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

When you create a custom action, one setting that must be configured is the In-Script Execution setting on the Respond Options panel of the Custom Action Wizard. Actions are executed in the order in which they appear in a sequence. However, the sequences are run many times during a typical installation. The In-Script Execution setting enables you to select which iteration of the sequence will trigger your action.

\textbf{(Terminal Server Aware)}

If you select a Terminal Server Aware option—for example, Immediate Execution (Terminal Server Aware)—the custom action impersonates the end user during per-machine installations on terminal server machines.

\section*{Immediate Execution}

As its name implies, Immediate Execution runs when the internal Windows Installer installation script is being compiled. When an .msi file is launched, the Windows Installer service converts all the tables in the installation database into an internal script. (This internal script is not the same as InstallScript code.) This script is built by cycling through all the actions in the installation in the order in which they appear. The building of this script is immediate execution. When an action is encountered whose In-Script Execution setting is set to Immediate Execution, that action is executed. Therefore, this action launches before any file transfers are encountered, possibly even before the end-user interface for the installation is fully loaded.

As a rule, custom actions scheduled for immediate execution do not modify the target system, but only set properties and query the target system (for example, to see if the target system meets your product’s ). Custom actions that set Windows Installer properties must be scheduled for immediate execution, and custom actions that occur in the User Interface sequence must be scheduled for immediate execution.
Because actions of this type run before any changes have been made to the system, they cannot rely on files that are being installed by the installation.

**Deferred Execution**

Deferred Execution takes place when the internal script generated during Immediate Execution is executed by the Windows Installer service. After that script has been fully generated, the Windows Installer service runs the newly compiled script. The script runs through all of the actions in your sequences and executes them in order. However, if an action is scheduled for immediate execution, the action does not run again during Deferred Execution.

Actions that launch during Deferred Execution have access to files being installed as part of the system. As a result, you can call a custom action that calls a function from a DLL file installed with your product during this phase of the installation. However, Deferred Execution custom actions must take place between InstallInitialize and InstallFinalize in order to work properly.

Custom actions that rely on a file being installed to the target system, or that rely on other system changes to have already been performed, must be scheduled for deferred execution.

**Rollback Execution**

Rollback occurs when an error is encountered by the installation or the end user cancels the installation before it has a chance to complete. The Rollback Execution option allows you to set your action to execute only during rollback. Therefore, any actions that are enabled for Rollback Execution are written to the installation script, as are Deferred Execution actions. Unlike Deferred Execution actions, Rollback Execution actions launch only during rollback. (Rollback custom actions run only if the installation fails during deferred execution.)

Any custom actions that make changes to the target system during an installation should be undone with a Rollback Execution custom action in the event of rollback. For example, if you have a custom action that creates a file, you should create a second custom action that deletes the file, and schedule the second action for rollback execution. (A rollback custom action should be scheduled before the custom action it reverses.)

**Commit Execution**

Commit Execution actions do not run until the InstallFinalize action completes successfully. This means that they wait until the installation has completed transferring files, registering COM servers, and creating shortcuts and registry entries. Then, any actions that are set to Commit Execution launch in the order in which they appear in the sequence.

For example, if you have a custom action that creates a temporary file, you should create a second custom action that deletes the file, and schedule it for commit execution.

**Deferred Execution in System Context**

Like Deferred Execution actions, these actions do not launch until the script generated by the Windows Installer service is run. However, actions of this type execute with no user impersonation.

**See Also**

- Defining Sequences
- Inserting Actions into Sequences
- Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties
Documenting the Behavior of Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

**Windows Logo** • The intended behavior of each custom action must be documented for the Windows logo program. This is especially helpful if system administrators deploy your product to enterprise environments; they sometimes need to know what the custom actions do. If you validate your installation package but you have not specified a value for the Help File Path setting, InstallShield generates validation error ISICE10. For more information, see ISICE10.

**Task** • To document the behavior of a custom action in your project:

1. Create a file that describes the intended behavior of the custom action. The file should be a text-based file such as a .txt, .htm, or .rtf file. Note that each custom action should have its own document.

2. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences** (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or **Custom Actions** (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).

3. In the **Custom Actions** explorer, click the action that you are documenting.

4. For the **Help File Path** setting, click the ellipsis button (…) to browse to the file that describes the behavior of the custom action.

**Tip** • You can specify whether InstallShield should stream the contents of each of the custom action help files into the .msi file at build time. For more information, see the description of the **Include Custom Action Help setting** for a product configuration in the Releases view.

**See Also**
- ISCustomActionReference Table
- Validating Projects
- Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program
Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

If you are applying for the Windows logo, your application must meet Microsoft’s Windows logo program requirements. You can use the validation suite to verify whether your installation package meets most of the custom action–related logo requirements. However, some of the requirements cannot be verified through the validation suites.

Following is a list of the requirements that are not validated through the validation suites or the associated ISICEs but still must be met to achieve logo compliance for the Windows logo program:

- Do not call the Global Assembly Cache tool (Gacutil.exe) from a custom action. This tool was not designed to be used during installations.

- All custom actions must record success or failure in the Windows Installer log by calling MsiProcessMessage.

- Custom actions that change system state during installation must remove or restore the system state during uninstallation. In addition, custom actions that change system state must be written as a deferred and rollback custom action pair.

  This does not apply to custom action types 19 (displays an error, returns failure, and ends the installation), 35 (sets the installation directory), or 51 (sets a property)

- The intended behavior of each custom action in your installation must be documented. This does not apply to custom action types 19 (displays an error, returns failure, and ends the installation), 35 (sets the installation directory), or 51 (sets a property). For more information, see Documenting the Behavior of Custom Actions.

For information about all of the InstallShield custom actions that are added automatically to InstallShield projects to support different functionality, see InstallShield Custom Action Reference.

Conditionally Launching Custom Actions Based on Release Flags

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI
When your installation is built, InstallShield automatically adds a property called `ISReleaseFlags` to the Property table. This property contains all of the release flags that are included in the build. These flags appear exactly as they do in the Release Flags setting in the Releases view. Multiple flags are separated by a comma.

A custom action can be conditionally launched based on release flags in the following ways.

**Configuring the Condition Setting**

The easiest way to conditionally launch a custom action is to set the Condition setting when you insert the custom action into a sequence. In this case, you can enter a condition such as `ISReleaseFlags>`"MyReleaseFlag" in the Condition setting. This condition succeeds if the substring “MyReleaseFlag” is contained in the value of the `ISReleaseFlags` property.

**Calling MsiGetProperty**

A more robust way to set a condition on your custom action based on release flags is to author a call to `MsiGetProperty` within the custom action. In addition to determining if the action should launch, you can also indicate what code is executed by the action. For example, you can use one function from a DLL file for all scenarios, yet provide different functionality for each scenario through conditional logic within your function.

The drawback to conditionally launching your custom action in this way is that you can use only a script or DLL custom action. Additionally, your custom action still launches behind the scenes. When the custom action launches, it can check if a specified release flag has been included in the build. If that flag exists, the custom action continues. If the flag is not there, the action exits.

**See Also**

- Conditional Statement Syntax
- Release Flags
- Getting and Setting Properties

**Placing Files in the .msi Database and Extracting Them During Run Time**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The Support Files view (in Basic MSI projects) and the Support Files/Billboards view (in InstallScript MSI projects) enable you to store temporary files that are to be used by your installation program but are not to be installed. Examples are license text files (as displayed by `SdLicense`) or DLL files called by your installation. The location to which the support files are extracted at run time is stored in the Windows Installer property `SUPPORTDIR`.

**Note** • Deferred, commit, and rollback custom actions in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations have access to only some of the built-in Windows Installer properties: `CustomActionData`, `ProductCode`, and `UserSID`. If you want a custom action to access any other properties (such as `SUPPORTDIR`) during deferred, commit, or rollback execution, you need to pass them as `CustomActionData`. To learn more, see Accessing or Setting Windows Installer Properties Through Deferred, Commit, and Rollback Custom Actions.
Custom Action Script Examples

**InstallScript**

To access a particular support file during installation, Basic MSI projects and InstallScript MSI projects should reference the Windows Installer property `SUPPORTDIR`. You can use `MsiGetProperty` to query the path, and then append the file name to the `SUPPORTDIR` value to obtain the complete path of the file. In the settings for a custom action, this is just `[SUPPORTDIR]`.

In an InstallScript custom action, you could use code such as the following:

```script
export prototype STRING GetSupportFilePathMSI(HWND);

function STRING GetSupportFilePathMSI(hMSI)
    STRING szSupportDir[MAX_PATH + 1];
    STRING szMyFile[MAX_PATH + 1];
    NUMBER nLength;
    begin
        // set initial buffer size
        nLength = MAX_PATH + 1;
        MsiGetProperty(hMSI, "SUPPORTDIR", szSupportDir, nLength);

        // reset buffer-size variable
        nLength = MAX_PATH + 1;
        MsiGetProperty(hMSI, "MYFILE", szMyFile, nLength);

        // return full file path
        return szSupportDir ^ szMyFile;
    end;
```

In this example, the name of the support file that is being used is stored in the `MYFILE` property.

**C++**

In C++, you could use the following code:

```c
UINT __stdcall ShowSupportdir(MSIHANDLE hInstall)
{
    TCHAR szSupportDir[MAX_PATH + 1] = {'\0'};
    DWORD dwBuff = sizeof(szSupportDir);
    MsiGetProperty(hInstall, "SUPPORTDIR", szSupportDir, &dwBuff);
    MessageBox(NULL, szSupportDir, "SUPPORTDIR is ...", MB_OK);
}
```

**VBScript**

In VBScript, you could use the following code:

```vb
dim strSupportDir
strSupportDir = Session.Property("SUPPORTDIR")
```
Accessing or Setting Windows Installer Properties Through Deferred, Commit, and Rollback Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

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Using CustomActionData to Access a Property

The following example shows how to access the Windows Installer property SUPPORTDIR through a deferred InstallScript custom action.

Task To access SUPPORTDIR through a deferred InstallScript custom action:

1. In the Custom Actions and Sequences view, create a set-a-property custom action (type 51) called GetSUPPORTDIR. Configure the Property Name, Property Value, and Install Exec Sequence settings for the custom action as follows, and leave all of the other settings blank.
   - Property Name: DisplaySupportDir
   - Property Value: [SUPPORTDIR]
   - Install Exec Sequence: After InstallInitialize

2. In the InstallScript view, create a new function called DisplaySupportDir.

3. Add the following code to display a message box containing the value of SUPPORTDIR:

   function DisplaySupportDir(hMSI)
   STRING supportDirPath;
   NUMBER supportDirPathBuffer;
   begin
     supportDirPathBuffer = MAX_PATH;
     if(MsiGetProperty(hMSI, "CustomActionData", supportDirPath, supportDirPathBuffer) == ERROR_SUCCESS) then
       SprintfBox(INFORMATION, "Deferred Execution", "The value of SUPPORTDIR is %s", supportDirPath);
   end

See Also

Using Support Files
MsiGetProperty
MsiGetProperty

Accessing or Setting Windows Installer Properties Through Deferred, Commit, and Rollback Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

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   - Property Value: [SUPPORTDIR]
   - Install Exec Sequence: After InstallInitialize

2. In the InstallScript view, create a new function called DisplaySupportDir.

3. Add the following code to display a message box containing the value of SUPPORTDIR:

   function DisplaySupportDir(hMSI)
   STRING supportDirPath;
   NUMBER supportDirPathBuffer;
   begin
     supportDirPathBuffer = MAX_PATH;
     if(MsiGetProperty(hMSI, "CustomActionData", supportDirPath, supportDirPathBuffer) == ERROR_SUCCESS) then
       SprintfBox(INFORMATION, "Deferred Execution", "The value of SUPPORTDIR is %s", supportDirPath);
SprintfBox(INFORMATION,"Deferred Execution","The value of InstallScript's SUPPORTDIR is %s",SUPPORTDIR);
        endif;
        end;

4. In the Custom Actions and Sequences view, create an InstallScript custom action called DisplaySupportDir.
Configure the Function Name, In-Script Execution, and Install Exec Sequence settings for the custom action as follows, and leave all of the other settings blank.

- Function Name: DisplaySupportDir
- In-Script Execution: Deferred Execution in System Context
- Install Exec Sequence: After GetSUPPORTDIR

Important • The property name that you enter in step 1 must match the name of the custom action that you create in step 4.

Using CustomActionData to Access More Than One Property

If you want a deferred, commit, or rollback custom action to access more than one Windows Installer property, you can “pack” the properties in CustomActionData and then have your deferred, commit, or rollback custom action “unpack” them after retrieving the value of CustomActionData.

For example, if you want to retrieve the values of [INSTALLDIR], [SUPPORTDIR], and [SetupType], you would set the Property Value setting of your type 51 custom action to this:

[INSTALLDIR];[SUPPORTDIR];[SetupType]

where each property is separated by a semicolon.

You can use code such as the following VBScript to “unpack” the values from the CustomActionData property:

Dim PropArray
PropArray = Split(Session.Property("CustomActionData"), ";")
INSTALLDIR = PropArray(0)
SUPPORTDIR = PropArray(1)
SetupType = PropArray(2)
'Now do something with these variables...

InstallScript Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

In order to use your InstallScript functions in a Windows Installer installation, you first need to create a custom action that calls your script. The easiest way to create a custom action is to use the Custom Action Wizard.

The primary panels of this wizard are:
Customizing Installation Behavior

- Action Type Panel
- Action Parameters Panel
- Respond Options Panel
- Insert into Sequence Panel

When you complete the wizard, a custom action of type 65536 is created. This custom action type is not defined in the Windows Installer Help Library. Because InstallScript is not natively supported by Windows Installer, InstallShield created action type 65536.

Project • You should not use an InstallScript custom action in the User Interface sequence of an InstallScript MSI project. You can use the event-driven script to provide the user interface in an InstallScript MSI project.

Calling Functions in Standard DLL Files

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Although Windows Installer restricts the parameters that you can pass to a function in a DLL file written for a custom action, InstallShield offers a solution that enables you to pass any number of parameters to a function and store the return value. Note that the function must use the _stdcall calling convention. Functions with more than one parameter will not work properly if this convention is not used.

You can specify that you are calling a function in a standard DLL file in the Custom Action Wizard's Action Type panel by selecting Call a function in a standard dynamic-link library for the Type option. The next panel, the Function Definition panel, allows you to specify the function's parameters and return value.

Note • If you call a function in a standard DLL file that is installed with the product and the action is scheduled as deferred (for the In-Script Execution setting), the DLL file that you are calling must be the component's key file.

A custom action that calls a function in a standard DLL file stored in the Binary table cannot be scheduled for deferred execution.

If you want a Windows Installer property to be set to the function's return value, the action must be configured for immediate execution. If you try to specify a return property for an action that is scheduled for deferred, rollback, or commit execution, the return property is ignored at run time.

Understanding the Parameters and Return Value as a Formatted String

When you specify the function signature for a standard DLL file action, that action's Function Signature setting in the Custom Actions and Sequences view uses the following formatting to display the function's name, arguments, return type, and return property.

DataType1=[PropertyName1] DllName::FuncName(in DataType2="Value", Direction DataType3=[PropertyName2])
The following table describes each portion of the format.

**Table 4-6 • Format for the Arguments of a Function**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>DataType1=[PropertyName1]</strong></td>
<td>DataType1 is of type void, STRING, BOOL, NUMBER, HWND, HANDLE, or POINTER. PropertyName1 is the name of a property from the Property Manager view. If the return type is void, =PropertyName1 is omitted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DllName</strong></td>
<td>Specify the name of the DLL file, without the dot or file extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>FuncName</strong></td>
<td>Enter the name of the function that you are calling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>in DataType2=&quot;Value&quot;</strong></td>
<td>This is the format for an argument that is a constant. DataType1 is of type STRING, BOOL, NUMBER, HWND, HANDLE, or POINTER. Value is the data that you want to pass for this argument. The constant’s data type is always preceded by in.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Direction</strong></td>
<td>This is the format for an argument that references a Windows Installer property's value. Direction can be in, inout, or out. For a discussion of these property types, see the Function Definition panel under the argument’s source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DataType3=[PropertyName2]</strong></td>
<td>DataType3 can be of type STRING, BOOL, NUMBER, HWND, HANDLE, or POINTER. PropertyName2 is the name of a property whose value will be passed to or set by the function, depending on the value of Direction.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

For the custom action created in Calling MessageBoxA in an Installation, the Target value reads:

```c
void User32::MessageBoxA(in HWND=0, in STRING=[MESSAGEPROP], in STRING=[CAPTIONPROP], in NUMBER=1)
```

In this example, the data type is void, in HWND=0 represents a numeric value of 0, and MESSAGEPROP is a property that contains a string that will be passed to the function MessageBoxA in User32.dll.

**Calling Functions in Windows Installer DLL Files**

InstallShield 2020

- This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - DIM
  - InstallScript MSI
  - Merge Module
  - MSI Database
  - MSM Database
A DLL file function specifically written for a Windows Installer custom action can accept only the handle to the installer database as a parameter. The steps below explain how you can retrieve information from the .msi database for use in your custom action.

You specify that your custom action resides in a Windows Installer DLL file (custom action types 1 and 17) by selecting Call a function in a Windows Installer dynamic-link library in the Custom Action Wizard’s Action Type panel.

An alternative is to select Call a function in a standard dynamic link library in the Action Type panel. In this case, InstallShield allows you to specify the function’s parameters.

There are three major steps involved in passing a parameter to a function in a DLL file written for Windows Installer:

1. Prepare your DLL file.
2. Create a custom action and insert it into one of the sequences.
3. Pass the parameter using the Property Manager view. These steps are explained in greater detail below.

Preparing DLL Files

In order for you to pass data to a DLL file function in a custom action, the function to which you are passing data needs to call the MsiGetProperty function, which retrieves the value of an installer property. In the example below, it retrieves the value of a public property called MYPROPERTY.

```c
UINT __stdcall MyActionName(MSIHANDLE hInstall)
{
    TCHAR szValue[51] = {0};
    DWORD dwBuffer = 50;

    MsiGetProperty(hInstall, TEXT("MYPROPERTY"), szValue, &dwBuffer);

    MessageBox(GetForegroundWindow( ),
    szValue,
    TEXT("Value of MYPROPERTY"), MB_OK | MB_ICONINFORMATION);

    return ERROR_SUCCESS;
}
```

For more information, see MsiGetProperty in the Windows Installer Help Library.

If you use a C++ compiler to build your DLL file, ensure that the compiler does not change the function names exported from the DLL file. With Microsoft Visual C++, for example, you can create a .def file that specifies the function names to be exported from your DLL file. A typical .def (called MyActions.def) file looks like the following:

```
LIBRARY MyActions
EXPORTS
    MyActionName
```

For more information about function name decoration, see your compiler documentation.

Creating Custom Actions and Inserting them into Sequences

The second step is to create your custom action and insert it into one of the Installation sequences. To create the custom action, use the Custom Action Wizard, and to place the custom action, use the Custom Actions and Sequences view.
Passing the Parameter Using the Property Manager

**Task**

To pass the new parameter using the Property Manager:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Property Manager**.
2. Click the **New Property** button. InstallShield adds a new row at the bottom of the view.
3. In the **Name** column, type the name of the property that you would like to retrieve with `MsiGetProperty(MYPROPERTY, in this example).
4. In the **Value** column, type the value that you want to pass. For example, if you want to pass the URL to your Web site, type `http://www.mycompany.com`.

**See Also**

Custom Action Return Values

Passing Parameters to a DLL File Function in a Custom Action

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

There are a number of reasons why you might pass a parameter to a function in a custom action. For example, you might want to pass a URL for Web registration or the UserName property for a custom user interface. However, Windows Installer does not directly support passing parameters to DLL file functions.

The entry-point function for a Windows Installer DLL file can have only one argument, which is the handle to the database. To learn about a suggestion for passing parameters to a DLL file written for Windows Installer, see Calling Functions in Windows Installer DLL Files.

**Task**

To accomplish this in InstallShield:

1. In the Custom Wizard’s **Action Type** panel, select **Call a function in a standard dynamic-link library**.
2. In the **Function Definition** panel, specify the parameters that you want InstallShield to pass to the function.

Calling a Public Method in a Managed Assembly

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
The managed-code type of custom action calls a public method in a .NET assembly that is written in managed code such as Visual Basic .NET or C#.

If you include a managed-code custom action in your project, InstallShield creates a C++ Windows Installer wrapper DLL for your .NET assembly. The wrapper DLL includes your assembly, as well as the information that is required to mediate, load, and run the assembly.

**Note** • If you specify that the location of your managed assembly should be the Binary table, InstallShield stores the wrapper DLL—which includes your assembly—in the Binary table.

**See Also**
- Run-Time Requirements for Managed-Code Custom Actions
- Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action
- Using 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Managed-Code Custom Actions
- Using the Custom Action Wizard
- Creating Custom Actions in the Custom Actions and Sequences View (or the Custom Actions View)

### Run-Time Requirements for Managed-Code Custom Actions

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The managed-code type of custom action requires the Microsoft .NET Framework on the target system.

InstallShield includes redistributables for the .NET Framework. If it is possible that target systems may not have the .NET Framework, you can add the appropriate .NET Framework redistributable to your project. For instructions, see *Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects*.

You can use the property IS_CLR_VERSION to identify a semicolon-delimited list of .NET Framework versions that the custom action should attempt to load to run your managed code. In most scenarios, this property is not set in the installation package. It is set at the command line. To specify that version 1.1 is required, use the following command-line parameter:

```
IS_CLR_VERSION=v1.1.4322
```

Note that the complete version number of the .NET Framework should be specified for the property value. If more than one version is acceptable, you can specify a semicolon-delimited list of versions. The first one that can be loaded is used. For the following example command-line parameter, the custom action attempts to load version 2.0. If that version is not present, the custom action attempts to load version 1.1. If version 1.1 is not present, the custom action fails.

```
IS_CLR_VERSION=v2.0.50727;v1.1.4322
```
To specify that the custom action should attempt to load whatever is the latest version of the .NET Framework that is installed if none of the specified versions are installed, add a semicolon to the end of the property value, as shown in the following example:

IS_CLR_VERSION=v2.0.50727;v1.1.4322;

The semicolon at the end of the property value also indicates that if none of the specified versions are present but a version of the .NET Framework is already loaded, the custom action uses the currently loaded version, even if it is not the latest version that is installed.

**Note** • If the execution of your managed-code custom action is set to deferred mode, you must use the Windows Installer property `CustomActionData` to pass the `IS_CLR_VERSION` property and value. To learn more, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.

**Tip** • If issues with the custom action occur at run time because of .NET Framework version mismatches, you may want to instruct end users to set the `IS_CLR_VERSION` property at the command line when they run your installation. Note that for deferred custom actions, you must have already used the `CustomActionData` property to pass the `IS_CLR_VERSION` property. For more information, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.

**See Also**
Using 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Managed-Code Custom Actions

## Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Managed Method Definition panel in the Custom Action Wizard is where you specify arguments for the method that your managed assembly custom action should call. You can also specify this information on the Method Signature dialog box.

## Using the Default Method Signature

If you use the default method signature, the custom action handles methods with up to one parameter. If the method takes a parameter, it is passed the MsiHandle, as well as any return type. If the method returns an integer, this integer is passed directly to Windows Installer. Therefore, if a method returns integer 1603 (ERROR_INSTALL_FAILURE) in this scenario, the installation aborts.

For more information, see Custom Action Return Values in the Windows Installer Help Library.
Using a Custom Method Signature for an Immediate Custom Action

If you use a custom method signature, the custom action calls the method with the arguments that you specified. If the value of a parameter is a Windows Installer property and the custom action is set for immediate execution, the method stores any by-reference and out parameter values in the passed properties. In addition, the custom action converts the return value to a string and stores it in the return property. If no return property is specified, the return value is ignored.

Note that if you use a custom signature, the custom action’s return value is not passed to Windows Installer. However, if the managed code throws an unhandled exception, the custom action returns ERROR_INSTALL_FAILURE to Windows Installer. Therefore, in order for the custom action to indicate failure and for Windows Installer to abort the installation, the managed code must throw an unhandled exception.

Using a Custom Method Signature for a Deferred, Commit, or Rollback Custom Action

Deferred, commit, and rollback custom actions have access to only some of the built-in Windows Installer properties: CustomActionData, ProductCode, and UserSID. Therefore, if you use a custom method signature and you want your managed assembly custom action to access or pass any other properties during deferred, commit, or rollback execution, you must pass them through the CustomActionData property. Note the following guidelines for deferred, commit, and rollback managed assembly custom actions:

- Custom signatures that pass properties need to have their values passed in as CustomActionData in the following format:
  ```
  PROPERTYNAME="Property Value"
  ```
  Separate multiple property name–property value pairs with a space, as in the following example:
  ```
  PROPERTYNAME1="Property Value 1" PROPERTYNAME2="Property Value 2"
  ```
  - If the managed assembly for your deferred, commit, or rollback custom action is installed with the product, use CustomActionData to identify the location of the managed assembly, and use the following format:
    ```
    #filekey.dll="location of assembly"
    ```
    For the “location of assembly” portion, use the format `[#filekey.dll]`.
  - If the path for the managed assembly references one or more properties, use CustomActionData to pass each of the properties and their corresponding values.
  - Consider using CustomActionData to pass the following property and value:
    ```
    IS_CLR_VERSION="[IS_CLR_VERSION]"
    ```
    If run-time issues occur because your custom action attempts to load the wrong version of the .NET Framework to run your managed code, you can have end users set the value of the IS_CLR_VERSION property at the command line when they run your installation. For deferred, commit, and rollback managed-code custom actions, IS_CLR_VERSION must be passed to CustomActionData in order for end users to use this run-time override. To learn more about the IS_CLR_VERSION property, see Run-Time Requirements for Managed-Code Custom Actions.

Specifying Parameter Values for a Custom Method Signature

If you use a custom method signature, you can enter any of the following types of values for a parameter:

- A single property that is enclosed within square brackets—for example, `[ProductName]`. Note that immediate-mode managed assembly custom actions can update ref and out parameters. InstallShield does not support combining multiple properties or mixing properties with strings for a parameter value.
- A literal—for example, a string such as the number `1` or `1603`.  

Note

The custom action converts the return value to a string and stores it in the return property. If no return property is specified, the return value is ignored.
• An explicit string that is enclosed within quotation marks—for example, “My Project Name-1”.

• The variable MsiHandle, which indicates the installation handle.

At run time, after a property has been resolved or a string has been isolated from within its quotation marks, the custom action attempts to convert the string to an instance of the type of the method’s appropriate parameter. A parameter of type String is passed as is, and all normal numeric types are handled by calling the public static Parse(string) method to turn the string into the type. In addition, the custom action calls any type’s public static Parse(string) method and uses the return value as the passed parameter value. IntPtr is also handled despite the lack of a Parse method.

See Also
Accessing or Setting Windows Installer Properties Through Deferred, Commit, and Rollback Custom Actions
Custom Action Wizard
Method Signature Dialog Box
Using 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Managed-Code Custom Actions

Using 32-Bit vs. 64-Bit Managed-Code Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

When you build a release that includes a managed-code custom action in your project, InstallShield attempts to determine the target architecture (32 bit or 64 bit) of the main .NET assembly that is associated with the custom action. InstallShield does this by examining the portable executable (PE) file for the assembly and determining if the PE file is 32 bit or 64 bit. If the PE file uses Microsoft intermediate language (MSIL) code, InstallShield treats it as 32 bit. InstallShield configures the release so that the appropriate version of the .NET Framework—32 bit or 64 bit—is used to run your managed code at run time.

If you want to override the built-in default behavior, use the Direct Editor view to add a new record with the following fields to the ISClrWrap table.

Table 4-7 • Overriding the Default Architecture for a Managed-Code Custom Action

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<thead>
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<th>ISClrWrap Table Column</th>
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<tr>
<td>Action_</td>
<td>Enter the name of the managed-code custom action that you want to modify.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter the following: TargetPlatform</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Specify the appropriate architecture.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To use a 32-bit version of the .NET Framework, enter the following: x86</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• To use a 64-bit version of the .NET Framework, enter the following: x64</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Run-Time Requirements for Managed-Code Custom Actions

Calling a Kill-Process Custom Action

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Transform

The kill-process type of custom action terminates one or more processes at run time. The following procedure describes how to include and configure this type of custom action in your project.

Task To add a kill-process custom action to your project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. Right-click the Custom Actions explorer and then click New Kill Process. InstallShield adds a kill-process custom action with a default name.
3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to assign it a new name. Use a name that helps you distinguish this custom action from other actions in your project.
4. In the right-pane, configure the action’s settings:
   a. In the In-Script Execution setting, select the iteration of the sequence that should trigger the action. For details about each option, see In-Script Execution.
   b. Use the settings in the Sequences area to schedule the custom action at the point where you want the process to be terminated. As an alternative, you can drag the custom action from the Custom Actions explorer to the appropriate node under the Sequences explorer.
   c. In the Function Name setting, select the appropriate function:
      - **KillProcess**—If you selected one of the immediate options in the In-Script Execution setting and you want to kill a process that has a particular name, select this option.
      - **KillProcessByID**—If you selected one of the immediate options in the In-Script Execution setting and you want to kill a process that has a particular process identifier (PID), select this option.
      - **KillProcessDeferred**—If you selected one of the deferred, commit, or rollback options in the In-Script Execution setting and you want to kill a process that has a particular name, select this option.
      - **KillProcessByIDDeferred**—If you selected one of the deferred, commit, or rollback options in the In-Script Execution setting and you want to kill a process that has a particular PID, select this option.
d. In the **Processes** setting, enter executable file names or PIDs of the processes that you want to terminate.

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<tr>
<th>If Function Name is set to:</th>
<th>Then, specify Processes using:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KillProcess or KillProcessDeferred</td>
<td>Executable file names</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KillProcessByID or KillProcessByIDDeferred</td>
<td>PIDs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you want to terminate more than one process, use a semicolon (;) to separate each file name or PID. For example, to terminate processes that have names such as `myfile1.exe` and `myfile2.exe`, enter the following:

```
myfile1.exe;myfile2.exe
```

**Tip** • The value of the **Processes** setting may be written to the `ISTerminateProcesses` property. If you have additional kill-process custom actions that do not specify a value in the **Processes** setting, such as those migrated from InstallShield 2015 or earlier, shared use of the `ISTerminateProcesses` property may result in undesired behavior.

e. Configure any of the action’s other settings as needed.

**See Also**

Using the Custom Action Wizard

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### Calling a PowerShell Custom Action

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Transform

Windows PowerShell is a .NET Framework–based command-line shell and script language that enables system administrators to automate system configuration tasks. InstallShield lets you include in your installations custom actions that run PowerShell scripts (.ps1). You may want to add this type of custom action to a project to perform system configuration tasks at installation run time. Note that PowerShell actions require PowerShell 2.0 or later on target systems.

### Adding a PowerShell Custom Action to Your Project

**Task**

**To add a PowerShell custom action to your project:**

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences**.
2. Right-click the **Custom Actions** explorer, point to **New PowerShell**, and click one of the following commands:
   - **Stored in Binary table**—To have your code base stored in the Binary table, select this command. This location is useful if you do not want the file to be installed on the target system.
• **Installed with product**—To call code from a script file that is going to be installed on the target system, select this command.

InstallShield adds a PowerShell custom action with a default name.

3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click **Rename** to assign it a new name. Use a name that helps you distinguish this custom action from other actions in your project.

4. In the **PowerShell Script File Name** setting, select the PowerShell script file (.ps1) in the list of files that are stored in the Binary table or that are included in your project. If the location that you specified is stored in the Binary table, you can click this ellipsis button (…) in this setting to browse to the file.

5. Configure the action’s other settings as needed.

Once you have added the custom action to your project, schedule it as needed. For more information, see Inserting Actions into Sequences.

### Run-Time Requirements for a PowerShell Custom Action

PowerShell is installed on only some operating systems by default. If an installation launches a PowerShell custom action but PowerShell is not installed, the custom action fails.

To check that PowerShell is installed on a target system, you can add the predefined system search for PowerShell to your project, and configure your PowerShell custom action to run only if the system search determines that PowerShell is installed. You can also use this system search to determine which version of PowerShell is installed, and you can include a condition for the custom action that triggers its launching only on appropriate target systems. By default, the predefined system search for PowerShell sets the value of the **POWERSHELLVERSION** property to the version of PowerShell.

You can use the Windows Installer property **IS_CLR_VERSION** to identify a semicolon-delimited list of .NET Framework versions that the custom action should attempt to load to run your PowerShell script.

To learn more about the **POWERSHELLVERSION** and **IS_CLR_VERSION** properties, see Windows Installer Property Reference.

### Interacting with the Running Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI Installation

Several cmdlets that let you interact with the running Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation are available:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cmdlet</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **get-property -name [Property Name]**      | This cmdlet gets the value of a Windows Installer property. The Name parameter is a positional parameter.  

The following sample code gets the value of the property called **MYPROPERTY**:

```powershell
$Value = get-property -name MYPROPERTY
```

| **set-property -name [Property Name] -value [value]** | This cmdlet sets the value of a Windows Installer property. The Name and Value parameters are positional parameters.  

The following sample code uses the value of the **MYPROPERTY** property to set the value of a second property called **NEWPROPERTY**:

```powershell
$Value = get-property -name MYPROPERTY
set-property -name NEWPROPERTY -value $Value
```
To indicate that your script has succeeded, ensure that it returns 0. For example, you may want to end your script with the following:

```powershell
exit(0)
```

**See Also**

*Using the Custom Action Wizard*

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### Launching Executable Files

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Launching an executable file from your installation is useful to install third-party tools, display a readme file, or display a Web page that contains the most up-to-date information about the product being installed. To launch an executable file from within your installation, you need to add a custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or the Custom Actions view (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).
You can use the Custom Action Wizard to create the custom action that launches an executable file from your installation. Each wizard panel is listed below, with the entries that you need to make in order to launch an executable file.
Basic Information Panel

Table 4-9 • Settings for the Basic Information Panel in the Custom Action Wizard

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Panel Option</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Provide a meaningful name for your custom action. This name is used internally in your product and is for identification purposes only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>Type comments about this custom action.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Action Type

Table 4-10 • Settings for the Action Type Panel in the Custom Action Wizard

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Panel Option</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Select the type of custom action that you want to create. For this example, select Launch an executable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>The selection that you make depends on where the target executable file will be during the installation. Because Notepad is on everyone’s machine, it is the target for this custom action. Because Notepad is practically guaranteed to be present in the target machine’s Windows folder, you can point to it using the Directory table. Therefore, select Stored in the Directory table.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Action Parameters

Table 4-11 • Settings for the Action Parameters Panel in the Custom Action Wizard

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Panel Option</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Source</td>
<td>Since you choose to launch an executable file stored in the Directory table, you are given a list of choices that reflect all of your current entries in the Directory table. One of these options is WindowsFolder. Choose this option to point to Notepad without having to hard-code a path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>For this option, you need to enter the target file within the specified directory from the Source option. Enter Notepad.exe and click the Next button to continue.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional Options

Table 4-12 • Settings for the Additional Options Panel in the Custom Action Wizard

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Panel Option</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Return Processing</td>
<td>Specify how Windows Installer should control the processing of the custom action thread. You can have the main and custom action threads run synchronously (the installation waits for the custom action thread to complete before resuming the main installation thread) or asynchronously (the installation runs the custom action simultaneously as the main installation continues). In this example, select the Synchronous (Check exit code) option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Respond Options

Table 4-13 • Settings for the Respond Options Panel in the Custom Action Wizard

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Panel Option</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>In-Script Execution</td>
<td>Select Immediate execution to have your action executed as soon as it is encountered in the script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Execution Scheduling</td>
<td>Select Always execute so that your custom action launches every time that it is encountered.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Inserting Custom Actions into Sequences

After you have created a custom action, you must insert it into a sequence in the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

See Also
Launching an Installation from Another InstallScript Installation

Using Msiexec.exe to Launch a Second Windows Installer Installation

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

An alternative to launching a second .msi package using the nested installation custom action type is to create a custom action that launches Msiexec.exe instead. Launching a second installation in this manner causes it to run in its own process and creates the proper entries on the target system. In addition, the uninstallation process is much more effective when you launch your second installation in this way. Registry entries are properly cleaned up and reference counts are incremented and decremented accurately.

Creating a Custom Action

The first step is to create your custom action. The easiest way to do this is to use the Custom Action Wizard.
To create a custom action using the wizard:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or Custom Actions (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).

2. Right-click the Custom Actions explorer and click Custom Action Wizard. The Custom Action Wizard opens.

3. On the Basic Information panel, specify a name and comment for your custom action and click Next.

4. On the Action Type panel, in the Type list, select Launch an executable. In the Location list, select Stored in the Directory table. The Directory table allows you to choose from predefined folders, such as SystemFolder, which is where Msiexec.exe is located.

5. On the Action Parameters panel, browse for the executable file (Msiexec.exe) that you are launching. The Target box enables you to specify the name of the executable file that you would like to launch, as well as any command-line parameters that you would like to pass to it. For example:

```
msiexec.exe /i "[SOURCEDIR]AnotherSetup\SecondSetup.msi" /qb
```

The first part of this entry, msiexec.exe, is the name of the executable file that you would like to launch. The next section, /i "[SOURCEDIR]AnotherSetup\SecondSetup.msi", tells Msiexec.exe which package to run. In this case, it is pointing to a file one folder below that of the source folder of the initial installation. Finally, /qb tells the Windows Installer service to run the installation with minimal user interface. Only a progress bar is displayed.

6. On the Additional Options panel, select the default options and click Next until you finish the wizard.

Inserting a Custom Action into a Sequence

After you have created a custom action, you need to insert it into a sequence.

To sequence this custom action:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or Custom Actions (in Merge Module and MSM Database projects).

2. In the Sequences explorer, under the Installation sequence, expand the User Interface item. The actions and dialogs that are scheduled for this sequence are listed.

3. Right-click CostFinalize and click Insert. The Insert Action dialog box opens.

4. Select the new custom action.

5. Click OK.

Next, verify that the installation package that you want to launch is located in the folder that you specified in the Action Parameters panel, build your installation, and run it.

Note • A custom action that launches Msiexec.exe must be placed in the User Interface sequence, which means that the custom action will not run if the end user runs the installation silently.
See Also
Nested Installations
MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters

Nested Installations

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Important • Nested installations is a deprecated feature of the Windows Installer. Applications installed with nested installations sometimes fail because they are difficult for end users to service correctly. Microsoft Corporation recommends that you avoid using nested installations and nested-installation custom actions to install products that are intended to be released to the public. To learn more, see Concurrent Installations in the Windows Installer Help Library.

A nested installation is a type of custom action that installs or removes another .msi package (sometimes called the child product) from within a running installation (called the parent product).

Note • Before using nested-installation custom actions, you should be aware of the following restrictions:

- Nested installations do not display a user interface.
- A child product generally does not appear in Add or Remove Programs in Control Panel on the end user’s system, and it is not automatically uninstalled when the parent product is uninstalled.

Creating Nested Installation Custom Actions

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Important • Nested installations is a deprecated feature of the Windows Installer. Applications installed with nested installations sometimes fail because they are difficult for end users to service correctly. Microsoft Corporation recommends
Task

To create a nested installation custom action using the wizard:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. Right-click the Custom Actions explorer and click Custom Action Wizard. The Custom Action Wizard opens.
3. On Basic Information panel, specify a name and comment for your custom action and click Next.
4. On the Action Type panel, in the Type list, select Launch another .msi package. In the Location list, select Included within your main setup.
5. On the Action Parameters panel, browse for the location of the .msi file that you are launching. (For simplicity, assume that the child product is packaged with all files compressed into the .msi package.) The Target box enables you to specify command-line switches to pass to the child installation. For example, to install all of the features of the child installation with their default settings, and to use the same value for the ALLUSERS property used by the parent installation, type the following in the Target box:

   ARPSYSTEMCOMPONENT=1 ADDDEFAULT=ALL ALLUSERS=[ALLUSERS]

   You can use similar expressions to use the same value of INSTALLDIR in the child as in the parent.
6. Accept the default options on the Additional Options panel and click Next until you finish the wizard.

Inserting Nested Installation Custom Actions into Sequences

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Important • Nested installations is a deprecated feature of the Windows Installer. Applications installed with nested installations sometimes fail because they are difficult for end users to service correctly. Microsoft Corporation recommends that you avoid using nested installations and nested-installation custom actions to install products that are intended to be released to the public. To learn more, see Concurrent Installations in the Windows Installer Help Library.

After you have created the custom action, you need to insert it into a sequence.
Task  To insert a nested installation custom action into a sequence:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. In the Sequences explorer, under the Installation sequence, expand the User Interface item. The actions and dialogs that are scheduled for this sequence are listed.
3. Right-click CostFinalize and click Insert. The Insert Action dialog box opens.
4. Select the new custom action.
5. In the Condition box, type Not Installed. This indicates that the nested installation should be performed only the first time that the parent product is installed.
6. Click OK.

Removing Child Products

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Important • Nested installations is a deprecated feature of the Windows Installer. Applications installed with nested installations sometimes fail because they are difficult for end users to service correctly. Microsoft Corporation recommends that you avoid using nested installations and nested-installation custom actions to install products that are intended to be released to the public. To learn more, see Concurrent Installations in the Windows Installer Help Library.

A child product is not automatically removed when the parent product is removed. However, you can create a second nested-installation custom action that does this.

Task  To create the custom action:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. Right-click the Custom Actions explorer and click Custom Action Wizard. The Custom Action Wizard opens.
3. On the Basic Information panel, specify a name and comment for your custom action and click Next.
4. On the Action Type panel, in the Type list, select Launch another .msi package. In the Location list, select An application that is advertised or already installed.
5. On the Action Parameters panel, browse for the location of the .msi file that you want to remove. In the Target box, leave the default properties:

   ALLUSERS=[ALLUSERS] REMOVE=ALL
6. Accept the default options on the **Additional Options** panel and click **Next** until you finish the wizard.

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**Task**

**To sequence this custom action:**

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences**.
2. In the **Sequences** explorer, under the **Installation** sequence, expand the **Execute** item. The actions and dialogs that are scheduled for this sequence are listed.
3. Right-click **InstallValidate** and click **Insert**. The **Insert Action** dialog box opens.
4. Select the new custom action.
5. In the **Condition** box, type the following:
   
   ```
   REMOVE="ALL"
   ```
6. Click **OK**.

This custom action will uninstall the child product when the parent product is uninstalled.

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**Note** • When you are creating a nested-installation custom action of type Launch another .msi package with the Location setting set to **Stored on the source media**, be aware of the following:

- The child installation must not be compressed inside a **Setup.exe** installation launcher.
- If the child installation’s files are not compressed inside the child .msi database, you must manually copy the child installation’s files to the **Disk1** folder of the parent installation’s release folder.

**See Also**

- Using **Msiexec.exe** to Launch a Second Windows Installer Installation
- DoInstall
- **Action Parameters Panel** (in the Custom Action Wizard)

## Calling MessageBoxA in an Installation

**InstallShield 2020**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**

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**Task**

**To call the Windows API function MessageBoxA() in a custom action to display a message box:**

**Part A: Launch the Custom Action Wizard**

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences**.
2. Right-click the **Custom Actions** explorer and click **Custom Action Wizard**.
Part B: Start a Custom Action

1. In the Basic Information panel, type CA_Example for the custom action’s name. Click Next.
2. In the Action Type panel, for the custom action’s type, select Call a function in a standard dynamic-link library.
3. Since MessageBoxA is exported in User32.dll, which is found on every supported Windows platform, select Destination machine search path in the Location list. Click Next to continue.

Part C: Provide the Function Definition

MessageBoxA() has the following syntax:

```
int MessageBoxA (hWnd, lpText, lpCaption, uType);
```

Specify this information in the Function Definition panel:

1. In the Name box, type MessageBoxA.
2. Click the last row in the Arguments box to specify the first parameter. Edit the fields for each parameter until they mirror the following list:

   - **HWND**
     - Source: Constant MsiWindowHandle
   - **STRING** in Property
     - Source: MESSAGEPROP
   - **STRING** in Property
     - Source: CAPTIONPROP
   - **NUMBER**
     - Source: Constant
     - Value: 1

   In the Value list for the HWND type, select MsiWindowHandle. If you set the HWND type to this value, your message box will not hide behind the installation window. The properties MESSAGEPROP and CAPTIONPROP are not available in the list. When you enter these names in the Value list, they are added to the Property Manager.

3. In the Return Type list, select void. (Although MessageBoxA() does return a number, checking that value in a property is outside the scope of this example.)
4. Click Next to proceed to the Action Parameters panel.

Part D: Specify the Source for MessageBoxA

The next significant setting in the Custom Action Wizard is the Source field in the Action Parameters panel. MessageBoxA is found in User32.dll. Click the Browse button to locate User32.dll in your Windows system folder.

In the next panel of the wizard, click Next to accept the defaults, and then click Finish in the Summary panel to dismiss the wizard and add CA_Example to your project.
Part E: Initialize the Properties’ Values

For the string parameters in MessageBoxA(), properties were provided, as described in the above procedures. The next step is to give those properties a value:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager to view the installer properties in your project. The properties MESSAGEPROP and CAPTIONPROP were created as a result of referencing these properties in the Custom Action Wizard.

2. Locate MESSAGEPROP and click in its Value column to supply a value. Enter Can you see this text? for the value.

3. Set the CAPTIONPROP property to Custom Action Example.

Part F: Insert the Custom Action into a Sequence

In order to execute the custom action, you must either place it into a sequence or make it the result of a dialog’s control event.

Follow the steps below to insert CA_Example into the Installation sequence of the installation project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.

2. In the Sequences explorer, under the Installation sequence, expand the User Interface item. The actions and dialogs that are scheduled for this sequence are listed.

3. Right-click the MigrateFeatureStates action (the action right before the InstallWelcome dialog) and click Insert. The Insert Action dialog box opens.

4. In the list at the top of the dialog box, select Custom Actions (for installation projects).

5. In the list of custom actions, select CA_Example.

6. Click OK.

CA_Example is added to the Installation sequence directly after MigrateFeatureStates.

Part G: Test the Call to MessageBoxA

1. Build a release. (The Output window may show build errors if you have not added any components or files to your project.)

2. On the Build menu, click Run.

InstallShield runs your installation. After the Welcome dialog is displayed, a Custom Action Example message box opens.

See Also
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties

Searching for Files on the Target System

InstallShield 2020

System Search View

The System Search view provides the functionality for locating a particular file, folder, registry or .ini file on a target system before installing your application.
Direct Editor: Basic MSI Projects

Windows Installer uses records in the Signature, AppSearch, and “locator” tables for instructions for searching for files on the target system. The Signature table contains information about the file to be located, and the AppSearch table specifies a property to set to the full path of the located file, if found.

For example, to search for a file called FindMe.exe, use the Direct Editor to add the following record to the Signature table.

**Table 4-15 • Sample Data for the Signature Table**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table Column</th>
<th>Sample Data</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Signature</td>
<td>findme_sig</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>FindMe.exe</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that other fields in the Signature table enable you to specify optional version, size, date, and language information.

Add the following record to the AppSearch table.

**Table 4-16 • Sample Data for the AppSearch Table**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table Column</th>
<th>Sample Data</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>LOCATION_OF_FINDME</td>
<td>Must be a public property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Signature</td>
<td>findme_sig</td>
<td>Same name used in Signature table.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There are four locator tables in which you can specify where Windows Installer should begin searching for the file: CompLocator, RegLocator, IniLocator, and DrLocator. To search for a file in a specific directory, use the DrLocator table. For example, to search for FindMe.exe in the user’s Program Files directory, we add the following record to the DrLocator table.

**Table 4-17 • Sample Data for the DrLocator Table**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table Column</th>
<th>Sample Data</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Signature</td>
<td>findme_sig</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parent</td>
<td>[ProgramFilesFolder]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Path</td>
<td>[ProgramFilesFolder]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depth</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

After the AppSearch action runs, the public property LOCATION_OF_FINDME will contain the full path to FindMe.exe on the end user’s system if it exists; if the file is not located, this property will be undefined.
InstallScript: InstallScript MSI Projects

The **FindFile** and **FindAllFiles** functions enable you to search for existing files on the target system. For example, an implementation of the **OnAppSearch** event-handler function that searches for a file called **FindMe.exe** in the user’s Program Files folder might appear as follows:

```pascal
function OnAppSearch()

  STRING svFoundFile;

begin
  FindAllFiles(PROGRAMFILES, "FindMe.exe", svFoundFile, RESET);
  MessageBox("Found FindMe.exe at: " + svFoundFile, INFORMATION);
end;
```

**See Also**
- System Search View
- Direct Editor

Launching the Application After the Installation Is Complete

**InstallShield 2020**

The **LaunchApplication** function launches an executable file. For example, the following code launches a copy of **Program.exe** in the end user’s INSTALLDIR folder, returning execution to the script when the end user closes the program’s window.

```pascal
LaunchApplication (INSTALLDIR ^ "Program.exe", ",", ",", SW_NORMAL,"", LAAW_OPTION_WAIT);
```

**Project** • InstallScript projects use TARGETDIR rather than INSTALLDIR.

Exiting the Installation from Within an InstallScript Custom Action

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI with InstallScript custom actions
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module with InstallScript custom actions

An InstallScript entry-point function that returns the value ERROR_INSTALL_FAILURE causes the installation to exit.

**See Also**
- exit
- abort
Changing ODBC Properties Through Script

InstallShield 2020

If you want to change ODBC properties (such as DBQ and SystemDB) through script, you must configure these options to use installer properties. Then from the script you can set those installer properties at run time. For example, you would set SystemDB to `[SYSTEM_DB_DIR]\MyDatabase` in the InstallShield interface. Then from the script, you could call `MsiSetProperty` to set the value of `SYSTEM_DB_DIR`.

Tip • Set the property value before the OnMoving event, preferably in OnFirstUIBefore. After that, it is too late because the installer has already built up its internal script information, which cannot be modified.
- Use all uppercase letters for your property name.
- If `SYSTEM_DB_DIR` exists in the Directory table, omit the backslash (`\`) after the right bracket (`]`) when making your ODBC attribute settings. If you have defined it in the Property Manager, the backslash must be included.

Using the INSTALLDIR Property in a VBScript Custom Action

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

If you need to use the INSTALLDIR property in a VBScript custom action, use the Property property of the Session object. This object is accessible in every VBScript custom action.

Following is sample code:

```vbs
szInstallDir = Session.Property("INSTALLDIR")
```

For more information, see Session Object in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Using Action Text

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
To keep end users informed, installations commonly display text on the progress dialog to describe the installation's current activity. This usually accompanies the progress bar as a means of installation status. As each standard action and custom action is encountered, a message about the action is displayed on the progress dialog. This may be especially useful for actions that take a long time to execute. The same action text is also written to the installation's log file if one is created.

An action can also send action data that needs to be processed to the Windows Installer; once the data is processed, it can be displayed on the progress dialog.

For example, when the InstallFiles action is executing, the action text “Copying new files” is displayed by default on the progress dialog. This action text is also written to the installation’s log file. If you want to provide additional detailed information about what is occurring as actions are encountered, you can add a control to the progress dialog to show action details; the control would need to subscribe to the ActionData event. For the InstallFiles action, this could include the name, directory, and size of each file as it is being installed on the target system.

**Project** • *InstallScript MSI installations cannot display action data on the status dialog. However, the template is written to the installation’s log file.*

**See Also**
- Specifying an Action Description and a Template for Action Data
- Displaying Action Descriptions on the Progress Dialog
- Displaying Action Data on the Progress Dialog

**Specifying an Action Description and a Template for Action Data**

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**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **MSI Database**
- **Transform**

InstallShield includes default action descriptions for standard actions and built-in InstallShield custom actions. InstallShield also includes default templates for many of those actions where appropriate. The templates indicate the format that should be used for the action data.

You may want to modify the default descriptions or templates of the standard actions and built-in InstallShield custom actions in your project. In addition, you may want to specify action text and action data format for your own custom actions.
To specify a description and an action data template for an action in your project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. Right-click the Action Text explorer and click New. InstallShield adds a new action text item.
3. For the name of the action text item, enter the name of the action.

**Important** • The names of the action text items under the Action Text explorer should match the names of standard and custom actions that are in your project. If you change the name of a custom action, you must also change the name of its action text item; otherwise, the action’s text is not displayed at run time or written to the installation’s log file. Note, however, that you are not required to create action text for every action in your project.

4. In the right pane, specify the description and the template. For more information, see Action Text Settings.

**Tip** • If you want to edit the description or template of an action that is already listed under the Action Text explorer, select the action and then specify the appropriate values in the right pane.

See Also
Displaying Action Descriptions on the Progress Dialog
Displaying Action Data on the Progress Dialog
Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)

Displaying Action Descriptions on the Progress Dialog

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

In InstallScript MSI installations, the action text is automatically displayed on the progress dialog (that is, the STATUSEX dialog) if the dialog is enabled through a call to Enable (STATUSEX). This dialog is not available for editing.

By default, if a description has been specified for an action in your installation, that description is displayed above the progress bar on the progress dialog. Therefore, unless you have made some changes to this dialog in your project, you do not need to perform the following steps.

To display action descriptions on the progress dialog:

1. On the SetupProgress dialog, add a control that will display the action description:
   
a. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
b. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs folder, and then expand the SetupProgress dialog.

c. Click a language under the SetupProgress dialog. The Dialog Editor in the center pane shows the dialog in the selected language.

d. In the Controls toolbar, click the Text Area control.

e. Draw a rectangle on the dialog in the location where you want the action description to be displayed.

2. With the control selected, configure its settings in the right pane:

   a. For the (Name) setting, enter the following:

      ActionText

   b. In the Text setting, delete the value.

3. Add a subscription for the ActionText event to the new control:

   a. In the Dialogs explorer under the SetupProgress dialog, click the Behavior item. The grid in the center pane shows all of the controls on the SetupProgress dialog.

   b. Select the ActionText control that you just created, and then click the Subscriptions tab in the lower-right pane.

   c. In the upper-right pane, add a record with the following information: For the Event field, select ActionText. For the Attribute field, enter Text.

At run time, if the installation is run with a full or reduced user interface, the progress dialog shows the description of each action as it is encountered. If a description has not been defined for an action, no description is displayed on the progress dialog when that action is launched.

See Also
Displaying Action Data on the Progress Dialog
Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer–Based Projects)

Displaying Action Data on the Progress Dialog

InstallShield 2020

Project * This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

In InstallScript MSI installations, the action data cannot be displayed on the progress dialog (that is, the STATUSEX dialog). However, you can call Enable (INDVFILESTATUS) in your InstallScript to achieve a similar result. If you call the INDVFILESTATUS constant with the Enable function, the STATUSEX dialog shows the fully qualified file name of each file as it is transferred when FeatureMoveData, CopyFile, or XCopyFile is called and the progress indicator is enabled. Note that if a template is specified for an action in an InstallScript MSI project, the template is written to the installation’s log file.
If you want to provide detailed information about what is occurring as actions are launched at run time, you can add a control to the progress dialog to show action details; the control would need to subscribe to the ActionData event. For example, when the InstallFiles action is executing, the control that shows the action details could include the name, directory, and size of each file as it is being installed on the target system.

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**Task** To display the action data on the progress dialog:

1. On the SetupProgress dialog, add a control that will display the action details:
   a. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
   b. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs folder, and then expand the SetupProgress dialog.
   c. Click a language under the SetupProgress dialog. The Dialog Editor in the center pane shows the dialog in the selected language.
   d. In the Controls toolbar, click the Text Area control.
   e. Draw a rectangle on the dialog in the location where you want the action description to be displayed.

2. With the control selected, configure its settings in the right pane:
   a. For the (Name) setting, enter the following:
      ActionData
   b. In the Text setting, delete the value.

3. Add a subscription for the ActionData event to the new control:
   a. In the Dialogs explorer under the SetupProgress dialog, click the Behavior item. The grid in the center pane shows all of the controls on the SetupProgress dialog.
   b. Select the ActionData control that you just created, and then click the Subscriptions tab in the lower-right pane.
   c. In the upper-right pane, add a record with the following information: For the Event field, select ActionData. For the Attribute field, enter Text.

At run time, if the installation is run with a full user interface, the progress dialog shows the details of each action as it is launched. If a template has not been defined for an action, the details are not displayed on the progress dialog when that action is launched.

**See Also**
Enable Displaying Action Descriptions on the Progress Dialog
Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer-Based Projects)

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**Removing an Action Description or a Template for Action Data**

InstallShield 2020

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**Project** This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
To remove a description or an action data template for an action in your project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. In the Action Text explorer, select the action whose description or template you want to delete.
3. In the Description setting or the Template setting, delete the value.

**Note** • If you want neither the action description or the action template to be used, you can delete the action text record from your project: In the Action Text explorer, right-click the action text item that you want to remove, and then click Delete.

**Note** that the action text for the following actions cannot be deleted:

- GenerateScript
- Rollback
- RollbackCleanup

In addition, the value of the Template setting for each of these actions must always be [1].

**See Also**

Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)

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**Defining Sequences**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Defining the sequences of an installation is an important part of developing an installer package. Sequences specify the order in which Windows Installer launches the standard and custom actions that control the installation process.

**Project** • In Basic MSI and Transform projects, sequences also specify the order in which the dialogs are displayed.

*In InstallScript MSI projects, the user-interface dialogs are defined in the InstallScript code, and the InstallScript engine controls the user interface part of the installation.*
The Custom Actions and Sequences view in InstallShield is where you define the sequences of your project. The Sequences explorer in this view lists all of the actions and dialogs in your project in chronological order, according to when they are launched during the applicable sequence. Each action and dialog is given a number in the sequence, and Windows Installer runs the sequence from the lowest number to the highest number.

Rather than having to manually provide a numeric value for every custom action and dialog that you add to your project, you can use the Custom Actions and Sequences view to insert actions or dialogs into a sequence or edit the sequence timeline. Refer to this section of the help for information about sequences.

Project • If you create a custom action or a custom dialog in a merge module, you need to first import that module into an installation project and then add it to a sequence through the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

See Also
Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)

Installation Sequence

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The installation sequence is the series of actions that are executed when the installation runs in the default installation mode, such as when an end user double-clicks a new .msi file. These actions are broken down into two types:
- User Interface
- Execute

Project • The User Interface dialogs described below are those for a Basic MSI project. For an InstallScript MSI project, your InstallScript code performs the user interface of the installation.

An InstallScript MSI project automatically includes the ISVerifyScriptingRuntime custom action. For details, see ISVerifyScriptingRuntime.

User Interface

The User Interface sequence contains all of the actions and dialogs needed to support a full user interface. This sequence is skipped if an installation is run in silent mode.
For complete technical details about each standard action, see the Standard Actions Reference in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Table 4-18 • User-Interface Actions and Dialogs in the Installation Sequence

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<td>SetupCompleteError</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog is displayed at the end of an installation if that installation was terminated because of a fatal error.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SetupInterrupted</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog is displayed at the end of an installation that was ended by the user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupCompleteSuccess</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog is displayed at the end of a successful installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISSetupFilesExtract</td>
<td>Custom action</td>
<td>This custom action extracts any files that you have added in the Support Files view. For more information, see Using Support Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISSetAllUsers</td>
<td>Custom action</td>
<td>The ISSetAllUsers custom action is inserted in the both the User Interface and Execute installation sequences only if one or more records are in the Upgrade table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AppSearch</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action can be used to identify and locate files on the target system. The Signature table that this action requires is available in the Direct Editor. Knowledge Base article Q103147 provides detailed information on using this action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LaunchConditions</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action evaluates a set of conditions that must return True if the installation is to continue. If any conditions fails, the user is presented with an error message and the installation ends. Launch conditions can be edited in the General information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupInitialization</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog is displayed while the setup is preparing to begin. The default text for this dialog is &quot;Preparing to install...&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FindRelatedProducts</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>When this action is executed, the installer compares each installed product's upgrade code to that listed in the package's Upgrade table. If a match is found, the installed package's product code is added to the ActionProperty column of the Upgrade table.</td>
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<tr>
<td>CCPSearch</td>
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### Chapter 4

**Customizing Installation Behavior**

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<td>ValidateProductID</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Use the Validate Product ID action to set the ProductID property to the complete product identifier. This validation allows you to protect your software from illegal use by requiring users to enter the product ID.</td>
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<tr>
<td>CostInitialize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action is the first step in determining how much disk space is required by the current configuration of the installation. In order to complete costing, you need to use the CostInitialize action in conjunction with the CostFinalize action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileCost</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The FileCost action determines how much disk space is required by the current configuration of the installation. It checks to see if any files will be overwritten with later versions, and it calculates how overwriting those files affects disk space. To complete costing, you need to use the CostInitialize action in conjunction with the CostFinalize action.</td>
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<td>setUserProfileNT</td>
<td>Custom action</td>
<td>This custom action initializes the USERPROFILE directory identifier.</td>
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<td>This custom action initializes the ALLUSERSPROFILE directory identifier.</td>
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<tr>
<td>setAllUsersProfile2K</td>
<td>Custom action</td>
<td>This custom action initializes the ALLUSERSPROFILE directory identifier.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ResolveSource</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Finds the location of the source and sets the SourceDir property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CostFinalize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The Calculate Disk Space action determines the total amount of disk space required by the installation in its current configuration. This action also verifies that all target directories are writable. The actions Initialize Disk Space Calculations and Initialize Dynamic Disk Space Calculations must be called before the Calculate Disk Space action; otherwise, the action will fail.</td>
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<td>SetARPReadme</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>MigrateFeatureStates</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action is used during application upgrade. The feature states of the original installation are read from the target machine and applied to the upgraded features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PatchWelcome</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>The PatchWelcome dialog is displayed when a patch package is applied with a full user interface. It includes control events to set REINSTALL and REINSTALLMODE with the correct options. However, when the user interface is suppressed, you must set the properties at the command line.</td>
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<tr>
<td>InstallWelcome</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>The InstallWelcome dialog displays your Welcome panel when an InstallScript MSI installation is run.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SetupResume</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog opens when a previously canceled installation is resumed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>MaintenanceWelcome</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog opens when the end user tries to change a program’s installed features, remove the program, reinstall the program, run an installation for the second time, or select the current product in Add or Remove Programs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SetupProgress</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog displays the installation’s progress.</td>
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<td>ExecuteAction</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action queries the EXECUTEACTION property to determine which top-level action should be called first, and then calls that top-level action. Top-level actions include the INSTALL, ADVERTISE, and ADMIN actions. Typically, this action starts the Installation Execute sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISSetupFilesCleanup</td>
<td>Custom action</td>
<td>This custom action appears when you add a file in the Support Files view. For more information, see Using Support Files.</td>
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Execute

The Execute sequence contains all of the actions that can change the machine’s state and do not rely upon the user interface in order to function properly. These actions include file transfer, publishing components and features, and registering COM servers. Most of the Execute sequence is skipped when you run your installation in test mode, except for custom actions that have been inserted into the sequence.

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<tr>
<td><strong>SetARPINSTALLLOCATION</strong></td>
<td>Custom action</td>
<td>The SetARPINSTALLLOCATION custom action sets the value of the ARPINSTALLLOCATION property to the fully qualified path for the application's primary folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SetODBCFolders</strong></td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The SetODBCFolders action checks for existing ODBC drivers on the target system and sets the target directory of each new driver to the location of an existing driver.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>MigrateFeatureStatus</strong></td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action is used during application upgrade. The feature states of the original installation are read from the target machine and applied to the upgraded features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>InstallValidate</strong></td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The InstallValidate action determines if there is enough disk space available for the current installation configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>RemoveExistingProducts</strong></td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The RemoveExistingProducts action performs a silent uninstallation of any products whose code appear in OLDPRODUCTS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>InstallInitialize</strong></td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The InstallInitialize action signals the beginning of the actions that make changes to the end user’s system.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>AllocateRegistrySpace</strong></td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The installer makes sure that the system has at least as much free registry space available as specified in the AVAILABLEFREEREG property when it performs this action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ProcessComponents</strong></td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The ProcessComponents action is responsible for unregistering and registering components. This action also registers or unregisters a component’s key path and any other clients that the component has.</td>
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<td>UnpublishComponents</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action, called during uninstallation, unpublishes components that were published by your original installation, even if those components have been published by other applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiUnpublishAssemblies</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The MsiUnpublishAssemblies action handles uninstallation of the assembly with the operating system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UnpublishFeatures</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The UnpublishFeatures action removes all references to features that were originally published during installation. These references include registry entries that contain selection-state and feature-component mapping information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StopServices</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action stops the Windows services that are configured to be stopped. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteServices</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action removes the Windows services that are configured to be deleted. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UnregisterComPlus</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action unregisters COM+ applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelfUnregModules</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action unregisters files registered by data in the SelfReg table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UnregisterTypeLibraries</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>During uninstallation, this action unregisters every file in the TypeLib table that is marked for uninstallation. This table is populated when you create a new TypeLib through the COM Registration advanced setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveODBC</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>During uninstallation, this action queries the ODBCDataSource table, ODBCTranslator table, and ODBCdriver table to find which ODBC resources should be removed during uninstallation. The resources that are marked for removal are uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UnregisterFonts</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action unregisters information about all the fonts that are set for uninstallation.</td>
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<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The RemoveRegistryValues action removes values from the end user’s registry if all of the following conditions are met:</td>
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<td>- The values have been authored into the Registry table.</td>
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<td>- The values are marked for uninstallation.</td>
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<td>- The component to which the registry entry belongs is set to run from source or is installed locally.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UnregisterClassInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action manages system registry information removal for COM classes that belong to features that are being uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UnregisterExtensionInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action unregisters all extension-related information from the end user’s system during uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UnregisterProgIdInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action unregisters all of the ProgIDs created in the File Types advanced setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UnregisterMIMEInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action queries the MIME table of the current feature that is being uninstalled, and unregisters the MIME information for the servers found therein. This information is created through the File Types advanced setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveIniValues</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action removes only the .ini information that has been associated with a component in the IniFile table—or using the INI File Changes view. After verifying the presence in the IniFile table, this action removes all .ini files that are listed in the RemoveIniFile table if the component with which those files are associated is marked for uninstallation and the component was installed locally or set to run from source. The RemoveIniValues action also removes all .ini files that were written with the WriteIniValues action if the components with which they are associated are marked to be uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveShortcuts</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action removes all advertised shortcuts to features that are marked for uninstallation. It also removes all non-advertised shortcuts to components that are marked for uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveEnvironmentStrings</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>When a component is removed, this action reverses any changes made to environment variables by the WriteEnvironmentStrings action during installation or reinstallation. You can specify environment variable changes using the Environment Variables view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name of Action or Dialog</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveDuplicateFiles</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action removes files that were created by the DuplicateFiles action. For this action to succeed, the component associated with the duplicate file must be marked for uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveFiles</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action removes files that were originally installed by the InstallFiles action, if those files were set to run from source or installed locally, and the component with which they are associated is marked for uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveFolders</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The Remove Folders action unregisters and removes any empty folders that are associated with components that are marked for uninstallation and run from source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreateFolders</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action creates empty folders for components that are set to be installed locally. These new folders are then registered with the associated component GUID (found in the component’s Component Code property).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MoveFiles</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action enables you to move or copy files that already exist on the target system. The MoveFiles table, used by this action, is available in the Direct Editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallFiles</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The InstallFiles action copies all of the selected feature’s files to the target machine if the component feature to which those files belong is marked for installation. Only files that are associated with components that are to be installed locally are copied to the target machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PatchFiles</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action queries the Patch table to determine which installed files have patches available. Those files undergo the bit-wise patching process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DuplicateFiles</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The DuplicateFiles action creates copies of certain files installed with the InstallFiles action. These files can be copied to the same directory as the original and given a different name, or they can be copied to a separate directory while maintaining the original name. The DuplicateFiles table, used by this action, is available in the Direct Editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BindImage</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Writes the virtual address of imported DLL file functions in the file’s import address table, as specified in the BindImage table, which is available in the Direct Editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreateShortcuts</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action creates the shortcuts that you specified in the Shortcuts explorer in the Shortcut view or the Setup Design view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterClassInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers all of the COM class info that you specified in the COM Registration advanced setting, or which was extracted by the Component Wizard or a component’s COM Extract at Build setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterExtensionInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The RegisterExtensionInfo action registers all the extensions that you specified in the File Types advanced setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterProgIdInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers all of the ProgIDs that you defined in the Advanced Settings and that are linked to class servers or extension servers marked for installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterMIMEInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers all of the MIME types that you defined in the File Types advanced setting that are linked to class servers or extension servers marked for installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WriteRegistryValues</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action writes registry data to the target system if the associated component is marked for installation and set to run from source or installed locally. This registry information is the same data that you created in the Registry view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WriteIniValues</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action writes information to .ini files if the component with which this action is associated is set to be installed locally or run from source. This action and its corresponding tables are exposed in the INI File Changes view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WriteEnvironmentStrings</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>When a component is installed, this action changes the environment variables on the system specified in the Environment table or the Environment Variables view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterFonts</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The RegisterFonts action registers any fonts that you included in your installation. In most cases, they were included using the Component Wizard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallODBC</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action installs all of the drivers, translators, and data sources for the ODBC resources that you specified through the ODBC Resources view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterTypeLibraries</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers any type libraries that you may have created in your installation, either through the COM Registration advanced setting or the Component Wizard.</td>
</tr>
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### Table 4-19 • Execute Actions and Dialogs in the Installation Sequence (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>SelfRegModules</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers self-registering modules listed in the SelfReg table. This action is performed with the default user privileges.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterComPlus</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers COM+ applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallServices</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action installs the Windows services that are configured to be installed. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiConfigureServices</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action configures extended customization options for Windows services. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StartServices</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action starts all services that are configured to be started. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterUser</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers user information to identify the user of the program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterProduct</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers the product with the installer and saves the installer database on the target machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PublishComponents</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action publishes all components that are associated with advertised features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PublishFeatures</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action registers each feature's installation state. This state can be absent, advertised, or installed. If the feature is installed, the PublishFeatures action writes the feature-component relationship to the registry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PublishProduct</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action publishes a product if it is being advertised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ScheduleReboot</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Insert the ScheduleReboot action into the action sequence to prompt the end user to reboot the system at the end of an installation. The ScheduleReboot action is typically placed at the end of the sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallFinalize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action is the last transacted step.</td>
</tr>
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Table 4-19 • Execute Actions and Dialogs in the Installation Sequence (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>RemoveExistingProducts</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action loops through all the product codes listed in the Upgrade table and removes those products.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISSetupFilesCleanup</td>
<td>Custom action</td>
<td>This custom action appears when you add a file in the Support Files view. For more information, see Using Support Files.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Advertisement Sequence

InstallShield 2020

_Project_ • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Advertisement sequence is the list of actions that occur when an end user launches your installation with the /j command-line option for MsiExec.exe. The built-in actions in this sequence are described in the table below.

User Interface

Validation rule ICE78 requires the Advertisement User Interface sequence to be empty.

Execute

The Execute sequence contains all the actions that do not rely upon the user interface in order to function properly. These actions include file transfer, publishing components and features, and registering COM servers.

For complete technical details about each standard action, see the Standard Actions Reference in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Table 4-20 • Execute Actions in the Advertisement Sequence

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<th>Action Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CostInitialize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The first step in determining how much disk space is required by the current configuration of the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CostFinalize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Determines the total amount of disk space required by the installation in its current configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallValidate</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Determines if there is enough disk space available for the current configuration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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### Table 4-20 • Execute Actions in the Advertisement Sequence (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>InstallInitialize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Marks the beginning of the actions that make changes to the end user’s system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreateShortcuts</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Creates the shortcuts specified in the Shortcuts view or the Setup Design view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterClassInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Registers all of the COM class information specified in the COM Registration advanced setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterExtensionInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Registers all of the extensions specified in the File Types advanced setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterProgIdInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Registers all of the ProgIDs that defined in the COM Registration advanced setting if its component is being advertised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterMIMEInfo</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Registers all of the MIME types that are defined in the File Types advanced setting if its component is being advertised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegisterTypeLibraries</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Registers any type libraries that were created in the installation, either through the COM Registration advanced setting or the Component Wizard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PublishComponents</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Publishes all components that are associated with features that are being advertised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiPublishAssemblies</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Manages the advertisement of common language run-time assemblies and Win32 assemblies. The action queries the MsiAssembly table to determine which assemblies have features being advertised or installed to the global assembly cache and which assemblies have a parent component being advertised or installed to a location isolated for a particular application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PublishFeatures</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Registers each feature’s installation state. This state can be absent, advertised, or installed. If the feature is installed, this action writes the feature-component relationship to the registry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PublishProduct</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>Publishes a product if it is being advertised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallFinalize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The final step of the installation or uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters
Administration Sequence

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Administration sequence is the list of actions that execute when a user launches your setup program with the `/a` command-line option. The built-in actions and dialogs for this sequence are defined in the tables below.

**User Interface**

The User Interface sequence contains all of the actions and dialogs needed to support a full user interface. This sequence is skipped if an installation is run in silent mode.

**Project** • The User Interface actions described below are those for a Basic MSI project. For an InstallScript MSI project, your InstallScript code performs the user interface of the installation.

For complete technical details about each standard action, see the Standard Actions Reference in the Windows Installer Help Library.

**Table 4-21 • User-Interface Actions in the Administration Sequence**

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<tr>
<th>Action Name</th>
<th>Type of Event</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SetupCompleteError</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog is displayed at the end of an installation if it was terminated because of a fatal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupInterrupted</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog is displayed at the end of an installation that was ended by the end user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupCompleteSuccess</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog is displayed at the end of a successful installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupInitialization</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog is displayed while the installation is preparing to begin. The default text for this dialog is “Preparing to install...”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CostInitialize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action is the first step in determining how much disk space is required by the current configuration of the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileCost</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action determines how much disk space will be required by the current configuration of the installation. This action checks to see if any files will be overwritten with newer versions, and it calculates how overwriting those files will affect disk space.</td>
</tr>
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Customizing Installation Behavior

Execute

The Execute sequence contains all the actions that do not rely upon the user interface in order to function properly. These actions include file transfer, publishing components and features, and registering COM servers.

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<td>CostFinalize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The CostFinalize action determines the total amount of disk space required by the installation in its current configuration. This action also verifies that all target directories are writable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdminWelcome</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This is the first dialog displayed during the Administration sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupProgress</td>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>This dialog displays the progress of the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExecuteAction</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action runs the Administration Execute sequence.</td>
</tr>
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Execute

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallValidate</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The InstallValidate action determines if there is enough disk space available for the current setup configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallInitialize</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The InstallInitialize action marks the beginning of the actions that make changes to the end user’s system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallAdminPackage</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>This action copies the installation database to the administrative installation point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallFiles</td>
<td>Standard action</td>
<td>The InstallFiles action copies all of the files to the target machine if the feature that those files belong to is slated for installation. Only files that are associated with components that are to be installed locally will be copied to the target machine.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
User Interface Sequence

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database
• Transform

The User Interface sequence contains all of the actions and dialogs required for the default user interface. These actions and dialogs do not make changes to the target system. Generally, they gather information about the system environment and the end user for use later in the installation.

By default, the Administration and Installation sequences each contain a User Interface sequence.

Project • InstallScript custom actions are not supported in the User Interface sequence for InstallScript MSI projects.

Execute Sequence

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database
• Transform

The Execute sequence is executed after the User Interface sequence, unless your installation is run in silent mode. The Execute sequence contains all the standard and custom actions that change the target system. For example, file transfer is handled during the Execute sequence. Typically, this sequence is the part of the installation where changes are made to the target machine.

Each sequence (Installation, Advertisement, and Administration) has different actions that occur in the Execute sequence. This discrepancy is due to the fact that each of those sequences achieves different goals. For example, the Installation sequence installs the product on the target machine. The Advertisement sequence installs the product's advertised
shortcuts, file-type information, and COM-server data on the target machine, but it does not transfer the product’s files until the end user selects the shortcut, opens a registered document, or invokes an advertised COM server. As can be gathered from the name of the sequence, the product is advertised.

See Also
Advertising Features

Inserting Actions into Sequences

Inserting an Action

Task To insert an action into a sequence:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. In the Sequences explorer, right-click the action or dialog that you want your action to follow and click Insert. The Insert Action dialog box opens, providing a list of all the actions and dialogs that can be added to the sequence.
3. In the list at the top of the dialog box, select the type of action that you want to insert.
4. In the box that shows a list of actions, select the action that you want to insert.
5. Click OK.

InstallShield also includes drag-and-drop support that enables you to drag and drop custom actions from the Custom Actions explorer to a sequence in the Sequences explorer.

Note • InstallShield does not provide any validation on your sequences. If an action is placed in a sequence where it cannot function properly, an error will not occur until the installation is run.

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Sequences dictate when all of the actions that are associated with an installation will be executed. You can add, remove, or reorder actions in any sequence. For example, if you want to display a readme file as part of the installation, you can add to your installation a custom action that launches the readme file. This action must be inserted into a sequence.

Inserting actions into a sequence is governed by when actions in that sequence launch. Many actions rely on other actions executing before they can function. For example, if you want to launch an executable file that will be installed as part of your installation, you cannot execute the action that relies upon that executable file until the point in the sequence when the files have been installed.
**Task**

To insert a custom action into a sequence using the drag-and-drop method:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences**.

2. Drag the custom action from the **Custom Actions** explorer to the appropriate location in a sequence under the **Sequences** explorer. When you drop it, drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.

**Note** • *A custom action cannot be called twice in the same sequence, since the custom action name is the key in the CustomAction table. Therefore, you cannot insert a custom action to a sequence that already contains that custom action.*

**Determining Where to Insert the Action**

There are several categories of custom actions that you can include in your installation: calling a standard or Windows Installer-ready DLL function, launching an executable file, running a script (JScript, VBScript, or InstallScript), setting a property or directory, and launching a second .msi installation. All types can be called at different times depending on the configuration of the custom action. For more information, see the following:

- Sequencing a Custom Action that Calls a Function in a DLL File
- Sequencing a Custom Action that Launches an .exe File
- Sequencing a Custom Action that Calls a Script
- Sequencing Custom Actions that Set Properties or Directory Properties
- Sequencing a Custom Action that Launches a Second .msi Package

**Considerations for Custom Actions from Included Merge Modules**

You can control the launch of custom actions in a merge module by modifying the ModuleInstallExecuteSequence table in the Direct Editor. When you add the merge module to your installation project, all custom actions and dialogs included in the merge module are available for you to insert in the installation’s sequences through the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

**Copying a Custom Action from One Sequence to Another**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

InstallShield enables you to copy a custom action in one sequence to another sequence through a drag-and-drop operation.
Task  
To copy a custom action from one sequence to another:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. In the Sequences explorer, find the action that you want to copy.
3. Press and hold CTRL while dragging the custom action from one sequence to another sequence, and drop it onto the action or dialog that should be directly before it.

Note • A custom action cannot be called twice in the same sequence, since the custom action name is the key in the CustomAction table. Therefore, you cannot move or copy a custom action to a sequence that already contains that custom action.

Dialogs and standard actions cannot be moved to a different type of sequence through a drag-and-drop operation.

See Also
Inserting Actions into Sequences
Reordering a Sequence

Reordering a Sequence

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The actions and dialogs in the Sequences explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view are organized by chronological order, according to when they are launched. Each action and item also has a number that identifies its location in the sequence in relation to other items’ sequence numbers. The items are launched in order from the lowest number to the highest number.

When you add a dialog (to Basic MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or a custom action to your project, you can specify when it should be launched by adding it to the appropriate place in a sequence.

Task  
To change the order in which actions and dialogs in a sequence execute:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. Do one of the following:
   - To sequence a new custom action, drag it from the Custom Actions explorer to the appropriate location in a sequence under the Sequences explorer. When you drop it, drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.
• To move an action or a dialog to a different point in a sequence (or from one sequence to another), drag it from the old location and drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.

**Note** • A custom action cannot be called twice in the same sequence, since the custom action name is the key in the CustomAction table. Therefore, you cannot move or copy a custom action to a sequence that already contains that custom action. Dialogs and standard actions cannot be moved to a different type of sequence through a drag-and-drop operation.

If you change a custom action after adding it to a sequence, you do not need to reassociate it with that sequence. The action that you put in the sequence is a pointer to the real action, and it is dynamically updated whenever you make changes to the action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

**Tip** • You can also move actions and dialogs in the Sequences explorer using any of the following methods:

- Right-click the action or dialog and click Move Up or Move Down.
- Click the action or dialog and then press CTRL+SHIFT+UP ARROW or CTRL+SHIFT+DOWN ARROW.
- Change the position of the action or dialog by editing its Sequence Number setting, which is displayed in the grid on the right when you click the action or dialog. To move an action or dialog to an earlier point in a sequence, give it a lower sequence number. To move it to a later point in the sequence, give it a higher sequence number.

**See Also**
Displaying Dialogs During Basic MSI Installations

### Removing Actions from Sequences

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

**Task** To remove an action from a sequence:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
2. In the Sequences explorer, expand the sequence that contains the action that you want to remove.
3. Right-click the action and click Remove.

The action is removed from that sequence only, not from all sequences or from the project. You can permanently remove an action from an installation project through the Custom Actions explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view.
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Sequencing Rollback Custom Actions

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Any custom action that is in your installation project and that makes direct changes to the target system should have a rollback equivalent custom action. The rollback custom action can undo those changes in the event of rollback. For example, if you have a custom action that deletes files from the target system, and you do not include a rollback custom action to restore those deleted files, the computer could be left in an unstable state even after rollback has completed. Rollback custom actions behave in a similar way to deferred custom actions. That is, they do not launch when first encountered in a sequence. Instead, they are written to the rollback script, which launches only in the event of a rollback.

When inserting a rollback custom action into a sequence, note the following:

- A rollback can occur only during the Execute sequence and not at any point during the User Interface sequence. Therefore, the rollback action must be placed after InstallInitialize and before InstallFinalize in the Execute sequence.
- The rollback custom action must be sequenced before the action it rolls back. In all other instances, the Windows Installer service runs through sequences from top to bottom—the lower the sequence number, the sooner the action launches. In the rollback script, however, the service runs in the opposite direction. Therefore, to launch your rollback action when it is needed, sequence it before the action that it rolls back.

**See Also**
Using Custom Actions

Sequencing a Custom Action that Launches an .exe File

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Launching an executable file as your custom action can be a little trickier than calling a DLL file function in terms of where that action can be inserted into the sequence. You should consider things such as when the .exe file will be launched during the installation and which sequences you want the custom action to occur in.
Executable Files Stored in the .msi Package

When you are launching a .exe file that is stored in the .msi package, you can place the custom action anywhere in the sequence.

Table 4-23 • Settings for Actions that Launch an .exe File in the .msi Package

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Launch an executable</td>
<td>Stored in .msi package</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Anywhere in the sequence</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Installed Executable Files

If your .exe file is going to be installed as part of the installation, you should follow one of two sets of rules, depending on which scheduling property (Deferred Execution or Immediate Execution) you chose. For Immediate Execution, you must insert your action after the InstallFinalize action in order for it to work properly. For Deferred Execution, you need to insert the action after the InstallFiles action and before the InstallFinalize action.

Table 4-24 • Settings for Actions that Launch an Installed .exe File

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Launch an executable</td>
<td>Installed</td>
<td>Immediate Execution</td>
<td>After InstallFinalize</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch an executable</td>
<td>Installed</td>
<td>Deferred Execution</td>
<td>After InstallFiles and before InstallFinalize</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Local Executable Files

If the .exe file that you would like to run is already present on the system, you will need to insert your action after the CostFinalize action is called. See the table below for a clearer view.

Table 4-25 • Settings for Actions that Launch an .exe File that Is Already Installed

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Launch an executable</td>
<td>Local</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>After CostFinalize</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Sequencing a Custom Action that Calls a Function in a DLL File

If you want to sequence a custom action that calls a function in a DLL file, there are three different ways to reference the DLL file, depending on where the DLL file is located during the installation:

- The DLL file can be streamed into the .msi file, but it is not installed.
- The DLL file can be in the target system’s path (applies to a standard DLL file but not a Windows Installer DLL file).
The DLL file can be installed with the rest of the installation files.

Other considerations include scheduling. The two main scheduling choices are Immediate Execution and Deferred Execution. Immediate Execution means that Windows Installer will execute your custom action as it processes the .msi file. Deferred Execution tells the installer to queue the action and perform it in sequence in the script.

**DLL Files Stored in the .msi Package**

When you are calling a function from a DLL file that is stored in the .msi package, you can place the custom action anywhere in the sequence.

**Table 4-26 • Settings for Actions that Call a Function in a DLL File that is stored in the .msi Package**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DLL Function</td>
<td>Stored in .msi package</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Anywhere</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**DLL Files Found in the System’s Path**

When you are calling a function from a DLL file that exists on the target system, there are also no restrictions on where you can place the custom action in the sequence.

**Table 4-27 • Settings for Actions that Call a Function in a DLL File that Is Found in the System’s Path**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DLL Function</td>
<td>On target system</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Anywhere</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

** Installed DLL Files**

If you are calling a DLL function from a file that is going to be installed to the target machine during the installation and you have it scheduled to run during Immediate Execution, you can place the action only after the InstallFinalize action. If you want the action to occur during Deferred Execution, place the action after the InstallFiles action and before the InstallFinalize action. The following table illustrates this point:

**Table 4-28 • Settings for Actions that Call a Function in a DLL File that Is Already Installed**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DLL Function</td>
<td>Installed</td>
<td>Immediate Execution</td>
<td>After InstallFinalize</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DLL Function</td>
<td>Installed</td>
<td>Deferred Execution</td>
<td>Before InstallFinalize and After InstallFiles</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Sequencing a Custom Action that Calls a Script**

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*Project • The VBScript and JScript information applies to the following project types:*
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The InstallScript information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Using script inside your custom action enables you to perform virtually any task. For example, you can launch external applications or create registry entries.

**VBScript and JScript Code**

**Installed with the Product**

If your script file is going to be installed as part of the installation, you should follow one of two sets of rules depending on which scheduling property (Deferred Execution or Immediate Execution) you chose. For Immediate Execution, you must insert your action after the InstallFinalize action in order for it to work properly. For Deferred Execution, you need to insert the action after the InstallFiles action and before the InstallFinalize action.

**Table 4-29 • Settings for Actions that Call a VBScript or JScript File that Is Installed with the Product**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Run VBScript or JScript Code</td>
<td>Installed</td>
<td>Immediate Execution</td>
<td>After InstallFinalize</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run VBScript or JScript Code</td>
<td>Installed</td>
<td>Deferred Execution</td>
<td>After InstallFiles and before InstallFinalize</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Stored in the Binary Table**

If the script file that you are calling is stored in the Binary table, you can place the action anywhere in the sequence.

**Table 4-30 • Settings for Actions that Call a VBScript or JScript File that Is Stored in the Binary Table**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Run VBScript/JScript Code</td>
<td>Temporary</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Anywhere in the sequence</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Already Present on the Target System

If the script file that you want to call is already present on the system, you need to insert your action after the CostFinalize action is called.

Table 4-31 •

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Scheduling</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Run VBScript/JScript Code</td>
<td>Local</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>After CostFinalize</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Stored Directly in the Custom Action

If you chose to place your script directly in the custom action, you can place the action anywhere in the sequence.

InstallScript Code

InstallScript custom actions differ from JScript or VBScript custom actions because the source files for InstallScript actions are always streamed into the .msi package. Therefore, the custom action can be inserted into a sequence anywhere after the action that has 2 as its sequence number. This limitation occurs because the script engine launches during sequence number 2. Therefore, if you call your script before the script engine launches, the system is not able to process it.

If your custom action contains feature functions or setup type dialog functions, you must insert the custom action after the CostInitialize, FileCost, and CostFinalize actions.

Sequencing Custom Actions that Set Properties or Directory Properties

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

When you are sequencing a custom action that sets a property or directory, the primary guideline that you need to follow is to make sure that the custom action runs before that directory or property is needed. For example, if you want to launch an executable file that is present on the target machine, the installation will probably need to search for it first.

Once the installation finds the executable file, its path can be added to the Directory table, and the executable file can be launched. However, if you call the custom action after you launch the executable file, the executable file will not be found.

Some other sequencing and scheduling restrictions include:

- Validation rule ICE12 requires any type-35 custom action (called Set a directory in the Custom Action Wizard) to be sequenced after the standard CostFinalize action in the sequences.
Similarly, ICE12 requires any type-51 custom action (called Set a property in the Custom Action Wizard) that sets the value of a property found in the Directory table to be scheduled before the standard CostFinalize action. 

Any custom action that sets a property should be scheduled for immediate execution.

**Sequencing a Custom Action that Launches a Second .msi Package**

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*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

*Important* • Nested installations is a deprecated feature of the Windows Installer. Applications installed with nested installations sometimes fail because they are difficult for end users to service correctly. Microsoft Corporation recommends that you avoid using nested installations and nested-installation custom actions to install products that are intended to be released to the public. To learn more, see Concurrent Installations on the MSDN Web site.

When you are sequencing a nested-installation custom action (called Launch another .msi package in the Custom Action Wizard), you must place the action in the Execute sequence after the standard CostFinalize action.

Additionally, ensure that the custom action launches before any of the files contained within the installation are needed by your main installation, if applicable. For example, if you later want to launch an executable file that is installed as part of the second .msi file, ensure that the package is installed before you try to launch the executable file.

**See Also**

Nested Installations

**ISSetAllUsers Custom Action**

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*Why ISSetAllUsers Appears in Your Installation Package’s Sequence*

If you have entered one or more records in the Upgrade table for your installation (through the Upgrades view), InstallShield inserts a DLL custom action called ISSetAllUsers in both the User Interface and Execute portions of the installation sequence. When your product is installed as an upgrade, the ISSetAllUsers custom action checks the value of the ALLUSERS property in the installed version.

The ALLUSERS property is indicated in the Customer Information dialog (for Basic MSI projects) and in either the SdCustomerInformation or SdCustomerInformationEx dialog (for InstallScript MSI projects) by the end user during the initial installation. The ISSetAllUsers custom action compares the value in the installed version to the value in the new version. If the values differ, then ISSetAllUsers sets the ALLUSERS property of the new version to match that of the installed version.

Note that for upgrades, the ALLUSERS property is configurable only through a custom action.
The new installation’s ALLUSERS property must match the installed version’s property in order for the FindRelatedProducts action to succeed for the upgrade installation. In addition, if the previous version is installed for only one particular user and the upgrade is installed for all users, the resulting installation is corrupted and might not uninstall properly. ISSetAllUsers eliminates these problems by resetting the ALLUSERS property.

**How ISSetAllUsers Works**

The following example illustrates how the ISSetAllUsers custom action works:

1. My Application 1.0 is installed with the ALLUSERS property set to 1 (the end user selected **Install for All Users** in the end-user dialog during installation).
2. My Application 2.0 is authored as an upgrade to version 1.0 and has an entry in the Upgrade table to upgrade version 1.0.
3. The end user installs version 2.0 on the target system as an upgrade.
4. During the installation, ISSetAllUsers checks the value of the ALLUSERS property in the installed version and compares it to the new version’s property by doing the following:
   a. ISSetAllUsers iterates through each entry in the Upgrade table of version 2.0.
   b. For every upgrade code in the Upgrade table, ISSetAllUsers searches for the related products on the target system.
   c. If the version and language constraints in the Upgrade table match one of the installed products (found in step 4b), ISSetAllUsers checks the ALLUSERS property of the installed version.
   d. If the value of ALLUSERS for the installed version differs from that of the new version, ISSetAllUsers sets the new installation’s ALLUSERS property to this value.

**Note** • If no matching product is installed on the target system, ISSetAllUsers does nothing.

**See Also**

Upgrades View

**Using Support Files**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Suite/Advanced UI
Support files are files that are available on the target system only during your product’s installation process. Support files are copied to a temporary directory on the target system when installation begins. The support files are deleted when the installation is complete. The support directory is a dynamic file location and might be different on every target system and even on the same system for different installation instances.

In the Support Files view (in Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI projects) or the Support Files/Billboards view (in InstallScript projects and InstallScript MSI projects), you can add and remove files that you want to be available on the target system only during installation.

See Also
SUPPORTDIR
Placing Files in the .msi Database and Extracting Them During Run Time
Support Files/Billboards View (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects)
Support Files View (Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)

Adding Support Files
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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Suite/Advanced UI

Task • To add support files to your installation project:

1. In Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI projects: In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files.

   In InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects: In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files/Billboards.

2. Optionally, to create one or more subfolders for your files, in the Support Files explorer, right-click the Language Independent node or one of the language-specific nodes in this view, and then click New Folder. InstallShield adds a folder. Enter the name that you want to use for the folder.

3. In the Support Files explorer, click the item that should contain the support file that you are adding.

4. Right-click anywhere in the Files pane and then click Insert Files. The Open dialog box opens.

5. Browse to the file that you want to include. To select multiple files, hold down the CTRL key while clicking files.

6. Click OK.

   InstallShield adds the file to the Files pane.
Tip • You can also drag files from Windows Explorer and drop them into the Files pane.

Adding a License File

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

You can add a text file containing a license agreement in the Support Files/Billboards view.

**Task** • **To add a license file:**

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files/Billboards.
2. Optionally, to create one or more subfolders for your license files, in the Support Files explorer, right-click the Language Independent node or one of the language-specific nodes in this view, and then click New Folder. InstallShield adds a folder. Enter the name that you want to use for the folder.
3. In the Support Files explorer, click the item that should contain the license file that you are adding.
4. Right-click anywhere in the Files pane and then click Insert Files. The Open dialog box opens.
5. Browse to the file that you want to include. To select multiple files, hold down the CTRL key while clicking files.
6. Call the file in the szLicenseFile parameter in one of the SdLicense* functions in your script.

Sorting Support Files

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

You can sort the files in the Files pane of the Support Files view (in Advanced UI, Basic MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects) or the Support Files/Billboards view (in InstallScript projects and InstallScript MSI projects) by clicking the heading of the column by which you want to sort the files. You can sort by any of the columns.
Adding Files and Folders to the Disk1 Folder

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Disk1 node enables you to indicate files and folders that you want to go on Disk1 of your installation media. These files and folders are not automatically installed to the target system when your installation is run. Rather, you can link to the installation media from your application or from the installation.

For example, you might include a large redistributable file with your application. You may want end users to be able to access the redistributable, but you do not want to include in the application installation. If this is the case, this file can be placed in the Disk1 folder.

**Task** To add a file or folder to the Disk1 folder:

1. In Basic MSI projects: In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click **Support Files**.
   
   In InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects: In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click **Support Files/Billboards**.

2. In the **Support Files** explorer, click **Disk1**.

3. Right-click anywhere in the **Files** pane and then click **Insert Files**. The **Open** dialog box opens.

4. Browse to the file that you want to include. To select multiple files, hold down the CTRL key while clicking files.

5. Click **OK**.

InstallShield adds the file to the Files pane.

**See Also**

- Support Files/Billboards View (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects)
- Support Files View (Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)

Removing Files or Folders from the Disk1 Folder

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
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Task

To remove a file or folder from the Disk1 folder:

1. In Basic MSI projects: In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files.
   In InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects: In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files/Billboards.
2. In the Support Files explorer, click Disk1.
3. In the Files pane, right-click the file or folder and then click Delete.

Adding Files and Folders to the Last Disk Folder

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

The Last Disk node enables you to indicate files and folders that you want to go on the last disk of your installation media. These files or folders are not automatically installed to the target system when your installation is run. Rather, you can link to the installation media from your application or from the installation.

For example, you might include a large redistributable file with your application. You may want end users to be able to access the redistributable, but you do not want to include in the application installation. If this is the case, this file can be placed in the last disk folder.

Task

To add a file or folder to the last disk image folder:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files/Billboards.
2. In the Support Files explorer, click Last Disk.
3. Right-click anywhere in the Files pane and then click Insert Files. The Open dialog box opens.
4. Browse to the file that you want to include. To select multiple files, hold down the CTRL key while clicking files.
5. Click OK.
   InstallShield adds the file to the Files pane.

See Also
Support Files/Billboards View (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects)

Removing Files or Folders from the Last Disk Folder

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.
Task
To remove a file or folder from the last disk image folder:
1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files/Billboards.
2. In the Support Files explorer, click Last Disk.
3. In the Files pane, right-click the file or folder and then click Delete.

Adding Files and Folders to the Other Disk Folder

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

The Other node enables you to indicate files or folders that you want to go on a disk of your installation media other than the first or last disk. These files or folders are not automatically installed to the target system when your installation is run. Rather, you can link to the installation media from your application or from the installation.

Task
To add a file or folder to a disk image folder:
1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files/Billboards.
2. In the Support Files explorer, click Other.
3. Right-click anywhere in the Files pane and then click Insert Files. The Open dialog box opens.
4. Browse to the file that you want to include. To select multiple files, hold down the CTRL key while clicking files.
5. Click OK.
InstallShield adds the file to the Files pane.

Tip • To specify the disk, run the Release Wizard; in the General Options panel, click the Other Disk Files button.

See Also
Support Files/Billboards View (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects)

Removing Files or Folders from the Other Disk Folder

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.
**Task**  To remove a file or folder from a disk image folder:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click **Support Files/Billboards**.
2. In the **Support Files** explorer, click **Other**.
3. In the **Files** pane, right-click the file or folder and then click **Delete**.

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**Removing Support Files**

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**Project**  This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Suite/Advanced UI

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**Task**  To remove support files from your project:

1. In Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI projects: In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Support Files**.
   
   In InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects: In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Support Files/Billboards**.

2. In the **Support Files** explorer, click the item that contains the support file that you want to delete.
3. In the **Files** pane, right-click the file or folder and then click **Delete**.
Defining the End-User Interface

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This section of the documentation covers different features of InstallShield that enable you to define different aspects of the end-user interface. Some portions of the “Defining the End-User Interface” section discuss how to create and work with dialogs for the end-user interface of your installation. Others discuss topics such as strings, which let you localize your installation.

See Also
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield

Working with Dialogs

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This section of the documentation covers some of the basic and more advanced aspects of working with end-user dialogs for various project types in InstallShield.

**Project** • In Basic MSI installations, Windows Installer typically controls the run-time user interface. In InstallScript and InstallScript MSI installations, the InstallScript engine typically controls the run-time user interface. Therefore, some portions of this section of the documentation apply to Basic MSI installations, some apply to InstallScript and InstallScript MSI installations, and some apply to all three project types.

Working with Dialogs in Any Project Type

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Dialogs provide the user interface for your installation. They request information from the end user and provide feedback about the progress of the installation process.

The way in which you work with the dialogs in your project depends on the type of installation that you are creating. Adding dialogs to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI project requires different steps than adding dialogs to a Basic MSI project.

**Common Operations**

Some of the dialog operations are common to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

- Using the Dialog Wizard to Create a New Dialog
- Exporting a Dialog to an .isd File for Use in Other Projects
- Importing Dialogs from an .isd File
- Exporting All Dialogs to an .rc File
- Importing Dialogs from Resource .dll Files
- Exporting Dialogs to Other Projects
Using the Dialog Wizard to Create a New Dialog

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield provides a Dialog Wizard that enables you to add a new dialog to your installation and configure it by stepping through the wizard panels.

Adding the Ability to Create or Set an Existing User Account

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

Many server applications require the specification of a user account during installation. Having a user account available is often necessary because it enables a server application to access resources that are restricted to other users. InstallShield offers support for setting an existing Windows user account or creating a new one during installation by enabling you to add the appropriate run-time dialogs to your installation.

Table 4-1 • Project-Specific Details for Adding User Account Support

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Additional Information</th>
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</table>
| Basic MSI     | For Basic MSI projects, the specified user name, password, and group information entered in the LogonInformation dialogs are stored in the following properties:
|               |   • IS_NET_API_LOGON_USERNAME                                                          |
|               |   • IS_NET_API_LOGON_GROUP                                                             |
|               |   • IS_NET_API_LOGON_PASSWORD                                                          |
| InstallScript | For InstallScript projects, the specified user name, password, and group information entered by the end user in the LogonInformation dialogs are stored in the following global variables:
|               |   • IFX_NETAPI_USER_ACCOUNT                                                            |
|               |   • IFX_NETAPI_PASSWORD                                                                |
|               |   • IFX_NETAPI_GROUP                                                                   |
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Adding Support for the LogonInformation Dialogs to a Basic MSI Project

Task  To add the LogonInformation dialogs to a Basic MSI project:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click All Dialogs, and click New Dialog. The New Dialog Wizard opens.
3. Complete each panel of the wizard. In the Dialog Template panel, select Logon Information Panel and Associated Child Dialogs.

When you are done completing each panel of the New Dialog Wizard, build and run your installation project. When the dialog sequence in which the LoginInformationDialog dialog is executed, the appropriate dialogs are displayed.

Adding Support for the LogonInformation Dialogs to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

Task  To add support for the LogonInformation dialogs to either an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI project:

1. Navigate to the location in your InstallScript code where you want to insert the LogonInformation dialog set. In most situations, you will add it within OnFirstUIBefore. For example:

   Dlg_SdLogon:
   nResult = SdLogonUserInformation(szTitle, szMsg, szAccount, szPassword);
   if (nResult = BACK) goto Dlg_SdWelcome;

2. In InstallScript MSI projects, add the following function so that the Windows Installer properties are set to the same value as the InstallScript global variables. You can add it after calling SdLogonUserInformation.

   OnLogonUserSetMsiProperties();

3. On the Build menu, click Settings. The Settings dialog box opens.
4. Click the Compile/Link tab.
5. In the Libraries (.obl) box, enter the name of your new library file (*.obl):

<table>
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<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Additional Information</th>
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<tr>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>For InstallScript MSI projects, the specified user account, group, and password are stored in the following global variables and properties:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• IFX_NETAPI_USER_ACCOUNT</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• IFX_NETAPI_GROUP</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• IFX_NETAPI_PASSWORD</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• IS_NET_API_LOGON_USERNAME</td>
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<td>• IS_NET_API_LOGON_GROUP</td>
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<td>• IS_NET_API_LOGON_PASSWORD</td>
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</table>

Table 4-1 • Project-Specific Details for Adding User Account Support
NetApiRT.ob1

Note • You should add the new library file name before the isrt.ob1 file name.

Once you have added the InstallScript code, build and run your installation. When the script is executed, the appropriate dialogs are displayed.

Limitations of the LogonInformation Dialogs in Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI Projects

When an end user attempts to use the LogonInformation dialogs, they may encounter a blank list of domains, or they may encounter a “Server not found” error. The following scenarios may cause this behavior:

- The target system is not on a domain.
- A firewall is configured without an exception for the Computer Browser service.
- NetBIOS over TCP/IP is not enabled on the target system.
- Broadcast traffic is disabled on the network.

See Also
Creating Predetermined User Accounts at Run Time
Settings Dialog Box
SdLogonUserInformation
SdLogonUserListGroups
SdLogonUserListServers
SdLogonUserListUsers
SdLogonUserBrowse
SdLogonUserCreateUser

Exporting a Dialog to an .isd File for Use in Other Projects

To export a dialog to an .isd file:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click the dialog and then click Export to Dialog File. The Save As dialog box opens.
3. Browse to the folder to which you want to save the .isd file. You can rename the file if required.
4. Click OK.

You can now use the .isd file to import the dialog into another installation project.

See Also
Reusing Project Elements
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
Importing Dialogs from an .isd File

InstallShield enables you to import a dialog into your installation project. The file for the dialog (.isd file) can be stored in a repository, or it can be stored in some other location.

**Task**

**To import a dialog into your project from an .isd file:**

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click the dialog and then click Import Dialog. The Import Dialog dialog box opens.
3. Do one of the following:
   - In the Repository Items box, click the dialog that you want to add to your project.
   - If the file for the dialog box (.isd file) that you want to import is not stored in the repository, click the Browse button to select it.
4. Click OK.

InstallShield adds a copy for each supported language to your project.

**Note** • When you import a dialog, make sure that any string identifiers, properties, and actions referenced by the dialog are present in the new installation project.

**Resolving Conflicts**

When you import a dialog, InstallShield checks to make sure that the name of the dialog and its controls are unique—as required by Windows Installer. You cannot import a dialog with the same name as an existing dialog because InstallShield assumes that you are trying to import an identical dialog.

If you try to import an .isd file that uses the names of controls or string identifiers that already exist in your installation project, InstallShield asks how you want to resolve those conflicts. You can either overwrite the existing values or skip the imported values in order to leave the existing ones.

**Displaying Dialogs During Installation**

Adding a dialog to a project does not mean that the dialog will be displayed in the installation. For information on inserting the dialog into one or more of the project’s sequences, see Displaying Dialogs During Basic MSI Installations.

**See Also**

Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
Selecting the Installation Languages

**Publishing a Dialog (.isd) File to a Repository**

If you have an existing dialog (.isd) file that you would like to reuse in other projects or share with other users, you can publish it to a repository.
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**Task**  
To publish a dialog to a repository:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click the dialog and then click Publish Wizard. The Publish Wizard opens.
3. Complete the panels in the Publish Wizard.

After you have imported a dialog from a repository into a project, there is no link between the current dialog and the existing repository dialog. If you make a change to the dialog and then republish it to the repository, it does not affect the dialog in the project to which it was imported. However, you can reimport the dialog from the repository into your project.

**See Also**  
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

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**Exporting All Dialogs to an .rc File**

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If you would like to edit your dialogs’ resources in a resource editor such as Visual Studio, you can export the dialogs to an .rc file.

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**Task**  
To export a dialog to a resource script (.rc) file:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click All Dialogs and click Export Dialogs to Resource Script.

InstallShield copies all of the dialogs’ resources for the default language to a file named <project name>.rc in the project location.

Every attempt is made to preserve each dialog’s layout as much as possible. However, since some information in the Dialog Editor has no counterpart in a resource editor, InstallShield exports the resources as they appear in the Dialog Editor with the following exceptions:

**Table 4-2 • Resources that Are Not Exported to an .rc File**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Exception</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>String entries</td>
<td>All strings entries are resolved to the value of the default language.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paths</td>
<td>The paths, including any path variables, to any resources, such as text files or bitmaps, are preserved to make it easier to import the dialog at a later point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Selection trees</td>
<td>A Windows Installer selection tree becomes a standard tree control in the .rc file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text style</td>
<td>While the Dialog Editor maintains separate properties for font information (base text style and text style) and maximum character length, these properties are grouped together as they are in the Windows Installer tables.</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Editing the Dialogs in a Resource Editor

You can edit the dialogs’ geometry in a resource editor—or Notepad—as you would for any Windows dialog.

Before importing the dialogs back into your project, you must compile the .rc file into a .res file and then build it into a .dll file.

Task Assuming again that you use Visual Studio, follow the steps below to build MyProject.rc into MyProject.dll:

1. Use the Resource Compiler (Rc.exe) to compile MyProject.rc into MyProject with the following command-line statement:
   
   rc MyProject.rc

2. Run the Incremental Linker (Link.exe) to build a .dll file with the following command:

   link /DLL /NOENTRY /NODEFAULTLIB /MACHINE:iX86 /OUT:MyProject.dll MyProject.res

See Also

Reusing Project Elements

Importing Dialogs from Resource .dll Files

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Task To import all of the dialog resources from a .dll file:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.

2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click All Dialogs and click Import Dialogs from Resource Dlls. The Open dialog box opens.

3. Browse to the .dll file that contains the dialog resources that you want to import.

4. Click Open.

InstallShield adds each dialog to your project. Naming conflicts are resolved by adding a number to the imported dialog to make it unique.

If an imported control displays text that is already found as a string entry, InstallShield uses the existing string entry for the control’s Text property.

Note • When you are importing a dialog, ensure that any properties referenced by the dialog are present in the new installation project.

Table 4-2 • Resources that Are Not Exported to an .rc File (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Behavior</td>
<td>Unlike .isd files, which contain complete copies of the dialog's layout and behavior, .rc files store only the resources.</td>
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</table>
Adding a dialog to a project does not mean that the dialog will be displayed during the installation run time. For information on inserting the dialog into one or more of the installation’s sequences, see Displaying Dialogs During Basic MSI Installations.

Even though dialogs can be exported to an .rc file, you must build the resources into a .dll file before you can import them into InstallShield. For more information, see Exporting All Dialogs to an .rc File.

### Exporting Dialogs to Other Projects

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InstallShield enables you to insert a dialog from the current project into another existing project by exporting it.

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<td>In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Dialogs explorer, right-click the dialog and click Export to Project File. The Export Into dialog box opens.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Browse to the location of an existing .ism file. It can be either an installation project or a merge module project, but the file cannot be open in another instance of InstallShield.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Click Save.</td>
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</table>

A copy of this dialog is added to the specified .ism file, along with every control and all of the dialog’s behavior. Any string entries, properties, and path variables used in the dialog are also copied to your new project.

If the target .ism file already has a dialog of that name with different properties, the Resolve Conflict dialog box opens to offer you options for resolving the conflicting dialogs.

You can also publish dialogs to a repository and reuse them in other installation projects. For more information, see Using a Repository to Share Project Elements.

**See Also**

Reusing Project Elements

### Removing Dialogs from Projects

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#### Basic MSI Projects

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<td>1.</td>
<td>In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Dialogs explorer, right-click the dialog and click Delete.</td>
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</table>

**Note** • Right-clicking a dialog in the Custom Actions and Sequences view and clicking Remove does not delete the dialog from your project. It only removes it from that sequence.
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InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

**Task**

**To remove a dialog from an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI project:**

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click the dialog and click Delete.
3. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
4. Delete the script that adds the dialog to your installation’s end-user interface.

Creating and Configuring Custom Dialogs

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Consider the following tips when you create and configure custom dialogs in different project types.

**InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects**

When you add a new dialog in the Dialogs view, an entry for the dialog is added to the Dialog table. You can directly modify data in this table in the Direct Editor.

In the Direct Editor, you can specify a value for the ISResourceId field for the new dialog. This ISResourceId value is used within the script to identify this dialog.

Once you have added the dialog to your project, you need to call functions such as EzDefineDialog and WaitForDialog to load this dialog in memory and display it at run time. The corresponding ISResourceId value in the Dialog table is used as the fourth argument of EzDefineDialog to reference the custom dialog. Also, in the second argument of EzDefineDialog, it is advantageous to specify ISUSER as opposed to a null string. The EzDefineDialog function should look like the following:

```
EzDefineDialog("MyCustomDialog", ISUSER, ",", 12005)
```

In the above example, 12005 is the ISResourceId of this custom dialog, as specified in the Dialog table.

Custom dialog functions can then be called to manipulate the custom dialog to your needs. These functions are documented in the InstallScript Language Reference.

**Basic MSI Project**

When you create a custom dialog in the Dialogs view of a Basic MSI project, a Windows Installer–type dialog is created. InstallScript custom dialog functions cannot be used with this Windows Installer–type dialog. To display this dialog in your installation, it must be placed in sequence between two dialogs by using their Next and Back controls.

**See Also**

Creating New Custom Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects
Creating New Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects
Undoing Changes in the Dialog Editor

The Dialog Editor remembers up to 50 actions for each dialog and allows you to restore each change starting from the most recent one. Additionally, you can undo changes even after saving the project. However, if you close a project and reopen it, the undo history is purged.

**Undoing Changes**

**Task**

To undo a change, do any of the following:

- Press CTRL+Z.
- On the Edit menu, click Undo.
- Click the Undo button on the toolbar.

**Redoing Undone Changes**

**Task**

To place an undone change back into effect, do one of the following:

- Press CTRL+Y.
- On the Edit menu, click Redo.
- Click the Redo button on the toolbar.

The Undo and Redo buttons and menu commands are enabled while you are using the Dialog Editor. When you undo an action, you move back through the history of actions you performed on that dialog. When you redo, you move forward.

For example, if you resized a button and then changed its Tab Index property, clicking Undo would restore the previous value of the Tab Index property. Clicking Undo a second time returns the button to its original size. Clicking Redo twice puts the changes back into effect on the button’s size and then its tab index.

**Note** • You cannot undo changes made to a string entry through the Dialog Editor.

Working with Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallShield enables you to call specific functions in your script to display end-user dialogs. The Dialogs view contains a list of standard dialogs as well as any custom dialogs that you have added to your project.

This section of the documentation discusses how to create and perform basic functions with dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects.
Displaying Dialogs During InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Most of the user interface of an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI installation is defined in event handlers such as `OnFirstUIBefore` and `OnFirstUIAfter`. The following sample InstallScript code in `OnFirstUIBefore` is for the `SdWelcome` and `SdLicense2` dialogs:

```plaintext
Dlg_SdWelcome:
    szTitle = "";
    szMsg = "";
    nResult = SdWelcome( szTitle, szMsg );
    if (nResult = BACK) goto Dlg_Start;

Dlg_SdLicense2:
    szTitle = "";
    szOpt1 = "";
    szOpt2 = "";
    szLicenseFile = SUPPORTDIR ^ "License.rtf";
    nResult = SdLicense2Ex( szTitle, szOpt1, szOpt2, szLicenseFile, bLicenseAccepted, TRUE );
    if (nResult = BACK) then
        goto Dlg_SdWelcome;
    else
        bLicenseAccepted = TRUE;
    endif;
```

Every dialog function returns a constant indicating which button the end user clicked to exit the dialog. To handle the end user clicking the Back button on a dialog, directly after the dialog is an if statement that compares the dialog’s return value to the constant BACK, using a goto statement to jump to a label just before the previous dialog. In the aforementioned code example, if the end user clicks the Back button on the `SdLicense2` dialog, the goto statement jumps to the `Dlg_SdWelcome` label, and the `SdWelcome` dialog is displayed to the end user. Therefore, if you insert a dialog function between two dialogs such as `SdWelcome` and `SdLicense2`, you need to adjust the if statements, labels, and goto statements as appropriate.

Task • To display a dialog to the end user as part of the installation’s user interface:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
2. Add the dialog function to the appropriate script event handler.
3. Modify the dialog function’s parameters according to how you want the dialog to behave.

   To learn about the available parameters, refer to the dialog function documentation:
   - Dialog Functions
   - Dialog Customization Functions

4. Use the script to direct the flow of the dialogs—for example, by using if and goto statements.
See Also
OnFirstUIBefore
OnFirstUIAfter
OnMaintUIBefore
OnMaintUIAfter
Event Handlers

Changing the Text on Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

Most dialog functions accept a string argument called szTitle that defines the text appearing in the title area of the dialog. For example, the call to SdRegisterUser appears as follows:

SdRegisterUser( szTitle, szMsg, szName, szCompany );

By default, the parameter szTitle is defined as a null string (""), which indicates that the dialog should use the default title text. For SdRegisterUser, the default title appears as shown in the following screen shot.

Figure 4-1: Default Title Text for the SdRegisterUser Dialog

To modify the title, you can enter specific strings to display for the szTitle parameter. The title is divided into two sections—the bold text at the top of the title area, and the regular text under the main title.

To specify the two sections in the value of szTitle, place a newline character \n between the two sections.

SdRegisterUser ("New Title
This is a new subtitle.",
  szMsg, szName, szCompany);

After recompiling the script and running the installation, the title is displayed as shown in the following sample screen shot.

Figure 4-2: Changed Title Text for the SdRegisterUser Dialog

To change other text displayed on a dialog, there are usually one or more parameters (such as szMsg) that contain the text to be displayed. As with dialog box titles, a null string in a message parameter indicates that the dialog should use the default message text provided by InstallShield.

If your installation contains more than one UI language, you can use string identifiers instead of hard-coded strings in your InstallScript. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.
Background About the Default Images on Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Two types of images—the default banner images on interior dialogs, as well as the computer image on the left side of the exterior skinned dialogs such as the Welcome dialog—are used for static dialog user interface controls that have a control identifier of 1200. The default images are .png images, which allow for transparency. The Text field for these controls uses the following syntax by default to identify the image:

```
@@ResourceID;ScaleFactor
```

*ResourceID* indicates the resource identifier number that should be used to look up either a .png image (stored as resource type PNG) or a bitmap image (stored as resource type RT_BITMAP). *ScaleFactor* indicates the DPI scale percentage for which the image is intended.

For example, the scale factor can be 100% (96 DPI), 125% (120 DPI), 150% (144 DPI), or 200% (192 DPI). If the scale factor that is specified for an image is 200, the image will be shrunk down for display on target systems that are running less than 200% DPI scaling. On a 200% target system, it will be displayed at 1:1. If the scale factor that is specified for the image is 100, the image will be scaled up for display on target systems that are running 200% DPI scaling.

The previous format for identifying bitmap images (.bmp) still works, but it does not have support for scaling, or for .png images:

```
@BitmapResourceID;TransparentFlag;3-DFlag;<unused>;TransparentColorKey
```

*BitmapResourceID* indicates the resource identifier number for the bitmap image. *TransparentFlag* is 1 (true) or 0 (false), indicating whether the color that is specified in the *TransparentColorKey* field will be transparent when the bitmap is displayed. *TransparentColorKey* specifies an RGB value that is a transparent color for the bitmap.

**See Also**

DialogSetInfo
SdOptionsButtons

Creating New Custom Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
To create a custom dialog, you need to perform the following general steps:

1. Use the New Dialog Wizard to add a new custom dialog to your project. For more information, see Using the New Dialog Wizard to Add a New Custom Dialog to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project.

2. Add controls to the dialog. For more information, see Adding a Control to a Dialog in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project.

3. Create a script function that loads the dialog into memory, displays it on the screen, handles the end user’s interaction with the dialog’s controls, and closes the dialog when the user is finished with it. For more information, see Using InstallScript to Implement Custom Dialogs.

See Also
Using InstallScript to Process Dialog Controls

Using the New Dialog Wizard to Add a New Custom Dialog to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Task
To add a new custom dialog to your project:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.

2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click All Dialogs, and click New Dialog. The New Dialog Wizard opens.

3. Follow the wizard panels to create the new dialog. In the Dialog Template panel, select the NewScriptBasedDialog template or the NewSkinnableDialog template.

   The NewScriptBasedDialog and NewSkinnableDialog templates include a hidden control that has a Control Identifier value of 2. To enable end users to cancel the installation by clicking the close button in the upper-right corner of the InstallScript dialog, the dialog must have a button control whose Control Identifier property is set to this value. The Blank Dialog template does not include this control. For more information, see Using InstallScript to Implement Custom Dialogs.

Once you have added a new custom dialog to your project, you can add dialog controls.

See Also
Creating New Custom Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects
Editing Dialog Behavior in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
Using InstallScript to Implement Custom Dialogs
Editing the Layout of a Dialog in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

You can use the Dialog Editor to add, remove, and rearrange controls on a selected dialog. You can also use the Dialog Editor to modify the properties of the dialog or its controls. The InstallShield Dialog Editor functions much in the same way as other resource editors.

When you use the Dialog Editor to change the layout or appearance of a dialog, you are changing only the current project’s copy of the dialog; the changes do not affect any other projects.

**Task**

To access the Dialog Editor, do one of the following:
- In the Dialogs view, click a dialog and then in the dialog preview pane on the right, click the link for the language of the dialog that you want to edit.
- In the Dialogs view, right-click a dialog and click Edit.

InstallShield displays the Dialog Editor in the center pane.

**Note** • When an end user runs your installation on a Windows platform that uses a desktop display theme, the theme is used to display your installation’s end-user dialogs.

**See Also**
- Adding a Control to a Dialog in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
- Setting a Control’s Properties
- Displaying Controls on Top of a Bitmap
- Reverting to the Default Dialog

Adding a Control to a Dialog in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

You can use the Controls toolbar in InstallShield to add controls to a dialog.
Task  To add a control to a dialog:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.

2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs folder, and then expand the dialog item that should have the new dialog control.

3. Click a language under the dialog item that you expanded. The Dialog Editor in the center pane shows the dialog in the selected language.

4. In the Controls toolbar, click the control that you want to add.

5. Draw a rectangle on the dialog in the location where you want the control to be displayed.

6. In the right pane, set the control's properties.

After adding the control in the Dialog Editor, you need to use InstallScript to process the end user's interaction with the control. To learn more, see Using InstallScript to Process Dialog Controls.

Note • For projects created in Microsoft Visual Studio, you can use the Toolbox to add dialog controls.

See Also
- Showing or Hiding Toolbars
- Configuring the Controls’ Settings
- Creating InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio
- Using the Toolbox to Add Dialog Controls

Setting a Control’s Properties

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The dialog itself and every control on it has a property sheet in the Dialog Editor. These properties determine such things as a control's size and position, its default text (as a string identifier), or whether the dialog is modal.

To edit one of the property sheets, select the control on the dialog, or select a control’s or dialog’s name from the box above the property sheet. The properties vary depending on the type of control:

- Dialog
- Check Box
- Push Button
- Edit Field
- Combo Box
- Text Area
Displaying Controls on Top of a Bitmap

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

When you are setting the properties of a bitmap and other dialog controls, you can indicate that the controls should be placed on top of the bitmap.

**Task**  •  To display controls on top of a bitmap:

- The value for the **Tab Index** property of the bitmap must be lower than the value for the **Tab Index** property of any controls that are to be placed on top of the bitmap. The easiest way to configure this is to set the bitmap control’s **Tab Index** property to 0.

- All controls—including the bitmap—must have their **Tab Stop** properties set to **True**.

**See Also**
Setting a Control’s Properties
Editing Dialog Behavior in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
Showing or Hiding Toolbars
Using InstallScript to Implement Custom Dialogs

InstallScript 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

The next step in creating a custom dialog is to write an InstallScript function that processes the end user’s interaction with the dialog controls.

Task • To use InstallScript to implement a custom dialog in an InstallScript project:

1. Begin by creating a new InstallScript source file to contain the custom dialog code. Name the file CustomDialog.rul.

   Tip • To be able to use the dialog script in other projects, copy the .rul file to another location. In your other projects, open the InstallScript view, right-click the Files item in the InstallScript explorer, and click Insert Script Files.

2. Inside CustomDialog.rul, place the prototype and implementation for your custom dialog function. Add the following code to CustomDialog.rul.

   prototype NUMBER CustomDialog( );
   function NUMBER CustomDialog( )
   begin
   end;

3. When you compile your script, indicate that the main script Setup.rul should include the code for your CustomDialog function by inserting the following line near the top of Setup.rul:

   #include "CustomDialog.rul"

4. In the CustomDialog.rul script, define the constants that store the numeric IDs of the controls that you added to the dialog. If you copied the Back, Next, and Cancel buttons from a standard dialog, you can add the following lines near the top of CustomDialog.rul:

   // control identifiers
   #define BUTTON_NEXT 1
   #define BUTTON_BACK 12

   In general, the numeric ID of a control on a dialog is the number listed in the control’s Control Identifier property, displayed in the property list when you select the control in the Dialog Editor.

   Important • To enable end users to cancel the installation by clicking the close button in the upper-right corner of the InstallScript dialog, the dialog must have a button control with a value of 2 for the Control Identifier property. You can place this button anywhere on the dialog, and if necessary, you can make this button invisible. This is necessary because the InstallScript engine passes the WM_CLOSE message to the script only if it comes from a valid control in the dialog. If the dialog does not have a button with this identifier, the installation does not pass through the message that is generated when the dialog’s close button is clicked.
You need to define additional constants for every other control (for example, check box, edit field, or list box) with which the end user can interact.

5. Your CustomDialog function loads the custom dialog into memory using the `EzDefineDialog` function:

```c
EzDefineDialog(
    "CustomDialog", // nickname for dialog
    ISUSER,          // DLL containing the dialog's resources
    "CustomDialog", // name of dialog in Dialogs view
    0);              // numeric resource ID for dialog; not used here
```

To learn which arguments you use with `EzDefineDialog`, see EzDefineDialog.

**Tip** • The resource ID of a dialog is the dialog’s name, as it appears in the Dialog Editor. If you need to specify a numeric resource ID, you can add a numeric ID to the `ISResourceId` column in the Dialog table for the custom dialog. You can access the Dialog table in the Direct Editor.

6. Create a message loop in your script for the custom dialog. The message loop repeatedly calls the function `WaitOnDialog`, which returns the numeric control ID for the control with which user interacts with. A typical message loop appears as follows.

```c
while (!bDone)

    nCtrl = WaitOnDialog("CustomDialog");

    switch (nCtrl)

    case CONTROL1:
    // do something when user clicks CONTROL1

    case CONTROL2:
    // do something when user clicks CONTROL2

    // case statements for other controls

endswitch;
endwhile;
```

For example, CustomDialog currently contains Next, Back, and Cancel buttons. Its message loop might appear as follows:

```c
while (!bDone)

    nControl = WaitOnDialog("CustomDialog");

    switch (nControl)

    case DLG_INIT:
    // Initialize the back, next, and cancel button enable/disable
    // states for this dialog and replace %P, %VS, %VI with
```
7. When the end user exits the dialog by clicking **Back** or **Next**, you should remove the dialog from the screen and from memory using **EndDialog** and **ReleaseDialog**:

```c
EndDialog("CustomDialog");
ReleaseDialog("CustomDialog");
```

To use the dialog in the main script, add a call to the CustomDialog function in, for example, the **OnFirstUIBefore** event handler of Setup.rul.

```c
nResult = SdWelcome(szTitle, szMsg);
```

```c
nResult = CustomDialog();
if (nResult = BUTTON_BACK) goto Dlg_SdWelcome;
```

If the end user clicks **Back** or **Next**, the script displays the previous or following dialog. If the user clicks **Cancel**, the standard confirmation dialog (handled by the **OnCanceling** event handler) is displayed.

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**Note** • For information on implementing dialog control functionality, see *Using InstallScript to Process Dialog Controls*.

### Special Messages

In addition to returning control identifiers, the **WaitOnDialog** function returns some special messages.
• Immediately before the dialog is displayed on the screen, `WaitOnDialog` returns the message constant `DLG_INIT`. In the `DLG_INIT` case statement, you can set the default states of check boxes and radio buttons, populate and set the current selection in a list box or combo box control, or set the initial text of an edit field.

• If an error occurs, `WaitOnDialog` returns the constant `DLG_ERR`.

Using InstallScript to Process Dialog Controls

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

In InstallScript and InstallScript MSI installation projects, you use InstallScript to process the controls that you add to your custom dialogs.

Using Check Box Controls

In addition to handling button clicks, a custom dialog generally needs to be able to retrieve the end user’s selections in dialog controls such as check boxes.

**Note** • InstallShield has a standard dialog called AskOptions. This dialog displays up to nine check boxes or radio buttons, and therefore it is not necessary to create a custom dialog to display only check boxes to the end user.

As with push buttons, for each check box control that you add to a dialog, you generally add a `#define` statement to your script that assigns a symbolic name to the numeric control ID. For example, if you add a check box control to a custom dialog, the control’s numeric ID will appear in the Control Identifier property of the control. If the numeric ID is 1302, you would add the following line to your script.

```
#define MYCHECKBOX1 1302
```

For most types of controls, InstallScript defines `CtrlGet` and `CtrlSet` functions with which you can get or set the current state or data for a control. For example, you can get and set the current state of a check box control using `CtrlGetState` and `CtrlSetState`. In the `DLG_INIT` case of your dialog’s message loop, you can call `CtrlSetState` to set the initial selection state of the check box. The following code causes the check box to appear initially selected.

```
case DLG_INIT:
    // Initialize the back, next, and cancel button enable/disable states for this dialog
    // and replace %P, %VS, %VI with IFX_PRODUCT_DISPLAY_NAME, IFX_PRODUCT_DISPLAY_VERSION,
    // and IFX_INSTALLED_DISPLAY_VERSION, respectively, on control IDs 700-724 and 202.
    hwndDlg = CmdGetHwndDlg("CustomDialog");
    SdGeneralInit("CustomDialog", hwndDlg, 0, ":");
    CtrlSetState("CustomDialog", MYCHECKBOX1, BUTTON_CHECKED);
```

Similarly, you can add the following code outside the dialog’s message loop to detect the final selection state of the check box.

```
nState = CtrlGetState("CustomDialog", MYCHECKBOX1);
if (nState = BUTTON_CHECKED) then
    // check box selected
```
else
    // check box unselected
endif;

**Using Edit Fields**

You can also add edit controls to a custom dialog, which allow the end user to enter a single line of text. InstallShield has standard dialogs called `SdShowDlgEdit1`, `SdShowDlgEdit2`, and `SdShowDlgEdit3`, which display one, two, or three edit fields in which the end user can enter text.

You can read the text stored in an Edit control with `CtrlGetText`. For example, to read the text from an Edit control with resource ID 10000 into a string variable called `svEdit`, you can use the following code:

```cpp
CtrlGetText("CustomDialog", 10000, svEdit);
```

Similarly, you can set the initial text stored in an Edit control (in the DLG_INIT block of the message-loop’s switch statement) with `CtrlSetText`.

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**Tip** • You can use the `Password` attribute of an edit control to hide the characters that the end user types into the edit field. You can use the `Number` attribute to allow the end user to enter only numbers in the edit field.

**Using List Box and Combo Box Controls**

List box and combo box controls need to be associated with a variable of type `LIST`. Before displaying the list box control, you should populate a string-list variable, and associate it with the list box or combo box control using `CtrlSetList` in the dialog’s DLG_INIT handler. (For a combo box control, you will usually set the Drop-Down List property to True, and set the Height property to the height of the drop-down-list portion of the control.)

To set the initial selection in a list box or combo box control, you can call `CtrlSetCurSel` in the dialog’s DLG_INIT handler; and to retrieve the user’s current selection call `CtrlGetCurSel`. For example, the following code populates a list variable with the drive letters of every available drive (using `GetValidDrivesList`), associates the list with a combo-box control, and then reads the end user’s selection from the combo box before exiting the dialog.

```cpp
function NUMBER CustomDialog( )
    NUMBER nReturn;
    NUMBER nControl;
    BOOL bDone;
    // variables for combo box list and current selection
    LIST listDrives;
    STRING svDrive;
    begin
        nReturn = EzDefineDialog("CustomDialog", ISUSER, "CustomDialog", 0);

        bDone = FALSE;

        // create the list containing the combo box items
        listDrives = ListCreate(STRINGLIST);
        // fill the list with all available drive letters
        GetValidDrivesList(listDrives, -1, -1);

        while (!bDone)
            nControl = WaitOnDialog("CustomDialog");

        CtrlSetList("CustomDialog", listDrives);

        nControl = WaitOnDialog("CustomDialog");

        nReturn = EzDefineDialog("CustomDialog", ISUSER, "CustomDialog", 0);

        bDone = FALSE;

        // create the list containing the combo box items
        listDrives = ListCreate(STRINGLIST);
        // fill the list with all available drive letters
        GetValidDrivesList(listDrives, -1, -1);

        while (!bDone)
            nControl = WaitOnDialog("CustomDialog");

        CtrlSetCurSel("CustomDialog", 0);

        svDrive = CtrlGetText("CustomDialog", 10000);

        bDone = TRUE;
    end
```
switch (nControl)

    case DLG_INIT:
        // Initialize the back, next, and cancel button enable/disable states
        // for this dialog and replace %P, %VS, %VI with IFX_PRODUCT_DISPLAY_NAME,
        // IFX_PRODUCT_DISPLAY_VERSION, and IFX_INSTALLED_DISPLAY_VERSION,
        // respectively, on control IDs 700-724 and 202.
        hwndDlg = CmdGetHwndDlg("CustomDialog");
        SdGeneralInit("CustomDialog", hwndDlg, 0, "");
        CtrlSetState("CustomDialog", MYCHECKBOX1, BUTTON_CHECKED);
        // associate the list with the combo box
        CtrlSetList("CustomDialog", MYCOMBOBOX1, listDrives);
        // get the first drive letter from the list...
        ListGetFirstString(listDrives, svDrive);
        // ...and make it the current selection
        CtrlSetCurSel("CustomDialog", MYCOMBOBOX1, svDrive);
        // ...cases for other controls...

endswitch;
endwhile;

// get the end user's selection, and display it in a message box
CtrlGetCurSel("CustomDialog", MYCOMBOBOX1, svDrive);
MessageBox("You selected drive " + svDrive, INFORMATION);
EndDialog("CustomDialog");
ReleaseDialog("CustomDialog");

return nReturn;
end;

List box and combo box controls have a Sorted property, which you can set to Yes to sort the contents of the list controls by
the items' display names.

Editing Dialog Behavior in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

To change the behavior of a dialog, you can modify the dialog function's parameters according to how you want the dialog
to behave. To learn about the available parameters, refer to the dialog function documentation:

• Dialog Functions
• Dialog Customization Functions
Adding a Field That Contains a Product Name, Product Version, or Installed Version in Sd Dialog Static Text Fields

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield enables you to place your product name, product version, or installed version globally in Sd dialog static text fields containing the placeholder %P, %VS, or %VI (sometimes appearing as an extra space). At run time, the values of the system variables IFX_PRODUCT_DISPLAY_NAME, IFX_PRODUCT_DISPLAY_VERSION, and IFX_INSTALLED_DISPLAY_VERSION are displayed in place of %P, %VS, and %VI in the static text fields.

If you are adding a static text field containing a placeholder, give the static text field a unique (to that dialog) ID in the range of 701 through 799. IDs in the 701 through 799 range instruct InstallShield to scan the static text field for the existence of the placeholders. If a placeholder is found, InstallShield replaces it with the value of the corresponding system variable.

Using an HTML Control on a Dialog

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield includes support for HTML controls on dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects. HTML controls enable you to use HTML markup for dialog controls. You can include on dialogs links to Web pages, installed HTML files, and HTML support files. If an end user clicks the hyperlink on the run-time dialog, you can have the HTML page open in an Internet browser, or you can trigger other behavior that you have defined through your InstallScript code. The HTML control lets you use any valid HTML markup, including styles to control their appearance.

The HTML control also lets you display the HTML content directly on a dialog if the content is an installed HTML file or HTML support file.

To create an HTML control, you need to start with a static text control. Once you have placed the static text control on a dialog, you can convert it to be an HTML control.
Task

To convert any static text control on a dialog to be an HTML control, do one of the following:

- In the Dialogs view, set the Text property of the control as follows:

  
  [html] HTML Markup

- Use InstallScript to set the text of a control to be [html], followed by the HTML markup.

At run time, the InstallScript engine converts the control to an HTML control.

Example

The following example demonstrates how to convert a static text control to an HTML control. The sample HTML code enables you to set the colors and fonts of the control so that they match those of the dialog.

Task

To convert a static text control to an HTML control by using the control's Text property:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click the dialog that you want to contain the HTML control, and then click Edit. InstallShield displays the dialog in the Dialog Editor, using the project's default language.
3. Click the static text control that you want to convert to an HTML control. InstallShield displays its properties in the right pane.
4. In the Text property, click the ellipsis button (...). InstallShield displays a list of all of the current strings in the project.
5. Click the Edit button.
6. Set the value of the string identifier as follows:

   [html]<style type="text/css">html,body {padding:0; margin:0; background-color:ButtonFace} * {font-size: 8pt; font-family: "MS Sans Serif";} </style> <a href="http://www.MyWebSite.com">Visit my Web site</a>

At run time, the installation uses the default InstallScript dialog font (8 point MS Sans Serif) and sets the background color to the Windows dialog color, which is usually gray. If the content is on a dialog area that is white, you can omit the background-color:ButtonFace style part so that the background of the HTML control becomes white.

Tip • As an alternative to converting the static control through the Dialogs view, you could edit the dialog's script function in the InstallScript view. For example, add the following code to the DLG_INIT case in the dialog message loop:

```
CtrlSetText( szDlg, HTML_CTRL_ID, "[html]<style type="text/css">html,body {padding:0; margin:0; background-color:ButtonFace} * {font-size: 8pt; font-family: "MS Sans Serif";} </style><a href="http://www.MyWebSite.com">Visit my Web site</a>" );
```

For sample script, see CtrlGetUrlForLinkClicked Example.

Handling Click Events for Links in HTML Controls

If you use the CtrlSetText function to set HTML control content at run time and the control creation succeeds, CtrlSetText returns 0. If it fails, CtrlSetText returns ISERR_GEN_FAILURE.
To handle click events for links in HTML controls, the `WaitOnDialog` function returns the control ID of the HTML control (which is also the control ID of the original static text control). A custom dialog script function can contain a case statement that handles the HTML control ID, and then calls the `CtrlGetUrlForLinkClicked` function to obtain the URL for the link that was clicked. With this link, the script can take any action (such as launching an Internet browser to navigate to the link).

The following behavior occurs when an end user clicks a link for an HTML control that uses the anchor tag:

- If the anchor tag does not include the target attribute, or if the target value does not result in a new window, the control ID is returned to the dialog script. This allows for the script to handle link clicks itself.
- If the anchor tag does include the target attribute and its value is `_blank` or some other equivalent value that results in a new window, no message is sent to the script, and the URL is automatically launched.

### Special Considerations for HTML Controls

If you are adding HTML controls to dialogs, note the following details.

### Run-Time Requirements for HTML Controls

The HTML control requires Internet Explorer 5.5 or later for full functionality. If an earlier version is present on a target system, the only way to set the content for the HTML control is to provide an HTML file to `CtrlSetText`. Note that Internet Explorer does not need to be the default browser on the target system.

### HTML Control Support for HTML Files

If you use an HTML file with an HTML control, you must specify the full path to the file through the `CtrlSetText` function. Otherwise, the InstallScript engine will not know where the file is located. Following is sample InstallScript:

```plaintext
CtrlSetText(szDlg, HTML_CTRL_ID, "[html]file://" + SUPPORTDIR^"aboutpage.htm");
```

### Using an HTML Control for an Email Address

If you want to add a hyperlink that points to an email address, you can use code such as the following:

```plaintext
CtrlSetText(szDlg, HTML_CTRL_ID, "[html]<a href="mailto:support@mycompany.com?Subject=Example%20Line">Send email to Support</a>");
```

When an end user clicks such a link, a new email message is automatically opened in the target system's email application. Note that with the mailto link, no message is sent to the script.

### HTML Text Content Is Not Formatted

Any content set in an HTML control is passed as is. No formatting of the content is performed. If you need to format any of the content, you can manipulate the content string in script and then pass the content string to `CtrlSetText`.

### Character Count Limits for the Text Property of Static Text Controls

The Text property of static text controls has a maximum limit of 256 characters. Therefore, if you convert a static text control to an HTML control by adding `[html]` to the beginning of the text content for a control, the maximum number of characters that you can enter is 256; this includes the hyperlinked text as well as all characters for any HTML markup that you specify. If you need to enter more than 256 characters for the content, use the `CtrlSetText` function to create the control.
Reverting to the Default Dialog

InstallShield 2020

**Project** This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

If you have edited a dialog and you later decide that you want to undo all of your changes, you can revert back to the original default dialog.

**Task** To revert to the default dialog:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. Right-click the edited dialog and click Revert.

Resource Compiler and Resource Linker

InstallShield 2020

**Project** This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To modify dialogs in InstallScript or InstallScript MSI projects, you must have a resource compiler and resource linker installed on your system. InstallShield includes both of these types of tools.

**Task** To view the location of the compiler and linker:

1. On the Tools menu, click Options. The Options dialog box opens.
2. Click the Resource tab.

The Resource tab lists the locations of the compiler and linker.
Task  
To replace the resource compiler or resource linker with one that is already on your system:

1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Options**. The **Options** dialog box opens.
2. Click the **Resources** tab.
3. Click the Browse button next to the **Resource compiler location** box or the **Resource linker location** box to navigate to the program file.

Dialog Sampler

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**

The Dialog Sampler is an InstallShield wizard that displays samples of all built-in dialogs as well as dialogs called by script dialog (sd) functions in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects. You can launch two different varieties of the Dialog Sampler.

Task  
To launch the Dialog Sampler:

On the **Tools** menu, point to **InstallScript**, and then click either **Standard Dialog Sampler** or **Skinned Dialog Sampler**.

You can also launch these samplers using the shortcut in the InstallShield program folder on the Programs menu.

Dialog Skins

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**

**Overview**

Dialog skins enable you to display end-user dialogs with a different look and color scheme. Skinned dialogs are slightly larger than standard dialogs, and the controls are located differently. For skinned dialogs to display properly, the desktop area on the target machine must be at least 800 by 600 pixels (or if large fonts are used, 1024 by 768 pixels), and the system must display at least 16-bit color.

**Limitations**

There are limitations when using dialog skins in your project:
• A dialog skin cannot be applied to or removed from a standard dialog once you have edited that dialog in the Dialog Editor. Therefore, if you want to specify skins for dialogs that you want to modify, specify the skin first, and then edit it.

• The location of the standard navigation buttons (Next, Cancel, Back, Finish) are the same for all skins. The .skin file controls their position. Moving them in the Dialog Editor has no effect on the run-time positioning. There are also some Browse buttons on a few dialogs (for example, SdAskDestPath) that cannot be repositioned.

• Skinned dialogs cannot use windowed billboards. To learn more about the windowed style of billboard, see Billboard Styles and File Types for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects.

• If you add custom dialogs to your project, the new dialogs should be the same size as the other end-user dialogs. If the custom dialogs are a different size, they may not be displayed correctly; for example, the navigation buttons might not be visible to the end user during run time, due to the positioning issue described above.

Note • If you want to specify a dialog skin for a custom dialog, you must set the skin before creating the custom dialog in the Dialog Editor in order for the skin to appear properly.

Specifying Dialog Skins

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

You can use a dialog skin to change the look of the end-user dialogs in your installation. You can specify one skin per installation project. All of the dialogs in your project are displayed using the selected skin.

Note • A dialog skin cannot be applied to or removed from a standard dialog once you have edited that dialog in the Dialog Editor. Therefore, if you want to specify skins for dialogs that you want to modify, specify the skin first, and then edit it.

If you want to specify a dialog skin for a custom dialog, you must set the skin before creating the custom dialog in the Dialog Editor in order for the skin to appear properly.

Selecting a Dialog Skin

Task

To select a dialog skin:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the Skins item to see the available dialog skin options.
3. Click a skin to see a preview dialog displayed in the right pane.
4. To select a displayed skin, click Select in the preview pane. A red check mark appears on the selected skin's icon in the Dialogs explorer.
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All of the dialog skins use .gif files for the fade graphic, with the exception of the Blue skin. The Blue skin uses a .bmp file, which results in a larger file size. The Blue skin’s appearance on a 16-bit color system is not as clean as the other colors when a .gif file is used. If you want to use a Blue skin that supports 16-bit color systems and file size is not an issue, select the Blue option. For a smaller file size, select the BlueTC (True Color) option, which uses a .gif file for the graphic.

### Clearing Dialog Skin Selections

**Task**

**To clear the dialog skin selection:**

1. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **Dialogs**.
2. In the **Dialogs** explorer, expand the **Skins** item to see the available dialog skin options, and select the `<None>` item.
3. Click **Select** in the preview panel.

**See Also**

Dialog Skins

### Working with Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects

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The information in this section of the documentation explains how to create and perform other basic functions with dialogs in Basic MSI projects.

**Task**

**The process of creating a new dialog and displaying it in your installation can be broken down into the following tasks:**

1. Add the dialog to the project.
2. Edit the dialog’s layout.
3. Define the controls’ behavior (under what conditions they should be displayed, the events that their interaction should trigger, and the events that they should subscribe to).
4. Display the dialog with a NewDialog or SpawnDialog event in another dialog’s control or by inserting the dialog into your project’s sequences.

**See Also**

Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer–Based Projects)

### Displaying Dialogs During Basic MSI Installations

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You can display an end-user dialog in one of two ways, as described below:

- **Insert the dialog** into a User Interface sequence.
- **Launch the dialog** through another dialog’s behavior.
Inserting Dialogs into Sequences

**Project** • When you create a dialog in a merge module, you cannot insert it into a sequence until you associate that module with an installation project.

**Task** To schedule a dialog in a sequence:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences**.
2. In the **Sequences** explorer, expand one of the two high-level sequences in which dialogs are usually displayed—**Installation**, **Advertisement**, or **Administration**—to view its **User Interface** sequence.
3. Expand the **User Interface** sequence to see how the existing actions, dialogs, and custom actions are ordered.
4. Right-click the existing action or dialog that you want your dialog to follow in the sequence, and then click **Insert**. The **Insert Action** dialog box opens.
5. In the list, select **Dialogs**.
6. Select your new dialog from the list of dialogs.
7. Click **OK**.

When your installation runs with a full user interface (determined by the /q command-line parameter) and all conditions are met for this dialog, it will be displayed within the selected sequences.

While InstallShield lets you insert a dialog into an Execute sequence, doing so violates ICE13.

Launching a Dialog Through Another Dialog’s Behavior

Most dialogs are displayed as a result of the NewDialog (displays another dialog in the wizard) or SpawnDialog (shows a modal dialog) control event. By selecting this event in a dialog’s behavior, usually for a Next button, you can specify the dialog that succeeds it. By adding a condition to the control event, you could present different dialogs depending on the result of a selection in the preceding dialog.

**Task** For example, to display a WelcomeBitmap dialog after the InstallWelcome dialog:

1. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **Dialogs**.
2. In the **Dialogs** explorer, expand the InstallWelcome dialog, and then click its **Behavior** subnode.
3. In the pane that contains a list of controls and the corresponding control types, select the **Next** button.
4. In the **Events** setting, click the **New Event** button, and then click **NewDialog**. InstallShield adds some **NewDialog** subsettings under the **Event** setting.
5. In the **NewDialog** setting, enter the following: 1
   A condition of 1 indicates that the dialog should be created under all conditions.
6. In the **Dialog Name** setting, enter the following: WelcomeBitmap
Creating New Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects

**Task**

To create a new dialog in a Basic MSI project:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click All Dialogs and click New Dialog. The Dialog Wizard launches to help you create a new dialog.

The next step is to edit the dialog's layout and the controls' behavior.

**Tip**

You can also add a dialog by importing one from another project.

Displaying a Dialog in the End-User Interface

Adding a dialog to a project does not mean that the dialog will be displayed in the installation. For information on inserting the dialog into one or more of the project’s sequences, see Displaying Dialogs During Basic MSI Installations.

See Also

Removing Dialogs from Projects

Editing Dialog Layout in Basic MSI Projects

Using the Dialog Editor, you can modify a dialog, edit its controls, and set display properties for the dialog and its controls, all in a visual environment.

**Note**

When an end user runs your installation on a Windows platform that uses a desktop display theme, the theme is used to display your installation’s end-user dialogs.

The Dialogs view manages versions of the dialog for each of your project's supported languages. You must select a language-specific version in order to edit the layout. These versions remain identical except for changes you make to a control's size. For more information, see Modifying Dialogs for Each Language.
Opening the Dialog Editor

Task To open a dialog in the Dialog Editor, do any of the following:

- Select the language-specific version of the dialog under the dialog’s name in the Dialogs view.
- In the Custom Actions and Sequences view, right-click the dialog and click Edit Layout.

The Dialog Editor opens in the right pane of the Dialogs view.

Adding a Control to a Dialog in a Basic MSI Project

Task To add a control to a dialog:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs folder, and then expand the dialog item that should have the new dialog control.
3. Click a language under the dialog item that you expanded. The Dialog Editor in the center pane shows the dialog in the selected language.
4. In the Controls toolbar, click the control that you want to add.
5. Draw a rectangle on the dialog in the location where you want the control to be displayed.
6. In the right pane, set the control’s properties.

Tip • If you are editing an InstallShield project from within Microsoft Visual Studio, you can use the Toolbox to add controls.

See Also
Showing or Hiding Toolbars
Creating InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio
Using the Toolbox to Add Dialog Controls

Configuring the Controls’ Settings

Task The dialog itself and every control on it has a grid of settings in the Dialog Editor. These settings determine characteristics such as a control’s size and position, its default text (as a string identifier), or whether the dialog is modal.

To edit the settings of a control, select the control on the dialog. The settings vary depending on the type of control:

- Bitmap
- Dialog
• Check Box
• Push Button
• Edit Field
• Combo Box
• Text Area
• List Box
• Radio Button
• Bitmap
• Group Box
• Billboard
• Line
• Radio Button Group
• Selection Tree
• Progress Bar
• List View
• Scrollable Text
• Icon
• Directory List
• Directory Combo
• Volume Cost List
• Volume Select Combo
• Masked Edit
• Path Edit

Displaying Controls on Top of a Bitmap

**Task**  
To display controls on top of a bitmap:

- The value for the **Tab Index** property of the bitmap must be lower than the value for the **Tab Index** property of any controls that are to be placed on top of the bitmap. The easiest way to configure this is to set the bitmap control’s **Tab Index** property to 0.

- All controls—including the bitmap—must have their **Tab Stop** properties set to **True**.
See Also
- Copying and Pasting Controls
- Undoing Changes in the Dialog Editor

Editing Dialog Behavior in Basic MSI Projects

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In the Dialogs view, you can configure settings to specify how controls will behave at run time. The behavior-related settings for a control enable you to configure the following types of functionality:

- Events that an end user interacting with the control will trigger
- Windows Installer events to which a control needs to subscribe
- Conditions under which the control will be displayed

Task

To access the behavior settings for a control:

1. Do one of the following:
   - In the Dialogs view, expand the dialog node for the dialog that you want to modify, and then click its Behavior subnode.
   - In the Custom Actions and Sequences view, right-click the dialog and click Edit Behavior.

2. In the center pane, which shows a list of all of the controls on the selected dialog, click the control that you want to configure. Its settings are displayed in the right pane.

3. Configure the Events, Subscriptions, and Conditions settings as needed.

See Also
- Using Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs
- Using Subscriptions in Basic MSI Dialogs
- Triggering Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs
- Reordering a Dialog Control’s Events

Using Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs

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Control events enable you to provide custom functionality for each control on your dialogs. With control events, you can launch custom actions, spawn new dialogs, or display a progress bar. Many control events make use of published information. In some cases, your controls must subscribe to control-event information in order to make use of it.

To associate an event with a control, use the Behavior area for a dialog in the Dialogs view. For more information, see Editing Dialog Behavior in Basic MSI Projects. To learn about subscriptions for controls, see Using Subscriptions in Basic MSI Dialogs.

To specify a condition for any event, click the ellipsis button (...) in the event setting.
Following is a list of the available control events:

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<tr>
<th>Control Event</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>AddLocal</td>
<td>Sets the specified feature (or all features, if <strong>ALL</strong> is specified) to be installed locally.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To specify the feature, configure this setting’s subsetting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSource</td>
<td>Sets the specified feature (or all features, if <strong>ALL</strong> is specified) to be installed to run from source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To specify the feature, configure this setting’s subsetting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CheckExistingTargetPath</td>
<td>Verifies that the specified path can be written to, and prevents additional control events from being triggered unless the specified path exists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To specify the property that contains the path, configure this setting’s subsetting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CheckTargetPath</td>
<td>Prevents additional control events from being triggered unless the specified value is a valid path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To specify the property that contains the path, configure this setting’s subsetting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirectoryListNew</td>
<td>Notifies the directory list control that a new folder must be created. The installer then creates a new folder and allows the user to enter a new name for the folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirectoryListOpen</td>
<td>Notifies the directory list control to open the selected directory. If none is selected, it prevents additional control events from being triggered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirectoryListUp</td>
<td>Notifies the directory list control to go up a level, selecting the parent of the current directory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DoAction</td>
<td>Triggers a custom action when the selected control is activated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To specify the custom action, configure this setting’s subsetting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EnableRollback</td>
<td>Enables or disables rollback functionality for the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To specify whether you want the event to enable rollback, configure this setting’s subsetting. A value of True enables rollback; False disables it.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
EndDialog

Dismisses a modal dialog. You can use this event for a push button control or a selection tree control.

To specify the behavior that should occur for this event, configure this setting’s subsetting.

For regular dialogs, available options are:

- **Exit** — The dialog sequence closes and control is returned to the installer with the UserExit value. This option cannot be used with child windows.
- **Retry** — The dialog sequence closes and control is returned to the installer with the Suspend value. This option cannot be used with child windows.
- **Ignore** — The dialog sequence closes and control is returned to the installer with the Finished value. This option cannot be used with child windows.
- **Return** — The dialog exits and control is returned to the parent window. If no parent exists, control is returned to the installer with the Success value.

For error dialogs, available options are:

- **ErrorOK**
- **ErrorCancel**
- **ErrorAbort**
- **ErrorRetry**
- **ErrorIgnore**
- **ErrorYes**
- **ErrorNo**

MsiLaunchApp

Runs a specified file.

This event is typically used for a check box control on the SetupCompleteSuccess dialog. The check box enables end users to choose whether to run the application at the end of the installation. The check box control should include a condition that prevents the control from being displayed during uninstallation.

To specify the command line for launching the file, configure this setting’s subsetting.

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**Table 4-3 • Types of Events for Controls (cont.)**

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<tr>
<td>EndDialog</td>
<td>Dismisses a modal dialog. You can use this event for a push button control or a selection tree control. To specify the behavior that should occur for this event, configure this setting’s subsetting. For regular dialogs, available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>• Ignore — The dialog sequence closes and control is returned to the installer with the Finished value. This option cannot be used with child windows.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Return — The dialog exits and control is returned to the parent window. If no parent exists, control is returned to the installer with the Success value. For error dialogs, available options are:</td>
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<td>• ErrorOK</td>
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<td>• ErrorCancel</td>
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<td>• ErrorYes</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• ErrorNo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiLaunchApp</td>
<td>Runs a specified file. This event is typically used for a check box control on the SetupCompleteSuccess dialog. The check box enables end users to choose whether to run the application at the end of the installation. The check box control should include a condition that prevents the control from being displayed during uninstallation. To specify the command line for launching the file, configure this setting’s subsetting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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**Note** • *Windows Installer 5 includes support for this event. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this event. Therefore, if your installation is run on a system that has Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier and you want to use this event, add a condition to the dialog control so that it is not displayed on systems that have Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier.*

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<tr>
<td><strong>MsiPrint</strong></td>
<td>Enables end users to print the contents of the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td><em>Windows Installer 5 includes support for this event. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this event. Therefore, if your installation is run on a system that has Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier and you want to use this event, add a condition to the dialog control so that it is not displayed on systems that have Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NewDialog</strong></td>
<td>Advances to another dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Reinstall</strong></td>
<td>Reinstalls the specified feature (or all features, if <strong>ALL</strong> is specified).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Remove</strong></td>
<td>Indicates that the specified feature (or all features, if <strong>ALL</strong> is specified) is selected for removal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Reset</strong></td>
<td>Resets all of the property changes that all of the controls on the dialog have performed to their original values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>RMShutdownAndRestart</strong></td>
<td>Indicates that the Restart Manager should shut down all applications that have files in use and restart them at the end of the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelectionBrowse</strong></td>
<td>Launches the specified Browse dialog that enables the end user to modify the path of the highlighted item.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SetInstallLevel</strong></td>
<td>Sets the <strong>INSTALLLEVEL</strong> property to the specified value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SetProperty</strong></td>
<td>Sets the value of a property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SetTargetPath</strong></td>
<td>Checks and sets the selected path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SpawnDialog</strong></td>
<td>Launches the specified dialog of a modal dialog without closing the current dialog.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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See Also
Adding New Events to a Dialog Control
Reordering a Dialog Control’s Events
Using Subscriptions in Basic MSI Dialogs
Triggering Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs

Using Subscriptions in Basic MSI Dialogs

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The Windows Installer service provides volumes of information to the installation during the run time. One of the most useful ways to gather information during installation is to use subscriptions. To subscribe to something is commonly defined as entering one’s name for a publication or service. In Windows Installer terms, actions generally publish information, and dialog controls generally subscribe to information.

Examples of Common Uses for Subscriptions

The best example of this relationship centers around progress bars. The InstallFiles action publishes information on the percentage of files moved and the percentage remaining to be moved. When a progress bar subscribes to this information, it is able to accurately display the progress of the installation’s file transfer process.

Windows Installer tracks progress through what are called ticks. When your progress bar subscribes to this information, it is passed the ticksSoFar and totalTicks values. The progress bar uses this information to display the total progress of the installation.

Subscriptions are not used only for progress bars. You might have a custom action that validates a serial number as part of your installation. This action could publish the failure or success of validation. On a dialog, you could have a Next button that subscribes to this information. If the action publishes the failure of the validation, the button remains disabled. If the action publishes success, the button is enabled.

Types of Subscriptions

To set up a subscription for a control, use the Behavior area for a dialog in the Dialogs view. For more information, see Editing Dialog Behavior in Basic MSI Projects.
Following is a list of the available events to which controls can subscribe:

### Table 4-4 • Types of Events to Which Controls Can Subscribe

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>ActionData</strong></td>
<td>Displays information about the latest action. A text control can subscribe to this event to display information such as the names of files that are being copied during the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ActionProgress</strong></td>
<td>Displays progress information about an action that is being monitored. A progress bar control can subscribe to this event. To specify the action, configure this setting's subsetting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ActionText</strong></td>
<td>Displays the name of the present action. A text control can subscribe to this event to display a description of the current action that is being performed during the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>IgnoreChange</strong></td>
<td>Highlights a folder in the current directory without opening the folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ScriptInProgress</strong></td>
<td>Displays informational text while Windows Installer is compiling the installation's execution script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelectionAction</strong></td>
<td>Displays a UI string that describes the highlighted item. A text control can subscribe this event to display the UI string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelectionDescription</strong></td>
<td>Displays a UI string in a text control. The UI string describes the feature that is selected in the selection tree control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelectionNoItems</strong></td>
<td>Removes description text or disables an unnecessary button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelectionPath</strong></td>
<td>Publishes the path of the item that is selected in the selection tree control. A text control can subscribe this event to display the path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelectionPathOn</strong></td>
<td>Publishes a Boolean value that indicates whether a selection path is associated with the currently selected feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelectionSize</strong></td>
<td>Publishes the size of the highlighted item.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SetProgress</strong></td>
<td>Publishes information about the installation's progress.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TimeRemaining</strong></td>
<td>Publishes the approximate number of seconds that remain for the current progress sequence. A text control can subscribe this event to display the remaining time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Using Action Text
Using Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs

Triggering Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs

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An event is a predefined action that occurs when an end user interacts with a control. Events are defined in the Behavior area of the Dialogs view. For more information on each of the events that are available, see Using Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs.

To view a control’s events, select it in the list of control names and then configure the Events setting in the right pane.

Adding New Events to a Dialog Control

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<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To add a new event to a dialog control:</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Dialogs explorer, expand the dialog node for the dialog that you want to modify, and then click its Behavior subnode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>In the center pane, which shows a list of all of the controls on the selected dialog, click the control that you want to configure. Its settings are displayed in the right pane.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>In the Events setting, click the New Event button, and then select the type of event that you want to add. InstallShield adds a new set of rows under the Events setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>To specify a condition for the event, click the ellipsis button (...) in the new event setting. The Condition Builder dialog box opens, enabling you to specify the conditions that must be met for the action. If you want the event to be triggered under any conditions, enter the following condition:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.</td>
<td>If the event setting has a subsetting, configure the subsetting as needed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Reordering a Dialog Control’s Events

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The events that are configured for a user interface control are launched at run time in the order in which they are displayed for that control’s Events setting.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To move an event:</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Dialogs explorer, expand the dialog node for the dialog that you want to modify, and then click its Behavior subnode.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3. In the center pane, which shows a list of all of the controls on the selected dialog, click the control that has the events that you want to reorder. Its settings are displayed in the right pane.

4. In the Events area of the grid of settings, find the event setting of an event that you want to move.

5. In the event setting for an event that you want to move, click the Move Event button, and then click Move Up or Move Down.

Removing an Event from a Dialog Control

Task To remove an event from a control:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.

2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the dialog node for the dialog that you want to modify, and then click its Behavior subnode.

3. In the center pane, which shows a list of all of the controls on the selected dialog, click the control that has the event that you want to remove. Its settings are displayed in the right pane.

4. In the Events area of the grid of settings, find the event setting of the event that you want to remove.

5. In the event setting, click the Delete Event button.

Launching Custom Actions from Dialog Buttons

Task To launch a custom action from a push button control:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.

2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the dialog node for the dialog that you want to modify, and then click its Behavior subnode.

3. In the center pane, which shows a list of all of the controls on the selected dialog, click the push button control that you want to trigger the custom action. Its settings are displayed in the right pane.

4. In the Events setting, click the New Event button, and then click DoAction. InstallShield adds a new set of rows under the Events setting.

5. To specify a condition for the event: In the DoAction setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Condition Builder dialog box opens, enabling you to specify the conditions that must be met for the action.

6. In the Action subsetting, specify the name of the action that you want to associate with the control.

Build and test your installation to ensure that it works as expected.
Viewing End-User Dialog Order in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (Basic MSI Projects)

This information applies to Basic MSI projects. To view the order of your end-user dialogs in an InstallScript project or an InstallScript MSI project, use the InstallScript view to review your script.

In the Custom Actions and Sequences view, you can view primary and next dialogs in the order in which they appear to the end user during the run time of your installation. Primary dialogs are top-level dialogs that have been inserted into the installation sequence. You can change the order of a primary dialog within the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

Next dialogs are dialogs that are triggered by the action of a previous dialog’s Next button control events. Although you can view next dialogs in the Custom Actions and Sequences view, they are not a part of the installation sequence, and you cannot change their order in the Custom Actions and Sequences view. To change the order of a next dialog, you must use the Behavior node under a dialog in the Dialogs view. To learn more, see Editing Dialog Behavior in Basic MSI Projects.

Initial Sequences Explorer

When you first open the Custom Actions and Sequences view, the Sequences explorer lists all primary dialogs and actions in the order in which they will be executed during your installation. Many of the next dialogs have plus signs (+) next to them.

Expanded Sequences Explorer

In addition to viewing the order of primary dialogs that have been inserted into the installation sequence, you can also view next dialog order in the Sequences explorer.

When you click the plus sign (+) next to a primary dialog, the list expands to display the order in which the primary dialog’s next dialogs—if any—will appear during the run time. If a particular dialog has more than one Next button control event, all possible next dialogs are displayed under the dialog.

![Expanded Sequences Explorer](image)

Figure 4-3: Viewing the Order of Dialogs in the Sequence

Next Dialog Information Panel

When you click a next dialog, the right pane displays information about the dialog. The right pane also has hyperlinks to the behavior and layout editors, as well as help information. More detailed information about the selected dialog is available in the Dialogs view.
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Context Menu Commands
When you right-click a primary dialog, a context menu displays commands for you to edit the sequence, refresh the dialog sequence view, or edit the dialog’s layout or behavior. When you right-click a next dialog, a context menu displays commands for you to edit the dialog’s layout or behavior.

Edit Behavior

Task
To move to the Dialog Behavior Editor from within the Sequences explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view, do either of the following:

- Right-click the next dialog that you want to edit and click Edit Behavior.
- Click the name of the dialog that you want to edit. Then, in the Action Items section of the right pane, click Edit dialog behavior.

For more information, see Editing Dialog Behavior in Basic MSI Projects.

Edit Layout

Task
To move to the Dialog Layout Editor from within the Sequences explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view, do either of the following:

- Right-click the next dialog that you want to edit and click Edit Layout.
- Click the name of the dialog that you want to edit. Then, in the Action Items section of the right pane, click Edit dialog layout. If you have written your installation in more than one language, you must select the appropriate language in the list.

For more information, see Editing Dialog Layout in Basic MSI Projects.

CustomSetup Dialog Options

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The CustomSetup dialog has a sophisticated end-user interface that is tightly integrated with information about the target system, the features in your installation, and Windows Installer installation options. It provides the end user with the most control over the installation.

Many of the options and information it offers are determined by the feature properties that you set in your setup design, as described below.
**Advertisement Option**

Feature advertisement enables files to be installed on demand after the installation has initially run. In the CustomSetup dialog, when end users click a feature, they can specify that they want it installed later by selecting the **Will be installed when required** option.

However, that default option is present only if you select **Allow Advertise** or **Favor Advertise** for the feature’s **Advertised setting**. To prevent Windows Installer from displaying the option to advertise the feature, select **Disallow Advertise** for this setting.

**Hiding Features**

When you set a feature’s **Display setting** to **Not Visible**, the end user cannot see the feature or its subfeatures in the CustomSetup dialog and therefore cannot change any of its installation options.

**Displaying All Subfeatures**

The feature’s **Display setting** also governs whether its subfeatures are expanded when the dialog first appears with the following options:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Visible and Collapsed</td>
<td>The feature is displayed in the CustomSetup dialog with its subfeatures collapsed by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible and Expanded</td>
<td>The feature is displayed in the CustomSetup dialog with its subfeatures expanded by default.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Setting Default Destination Folders for Features**

An end user can view and edit the folder to which a feature will be installed by selecting the feature in the CustomSetup dialog and clicking the Details button. The feature’s **Destination setting** is the default value that appears, and it is reassigned to a new value if the end user enters or browses to a new path in the resulting Feature Details dialog.

For a complete discussion of the factors that affect where a feature is installed, see [Setting a Feature’s Destination](#).

**Naming Features**

Specify a different name to appear in the CustomSetup dialog by setting its **Display Name**.

**Displaying Feature Descriptions**

The description that is shown at the bottom of the CustomSetup dialog when you select a feature is taken from its **Description setting**.

**Changing the Feature Order**

You can change the order in which the features appear to the end user in the CustomSetup dialog. The order in which features are displayed is dictated by the order in the Setup Design view. For more information, see [Reordering Features](#).
**Requiring Features To Be Installed**

If you set a feature’s *Required setting* to Yes, the end user does not see the *Will not be available* option, meaning that the feature must be installed.

**See Also**

Advertising Features

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**Dialog Themes**

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*Project* - Dialog themes are available in Basic MSI projects.

Dialog themes are predefined sets of images that give your end-user dialogs a unified and distinctive look.

With the click of a button, you can select one of the available themes for your project, and InstallShield applies that theme to all of the interior and exterior dialogs, as well as the Setup.exe initialization dialog, in your project. You can easily preview each dialog from within the Dialogs view to see how it looks with the selected theme.

*Note* - InstallShield does not currently let you create your own dialog themes. However, InstallShield includes many themes. For more information, see Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes.

**See Also**

Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer–Based Projects)

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**Run-Time Requirements for the Wide Dialog Themes**

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*Project* - Dialog themes are available in Basic MSI projects.

If you use one of the wide dialog themes, the screen resolution on target systems must be a minimum of 800×600 pixels (or, if large fonts are used, 1024×768 pixels). If the resolution is lower than that, a horizontal scrollbar is added at run time to the bottom of each of the dialogs that is displayed with the wide theme.

**See Also**

Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes

Circles Theme (Wide)

Cooperation Theme (Wide)

Filmstrip Theme (Wide)

InstallShield Blue Theme (Wide)

Theater Theme (Wide)
Previewing a Dialog Theme

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**Project** • Dialog themes are available in Basic MSI projects.

When you select a different theme for your project, InstallShield applies that theme to all of the interior and exterior dialogs in the Dialogs view. You do not need to build and run your installation in order to view the dialogs.

**Task**  
**To preview a theme before selecting it for your project:**

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the Themes folder.
3. Click one of the themes under the Themes folder.

In the right pane, InstallShield shows a screen shot of a sample exterior dialog with the selected theme.

**Task**  
**To preview how a dialog in your project looks with the selected theme:**

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs folder, and then expand the dialog item that you want to preview.
3. Click a language under the dialog item that you expanded.

In the center pane, InstallShield displays a preview of the dialog with the selected theme applied.

**See Also**
Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer-Based Projects)

Selecting or Changing a Dialog Theme

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**Project** • Dialog themes are available in Basic MSI projects.

You can use a dialog theme to change the look of the end-user dialogs in your installation. You can select one theme per project.

**Tip** • If you switch from one of the wide-style themes to a standard-width theme, the positions of any controls that are placed along the far left or far right sides of the dialog may change.

If you want to change the theme for your project and you also want to add a custom exterior dialog, change the theme first, and then add the custom exterior dialog. Otherwise, the dialog may not appear properly.
Task  To change the dialog theme used for a project:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.

2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the Themes folder.

3. Right-click the theme that you want to use, and then click Select.

InstallShield applies the selected theme to the dialogs in your project. In addition, InstallShield displays a red check mark on the selected theme’s icon in the Dialogs explorer.

Tip • You can also change the theme by clicking a button: In the Dialogs explorer, click the theme that you want to use. Then, in the right pane, click the Select button.

Background Information on How InstallShield Applies Themes

If you switch from one dialog theme to another, InstallShield applies the theme to any dialogs in your project that match a specific width and height. Therefore, if you change the width or height of any of the dialogs in your project, and then you change the theme, InstallShield does not apply the theme to any dialogs that have a custom width or height.

For example, if you switch from a standard width theme to any other theme, InstallShield applies the theme to any dialogs that have a standard width and height: 374×266. If you switch from a wide theme to any other theme, InstallShield applies the theme to any dialogs that are 584×274.

Background Information on Which Dialogs Use the Exterior Dialog Style

By default, InstallShield uses the same style of dialog for all exterior dialogs: this style has an image on the left side of the dialogs. The InstallWelcome and SetupCompleteSuccess dialogs are examples of exterior dialogs.

If you add a custom exterior dialog to your project after you have selected a theme, InstallShield uses the selected theme for the new custom exterior dialog. However, if you later change the theme for your project, the theme may not be displayed properly in your custom exterior dialog. To resolve this type of issue, see Applying a Theme to a Custom Exterior Dialog.

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer-Based Projects)

Applying a Theme to a Custom Exterior Dialog

InstallShield 2020

Project • Dialog themes are available in Basic MSI projects.

If you want to change the theme for your project and you also want to add a custom exterior dialog, it is easier to change the theme first, and then add the custom exterior dialog. Otherwise, the dialog may not appear properly; parts of newly selected theme’s interior dialog images are added to your custom exterior dialog.
If you want to change the theme after you have added a custom exterior dialog to your project, you must add the name of your custom exterior dialog to the appropriate .theme file that is installed in the InstallShield Program Files folder. Then you can apply the theme to your project.

**Task**  
_to change the theme after you have added a custom exterior dialog to your project:_

1. Close InstallShield.

2. In the InstallShield Program Files folder, find the .theme file for the theme that you want your dialogs to use. The default location is:

   C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Support\Themes

3. Open the .theme file in a text editor such as Notepad. For example, if you want to use the Global theme, open the Global.theme file.

4. In the `<Include>` and `<Exclude>` sections of the file, add the following line:

   `<Name>NomeOfDialog</Name>`

   where `NomeOfDialog` represents the name of your dialog.

5. Open your project in InstallShield.

6. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.

7. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the Themes folder.

8. Right-click the theme that you want to use, and then click Select.

**See Also**

Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes

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Adding a Logo or Other Image to the Exterior Dialogs

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
Dialog themes are available in Basic MSI projects.

Exterior dialogs are dialogs that are displayed first and last by an installation—typically, the Welcome and Completion dialogs. The exterior dialogs for some themes have places for you to put the logo of your company or product. For example, the exterior dialogs of the Monitor theme and the Circles theme have a blank area on the left side of the dialog; you can add a bitmap control to these dialogs to customize your end-user interface.

**Task**  
_to add an image to an exterior dialog:_

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.

2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs folder, and then expand the dialog item for a dialog that should have the image.

3. Click a language under the dialog item that you expanded. The Dialog Editor in the center pane shows the dialog in the selected language.
4. In the Controls toolbar, click the Bitmap button.

5. In the Dialog Editor, click where you want the bitmap control to start, and holding the left mouse button down, drag the mouse to the place where you want it to end. Then release the left mouse button.

6. Configure the bitmap control’s properties in the right pane.

   Click the File Name property, and then click the ellipsis button (…) to browse to the bitmap file that you want to use.

You may want to repeat the procedure for each language and each exterior dialog in your project. The exterior dialogs that are available by default in all new Basic MSI projects are:

- AdminWelcome
- InstallWelcome
- MaintenanceWelcome
- PatchWelcome
- SetupCompleteError
- SetupCompleteSuccess
- SetupInitialization
- SetupInterrupted
- SetupResume
- SplashBitmap

Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes

Some of the themes are available in both the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield, and some are available in only the Premier edition.

Some of the themes set the size of the dialogs to a standard width and height: 374×266. The wide themes set the dialog size to 584×274. The following table shows the size of each dialog, plus which editions of InstallShield contain the theme.

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Table 4-6 • Dialog Themes in InstallShield (cont.)

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Circles Theme (Wide)

InstallShield 2020

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the Circle Theme (Wide).

![Sample Exterior Dialog with the Circle Theme (Wide)](image)

Figure 4-4: Sample Exterior Dialog with the Circle Theme (Wide)
Figure 4-5: Sample Interior Dialog with the Circle Theme (Wide)

To learn how to add your company or product logo to the exterior dialogs, see Adding a Logo or Other Image to the Exterior Dialogs.

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes

Classic Theme

InstallShield 2020

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the Classic Theme.
Chapter 4
Defining the End-User Interface

Figure 4-6: Sample Exterior Dialog with the Classic Theme

Figure 4-7: Sample Interior Dialog with the Classic Theme

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes
Cooperation Theme (Wide)

InstallShield 2020

Edition • This theme is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the Cooperation Theme (Wide).

Figure 4-8: Sample Exterior Dialog with the Cooperation Theme (Wide)

Figure 4-9: Sample Interior Dialog with the Cooperation Theme (Wide)
See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes

Filmstrip Theme (Wide)

Edition • This theme is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the Filmstrip Theme (Wide).

Figure 4-10: Sample Exterior Dialog with the Filmstrip Theme (Wide)
Chapter 4
Defining the End-User Interface

Figure 4-11: Sample Interior Dialog with the Filmstrip Theme (Wide)

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes

Global Theme

InstallShield 2020

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the Global Theme.

Figure 4-12: Sample Exterior Dialog with the Global Theme
Figure 4-13: Sample Interior Dialog with the Global Theme

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes

InstallShield Blue Theme

InstallShield 2020

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the InstallShield Blue Theme.

Figure 4-14: Sample Exterior Dialog with the InstallShield Blue Theme
Chapter 4
Defining the End-User Interface

Figure 4-15: Sample Interior Dialog with the InstallShield Blue Theme

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes

InstallShield Blue Theme (Wide)

InstallShield 2020

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the InstallShield Blue Theme (Wide).

Figure 4-16: Sample Exterior Dialog with the InstallShield Blue Theme (Wide)
**Figure 4-17:** Sample Interior Dialog with the InstallShield Blue Theme (Wide)

**See Also**
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes

**InstallShield Silver Theme**

*InstallShield 2020*

*Edition • This theme is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.*

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the InstallShield Silver Theme.
Figure 4-18: Sample Exterior Dialog with the InstallShield Silver Theme

Figure 4-19: Sample Interior Dialog with the InstallShield Silver Theme

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes
Monitor Theme

Edition • This theme is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the Monitor Theme.

![Sample Exterior Dialog with the Monitor Theme](image1)

**Figure 4-20:** Sample Exterior Dialog with the Monitor Theme

![Sample Interior Dialog with the Monitor Theme](image2)

**Figure 4-21:** Sample Interior Dialog with the Monitor Theme
To learn how to add your company or product logo to the exterior dialogs, see *Adding a Logo or Other Image to the Exterior Dialogs*.

**See Also**
*Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes*
*Dialog Themes*

**Pastel Wheat Theme**

*InstallShield 2020 Edition*  
This theme is available in the Premier edition of *InstallShield*.

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the Pastel Wheat Theme.

![Sample Exterior Dialog with the Pastel Wheat Theme](image)

**Figure 4-22:** Sample Exterior Dialog with the Pastel Wheat Theme
Figure 4-23: Sample Interior Dialog with the Pastel Wheat Theme

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes

Theater Theme (Wide)

Edition • This theme is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Following are sample exterior and interior dialogs with the Theater Theme (Wide).
Figure 4-24: Sample Exterior Dialog with the Theater Theme (Wide)

Figure 4-25: Sample Interior Dialog with the Theater Theme (Wide)

To learn how to add your company or product logo to the exterior dialogs, see Adding a Logo or Other Image to the Exterior Dialogs.

See Also
Available Themes and Corresponding Dialog Sizes
Dialog Themes
Dialog Support for Right-to-Left Languages

Edition • The Premier edition of InstallShield includes dialog support for languages such as Arabic and Hebrew, which are read from right to left.

Project • The following project types include dialog support for right-to-left languages:

- Basic MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield includes support for Arabic (Saudi Arabia) and Hebrew languages, which are written and read from right to left. All of the default end-user dialog strings are available in these languages.

Since these languages are read from right to left, InstallShield also includes support for mirroring Arabic and Hebrew dialogs; that is, InstallShield uses a right-to-left layout for Arabic and Hebrew dialogs. Thus, for example, buttons that are on the right side of dialogs in English and other left-to-right languages are moved to the left side of right-to-left-language dialogs. This occurs in the Dialog Editor pane in the Dialogs view of InstallShield; it also occurs at run time.

Reversed versions of the dialog images are displayed for the built-in dialog themes if appropriate. The reversed versions have _mirror in the image file name immediately before the .bmp or .jpg portion of the file name. For example, the name of an image for left-to-right languages might be banner.jpg; the name of the right-to-left equivalent for that image would be banner_mirror.jpg. These two files would be located in the same folder, and InstallShield would automatically use the banner_mirror.jpg file for the right-to-left-language versions of the dialogs. If an image should not be reversed, a *.mirror.jpg or *.mirror.bmp version of the image is not included, and the right-to-left versions of the dialogs do not show mirrored versions of the images.

Tip • If you use custom images for your run-time dialogs and your project includes support for right-to-left languages, you may need to create mirror-image versions for those right-to-left languages. You can preview the right-to-left layout of the dialogs in the Dialogs view to see how your custom images look. Add *.mirror.jpg or *.mirror.bmp versions of your images to the folder that contains the left-to-right versions of your custom images if appropriate.

See Also
Creating Multilingual Installations

Launching a File Open Dialog

Edition • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

InstallShield includes support for launching the Open dialog from one of the dialogs in your Basic MSI installation. End users click a browse button in one of your dialogs, and this launches the Open dialog. The Open dialog lets the end user browse for a file. When the end user selects the file and clicks the Open button, the Open dialog closes, and the installation writes the full path and file name in an edit field on the dialog. The installation also sets the value of the IS_BROWSE_FILEBROWSED property to the path and file name of the file that the end user selected.
When you incorporate support for the Open dialog in your installation, you can define several properties to specify the following functionality:

- You can specify the default path that is displayed in this dialog.
- You can specify the string that should be displayed in the Files of type drop-down list on the Open dialog.
- You can specify the file extensions of the files that should be displayed when the end user is browsing through folders to select a file. All files that have other file extensions are hidden and cannot be selected to open.
- You can specify the default file extension that the Open dialog should use. If the end user does not type an extension, the Open dialog appends this default extension to the file name.

Note the following requirements for this dialog:

- The Open dialog does not allow end users to create a new file. That is, if a file does not exist, an end user cannot manually type a new file name in the Open dialog.
- If the dialog that launches the Open dialog has more than one edit field control, the edit field control that will contain the full path to the file must have the lowest value for the Tab Stop property.

**Task**

**To add the Open dialog functionality to an end-user dialog:**

1. Add to your project a new MSI DLL custom action called FileBrowse:
   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
   b. Right-click the Custom Actions explorer, point to New MSI DLL, and then click Stored in Binary table. InstallShield adds a new custom action called NewCustomActionN, where N is a successive number.
   c. Change the name of the custom action to FileBrowse.
   d. In the pane on the right, configure the following settings for this custom action:
      - DLL Filename: `<ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder>\FileBrowse.dll`
      - Function Name: FileBrowse
      - Return Processing: Synchronous (Ignores exit code)
      - In-Script Execution: Immediate Execution
      - Execution Scheduling: Always execute
   
   For all other settings, leave the default values. The value of the MSI Type Number setting should be 65.

2. Create or edit the dialog that should launch the Open dialog, and configure its behavior and layout:
   a. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
   b. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs folder.
   c. Either select an existing dialog or create a new dialog.
      
      Note that if you select an existing dialog and it has more than one edit field control, the edit field control that will contain the full path to the file must have the lowest value for the Tab Stop property.
   
   d. Under this dialog, click the language whose layout you want to configure.
e. Add the edit field control that will contain the full path and file name that the end user selects at run time. When InstallShield prompts you for the property name associated with the control, enter IS_BROWSE_FILEBROWSED.

f. Next to the edit field control, add a push button control. This is the button that will launch the Open dialog.

g. Select the push button control and then edit its properties in the grid on the right as needed. For example, to specify the text that you want to be displayed on the button, add a value for the Text property.

h. In the Dialogs explorer, click the Behavior item under the dialog that you are configuring.

i. In the center pane that lists the dialog controls, click the push button control that you just created. Its settings are displayed in the right pane.

j. In the Events setting, click the New Event button, and then click DoAction. InstallShield adds a new set of rows under the Events setting.

k. In the DoAction setting, enter the following:

l. In the Action subsetting, specify the following action name:

   FileBrowse

m. In the Events setting, click the New Event button, and then click SetProperty. InstallShield adds a new set of rows under the Events setting.

n. In the SetProperty setting, enter the following:

   [IS_BROWSE_FILEBROWSED]

   Note • The SetProperty Event refreshes the MSI property value displayed in the Edit field control on the dialog, so that the displayed MSI property value is updated after selecting a file in the file browse window.

3. Configure several properties to specify behavior of the Open dialog and the dialog that launches the Open dialog:

   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.

   b. Find the IS_BROWSE_FILEBROWSED property. Its default value is 0. Do one of the following:

      • To leave the edit field control blank in your dialog when the end user first displays it, right-click the row that has the IS_BROWSE_FILEBROWSED property and then click Delete Property.

      • To display a default path and file name in the edit field control, change the value of the IS_BROWSE_FILEBROWSED property to the path and file name.

   Note • If you do not manually change the value of this property or delete this property, the default value for the edit field control on the dialog that launches the Open dialog is set to 0.
c. Optionally, add a property called IS_BROWSE_FILEEXT, and set its value to a filter string that identifies the file extensions that should be displayed when the end user is browsing through folders to select a file. All files that have other file extensions are hidden and cannot be selected to open.

A filter string can be a combination of valid file name characters and the asterisk (*) as a wild-card character. To specify multiple file extensions, separate each with a semicolon. Do not include spaces. For example, to let end users select .exe and .dll files, enter the following string as the value of the IS_BROWSE_FILEEXT property:

```
*.exe;*.dll
```

In this example, the Open dialog lets end users select .exe and .dll files. It hides all other file types.

If you do not set this property, the Open dialog lets end users select any file type.

d. Optionally, add a property called IS_BROWSE_FILETYPE, and set its value to the string that you want to be displayed in the Files of type drop-down list on the Open dialog. Note that only one option can be displayed in this drop-down list.

For example, if you want end users to be able to select .txt or .doc files, enter the following string as the value of the IS_BROWSE_FILETYPE property:

```
Text Files (*.txt); Word documents (*.doc)
```

If you do not set this property, the Files of type drop-down list in the Open dialog is blank.

e. Optionally, add a property called IS_BROWSE_DEFAULTEXTENSION, and set its value to the default file extension that the Open dialog should use. If the end user does not type an extension, the Open dialog appends this default extension to the file name. For example, to use .exe as the default file extension, enter the following string as the value of the IS_BROWSE_DEFAULTEXTENSION property:

```
exe
```

f. Optionally, add a property called IS_BROWSE_INITIALDIR, and set its value to the default path that the Open dialog should use. For example, to use C:\Program Files\My Product, enter the following string as the value of the IS_BROWSE_INITIALDIR property:

```
C:\Program Files\My Product
```

At run time, when the end user clicks the new push button control, the Open dialog opens. The end user can browse to and select a file. The installation sets the value of the IS_BROWSE_FILEBROWSED property to the path and file name of the file that the end user selected, and then it displays that path and file name in the edit field control on the dialog that launched the Open dialog.

### Requiring End Users to Scroll Through the EULA in the LicenseAgreement Dialog

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • *This information applies to Basic MSI projects.*

InstallShield includes support for disabling the Next button on the LicenseAgreement dialog until the end user reaches the end of the End-User License Agreement (EULA) text in the scrollable EULA control through one of the following methods:

- Using the scroll bar.
- Pressing PAGE DOWN when the scrollable EULA control has focus.
• Pressing CTRL+PAGE DOWN when the scrollable EULA control has focus.
• Pressing the DOWN ARROW key when the scrollable EULA control has focus.
• Right-clicking the scroll bar and then clicking Bottom.

The end user must also select the **I accept the terms in the license agreement** option before the Next button is enabled.

The LicenseAgreement dialog requires end users to select the **I accept** option by default. If you also want to require end users to reach the end of the EULA text, perform the following task.

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**Task**

**To require end users to reach the end of the EULA text in the scrollable EULA control:**

1. Add to your project a new MSI DLL custom action called **WatchScroll**:
   a. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences**.
   b. Right-click the **Custom Actions** explorer, point to **New MSI DLL**, and then click **Stored in Binary table**. InstallShield adds a new custom action called **NewCustomActionN**, where **N** is a successive number.
   c. Change the name of the custom action to **WatchScroll**.
   d. In the pane on the right, configure the following settings for this custom action:
      - **DLL Filename**: `<ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder>\EulaScrollWatcher.dll`
      - **Function Name**: WatchScroll
      - **Return Processing**: Asynchronous (Waits for exit code)
      - **In-Script Execution**: Immediate Execution
      - **Execution Scheduling**: Always execute
      
      For all other settings, leave the default values. The value of the MSI Type Number setting should be **129**.

2. Edit the LicenseAgreement dialog so that it launches the appropriate custom action:
   a. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **Dialogs**.
   b. In the **Dialogs** explorer, expand the **All Dialogs** folder, and expand the **LicenseAgreement** item, and then click **Behavior**.
   c. In the center pane that lists the LicenseAgreement controls, click the **ScrollableText** control named **Memo**. This is the control that contains the text of the EULA. Its settings are displayed in the right pane.
   d. In the **Events** setting, click the **New Event** button, and then click **DoAction**. InstallShield adds a new set of rows under the **Events** setting.
   e. In the **DoAction** setting, enter the following:
      ```
      Not LicenseViewed AND Not ISLicenseWatching
      ```
   f. In the **Action** subsetting, specify the following action name:
      ```WatchScroll```
   g. In the center pane that lists the LicenseAgreement controls, click the push button control named **Next**.
   h. In the **Conditions** setting, click the **New Condition** button, and then click **Disable**. InstallShield adds a **Disable** setting.
i. In the **Disable** setting, enter the following:
   \[\text{AgreeToLicense} \neq \text{"Yes" OR Not LicenseViewed}\]

j. In the **Conditions** setting, click the **New Condition** button, and then click **Enable**. InstallShield adds an **Enable** setting.

k. In the **Enable** setting, enter the following:
   \[\text{AgreeToLicense} = \text{"Yes" AND LicenseViewed}\]

At run time, the installation monitors the EULA control in an asynchronous custom action. While the custom action is running, the ISLicenseWatching property is set. Once the custom action is finished, it removes the ISLicenseWatching property. This avoids the hourglass flicker otherwise seen when end users scroll through the EULA text. Once the end user reaches the bottom of the EULA text, the installation sets the LicenseViewed property and manually enables the Next button if necessary according to the Next button’s conditions. The Next button is found via its text as stored in the Control table; therefore, you can use the aforementioned procedure with any language transform as long as the control is named **Next**.

**See Also**
License Agreements

### Adding a Print Button to a Dialog

**InstallShield 2020**

In Basic MSI projects that are created in InstallShield X or later, the LicenseAgreement dialog includes a Print button. This button enables the end user to print the content of the dialog’s ScrollableText control. This button’s event executes the custom action ISPrint, which is included in a new Basic MSI project. Following are directions for adding a Print button to another dialog, and to an existing project that was created with InstallShield DevStudio 9.0 or earlier.

**Adding a Print Button to Another Dialog**

For the custom action ISPrint to work correctly with a dialog other than LicenseAgreement, you must set the value of the user-defined Windows Installer property **IS_PRINT_DIALOG** to the name of the dialog. (If **IS_PRINT_DIALOG** is not an existing property, ISPrint prints the content of the LicenseAgreement dialog’s ScrollableText control.)

**Task**

**To add a Print button to another dialog:**

1. Create a button control in the dialog and optionally set its **Text** property to **&Print**. For details, see [Editing Dialog Layout in Basic MSI Projects](#).

2. Add a DoAction event to the Print button, and in the event’s Action subsetting, select **ISPrint**. For details, see [Triggering Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs](#).

3. Modify the value of **IS_PRINT_DIALOG** from the events of the Back and Next buttons of the dialog and its next and previous dialogs:

   a. Determine which dialog is displayed before the dialog to which you are adding a Print button. You can do this by either checking the argument of the NewDialog event for the dialog’s Back button, or [viewing next dialog order in the expanded Custom Actions and Sequences view](#).

   b. Add a **SetProperty event**. In the **SetProperty** setting, specify the following as the event condition:
c. In the **Property Name** setting, specify the following:

   `IS_PRINT_DIALOG`

d. In the **Value** setting, specify the name of the dialog to which you are adding a Print button.

e. If a Print button is included on any dialog that is displayed after the dialog to which you are adding a Print button, do the following:

   i. Determine which dialog is displayed after the dialog to which you are adding a Print button. You can do this by either checking the argument of the NewDialog event for the dialog’s Next button, or viewing the next dialog order in the expanded Custom Actions and Sequences view.

   ii. Add a SetProperty event to that next dialog’s Back button, and set its **Property Name** setting to `IS_PRINT_DIALOG`, and its **Value** setting to the name of the dialog to which you are adding a Print button.

   If the next dialog does not have a Print button, or if it is the LicenseAgreement dialog, add a SetProperty event to the Next button of the dialog to which you are adding a Print button, and set its **Property Name** setting to `IS_PRINT_DIALOG`, and its **Value** setting to `LicenseAgreement`.

   f. If a Print button is included on any dialog that is displayed before the dialog to which you are adding a Print button, and the previous dialog does not have a Print button or it is the LicenseAgreement dialog, add a SetProperty event to the Back button of the dialog to which you are adding a Print button, and set its **Property Name** setting to `IS_PRINT_DIALOG`, and its **Value** setting to `LicenseAgreement`.

### Adding a Print Button to an Existing Project

**Task**: To add a Print button to an existing project that was created with InstallShield DevStudio 9.0 or earlier:

1. Create the ISPrint custom action:

   a. Launch the Custom Action Wizard.

   b. In the **Basic Information** panel’s **Name** box, enter **ISPrint**.

   c. In the **Action Type** panel’s **Type** box, select **Call a function in a Windows Installer dynamic-link library**.

   d. In the **Action Parameters** panel, click the **Browse** button and browse to the file `SetAllUsers.dll` in the InstallShield folder’s `Redist\Language Independent\i386` subfolder. Click **Open**.

      If your project is configured to use path variables, InstallShield uses the predefined path variable `<ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder>` for part of the path.

   e. In the **Action Parameters** panel’s **Target** box, enter **PrintScrollableText**.

   f. Complete the wizard, accepting all remaining default settings.

2. Create a button control in the dialog and optionally set its **Text** property to **&Print**. For details, see **Editing Dialog Layout in Basic MSI Projects**.

3. Add a DoAction event to the Print button, and in the event’s **Action** subsetting, select **ISPrint**. For details, see **Triggering Control Events in Basic MSI Dialogs**.

4. Create the Windows Installer property `IS_PRINT_DIALOG` and set its value to the name of the dialog. For details, see **Creating Properties in Windows Installer–Based Projects**.
Note • If the ISPrint custom action is executed by a control event, the custom action's logging information cannot be recorded to the installer log in the usual manner (because of a Windows Installer limitation); the information is logged to the values of properties that have the form ISPrintLogmNoten.

Minimizing Reboots on Windows Vista and Later Systems

InstallShield 2020

Windows Logo • Restarting the system after an installation is inconvenient for end users. One of the Windows logo program requirements is that all installations must contain an option that enables end users to automatically close applications and attempt to restart them after the installation is complete.

To support this requirement, all Basic MSI projects include the MsiRMFilesInUse dialog by default. An installation displays the MsiRMFilesInUse dialog on a Windows Vista or later system if one or more files that need to be updated are currently in use during the installation. The dialog contains two options to allow end users to specify how to proceed:

- End users can choose to have the installation close the applications that are using those files and then attempt to restart the applications after the installation is complete.
- End users can avoid closing the applications. A reboot will be required at the end of the installation.

For the best end-user experience, your application should be instrumented to use the Restart Manager API; doing so allows the Restart Manager to effectively pause and resume your application exactly where the end user left it. For detailed information, see About Restart Manager and the other Restart Manager documentation on the MSDN Web site.

See Also
Using Windows Installer with Restart Manager (Windows Installer Help Library)
Using Windows Installer with Restart Manager (Windows Installer Help Library)
Dialog Controls

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Whether your dialog is part of a Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, or Merge Module project, you can use many of the same controls to modify the layout and behavior of your predefined and custom dialogs.

Table 4-7 • Dialog Controls

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<th>Control Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>Billboard</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>A billboard control is used to display data that can be updated in response to control events. You can use a billboard, for example, to display the progress of a protracted custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bitmap</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>A bitmap control displays an image.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Check box</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>A check box control displays a check box that end user can select or clear.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Combo box</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>A combo box control is a box that contains a drop-down list of predefined values; the box is also an edit field in which an end user can enter a value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>A dialog control is associated with a series of settings that you configure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Directory combo</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>A directory combo is used in conjunction with a directory list and a path edit control to create a browse dialog. The directory combo displays the list of drives mapped on the current system.</td>
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### Table 4-7 • Dialog Controls (cont.)

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<td>Directory list</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>A directory list is used in conjunction with a directory combo and a path edit control to create a browse dialog. The directory list displays the folders below the drive that is selected in the directory combo control, and it populates the value of the path edit control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edit Field</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>An edit field control is a text box in which end users can enter a string or an integer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group box</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>A group box can be used to enclose various controls in one area. A group box also provides a label that you can use to express the relationship between the controls that are contained within it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hyperlink</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>The hyperlink control displays an HTML link; clicking the link at run time opens a page in the default browser on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Important</strong></td>
<td><strong>Windows Installer 5 and later include support for the hyperlink control.</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Project</strong></td>
<td>To learn how to add an HTML control to a dialog in an InstallScript project or in an InstallScript MSI project, see Using an HTML Control on a Dialog.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Icon</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The icon control displays a picture of an icon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Line</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The line control creates lines of adjustable length and thickness. You can use lines on a dialog to separate areas of the dialog or add graphical touches.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### List box
- **Project Type**: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module
- **Description**: The list box control is a standard list box that lets end users select a single option from a list of predetermined options.

### List view
- **Project Type**: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module
- **Description**: The list view control displays a single column of options; an icon is displayed next to each option.

### Masked edit
- **Project Type**: Basic MSI, Merge Module
- **Description**: The masked edit control is essentially an edit field control that lets end users enter information in a specified format.

### Path edit
- **Project Type**: Basic MSI, Merge Module
- **Description**: A path edit control is used in conjunction with a directory combo control and a directory list control to create a browse dialog. The path edit displays the complete path that is assembled from selections that the end user makes in the directory combo and directory list, along with or instead of edits that the end user makes.

### Progress bar
- **Project Type**: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module
- **Description**: A progress bar is a dynamic, graphical bar that fills up in response to control events.

### Push button
- **Project Type**: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module
- **Description**: A push button control is a button that carries out a command when an end user clicks it.

### Radio button
- **Project Type**: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module
- **Description**: A radio button control is one of two or more mutually exclusive options that end users can select. A radio button must be inserted into a radio button group; it functions as part of that control.

### Radio button group
- **Project Type**: Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module
- **Description**: A radio button group control is a container for radio button controls. A radio button group and its radio buttons behave as a single control.
Table 4-7 • Dialog Controls (cont.)

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<td><strong>Scrollable text</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>A scrollable text control displays a long string of text that cannot fit on the dialog; the control includes scroll bars that enable end users to scroll through the text. The LicenseAgreement dialog is an example of a dialog that typically contains a scrollable text control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Selection tree</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>A selection tree is a special control that lets end users change the selection state of your features, like in the CustomSetup dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text area</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>A text area control displays text.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Volume cost list</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>A volume cost list control displays the disk space requirements that are associated with each volume or drive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Volume select combo</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>A volume select combo control enables the end user to select from an alphabetical list of volumes, or drives.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Billboard Control**

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**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- Merge Module

*If your installation includes a Setup.exe launcher, you can have the launcher display billboards during the file transfer process; this is an alternative to the billboard control, which is a Windows Installer control. This Setup.exe billboard support is available in Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI installations. To learn more about this type of billboard, see Displaying Billboards.*

A billboard control is used to display data that can be updated in response to control events. Billboards can contain other controls for displaying this information, but they must be static controls—including text, bitmaps, and icons—that are not linked to a Windows Installer property. You can use a billboard, for example, to display the progress of a protracted custom action.

Billboards are not fully supported in the Dialog Editor. In order to have the billboard interact with Windows Installer actions and display other controls, you must make changes to the Billboard and BBControl tables in your project; you can use the Direct Editor view to modify these tables.
When you select a billboard control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Table 4-8 • Settings for a Billboard Control**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>Enter a name for this billboard. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Base Text Style</strong></td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cancel</strong></td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Context Help</strong></td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Default</strong></td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sunken</strong></td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Index</strong></td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Stop</strong></td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the initial value of the billboard’s control (see the BBControl table). When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. If the billboard’s control contains a bitmap or icon, this value must be a foreign key into the Binary table to the file that is initially displayed on the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the billboard’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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See Also
Billboard Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
BBControl Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Dialog Controls
## Bitmap Control

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### Project
This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **InstallScript Object**
- **Merge Module**

A bitmap control displays an image.

When you select a bitmap control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, *InstallShield* displays the following settings in the right pane.

### Table 4-9 • Settings for a Bitmap Control

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Enter a name for this bitmap. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Select True if this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it will be activated when the end user presses the ENTER key. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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<tr>
<td>File Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the path to and the name of the image file that you want to use for this control, or click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to it. InstallShield adds the file to your release at build time. The file must be stored as a binary resource in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Window Styles</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stretch to Fit</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the image to be resized to fill the area of the control, select True. To have the image centered if it is smaller than the control or to have the image cropped if it is bigger than the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
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<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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Check Box Control

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

A check box control displays a check box that the end user can select or clear.

### Table 4-9 • Settings for a Bitmap Control (cont.)

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<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
When you select a check box control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

Project • (For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects) When you first draw this type of control on a dialog, InstallShield prompts you for the name of a Windows Installer property. InstallShield uses the name that you enter as the value for this control’s Property setting. At run time, the installation sets the value of this property based on the end user’s selection. For more details, see Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties.

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this check box. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting. This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify whether this control is marked with a text label, an icon, or a bitmap.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td><strong>File Name</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is enabled if you select Bitmap or Icon for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enter the path to and the name of the image file that you want to use for this control, or click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to it. InstallShield adds the file to your release at build time. The file must be stored as a binary resource in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>This setting is enabled if Bitmap or Icon are selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Icon Size</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assuming that your icon file has more than one resource, specify the size of the image that you want to use for the control. The <strong>Use first image</strong> option causes the first image in the file to be displayed and makes it stretch to fit the size of the control, regardless of what you specify for the Stretch to Fit setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This setting is enabled if Bitmap or Icon are selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Indirect Property</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False. When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Other Window Styles</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
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<td>Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user selects this check box. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view. To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the Value setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property Is Integer</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property for this control (specified in the Property setting) has an integer value, select True. If the property’s value is a string, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Push Button</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To turn this check box into a push button control, select True; otherwise, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stretch to Fit</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the image to be resized to fill the area of the control, select True. To have the image centered if it is smaller than the control or to have the image cropped if it is bigger than the control, select False. This setting is enabled if Bitmap or Icon are selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the control’s label. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property. This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>When the check box is selected, the property that is specified for the Property setting is set to this value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
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<td>Width</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units.</td>
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See Also
Dialog Controls

Combo Box Control

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

A combo box control is a box that contains a drop-down list of predefined values; the box is also an edit field in which an end user can enter a value.

When you select a combo box control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

Project • (For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects) When you first draw this type of control on a dialog, InstallShield prompts you for the name of a Windows Installer property that identifies all of the items that belong to this combo box. InstallShield uses the name that you enter as the value for this control’s Property setting. At run time, the installation sets the value of this property based on the end user’s selection. For more details, see Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties. (Note that Windows Installer combo boxes allow the end user to select only a single item.)

Table 4-11 • Settings for a Combo Box Control

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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this combo box. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
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<td><strong>Base Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cancel</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the <strong>ErrorDialog</strong> setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Code Page</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the control to use fonts from the code page that is defined in the installation’s package, select Database. If you want the control to use fonts from the target system’s default code page, select User’s System.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Context Help</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Control Identifier</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Default</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Drop-Down List</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the control to be a drop-down list, select True. If you want the control to be an editable combo box, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Enabled</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
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| Height          | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).  
                  |                                                                              | For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.                                                                                       |
| **Tip**         |                                                                              | Be sure to set the Height setting to a large-enough number; this setting specifies the height of the drop-down list portion of the combo box control.                                                          |
| Indirect Property | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False.                                                                                           |
|                 |                                                                              | When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property \_BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of \_BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of \_BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR. |
| Items           | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | To specify the options that you want to be listed in this control, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting; this opens the List Items dialog box.                                                   |
|                 |                                                                              | To add a new item to the list, click the Add button on the List Items dialog box. For each item, you must enter the text that is displayed in the combo box, and a value, which is the value that is assigned to the property if this item is selected. |
| Left            | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).                                                            |
| Left Scrollbar  | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.                  |
| Max. Length     | Basic MSI, Merge Module                                                      | Specify how many characters the end user can enter in the combo box.                                                                                                                                       |
| Other Window Styles | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object                      | Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.                                                                                                                               |
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<td>Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when the end user enters a value into or selects one from this combo box. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view. To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the value of the default selection (specified in the Items setting).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Property Is Integer</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property for this control (specified in the Property setting) has an integer value, select True. If the property’s value is a string, select False. Make sure that all of the values in the Item setting are either integers or strings, depending on the value that you select in the Property Is Integer setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sorted</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Selecting True causes the items in the combo box to be sorted alphabetically. A value of False makes them retain the order that you set for each item in the List Items dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
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<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
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</table>
| Tooltip    | Basic MSI, Merge Module       | Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| Top        | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font). |
| Visible    | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog. |
| Width      | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).  
For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units. |

See Also  
Dialog Controls

Dialog Control

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
When you select a dialog in the Dialog Editor of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

Unlike its controls, you cannot change the name of a dialog in the Dialog Editor. To change the name, right-click the dialog in the Dialogs view and click Rename.

**Table 4-12 • Settings for a Dialog Control**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Caption</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the name that you want to use as the title for the dialog. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Comment</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter comments for the dialog. Your comments are saved in the project file for your reference and are not used in the installation at any time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Custom Palette</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>A custom palette is necessary only if the dialog contains images that use a color palette that is different from the default one that is created by Windows Installer. If the dialog does not contain any images that use a different color palette, leave this value as False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Error Dialog</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this dialog serves as an error dialog, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the height of the dialog in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Keep Modeless</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>When this value is set to True and this dialog is spawned through a DoAction event, all other dialogs remain. If the Keep Modeless setting is False in this case, the other dialogs are not displayed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the percentage from the left edge of the screen where you want the dialog to be placed. A value of 50 centers the dialog horizontally. This value is ignored if this dialog is part of an installation wizard, and the previous dialog was in a different location or was moved by the end user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left Scrollbar</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select True to set the scroll bar, if present, at the left side of the dialog. The default value, False, keeps it at the right side. If you want the vertical scrollbar, if present, to be displayed on the left side of the dialog, select True. The default value, False, keeps the scrollbar on the right side.</td>
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<td>Minimize</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the end user can minimize this dialog. False means that the option is not present on the title bar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modal</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select True if this dialog is part of the installation wizard and no other dialogs should be placed on top of it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Window Styles</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This read-only setting shows the dialog’s resource ID—the unique numeric identifier for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the caption to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the caption to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Select a font to be used for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the percentage from the top of the screen where you want the dialog to be placed. A value of 50 centers the dialog vertically. This value is ignored if this dialog is part of an installation wizard, and the previous dialog was in a different location or was moved by the end user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Track Disk Space</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select True if this dialog has a control that alerts the end user that a drive is out of space or that checks the value of the OutOfDiskSpace property before performing some action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the dialog is visible, and False means that it is hidden.</td>
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See Also
Dialog Controls

Directory Combo Control

A directory combo is used in conjunction with a directory list and a path edit control to create a browse dialog. The directory combo displays the list of drives mapped on the current system.

When you first draw a directory combo on a dialog, InstallShield prompts you for the name of a Windows Installer property. This property should be the same for the accompanying directory list and path edit. At run time, the installation sets the value of this property based on the end user’s selection. For more details, see Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties.

When you select a directory combo control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

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<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for this directory combo. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s text if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
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<td>Default</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Indirect Property</td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False. When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left Scrollbar</td>
<td>If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user selects a value from this directory combo. This control populates the first part of the path that is displayed in the directory list, so you must use the same property for the directory combo, the directory list, and path edit when using them together on a browse dialog. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view. To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the value of the default selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show CD-ROM</td>
<td>To include CD-ROM volumes in the directory combo, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Fixed</td>
<td>To include hard drives in the directory combo, select True.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 4-13 • Settings for a Directory Combo Control (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Show Floppy</td>
<td>To include floppy drives in the directory combo, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show RAMDisk</td>
<td>To include RAM volumes in the directory combo, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Remote</td>
<td>To include mapped network drives in the directory combo, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Removable</td>
<td>To include removable drives in the directory combo, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the control’s text. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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</table>
Directory List Control

A directory list is used in conjunction with a directory combo and a path edit control to create a browse dialog. The directory list displays the folders below the drive that is selected in the directory combo control, and it populates the value of the path edit control.

When you first draw a directory list on a dialog, InstallShield prompts you for the name of a Windows Installer property. This property should be the same for the accompanying directory combo and path edit. At run time, the installation sets the value of this property based on the end user’s selection. For more details, see Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties.

When you select a directory list control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

Table 4-14 • Settings for a Directory List Control

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for this directory list. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 4-14 • Settings for a Directory List Control (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Indirect Property** | If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False.  
When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time.  
For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR.  
If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property.  
If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR. |
| **Left**      | Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).                                                                |
| **Left Scrollbar** | If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting. |
| **Property**  | Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user selects a value from this directory list. This control populates the path that is displayed in the path edit and changes depending on the selection in the directory combo, so you must use the same property for all three controls when using them together on a browse dialog.  
This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view.  
To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the value of the default selection. |
| **Right-Aligned** | The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.                                                                                           |
| **Right-to-Left** | For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.                                                           |
| **Sunken**    | To give the control's edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.                                                                 |
| **Tab Index** | Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0. |
| **Tab Stop**  | Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.                                              |
Table 4-14 • Settings for a Directory List Control (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the control’s text. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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See Also
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties
Dialog Controls

Edit Field Control

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

An edit field control is a text box in which end users can enter a string or an integer.
When you select an edit field control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Project** • (For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects) When you first draw this type of control on a dialog, InstallShield prompts you for the name of a Windows Installer property. InstallShield uses the name that you enter as the value for this control’s Property setting. At run time, the installation sets the value of this property based on the end user’s selection. For more details, see [Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties](#).

Table 4-15 • Settings for an Edit Field Control

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this edit field. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### Table 4-15 • Settings for an Edit Field Control (cont.)

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<th>Project Type</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indirect Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False. When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left Scrollbar</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Max. Length</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the maximum number of characters that the end user can enter in this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MultiLine</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want this control to be multiline control, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Window Styles</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (…) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Password</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want this control to behave like a password control, only showing an asterisk (*) in place of each character, select True. If you want this control to behave like a normal edit field control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Property</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user enters text in this control. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the value of the default selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Property Is Integer</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property for this control (specified in the Property setting) has an integer value, select True. If the property’s value is a string, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Right-Aligned</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Right-to-Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sunken</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Index</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Stop</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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Table 4-15 • Settings for an Edit Field Control (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used in the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties
Dialog Controls

Group Box Control

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
• **Merge Module**

A group box can be used to enclose various controls in one area. To move and align the group box along with any individual control that it encloses, hold the CTRL key as you select the group box and each control that you want to select. A group box also provides a label that you can use to express the relationship between the controls that are contained within it.

When you select a group box control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Table 4-16 • Settings for a Group Box Control**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this group box. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Base Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cancel</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Context Help</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Control Identifier</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Default</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Enabled</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
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### Table 4-16 • Settings for a Group Box Control (cont.)

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<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Other Window Styles</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (…) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Right-Aligned</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Right-to-Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sunken</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Index</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Stop</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 4-16 • Settings for a Group Box Control (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the group box label. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Dialog Controls

Hyperlink Control
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
To learn how to add an HTML control to a dialog in an InstallScript project or in an InstallScript MSI project, see Using an HTML Control on a Dialog.

Use the hyperlink control to add a hyperlink to a dialog in your project. The hyperlink control displays an HTML link; clicking the link at run time opens a page in the default browser on the target system.

Important • Windows Installer 5 and later include support for the hyperlink control. If this control is used on a dialog that is displayed on a system that has an earlier version of Windows Installer, run-time error 2885 occurs, and the installation aborts. Therefore, if you want to use the hyperlink control on a dialog but your installation targets systems that have Windows Installer 4.5 or earlier, it is recommended that you include two versions of the dialog in your project: one with the hyperlink control, and one without it. Add conditions to the dialogs to show or hide them, depending on the version of Windows Installer that is present.

Following is a sample condition that you could use for the dialog that contains the hyperlink control:

VersionMsi >= "5.00"

Following is a sample condition that you could use for the alternate dialog that does not contain any hyperlink control:

VersionMsi < "5.00"

When you select a hyperlink control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for this hyperlink control. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Code Page</td>
<td>If you want the control to use fonts from the code page that is defined in the installation’s package, select Database. If you want the control to use fonts from the target system’s default code page, select User’s System.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Table 4-17 • Settings for a Hyperlink Control (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Enabled</strong></td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Format as Bytes</strong></td>
<td>If you want the installation to attempt to display the value that is entered in the Text setting in bytes, select True. If you select True, the Text setting must contain only a number, without the unit. Then, at run time, it is divided by 512 and displayed as the correct number of kilobytes, megabytes, or gigabytes, depending on the size.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>No Prefix</strong></td>
<td>If the Text setting contains an ampersand that should be displayed as an ampersand character (&amp;), select True. If you are using the ampersand in the Text setting to indicate that the letter that follows the ampersand should be underlined (for example, &amp;Click would be displayed as Click), select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>No Text Wrap</strong></td>
<td>Indicate whether you want to allow the text to wrap in this control. If you select True and the text expands beyond the width of the text area, the end of the string is cut off and replaced with an ellipsis button (...). Otherwise, the text wraps and can extend beyond the height of the text area, if it is not long enough.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Property</strong></td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user clicks this hyperlink. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Right-Aligned</strong></td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Right-to-Left</strong></td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sunken</strong></td>
<td>To give the control's edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Index</strong></td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Stop</strong></td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text</strong></td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the control. Use HTML markup in this setting for your hyperlink. Following is a sample entry for this setting:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn about the latest offerings from ABC Company, visit the &lt;a href=&quot;http://www.abccompany.com&quot;&gt;ABC Company Web site&lt;/a&gt;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For this sample, the ABC Company Web site text is displayed as a hyperlink that points to the <a href="http://www.abccompany.com">http://www.abccompany.com</a> Web site.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that the only protocol that is supported for the hyperlink is HTML.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tooltip</strong></td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Top</strong></td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Transparent</strong></td>
<td>If you want the background to show through this control, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that you may want to avoid making this control transparent if you are placing it on top of a colored bitmap. The text may not be visible if end users change the color scheme of their display. For example, the text in this control may become invisible if an end user sets the high-contrast parameter for accessibility reasons.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Visible</strong></td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Width</strong></td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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</table>

See Also
Dialog Controls
Icon Control

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The icon control displays a picture of an icon.

When you select an icon control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Table 4-18 • Settings for an Icon Control**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this icon. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
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### Table 4-18 • Settings for an Icon Control (cont.)

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>File Name</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the path to and the name of the icon file that you want to use for this control, or click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to browse to it. InstallShield adds the file to your release at build time. The file must be stored as a binary resource in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Icon Size</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assuming that your icon file has more than one resource, specify the size of the image that you want to use for the control. The Use first image option causes the first image in the file to be displayed and makes it stretch to fit the size of the control, regardless of what you specify for the Stretch to Fit setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Other Window Styles</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (…) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Stretch to Fit</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the icon to be resized to fill the area of the control, select True. To have the icon centered if it is smaller than the control or to have the icon cropped if it is bigger than the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sunken</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control's edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Index</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Stop</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tooltip</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Top</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Visible</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
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<td><strong>Width</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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**See Also**
Dialog Controls

### Line Control

InstallShield 2020

**Project** - This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The line control creates lines of adjustable length and thickness. You can use lines on a dialog to separate areas of the dialog or add graphical touches.
When you select a line control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

### Table 4-19 • Settings for a Line Control

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this line. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Window Styles</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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<td>Tab Stop</td>
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<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
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See Also

Dialog Controls
List Box Control

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The list box control is a standard list box that lets end users select a single option from a list of predetermined options.

When you select a list box control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Project** • (For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects) When you first draw this type of control on a dialog, InstallShield prompts you for the name of a Windows Installer property that identifies all of the items that are displayed in this list box. InstallShield uses the name that you enter as the value for this control's Property setting. At run time, the installation sets the value of this property based on the end user’s selection. For more details, see Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties.

**Table 4-20 • Settings for a List Box Control**

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Enter a name for this list box. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Base Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control's label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cancel</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Code Page</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the control to use fonts from the code page that is defined in the installation’s package, select Database. If you want the control to use fonts from the target system’s default code page, select User’s System.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### Settings for a List Box Control (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indirect Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False. When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Items</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To specify the options that you want to be listed in this control, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting; this opens the List Items dialog box. To add a new item to the list, click the Add button on the List Items dialog box. For each item, you must enter the text that is displayed in the list box, and a value, which is the value that is assigned to the property if this item is selected.</td>
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<td>Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left Scrollbar</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Window Styles</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (…) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user selects an option from this control. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the text of the default selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property Is Integer</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property for this control (specified in the Property setting) has an integer value, select True. If the property’s value is a string, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sorted</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Selecting True causes the items in the list box to be sorted alphabetically. A value of False makes them retain the order that you set for each item in the List Items dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
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<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object,</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control</td>
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<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>does not receive focus.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object,</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for screen readers. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays</td>
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<td>the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control.</td>
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<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently</td>
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<td>information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
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<td>Top</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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<td>InstallScript Object,</td>
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<td>Merge Module</td>
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<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the</td>
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<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
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<td>Width</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the</td>
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List View Control

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The list view control displays a single column of options; an icon is displayed next to each option.

When you select a list view control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

Project • (For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects) When you first draw this type of control on a dialog, InstallShield prompts you for the name of a Windows Installer property that identifies all of the items that are displayed in this list view. InstallShield uses the name that you enter as the value for this control’s Property setting. At run time, the installation sets the value of this property based on the end user’s selection. For more details, see Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties.

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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this list view. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Icon Size</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assuming that your icon file has more than one resource, specify the size of the image that you want to use for the control. The <strong>Use first image</strong> option causes the first image in the file to be displayed and makes it stretch to fit the size of the control, regardless of what you specify for the Stretch to Fit setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indirect Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False. When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
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<td><strong>Items</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To specify the options that you want to be listed in this control, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting; this opens the List Items dialog box. To add a new item to the list, click the Add button on the List Items dialog box. For each item, you must enter the text that is displayed in the list view control, and a value, which is the value that is assigned to the property if this item is selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left Scrollbar</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Other Window Styles</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Property</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user selects a value from this control. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view. To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the value of the default selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Property Is Integer</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property for this control (specified in the Property setting) has an integer value, select True. If the property’s value is a string, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Right-Aligned</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
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<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sorted</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Selecting True causes the items in the combo box to be sorted alphabetically. A value of False makes them retain the order that you set for each item in the List Items dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stretch to Fit</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the image to be resized to fill the area of the control, select True. To have the image centered if it is smaller than the control or to have the image cropped if it is bigger than the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used in the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
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</table>
| **Tooltip** | Basic MSI, Merge Module | Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. 
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| **Top** | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font). |
| **Visible** | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog. |
| **Width** | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). 
For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units. |

See Also
Dialog Controls

Masked Edit Control

InstallShield 2020

**Project • This information applies to the following project types:**

- Basic MSI
- Merge Module

The masked edit control is essentially an edit field control that lets end users enter information in a specified format.
When you select a masked edit control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Table 4-22 • Settings for a Masked Edit Control**

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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for this masked edit control. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indirect Property</td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False. When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mask</td>
<td>Enter the formatting for the mask. To learn more, see MaskedEdit Control in the Windows Installer Help Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Max. Length</td>
<td>Specify the maximum number of characters that the end user can enter in this control.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Table 4-22 • Settings for a Masked Edit Control (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set with the value that an end user enters in the masked edit control. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view. To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the value of the default selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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See Also
Dialog Controls
Path Edit Control

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- Merge Module

A path edit control is used in conjunction with a directory combo control and a directory list control to create a browse dialog. The path edit displays the complete path that is assembled from selections that the end user makes in the directory combo and directory list, along with or instead of edits that the end user makes.

When you select a path edit control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Table 4-23 • Settings for a Path Edit Control**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for this path edit control. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control's label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>This property is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Indirect Property</td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False. When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user enters a value into this path edit or selects one from the directory list. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view. To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the value of the default selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the control’s label. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
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### Progress Bar Control

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

A progress bar is a dynamic, graphical bar that fills up in response to control events.

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### Table 4-23 • Settings for a Path Edit Control (cont.)

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<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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</tbody>
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**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

A progress bar is a dynamic, graphical bar that fills up in response to control events.
When you select a progress bar control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Table 4-24 • Settings for a Progress Bar Control**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this progress bar. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Appearance**| Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Select the appropriate option:  
  - **Continuous**—The moving progress bar consists of a continuous bar.  
  - **Segmented**—The progress bar consists of a series of rectangles. |
| **Base Text Style** | Basic MSI, Merge Module | This font style is used for the control if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting. |
| **Cancel**    | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control.  
  This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control. |
| **Context Help** | Basic MSI, Merge Module | This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation. |
| **Control Identifier** | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object | This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default. |
| **Default**   | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control. |
| **Height**    | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).  
  For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units. |
### Table 4-24 • Settings for a Progress Bar Control (cont.)

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<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Other Window Styles</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sunken</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Index</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Stop</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is displayed by the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control's label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
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A push button control is a button that carries out a command when an end user clicks it.

**Table 4-24 • Settings for a Progress Bar Control (cont.)**

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**See Also**
Dialog Controls

**Push Button Control**

- **InstallShield 2020**

  - **Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

    - Basic MSI
    - InstallScript
    - InstallScript MSI
    - InstallScript Object
    - Merge Module

    A push button control is a button that carries out a command when an end user clicks it.
When you select a push button control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Table 4-25 • Settings for a Push Button Control**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this push button. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Identifier</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify whether this control is marked with a text label, an icon, or a bitmap.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
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### Table 4-25 • Settings for a Push Button Control (cont.)

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>File Name</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the path to and the name of the image file that you want to use for this control, or click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to it. InstallShield adds the file to your release at build time. The file must be stored as a binary resource in the installation. This setting is enabled if you select Bitmap or Icon for the Control Style setting. This setting is enabled if Bitmap or Icon are selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Icon Size</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assuming that your icon file has more than one resource, specify the size of the image that you want to use for the control. The <strong>Use first image</strong> option causes the first image in the file to be displayed and makes it stretch to fit the size of the control, regardless of what you specify for the Stretch to Fit setting. This setting is enabled if Bitmap or Icon are selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Other Window Styles</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Right-to-Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Show UAC Shield Icon</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the control to include a User Account Control (UAC) shield icon when end users run the installation on Windows Vista or later systems, select True. The shield icon signals to end users that elevated privileges may be required. If the UAC shield icon should not be included on the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
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### Table 4-25 • Settings for a Push Button Control (cont.)

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<tr>
<td><strong>Stretch to Fit</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the image to be resized to fill the area of the control, select True. To have the image centered if it is smaller than the control or to have the image cropped if it is bigger than the control, select False. This setting is enabled if Bitmap or Icon are selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sunken</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Tab Index</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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<td><strong>Tab Stop</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Text</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used on the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property. This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tooltip</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
A radio button control is one of two or more mutually exclusive options that end users can select. A radio button must be inserted into a radio button group; it functions as part of that control.

A radio button group and its radio buttons behave as a single control. It is not possible to hide or disable individual buttons within a radio button group. All the buttons in a group must be the same style—for example, either all of them have text or all of them have bitmaps.

Note that when you delete a radio button group, all of its radio buttons are also deleted. In addition, when you change the name of the radio button group control, all of its radio buttons are deleted.
When you select a radio button control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Table 4-26 • Settings for a Radio Button Control**

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Base Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cancel</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
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<td><strong>Context Help</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Control Identifier</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default. The control identifier for the first radio button in a group is the control identifier for the radio button group. The control for each subsequent radio button is the radio button group identifier incremented by one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Left</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Order</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the number that indicates the order in which this radio button is listed in the radio button group. This setting must contain a unique, positive integer, but it does not need to be consecutive with the Order setting of the other radio buttons in this group.</td>
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### Table 4-26 • Settings for a Radio Button Control (cont.)

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<td><strong>Text</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the radio button’s label. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tooltip</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Top</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the value that you want to be associated with this radio button when end users select it.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Project** • For Basic MSI projects: To make one of the radio buttons selected by default, enter the radio button group’s Windows Installer property in the Property Manager view. Type the property in all uppercase letters if you want it to be public in scope. Then, specify the value of the button that you want to appear as the default. For example, if one of your radio buttons has a value of 104 and the radio button group uses the property GRPPROPERTY1, enter the following information in the Property Manager view to make this radio button the default selection.

- Name: GRPPROPERTY1
- Value: 104

| **Width** | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).

For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units. |
See Also
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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

Note that in Basic MSI and Merge Module projects, it is not possible to hide or disable individual buttons within a radio button group. All the buttons in a group must be the same style—for example, either all of them have text or all of them have bitmaps.

A radio button group control is a container for radio button controls. A radio button group and its radio buttons behave as a single control. Note that when you delete a radio button group, all of its radio buttons are also deleted. In addition, when you change the name of the radio button group control, all of its radio buttons are deleted.

When you select a radio button group control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

Project • (For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects) When you first draw this type of control on a dialog, InstallShield prompts you for the name of a Windows Installer property that identifies all of the buttons that are displayed in this radio button group. InstallShield uses the name that you enter as the value for this control’s Property setting. At run time, the installation sets the value of this property based on the end user’s selection. For more details, see Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties.

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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this radio button group. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting. This setting has no effect on a radio button group with an image for a label.</td>
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<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
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<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Has Border</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To display a border around the radio button group, select True. To omit a border, select False. Use the Sunken setting to further modify the appearance of the border.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
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<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Window Styles</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user selects one of the radio buttons in this group. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view. For information on using this setting to set a default selection in the radio button group, see the radio button’s Value setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the radio button group’s label. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see <strong>Using String Entries in InstallShield</strong>. This setting has no effect on a radio button group with an image for a label.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property. This setting has no effect on a radio button group with an image for a label.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tooltip</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see <strong>Using String Entries in InstallShield</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Top</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Visible</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Width</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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Scrollable Text Control

A scrollable text control displays a long string of text that cannot fit on the dialog; the control includes scroll bars that enable end users to scroll through the text. The LicenseAgreement dialog is an example of a dialog that typically contains a scrollable text control.

When you select a scrollable text control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

**Note** • Unlike the text values for most controls, Windows Installer does not resolve property names or other values within the Scrollable Text control. As a result, the text in the file is displayed exactly as it is written.

**Table 4-28 • Settings for a Scrollable Text Control**

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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for this scrollable text control. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
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<tr>
<td>File Name</td>
<td>Enter the path to and the name of the .rtf file that you want to use for this control, or click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to it. InstallShield adds the file to your release at build time. The file must be stored as a binary resource in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left Scrollbar</td>
<td>If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control.</td>
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<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
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<td>Top</td>
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Selection Tree Control

A selection tree is a special control that lets end users change the selection state of your features, like in the CustomSetup dialog.

When you select a selection tree control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

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<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter a name for this selection tree. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s label if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
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<td><strong>Context Help</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
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<td><strong>Control Identifier</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
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<td><strong>Default</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Enabled</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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<td><strong>Indirect Property</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False. When True is selected for an indirect property is set to True, Windows Installer resolves the referenced property at run time. For example, this check box might use the property _BROWSE, whose value is INSTALLDIR. If you select True for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will be the current value of the INSTALLDIR property. If you select False for the Indirect Property setting, the value of _BROWSE will contain the string INSTALLDIR.</td>
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<td>Left Scrollbar</td>
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<td>If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Window Styles</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property for the selection tree. The end user can set the property in a browse dialog (a dialog that uses a path edit, directory combo, and directory list control).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
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<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Text</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for screen readers. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property. This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tooltip</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Top</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Visible</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Width</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Text Area Control

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

A text area control displays text.

When you select a text area control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

Table 4-30 • Settings for a Text Area Control

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Enter a name for this text area. The name must be unique among all of the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This font style is used for the text if you specify nothing for the Text Style</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>is usually the cancel control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Code Page</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the control to use fonts from the code page that is defined in</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>the installation’s package, select Database. If you want the control to use fonts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>from the target system’s default code page, select User’s System.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
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### Table 4-30 • Settings for a Text Area Control (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Control</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting contains a numeric identifier for the control that is unique within the dialog. This identifier is the same as a resource identifier in Visual C++. You should not change the control identifiers for any of the controls that are included with a dialog by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Format as Bytes</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the installation to attempt to display the value that is entered in the Text setting in bytes, select True. If you select True, the Text setting must contain only a number, without the unit. Then, at run time, it is divided by 512 and displayed as the correct number of kilobytes, megabytes, or gigabytes, depending on the size.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font). For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the height of the control in dialog units.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Window Styles</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) to display the Other Window Styles dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No Prefix</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If the Text setting contains an ampersand that should be displayed as an ampersand character (&amp;), select True. If you are using the ampersand in the Text setting to indicate that the letter that follows the ampersand should be underlined (for example, &amp;Click would be displayed as Click), select False.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 4-30 • Settings for a Text Area Control (cont.)

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>No Text Wrap</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Installer Script Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether you want to allow the text to wrap in this control. If you select True and the text expands beyond the width of the text area, the end of the string is cut off and replaced with an ellipsis button (...). Otherwise, the text wraps and can extend beyond the height of the text area, if it is not long enough.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that can supply the initial value for the text. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Installer Script Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Installer Script Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Installer Script Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Installer Script Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Installer Script Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Installer Script Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is shown inside the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Text Style</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property. This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Tooltip**  | Basic MSI, Merge Module                          | Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| **Top**    | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font). |
| **Transparent** | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | If you want the background to show through this control, select True. Note that you may want to avoid making this control transparent if you are placing it on top of a colored bitmap. The text may not be visible if end users change the color scheme of their display. For example, the text in this control may become invisible if an end user sets the high-contrast parameter for accessibility reasons. |
| **Visible** | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog. |
| **Width**  | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | For Basic MSI and Merge Module projects: Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).  
For InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object projects: Specify the width of the control in dialog units. |

**See Also**
- Dialog Controls
Volume Cost List Control

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- Merge Module

A volume cost list control displays the disk space requirements that are associated with each volume or drive.

The list has five possible columns. The headings for each column are configurable in the UIText table, which you can access in the Direct Editor view. The UIText table identifies the values of string entries so that localized strings are displayed at run time when appropriate. Following is a list of the keys in the UIText table for each column, along with their default English values:

- VolumeCostVolume—Volume
- VolumeCostSize—Disk Size
- VolumeCostAvailable—Available
- VolumeCostRequired—Required
- VolumeCostDifference—Differences

When you select a volume list cost control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

Table 4-31 • Settings for a Volume Cost List Control

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for this volume cost list. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Available Col Width</td>
<td>Specify the default width in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font) for the Available column. This column is hidden if the value is the number 0 or it is left blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Base Text Style</td>
<td>This font style is used for the contents of the volume cost list if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control. This value is ignored if True is selected for the ErrorDialog setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Context Help</td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 4-31 • Settings for a Volume Cost List Control (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Differences Col Width</td>
<td>Specify the default width in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font) for the Differences column. This column is hidden if the value is the number 0 or it is left blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disk Size Col Width</td>
<td>Specify the default width in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font) for the Disk Size column. This column is hidden if the value is the number 0 or it is left blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left Scrollbar</td>
<td>If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Required Col Width</td>
<td>Specify the default width in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font) for the Required column. This column is hidden if the value is the number 0 or it is left blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show CD-ROM</td>
<td>To include CD-ROM volumes in the control, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Fixed</td>
<td>To include hard drives in the control, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Floppy</td>
<td>To include floppy drives in the control, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show RAMDisk</td>
<td>To include RAM volumes in the control, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Remote</td>
<td>To include mapped network drives in the control, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Removable</td>
<td>To include removable drives in the control, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
<td>To give the control’s edges a recessed, three-dimensional appearance, select True. To use the default visual style for the control, select False.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used for the control’s label. Although you cannot see the label, it is available for screen readers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Volume Col Width</td>
<td>Specify the default width in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font) for the Volume column. This column is hidden if the value is the number 0 or it is left blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
- String Editor View
- Dialog Controls
Volume Select Combo Control

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- Merge Module

A volume select combo control enables the end user to select from an alphabetical list of volumes, or drives.

When you select a volume select combo control in a dialog of the Dialogs view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane.

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>Enter a name for this volume select combo. The name must be unique among all of the controls in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Base Text Style</strong></td>
<td>This font style is used for the control’s text if you specify nothing for the Text Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cancel</strong></td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that will dismiss the dialog, select True. Clicking the cancel control has the same effect as pressing the ESC key or clicking the Close button on the title bar. The Cancel or Finish button is usually the cancel control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This value is ignored if True is selected for the <strong>ErrorDialog</strong> setting of the dialog that contains this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Context Help</strong></td>
<td>This setting is reserved for future use. Windows Installer does not currently support launching context-sensitive help topics from the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Default</strong></td>
<td>If this is the only control on the dialog that you want to be the default control, which means that it is activated when the end user presses the ENTER key, select True. The Next or OK button is usually the default control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Enabled</strong></td>
<td>Indicate whether the control is enabled. True means that this control is available (the end user can interact with it). False means that it is not available (grayed out).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>Specify the height of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Indirect Property</strong></td>
<td>If the property that is associated with this control is referenced indirectly, select True; otherwise, select False.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 4-32 • Settings for a Volume Select Combo Control (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the left edge of the dialog to the start of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left Scrollbar</td>
<td>If you want the arrow and vertical scrollbar to be displayed on the left side of the control, select True. This option should be selected only when True is selected for the Right-to-Left setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Enter the name of a property that is set when an end user selects a value from this control. This control populates the first part of the path that is displayed in the directory list, so you must use the same property for the volume select combo, the directory list, and path edit when using them together in a browse dialog. This property can be unique to this control; it does not need to be present in the Property Manager view. To set a default value for this control, make sure the property is a public property by giving it a name that contains only uppercase letters, use the Property Manager view to add the public property, and then assign to it the value of the default selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-Aligned</td>
<td>The default value of False aligns the text to the left of the control. Set it to True to align the text to the right.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-to-Left</td>
<td>For English and other languages that are written from left to right, select False. For Hebrew and those languages that are read from right to left, select True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show CD-ROM</td>
<td>To include CD-ROM volumes in the control, select True.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Show Fixed</td>
<td>To include hard drives in the control, select True.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunken</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tab Index</td>
<td>Assign an integer that—along with the other controls on this dialog but excluding controls such as static text—specifies the order in which each control on the dialog receives focus when the end user presses the TAB key. The lowest tab index that you can use is the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tab Stop</td>
<td>Indicate whether this control receives focus within the tab order. True indicates that the control receives focus; False indicates that the control does not receive focus.</td>
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Table 4-32 • Settings for a Volume Select Combo Control (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>This setting contains the text that is used in the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Style</td>
<td>Select the font style, size, and color (if available) in which you want the control’s label to be displayed. Leaving the value as &lt;Default&gt; displays the font that is contained in the DefaultUIFont property. This setting is enabled if Text is selected for the Control Style setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tooltip</td>
<td>Enter the text that you want to be displayed when the end user places the mouse pointer over the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Specify the distance from the top of the dialog to the top of the control in installer units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>True means that the control is visible, and False means that it is hidden. You can also make the control visible by editing its condition in the Behavior area for the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Specify the width of the control in Windows Installer user interface units (1/12 of the height of the system font).</td>
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See Also
Dialog Controls

Copying and Pasting Controls

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In the Dialog Editor, you can copy and paste controls within a dialog or from one dialog to another by using standard Windows keyboard shortcuts or context menus.

Task

To copy a push button from one dialog to another:

1. Open the layout for the dialog that contains the button you want to copy.
2. Select the push button and press CTRL+C.
3. Open the second dialog in the Dialog Editor and press CTRL+V to paste the control in the dialog.
The push button is pasted with the same relative size and position as the original. Its other properties are also identical to the original’s. The copy of the push button is given a unique name based on the type of control it is. However, you must edit the new control’s behavior, since that information is not copied over (Basic MSI projects).

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**Note** • Radio button groups are a special case. When you copy the group, all of its radio buttons are copied for you. You cannot copy a radio button by itself.

**See Also**

- Editing Dialog Behavior in Basic MSI Projects

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**Cutting and Pasting Controls**

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In the Dialog Editor, you can move a control from one dialog to another by using standard Windows keyboard shortcuts or context menus.

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**Task** • To cut a control from one dialog and paste in another:

1. Right-click the control and click **Cut**, or press CTRL+X. A **Delete Control** dialog box opens to inform you that deleting the control also deletes any associated conditions and actions.

2. Click **Yes** to continue cutting the control from the current dialog.

3. Open the second dialog in the Dialog Editor and press CTRL+V to paste the control in the dialog.

When you are done pasting the control into the new location, specify the control’s properties and behavior.

**See Also**

- Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer–Based Projects)
- Dialogs View (InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object Projects)
- Exporting a Dialog to an .isd File for Use in Other Projects
- Importing Dialogs from an .isd File

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**Working with the Wizard Interface**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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This section of the documentation covers aspects of working with the wizard interface of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. The elements of the wizard interface consist of wizard pages and secondary windows (also known as pop-up windows). InstallShield lets you define and customize various styles, brushes, and control themes to make formatting the wizard interface efficient. InstallShield also lets you add, modify, and delete wizard pages and secondary windows, and schedule when each should be displayed.

**Elements of the Wizard Interface**

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The following two screen shots show the basic elements of the wizard interface.

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**Figure 4-26** • Sample Wizard Page in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
InstallShield lets you use your own wizard icon, header image, and wizard caption. InstallShield also lets you define and customize styles, brushes, and more for the header, body, and navigation areas of the user interface of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

**See Also**

Wizard Interface View

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**Using Styles, Brushes, and Control Themes to Customize the Wizard Interface**

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InstallShield lets you define and customize various user interface–related styles, brushes, and control themes to easily change the look and feel of the wizard interface without requiring you to manually edit each user interface element individually. Using styles, brushes, and control themes helps to ensure that the wizard interface is formatted consistently throughout the installation.

**Styles for the Wizard Interface**

InstallShield contains a number of built-in text styles that define text attributes such as color, size, and font name for the text on the wizard UI. In addition, InstallShield contains one built-in font set, which is a collection of fonts (including attributes such as font name, size, and weight). For each font in a font set, you can specify to which language the font is applicable. This enables you to select a different font for each language that your project supports. Font sets work in
conjunction with text styles. Text styles reference a font set but can optionally override various font attributes that are defined at the font set level. You can modify any of the built-in text styles and font sets and create your own as needed. To learn more, see:

- Defining a Custom Style for the Wizard Interface
- Applying a Text Style to Text in the Wizard Interface

**Brushes for the Wizard Interface**

InstallShield contains several built-in brushes. A brush specifies a solid color, a gradient, or an image for various elements of the wizard interface, such as the background of wizard pages and controls. You can modify any of the built-in brushes and create your own as needed. To learn more, see:

- Defining a Custom Brush for the Wizard Interface
- Specifying the Background Brush for the Header, Body, and Navigation Areas of the Wizard Interface
- Overriding the Default Background Brushes for a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

**Control Themes for the Wizard Interface**

InstallShield enables you to define themes for wizard interface controls. A control theme is a collection of colors for various parts of controls—text color, background color, and border color—and for various states of controls—such as clicked and hovered. You can specify the control theme that you want to use for the controls in your user interface by default. You can also override the theme for specific controls on wizard pages and windows in your user interface. Control themes give buttons and other items in your installation’s user interface a flat look (without the three-dimensional effects) that is reminiscent of the style of Windows Store apps.

The following types of controls support the use of control themes:

- Buttons, including the navigation buttons
- Check boxes
- Radio buttons
- Command links

To learn more, see:

- Defining a Custom Control Theme for the Wizard Interface
- Applying a Theme to a Control in the Wizard Interface

**Customizing the Look and Feel of the Wizard Interface**

The Wizard Pages node in the Wizard Interface view lets you select default project-wide styles, brushes, and control themes. The Wizard Pages node in this view also lets you override the default values for the wizard caption, wizard icon, header image, and Navigation Bar Height and specify other project-wide UI-related default values.

Use page-specific and control-specific settings such as the Body Background setting that is available for specific wizard pages, secondary windows, and wizard controls if you want to override a specific use of a style. For example, the Body Background setting for the InstallationWelcome wizard page lets you override the project’s default background on just the InstallationWelcome wizard page.
See Also
Wizard Interface View

Defining a Custom Style for the Wizard Interface

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InstallShield lets you add custom font sets and text styles to your project and then apply those font sets and text styles to various wizard interface elements. The use of font sets and text styles is helpful for maintaining format consistency and for applying text formatting changes to the wizard interface globally.

Task

To define a custom style:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.

2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, right-click Styles and then click Add Font Set or Add Text Style.

   A font set is a collection of fonts (including attributes such as font name, size, and weight). For each font in a font set, you can specify to which language the font is applicable. This enables you to select a different font for each language that your project supports.

   Text styles reference a font set but can optionally override various font attributes that are defined at the font set level.

   InstallShield adds a new style under Styles. Rename the style as needed.

3. Select the style and then configure its settings in the right pane.

Once you have added a font set, you can select it for the Font List setting of any of the text styles that are defined in the Wizard Interface view. If you later want to change the list of fonts that are used for text styles that are based on that font set, select the font set and edit its settings.

Once you have added a text style, you can select it for various style-related settings in the Wizard Interface view. If you later want to change the appearance of the wizard interface elements that use that style, select the style and edit the values for its settings.

Changes that you make to a style affect all of the wizard interface elements that use that style.

See Also
Applying a Text Style to Text in the Wizard Interface
Using Styles, Brushes, and Control Themes to Customize the Wizard Interface
Wizard Interface View
Applying a Text Style to Text in the Wizard Interface

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InstallShield enables you to apply text styles to various wizard interface elements. If you later want to change the appearance of the wizard interface elements that use that text style, you can easily make changes to the text style, rather than separately editing each element that uses the text style.

When you are applying a text style to text, you can apply it at the global level, or you can apply it at the individual wizard page control level.

**Task** To apply a text style to text globally:
1. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **Wizard Interface**.
2. In the **Wizard Interface** explorer, click **Wizard Pages**. InstallShield displays the global wizard interface settings in the right pane.
3. In the following settings, select the appropriate text styles:
   - Header Text Style
   - Navigation Text Style

InstallShield changes the text style of the applicable UI elements throughout the project.

**Task** To apply a text style to specific text:
1. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **Wizard Interface**.
2. In the **Wizard Interface** explorer, expand the **Wizard Pages** node or the **Secondary Windows** node, and find the wizard page or window that contains the text to which you want to apply a style.
3. Select the control that contains the text to which you want to apply a style.
4. In the right pane, expand the **Text Style** setting, and use its subsettings to specify the appropriate text styles. For more information, see the inline help that is displayed in the bottom right pane when you select these settings.

InstallShield changes the text style of the selected control.
Defining a Custom Brush for the Wizard Interface

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- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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A brush specifies a solid color, a gradient, or an image for various elements of the wizard interface, such as the background of wizard pages and controls. InstallShield lets you add custom brushes to your project and then apply those brushes to various wizard interface elements.

**Task** • To define a custom brush:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, right-click Brushes and then click Add Brush. InstallShield adds a a new brush under Brushes. Rename the brush as needed.
3. Select the brush and then configure its settings in the right pane.

Once you have added a brush, you can select it for various background-related settings in the Wizard Interface view. For example, to specify the brush that you want to use by default for the background of the navigation area of the wizard pages, use the Navigation Background setting.

**See Also**

- Specifying the Background Brush for the Header, Body, and Navigation Areas of the Wizard Interface
- Overriding the Default Background Brushes for a Wizard Page or Secondary Window
- Using Styles, Brushes, and Control Themes to Customize the Wizard Interface
- Wizard Interface View

Specifying the Background Brush for the Header, Body, and Navigation Areas of the Wizard Interface

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By default, InstallShield enables you to use different brushes for the header, body, and navigation areas of your wizard pages. In some cases, though, you may want to use only one brush (for example, a single background image or a vertical gradient) that spans all three of those areas. The following instructions explain how to customize using three different brushes or one brush.

Tip • For information on defining brushes, see Defining a Custom Brush for the Wizard Interface.

Using Three Different Brushes for the Header, Body, and Navigation Areas

Task To use three different brushes for the header, body, and navigation areas:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, click Wizard Pages. The global wizard interface settings are available in the right pane.
3. In the Default Body Background setting, select the brush that you want to use as the background for the body area of the wizard interface.
4. In the Header Background setting, select the brush that you want to use as the background for the header area of the wizard interface.
5. In the Navigation Background setting, select the brush that you want to use as the background for the navigation area of the wizard interface.

Important • Note that if you select a brush in the aforementioned background settings, you should delete any value in the Full Wizard Background setting. The wizard interface supports use of a single brush for the full wizard background, or separate brushes for the header, body, and navigation areas; it does not support specification of brushes for all four of those areas simultaneously.

Using One Brush that Spans the Header, Body, and Navigation Areas

Task To use a single brush for the header, body, and navigation areas:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, click Wizard Pages. The global wizard interface settings are available in the right pane.
3. In the Full Wizard Background setting, select the brush that you want to use as the background for the navigation, body, and navigation areas of the wizard interface.

**Important** • Note that if you select a brush in the aforementioned setting, you should delete any values from the other background settings: Default Body Background, Header Background, and Navigation Background. The wizard interface supports use of a single brush for the full wizard background, or separate brushes for the header, body, and navigation areas; it does not support specification of brushes for all four of those areas simultaneously.

See Also
Selecting the Format for the Wizard Interface
Defining a Custom Brush for the Wizard Interface
Overriding the Default Background Brushes for a Wizard Page or Secondary Window
Wizard Interface View

### Overriding the Default Background Brushes for a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

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In most cases, each wizard page and secondary window in the user interface of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project has the same background. In some cases, you may want to override the default background for a specific wizard page or secondary window in your project. You can do so by selecting a different brush for the background of that wizard page or window.

**Task** • To apply a brush to a specific wizard page or secondary window:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, expand the Wizard Pages node or the Secondary Windows node, and then click the wizard page or window to which you want to apply a brush. InstallShield displays the settings for the selected wizard page or window in the right pane.
3. In the Body Background setting, select the brush that you want to use for the selected wizard page or secondary window.

InstallShield changes the background of the selected wizard page or secondary window.
Define a Custom Control Theme for the Wizard Interface

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InstallShield enables you to define themes for wizard interface controls. A control theme is a collection of colors for various parts of controls—text color, background color, and border color—and for various states of controls—such as clicked and hovered. You can specify the control theme that you want to use for the controls in your user interface by default; this is also the theme that is used for all of the navigation buttons (for example, Back buttons and Next buttons) in your user interface. You can also override the theme for specific controls on wizard pages and windows in your user interface.

Control themes give buttons and other items in your installation’s user interface a flat look (without the three-dimensional effects) that is reminiscent of the style of Windows Store apps.

The following types of controls support the use of control themes:
- Buttons, including the navigation buttons
- Check boxes
- Radio buttons
- Command links

**Task** To define a control theme:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, right-click Control Themes and then click Add Control Theme. InstallShield adds a new control theme under Control Themes. Rename the control theme as needed.
3. Select the control theme and then configure its settings in the right pane.

Once you have added a control theme, you can select it for various theme-related settings in the Wizard Interface view. If you later want to change the appearance of controls that are based on that control theme, select the control theme and edit its settings.

Changes that you make to a control theme affect all of the wizard interface elements that use that control theme.
See Also
Applying a Theme to a Control in the Wizard Interface
Wizard Interface View

Applying a Theme to a Control in the Wizard Interface

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InstallShield enables you to apply control themes to buttons, check boxes, radio buttons, and command links. If you later want to change the appearance of the wizard interface elements that use a control theme, you can easily make changes to the control theme, rather than separately editing each element that uses the control theme.

You can apply a control theme to a few individual controls and leave the remaining ones alone, or you can specify a global theme for your project and override it for a few individual controls. Changing the theme at the global level does not change the theme of the controls that have a per-control theme specified.

Note that you can apply control themes to navigation buttons at the global project level, but not at the individual control level.

Task • To apply a control theme to controls globally:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, click Wizard Pages. InstallShield displays the global wizard interface settings in the right pane.
3. In the Default Control Theme setting, select the appropriate theme that you want to use by default for controls such as buttons (including navigation buttons), check boxes, radio buttons, and command links.

InstallShield changes the theme of all of the controls that do not have a per-control theme selected.

Tip • If you want the installation to use user-chosen system colors for controls instead of the colors that are defined for a particular control theme, select the (No Theme) option in the Default Control Theme setting.
Task

To apply a theme to a control, overriding the default theme selection:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, expand the Wizard Pages node or the Secondary Windows node, and find the wizard page or window that contains the control (button, check box, radio button, or command link) to which you want to apply a theme.
3. Select the control to which you want to apply a theme.
4. In the right pane, find the Control Theme setting, and select the theme that you want to use for the selected control. InstallShield changes the theme of the selected control.

Tip • To avoid overriding the default control theme for a selected control, select the (No Theme) option in the Control Theme setting, or leave this setting blank.

Selecting the Format for the Wizard Interface

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InstallShield lets you select from several different wizard formats for your installation’s wizard interface:

• Glass—The installation uses user-chosen system colors to display the caption bar, header, and navigation areas of the wizard interface. It also uses the glass effect (translucency) that was introduced in Windows Vista for these same areas of the wizard interface. Note that with this format, the installation ignores any brushes that you have defined for the caption bar, header, and navigation areas of your wizard interface.

Note that some operating systems do not fully support this format. Thus, in some cases, the installation may use the Wizard 97 format instead of the Glass format.

This is the default option.

• Aero—This format typically has the same look and feel as the Glass format.

Note that some operating systems do not fully support this format. Thus, in some cases, the installation may use the Wizard 97 format instead of the Aero format.

• Wizard 97—This format is the traditional wizard format. The installation uses the brushes that you have defined for the various areas of your wizard interface.
• **Wizard Lite**—This format is similar to the Wizard 97 format, except that it does not include a header (the area that shows the title, plus sometimes an image near the upper corner of the wizard page). The installation uses the brushes that you have defined for the other areas of your wizard interface.

Note that in some scenarios, an installation uses the Wizard 97 format instead of the Glass or Aero formats:

• Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 systems do not have translucency support. On these systems, a Glass-formatted wizard interface uses the Wizard 97 format. However, an Aero-formatted wizard interface uses Aero, but without the glass effect.

• Windows 7, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008 R2, and Windows Server 2008 have translucency support that end users can enable or disable. On these systems, Glass-formatted wizard interfaces and Aero-formatted wizard interfaces use the Wizard 97 format if translucency is disabled. These wizard interfaces also use the Wizard 97 format if the desktop composition feature on the target system is disabled.

• On Windows XP and Windows Server 2003, Glass-formatted wizard interfaces and Aero-formatted wizard interfaces use the Wizard 97 format.

Note that the wizard interface editor in the Wizard Interface view in InstallShield does not use the Glass format or the Aero format to show editable previews of the interface. If you select either of these formats for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, the wizard interface editor uses the Wizard 97 format to show editable previews.

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**Task**

To select the format that you want to use for wizard pages in your wizard interface:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, click Wizard Pages.
3. In the right pane, find the Wizard Format setting and select the appropriate option.

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**Creating a New Blank Wizard Page in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project**

InstallShield enables you to add a new blank wizard page to your project.
Chapter 4
Defining the End-User Interface

Task
To create a new blank wizard page in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, right-click Wizard Pages and then click Add Blank Page.

InstallShield adds a new wizard page under Wizard Pages. Rename the wizard page as needed. Configure its settings in the right pane, and use the center pane to preview it and modify its layout.

See Also
Sequencing Wizard Pages
Wizard Interface View

Adding a Predefined Wizard Page in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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InstallShield enables you to add various predefined wizard pages to your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. Examples include:

- A page that allows end users choose the installation directory for an .msi package
- A page that lets end users enter customer information and serial numbers
- A page that shows a feature tree, as well as feature descriptions and sizes, and allows end users to select which features to install
- A database login page that allows end users to enter database server login information (database server name, authentication credentials, database catalog name, etc.) in order to establish a connection to the database server that is targeted by one or more .msi packages in the suite

Task
To add a predefined wizard page in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, right-click Wizard Pages and then click Add Predefined Page. The User Interface Wizard opens.
3. Complete the panels in the wizard as needed.
InstallShield adds the new predefined page to your project. Configure its settings in the right pane, and use the center pane to preview it and modify its layout.

**Note** • When you add the browse-for-installation-folder type of wizard page (called BrowseFolder) to your project, InstallShield adds a placeholder image control to it so that you can display a lock image on the page. Ensure that you either configure the control’s Resource setting to indicate the file that you want to display with this control, or, to exclude an image, delete the image control.

**See Also**
Sequencing Wizard Pages
User Interface Wizard
Wizard Interface View

### Creating a New Blank Secondary Window in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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InstallShield enables you to add a new blank secondary window to your project.

**Task** • To create a new blank secondary window in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project:
1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, right-click Secondary Windows and then click Add Blank Window.

InstallShield adds a new window at the end of the list of secondary windows. Rename the window as needed. Configure its settings in the right pane, and use the center pane to preview it and modify its layout.

**See Also**
Wizard Interface View
Sequencing Wizard Pages

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, under the Wizard Pages node, right-click the wizard page whose order you want to change, and then click Move Up or Move Down.

Editing the Layout and Behavior of a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, under the Wizard Pages node, right-click the wizard page whose order you want to change, and then click Move Up or Move Down.

InstallShield moves the wizard page up or down in the list.
Adding a Control to a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

To add a control to the wizard interface:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, click the wizard page or secondary window that you want to modify. The wizard editor in the center pane shows the page or secondary window.
3. In the toolbar above the wizard interface preview pane, click the appropriate New Control button (the Label, Text Box, Button, or Combo Box button), or select one of the control types that are listed in the drop-down list next to the control buttons. For information about each of the available types of controls, see Wizard Interface View Toolbar.

InstallShield adds the control near the upper-left corner of the body area of the page or secondary window. In addition, InstallShield adds a subnode for the control under the selected wizard page or window.

4. Place the cursor in the middle of the control, and then drag it to move it to the appropriate location.

5. In the right pane, configure the control’s settings.

**Tip** • The order in which the controls are listed under the a wizard page's node matches the tab order.

If you are using more than one group of radio button controls on a page, ensure that the Style setting includes WS_GROUP for the first radio button of each group.
Available Controls for a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

Following is a list of the types of controls that you can use on a wizard page or secondary window.

Table 4-33 • Controls for a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

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<td>Billboard</td>
<td>A billboard control is used to display data that can be updated in response to control events. You can use a billboard, for example, to display the progress of a protracted custom action.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Button</td>
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<td>Check List</td>
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<tr>
<td>Circular Progress Bar</td>
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<td>Combo Box</td>
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<td>Command Link Button</td>
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<td>Feature Selection Tree</td>
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<td>Frame</td>
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<td>Group Box</td>
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<td>Hyperlink</td>
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<td>Image</td>
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<td>Image Button</td>
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<td>Label</td>
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<tr>
<td>List Box</td>
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<td>Password</td>
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<td>Progress Bar</td>
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<tr>
<td>RadioButton</td>
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</table>
Changing the Tab Order of Controls on a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

In most cases, end users can use the TAB key to move the focus from one control on a wizard page or window to another. By default, the tab order is the order in which the controls were added to the wizard page or window.

Task  

To change the tab order of the controls on a wizard page or window:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, expand the node of the wizard page or secondary window whose tab order you want to modify.
   
   Each control on the page or window has its own subnode. The controls are listed in tab order. That is, the first control under a page node is the first control that receives focus on that page.
3. Right-click the control that you want to resequence in the tab order, and then click Move Up or Move Down.
4. Continue moving the controls as needed until the order that the controls are listed under the page reflects the appropriate tab order.

Note that in some cases, a control may not be included in the tab order. For example, a disabled control would not receive focus as an end user tabs from one control to another control.

See Also
Wizard Interface View
Designating Keyboard Shortcuts and Using Ampersands (&) in the Wizard Interface

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In wizard interface strings, an ampersand (&) is a special character that sometimes designates a keyboard shortcut, but other times indicates that a literal ampersand should be displayed. For button, check box, and radio button controls, a single ampersand always designates the keyboard shortcut that is used to click or select the control; a double ampersand (&&) indicates that a single ampersand should be displayed. For label controls, the interpretation of an ampersand depends on the style of the label control in which the ampersand is used.

**Table 4-34**  •  Using Ampersands in Label Controls of the Wizard Interface

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sample String Entry for a Label Control</th>
<th>Status of SS_NOPREFIX in the Style Setting of the Control</th>
<th>String That Is Displayed in the Wizard Interface</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enter your &amp;serial number for New &amp;&amp; Improved Product</td>
<td>SS_NOPREFIX = False</td>
<td>Enter your serial number for New &amp; Improved Product</td>
<td>When an end user presses the ALT key, the “s” in the string is underlined. The keyboard shortcut of ALT+s moves the focus to the control that appears directly after this label in the tab order. The double ampersand between “New” and “Improved” indicates that a single ampersand should be displayed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enter your serial number for New &amp; Improved Product</td>
<td>SS_NOPREFIX = True</td>
<td>Enter your serial number for New &amp; Improved Product</td>
<td>The True value for the SS_NOPREFIX constant prevents any ampersands in the control’s string from being used to designate a keyboard shortcut.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

By default, when you add a new label control to your wizard interface, the SS_NOPREFIX subsetting under the label control’s Style setting is set to False. You can change this value as needed.

If your wizard interface includes a label control that should never contain a keyboard shortcut, consider selecting True for the SS_NOPREFIX subsetting of that control. This ensures that any ampersands that are included in the string entries for such controls are not inadvertently interpreted as keyboard shortcuts.
If your product name includes an ampersand, you may want to use two separate product name properties in your wizard interface—one property whose value uses a single ampersand, and one property whose value uses the escaped ampersand (a double ampersand). Depending on the type and style of each control that contains the product name, you would use the appropriate product name property as needed—for example:

Table 4-35 • Sample Usage of Two Different Properties for a String that Includes an Ampersand

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Property Value</th>
<th>Examples of Uses for This Property</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| [ProductName]    | New & Improved Product | • Label controls in which SS_NOPREFIX = True  
• Wizard Caption setting on the Wizard Pages node—This value is used as the caption in the caption bar of wizard pages. The default value of this setting is:  
[ProductName] - InstallShield Wizard  
• Title setting for a wizard page—The title text is displayed in the header area of wizard pages. |
| [EscapedProductName] | New && Improved Product | • Label controls in which SS_NOPREFIX = False  
• Controls such as check boxes, command links, and radio buttons, which do not support the SS_NOPREFIX style setting and always interpret single ampersands as being used to designate keyboard shortcuts |

See Also
Changing the Tab Order of Controls on a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

Using Navigation Buttons on Wizard Pages

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Each wizard page in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project can have one or more of the following built-in navigation buttons:

**Table 4-36 • Built-In Navigation Buttons for Wizard Pages**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Button</th>
<th>Description of Default Behavior</th>
</tr>
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</table>
| **Next** | Move to the next wizard page in the interface, skipping any pages whose Visible conditions evaluate to false.  
Clicking this button has no effect if the current wizard page is the last page in the interface.  
The Next navigation button behaves similarly to controls that use a Set Active Page action, which triggers a move to a specific page. |
| **Back** | Move to the previous wizard page in the interface, skipping any pages whose Visible conditions evaluate to false.  
Clicking this button has no effect if the current wizard page is the first page in the interface.  
The Back navigation button behaves similarly to controls that use a Set Active Page action, which triggers a move to a specific page. |
| **Cancel** | Display a message box with question IDS_SUITE_CONFIRMCANCEL; on Yes, cancel the wizard and move to the last wizard page.  
In most cases, the last wizard page should not show a Cancel button, since cancelling the installation at that point does not have any effect. If a Cancel button is displayed, clicking it would result in closing the wizard. |
| **Install** | Start the installation and move to the next wizard page.  
The Install navigation button behaves similarly to controls that use an Install action, which start the installation and then move to a specific wizard page. |
| **Finish** | After a successful installation or maintenance, if a restart is required, ask whether to restart (message IDS_SUITE_ASKREBOOT), and then trigger the appropriate response. In either case (required or not required, immediate restart or delayed restart), close the wizard. |

**Including a Navigation Button on or Excluding It from a Wizard Page**

When you select a wizard page in the Wizard Interface view of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, the grid on the right side of the view shows the settings for the selected page. The Navigation area settings let you configure the navigation buttons for the page.

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**Task**

To include or exclude a navigation button:

1. In the View List under *User Interface*, click *Wizard Interface*.
2. In the *Wizard Interface* explorer, click the wizard page whose buttons you want to modify.
3. In the *Navigation* area of the grid on the right side of the view, do the following:
To include a specific button on the wizard page, select Yes in that button’s setting, and then configure the subsettings under that button’s setting as needed.

To exclude a specific button from a wizard page, select No in that button’s setting, and then configure the subsettings under that button’s setting as needed.

To learn about changing the default behavior of navigation buttons, see Overriding the Default Behavior of a Navigation Button on a Wizard Page.

**See Also**
Wizard Interface View

**Overriding the Default Behavior of a Navigation Button on a Wizard Page**

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If the Click event of a navigation button includes either a Set Active Page action or an Install action, and if that action moves through the wizard interface, this prevents the default behavior described above. The default behavior is prevented even if the scheduled action is skipped because of a false condition for the action.

For example, you may want to override the default behavior for the Install button: instead of moving to the next wizard page in the interface, you may want the installation to proceed to a specific wizard page. In this scenario, you must add an Install action to the Install button’s Click setting, and specify the specific subsequent page. If you then add a condition to the action, and the condition prevents the Install action from running, the default behavior for the Install button is suppressed. That is, the installation does not start when the end user clicks the Install button. (Note that in this case, you may want to define a condition for the navigation button’s Enabled setting to ensure that the Install button is disabled if appropriate. Otherwise, end users may become confused when they are able to click an Install button that has no effect.)

Note that extension DLLs actions cannot prevent the default action except by actually calling the corresponding methods on the ISuiteUIExtension interface. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine cannot determine whether the extension chose to call the method. If you need an extension action to override the default behavior, but only navigate or install under certain conditions, add a Set Active Page or Install action with a false condition such as the empty None group.

**See Also**
Using Navigation Buttons on Wizard Pages
Wizard Interface View
Populating Combo Box and List Box Controls in the Wizard Interface

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InstallShield lets you add to the wizard interface one or more combo box controls and list box controls with predefined selectable options. The process involves configuring the control’s settings to define the content for the selectable options. The process also involves the use of two properties: one that defines the list of options that you want to display in the control, and one that the installation uses to store the option that the end user selects at run time.

**Task** To populate a combo box control or a list box control with predefined options:

1. Associate the control with two properties: one that defines the list of options that you want to display in the control, and one that the installation uses to store the option that the end user selects at run time:
   a. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
   b. In the Wizard Interface explorer, expand the wizard page or secondary window that you want to modify, and then select the combo box control or list box control that you want to configure.
   c. In the Property setting, enter the name of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property—for example, SELECTIONPROPERTY—that you want to associate with the control. At run time, the installation uses this property to store the value that the end user selects.
   d. In the Content Property setting, enter the name of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property that you want to use to identify the options that you want to list in this control—for example, CONTROLOPTIONS.

2. Define the list of options that you want to display in the combo box control or the list box control:
   a. In the Content Property setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Edit List Options dialog box opens.
   b. In the Text column, enter one of the options that you want to display in the control. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.
   c. In the Value column, enter the value that you want to associate with the list option text that you entered in step 2b. This is the property value that is stored in SELECTIONPROPERTY—the property that you entered in step 1c—if the end user selects the list option that you entered in the Text column.
   d. To add additional text-value pairs, click the New button, and then complete the fields in the row that InstallShield adds.
For example, you might enter the following data:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Text</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ID_Option1</td>
<td>Value1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID_Option2</td>
<td>Value2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID_Option3</td>
<td>Value3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

e. Change the order of the list options if appropriate.

The installation displays the list options in the order that you list them on this dialog box. To change the order of the list options, select a row, and then click the Up or Down buttons as needed. To select multiple consecutive rows, click the first row, press and hold Shift, and then click the last row. To select multiple non-consecutive rows, click one of the rows, press and hold down CTRL, and then click each additional row.

3. Click OK.

**Specifying the Default Option for the Combo Box Control or the List Box Control**

If you want to specify the default option for a combo box control or a list box control, use the Property Manager view to set the value of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property equal to the property value that corresponds with the default selectable option. Thus, if you want $ID_{Option3}$ to be selected by default, add the $SELECTIONPROPERTY$ property to the Property Manager view, and set its value to $Value3$. To leave the control blank by default, do not define the property in the Property Manager view.

**Using the Proper Syntax for Identifying the Control Options Through a Property Value**

In the first step in the aforementioned procedure, it is necessary to create a new Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property, and to set its value to the options that you want to be listed in the combo box control or the list box control. It is also necessary to associate each option with a corresponding value. The following format is used:

$ID_{Option1}\Value1\nID_{Option2}\Value2\nID_{Option3}\Value3$

$ID_{Option1}$ corresponds with $Value1$, $ID_{Option2}$ corresponds with $Value2$, and $ID_{Option3}$ corresponds with $Value3$.

$Value1$, $Value2$, and $Value3$ are the possible property values that you want to be stored in $SELECTIONPROPERTY$—the property that you entered in step 4.

Thus, if the end user selects $ID_{Option2}$ in the control, the installation sets the value of $SELECTIONPROPERTY$ as $Value2$.

$\n$ is the separator between a value and the next selectable option.

Note that there are no spaces before or after the separators ($\r$ or $\n$).
Working with End-User Data from a Combo Box Control or a List Box Control

At run time, end users can make a single selection from the combo box or the list box; this sets the control’s property (which is `SELECTIONPROPERTY` in the aforementioned procedure) to the value that is associated with the selected option—for example, `Value1`, `Value2`, or `Value3`. You can trigger different types of behavior based on the value of the `SELECTIONPROPERTY` property. Examples are:

- You can enable or disable a control on the wizard page or secondary window. To do this, use the control’s `Enabled` setting to define a Property type of condition and tie the enabled state of the control to a particular value of the property.
- You can display or hide a particular control on a wizard page or secondary window. To do this, use the control’s `Visible` setting to define a Property type of condition and tie the enabled state of the control to a particular value of the property.
- You can display or skip a particular wizard page or secondary window. To do this, use the wizard page’s or secondary window’s `Visible` setting to define a Property type of condition and tie the enabled state of the wizard interface to a particular value of the property.
- You can use the value of the `Advanced UI` or `Suite/Advanced UI` property to set a particular property in a package in the `Advanced UI` or `Suite/Advanced UI` installation. To do this, use the command line and silent command line settings that are available as subsettings in the Operation area of the grid in the Packages view. For more information, see Using `Advanced UI` and `Suite/Advanced UI` Formatted Expressions to Dynamically Configure Command Lines.

See Also
Adding a Control to a Wizard Page or Secondary Window
Wizard Interface View

Configuring Validation for a Control on a Wizard Page or Window

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InstallShield lets you implement validation for some of the various wizard interface controls. For example:

- You can ensure that end users enter a serial number in a text box in a specified format.
- You can configure validation for a text box control to check whether the folder an end user specifies in the text box is valid.
- You can prevent end users from selecting certain combinations of check boxes that do not work together.
Validation for a control checks the property that is associated with that control. When an end user clicks a check box, for example, the associated property is potentially changed to one of two new values. Validation offers a method for checking whether the new value is appropriate.

Various types of controls trigger validation at different events:

**Table 4-37 • Triggers for Different Types of Validation**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Types of Controls</th>
<th>Event that Triggers Validation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Text box, password box</td>
<td>Validation occurs when the entry in the control changes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Button, command link, check box, radio button, image button</td>
<td>Validation occurs when the end user clicks the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Combo box, list box, checked list box, feature selection tree</td>
<td>Validation occurs when the selection for the control changes.</td>
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You can use the subsettings under the Text Style setting to specify different text styles for the control to give end users a visual indication when the control is in various states (default, valid, or invalid).

You can also use the subsettings in the Events area to trigger an action when the end user clicks or uses the control. If you have actions and validation configured for a control, the validation runs before the actions. For more information about actions, see Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface.

**Task**

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, select the wizard page or secondary window that you want to modify.
3. In the wizard editor, select the control that requires validation.
4. In the Validate setting, click the Validation button and then point to the type of validation that you want to occur.

One of the types of validation lets you call a function in a DLL file that you have created. If your project includes any DLL files in the Support Files view, InstallShield makes them available in this list, and lets you overwrite the validation function name with the function in the DLL that you want to call.
The following table describes the types of validation that are available. Note that some types of validation are applicable to only certain types of controls. For example, the value length validation is applicable only to the text box and password box controls.

### Table 4-38 • Types of Validation for Wizard Interface Controls

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<th>Type of Validation</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Existing File</td>
<td>This type of validation checks whether the value of the property that is associated with this control contains the fully qualified path and name of a file that is present. The end user typically sets the value of the property when entering the path and file name in this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Existing Folder</td>
<td>This type of validation checks whether the value of the property that is associated with this control contains the fully qualified path and name of a folder that is present. The end user typically sets the value of the property when entering the path and folder name in this control.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| New File in Existing Folder         | This type of validation checks whether the value of the property that is associated with this control contains the fully qualified path and name of a file that is not present. The end user typically sets the value of the property when entering the path and file name in this control.  
  Note that the path for the file must exist for this type of validation. |
| Value Length                         | This type of validation checks whether the value of the property that is associated with this control contains a certain number of characters. The end user typically sets the value of the property when entering text in this control.  
  To configure this type of validation, specify the minimum and maximum values in the subsettings under this setting. |
| Value Mask                           | This type of validation checks whether the value of the property that is associated with this control matches a particular format. The end user typically sets the value of the property when entering information such as a serial number in this control.  
  To configure this type of validation, specify the required format in the Pattern setting under this setting. Enter any of the following characters in place of a digit:  
  # % @  
  Enter any of the following characters in place of a character:  
  & ^ ? ’  
  Any other characters that you enter must match exactly. |
| Browse for DLL Action                | This type of validation calls a function in a DLL file that you have created and added to your project through the Support Files view. For example, you can use a DLL file to check the validity of the property’s value—that is, the input that the end user enters for the control. |
See Also
Wizard Interface View

Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface

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InstallShield lets you define actions that are launched when a wizard page or secondary window is opened or closed. This capability enables your installation to perform any initialization such as dynamically retrieving values for a combo box. It also lets you schedule actions to occur before the wizard interface is displayed at run time.

In addition, InstallShield lets you define actions that an end user triggers when using some of the various wizard interface controls. For example, you can add a Print button to a LicenseAgreement wizard page, and define a print action for that button control; when an end user clicks the Print button, the Print dialog box opens, enabling the end user to print the license agreement.

If you have actions and validation configured for a control, the validation runs before the actions. The actions run for both validation success and validation failure. They also run when the splash page is dismissed, when an image button gets or loses focus, or when an end user scrolls to the bottom of a rich text box. For more information about validation, see Configuring Validation for a Control on a Wizard Page or Window.

Task To configure an action for a wizard page, secondary window, or control:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.

2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, select the wizard page or secondary window that you want to modify.

3. Do one of the following if you are configuring an action for a control:
   • To configure the action of one of the navigation controls (the Next, Back, Cancel, Install, or Finish buttons)—In the right pane, expand the settings for the control whose action you want to modify.
   • To configure the action of any of the other controls—in the wizard editor, select the control whose action you want to modify.

4. Do one of the following:
   • To schedule an action to run when the selected wizard page or window opens: In the Page Entered setting, point to the New Action button, and then click the type of action that you want to configure.
   • To schedule an action to run when the selected wizard page or window closes: In the Page Exit setting, point to the New Action button, and then click the type of action that you want to configure.
To schedule an action for a control: In the **Click** setting, or in an action-related setting under the **Events** setting, point to the **New Action** button, and then click the type of action that you want to configure.

5. Configure the subsettings under the action as needed.

If you enter more than one action statement, the actions are run in the order in which they are listed in the action setting.

One of the types of actions lets you call a function in a DLL file that you have created. If your project includes any DLL files in the Support Files view, InstallShield makes them available in this list, and lets you overwrite the action function name with the function in the DLL that you want to call.

The following table describes the types of actions that are available.

**Table 4-39 • Control Actions**

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<th>Type of Action</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td><strong>Set Property</strong></td>
<td>This type of action sets a specific property to a specific value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Install</strong></td>
<td>This type of action starts the installation and moves to a specific wizard page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Open</strong></td>
<td>This type of action opens a file or Web page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Print</strong></td>
<td>This type of action launches the Print dialog box, enabling an end user to print the specified file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Browse for Folder</strong></td>
<td>This type of action launches the Browse for Folder dialog box when an end user clicks the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When the end user selects a folder in this dialog box and clicks the OK button, the dialog box closes, and the installation sets the value of a specific property to the full path of the folder that the end user selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To configure this type of action, configure the subsettings under this action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Browse for File</strong></td>
<td>This type of action launches the file browse dialog box when an end user clicks the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>When the end user selects a file in this dialog box and clicks the Open button, the dialog box closes, and the installation sets the value of a specific property to the full path and file name of the file that the end user selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>To configure this type of action, configure the subsettings under this action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Browse for New File</strong></td>
<td>This type of action launches the new-file browse dialog box when an end user clicks the control. The dialog box lets the end user browse to a location where a new file should be saved.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When the end user specifies a file in this dialog box and clicks the Save button, the dialog box closes, and the installation sets the value of the property that you have specify in the Property subsetting to the full path and file name of the file that the end user specifies.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Set Active Page</td>
<td>This type of action moves to a specific wizard page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Window</td>
<td>This type of action shows a secondary window as a modal window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Close Window</td>
<td>This type of action closes a main wizard page or secondary window, or in some cases, provides conditional closing of a secondary window. Close Window accepts parameters corresponding to the following predefined Return Code IDs: IDOK, IDCANCEL, IDABORT, IDRETRY, IDIGNORE, IDYES, IDNO, and IDCLOSE. The behavior of the Close Window action differs slightly on wizard pages and secondary windows, as noted following:</td>
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<td>• For wizard pages, the Close Window action prompts the end user to cancel if its Return Code parameter is set to IDCANCEL (and then interrupts the wizard if the end user specifies Yes). For all other Return Code IDs, the wizard immediately closes.</td>
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<td>• For secondary windows, the Close Window action closes the secondary window and in special cases such as with the ISRMFilesInUse and ISRMFileInUse secondary windows, the specified Return Code value is returned.</td>
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<td>InstallShield currently provides the following secondary windows that contain customized behavior that is dependent upon the specified Return Code ID:</td>
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<td>• ISDownloadProgress</td>
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<td>• ISPromptForSourceMedia</td>
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<td>• ISUpgradeParcel</td>
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<td>• ISSQLBrowse</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stop Event</td>
<td>This type of action allows you to conditionally stop further actions from being processed. For example, this action can be used to prevent the default behavior of a button from occurring.</td>
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<td>Run a Suite Action</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Project" /> This functionality is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects. This type of action launches an action in the installation. The action can be any of the ones that are defined in the Events view of the Suite/Advanced UI project. For more information, see Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>This functionality is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.</td>
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This type of action launches a secondary window that lets end users browse to and load a publisher profile file (.publishsettings) that contains the configuration settings that they want to use for the Web Deploy package. For more information, see Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.
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<td><em>Project</em> • This functionality is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects. The following database-related options are available:</td>
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<td>• <strong>Configure Database Metadata</strong>—Initializes the database metadata (connection string, ODBC driver, timeout value, etc.) that will be used for connecting to a database, and saves the name of the configuration in an extension DLL for other actions to reference as the active configuration.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Override SQL Login Properties</strong>—Defines Suite properties that will be used to identify SQL login settings to establish a connection to a specified database server. For example, when the Validate a Database Login action is called, the Suite SQL runtime reads the value of the Suite properties specified by the Override SQL Login Properties action to retrieve the SQL login settings that are entered on a Suite UI wizard page and then attempts to establish a connection to the specified database server.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Browse for Database Catalogs</strong>—Retrieves the list of available database catalogs and saves the result to a Suite property (ISSQLBrowseList). This action uses metadata and properties identified by the Configure Database Metadata and Override SQL Login Properties actions.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Browse for Database Servers</strong>—Retrieves the list of available database servers and saves the result to a Suite property (ISSQLBrowseList). This action uses metadata and properties identified by the Configure Database Metadata and Override SQL Login Properties actions.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Browse for Registered Database Servers</strong>—Retrieves a list of database servers registered in ODBC DSN and saves the list to a Suite property (ISSQLBrowseLocalList). This action uses metadata and properties identified by the Configure Database Metadata and Override SQL Login Properties actions.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Validate a Database Login</strong>—Adds a Validate action to verify the database login credentials using database metadata and properties identified by Configure Database Metadata and Override SQL Login Properties.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Run a SQL String</strong>—Executes a SQL statement using database metadata and properties identified by Configure Database Metadata and Override SQL Login Properties.</td>
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**Browse for DLL Action**

This type of action calls a function in a DLL file that you have created and added to your project through the Support Files view. For example, you can use a DLL file to trigger custom behavior.

**See Also**

Wizard Interface View
Referring to Feature States and Other Feature Data in the UI of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Using Images, Text Files, and Other Objects in the Wizard Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Any images, text files (such as End-User License Agreements), and other files that you want to use in the wizard interface of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project are included in your project as support files. Support files are files that are installed to the target system for use only during the installation process. These files are automatically removed from target system when the installation is complete.

If your project supports multiple languages, you can add language-specific support files to the appropriate language-specific areas of the Support Files view. At run time, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays the appropriate language-specific support files.

For more information, see Using Support Files.

See Also
Support Files View (Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)
Wizard Interface View

DPI-Awareness in the Wizard Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

DPI-awareness in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects has two parts:

- Items that are drawn by the engine are scaled according to the target system’s DPI settings. Thus, if a target system has a DPI of 200%, the check box control is scaled accordingly.
- The engine considers the scale factor and language when displaying images and other resources that you are including in the wizard interface.
For example, when the engine determines that the scale factor should be 150 and that the appropriate language is English, it looks for resources that have the string `scale-150` in their path or file name. It searches the following paths in the order listed when searching for `image.png` on the target system:

1. `[SUPPORTDIR]\0409\scale-150\image.png`
2. `[SUPPORTDIR]\0409\image.scale-150.png`
3. `[SUPPORTDIR]\0409\image.png`
4. `[SUPPORTDIR]\scale-150\image.png`
5. `[SUPPORTDIR]\image.scale-150.png`
6. `[SUPPORTDIR]\image.png`

Note that matching the language takes precedence over matching the correct DPI.

InstallShield includes scale-150 and scale-200 images for the built-in default images that are included in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. If you want to include custom resources in your project, use the Support Files view to add appropriately scaled images.

**See Also**
Support Files View (Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)
Wizard Interface View

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**Localizing the End-User Interface**

InstallShield has many settings that let you specify text strings that should be displayed to end users. For example, when you enter a value for the Display Name and Description settings for a feature, you are configuring the feature name and description that may be displayed in the CustomSetup dialog at run time. Whenever you enter a value for such a setting that may need to be localized for one or more languages, InstallShield automatically creates a string entry for each language that your project supports. Each string entry consists of a language-independent identifier and a corresponding language-specific value. At run time, the installation displays the appropriate translated string values. Using string entries instead of hard-coded text enables you to keep the code for your installation completely separate from any language-specific strings that you may want to be displayed during the installation.
To help streamline the process of localizing a project, all of the text strings that may be displayed at run time during the installation process are available in one consolidated view: the String Editor view. You can use this view to edit the strings for everything from button text to feature descriptions. You can also use this view to export each language’s string entries to a file, translate the values that are listed in the file, and then import the translated file into your project.

**See Also**

Translating String Entries
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield

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**Working with String Entries in Projects that Support Multiple Languages**

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

*Edition* • The Premier edition of InstallShield includes support for creating multilingual installations.

*Note* • To add additional languages to your project, use the Setup Language setting in the General Information view.

Your project contains a string entry for every localizable text string and for each language that your project supports. The String Editor view shows the collection of language-independent identifiers and corresponding language-specific values for your project.

Note the following details about string entries in projects that include support for multiple languages:

- The values for all of the localizable settings throughout InstallShield—such as the Display Name and Description settings for a feature—use the project’s default language (which you can specify in the String Editor view). If you edit the value of one of these localizable settings, InstallShield simultaneously updates the string entry’s value in the String Editor view for the default language. Likewise, if you use the String Editor view to modify a string value for your project’s default language, InstallShield simultaneously updates the settings in the other InstallShield views that display the value of that string entry.

- Each language that is supported by your project uses the same set of string identifiers.

Therefore, if you add a string entry to a project, InstallShield uses the same string identifier for each language. If you rename a string identifier, InstallShield renames the string identifier for all languages. If you delete a string entry, InstallShield deletes it from each language.
• If you add a new language to your project, InstallShield adds to that language the same string identifiers that are available in the other languages that are in your project. For default string entries—that is, those that are available for the built-in dialogs and other user-interface elements—InstallShield adds the already-translated string values. For custom string entries that you have created, InstallShield uses the string values from the default language for the new language. You can modify any string values as needed for the new language.

When you finish authoring your project, you can export the string entries for each language to text files, and send the text files out for translation. Once the string entries in the text file are translated, you can import them into your project.

See Also
String Editor View
Setting the Default Project Language
Translating String Entries

Using String Entries in InstallShield

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Note** • Localization of Windows App packages requires the Windows 10 SDK be installed on the same machine as InstallShield. If it is not present, InstallShield will build a Windows App package (.appx) containing only the default language.

Instead of hard-coding strings throughout your project, you can use string entries in areas of InstallShield that accept localizable text. The manner in which you select a string entry differs depending on where you need to use it.

**Settings in Various Views**

When you are entering the value of a setting in one of the views in InstallShield and that value is a text string that can be presented to end users, InstallShield automatically uses a string identifier for that setting. InstallShield places the string identifier in curly brackets before the string value. Following is an example of the value for the Display Name setting of a feature:

**{ID_STRING24}My New Feature**

In this example, **ID_STRING24** is the string identifier that is used for the Display Name setting. **My New Feature** is the string value for the project’s default language.
Task  
To work with a setting that accepts a localizable text string entry, do one of the following:

- To enter a new text string that is not present anywhere else in the project, type the text string that you want to use. InstallShield automatically assigns a new string identifier to the value that you enter.

  If your project includes support for multiple languages, InstallShield adds the new string identifier to all of your project’s languages, and uses the string value that you entered as the value for all languages.

- To look at a list of existing string entries that are used in the project, click the ellipsis button (...) that is displayed on the right when you click the setting’s value. InstallShield opens the Select String dialog box, which lets you select an existing string entry or create a new string entry.

Caution • Do not confuse editing an existing string value with entering a new string identifier by entering text in an InstallShield setting. Once you have selected a string identifier for a setting, deleting the localizable text in the setting merely deletes the current string value; it does not replace the current string identifier with a new one.

Dialog Editor

Many of the controls in the Dialog Editor accept strings that are displayed to the end user. For example, the Text and Tooltip properties always require localizable text.

Using a string entry in the Dialog Editor is similar to selecting string identifiers in other areas of InstallShield.

Task  
To work with the Dialog Editor and a control’s property that uses localizable text, do one of the following:

- Click the control’s property sheet and edit the string. Doing so changes the value of the string entry for the current language. When you enter a text value without first selecting a string, InstallShield creates a new string identifier for your project.

  If your project includes support for multiple languages, InstallShield adds the new string identifier to all of your project’s languages, and uses the string value that you entered as the value for all languages.

- When you click a localizable property’s value to edit it, an ellipsis button (...) appears inside the property sheet. Click the ellipsis button to view the string entries for the current language.

The major difference between the dialog control properties and the settings in other views in InstallShield is that the other views always display the string value for the default language. When you edit a dialog’s layout, however, you must first select the language of the dialog. Then, all strings displayed in the dialog and in the property sheet are from the current language of the dialog that you are editing.

InstallScript Script Editor Pane

If you are working in the InstallScript script editor pane in the InstallScript view, you can select and edit string entries through the Select String dialog box.
Task

To use a string identifier in your InstallScript:

1. Place the cursor at the point in your script where you want the string identifier to be inserted.
2. On the Edit menu, point to Insert and click String Entry. The Select String dialog box opens.
3. Do one of the following:
   - To use an existing string entry, click the row that contains the string entry that you want to use in your script.
   - To create a new string entry, click the New button. The String Entry dialog box opens, enabling you to create a new string identifier and value.
4. Click OK.

InstallShield places the string identifier in your script preceded by the at (@) symbol.

For more information, see String Constant Operator (@).

Tip • Although you can include hard-coded user-interface strings directly in InstallScript code, it is recommended that you avoid doing this. Strings that are hard coded in InstallScript code are not stored as Unicode; thus, they are displayed correctly only when the installation is run on systems that have the correct code page. Adding strings to a project through the String Editor view and referencing the associated string identifiers from InstallScript code eliminates this issue.

What Happens with String Entries at Build Time and Run Time

InstallShield stores string entries in the ISString table of your InstallShield project file (.ism). At build time, InstallShield uses the string values instead of the string identifiers when it is creating your release in most cases. That is, the string identifiers are not built into the release, and the string identifiers are not available at run time.

The one exception of when InstallShield does use string identifiers in a build is if your project includes InstallScript code. In this scenario, the release that InstallShield builds includes string tables that contain all of the string entries. These string tables make it possible for you to use string identifiers in your InstallScript code instead of hard-coded text strings. At run time, the installation replaces string identifiers with string values as needed.

See Also
String Editor View
Select String Dialog Box
Setting the Default Project Language

Adding a String Entry

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
The String Editor view lets you create a new string entry that you can later reference in one of the settings in InstallShield, in one of your project’s dialogs, and in your InstallScript code.

**Task**

To add a new string entry to your project:

1. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **String Editor**.
2. Do one of the following:
   - Click the **New String Entry** button.
   - Press the INSERT key.
   
   The **String Entry** dialog box opens.
3. In the **String Identifier** box, specify the language-independent string identifier that you want to use for your string entry, or leave the new default string identifier that InstallShield enters in this box for you.
4. In the **Value** box, specify the localizable text string that you want to use for the string entry.
5. In the **Comments** box, you can optionally specify an internal note about the string entry. The comments are not displayed at run time.
6. Click **OK**.

InstallShield adds a new row in the String Editor view for the new string entry.

**Tip** • If your project includes support for multiple languages, InstallShield adds the string entry to all of your project’s languages, and it uses the string value that you entered as the value for all languages. You can edit the string values for languages as needed.

**Note** • Since you must use a string identifier throughout InstallShield for settings that accept localizable text, InstallShield adds a new string entry to your project whenever you try typing a value into a setting without selecting an existing string identifier.

**See Also**

String Editor View  
Translating String Entries

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**Editing a String Entry**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
The String Editor view contains a spreadsheetlike table that lets you modify string entries in your project.

**Task**

**To edit a string entry in the String Editor view:**

1. In the View List under User Interface, click String Editor.
2. Find the string entry that you want to modify.
3. Do one of the following:
   - To overwrite all of the text in a table cell, click the table cell and then type your new identifier, value, or comments.
   - To place the cursor at a particular place within a table cell, double-click that place. Then type your change.

Note that if you rename a string identifier, InstallShield renames the string identifier for all languages in your project.

When you edit a string entry, InstallShield updates the Modified column with the date and time that you made the change. You can sort the string entries in the String Editor view by modified date. This is helpful if you want to identify which strings have been modified since the strings were last translated.

Tip • If you are editing a localizable setting from within one of the other views in InstallShield, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in that setting. Doing so opens the Select String dialog box, which lets you specify which string entry you want to use for the selected setting.

Project • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, some of the string values contain Windows Installer properties inside square brackets—for example, `Install [ProductName]`. At run time, the property and brackets are replaced by the property value.

String values may also contain font information in curly brackets—for example, `{&MSSansBold8}OK`. The font information indicates style details that should be used to display the strings at run time.

See Also

String Editor View
Select String Dialog Box
Translating String Entries
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Searching for Instances of String Identifiers

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• Suite/Advanced UI

String identifiers are used throughout InstallShield projects. If you want to see where a particular string identifier is used in your project, you can perform a search in the String Editor view.

Task To find all the occurrences of a particular string identifier within your project:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click String Editor.
2. Select the row that contains the string identifier for which you want to search.

   To select multiple consecutive rows, click the first row, and then press SHIFT while clicking the last row. To select multiple nonconsecutive rows, click the first row, and then press CTRL while clicking each additional row.
3. Click the Search for Selected Strings in Project button.

InstallShield displays the search results on the Results tab in the Output window. The Results tab indicates how many times the string identifier is used. In addition, it indicates the location in the Direct Editor view where the string identifier is used.

If the string identifier is not used in the project, the Results tab shows that zero occurrences were found.

Note • InstallShield does not search the project's InstallScript files (.rul) for instances of the string identifier.

See Also
String Editor View

Finding and Replacing String Entries

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Basic MSI
The String Editor includes support for standard find-and-replace functionality. This functionality may be useful if you want to search for specific strings in your project and replace them with revised strings.

**Finding Strings in the String Editor**

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<td>Click the Find String button. The Find dialog box opens.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>In the Find what box, type the string that you want to find.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Select any other options that you want.</td>
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<td>Click Find Next.</td>
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InstallShield finds the first instance of the string that you specified.

**Finding and Replacing Strings in the String Editor**

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<td>Click the Find and Replace button. The Replace dialog box opens.</td>
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<td>In the Find what box, type the string that you want to replace.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>In the Replace with box, type the new string.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Select any other options that you want.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Click Find Next, Replace, or Replace All.</td>
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InstallShield replaces strings as needed.

**See Also**

String Editor View

**Removing a String Entry**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:
If you no longer need a particular string entry in your project, you can delete it. Note that if you delete a string entry, InstallShield deletes it from each language in your project.

### Task

**To remove a string entry from your project:**

1. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **String Editor**.
2. Find the string entry that you want to delete.
3. Click the **Delete Selected Strings** button or press DELETE.

### See Also

- [String Editor View](#)
- [Setting the Default Project Language](#)

## Removing String Identifiers from Localizable Settings

**InstallShield 2020**

This information applies to the following project types:

- **Advanced UI**
- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **InstallScript Object**
- **Merge Module**
- **Suite/Advanced UI**

When you are entering the value of a setting in one of the views in InstallShield and that value is a text string that can be presented to end users, InstallShield automatically uses a string identifier for that setting. InstallShield places the string identifier in curly brackets before the string value.

If you try to delete the setting’s value, you are actually deleting the string value for the current language. In that case, the string identifier with an empty value is used for the setting.

Therefore, if you want to remove a string identifier from a localizable setting, you must replace it with a different string identifier, or add a new string identifier.

For information on replacing a string identifier, see [Editing a String Entry](#). To learn how to create a new string identifier, see [Adding a String Entry](#).
Displaying Billboards

InstallShield 2020

Project • Billboards are available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

You can add billboards to your projects to display information to end users during the installation process. The billboards can be used to communicate, advertise, educate, and entertain end users. For example, billboards can present overviews on new features of the product being installed or other products from your company. Each billboard is a file that you or your company's graphics department creates for complete control over the look and feel of the file transfer.

Project • Support for billboards differs, depending on which project type you are using. To learn more about billboards, see the appropriate section:
- Displaying Billboards in Basic MSI Installations
- Displaying Billboards in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations

Displaying Billboards in Basic MSI Installations

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

You can add billboards to your projects to display information to end users during the installation process. The billboards can be used to communicate, advertise, educate, and entertain end users. For example, billboards can present overviews on new features of the product being installed or other products from your company. Each billboard is a file that you or your company's graphics department creates for complete control over the look and feel of the file transfer.

See Also
- Billboards View
- Types of Billboards for Basic MSI Projects
- Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to a Basic MSI Project
- Adding Image Billboards to a Basic MSI Project

Billboard File Types for Basic MSI Projects

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

InstallShield supports different types of files for billboards:
• Adobe Flash application file (.swf)
• Images (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, and .jpeg)

If a target system does not have the Adobe Flash Player, which is used to display Flash application files, the installation can detect that and display image billboards in place of the Flash billboard. Therefore, if you include a Flash billboard in your project, it is recommended that you also include one or more image billboards in your project.

**Note** • You can add more than one image billboard to a project, but only one Adobe Flash application file billboard.

**See Also**
Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to a Basic MSI Project
Adding Image Billboards to a Basic MSI Project
Setting the Billboard Order in a Basic MSI Project

**Types of Billboards for Basic MSI Projects**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

InstallShield offers support for three different billboard styles. For example, with one style, the installation displays a full-screen background, with billboards in the foreground, and a small progress box in the lower-right corner of the screen. With another style, the installation displays a standard-size dialog that shows the billboards. The bottom of this dialog shows the progress bar.

Following are descriptions and sample screen shots of each type of billboard.

**Fullscreen with Small Progress (Displayed in Lower Right)**

For the **Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right)** type of billboard, when the installation displays the standard end-user dialogs, it also displays a full-screen background. During file transfer, the installation shows full-screen backgrounds, with billboards in the foreground, and a small progress box in the lower-right corner of the screen.
Figure 4-28: Fullscreen Billboard with Small Progress (Displayed in Lower Right)

In the sample screen shot, the billboard is the blue-green rectangle image in the center. Some of the configurable billboard settings were set as follows:

- Origin—Centered
- Title—A B C
- Font—48 pt. Arial
- Background Color—Yellow

**Windowed with Standard Progress**

For the **Windowed with Standard progress** type of billboard, during file transfer, the installation displays a standard-size dialog that shows the billboards. The bottom of this dialog shows the progress bar. The installation does not display a background for this style.
Figure 4-29: Windowed with Standard Progress

In the sample screen shot, the billboard is the blue-green rectangle image. Its size is 544 pixels wide by 281 pixels high.

Windowed with Small (Displayed in Lower Right, No Billboards)

For the **Windowed with Small (displayed in lower right, no billboards)** type of billboard, the installation displays a small progress box in the lower-right corner of the screen during file transfer. It does not display any billboards or a background.

Figure 4-30: Windowed with Small (Displayed in Lower Right, No Billboards)
As shown in the sample screen shot, the progress bar is shown, but no billboard is displayed. The black background is the end user’s desktop.

**See Also**

Specifying Which Type of Billboard to Use in a Basic MSI Project

**Specifying Which Type of Billboard to Use in a Basic MSI Project**

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.*

InstallShield offers support for different billboard styles.

**Task**

To specify which type of billboard you want to use in your installation:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Billboards.
2. In the center pane, click the Billboards explorer. InstallShield displays the Billboard Type setting in the right pane.
3. In the Billboard Type setting, select the appropriate style of billboard.

To see samples of each type of billboard, see Types of Billboards for Basic MSI Projects.

**See Also**

Billboard File Types for Basic MSI Projects

**Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to a Basic MSI Project**

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.*

InstallShield lets you display a Flash application file billboard during the file transfer process. Flash application files can consist of videos, movies, sounds, interactive interfaces, games, text, and more—anything that is supported by the .swf type of file. It is recommended that files such as Flash video files (.flv) and MP3 audio files be embedded in the .swf file so that they are available locally on the target system during file transfer. Although .swf files can reference external files that you can post on a Web site, this external implementation would require that end users have an Internet connection.

**Task**

To add an Adobe Flash Application File billboard to your installation project:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Billboards.
2. In the Billboards explorer, right-click Adobe Flash Application File (.swf) and then click New Billboard. InstallShield adds a new billboard item with the name NewBillboard1.
3. Type a name for the billboard item. This name is used to help you identify the item while you are creating your installation; the name is not displayed during the installation.
4. In the right pane, configure the settings for the billboard.

**Note** • If the version of Flash or other tool that you use to create your .swf file is newer than the version of the Flash Player that is installed on a target system, it is possible that some of the Flash features may not work as expected on that target system.

If a target system does not have the Adobe Flash Player, which is used to display Flash application files, the installation can detect that and display image billboards in place of the Flash billboard. Therefore, if you include a Flash billboard in your project, it is recommended that you also include one or more image billboards in your project.

**See Also**
Billboard File Types for Basic MSI Projects
Run-Time Behavior of a Basic MSI Installation that Includes Billboards

### Adding Image Billboards to a Basic MSI Project

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

You can choose to display only one image billboard during the file transfer process, or you can include a series of image billboards, each one designed to be displayed for a specific amount of time. InstallShield includes support for .bmp, .gif, .jpg, and .jpeg image files.

**Note** • Animated .gif files are not supported. If you want to use animation in a billboard, consider using an Adobe Flash application file billboard.

**Task**

To add an image billboard to your installation:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Billboards.

2. In the Billboards explorer, right-click Images and then click New Billboard. InstallShield adds a new billboard item with the name NewBillboard1.

3. Type a name for the billboard item. This name is used to help you identify the item while you are creating your installation; the name is not displayed during the installation.

4. In the right pane, configure the settings for the billboard.

**See Also**
Billboard File Types for Basic MSI Projects
Run-Time Behavior of a Basic MSI Installation that Includes Billboards
Configuring Billboard Settings in a Basic MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

When you add an Adobe Flash application file billboard or an image billboard to your project, you need to configure its settings.

**Task**

To configure a billboard’s settings:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Billboards.
2. In the Billboards explorer in the center pane, click the billboard that you want to configure. InstallShield displays the billboard settings in the right pane.
3. Configure the settings as required.

For information about each of the billboard settings, see Settings for Adobe Flash Application File Billboards and Image Billboards.

**See Also**

Billboard Settings
Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to a Basic MSI Project
Adding Image Billboards to a Basic MSI Project

Previewing Billboards Without Building and Launching a Release

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

InstallShield lets you preview a billboard to see how it would be displayed at run time, without requiring you to build and run a release.

Previewing a billboard lets you see how your billboard will look with the background color, position, and related settings that are currently configured for your billboard.

**Task**

To preview a billboard:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Billboards.
2. In the Billboards explorer in the center pane, right-click the billboard that you want to preview, and then click Preview Billboard.

InstallShield displays a preview of the billboard as it would be displayed at run time.

To stop previewing a billboard, click the Cancel button in the preview window.
Tip • Previewing a billboard is especially helpful if you want to see how your Flash or image billboard will look with different selected billboard types. You can preview a billboard, change the billboard type, and then preview a billboard again.

See Also
Types of Billboards for Basic MSI Projects

Setting the Billboard Order in a Basic MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

Image billboards are displayed in the order in which they are listed in the Billboards view, from top to bottom.

Task

To change the order in which image billboards are displayed at run time:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Billboards.

2. In the Billboards explorer, right-click one of the billboard items that you want to move, and then click either Move Up or Move Down.

Repeat the last step until all of the billboards are correctly sorted.

See Also
Adding Image Billboards to a Basic MSI Project

Run-Time Behavior of a Basic MSI Installation that Includes Billboards

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

Important • If your installation includes billboards, your installation must include a Setup.exe setup launcher. The setup launcher is required because it displays the billboards at run time. The Setup.exe tab for a release in the Releases view is where you specify information such as whether you want to use a setup launcher. To learn more, see Setup.exe Tab for a Release.

If your installation includes a Flash billboard and one or more image billboards, only one billboard type is displayed at run time during the file transfer process: the Flash billboard or the image billboards.

- If the Flash Player is present on the target system, the installation displays the Flash billboard.
- If the Flash Player is not present, the installation displays the image billboards.

The run-time behavior is slightly different, depending on whether the installation is displaying a Flash billboard or image billboards:
• **If the installation is displaying a Flash billboard**—When the file transfer is complete, the installation continues showing the Flash billboard until its duration has elapsed. Once the duration has elapsed, the installation stops displaying the billboard and shows the appropriate SetupComplete dialog.

If the file transfer takes more time than you have allocated for the duration of the Flash billboard, the installation continues displaying the Flash billboard until file transfer ends.

• **If the installation is displaying image billboards**—When the file transfer is complete, the installation stops displaying the image billboards, even if other billboards are scheduled or the current billboard’s duration has not elapsed. The installation then shows the appropriate SetupComplete dialog.

If the file transfer takes more time than you have allocated for the billboards, the installation continues displaying the billboards until file transfer ends. If No is selected for the Loop Billboard setting in the Billboards view and the installation reaches the last billboard before the file transfer ends, the installation continues displaying that last image billboard until file transfer ends. Then the installation shows the appropriate SetupComplete dialog. If Yes is selected for this setting and the installation reaches the last billboard before the file transfer ends, the installation restarts the display of billboards from the beginning. The loop continues, if necessary, until the file transfer ends, and the SetupComplete dialog is displayed.

**Note** • *If the version of Flash or other tool that you use to create your .swf file is newer than the version of the Flash Player that is installed on a target system, it is possible that some of the Flash features may not work as expected on that target system.*

**See Also**
- Types of Billboards for Basic MSI Projects
- Previewing Billboards Without Building and Launching a Release
- Setting the Billboard Order in a Basic MSI Project

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**Removing a Billboard from a Basic MSI Project**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project** • *This information applies to Basic MSI projects.*

**Task**

*To remove a billboard from your installation:*

1. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **Billboards**.
2. In the **Billboards** explorer, right-click the billboard that you would like to remove, and then click **Delete**.

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**Displaying Billboards in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- **InstallScript**
InstallScript MSI

You can add billboards to your projects to display information to end users during the installation process. The billboards can be used to communicate, advertise, educate, and entertain end users. For example, billboards can present overviews on new features of the product being installed or other products from your company. Each billboard is a file that you or your company's graphics department creates for complete control over the look and feel of the file transfer.

See Also
Displaying a Background Window in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations

Billboard Styles and File Types for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

InstallShield offers support for two different billboard styles. One includes a full-screen background window, and the other does not. Both styles show a progress bar.

Following are descriptions and sample screen shots of both types of billboard, along with applicable supported file types.

Windowed Billboards with Progress

For this style of billboard, the installation displays a standard-size dialog. During file transfer, the top of the dialog shows the billboards, and the bottom of this dialog shows the progress bar. The installation does not require a background window for this style of billboard.

You can use the following types of files for this style of billboard:

• Adobe Flash application file (.swf)
• Images (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, and .jpeg)

If a target system does not have the Adobe Flash Player, which is used to display Flash application files, the installation can detect that and display image billboards in place of the Flash billboard. Therefore, if you include a Flash billboard in your project, it is recommended that you also include one or more image billboards in your project.

Note • For windowed billboards that show progress, you can add more than one image billboard to a project, but only one Adobe Flash application file billboard.
Figure 4-31: Windowed Billboard with Progress

In the sample screen shot, the billboard is the blue-green rectangle image. Its size is 544 pixels wide by 281 pixels high.

Note • Skinned dialogs cannot display windowed billboards. To learn more about skins, see Dialog Skins.

Billboards with a Full-Screen Background Window

For this style of billboard, when the installation displays the standard end-user dialogs, it also displays a full-screen background window. During file transfer, the billboards are displayed in front of the full-screen background window, and the standard size progress dialog is displayed in front of the billboards. This style of billboard requires a background window.

You can use image files (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, and .jpeg) for this style of billboard.
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Figure 4-32: Billboard with Full-Screen Background Window

In the sample screen shot, the billboard is the blue-green rectangle image behind the progress dialog but in front of the background window.

See Also
Adding or Modifying the Code in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project to Display Billboards
Naming Billboard Files in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
Adding an Image Billboard to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
Setting the Billboard Order in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

Naming Billboard Files in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

Note • The Adobe Flash application file support that is described here is applicable if the billboard style that you are using is the windowed style with progress, not the billboard style with a full-screen background window. If you want to use Flash file support with a full-screen background window, use the PlayMMedia function; with this support, the following naming conventions do not apply to the Adobe Flash file. For more information, see PlayMMedia. To learn how to display the
background window for this implementation, see Displaying a Background Window in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations.

You can add more than one image billboard to a project, but only one Adobe Flash application file billboard.

Note that if a target system does not have the Adobe Flash Player, which is used to display Flash application files, the installation can detect that and display image billboards in place of the Flash billboard. Therefore, if you include a Flash billboard in your project, it is recommended that you also include one or more image billboards in your project.

The first step in adding billboards to your project is to create the Adobe Flash application file (if applicable) and image files (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, or .jpeg) that serve as your installation’s billboards. When your files are properly named, you can add your billboards to your project. Note that if a target system does not have the Adobe Flash Player, which is used to display Flash application files, the installation can detect that and display image billboards in place of the Flash billboard. Therefore, if you include a Flash billboard in your project, it is recommended that you also include one or more image billboards in your project.

Billboard files must follow a designated naming convention. Each file name must begin with `bbrd`, followed by the number of the billboard (from 1 through 99); each must end with a supported file extension (.swf, .bmp, .gif, .jpg, or .jpeg). You can include a maximum of one Adobe Flash file (.swf) in your project; if you do include an .swf file, its name must contain the lowest number in the list of billboard files (for example, `bbrd1.swf`) that you are including in your project.

The billboards are displayed according to the sequential order of their file names. For example, a billboard file named `bbrd2.bmp` is displayed before `bbrd4.gif`.

Note that it is not necessary for the file name numbers to be contiguous; that is, you can add `bbrd1.jpg`, `bbrd3.jpg`, and `bbrd5.jpg` to your project, and each image is displayed at run time in order.

Tip • The length of time that an image billboard is displayed depends upon the number of image billboards in your installation project. The percentage of the display time is approximately 1 divided by the number of billboards. For example, if you have four billboards in your installation, each billboard is displayed for 25% of the file-transfer time.

Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Note • The Adobe Flash application file support that is described here is applicable if the billboard style that you are using is the windowed style with progress, not the billboard style with a full-screen background window. If you want to use Flash file support with a full-screen background window, use the PlayMMedia function. For more information, see PlayMMedia. To learn how to display the background window for this implementation, see Displaying a Background Window in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations.
InstallShield lets you display a Flash application file billboard during the file transfer process. Flash application files can consist of videos, movies, sounds, interactive interfaces, games, text, and more—anything that is supported by the .swf type of file. It is recommended that files such as Flash video files (.flv) and MP3 audio files be embedded in the .swf file so that they are available locally on the target system during file transfer. Although .swf files can reference external files that you can post on a Web site, this external implementation would require that end users have an Internet connection.

Task

To add an Adobe Flash Application File billboard to your installation project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files/Billboards.

2. In the Support Files explorer, click the Billboards item that should contain the billboard: either Language Independent or a language-specific item. The Files pane is displayed on the right.

3. Right-click anywhere in the Files pane and click Insert Files, or place your cursor in the Files pane and press the Insert key. The Open dialog opens.

4. Select your Adobe Flash application file billboard file named bbrd1.swf, and click OK.

InstallShield adds the file to your project.

Note • If the version of Flash or other tool that you use to create your .swf file is newer than the version of the Flash Player that is installed on a target system, it is possible that some of the Flash features may not work as expected on that target system.

If a target system does not have the Adobe Flash Player, which is used to display Flash application files, the installation can detect that and display image billboards in place of the Flash billboard. Therefore, if you include a Flash billboard in your project, it is recommended that you also include one or more image billboards in your project.

See Also

Adding or Modifying the Code in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project to Display Billboards

Adding an Image Billboard to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

You can choose to display only one image billboard during the file transfer process, or you can include a series of image billboards, each one designed to be displayed for a specific amount of time. InstallShield includes support for .bmp, .gif, .jpg, and .jpeg image files.

Note • Animated .gif files are not supported. If you want to use animation in a billboard, consider using an Adobe Flash application file billboard.
Task  

To add an image billboard to your installation project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Support Files/Billboards.
2. In the Support Files explorer, click the Billboards item that should contain the billboard: either Language Independent or a language-specific item. The Files pane is displayed on the right.
3. Right-click anywhere in the Files pane and click Insert Files, or place your cursor in the Files pane and press the Insert key. The Open dialog opens.
4. Select a billboard file, and click OK.

InstallShield adds the file to your project.

Tip • The length of time that an image billboard is displayed depends upon the number of image billboards in your installation project. The percentage of the display time is approximately 1 divided by the number of billboards. For example, if you have four billboards in your installation, each billboard is displayed for 25% of the file-transfer time.

See Also
Adding or Modifying the Code in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project to Display Billboards

Adding or Modifying the Code in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project to Display Billboards

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The InstallScript code that is needed to display billboards at run time varies, depending on the style of billboard that you are using.

- Windowed Billboards with Progress—To use windowed billboards that show progress at run time, use the STATUSBBRD constant with the Enable function.

- Billboards with a Full-Screen Background Window—To use billboards that are displayed with a full-screen background window, use the FULLWINDOWMODE and BACKGROUND constants with the Enable function. To learn how, see Displaying a Background Window in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations.

Note that if you want to use an Adobe Flash billboard with this style of billboard, you must also use the PlayMMedia function.

For details about these different styles of billboards, see Billboard Styles and File Types for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects.
Setting the Billboard Order in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Image billboards are displayed according to the numeric order of their file names. A billboard file named `bbrd2.bmp` is displayed to the end user before a file named `bbrd3.bmp`, and after a file named `bbrd1.bmp`. For specific guidelines on naming conventions, see *Naming Billboard Files in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project*.

**Task** • To **change the order in which billboards are displayed:**

1. Remove the billboard files whose order should change. (For more information, see *Removing a Billboard from an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project*.)
2. Using Windows Explorer, rename the billboard files so that they are in the appropriate numeric order.
3. Add the renamed files, as explained in *Adding an Image Billboard to an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project*.

Note that it is not necessary for the file name numbers to be contiguous; that is, you can add `bbrd1.jpg`, `bbrd3.jpg`, and `bbrd5.jpg` to your project, and each image is displayed at run time in order.

Displaying Billboards with Special Effects During an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Installation

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The `setDisplayEffect` function enables you to display your billboards with different special effects when they first appear on the main installation window. Choose one of this function’s options before you display a bitmap with `PlaceBitmap` or display billboards during file transfer.
Moving Billboards to a Different Screen Location for an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

**Note** • The Adobe Flash application file support that is described here is applicable if the billboard style that you are using is the billboard style with a full-screen background window (which uses the *PlayMMedia* function), not for the windowed style with progress (which uses the *STATUSBBRD* constant with the *Enable* function). For more information about these two styles of billboards, see *Billboard Styles and File Types for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects*.

By default, the installation displays billboards in the center of the main installation window. To specify a different location, call the *PlaceWindow* function with the BILLBOARD option. For example, to place your billboards 10 pixels from the upper-left corner of the screen, make the following call:

```
PlaceWindow (BILLBOARD, 10, 10, UPPER_LEFT);
```

Since billboards are displayed only during file transfer, ensure that you call *PlaceWindow* before you begin file transfer.

**See Also**

- PlaceWindow

Removing a Billboard from an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

**Task** • To remove a billboard from your installation project:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Support Files/Billboards**.
2. In the **Support Files** explorer, click the **Billboards** item that contains the billboard that you want to remove: either **Language Independent** or a language-specific item. The **Files** pane is displayed on the right.
Displaying a Background Window in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

By default, installations do not display a background window. If you want to use the PlayMMedia function to display an Adobe Flash application file (.swf) or AVI files, your installation must display a background window. You may also want to display a background window for one type of billboard.

Tip • You can display a Flash file billboard and image billboards without a background window. For more information, see Billboard Styles and File Types for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects.

The method for displaying a background window depends on which project type you are using.

InstallScript Projects

To display a background window in an InstallScript project, modify the script's OnShowUI event handler by removing the double slashes from the beginnings of the following lines of code:

```
//if ( LoadStringFromStringTable( "TITLE_MAIN", szTitle ) < ISERR_SUCCESS ) then // Load the title string.
//   szTitle = IFX_SETUP_TITLE;
//endif;
//setTitle( szTitle, 24, WHITE );
//enable( FULLWINDOWMODE );
//enable( BACKGROUND );
//setColor( BACKGROUND, RGB( 0, 128, 128 ) );
```

InstallScript MSI Projects

To display a background window in an InstallScript MSI project, modify the appropriate script's UI event handler (such as OnFirstUIBefore or OnMaintUIBefore) by removing the double slashes from the beginnings of the following lines of code:

```
// setTitle( @PRODUCT_NAME, 24, WHITE );
// setTitle( @PRODUCT_NAME, 0, BACKGROUNDCAPTION );
// enable( FULLWINDOWMODE );
// enable( BACKGROUND );
// setColor( BACKGROUND, RGB( 0, 128, 128 ) );
```

See Also

Enable
PlayMMedia
Script Editor in the InstallScript View
Populating List Boxes at Run Time

**Basic MSI Projects**

Populating a list box at run time requires you to create temporary records for the .msi database using SQL queries. For an example, see Knowledge Base article Q103295. For additional information, see InstallShield Developer Tip: Accessing the MSI Database at Run Time.

**InstallScript MSI Projects**

The `CtrlSetList` function associates a string list variable with a ListBox control on a dialog. For example:

```pascal
function FillListBox( )
    LIST listDays;
begin
    listDays = ListCreate(STRINGLIST);
    ListAddString(listDays, "Monday", AFTER);
    ListAddString(listDays, "Wednesday", AFTER);
    ListAddString(listDays, "Friday", AFTER);

    CtrlSetList("DialogName", nListBoxId, listDays);
end;
```

**See Also**

`CtrlSetList`

Displaying File Browse Dialogs

InstallShield 2020

For an example of calling the `GetOpenFileName` API to display a file browse dialog, see Knowledge Base article Q104325.

Displaying Network Browse Dialogs in InstallScript Installations

InstallShield 2020

You can use the `SelectDirEx` function to display a dialog with which the user can browse the Network Neighborhood.

```pascal
prototype NetBrowse( );

function NetBrowse( )
    STRING svSelectedDir[MAX_PATH + 1];
    NUMBER nReturn;
begin
    svSelectedDir = PROGRAMFILES;

    nReturn = SelectDirEx("", "Select a directory:", ",", ",", 
                       BIF_EDITBOX | BIF_RETURNONLYFSDIRS, svSelectedDir);

    if (nReturn = OK) then
```
MessageBox("Selected directory was: " + svSelectedDir, INFORMATION);
else if (nReturn = CANCEL) then
    MessageBox("User clicked Cancel", INFORMATION);
else
    MessageBox("Error displaying dialog", WARNING);
endif;
end;
Configuring Servers

InstallShield 2020

When you are creating an installation, you may find it necessary to provide server-side support for some technology that will be installed on a target system. InstallShield makes it easy to configure server-side installations or manage COM+ server applications and application proxies. InstallShield provides support for Internet Information Services, SQL, and component services.

Configuring SQL Support

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Note • For information about configuring SQL support in Suite/Advanced UI projects, refer to Adding a SQLLogin Predefined Wizard Page in a Suite/Advanced UI Project.

InstallShield provides SQL support for Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Windows Azure, MySQL, and Oracle. The SQL Scripts view provides a central location for managing and organizing all SQL scripts by server connections and settings within the user interface. SQL support within InstallShield enables you to do the following:
- Connect to SQL servers.
- Import catalog schema and/or data.
- Associate SQL scripts with features.
- Set required SQL server/script properties (server name, database name, authentication method, etc.).
- Set SQL script for execution during installation or uninstallation.
- Edit SQL scripts.
- Require and/or target specific versions of SQL Server, MySQL, or Oracle.
- Define SQL script text replacement.
- Open scripts in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio or Microsoft SQL Server Query Analyzer.

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database. Oracle users should refer to the Oracle Web page on Oracle Database Utilities for information on utilities that may work in conjunction with InstallShield.

If you have Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio or Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SQL Query Analyzer installed on your system, you can open a new SQL script that you have added to your project to test, edit, and syntax-check the script. To launch
one of those tools and open your script from within InstallShield, right-click the script file in the SQL Scripts view and then click Open Script in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. InstallShield searches your system for the following tools in order and launches the first one that it finds:

1. Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Studio (any edition, including Express; ssms.exe)
2. Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Management Studio (sqlwb.exe)
3. Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Management Studio Express (ssmsee.exe)
4. Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Query Analyzer (isqlw.exe)

See Also
SQL Scripts View

Using Windows Installer Properties for SQL Login Settings

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI

When you use the SQL Scripts view to add a new SQL database connection to your project, InstallShield adds the following Windows installer properties to the project by default.

Table 4-1 • Default SQL Login Properties

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<th>Property</th>
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| IS_SQLSERVER_AUTHENTICATION   | This property identifies the type of authentication that you want to use to connect to the specified catalog. The default property is IS_SQLSERVER_AUTHENTICATION. The following numbers are valid property values:  
  • 0—Windows authentication credential of the current user  
  • 1—Server authentication  
  This property is the default value for the Authentic Type Property Name setting on the Advanced tab for the selected SQL connection. |
| IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE         | This property identifies the name of the SQL catalog to which you want to create a connection during the installation. This property is the default value for the Target Catalog Property Name setting on the Advanced tab for the selected SQL connection. |
| IS_SQLSERVER_PASSWORD         | This property identifies the password that should be used for server authentication. This property is the default value for the Server Authentication Password Property Name setting on the Advanced tab for the selected SQL connection. |
If you want to override one of these Windows Installer property for an existing connection, add a new property in the Property Manager. Then, in the SQL Scripts view, select the connection. On the Advanced tab, select the name of the new property in the appropriate list.

If you want to store the values of any of these properties on the target system for later use by your product, you can do so. Following are examples of ways you can use these properties:

- In the Registry view, create a registry value whose data is [IS_SQLSERVER_SERVER]. At run time, when your installation creates the registry value, the data for that registry value is set to the name of the SQL catalog.

- Use the Text File Changes view to configure text string replacements that you want to occur at run time. In this view, add a text file reference that describes a file that is installed with your product, and then specify the search-and-replace criteria. For the search-and-replace criteria, you can enter [IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE] in place of the name of the SQL Server machine. At run time, when your installation edits the text file, the name of the SQL Server machine is written in the text file.

Tip • For a list of additional Windows Installer properties that you can define in your project to override default SQL run-time behavior, see Overriding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.

Project • In a Basic MSI installation, the built-in SQLLogin dialog lets end users configure the aforementioned properties. If you change any of the SQL properties on the Advanced tab of a SQL connection in a Basic MSI project, the corresponding properties are not automatically updated in the SQLLogin dialog in the Dialogs view. Therefore, you must manually change the properties in the dialog to match the properties that selected on the Advanced tab of the SQL connection.

See Also
- Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties
- SQL Scripts View
Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**

InstallShield lets you specify whether new SQL database connections that you add to your project should share the same Windows Installer properties by default.

For example, if you want connections to share the same default Windows Installer properties, you could add one connection to your project in the SQL Scripts view, and specify a catalog name of **MyConnection**. If you add a second connection to your project, InstallShield uses the same catalog name of **MyConnection** for that second connection. If you change the catalog name of either connection, InstallShield automatically updates the catalog name of the other connection, since both are based on the same Windows Installer property.

**Task** • **To specify whether SQL connections should share the same Windows Installer properties:**

1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Options**. The **Options** dialog box opens.
2. Click the **SQL Scripts** tab.
3. Select or clear the **Generate unique Windows Installer properties for new connections** check box:
   - To share Windows Installer properties between any new connections that you add, clear this check box.
   - To use different Windows Installer properties for any new connections that you add, select this check box.

If you select the check box and then add a second connection to your project, InstallShield creates a new set of Windows Installer properties for the second connection. If you clear the check box and then add a second connection, InstallShield uses the default Windows Installer properties for the second connection. The default Windows Installer properties are the ones that were added for the first connection that you added to your project.

**Tip** • If you want to override a Windows Installer property for an existing connection, add a new property in the Property Manager. Then, in the SQL Scripts view, select the connection. On the Advanced tab, select the name of the new property in the appropriate list.

**Project** • For Basic MSI projects, the built-in SQLLogin dialog is designed to work with the default Windows Installer properties for the first SQL connection that was added to the project. If you select the **Generate unique Windows Installer property for new connections** option, you need to duplicate the dialog for each connection to work with the new Windows Installer properties.
Using the SQL Run-Time Functions in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

InstallShield 2020

**Project** - This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The InstallScript language includes many built-in SQL run-time (SQLRT) functions that begin with a prefix of SQLRT. Some of the functions are available only in InstallScript projects, some are available only in InstallScript MSI projects, and some are available in both project types.

The SQLRT functions require that you configure SQL information through the SQL Scripts view; the configuration information is written to the SQLRT.ini file so that the SQL run-time functions work properly. For InstallScript projects, the SQLRT functions are in the SQLRT.obl file, and they call the SQLRT.dll file. For InstallScript MSI projects, the SQLRT functions are in the SQLCONV.obl file, and they call the ISSQLSRV.dll file. These support files are added automatically to your project when you use the SQL Scripts view.

The SQLRTInitialize2 function initializes the SQL server run time. In InstallScript projects, the SQLRTInitialize2 function is called automatically during the OnSQLServerInitialize event handler. In InstallScript MSI projects, the SQLRTInitialize2 function is called automatically during the OnSQLLogin event handler. If you need to call one of the SQLRT functions before the OnSQLServerInitialize or OnSQLLogin events, you must first call the SQLRTInitialize2 function.

**Note** - In earlier versions of InstallShield, the SQLRTInitialize function was used to initialize the SQL server run time in InstallScript projects. This function has been superseded by the SQLRTInitialize2 function.

See Also

SQL Functions
SQLRTInitialize2
OnSQLServerInitialize
OnSQLLogin

Adding a New SQL Connection

InstallShield 2020

**Project** - This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
In the SQL Scripts view, scripts are organized by connection, since no script can run on a server until a connection has been established. Therefore, before you can add any SQL scripts to your project, you must first create a SQL connection.

Task

To create a new SQL connection:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
2. Right-click the SQL Scripts explorer and click New SQL Connection.

InstallShield adds a new connection in the explorer. Use the tabs in the right pane to configure the settings that are associated with this connection.

Note • The SQLLogin and SQLBrowse dialogs let end users use alias names for connecting and browsing to SQL Server databases.

Microsoft has released a new OLE DB provider called Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server (MSOLEDBSQL). Going forward, the new provider will be updated with the most recent server features. This provider also supports TLS 1.2 only environments.

InstallShield 2019 R3 and later now uses MSOLEDBSQL as the default provider for all new SQL Server connections. This can be changed by choosing different SQL Driver from 'Choose a Driver for Database Server' drop down present in the Requirements tab.

Important • Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server (MSOLEDBSQL) is included as a prerequisite in InstallShield 2019 R3 and later.

For more information, see Choose SQL Driver for Database Server in Requirements Tab.

See Also
Requirements for Connecting to Instances of SQL Server Express LocalDB
Overriding the Default TCP/IP Network Library with a Different Protocol for a SQL Server Database
SQL Scripts View

Overriding the Default TCP/IP Network Library with a Different Protocol for a SQL Server Database

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
By default, InstallShield installations use the TCP/IP network library when connecting to a SQL Server database. You can override this default behavior as needed if you want to use a different protocol.

**Task**

**To override the default TCP/IP network library when connecting to a SQL Server database:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.

2. Right-click the **SQL Scripts** explorer and click **New SQL Connection**. InstallShield adds a new connection in the explorer. Use the tabs in the right pane to configure the settings that are associated with this connection.

3. In the View List under **Additional Tools**, click **Direct Editor**.

4. In the **Tables** explorer, click the **Property** table.

5. Find the IS_SQLSERVER_NETLIB_MS field. The default value is:

   `Network Library=DBMSSOCN`

   `DBMSSOCN` refers to the name of the module for the TCP/IP network library, without the file extension.

6. Replace the default DBMSSOCN name as required. For example:
   - To use the Named Pipes network library, specify `DBNMPPNTW`.
   - To use SPX/IPX, specify `DBMSSPXN`.
   - To use Banyan Vines, specify `DBMSVINN`.
   - To use Multi-Protocol (Windows RPC), specify `DBMSRPCN`.

   At run time, the installation uses the protocol that you specified when connecting to a SQL Server database.

*See Also*

- Direct Editor
- SQL Scripts View

**Requirements for Connecting to Instances of SQL Server Express LocalDB**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • **This information applies to the following project types:**

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**

If you want your installation to support connections to instances of SQL Server Express LocalDB, the target system must have the SQL Server Native Client 11 ODBC driver. To ensure that it is present on target systems, you can include the Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Native Client prerequisite in your installation. You also must configure your project to use the driver.
Task To include the appropriate SQL Server Native Client prerequisite in your project for connecting to instances of SQL Server Express LocalDB:

1. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables.
   For InstallScript projects: In the View List under Application Data, click Prerequisites.
2. In the list of redistributables, select the appropriate Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Native Client check box.

The InstallShield prerequisite is launched only if the conditions that are defined in the InstallShield prerequisite file (.prq) are met. To see the list of conditions, click the SQL Server Native Client prerequisite in the Redistributables view or the Prerequisites view, and then review the details that are listed in the details pane on the right. You can hide or show the details pane by clicking the Show Details button in these views.

Task To configure your InstallShield installation project so that your installation uses the SQL Server Native Client 11 ODBC driver:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. In the Tables explorer, click the ISSQLDBMetaData table.
3. In the ISSQLDBMetaData column, find the MSSQLServer row.
4. Replace the value of the AdoDriverName column with the following:

   sqlncli11

At run time, the installation uses the SQL Server Native Client 11 ODBC driver when connecting to a SQL Server Express LocalDB database.

See Also
   Direct Editor
   SQL Scripts View

Adding a New SQL Script

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
Task

To add a new SQL script once you have created a new SQL connection:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.

2. Right-click the new connection and click New Script.

When you add a new script to your project, InstallShield adds a new component for the script. You must associate the script with a feature. If one does not exist, the Create a New Feature dialog box opens when you add the SQL script, prompting you to create a new feature. You can change the script-feature association later by using the Select Features the SQL Script Belongs to area on the General tab in the SQL Scripts view for the SQL script.

Tip • You can also add scripts to your project by importing or inserting them. For more information, see Inserting and Importing SQL Scripts.

Note • If you have Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio or Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SQL Query Analyzer installed on your system, you can open a new SQL script that you have added to your project to test, edit, and syntax-check the script. To launch one of those tools and open your script from within InstallShield, right-click the script file in the SQL Scripts view and then click Open Script in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. InstallShield searches for one of the following tools and launches the first one that it finds:

- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Studio (any edition, including Express; ssms.exe)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Management Studio (SqlWb.exe)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Management Studio Express (ssmsee.exe)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Query Analyzer (isqlw.exe)

See Also
Database Import Wizard
SQL Scripts View

Inserting and Importing SQL Scripts

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield enables you to reuse SQL script files (.sql) in multiple projects. You can insert or import script files into a project through the SQL Scripts view:

- Inserting a script file creates a link to the script file in its current location.
• Importing a script file copies the script file to the folder containing the script files for your project. The script files that you import can be stored somewhere on your system, or they can be stored in a repository.

**Inserting SQL Script Files**

**Task**  
**To insert a SQL script file:**

1. In the View List under *Server Configuration*, click *SQL Scripts*.
2. In the *SQL Scripts* explorer, add a SQL connection if you have not already done so.
3. Right-click the SQL connection and then click *Insert Script Files*. The *Open* dialog box opens.
4. Select the SQL script file (.sql) that you want to insert.
5. Click *Open*.

**Importing SQL Script Files**

**Task**  
**To import a SQL script file:**

1. In the View List under *Server Configuration*, click *SQL Scripts*.
2. In the *SQL Scripts* explorer, add a SQL connection if you have not already done so.
3. Right-click the SQL connection and then click *Import Script Files*. The *Import SQL Script Files Dialog Box* opens.
4. Do one of the following:
   - In the *Repository Items* box, click the SQL script file (.sql) that you want to add to your project.
   - If the script file that you want to import is not stored in the repository, click the browse button to select it.
5. Click *OK*.

When you insert or import a new script to your project, InstallShield adds a new component for the script. You must associate the script with a feature. If one does not exist, the Create a New Feature dialog box opens when you add the SQL script, prompting you to create a new feature. You can change the script-feature association later by using the *Select Features the SQL Script Belongs to* area on the General tab in the SQL Scripts view for the SQL script.

**See Also**

Importing a SQL Server Database and Generating a SQL Script File  
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

**Importing a SQL Server Database and Generating a SQL Script File**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
Task

**To import an existing Microsoft SQL Server database and then generate a script file from it:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
2. Right-click the **SQL Scripts** explorer and then click **Database Import Wizard**. The **Database Import Wizard** opens.
3. Complete the panels in the **Database Import Wizard**.

The Database Import Wizard will guide you through the process of importing your database settings and generating a SQL script file based on those settings and other options that you determine.

**Note** • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database. The script generated by the Database Import Wizard is not compatible with other database types.

### Editing a SQL Script File

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**

Once you have created, inserted, or imported a script file, you can edit it from within InstallShield.

**Project** • In an InstallScript project, if you are working on a script that had overridden OnFirstUIBefore before upgrading to InstallShield and it is not calling OnSQLServerInitialize, you should add that code to your script file.

Task

**To edit a script file in InstallShield:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
2. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, click the script file that you want to edit.
3. Click the **Script** tab, which displays the contents of your script file.
4. Edit the file as needed.

If you want to re-create your script each time that you build your project, you can select the Regenerate SQL Script at Build check box on the Database Import tab for the script in the SQL Scripts view. A backup of any existing script file is always saved first.
Note • If you have Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio or Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SQL Query Analyzer installed on your system, you can open a new SQL script that you have added to your project to test, edit, and syntax-check the script. To launch one of those tools and open your script from within InstallShield, right-click the script file in the SQL Scripts view and then click Open Script in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. InstallShield searches for one of the following tools and launches the first one that it finds:

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See Also
- Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views
- SQL Scripts View

Specifying a Version Number for a SQL Script File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

You can assign a schema version number to a SQL script file after you have created or imported a script file in the SQL Scripts view. Specifying schema version information helps you to trigger the launching of the SQL script only when it is appropriate.

Task To specify the schema version for your SQL script file:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
2. In the SQL Scripts explorer, click the SQL script that you want to configure.
3. Click the General tab.
4. In the Schema Version (xxxxx.xxxxx.xxxxx.xxxxx) box, type the schema version number for your SQL script

The installation checks the current schema version that is on the target database. The schema version is stored in the ISSchema column of the custom table named InstallShield. When you specify a schema version for a SQL script, the installation runs the script only if the script schema version number is greater than the current schema version number. Once the script is executed, the installation updates the current schema version on the target database to reflect the new schema version number.

If you do not specify a schema version number for a SQL script, the script is always launched.
For example, your installation may create a new connection to a database called **TestDB** and then create a script that is called **TestScript** and that has a schema version number of **12345.54321.12345.54321**. The installation creates the custom InstallShield table in the **TestDB** database and stores the schema version in the **ISSchema** column of that table. If another installation is run on that system, and this installation also has a SQL script called **TestScript**, the SQL script is executed only if the schema version number of this other script is greater than the version number that is stored in the **ISSchema** column in the InstallShield table of the target database. If the script is executed, the installation updates the **ISSchema** column with the new schema version number.

**Tip** • When you specify a number for the Schema Version setting and InstallShield adds the custom InstallShield table for storing the schema version number on the target database, the data is not automatically removed upon uninstallation. Therefore, if you want the installation to be able to roll back the changes, you need to create a custom script upon uninstallation to drop the InstallShield table.

### Specifying the Order for Running Multiple SQL Scripts That Are Associated with a Connection

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

If you add more than one SQL script to a SQL connection in your project, you can specify the order in which the installation runs those SQL scripts on the target machine. The procedure for specifying the order differs for Windows Installer–based and InstallScript-based projects.

#### Specifying the SQL Script Order in Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI Projects

The order in which a connection’s SQL scripts are listed in the SQL Scripts view of a Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI project is the order in which the installations run the SQL scripts. For example, if you create a connection in the SQL Scripts view and add two SQL scripts to that connection, the script that is listed first under the SQL connection is the one that the installation runs first.

**Task** • To change the order in which a connection’s SQL scripts are run:

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.

2. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, right-click the SQL script that you want to move and click **Move Up** or **Move Down**.

The next time that you build and run the installation, the order is updated.
Specifying the SQL Script Order in InstallScript Projects

By default for InstallScript installations, batch mode for SQL scripts is disabled; therefore, the order in which a connection’s SQL scripts are run corresponds with the order in which the installation processes the associated components.

If you want to be able to override this default behavior and specify a particular order for running the SQL scripts, you can do so by enabling the batch mode in the SQL Scripts view.

Task  To enable or disable batch mode:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
2. Right-click the SQL Scripts explorer and click Batch Mode.

Batch mode is enabled if the Batch Mode command has a check mark; it is disabled if the command does not have a check mark.

The SQLRTGetBatchList function returns the list of components that are associated with SQL scripts that need to be run when batch mode is enabled. For more information, see SQLRTGetBatchList.

Overriding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior

InstallShield 2020

Project  • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI

You can define the following Windows Installer properties to override default run-time behavior:

Table 4-2  • Windows Installer Properties for SQL

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<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_CONNECTIONS_TO_VALIDATE</td>
<td>Overrides the connections that will be tested when clicking the Next button on the SQLLogin dialog. Specify multiple connections by separating each with a semicolon. By default, all the connections in the ISSQLConnection table will be validated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_CXNS_ABSENT_FROM_INSTALL</td>
<td>Specifies one or more SQL connections that should be skipped during installation or uninstallation. To specify more than one SQL connection, separate each with a semicolon (;). To skip all of the SQL connections, set the value of this property to ALL. Using this property is helpful if you cannot uninstall a product because of a SQL scripting error.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Project • For Basic MSI projects, all connections are linked to the SQLLogin dialog. To display multiple SQLLogin dialogs, you can copy the SQL dialogs from the Dialogs view and modify their behavior and events similar to the default SQL dialogs. Remember to create new properties, and set them in the connection’s Advanced tab of the SQL Scripts view. You can use those new properties when you modify the copies of the SQL dialogs that you made.

Table 4-2 • Windows Installer Properties for SQL (cont.)

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<td>IS_SQLSERVER_DO_NOT_USE_REG</td>
<td>Specifies not to use the stored SQL Server login information written in the registry. Since the SQLLogin dialog is not displayed in maintenance and uninstall modes, the installation stores the login information that is specified during installation. If you do not want this behavior, set the IS_SQLSERVER_DO_NOT_USE_REG property.</td>
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<td>IS_SQLSERVER_LOCAL_ONLY</td>
<td>Specifies to show only the local SQL Server in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls.</td>
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<td>Note • To show only the local SQL Server and either remote SQL Servers or SQL Server aliases, you can set the IS_SQLSERVER_LOCAL_ONLY property, as well as either the IS_SQLSERVER_REMOTE_ONLY property or the IS_SQLSERVER_ALIAS_ONLY property.</td>
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<td>Specifies to show only the remote SQL Servers in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls.</td>
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<td>IS_SQLSERVER_ALIAS_ONLY</td>
<td>Specify to show only the SQL Server aliases in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls.</td>
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See Also
Using Windows Installer Properties for SQL Login Settings
Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties
SQL Scripts View

Handling SQL Run-Time Errors

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Task
To set SQL script error-handling properties in the interface:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
2. In the SQL Scripts explorer, click the SQL script file for which you want to add error handling.
3. Click the Runtime tab.
4. In the Script Error Handling area, select one of the options listed, or click the Custom button to override the script’s default error handling. Available options are:
   - On Error, Goto Next Script
   - On Error, Goto Next Statement
   - On Error, Abort Installation

See Also
SQL Scripts View

Setting Up a Database Server Type Condition for SQL Scripts

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
InstallShield enables you to create a single connection that targets both Microsoft SQL Server and MySQL and that has multiple SQL scripts specific to each database server technology. However, a connection is created based on whichever database type is detected first. Therefore, scripts are run only for the detected database type, and the scripts that are specific to the non-detected database server type fail. For example, if the run time detects a Microsoft SQL Server, then the scripts associated with Microsoft SQL Server run, and the scripts that are specific to MySQL fail.

As a workaround to this behavior, it is recommended that you set a condition in your SQL script so that a SQL scripting error occurs when the installation is running a non-detected database server type script. Then you can set up custom error handling for the scripting error and skip to the next script for the connection. The following instructions discuss how you can set this database server type condition for scripts.

### Task
**To set up a database server type condition for a script that targets Microsoft SQL Server:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
2. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, click the script file for which you are creating the condition.
3. Click the **Script** tab.
4. Add the following statement at the beginning of the script:
   ```sql
   SELECT @@ROWCOUNT
   ```
5. Click the **Runtime** tab.
6. In the **Script Error Handling** area, click the **Custom** button. The **Custom Error Handling** dialog box opens.
7. Click the **Click here to add a new item** row.
8. In the **Error Number** column, type **1193**. This is the error number that MySQL returns when it does not have the specified system variable that you added at the beginning of the script.
9. In the **Behavior** column, click **On Error, Goto Next Script**.
10. In the **Project Wide** column, click **No**.
11. Click **OK**.

### Task
**To set up a database server type condition for a script that targets MySQL:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
2. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, click the script file for which you are creating the condition.
3. Click the **Script** tab.
4. Add the following statement at the beginning of the script:
   ```sql
   SELECT @@table_cache
   ```
5. Click the **Runtime** tab.
6. In the **Script Error Handling** area, click the **Custom** button. The **Custom Error Handling** dialog box opens.
7. Click the **Click here to add a new item** row.
8. In the **Error Number** column, type **137**. This is the error number that Microsoft SQL Server returns when it does not have the specified system variable that you added at the beginning of the script.

9. In the **Behavior** column, click **On Error, Goto Next Script**.

10. In the **Project Wide** column, click **No**.

11. Click **OK**.

### Conditionally Launching a SQL Script in a Windows Installer-Based Installation

**InstallShield 2020**

- **Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - DIM
  - InstallScript MSI

You may want your installation to launch a SQL script only if certain conditions are met on the target system. For example, your SQL script may require that the end user have administrator rights. If an end user does not have administrator rights, the SQL script is not launched.

**Task** • To create a SQL script condition:

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
2. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, click the script file for which you are creating the condition.
3. Click the **Runtime** tab.
4. In the **Script Condition** area, select the **Specify a Conditional Statement** check box.
5. Click the ellipsis button (...). The **Condition Builder** dialog box opens.
6. Create one or more conditions.

The SQL scripts are tied to component states. The condition that is set in the SQL Scripts view is the condition for the SQL script’s component. If the component conditions are met on the target system, the installation installs the SQL script. If the installation installs a SQL script that you did not expect to be installed on a target system, generating a log file for your installation may help you determine why the SQL script was installed.

**Tip** • For information on conditions and on condition syntax, see **Building Conditional Statements** and **Conditional Statement Syntax**.

**See Also**

Condition Builder Dialog Box
Conditionally Launching a SQL Script in an InstallScript Installation

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

You may want your installation to launch a SQL script only if certain conditions are met on the target system.

InstallShield generates a set of default global event handlers, each of which is a function scripted in the InstallScript language. The following SQL-related events are automatically called by the InstallShield framework:

• OnSQLServerInitialize
• OnSQLComponentInstalled

OnSQLServerInitialize is called by OnFirstUIBefore, and OnSQLComponentInstalled is called during file transfer, for each component installed.

Note • If you are working on a script that had overridden OnFirstUIBefore before upgrading to InstallShield and it is not calling OnSQLServerInitialize, you should add that code to your script file.

In your script, you can modify OnSQLServerInitialize and OnSQLComponentInstalled to perform checks for different things. For example, you can check for a user with administrator rights in the sample code below.

function OnSQLComponentInstalled(szComponent)
string sMessage;
string sData;
number nResult;
begin

    if( Is( USER_ADMINISTRATOR, sData ) ) then

        nResult = SQLRTComponentInstall( szComponent );

        if( nResult = SQL_ERROR_ABORT ) then

            sMessage = SdLoadString( IDS_IFX_SQL_ERROR_RUN_FAILED );
            MessageBox( sMessage, MB_OK );
            abort;

        endif;
    else
        //User does not have administrator rights, so we do not run scripts
        endif;
end;

Note • You can configure the behavior for script failure in the InstallShield interface when you click a SQL script in the SQL Scripts explorer, and then go to the Runtime tab. The Script Error Handling section lets you select one of the following options:

• On Error, Go to Next Script
• On Error, Go to Next Statement
• On Error, Abort Installation
Requiring that SQL Scripts Be Run Only Against a Full SQL Server

Task

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
2. In the SQL Scripts explorer, click the SQL connection that you want to configure.
3. On the Requirements tab, clear the Allow Installation to Microsoft SQL Server Desktop Engine/SQL Server Express check box.

Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Replace Strings in SQL Scripts

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

For Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects, you can specify a replacement for text in a SQL script at run time through the use of Windows Installer properties. This enables you to let end users specify information that is then used in the SQL script that is launched on the target system. Windows Installer uses MsiFormatRecord to resolve the properties in the SQL script at run time.
**Example**

The following procedure demonstrates how to create a database at run time using a custom SQL script that contains information that end users enter on the built-in SQL login dialog: the SQLLogin dialog in a Basic MSI installation or the SQLServerSelectLogin2 dialog in an InstallScript MSI installation. Windows Installer properties are used for the database name and its target location.

**Task**

To create a database using a SQL script that contains information that end users specify at run time:

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
2. Right-click the **SQL Scripts** explorer and click **New SQL Connection**. InstallShield adds a new SQL connection.
3. Click the SQL connection, and then click the **General** tab.
4. Clear the **Create Catalog If Absent** check box.
5. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, right-click the new connection and click **New Script**. InstallShield adds a new SQL script to the SQL connection.
6. Click the SQL script, and then click the **Script** tab.
7. In the script pane, enter the following:

```sql
if not exists(select name from master.dbo.sysdatabases where name = '%DBNAME%')
begin
CREATE DATABASE %DBNAME%
ON
( NAME = %DBNAME%_dat,
  FILENAME = '%DBPATH%%DBNAME%dat.mdf',
  SIZE = 10,
  MAXSIZE = 50,
  FILEGROWTH = 5 )
LOG ON
( NAME = %DBNAME%_log,
  FILENAME = '%DBPATH%%DBNAME%log.ldf',
  SIZE = 5MB,
  MAXSIZE = 25MB,
  FILEGROWTH = 5MB )
end
GO
```
8. Configure two text replacements for the SQL script:
   a. Click the **Text Replacement** tab, and then click the **Add** button. The **Find and Replace** dialog box opens.
   b. In the **Find What** box, type the following:

```
%DBNAME%
```
   c. In the **Replace What** box, type the following:

```
[IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE]
```
   d. Click **OK**. The **Find and Replace** dialog box closes.
   e. Click the **Add** button. The **Find and Replace** dialog box opens.
   f. In the **Find What** box, type the following:
Using InstallScript Text Substitution to Dynamically Replace Strings in SQL Scripts

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

For InstallScript projects, you can specify a replacement for text in a SQL script at run time through the use of text substitution string variables. This enables you to let end users specify information that is then used in the SQL script that is launched on the target system. The InstallScript run-time code uses the TextSubSubstitute function to replace the string variable with the appropriate value in the SQL script.

Example

The following procedure demonstrates how to create a database at run time using a custom SQL script that contains information that end users enter on the SQLServerSelectLogin2 dialog. InstallScript text substitution is used for the database name and its target location.

Task To create a database using a SQL script that contains information that end users specify at run time:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
2. Right-click the SQL Scripts explorer and click New SQL Connection. InstallShield adds a new SQL connection.
3. Click the SQL connection, and then click the General tab.
4. Clear the Create Catalog If Absent check box.
5. In the SQL Scripts explorer, right-click the new connection and click New Script. InstallShield adds a new SQL script to the SQL connection.
6. Click the SQL script, and then click the Script tab.

7. In the script pane, enter the following:

```sql
if not exists(select name from master.dbo.sysdatabases where name = '%DBNAME%')
begin
CREATE DATABASE %DBNAME%
ON
( NAME = %DBNAME%_dat,
  FILENAME = '%DBPATH%\%DBNAME%dat.mdf',
  SIZE = 10,
  MAXSIZE = 50,
  FILEGROWTH = 5 )
LOG ON
( NAME = %DBNAME%_log,
  FILENAME = '%DBPATH%\%DBNAME%log.ldf',
  SIZE = 5MB,
  MAXSIZE = 25MB,
  FILEGROWTH = 5MB )
end
GO
```

8. Configure two text replacements for the SQL script:

   a. Click the Text Replacement tab, and then click the Add button. The Find and Replace dialog box opens.

   b. In the Find What box, type the following:

   ```sql
   %DBNAME%
   ```

   c. In the Replace What box, type the following:

   ```sql
   <MYDATABASENAME>
   ```

   d. Click OK. The Find and Replace dialog box closes.

   e. Click the Add button. The Find and Replace dialog box opens.

   f. In the Find What box, type the following:

   ```sql
   %DBPATH%
   ```

   g. In the Replace What box, type the following:

   ```sql
   <TARGETDIR>
   ```

   h. Click OK. The Find and Replace dialog box closes.

9. Click the Runtime tab.

10. Clear the Run Script During Install check box and select the Run Script During Login check box.

11. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.

12. Find the dialog code in the OnSQLServerInitialize event for the dialog that should contain the Database Name control, and add a call to the InstallScript function `TextSubSetValue`. For example, if you want the user name to be the name that the end user specifies on the SQLServerSelectLogin2 dialog, you would add a `TextSubSetValue` call as shown in the following lines of code:

   ```csharp
   // Display login dialog (without connection name)
   // UNCOMMENT OUT TO SWAP DIALOGS
   ```
// nResult = SQLServerSelectLogin2( szConnection, szServer, szUser, szPassword, bWinLogin, szDB, FALSE, TRUE );

// Display login dialog (with connection name)
// COMMENT OUT TO SWAP DIALOGS
nResult = SQLServerSelectLogin2( szConnection, szServer, szUser, szPassword, bWinLogin, szDB, TRUE, TRUE );
TextSubSetValue ("<MYDATABASENAME>", szDB, FALSE);


See Also
Text Substitutions
Working with Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects
Dialog Functions
Dialog Customization Functions

Requiring a SQL Server-Side Installation for a Windows Installer-Based Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI

One way to configure your installation so that it runs only on SQL Server machines is to perform a system search for registry information, store the result in a property, and then use the property in a condition that you set. The following step-by-step instructions show how to do this.

Task To configure a Windows Installer-based installation to run only on SQL Server machines:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click System Search.
2. Right-click the grid and click Add. The System Search Wizard opens.
3. In the What do you want to find panel, click Registry entry and click Next.
4. In the How do you want to look for it panel, do the following:
   a. In the Registry Root list, click HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE.
   b. In the Registry Key box, type the following text:
      Software\Microsoft\Microsoft SQL Server
   c. In the Registry Value box, type the following text:
      InstalledInstances
   d. Click Next.
5. In the **What do you want to do with the value** panel, do the following:
   a. In the **Store the value in this property** box, type the following:
      
      `SQLSERVERFOUND`
      
   b. In the **Additional Options** area, select the **Store the value in the property and use the property in an Install Condition** option.
   c. Click **Finish**. The **Condition Builder** opens.

6. Verify the condition, and type a message that you want end users to see if the registry entry is not found on the system.
   For example, you can type the following message:
   
   `Microsoft SQL Server was not found on this machine. This installation was designed to run only on the server machine.`

7. Click **OK**.
   InstallShield adds an entry to the System Search grid.

**See Also**

- Requiring a Server-Side Installation for an InstallScript Project
- SQL Scripts View

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**Requiring a Server-Side Installation for an InstallScript Project**

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**Project** • *This information applies to InstallScript projects.*

One way to enforce a server-side installation in an InstallScript project is to set up your installation project so that it searches for a specific registry key and value and only installs the installation project if the value is found. See the sample code below for an example of how you can do this in your InstallScript project.

```script
function OnBegin()
    string sKey, sValue, sData;
    string sMsg;
    number nType, nSize, nResult;
    begin
        RegDBSetDefaultRoot( HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE );
        sKey = "Software\Microsoft\Microsoft SQL Server";
        sValue = "InstalledInstances";
        nResult = RegDBGetKeyValueEx( sKey, sValue, nType, sData, nSize );
        if( nResult < 0 ) then
            //SQL Server registry key is missing
            sMsg = "Microsoft SQL Server was not found on this machine.\n            " + "This installation was designed to run only on the server machine."
            MessageBox( sMsg, SEVERE );
            abort;
        endif;
```
end;

See Also
Requiring a SQL Server-Side Installation for a Windows Installer-Based Project
SQL Scripts View

Publishing SQL Script Files to a Repository

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

If you have an existing SQL script file that you would like to reuse in other projects or share with other users, you can publish it to a repository.

Task
To publish a SQL script file to a repository:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
2. In the SQL Scripts explorer, right-click the script file that you would like to publish, and then click Publish Wizard. The Publish Wizard opens.
3. Complete the panels in the Publish Wizard.

After you have imported a script file from a repository into a project, there is no link between the current script file and the existing repository script file. If you make a change to the script file and then republish it to the repository, it does not affect the script file in the project to which it was imported. However, you can reimport the script file from the repository into your project.

See Also
Inserting and Importing SQL Scripts
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

Installing the MySQL ODBC Driver

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
If you want to install and launch the MySQL ODBC driver before your installation is run, you can include the InstallShield prerequisite for MySQL Connector 3.51 in your project.

**Task**

**To install and launch the MySQL ODBC driver before your installation is run:**

1. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Redistributables**.
   For InstallScript projects: In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Prerequisites**.
2. In the list of redistributables, select the **MySQL Connector ODBC 3.51** check box.

**Tip** • The MySQL Connector ODBC 3.51 prerequisite is available only if you have downloaded the installer and added the InstallShield prerequisite to your system. For detailed instructions, see **Including the MySQL Connector ODBC Prerequisite**.

**See Also**

- Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects

### Deleting a SQL Server Database During Uninstallation

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

**Note** • You cannot delete a database to which you are currently connected.

If you need to remove a SQL database during uninstallation, you can do so through your SQL script. The following procedure demonstrates how to configure your project and SQL script to delete a Microsoft SQL Server database.

**Task**

**To remove a Microsoft SQL Server database during uninstallation:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
2. Add a SQL connection.
3. On the **General** tab, in the **Catalog Name** box, type **Master**.

   *Master* is the name of the system database that exists on all Microsoft SQL Server systems; since you cannot delete a database to which you are currently connected, you can connect to the Master database and then delete a different database to which you are not connected.
4. Enter the authentication information for the server.

5. Add a new SQL script file.

6. Add the following to the SQL script file:

   DROP DATABASE DatabaseName  
   GO

   DatabaseName is the name of the database that you want to delete.

   **Tip** • As an alternative to the aforementioned procedure, you can perform the same operation completely in SQL script. To do so, enter the following code in your SQL script:

   USE Master
   DROP DATABASE DatabaseName  
   GO

   DatabaseName is the name of the database that you want to delete.

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**Connecting to a Microsoft Windows Azure Database Server and Running SQL Scripts**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

**Target** for Connecting to a Microsoft Windows Azure SQL Database Server

Connecting to a Microsoft Windows Azure SQL database server requires the SQL Server Native Client 10.0 ODBC driver on target system that are running the installation. To ensure that this driver is available on target systems, you can include the InstallShield prerequisite for Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client 10.00.2531 in your project.

**Task** • To include the Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client 10.00.2531 prerequisite in your project:

1. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables.
   For InstallScript projects: In the View List under Application Data, click Prerequisites.

2. In the list of redistributables, select the appropriate Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client 10.00.2531 check box or check boxes, depending on whether the architecture of target systems is 32 bit or 64 bit.

   The InstallShield prerequisite is launched only if the conditions that are defined in the InstallShield prerequisite file (.prq) are met. To see the list of conditions, click the SQL Server Native Client prerequisite in the Redistributables view or the Prerequisites view, and then review the details that are listed in the details pane on the right. You can hide or show the details pane by clicking the Show Details button in these views.
Specifying the User Name for the Windows Azure SQL Database Connection at Run-Time

If you use the SQLLogin dialog in your installation and your installation is targeting a Windows Azure SQL database, end users should use the following format to enter a string in the Login ID box on the SQLLogin dialog:

`DatabaseUserName@ServerName`

Following is an example:

`MyUserName@wbzd64drd`

See Also

- Adding a New SQL Connection

Connecting to an Instance of Oracle and Running SQL Scripts

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Note • If you want your installation to download the Oracle 11g Instant Client whenever it needs to be installed on a target system, check with Oracle to ensure that it is allowed. If it is allowed, you must host the download on your own Web site and add its download path to the InstallShield prerequisite. Revenera does not make this installation available for download.

Connecting to an instance of Oracle requires the following elements on the end-user machine that is running the installation:

- Microsoft ODBC for Oracle
- 32-bit version of the Oracle Instant Client software (even on 64-bit target systems)

The latest Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) include support for the Microsoft ODBC for Oracle drivers. However, the Microsoft ODBC for Oracle driver requires Oracle Instant Client software to communicate with Oracle database servers. Therefore, you may want to include the Oracle 11g Instant Client prerequisite to help configure the Oracle Instant Client on target machines upon installation. Oracle does not provide an installation for the files; you can do so easily by using the Oracle Instant Client installation project that is available in the InstallShield Program Files folder. For instructions, see Downloading the Oracle Instant Client and Creating an .msi Package for It.

Note that if your SQL script contains Unicode characters, you may want to use the Oracle ODBC Instant Client, since it has support for running SQL scripts that contain Unicode characters, but Microsoft ODBC for Oracle does not. You may want to include an ODBC Instant Client installation with the Oracle 11g Instant Client prerequisite to help configure the Oracle Instant Client on target machines, and to also set up the ODBC Instant Client. For more information, see Downloading the Oracle Basic Instant Client and the Oracle ODBC Instant Client and Creating an .msi Package and InstallShield Prerequisite for Both. If you plan on using the ODBC Instant Client instead of Microsoft ODBC for Oracle, ensure that you configure your project accordingly. For more information, see Running SQL Scripts with Unicode Characters on an Oracle Database Server.
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Configuring Servers

Downloading the Oracle Instant Client and Creating an .msi Package for It

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Before you can add Oracle 11g Instant Client support to your Basic MSI, InstallScript, or InstallScript MSI project, you must download the Oracle Instant Client from Oracle’s Web site. Oracle does not provide an installation for the files, so you also need to create an .msi package; you can do so easily by using the Oracle Instant Client installation project that is available in the InstallShield Program Files folder.

Once you have created the .msi package, you can add it to the appropriate folder on your machine, and then add the InstallShield prerequisite that uses this Oracle Instant Client .msi package.

Note • Note that if your SQL script contains Unicode characters, you may want to use the Oracle ODBC Instant Client, since it has support for running SQL scripts that contain Unicode characters, but Microsoft ODBC for Oracle does not. You may want to include an ODBC Instant Client installation with the Oracle 11g Instant Client prerequisite to help configure the Oracle Instant Client on target machines, and to also set up the ODBC Instant Client. For more information, see Downloading the Oracle Basic Instant Client and the Oracle ODBC Instant Client and Creating an .msi Package and InstallShield Prerequisite for Both.

Task • To download the Oracle Instant Client and create an .msi package:


Important • The Oracle support in InstallShield requires that the target system have the 32-bit version of the Oracle Instant Client, regardless of whether the target system is a 32-bit or 64-bit system.

2. Unzip the files to the root of your C drive. Unzipping the files adds all of the files to the following location:
C:\instantclient_11_1

3. Open the Oracle Instant Client installation project in InstallShield. The path for the project is as follows:
InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\Oracle Instant Client\instantclient-win32-11_1.ism
Revenera created this project for the 11.1.0.7 version of the Oracle Instant Client; however, you can use this same project for more-recent versions of the Oracle 11g Instant Client, such as 11.2.0.1, for example.

4. The name that is displayed at run time during the Oracle 11g Instant Client installation is Oracle11g Instant Client 11.1.0.7; this name is also used for the .msi file. If you want to change this name to something else to reflect a different version number, such as 11.2.0.1 or 11.2.0.x, you can do so:
   a. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
In the **Product Name** setting, edit the existing text as needed.

5. If you are using a version that was released after 11.1.0.7 and it requires any dependencies, add the files or merge modules to the project.

6. On the toolbar, click the **Build** button.

InstallShield builds an Oracle 11g Instant Client .msi file and adds it to the following directory so that you can include the Oracle 11g Instant Client in your InstallShield projects:

```
InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites\oracle
```

**Tip** • If you are using a version that was released after 11.1.0.7, open the Oracle 11g Instant Client 11.1.0.7 prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. Rename the prerequisite to reflect the appropriate version number. In addition, update the conditions to reflect the appropriate version number.

For instructions on how to add the Oracle 11g Instant Client to installations, see [Installing the Oracle 11g Instant Client](#).

**See Also**

- [Modifying an Existing InstallShield Prerequisite](#)
- [Setting Installation Conditions for an InstallShield Prerequisite](#)

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### Downloading the Oracle Basic Instant Client and the Oracle ODBC Instant Client and Creating an .msi Package and InstallShield Prerequisite for Both

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Before you can add support for the Oracle 11g Instant Client and the Oracle ODBC Instant Client to your Basic MSI, InstallScript, or InstallScript MSI project, you must download the Oracle Basic Instant Client and the Oracle ODBC Instant Client from Oracle’s Web site. Oracle does not provide an installation for the files, so you also need to create an .msi package; you can do so easily by using the Oracle Instant Client installation project that is available in the InstallShield Program Files folder.

Once you have created the .msi package, you can add it to the appropriate folder on your machine, and then add the InstallShield prerequisite that uses this Oracle .msi package.

**Task** • To **download the Basic Instant Client and the ODBC Instant Client and create an .msi package:**

1. Visit [http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/features/instant-client/index-097480.html](http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/features/instant-client/index-097480.html) and download the 11.1.0.x version of the Oracle Instant Client (the Basic package for 32-bit Windows platforms), as well as the 11.1.0.x
version of the Instant Client Package for ODBC. The download files are called instantclient-basic-win32-11.1.0.7.0.zip and instantclient-odbc-win32-11.1.0.7.0.zip.

**Important** • The Oracle support in InstallShield requires that the target system have the 32-bit version of the Basic Instant Client and of the ODBC Instant Client, regardless of whether the target system is a 32-bit or 64-bit system.

2. Unzip the files to the root of your C drive. Unzipping the files adds all of the files to the following location:
   
   C:\instantclient_11_1
   
   Ensure that the files are not unzipped to C:\instantclient11_1\instantclient11_1.

3. Make a copy of the Oracle Instant Client installation project. The path for the project is as follows:
   
   InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\Oracle Instant Client\instantclient-win32-11_1.ism
   
   Name the copy instantclient-win32-odbc11_1.ism, and put it in the same directory as the original .ism file. The path for this new file is:
   
   InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\Oracle Instant Client\instantclient-win32-odbc11_1.ism
   
   Revenera created the instantclient-win32-11_1.ism project for the 11.1.0.7 version of the Oracle Instant Client; however, you can use this same project for more-recent versions of the Oracle 11g Instant Client and ODBC Instant Client, such as 11.2.0.1, for example.

4. Open the new project that you created in InstallShield.

5. Update the product code, the upgrade code, and the product name:
   
   a. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
   
   b. In the Product Code setting, click the Generate a new GUID button (\{}\{}).
   
   c. In the Upgrade Code setting, click the Generate a new GUID button (\{}\{}).
   
   d. In the Product Name setting, change the existing text as needed.
      
      Oracle11g Instant Client - ODBC 11.1.0.7
      
      The name that you enter is displayed at run time during the Oracle installation. If you want to change this name to something else to reflect a different version number, such as 11.2.0.1 or 11.2.0.x, you can do so.

6. If you are using a version that was released after 11.1.0.7 and it requires any dependencies, add the files or merge modules to the project.

7. Add a custom action that launches the ODBC Instant Client installation:
   
   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
   
   b. In the center pane, right-click the Custom Actions explorer, point to New EXE, and click Path referencing a directory. InstallShield adds a new custom action.
   
   c. Configure the custom action’s settings in the right pane as follows:
      
      • Working Directory: INSTALLDIR
      
      • Filename & Command Line: \|INSTALLDIR|odbc_install.exe
      
      • In-Script Execution: Deferred Execution in System Context
8. Add a custom action that uninstalls the ODBC Instant Client when end users uninstall the Instant Client:
   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.
   b. In the center pane, right-click the Custom Actions explorer, point to New EXE, and click Path referencing a directory. InstallShield adds a new custom action.
   c. Configure the custom action’s settings in the right pane as follows:
      - Working Directory: INSTALLDIR
      - Filename & Command Line: [INSTALLDIR]odbc_uninstall.exe
      - In-Script Execution: Deferred Execution in System Context
      - Install Exec Sequence: After RemoveODBC
      - Install Exec Condition: REMOVE="ALL"

9. Specify a name for the .msi package file:
   a. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
   b. In the center pane, in the Releases explorer, click the product configuration called Product Configuration 1.
   c. In the MSI Package File Name setting, enter the following name:
      
      Oracle11g Instant Client - ODBC 11.1

      InstallShield will use the name that you enter for the .msi package that it creates for the Basic Instant Client and ODBC Instant Client. This is the file that will be launched by the InstallShield prerequisite that you create.

10. On the toolbar, click the Build button.

    InstallShield builds an Oracle .msi file and adds it to the following directory so that you can include the Oracle11g Instant Client - ODBC 11.1.msi file in your InstallShield projects:

        InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites\oracle

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**Task**  
To create an InstallShield prerequisite that launches the .msi package that you created in the aforementioned procedure:

1. Make a copy of the existing InstallShield prerequisite (.prq) for the Oracle11g Instant Client. The path for the prerequisite is as follows:
   
   InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites\Oracle11g Instant Client 11.1.0.7.prq

   Name the copy Oracle11g Instant Client - ODBC 11.1.0.7.prq, and put it in the same directory as the original .prq file. The path for this new file is:

   InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites\Oracle11g Instant Client - ODBC 11.1.0.7.prq

2. On the Tools menu, click Prerequisite Editor. The InstallShield Prerequisite Editor opens.

3. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.

4. Browse to the new Oracle11g Instant Client - ODBC 11.1.0.7.prq file, and then click the Open button.
5. On the **Properties** tab, in the **Unique identifier for InstallShield prerequisite** setting, enter:

   **Oracle11g Instant Client - ODBC 11.1.0.7**

   If you are using a different version, update the identifier accordingly.

6. Configure the conditions for the InstallShield prerequisite:
   a. Click the **Conditions** tab.
   b. Click each existing condition and then click the **Remove** button.
   c. Click the **Add** button. The **Prerequisite Condition** dialog box opens.
   d. Select the **A registry key does or does not exist** option.
   e. In the **Specify the registry key name to check** setting, enter:

      **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ODBC\ODBCINST.INI\Oracle in instantclient11_1**

      If you are using a different version, configure the condition accordingly.
   f. Select the **32-bit** option.
   g. Select the **If the specified registry key DOES NOT EXIST** option, and then click **OK**.

7. Specify the appropriate .msi file to include in your InstallShield prerequisite:
   a. Click the **Files to Include** tab.
   b. Select the existing **Oracle11g Instant Client 11.1.msi** file, and then click the **Modify** button. The **New File** dialog box opens.
   c. Select the **Oracle11g Instant Client - ODBC 11.1.msi** file that you built in the aforementioned procedure, and then click **OK**.

8. Specify the file that the InstallShield prerequisite should launch:
   a. Click the **Application to Run** tab.
   b. In the **Specify the application you wish to launch** setting, select the .msi file.

9. On the **File** menu, click **Save**.

   For instructions on how to add the Oracle 11g Instant Client and the ODBC Instant Client to installations, see **Installing the Oracle 11g Instant Client**.

   If you plan on using the Oracle ODBC Instant Client instead of Microsoft ODBC for Oracle, ensure that you configure your project accordingly. For more information, see **Running SQL Scripts with Unicode Characters on an Oracle Database Server**.

   **See Also**
   - **Modifying an Existing InstallShield Prerequisite**
   - **Setting Installation Conditions for an InstallShield Prerequisite**
Installing the Oracle 11g Instant Client

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

If you want to install the Oracle 11g Instant Client when your installation is run, you can include the Oracle 11g Instant Client prerequisite in your project.

Note that before you can include the InstallShield prerequisite, you must download the Oracle Basic Instant Client and create an .msi package. If you also want the Oracle ODBC Instant Client to be installed—for example, if you need to use Unicode support with Oracle—you must download the Basic Instant Client and the ODBC Instant Client, build an .msi package, and create an InstallShield prerequisite; you can use the Oracle 11g Instant Client prerequisite as a template, and modify the settings as needed. For more information, see:

- Downloading the Oracle Instant Client and Creating an .msi Package for It
- Downloading the Oracle Basic Instant Client and the Oracle ODBC Instant Client and Creating an .msi Package and InstallShield Prerequisite for Both

**Important** • The Oracle support in InstallShield requires that the target system have the 32-bit version of the Oracle Instant Client, regardless of whether the target system is a 32-bit or 64-bit system.

**Task** • To include the Oracle 11g Instant Client prerequisite in your project:

1. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: In the View List under Application Data, click Redistributables.
   
   For InstallScript projects: In the View List under Application Data, click Prerequisites.

2. In the list of redistributables, select the Oracle11g Instant Client 11.1.0.7 check box (or the check box for whatever Oracle prerequisite that you are using).

The InstallShield prerequisite is launched only if the conditions that are defined in the InstallShield prerequisite file (.prq) are met. To see the list of conditions, click the Oracle prerequisite in the Redistributables view or the Prerequisites view, and then review the details that are listed in the details pane on the right. You can hide or show the details pane by clicking the Show Details button in these views.

**Note** • If you want your installation to download the Oracle 11g Instant Client whenever it needs to be installed on a target system, check with Oracle to ensure that it is allowed. If it is allowed, you must host the download on your own Web site and add its download path to the InstallShield prerequisite. Revenera does not make this installation available for download.
Running SQL Scripts with Unicode Characters on an Oracle Database Server

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

For installations that use the default SQL script support that is available in the SQL Scripts view of InstallShield, Microsoft ODBC for Oracle is used to connect to an Oracle database server on a target system. In some cases, you may want to override the default behavior, and use the Oracle ODBC Instant Client instead of Microsoft ODBC for Oracle.

For example, if your SQL script contains Unicode characters, you may want to use the Oracle ODBC Instant Client, since it has support for running SQL scripts that contain Unicode characters, but Microsoft ODBC for Oracle does not.

**Task**  •  To configure your InstallShield project so that your installation uses the Oracle ODBC Instant Client instead of Microsoft ODBC for Oracle:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. In the Tables explorer, click the ISSQLDBMetaDta table.
3. Perform the following steps for the Oracle record:
   a. Change the AdoDriverName field to the following value:
      
      {Oracle in instantclient11_1}
   b. Change the AdoCxnServer field to the following value:
      
      DBQ=

At run time, the installation uses the Oracle ODBC Instant Client for connecting to the Oracle database and running SQL scripts.

**Tip**  •  The Oracle ODBC Instant Client is available on a target system if the ODBC package of the Oracle Instant Client software is installed. To learn how to add it to your installation, see Downloading the Oracle Basic Instant Client and the Oracle ODBC Instant Client and Creating an .msi Package and InstallShield Prerequisite for Both.

Creating a Sample Installation that Creates a SQL Server Database by Running Customized SQL Script

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

The following procedure demonstrates how to create an installation that creates a SQL Server database through customized SQL script.

**Task** To create an installation that creates a SQL Server database on the target machine by running customized SQL script:

1. Create a new Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project.
2. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.
3. Create a new property that has the following name:
   IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE2
4. In the View List under Server Configuration, click SQL Scripts.
5. Add and configure a new SQL connection:
   a. Right-click the SQL Scripts explorer and click New SQL Connection. InstallShield adds a new connection with the name NewConnection1 as the default name.
   b. In the SQL Scripts explorer, click the NewConnection1 item, and then click the General tab.
   c. In the Default Target Server Name (optional) box, type TESTSQLSERVER.
   d. Clear the Create Catalog If Absent check box.
   e. In the Connect using area, select the Server authentication using the Login ID and password below option.
   f. In the Login ID box, type sa. Leave the Password box blank.
   g. Click the Requirements tab.
   h. Ensure that the Microsoft SQL Server check box is selected and the MySQL and Oracle check boxes are cleared.
6. Add and configure a second new SQL connection:
   a. In the SQL Scripts explorer, right-click NewConnection1 and click New Script.
   b. Change the name of the script to NewScript1.
   c. In the SQL Scripts explorer, click NewScript1, and then click the Script tab.
   d. In the script editor pane, add the following script:

```
CREATE DATABASE [TestDB] ON (NAME = N'TestDB', FILENAME = N'C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL\data\testdb.mdf', SIZE = 3, FILEGROWTH = 10%) LOG ON (NAME = N'TestDB_log', FILENAME = N'C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL\data\testdb.ldf', SIZE = 1, FILEGROWTH = 10%)
COLLATE SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CI_AS
```
   e. Click the Runtime tab.
   f. In the Script Execution area, select the Run Script During Login check box and ensure that the Run Script During Install and Run Script During Uninstall check boxes are cleared.
7. Add and configure a second new SQL connection:
1. Right-click the **SQL Scripts** explorer and click **New SQL Connection**. InstallShield adds a new connection with the name **NewConnection2** as the default name.

2. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, click the **NewConnection2** item, and then click the **Advanced** tab.

3. In the **Target Catalog Property Name** list, select **IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE2**.

4. Click the **General** tab.

5. In the **Catalog Name** box, type **TestDB**.

6. Clear the **Create Catalog If Absent** check box.

7. In the **Default Target Server Name (optional)** box, type **TESTSQLSERVER**.

8. In the **Connect using** area, select the **Server authentication using the Login ID and password below** option.

9. In the **Login ID** box, type **sa**. Leave the **Password** box blank.

10. Click the **Requirements** tab.

11. Ensure that the **Microsoft SQL Server** check box is selected and the **MySQL** and **Oracle** check boxes are cleared.

8. Add and configure a new SQL script for **NewConnection2**:

   a. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, right-click **NewConnection2** and click **New Script**.

   b. Change the name of the script to **NewScript2**.

   c. In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, click **NewScript2**, and then click the **Script** tab.

   d. In the script editor pane, add the following script:

   ```
   CREATE TABLE TestTable (TestColumn1 CHAR NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY)
   ```

   e. Click the **Runtime** tab.

   f. In the **Script Execution** area, select the **Run Script During Install** check box and ensure that the **Run Script During Login** and **Run Script During Uninstall** check boxes are cleared.

When you run the installation, it creates the **TestDB** database and adds a table called **TestTable** to that database.

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**Project** • *You can achieve the same outcome when following the above procedure but using a DIM project, and then adding the DIM to an installation project.*

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**Creating a Sample Installation that Creates an Oracle Schema by Running Customized SQL Script**

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**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**
The following procedure demonstrates how to create an installation that creates an Oracle schema through customized SQL script.

**Task**

**To create an installation that creates an Oracle schema on the target machine by running customized SQL script:**

1. Create a new Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project.
2. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Property Manager**.
3. Create three new properties that have the following names:
   - IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE2
   - IS_SQLSERVER_USERNAME2
   - IS_SQLSERVER_PASSWORD2
4. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **SQL Scripts**.
5. Add and configure a new SQL connection:
   - Right-click the **SQL Scripts** explorer and click **New SQL Connection**. InstallShield adds a new connection with the name **NewConnection1** as the default name.
   - In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, click the **NewConnection1** item, and then click the **General** tab.
   - In the **Default Target Server Name (optional)** box, type the following:
     ```sql
     //schB1jsmith.installshield.com:1521/orcl
     ```
   - Clear the **Create Catalog If Absent** check box.
   - In the **Connect using** area, select the **Server authentication using the Login ID and password below** option.
   - In the **Login ID** box, type **scott**.
   - In the **Password** box, type **scott**.
   - Click the **Requirements** tab.
   - Ensure that the **Oracle** check box is selected and the **Microsoft SQL Server** and **MySQL** check boxes are cleared.
6. Add and configure a new SQL script for **NewConnection1**:
   - In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, right-click **NewConnection1** and click **New Script**.
   - Change the name of the script to **NewScript1**.
   - In the **SQL Scripts** explorer, click **NewScript1**, and then click the **Script** tab.
   - In the script editor pane, add the following script:
     ```sql
     CREATE TABLESPACE TEST_TS LOGGING DATAFILE 'test01.dbf' SIZE 1M AUTOEXTEND ON NEXT 2M MAXSIZE UNLIMITED
     Go
     CREATE USER TEST_USER IDENTIFIED BY MYPSWD DEFAULT TABLESPACE TEST_TS QUOTA UNLIMITED on TEST_TS
     Go
     GRANT CONNECT TO TEST_USER
     Go
     GRANT DBA TO TEST_USER
     Go
     ```
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ALTER USER TEST_USER DEFAULT ROLE ALL
Go

e. Click the Runtime tab.

f. In the Script Execution area, select the Run Script During Login check box and ensure that the Run Script During Install and Run Script During Uninstall check boxes are cleared.

7. Add and configure a second new SQL connection:

   a. Right-click the SQL Scripts explorer and click New SQL Connection. InstallShield adds a new connection with the name NewConnection2 as the default name.

   b. In the SQL Scripts explorer, click the NewConnection2 item, and then click the Advanced tab.

   c. In the Target Catalog Property Name list, select IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE2.

   d. In the Server Authentication Login ID Property Name list, select IS_SQLSERVER_USERNAME2.

   e. In the Server Authentication Password Property Name list, select IS_SQLSERVER_PASSWORD2.

   f. Click the General tab.

   g. In the Catalog Name box, type TEST_USER.

   h. Clear the Create Catalog If Absent check box.

   i. In the Default Target Server Name (optional) box, type the following:

   //sch01jsmith.installshield.com:1521/orcl

   j. In the Connect using area, select the Server authentication using the Login ID and password below option.

   k. In the Login ID box, type TEST_USER.

   l. In the Password box, type MYPSWD.

   m. Click the Requirements tab.

   n. Ensure that the Oracle check box is selected and the Microsoft SQL Server and MySQL check boxes are cleared.

8. Add and configure a new SQL script for NewConnection2:

   a. In the SQL Scripts explorer, right-click NewConnection2 and click New Script.

   b. Change the name of the script to NewScript2.

   c. In the SQL Scripts explorer, click NewScript2, and then click the Script tab.

   d. In the script editor pane, add the following script:

   CREATE TABLE TestTable (TestColumn1 CHAR NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY)

   e. Click the Runtime tab.

   f. In the Script Execution area, select the Run Script During Install check box and ensure that the Run Script During Login and Run Script During Uninstall check boxes are cleared.

When you run the installation, it creates the TEST_USER user and a TestTable table on the TEST_USER schema.
Adding a SQLLogin Predefined Wizard Page in a Suite/Advanced UI Project

SQL servers are integral to many applications, especially those that benefit from the multiple package support provided by InstallShield Suite installations. Previously, InstallShield SQL support was limited to Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects. Now, SQL support has been added to Suite/Advanced UI projects, giving you the ability to:

- Add a new SQLLogin predefined wizard page
- Execute SQL statements directly from Suites

The SQLLogin wizard page lets end users enter database server login information (database server name, authentication credentials, database catalog name, etc.) in order to establish a connection to the database server that is targeted by one or more .msi packages in the suite.

Adding a SQLLogin wizard page to your project allows you to:

- Specify properties that identify the SQL login settings in the Suite project and then select the .msi package that receives these properties
- Specify the properties that identify the SQL login settings in the .msi package
- Choose the database technology (Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Windows Azure, MySQL, or Oracle) and select the ODBC driver to be targeted
- Ensure that updated SQL drivers will be scheduled for installation via an action in OnBegin

In addition, Suite/Advanced UI projects now support directly executing SQL statements on SQL database servers from the user interface, helping to examine SQL database servers before proceeding the installation. The SQL query result can then be accessed in a Suite property.

The following shows how to add a SQLLogin predefined wizard page to your project. Alternatively, you can manually configure SQL support in your Suite project in order to customize the UI based upon your installation’s needs.
**Task**  
To add a SQLLogin predefined wizard page and optionally execute a SQL statement directly in a Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **Wizard Interface**.
2. In the **Wizard Interface** explorer, right-click **Wizard Pages** and then click **Add Predefined Page**. The **User Interface Wizard** opens.
3. In the **Task page** list, select **Enter login information for a database server**.
4. In the **Subsequent page** list, indicate where in the wizard page sequence you want to schedule the database server wizard page. The page that you select in this list will be displayed immediately after the new database server wizard page at run time.
5. In the Task Configuration panels in the User Interface Wizard:
   a. Specify properties that identify the SQL login settings in the Suite project.
   
   **Note** • A suite project may have multiple packages that require different SQL servers or they may need to share.
   b. Select the .msi package that receives the properties.
   c. Choose the database technology and driver.

   InstallShield adds corresponding Page Entered settings for the Task Configuration properties you specify.
6. To optionally add a SQL statement to be directly executed from the Suite/Advanced UI project at runtime, add a **Run a SQL String** action to your project and specify its subsettings as needed. The SQL query result will be accessible from the Suite property that you specify in the **Data Property** subsetting.

**See Also**
Sequencing Wizard Pages  
User Interface Wizard  
Wizard Interface View

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**Managing COM+ Applications and Components**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Component Services view enables you to manage COM+ applications and components for your installation package. You can manage both COM+ server applications and application proxies. A COM+ application proxy consists of a subset of the attributes of the server application, and it enables remote access from a client machine to the machine where the application resides.
Note the following information regarding component services in InstallShield:

- Only non-system COM+ applications can be added to your project. Therefore, InstallShield displays only non-system COM+ applications under the COM+ Applications explorer in the Component Services view.
- Only the COM+ applications that are installed on the local machine are included in the Component Services view and available for you to add to your projects.
- An application proxy is available for COM+ server applications only, not for library applications.

The look and feel of the Component Services view is similar to that of the Component Services administrative tool in the Control Panel.

See Also
Managing COM+ Server Applications
Managing COM+ Application Proxies
Including a COM+ Application that Targets Servers and Client Machines

Managing COM+ Server Applications

This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Task To configure the installation settings for a COM+ server application:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Component Services.
2. In the Component Services explorer, select the COM+ application that you would like to configure if you have not already done so.
3. On the Installation tab, select the Server check box.
   
   Note • You must select the Proxy check box, the Server check box, or both check boxes. Once you clear one of these check boxes, the other check box remains selected but it is no longer available; this prevents you from clearing both check boxes.

4. Select the Refresh the COM+ settings from the client machine at build check box if appropriate.
5. If your installation does not include the COM+ application proxy support, clear the Proxy check box.

When you add a COM+ server application to your project, InstallShield creates a corresponding component for each of the features that are associated with the proxy component. This component has the COM+ application’s server.dll files.
Note • If the selected COM+ application includes both server and proxy installations, you can add installation conditions so that the appropriate COM+ application is installed on the target machine. For more information, see Including a COM+ Application that Targets Servers and Client Machines.

See Also
Component Services View
Managing COM+ Application Proxies
Including a COM+ Application that Targets Servers and Client Machines

Managing COM+ Application Proxies

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The COM+ application proxy support configures the system settings that enable remote access from a client machine to the machine where the server application resides. You may also need to add the client application to your installation.

Task To configure the installation settings for a COM+ application proxy:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Component Services.
2. In the Component Services explorer, select the COM+ application that you would like to configure if you have not already done so.
3. On the Installation tab, select the Proxy check box.
4. Clear the Server check box if your installation does not include the COM+ server application.

Note • You must select the Proxy check box, the Server check box, or both check boxes. Once you clear one of these check boxes, the other check box remains selected but it is no longer available; this prevents you from clearing both check boxes.

5. In the Remote Server Name box, specify the name of the remote server computer where the application resides. You can type the exact name or use the default [REMOTESERVERNAME] property, which is automatically created when you select the Proxy check box for a COM+ application in your installation.

Note • The default value for the [REMOTESERVERNAME] property is the name of the machine used to add the COM+ application to the installation project in InstallShield. To change the value of the [REMOTESERVERNAME] property, use the Property Manager view.
If you would like the end user to be able to specify the remote server, add a Remote Server edit field control to an end-user dialog in the Dialogs view. Set the Property value of this control to REMOTESERVERNAME.

6. Select the Enable distributed COM on the client machine check box if appropriate. Clear this check box if you know that distributed component object model (DCOM) is already enabled on all client machines and you will not have administrative privileges on them.

If you select this check box, Y is written at installation time to the EnableDCOM entry of the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Ole registry key to enable DCOM.

**Note** • End users can enable or disable DCOM on their machines using the Component Services administrative tool in the Control Panel. However, the application proxy will not work on a client machine if DCOM is disabled on that machine. For this reason, you may want to select the Enable distributed COM on the client machine check box.

If an end user uninstalls the application proxy support, the EnableDCOM registry entry is not changed, even if the installation process involved changing this registry entry to Y on the target machine.

When you add a COM+ application proxy to your project, InstallShield creates a corresponding component for each of the features that are associated with the server component. This component has the COM+ application’s server .dll files. These server files are installed on the client machine for the type libraries.

**Note** • If the selected COM+ application includes both server and proxy installations, you can add installation conditions so that the appropriate COM+ application is installed on the target machine. For more information, see Including a COM+ Application that Targets Servers and Client Machines.

**See Also**
Component Services View
Managing COM+ Application Proxies
Including a COM+ Application that Targets Servers and Client Machines

### Including a COM+ Application that Targets Servers and Client Machines

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

If you want your installation to install the server application on the server as well as the application proxy support on client machines, you can create installation conditions so that the appropriate component is installed on the target machine. The following example procedure illustrates how you can do this.
Task

To include a COM+ application in an installation that targets both servers and client machines:

1. In the Property Manager view, create a new property called COMPLUSTYPE.

2. In the Dialogs view, add a radio button group control to a new or existing end-user dialog, and set the Property value of this control to COMPLUSTYPE. This radio button group will enable end users to specify which installation they would like to run: server or proxy.

3. Add a radio button for the Server option to the radio button group, and set the Value property of this control to Server.

4. Add a radio button for the Proxy option to the radio button group, and set the Value property of this control to Proxy.

5. In the Component Services view, select the COM+ application that you would like to configure.

6. On the Installation tab, set the parameters for server installations and application proxies.

7. In the Condition box under the Server check box, type the following:

   COMPLUSTYPE="Server"

8. In the Condition box under the Proxy check box, type the following:

   COMPLUSTYPE="Proxy"

See Also

Component Services View
Managing COM+ Application Proxies
Including a COM+ Application that Targets Servers and Client Machines

Managing Internet Information Services

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Internet Information Services (IIS) is a Web server developed by Microsoft. It provides a secure platform for building and deploying Web-based applications, managing Web sites, and publishing information to the Internet or an intranet.

The Internet Information Services view in InstallShield enables you to create and manage new IIS Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions.
Version-Specific Information for IIS Support in InstallShield

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Following is information about specific versions of IIS:

- IIS is included with Windows 2000 Server and later and Windows XP and later systems. IIS 6 is available only on Windows Server 2003 systems. IIS 7 is available on Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 systems. IIS 7.5 is available on Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 systems. IIS is not installed automatically by default.

- Some of the Web site and virtual directory settings in the Internet Information Services view apply to specific versions of IIS. Version-specific information is noted for these settings in the inline help panes in InstallShield. If you configure a version-specific property but a target system does not have the corresponding version of IIS, IIS ignores the version-specific property.

For example, IIS 7 and IIS 6 do not support the Application Protection property for applications or virtual directories. In the Internet Information Services view, this property is configured through a setting in the Application Settings area for an application or a virtual directory. When you select this setting in the Internet Information Services view, the help pane that is displayed in the lower-right corner indicates that the setting does not apply to IIS 6 or later. If you configure this setting and an end user installs your product on a target system that has IIS 6 or later, the Application Protection setting is ignored.

- Web service extensions, application pools, and all of the associated properties are available only on machines with IIS 6 or later.

On systems with IIS 7, Web service extensions require that the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature be installed. If it is not installed, the installation’s log file may show error -2147467259 to inform you that this feature may be required.

For information on how to determine whether a Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008 system has the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature installed, see Determining If a Target System Has IIS 6 or Earlier or the IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility Feature.

- Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later systems store settings for individual Web sites, applications, and virtual directories in configuration files that are located at the physical path that you specify in your
installation project—in the Content Source Path (Local or UNC) setting in the Internet Information Services view. Therefore, each Web site, application, or virtual directory should have a unique physical path. Otherwise, you may notice unexpected behavior, especially in testing environments, if you have two different applications or virtual directories with the same physical path.

For example, if you have two virtual directories that have the same physical path, and directory browsing is enabled in one but not the other, the directory browsing setting for the second virtual directory that is created overrides the setting for the first virtual directory.

- On systems that have Windows Server 2003, if IIS 6 is not installed, other IIS directories and sites are still created. IIS 6-specific settings are skipped.
- IIS 5.1 for Windows XP Professional can service only one Web site at a time. This is a limitation of IIS 5.1.
- InstallShield supports version 5 and later of IIS.

See Also
Web Site Settings
Application and Virtual Directory Settings

Determining Which Version of IIS Is Installed
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

When you add a Web site in the Internet Information Services view, an entry is added to the System Search view to search for the version of IIS that is installed on the target system. The IIS_VERSION property is set by entries in the RegLocator and AppSearch tables (available in the Direct Editor), which determine the version of IIS that is installed.

The IIS_VERSION property contains the IIS version number. If you need to determine the IIS version that is installed, check the value of this property.

See Also
Managing Internet Information Services
Internet Information Services View

Run-Time Requirements for IIS Support
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
• **InstallScript**
• **InstallScript MSI**
• **Merge Module**

IIS support in InstallShield installations works only if IIS is installed on the target machine and the end user has administrative privileges.

During the installation of a package that includes IIS settings, an InstallShield installation checks for the existence of IIS on the target machine. If IIS is not installed, the installation displays a dialog informing the end user that they do not have IIS installed. The dialog gives the end user the option to abort, retry, or ignore:

• If the end user chooses to abort, the installation stops.
• If the end user installs IIS and then chooses to retry, the installation checks for IIS again, and continues with the installation. If the end user does not install IIS but still chooses to retry, the installation checks for IIS again and then displays the dialog again.
• If the end user chooses to ignore, the installation continues, but IIS Web sites, applications, virtual directories, and other IIS elements are not configured.

**Note**  InstallShield does not support the creation of Web sites on target machines other than the one on which the installation is running.

**Project**  If you are creating an application pool in an InstallScript project and you want the application pool to be associated with a virtual directory, application, or Web site, you must create the application pool and the virtual directory, application, or Web site within the same component. If you do this, the application pool is created before the virtual directory, application, or Web site is created. This is a requirement of IIS 6 and later, and it is not a limitation for Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module projects.

**See Also**
Determining Which Version of IIS Is Installed

### Specifying Whether a Web Server Should Allow the CMD Command to Be Used for SSI #exec Directives

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**  This information applies to the following project types:

• **Basic MSI**
• **DIM**
• **InstallScript**
• **InstallScript MSI**
• **Merge Module**

Server-side include (SSI) directives instruct a Web server to insert content into a Web page. The #exec type of directive enables the Web server to include the output of a shell command in a Web page.
You can configure an IIS Web server to prevent the CMD command for the #exec directive from being used to execute shell commands, or you can configure it to allow the CMD command to be used to execute this type of command. The SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value for the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W3SVC\Parameters registry key is what determines whether the CMD command is permitted.

InstallShield lets you specify how your installation should configure the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value on target systems. If you do not want your installation to change the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value, you can also specify that. Because of security concerns, the default SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value is FALSE (0); the FALSE (0) value prevents end users from running unauthorized server-side executable files.

**Task**

To specify whether a Web server should allow the CMD command to be used for SSI #exec directives:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the center pane, click the Web Sites explorer. InstallShield displays the Web server settings in the right pane.
3. For the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value setting, select the appropriate option:
   - **Ignore**—Do not change the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value on the target system. This is the default option.
   - **FALSE (0)**—Set the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value on the target system to 0. This prevents the #exec CMD directive of server-side includes to be used to execute shell commands. Note that if you select this value and an IIS Web server has applications that rely on #exec CMD directives, those applications may stop working properly after your installation project’s Web site and virtual directory are installed.
   - **TRUE (1)**—Set the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value on the target system to 1. This allows the #exec CMD directive of server-side includes to be used to execute shell commands.

If you select the FALSE or TRUE options, InstallShield stores the value—either 0 for FALSE or 1 for TRUE—in the INSTALLSHIELD_SSI_PROP property.

If one or more Web sites, virtual directories, application pools, or Web service extensions in your installation are installed on a target system and you selected the FALSE or TRUE options for the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value setting, the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value is updated on the target system.

**Note** • If your product is uninstalled from a target system, the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value is not changed, even if its value was changed during installation.

**See Also**

Internet Information Services View

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### Creating a Web Site and Adding an Application or a Virtual Directory

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
The Internet Information Services view in InstallShield is where you add an IIS Web site to your project. It is also where you can add applications and virtual directories to a Web site. Note that you can add a Web site without any applications or virtual directories if you associate the Web site with a component.

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### Task

**To create a Web site on the target system at run time:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. Right-click the **Web Sites** explorer and click **Add Web Site**. InstallShield adds a new Web site.
3. Select the Web site to configure its settings.

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**Tip** - InstallShield lets you specify the TCP port and site numbers for a Web site in your project. These settings help determine whether a new Web site is created or an existing one is updated at run time. To learn more, see Configuring the TCP Port and Site Numbers.

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### Task

**To create an application on the target system at run time:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. In the **Web Sites** explorer, right-click the Web site that should contain the application and click **New Application**. InstallShield adds a new application.
3. Select the application to configure its settings.

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### Task

**To create a virtual directory on the target system at run time:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. In the **Web Sites** explorer, right-click the Web site that should contain the virtual directory and click **New Virtual Directory**. InstallShield adds a new virtual directory.
3. Select the virtual directory to configure its settings.

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**Note** - To learn how Web sites, applications, and virtual directories are associated with components and features, see Feature and Component Associations for IIS Support.
Scanning an IIS Web Site and Importing Its Settings into an InstallShield Project

InstallShield 2020

Edition • The ability to import IIS data into an InstallShield project is available only in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield includes support for scanning an existing IIS Web site, recording IIS data about the Web site, and importing those settings into the Internet Information Services view of an InstallShield project. Once you have imported the data into a project, you can make changes to the IIS settings as needed, and build an installation that creates or maintains an IIS Web site.

The IIS scanner (IISscan.exe) is a command-line tool that scans an IIS Web site and records the values of the settings that you can configure in the Internet Information Services view in InstallShield. IISscan.exe creates an XML file that contains all of the values. You can use this XML file to import the values into the Internet Information Services view.

IISscan.exe is installed in the following location:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\System\iisscan.exe

Task • To scan an existing Web site and record all of the IIS data that can be configured in the Internet Information Services view:

1. Place the IISscan.exe tool on the server that has the IIS Web site that you want to scan.

2. At the command prompt, enter the command-line statement that launches the IIS scanner to scan a specific Web site. Following is a sample statement:

   iisscan.exe -website "Site Name" -outfile "C:\PathToFile\FileName.xml"

   For more information about IISscan.exe, see IISscan.exe.

The IIS scanner creates an XML file that contains the IIS data for the specified Web site.
Task  

To import the data from the XML file into an InstallShield project:

1. Obtain the XML file that the IIS scanner created, and place it in a location that can be accessed from the machine that has InstallShield.

2. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.

3. Right-click the Web Sites explorer and click Import Web Site. The Open dialog box opens.

4. Select the XML file that the IIS scanner created, and then click Open.

InstallShield imports the Web site and its settings into the Internet Information Services view. All of the Web site’s settings, virtual directories, and applications are configured in this view during the import.

Tip  

InstallShield lets you configure filters if you want to prevent certain IIS data—such as Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pool, or any of their settings—from ever being imported into the Internet Information Services view. To learn more, see Filtering IIS Data When Importing a Web Site and Its Settings into an InstallShield Project.

See Also

Internet Information Services View
Creating a Web Site and Adding an Application or a Virtual Directory

Filtering IIS Data When Importing a Web Site and Its Settings into an InstallShield Project

Edition  

The ability to import IIS data into an InstallShield project is available only in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Project  

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

When you use an XML file that is generated by the IIS scanner to import an IIS Web site and its settings into the Information Services view, you may find that certain IIS settings are imported, even though you do not need them to be configured in your installation. To avoid having these settings configured every time that you use an XML file to import IIS settings, you can edit Filters.xml. This file enables you to specify any IIS settings that you want the import to ignore.

Filters.xml is in the following location:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support

The file must remain in this location after you edit it; otherwise, the IIS import will not work properly.
Tip • You can also use the Filters.xml file to control which registry items should be excluded during COM extraction. For more information, see Filtering Registry Changes for COM Extraction.

The Filters.xml file also lets you control which files should be included or excluded during dependency scanning. For more information, see Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners.

Excluding IIS Data

The <Exclude> element in the Filters.xml file is where you add subelements for each of the IIS items (Web sites, applications, virtual directories, and application pools) that you do not want to be imported. You can also add subelements for each of the IIS settings that you do not want to be imported. Any items and settings that are listed here will not be added to the Internet Information Services view of your project.

Examples for Specifying IIS Data in the <Exclude> Element

To prevent an application pool named TestAppPool from being imported into the Internet Information Services view, add the following line within the <Exclude> element.

```xml
<IisScanItem name="TestAppPool" type="4"/>
```

The type is required. The following table shows the available IIS item types:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Web site</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Application</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Virtual directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Application pool</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To prevent an IIS setting with a specific value from being imported into the Internet Information Services view, add the following line within the <Exclude> element.

```xml
<IisScanProperty name="PropertyName" value="PropertyValue"/>
```

If this line is within the <Exclude> element, InstallShield blocks a setting named PropertyName with a value that equals or contains PropertyValue.

Note • The property names and values are not Windows Installer properties and values. They are abbreviations for the names and values of settings that InstallShield lets you configure in the Internet Information Services view.

Important • Ensure that your XML code is well formed; if its not well formed, all of the filters fail. In most cases, you can identify improperly formed XML code by opening the Filters.xml file in Internet Explorer. You should be able to expand and contract the <Filters>, <Include>, and <Exclude> elements; if you cannot, check the code for errors.
If you add subelements to the `<Exclude>` or `<Include>` elements, be sure that you do not place them within the commented-out section, since InstallShield ignores that area of the Filters.xml file.

The following sample XML code shows the format of the Filters.xml file:

```
<Filters>
  <Include>
    <!--Instructions on how to add files to this element.-->
    <File name="mfc42.dll" We="needthis"/>
  </Include>
  <Exclude>
    <!--Instructions on how to add files to this element.-->
    <Registry key="HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Interface\{00020404-0000-0000-C000-000000000046}"/>
    <File name="12520437.cpx" path="[SystemFolder]" wrp="4.0-10.0"/>
    <File name="12520850.cpx" path="[SystemFolder]" wrp="4.0-10.0"/>
    <IisScanProperty name="AppMappings" value="*;;*;0"/>
    <IisScanProperty name="CustomErrors" value="C:\WINDOWS\help\iisHelp\common"/>
  </Exclude>
</Filters>
```

See Also
- IISscan.exe
- Internet Information Services View

Creating a Nested Virtual Directory

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

You can create a virtual subdirectory under an existing virtual directory.

You can also create a virtual subdirectory under a virtual directory that is being installed as part of your installation. The parent virtual directory must be installed before the virtual subdirectory.

**Project** • For InstallScript projects, if a parent virtual directory should be installed before its child virtual subdirectory, the component that contains the parent virtual directory must be installed before the component that contains the child virtual subdirectory.
**Task**

To create a virtual directory under an existing virtual directory:

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. In the **Web Sites** explorer, select the Web site that should contain the nested virtual directory.
3. Right-click the new Web site and click **New Virtual Directory**. InstallShield adds a new virtual directory.
4. Click the **General** tab.
5. In the **Name** setting, indicate the name of the existing directory, as well as the name of the nested virtual subdirectory that you want to create. Separate both names with a slash.

For example, to create a virtual directory called **MySubDirectory** under the existing virtual directory called **VirtualDirectory**, enter the following:

```
VirtualDirectory/MySubDirectory
```

**Note** • If the parent directory does not already exist on the target system, the target system displays an error when the end user opens the directory in the IIS Manager.

**See Also**

Internet Information Services View
Creating a Web Site and Adding an Application or a Virtual Directory
Adding Files to an IIS Virtual Directory

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**Configuring the TCP Port and Site Numbers**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield lets you specify the TCP port and site numbers for a Web site in your project. These settings help determine whether a new Web site is created or an existing one is updated at run time. They also affect whether the Web site settings that are configured in the Internet Information Services view are applied to a Web site on the target system.

**Task**

To specify the TCP port and site numbers for a Web site:

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. In the **Web Sites** explorer, select the Web site that you want to configure.
3. Click the **Web Site** tab.
4. In the **TCP Port Number** and **Site Number** boxes, enter the appropriate numbers.

**Run-Time Behavior**

At run time, the installation creates the Web site, applications, and virtual directories according to the following rules:

**Table 4-4 • Run-Time Results for Various Sample TCP Port Number and Site Number Setting Values**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TCP Port Number Setting in InstallShield</th>
<th>Site Number Setting in InstallShield</th>
<th>Result at Run Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Any non-zero number</td>
<td>Since the TCP Port Number setting is 0 but the Site Number setting is not 0, the installation installs the Web site’s applications and virtual directories to the first site number on the system. The specified site number is ignored. For example, if the first site number on the target system is 1, the installation installs the Web site’s applications and virtual directories under site number 1, even if a different non-zero number such as 3 is specified for the Site Number setting. The installation does not apply any of the Web site settings that are configured in the Internet Information Services view to the Web site on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80 (a non-zero number)</td>
<td>0 (the default value)</td>
<td>If the specified TCP port exists on the target system, the installation installs the applications and virtual directories to the Web site that is running on the TCP port—in this example, port 80. The installation does not apply any of the Web site settings that are configured in the Internet Information Services view to the Web site on the target system. If the TCP port does not exist on the target system, a new Web site is created with the Web site settings that are configured in the project. In addition, the installation installs the Web site’s applications and virtual directories.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Installing an IIS Web Site and Its Applications and Virtual Directories to the Next Available New Site Number

The following procedures demonstrate how to install an IIS Web site and its applications and virtual directories to the next available new site number. Note that the procedure differs, depending on the project type.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TCP Port Number Setting in InstallShield</th>
<th>Site Number Setting in InstallShield</th>
<th>Result at Run Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>81 (a non-zero number)</td>
<td>3 (a non-zero number)</td>
<td>If the specified TCP port and site number exist on the target system, the installation installs the applications and virtual directories under the Web site whose site number matches the specified one—in this example, site number 3. The installation does not apply any of the Web site settings that are configured in the Internet Information Services view to the Web site on the target system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If the TCP port exists on the target system but the site number does not, the installation installs the new Web site, plus its applications and virtual directories, to the existing port with the new site number. In addition, the installation configures the Web site’s properties that are set in the Internet Information Services view.

If the TCP port does not exist on the target system but the site number does, the installation installs the new Web site, plus its applications and virtual directories, to this TCP port. In addition, the installation configures the Web site’s properties that are set in the Internet Information Services view.

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Table 4-4 • Run-Time Results for Various Sample TCP Port Number and Site Number Setting Values (cont.)

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**Installing an IIS Web Site and Its Applications and Virtual Directories to the Next Available New Site Number**

The following procedures demonstrate how to install an IIS Web site and its applications and virtual directories to the next available new site number. Note that the procedure differs, depending on the project type.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To install to the next available new site number for a Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Create a new Windows Installer property and set its value to INSTALLSHIELD_IIS_NEXT_NEW_SITE_NUMBER:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a.</td>
<td>In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b.</td>
<td>Click the New Property button. InstallShield adds a new row at the bottom of the view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c.</td>
<td>In the Name column, type a new property; for example: MYPROPERTY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d.</td>
<td>In the Value column, enter the following value: INSTALLSHIELD_IIS_NEXT_NEW_SITE_NUMBER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Specify the property for the Web site’s site number:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a.</td>
<td>In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b.</td>
<td>In the Web Sites explorer, select the Web site that you want to configure.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
c. For the **Site Number** setting, enter the property that you created in step 1c. It must be in uppercase letters and enclosed within brackets; for example:

```
[MYPROPERTY]
```

At run time, the installation installs the Web site and its applications and virtual directories to the next available new site number.

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**Task**

To install to the next available new site number during an installScript installation:

1. Create a new string entry and set its value to `INSTALLSHIELD_IIS_NEXT_NEW_SITE_NUMBER`:
   a. In the View List under **User Interface**, click **String Editor**.
   b. Click the **New String Entry** button. The **String Entry** dialog box opens.
   c. In the **String Identifier** box, enter a new variable name; the variable name must be in uppercase letters; for example:

```
MYPROPERTY
```
   d. In the **Value** box, enter the following value:

```
INSTALLSHIELD_IIS_NEXT_NEW_SITE_NUMBER
```

2. Specify the variable for the Web site’s site number:
   a. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
   b. In the **Web Sites** explorer, select the Web site that you want to configure.
   c. For the **Site Number** setting, enter the variable that you created in step 1c. It must be in uppercase letters.

At run time, the installation installs the Web site and its applications and virtual directories to the next available new site number.

**See Also**

- Web Site Settings
- Internet Information Services View

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**Specifying the IIS Host Header Name for a Web Site**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield lets you specify the host header name to identify an IIS Web site that is installed during your installation. Host headers (also known as domain names) enable you to assign more than one Web site to an IP address on a Web server.
Task To specify a host header name for a Web site:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the Web Sites explorer, select the Web site whose host header name you want to specify.
3. For the Host Header Name setting, type the host header name that you want to use. For example: www.mycompany.com

See Also
Determining If a Target System Has IIS 6 or Earlier or the IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility Feature
Web Site Settings
Internet Information Services View

Specifying the SSL Certificate for a Web Site

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

A server certificate enables users to authenticate your Web server, check the validity of the Web content, and establish a secure connection. InstallShield lets you include a server certificate for a Web site in your installation so that it can be installed at run time.

Task To specify a SSL certificate that should be installed for a Web site:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the Web Sites explorer, select the Web site whose SSL certificate you want to specify.
3. For the SSL Certificate setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Open dialog box opens.
4. Select the security certificate file (.cer or .pfx) that you want to be installed, and then click Open.
5. If the certificate requires a password, specify it for the SSL Certificate Password setting.

InstallShield stores the .cer file in the Binary table. At run time, when the installation installs the Web site and its virtual directories, it also installs the SSL certificate.

See Also
Internet Information Services View
Setting the IIS Certificate File at Runtime

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**

You can choose to include a [Configure SSL for IIS](#) dialog in your installer that enables the end user to browse to a IIS certificate file that they provide for the SSL Certificate and enter a password at installation runtime.

![Configure SSL for IIS Dialog](#)

**Figure 4-1:** Configure SSL for IIS Dialog

To add a [Configure SSL for IIS](#) dialog to your installer, perform the following steps:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To add a “Configure SSL for IIS” dialog to your installer:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Right-click the Web Sites explorer and click Add Web Site. InstallShield adds a new Web site.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Set the SSL Certificate and SSL Certificate Password properties to the following values:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SSL Certificate</td>
<td>[IS_IIS_WEBCERTPATH]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSL Certificate Password</td>
<td>[IS_IIS_WEBCERTPASSWORD]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| 5.   | Open the User Interface > Dialogs view and add the IISBrowseSSLCertificate dialog to the dialog sequences. |
The property name for the SSL Certificate and password configured by the user is required to update in the IISBrowseSSLCertificate dialog for the Edit boxes (IISWebCertPassword and IISWebCertPath) and the push button (BrowseCertificate) events.

See Also
Internet Information Services View

Adding Files to an IIS Virtual Directory

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Task
To add a file to an IIS virtual directory:

1. Add an IIS Web site to your project if you have not already done so. InstallShield automatically adds the predefined path [IISROOTFOLDER] to the Files and Folders view.

2. In the View List under Application Data, click Files and Folders.

3. In the Feature list, select the feature with which you want the file associated.

4. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, add the file to the [IISROOTFOLDER] folder, or a subfolder of the [IISROOTFOLDER] folder.

5. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.

6. Create a new virtual directory.

7. In the Web Sites explorer, click the virtual directory that you created.

8. In the Content Source Path (Local or UNC) setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Browse for Directory dialog box opens. In a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, this dialog box enables you to select a Windows Installer property (such as [IISROOTFOLDER]) or create a new one. In an InstallScript project, this dialog box enables you to select an InstallScript variable (such as <IISROOTFOLDER>) or create a new one. By default, the files are stored in IISROOTFOLDER.

9. Enter the same target directory as the one that contains the new file that you added in the Files and Folders view.

10. Click OK.

At installation, files are copied to the target directory folder. In addition, the virtual directory is configured for that folder on the target system if IIS is present.
Removing Applications and Virtual Directories from the Internet Information Services View

**Task** To remove an application or a virtual directory from your installation:

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. In the **Web Sites** explorer, right-click the application or virtual directory and click **Delete**.

**See Also**
- Uninstalling Web Sites, Applications, and Virtual Directories
- Managing Internet Information Services
- Internet Information Services View

Adding Application Pools

**Project** This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

An application pool is a group of configuration settings that specify how one or more Web applications are routed to one or more worker processes. InstallShield lets you create application pools and associate Web sites, applications, and virtual directories with those application pools.
Project • If you are creating an application pool in an InstallScript project and you want the application pool to be associated with a virtual directory, application, or Web site, you must create the application pool and the virtual directory, application, or Web site within the same component. If you do this, the application pool is created before the virtual directory, application, or Web site is created. This is a requirement of IIS 6 and later, and it is not a limitation for Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module projects.

Note • Application pools are available only on machines with IIS 6.0 or later installed.

Task • To add a new application pool in the Internet Information Services view:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.

2. Right-click the Application Pools explorer and click Add Application Pool. InstallShield adds a new application pool item.

3. Rename the new application pool item, and configure its settings.

See Also
Feature and Component Associations for IIS Support
Application Pool Settings

Removing Application Pools from the Internet Information Services View

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Project • To remove an application pool from your installation:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.

2. In the Application Pools explorer, right-click the application pool and click Delete.

See Also
Uninstalling Web Service Extensions and Application Pools
Application Pool Settings
Adding Web Service Extensions

InstallShield 2020 » Internet Information Services View

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

A Web service extension is an IIS feature that extends the basic IIS functionality beyond serving static content. Examples of Web service extensions are active server pages (.asp), ASP.NET, and server-side includes (SSI).

InstallShield lets you add Web service extensions to your installation.

Note • Web service extensions are available only on machines with IIS 6.0 or later installed.

On systems with IIS 7, Web service extensions require that the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature be installed. For more information, see Version-Specific Information for IIS Support in InstallShield.

Task To add a web service extension to your installation:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.

2. Right-click the Web Service Extensions explorer and click Add Web Service Extension. InstallShield adds a new Web service extension.

3. Rename the new Web service extension item, and configure its settings.

See Also
Web Service Extension Settings

Removing Web Service Extensions from the Internet Information Services View

InstallShield 2020 » Internet Information Services View

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
Task

To remove a Web service extension from your installation:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the Web Service Extension explorer, right-click the Web service extension and click Delete.

See Also
Uninstalling Web Service Extensions and Application Pools
Web Service Extension Settings

Feature and Component Associations for IIS Support

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

There is a one-to-many relationship between components and IIS data (that is, Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, or Web service extensions). Therefore, you can associate more than one IIS element with a single component. If a component is being installed, any Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions that are associated with the component are created at run time.

Project • If a Web site is associated with a component in an InstallScript project, any applications or virtual directories that are added to that Web site must be associated with the same component. Therefore, if you try to change the component for a Web site that contains one or more applications or virtual directories, InstallShield displays a message box to inform you that it will also make the same component change for all of that Web site’s applications and virtual directories; InstallShield also displays this message box if you try to change the component for any applications or virtual directories in a Web site. In either case, the message box enables you to proceed or cancel the component change.

Note that for Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, keeping a Web site in the same component as all of the Web site’s applications and virtual directories is not required, but it is recommended.

If you are creating an application pool in an InstallScript project and you want the application pool to be associated with a virtual directory, application, or Web site, you must create the application pool and the virtual directory, application, or Web site within the same component. If you do this, the application pool is created before the virtual directory, application, or Web site is created. This is a requirement of IIS 6 and later, and it is not a limitation for Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module projects.

At any time, you can use the Internet Information Services view to change which component contains the Web site, application, virtual directory, application pool, or Web service extension.
Task

To associate a Web site, application, virtual directory, application pool, or Web service extension with a different component in your project:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.

2. In the explorer, click the Web site, application, virtual directory, application pool, or Web service extension that you want to associate with a component.

3. In the Component setting, select the name of the existing component that should contain the selected IIS data. You can click the ellipsis button (...) to select an existing component or create a new one for the IIS data.

Tip • If you delete a component in your project, any Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions that are associated with the component are simultaneously removed from your project.

See Also
Specifying Whether a Component’s Files and Other Associated Data Are Uninstalled During Uninstallation

Uninstalling Web Sites, Applications, and Virtual Directories

Uninstalling Web Sites, Applications, and Virtual Directories

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

Web sites that are created by an installation are never removed unless both of the following conditions are true:

• The Web site no longer contains applications or virtual directories.
• The value for the Delete on Uninstall setting for the Web site in the Internet Information Services view is Yes.

Note • If a Web site is associated with a component, the Delete on Uninstall setting for the Web site corresponds with the Permanent setting for that component in a Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, or with the Uninstall setting for that component in an InstallScript project. That is, if you select or clear the Delete on Uninstall setting for a Web site, InstallShield automatically updates the value of the component’s Permanent setting or Uninstall setting, as appropriate.

If a component is uninstalled, all of its Web sites, applications, and virtual directories are uninstalled. A component is not uninstalled if it is configured to be permanent. For more information, see Specifying Whether a Component’s Files and Other Associated Data Are Uninstalled During Uninstallation.
Uninstalling Web Service Extensions and Application Pools

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

**Note** • Web service extensions, application pools, and associated properties are available only on machines with IIS 6.0 or later installed.

On systems with IIS 7, Web service extensions require that the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature be installed. For more information, see Version-Specific Information for IIS Support in InstallShield.

Any Web service extensions and application pools installed in the IIS Manager that have identical names as the Web service extensions and application pools in an installation will always be uninstalled when the features with which they are associated are uninstalled unless their components are marked as permanent. Even if the Web service extension or application pool was originally created by something other than the installation, it will be removed from the target system upon uninstallation if the names (of the Web service extensions and application pools) match those in the installation. One exception is that the default application pool, named DefaultAppPool, will never be removed by the uninstallation.

**Task** • To configure a Web service extension to be uninstalled during uninstallation:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the Web Service Extensions explorer, select the Web service extension.
3. For the Mark Component as Permanent setting, select No.

**Task** • To configure an application pool to be uninstalled during uninstallation:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the Application Pool explorer, select the application pool.
3. For the Mark Component as Permanent setting, select No.

If Yes is selected for the Mark Component as Permanent setting, the Web service extension or application pool is left on the target system after uninstallation.

**Tip** • Changing the value of the Mark Component as Permanent setting affects the value of the Permanent setting (in Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects) or the Uninstall setting (in InstallScript projects) for the component that contains the Web service extension or the application pool. Therefore, if you select Yes for the Mark Component as
Permanent and the component contains other data, such as files, shortcuts, and registry entries, the IIS data, as well as the other data in the component, are not uninstalled during uninstallation.

See Also
Specifying Whether a Component’s Files and Other Associated Data Are Uninstalled During Uninstallation

Setting the ASP.NET Version for a Web Site or Application

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield lets you set the ASP.NET version for a Web site or application in your installation. If you specify the ASP.NET version, after the Web site or application is created, the installation runs the ASP.NET IIS Registration tool (Aspnet_regiis.exe) to map the Web site or application to the version that you specify.

If you specify the ASP.NET version for a Web site, IIS uses that value for the Web site that is created at run time, as well as for any of its applications.

Important • Microsoft does not recommend using the Aspnet_regiis.exe tool on Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 systems because it has limited capabilities. As a result, you may need to manually define application mappings in the Internet Information Services view. To learn more, see Defining Application Mappings for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory.

ASP.NET 3.0 does not include the Aspnet_regiis.exe tool. Therefore, you cannot set the ASP.NET version to version 3 of ASP.NET.

Task

To specify the ASP.NET version for a Web site or application in your project:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.

2. In the Web Sites explorer, select the Web site or application whose ASP.NET version you want to specify. The settings for the Web site or application are displayed on the right.

3. For the ASP.NET Version setting, enter the complete version number of the .NET Framework that is required by your application, or select it from the list.

   For example, to specify version 2 of ASP.NET, type 2.0.50727. To specify version 1.1 of ASP.NET, type 1.1.4322.

Tip • If the installation may be run on a 64-bit version of Windows with the .NET Framework, you can use the ASP.NET Platform setting for a Web site or application to specify which ASP.NET platform (32 bit or 64 bit) should be used to map the Web site or
application to the ASP.NET version. Note that it is not possible to register 32-bit ASP.NET on a 64-bit system unless the Enable32BitAppOnWin64 property is set to true on the system.

See Also
Web Site Settings
Considerations for Supporting IIS 6 on 64-Bit Platforms
Application and Virtual Directory Settings

Specifying Whether to Perform Recursive or Non-Recursive ASP.NET Registration

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

You can use the ASP.NET Registration setting on the Application settings of the Internet Information Services view to specify whether to perform recursive or non-recursive ASP.NET registration. Using this feature enables you to install both ASP.NET applications and ASP.NET Core applications to the same website.

**Task**

To specify the ASP.NET registration for an application in your project:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the Web Sites explorer, select the application whose ASP.NET registration you want to specify. The settings for the application are displayed on the right.
3. For the ASP.NET Registration setting, select one of the following options:
   - Recursive—Updates script maps and application-pool assignments for the specified application and for all sub-applications.
   - Non Recursive—Updates script maps and application-pool assignments for only the specific application. No sub-applications are changed.

Considerations for Supporting IIS 6 on 64-Bit Platforms

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
• **InstallScript MSI**

• **Merge Module**

If your IIS installation may be run on a 64-bit version of Windows with the .NET Framework, you can use the ASP.NET Platform setting in the Internet Information Services view for a Web site or application. This setting lets you specify which ASP.NET platform should be used to map the Web site or application to the ASP.NET version. By default, this setting is not configured in InstallShield; if you do not change the value of this setting, the installation assumes that 32-bit support is needed.

Depending on the value that you configure for the ASP.NET Platform and ASP.NET Version settings, the following behavior occurs by default at run time:

• If the target system has a 32-bit version of Windows, the 32-bit version of the specified ASP.NET version is used.

• If the target system has a 64-bit version of Windows, and 64 bit was specified for the ASP.NET platform, the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property on the target system needs to be set to False. Otherwise, using the 64-bit version of ASP.NET on a system that is configured to support the 32-bit version would cause ASP.NET to become corrupted. Thus, the installation is aborted to prevent damage to ASP.NET services.

• If the target system has a 64-bit version of Windows, and 32 bit was specified for the ASP.NET platform, the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property on the target system needs to be set to True. Otherwise, using the 32-bit version of ASP.NET on a system that is configured to support the 64-bit version would cause ASP.NET to become corrupted. Thus, the installation is aborted to prevent damage to ASP.NET services.

You can set the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property on a target system that has IIS 7 by configuring the Enable 32-Bit Applications setting for an application pool in the Internet Information Services view. At run time, the installation sets the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property as appropriate for the application pool that is being installed.

On systems with IIS 6, the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property is a global property that affects all Web sites and applications on an IIS server. Since changing the value of that property at installation run time might cause other already installed Web sites and applications on that server to fail, installations that are created with InstallShield do not modify the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property at run time if the target system has IIS 6.

At run time, you can have your installation check the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property on systems that have IIS 6. Depending on the requirements for your product and the results of that check, you may want the installation to skip a particular component that contains a 32-bit IIS 6 application, or a 64-bit IIS application, for example, and proceed with the rest of the file transfer.

InstallShield includes a sample Windows Installer DLL file that detects how the Enable32bitAppOnWin64 property is set. Release and debug versions of the DLL file, as well as the Visual Studio 2008 C++ project that was used to create the file, are installed to the following location:

```
InstallShield Program Files Folder\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Detect IIS6 Compatibility
```

To use the Windows Installer DLL file in your project, you first need to create a custom action that calls the `DetectIIS6AppPool32BitSupport` function in the `DetectIIS6Compat.dll` file.

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**Task**  
To add a custom action that checks for support for 32-bit applications on systems that have IIS 6:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences** (in Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI projects) or **Custom Actions** (in DIM or Merge Module projects).

2. In the center pane, right-click the **Custom Actions** explorer, point to **New MSI DLL**, and click **Stored in Binary table**. InstallShield adds a new custom action.
3. Change the name of the action to something like `DetectIIS6AppPool32BitSupport`.

4. Configure the custom action’s settings in the right pane:
   - In the **DLL Filename** setting, specify the path to the `DetectIIS6Compat.dll` file. The typical path is: `<ISProductFolder>\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Detect IIS6 Compatibility\DetectIIS6Compat.dll`
   - In the **Function Name** setting, enter the following name:
     ```
     DetectIIS6AppPool32BitSupport
     ```
   - In the **In-Script Execution** setting, select **Immediate Execution**.
   - Schedule the custom action as needed by selecting the appropriate option in one or more sequence settings.
   - In the condition setting, enter the following condition:
     ```
     VersionNT<600
     ```
     This condition ensures that the custom action is not run on Windows Server 2008 or later or on Windows Vista or later, since these operating systems would have IIS 7 or later.

At run time, the custom action sets the Windows Installer property `ISIIS6APPPOOLSUPPORTS32BIT` under certain conditions:

### Table 4-5 • Windows Installer Property for Checking for 32-Bit Application Support on IIS 6 Systems

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<td>64-bit Windows, IIS 6, Enable32bitAppOnWin64=false</td>
<td>ISIIS6APPPOOLSUPPORTS32BIT is not set.</td>
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You can use the `ISIIS6APPPOOLSUPPORTS32BIT` property in conditional statements. For example, if your product cannot be used on an IIS 6 server without 64-bit application support, enter the following conditional statement in the Install Condition setting of the General Information view:

**Not ISIIS6APPPOOLSUPPORTS32BIT**

As an alternative, you can create an error custom action. At run time, an error would be displayed if the condition for that custom action is true. Thus, if your product cannot be used on an IIS 6 server without 64-bit application support, use the following condition for an error custom action:

```
ISIIS6APPPOOLSUPPORTS32BIT=1
```

If you have a component that should be installed only on IIS 6 servers that have 32-bit application support enabled, enter the following conditional statement in the Condition setting of the Components view:

```
ISIIS6APPPOOLSUPPORTS32BIT=1
```
Defining Application Mappings for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield lets you define mappings between file name extensions and the applications that process those files.

**Task** • To add, edit, or remove an application mapping:

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. In the **Web Sites** explorer, select the Web site, application, or virtual directory that you want to configure.
3. In the **Application Mappings** setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The **Application Mappings** dialog box opens.
4. Do one of the following:
   - To add a new mapping, click the **Add** button. The **Application Extension Mapping** dialog box opens. For more information, see **Application Extension Mapping Dialog Box**.
   - To change an existing mapping, select the one that you want to edit, and then click the **Edit** button.
   - To delete an existing mapping, select it and then click the **Delete** button.

**See Also**
Application Mappings Dialog Box

Specifying Timeout Parameters for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
InstallShield lets you specify timeout parameters for a Web site, application, or virtual directory.

**Task**

To specify timeout parameters:

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
2. In the **Web Sites** explorer, select the Web site, application, or virtual directory that you want to configure.
3. In the **Application settings** area, click the **Configuration** button. The **Application Mappings** dialog box opens.
4. In the **Session Timeout (minutes)** and the **ASP Script Timeout (seconds)** settings, specify the appropriate timeout values.

**See Also**

Application Mappings Dialog Box

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### Determining If a Target System Has IIS 6 or Earlier or the IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility Feature

InstallShield 2020

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**

At run time, you can have your installation detect if the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature is installed on a target system, or if IIS 6 or earlier is installed. Depending on the requirements for your product and the results of that detection, you may want the installation to exit and display an error message.

For example, Web service extensions can be installed on systems that have IIS 6. On systems that have IIS 7, Web service extensions can be installed only if the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature is installed. Thus, you might want to configure your installation to verify that IIS 6 is present or the IIS 6 compatibility feature is installed; if either of those conditions are false, the installation would exit and display an error message.

InstallShield includes a sample Windows Installer DLL file that detects if either of the following are true:

- The target system has IIS 7 and the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature is installed.
- The target system has IIS 6 or earlier.

Release and debug versions of the DLL file, as well as the Visual Studio 2008 C++ project that was used to create the file, are installed to the following location:

`InstallShield Program Files Folder\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Detect IIS6 Compatibility`
To use the Windows Installer DLL file in your project, you first need to create a custom action that calls the `DetectIIS6Interfaces` function in the `DetectIIS6Compat.dll` file.

**Task**

To add a custom action that checks for the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature and for IIS 6 and earlier:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences (in Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI projects) or Custom Actions (in DIM or Merge Module projects).
2. In the center pane, right-click the Custom Actions explorer, point to New MSI DLL, and click Stored in Binary table. InstallShield adds a new custom action.
3. Change the name of the action to something like `DetectIIS6Interfaces`.
4. Configure the custom action’s settings in the right pane:
   - In the DLL Filename setting, specify the path to the `DetectIIS6Compat.dll` file. The typical path is: `<ISProductFolder>\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Detect IIS6 Compatibility\DetectIIS6Compat.dll`
   - In the Function Name setting, enter the following name: `DetectIIS6Interfaces`
   - In the In-Script Execution setting, select Immediate Execution.
   - Schedule the custom action as needed by selecting the appropriate option in one or more sequence settings.

If the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature is installed or the target system has IIS 6 or earlier, the Windows Installer property `ISIISMETABASECOMPATPRESENT` is set to a value of 1. If the target system has IIS 7 or later and the compatibility feature is not installed, the property is not set.

You can use the `ISIISMETABASECOMPATPRESENT` property in conditional statements. For example, if your product cannot be used on a system without the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature or IIS 6 or earlier, enter the following conditional statement in the Install Condition setting of the General Information view:

`ISIISMETABASECOMPATPRESENT`

As an alternative, you can create an error custom action. At run time, an error would be displayed if the condition for that custom action is true. Thus, if your product cannot be used on a system without the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature or IIS 6 or earlier, use the following condition for an error custom action:

`Not ISIISMETABASECOMPATPRESENT`

If you have a component that should be installed only on systems that have the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature or IIS 6 or earlier, enter the following conditional statement in the Condition setting of the Components view:

`ISIISMETABASECOMPATPRESENT=1`

**See Also**

Setting Product Conditions
Version-Specific Information for IIS Support in InstallShield
Determining Which Version of IIS Is Installed
Configuring Advanced IIS Settings

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

*Note* • The advanced IIS settings apply to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores these settings.

When you select a Web site, application, or a virtual directory in the Web Sites explorer in the Internet Information Services view, the right pane exposes the most common IIS settings. You can use the Advanced area at the bottom of the right pane to configure other IIS settings that are not exposed in the other areas.

**Task** • To configure a setting that is not exposed in the Internet Information Services view:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the Web Sites explorer, select the Web site, application, or virtual directory whose advanced settings you want to configure.
3. In the Other IIS Properties setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Other IIS Properties dialog box opens.
4. In the property list, select the property whose value you want to change, and then click the Change Value button. The Edit IIS Metabase Value dialog box opens.
5. In the Value box, specify the new value.

If you change the default value for any advanced property, InstallShield adds the property, the value that you specify, and the additional required information to the ISIISProperty table. For more information, see ISIISProperty Table.

**See Also**

- Edit IIS Metabase Value Dialog Box
- Internet Information Services View

Configuring Custom Error Messages for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
When an end user tries to connect to a Web site and a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) error occurs, the end user’s browser displays a default message describing the error. You can have your installation configure IIS so that it uses custom error messages instead of the default error messages by mapping the HTTP error codes to a file or a URL.

**Task**

To configure custom error messages for a Web site, application, or virtual directory:

1. Create a file that contains your custom error message and add it to your installation.
2. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
3. Select the Web site, application, or virtual directory for which you want to customize HTTP error messages. The settings for the Web site, application, or virtual directory are displayed on the right.
4. In the Custom Errors setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Custom Errors dialog box opens.
5. Select the HTTP error code that you want to change and then click the Edit Properties button. The Error Mapping Properties dialog box opens.
6. To map the error code to a file:
   a. In the Message Type list, select File.
   b. In the File box, type the path and file name that points to the custom error message in your installation, or click the browse button to locate the file.

   To map the error code to a URL:
   a. In the Message Type list, select URL.
   b. In the URL box, type the URL that points to your custom error message.

**See Also**

Error Mapping Properties Dialog Box

### Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify IIS Settings

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, you can configure an IIS setting dynamically at run time through the use of Windows Installer properties. This enables you to let end users specify the name of the virtual directory, the TCP port, the site number, or other IIS settings for the Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions that they are installing on the target machine.
Windows Installer uses \texttt{MsiFormatRecord} to resolve the property at run time. The installation writes the property and its value to the following registry key so that the value is available during uninstallation and repair:

\texttt{HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Uninstall\\InstallShield Uninstall Information\\\{ProductCode\}}

Therefore, if your Web site is installed to an end user–specified site number, the Web site, its applications, and its virtual directories can be successfully uninstalled from that site number.

\textbf{Tip} • If you do not want the IIS data to be stored in the registry, set the IS\_IIS\_DO\_NOT\_USE\_REG property in your project.

If you use a property for any of the passwords in the Internet Information Services view, the passwords are encrypted when they are stored in the registry.

\textbf{Example}

The following procedure demonstrates how to let end users specify during installation the user name used for anonymous access to the Web site. Note that you can substitute a hard-coded value with a property for any of the IIS settings in the Internet Information Services view that allow you to enter characters. The property that you specify in this view must be enclosed within square brackets, and the property name must be all uppercase; for example, \texttt{[MYPROPERTY]}.

Step 5 of the procedure is slightly different, depending on the project type, since Windows Installer controls the user interface of Basic MSI installations, and the InstallScript engine controls the user interface of InstallScript MSI installations.

\begin{itemize}
\item For Basic MSI projects:
  \begin{itemize}
  \item In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
  \item In the **Web Sites** explorer, click the Web site whose user name end users should be able to specify for anonymous access.
  \item For the **Enable anonymous access** setting, select **Yes**.
  \item In the **Anonymous User Name** setting, type the following: \texttt{[MYPROPERTY]}
  \end{itemize}
\item For InstallScript MSI projects:
  \begin{itemize}
  \item In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **InstallScript**.
  \item Find the dialog code in the OnFirstUIBefore event for the dialog that should contain the User Name control, and add a call to the Windows Installer API function \texttt{MsiSetProperty}. For example, if you want the user
name to be the name that the end user specifies on the CustomerInformation dialog, you would add an
MsiSetProperty call as shown in the following lines of code:

```c
Dlg_SdCustomerInformation:
    nResult = SdCustomerInformation(szTitle, svName, svCompany, nUser);
    MsiSetProperty(ISMSI_HANDLE, "MYPROPERTY", svName);
    if (nResult = BACK) goto Dlg_SdWelcome;
```


See Also
MsiFormatRecord (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiFormatRecord (Windows Installer Help Library)
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties
Working with Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects
Working with Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects
Dialog Functions
Dialog Customization Functions

Using InstallScript Text Substitution to Dynamically Modify IIS Settings

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

For InstallScript projects, you can configure an IIS setting dynamically at run time through the use of text substitution
string variables. This enables you to let end users specify the name of the virtual directory, the TCP port, the site number, or
other IIS settings for the Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions that they
are installing on the target machine. The InstallScript run-time code uses the TextSubSubstitute function to replace the
string variable with the appropriate value.

Example

The following procedure demonstrates how to let end users specify during installation the user name used for anonymous
access to the Web site. Note that you can substitute a hard-coded value with a text substitution string variable for any of
the IIS settings in the Internet Information Services view that allow you to enter characters. The string variable that you
specify in this view must be enclosed within angle brackets; for example, <MYPROPERTY>. The string variable that you
specify is case-sensitive.

Task To let end users specify the user name:

1. In the View List under Server Configuration, click Internet Information Services.
2. In the Web Sites explorer, click the Web site whose user name end users should be able to specify for anonymous
   access.
3. For the Enable anonymous access setting, select Yes.
4. In the Anonymous User Name setting, type the following:
   <MYPROPERTY>
5. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **InstallScript**.

6. Find the dialog code in the OnFirstUIBefore event for the dialog that should contain the User Name control, and add a call to the InstallScript function **TextSubSetValue**. For example, if you want the user name to be the name that the end user specifies on the CustomerInformation dialog, you would add a **TextSubSetValue** call as shown in the following lines of code:

```c
Dlg_SdRegisterUser:
    szMsg = "";
    szTitle = "";
    //{{IS_SCRIPT_TAG(Dlg_SdRegisterUser)
    nResult = SdRegisterUser( szTitle, szMsg, szName, szCompany );
    TextSubSetValue("<MYPROPERTY>", szName, TRUE);
    //}}IS_SCRIPT_TAG(Dlg_SdRegisterUser)
    if (nResult = BACK) goto Dlg_SdLicense2;
```

7. Build your release.

**See Also**
Text Substitutions
Working with Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects
Dialog Functions
Dialog Customization Functions

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**Deploying Web Services on a Target Machine**

**InstallShield 2020**

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**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**

Deploying a Web service onto a target system requires copying the Web service–specific files to a particular location and assigning a virtual directory name for that folder so that the Web service can be accessed via HTTP.

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**Tip**  •  To learn how to add a virtual directory to your project, see *Creating a Web Site and Adding an Application or a Virtual Directory*.

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**Task**  •  To deploy a Web service on a target machine:

1. In the View List under **Application Data**, click **Files and Folders**.

2. Select the folder (target directory) for installing files on the target system. Add your files to this folder.

3. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.
4. In the **Web Sites** explorer, select the virtual directory that is associated with the Web service.

5. In the **Content Source Path (Local or UNC)** setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The **Browse for Directory** dialog box opens. Enter the same target directory as the one that contains the new files that you added in the **Files and Folders** view.

At installation, files are copied to the target directory folder. In addition, the virtual directory is configured for that folder on the target system if IIS is present.

**See Also**
- Creating a Web Site and Adding an Application or a Virtual Directory
- Internet Information Services View

### Enabling Forms Authentication on Web Applications

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

You can use the **Forms Authentication** setting, displayed under the **Security > Authenticated Access** section of the **Internet Information Services** view for a website, to set forms authentication on web applications. Set the **Forms Authentication** option to **Yes** to enable forms authentication.

ASP.NET forms-based authentication works well for sites or applications on public Web servers that receive many requests. This authentication mode lets you manage client registration and authentication at the application level, instead of relying on the authentication mechanisms provided by the operating system.

**Important** • Forms authentication sends the user name and password to the Web server as plain text. You should use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption for the Log On page and for all other pages in your application except the Home page.

**Task**

**To enable forms authentication on a website:**

1. In the View List under **Server Configuration**, click **Internet Information Services**.

2. In the **Web Sites** explorer, select a website.

3. Under **Security > Authenticated Access**, set the **Forms Authentication** setting to **Yes**.

### Adding IISROOTFOLDER Support

**InstallShield 2020**

IISROOTFOLDER is an InstallShield directory variable that is used to determine the root directory of the Web server on a target system. If you are using IIS functionality in your installation project and you have added a Web site, then IISROOTFOLDER is automatically added.
**Note** • All of the files added to the IISROOTFOLDER directory in the Files and Folders view are installed to the Web server’s root directory on the target machine. If IIS is not installed, the files are copied to the root folder.

**See Also**
Internet Information Services View

**IIS_WEBSITE_NAME Property**

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The IIS_WEBSITE_NAME property is obsolete. If this property exists from earlier project versions, the upgrader will handle it automatically. The upgrader will create a Web site and set the site number field to [IIS_WEBSITE_NAME]. For new Web sites, you can use any property or hard-coded number.

**IIS_PORT_NUMBER Property**

InstallShield 2020

The IIS_PORT_NUMBER property is obsolete. If this property exists from earlier project versions, the upgrader will handle it automatically. The upgrader will create a Web site and set the port number field to [IIS_PORT_NUMBER]. When you create new Web sites, you can use any property or hard-coded number.
Preparing Installations for Maintenance and Uninstallation

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets your users rerun your installation to change program features or reinstall or remove your application. When users select your application in Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel, the installation displays dialog boxes that let users do any of the following:

- Install individual features that were not previously installed, and uninstall individual features.
- Reinstall your application with the settings selected during the first installation.
- Uninstall your application.

To modify, repair, or uninstall an application, the operating system must have some indication that the application is present. To allow this, an installation registers an application with the operating system so that it can be easily maintained or uninstalled. You enter the necessary information in the General Information view.

In all InstallShield installations, maintenance (that is, modification and repair) is handled automatically by default. In a Windows Installer–based installation, uninstallation is handled automatically—with the sole exception of custom actions, which must either undo their own effect during uninstallation or have their effect undone by another custom action that runs only during uninstallation.

In an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI installation, many script functions’ actions are logged for automatic uninstallation; your uninstallation script must handle those script function actions that are not logged.

See Also
Preparing an InstallScript Installation for Uninstallation

Preparing an InstallScript Installation for Uninstallation

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Setting up uninstallation functionality is simple, considering the complexity of the operations that result. CreateInstallationInfo (or InstallationInfo) and MaintenanceStart (or DeinstallStart) must be called. In an event-based script, CreateInstallationInfo and MaintenanceStart are called in the default OnMoveData event handler code.

There are other functions that play important roles in setting up uninstallation functionality. For example, all keys created using the RegDBCreateKeyEx function are recorded for uninstallation, unless logging is disabled. Also, if you call the Disable function to disable logging, remember to call Enable to enable the logging again for subsequent actions that must be recorded for uninstallation.

MaintenanceStart (or DeinstallStart) creates the necessary registry key and its necessary values. To create additional registry values under this key, call RegDBSetItem, or for custom values use code like the following:

RegDBSetDefaultRoot( HKEY_USER_SELECTABLE );
RegDBSetKeyValueEx( "Software\Microsoft\Windows\Current Version\Uninstall\" + INSTANCE_GUID, "My Custom Value", nType, szValue, nSize);

Note • Uninstallation is available only if the initial installation calls FeatureTransferData or FeatureMoveData. (In an event-based script, the FeatureTransferData function is called automatically.) If your installation installs files by some other
means (for example, XCopyFile) and you want to make uninstallation available to your end users, deselect all components and call FeatureTransferData or FeatureMoveData; while this call is executed, you can call SdShowMsg to display a message.

Including Script Code to Be Executed During Uninstallation

Note • If you call DeinstallStart to enable uninstallation, the installation script is not executed during uninstallation. To execute script code during uninstallation, call MaintenanceStart instead. (In an event-based installation, MaintenanceStart is called in the default OnMoveData event handler code.)

Event-Based Scripts

If your script is event-based, the following event handler functions are called during uninstallation:

- OnBegin
- OnMaintUIBefore
- OnMoving
- <Feature name>Uninstalling (for each installed feature)
- <Feature name>Uninstalled (for each installed feature)
- OnMoved
- OnMaintUIAfter
- OnEnd

The code in these event handler functions (whose default code you can override) is executed during the uninstallation. For instructions on executing certain event handler code only during uninstallation, or only during installation, see Executing Script Code Only During Uninstallation or Only During Installation.

Procedural Scripts

If your script is procedural (that is, uses a program block) and calls MaintenanceStart rather than DeinstallStart to enable uninstallation, the script is executed during uninstallation. For instructions on executing certain script code only during uninstallation, or only during installation, see Executing Script Code Only During Uninstallation or Only During Installation.

Executing Script Code Only During Uninstallation or Only During Installation

The installation script is executed during uninstallation and maintenance installations if MaintenanceStart rather than DeinstallStart is called to enable uninstallation. (In an event-based script, MaintenanceStart is called in the default OnMoveData event handler code.) To execute code only during uninstallation or maintenance installations, enclose it in the following if-then statement:

```c
if MAINTENANCE then
  /* this code is executed only during uninstallation or maintenance installations */
```
To execute code only during a first installation, enclose it in the following if-then statement:

```c
if !MAINTENANCE then
    /* this code is executed only during a first installation */
endif;
```

If code is not enclosed in either if-then statement, it is executed during uninstallation, maintenance installations, and first installations—with the following exceptions in event-based scripts:

- The code in the following event handlers is executed only during uninstallation and maintenance installations:
  - `OnMaintUIBefore`
  - `OnMaintUIAfter`

- The code in the following event handlers is executed only during the first installation:
  - `OnCCPSearch`
  - `OnAppSearch`
  - `OnFirstUIBefore`
  - `OnFirstUIAfter`

### InstallScript Functions that Are Logged for Uninstallation

**InstallShield 2020**

![Project](image)

*This information applies to the following project types:*

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI — if the InstallScript user interface (UI) style is the traditional style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler)

*This information does not apply to InstallScript MSI projects in which the InstallScript UI style is the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler). To learn more, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.*

In general, if logging is enabled, all of the files, folders, registry entries, .ini file entries, shortcuts, shortcut folders, and services that are created or replaced while logging is enabled are logged for uninstallation. In addition, all of the InstallScript functions that make changes to the target system during InstallScript installations and InstallScript MSI installations are logged for uninstallation. Following are some common examples of functions that an installation logs for uninstallation by default:

- `AddFolderIcon`
- `AddProfString`
- `CopyFile`
- `CreateInstallationInfo`
- `CreateProgramFolder`
• FeatureMoveData
• FeatureTransferData
• RegDBSetAppInfo
• RegDBSetItem
• ReplaceProfString
• ServiceAddService
• ServiceStartService
• VerSearchAndUpdateFile
• VerUpdateFile
• WriteProfString
• XCopyFile

You can disable and re-enable logging by calling Disable (LOGGING); and Enable (LOGGING); in your InstallScript code. For more information, see Disable and Enable.

**See Also**
Uninstalling Initialization (.ini) File Entries

## Maintenance/Uninstallation Feature

**InstallShield 2020**

The maintenance/uninstallation feature installs the files needed for maintenance setups and uninstallation, including engine files; the files' target location is specified by the value of the system variable DISK1TARGET. This feature is automatically placed in your .cab files by the release builder and is not displayed in the InstallShield interface.

At run time the maintenance/uninstallation feature is automatically selected for all setup types. Calling FeatureUpdate deselects this feature. The maintenance/uninstallation feature can also be selected or deselected by calling FeatureSelectItem and passing the system variable DISK1COMPONENT as the function's second argument. For example, the following code deselects the feature:

```
FeatureSelectItem( MEDIA, DISK1COMPONENT, FALSE );
```

## Removing Files that Were Created by Your Product

**InstallShield 2020**

By default, files created by your product after the installation is complete are assumed to be user data, and are not removed when the user uninstalls your application.
Basic MSI Project

Records you create in the RemoveFile table (using Direct Editor) can specify additional files to remove. For example, if your application creates a file called Product.ini inside INSTALLDIR and you want the file removed when the component containing your main executable is removed, add a record with the following contents to the RemoveFile table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FileKey</th>
<th>remove_file</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>ProgramFiles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Product.ini</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirProperty</td>
<td>INSTALLDIR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallMode</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4-1 • Additions to Add to the RemoveFile Table

InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects

In your script, you can call the DeleteFile and DeleteDir functions in uninstallation event handler functions to remove any files or directories you want removed.

Removing Registry Data Created by Your Product

By default, your product’s uninstallation removes only data that was created by your installation program.

Basic MSI Project

The Registry explorer understands a special uninstallation flag that controls the registry data to be removed during uninstallation. In particular, using the "-" flag ("Uninstall entire key") on a registry key causes the key and all its values and subkeys to be removed during uninstallation.

Note • The RemoveRegistry table—exposed in the Direct Editor—specifies data to be removed only when your product is installed. For details, see the Windows Installer Help Library.

InstallScript MSI Project

In your script, you can call the RegDBDeleteValue and RegDBDeleteKey functions in your uninstallation event-handler functions to remove specified registry values and keys.
Configuring Multiple Packages for Installation Using Transaction Processing

**Project** • The following project types support multiple-package installations that use transaction processing:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for installing multiple packages using transaction processing. The packages are chained together and processed as a single transaction. If one or more of the packages in the transaction cannot be installed successfully or if the end user cancels the installation, the Windows Installer initiates rollback for all of the packages to restore the system to its earlier state.

This section of the documentation explains how to specify .msi packages that you want InstallShield to include in your installation as chained packages. This section also explains how to configure settings such as the properties that should be passed to the chained packages.

**Note** • Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for installing multiple packages using transaction processing. Earlier versions do not launch any chained .msi packages.

If you want your installation to install Windows Installer 4.5, see *Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects* to learn how.

**See Also**
Overview of Multiple-Package Installations that Use Transaction Processing
Adding a New Chained .msi Package to Your Project

Overview of Multiple-Package Installations that Use Transaction Processing

**Project** • The following project types support multiple-package installations that use transaction processing:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

When you add one or more .msi packages to your installation as chained packages and an end user runs your installation on a system that has Windows Installer 4.5, the Windows Installer can install all of the packages in a single transaction. If one or more of the packages in the transaction cannot be installed successfully or if the end user cancels the installation, the Windows Installer initiates rollback for all packages to restore the system to its earlier state.
When the Windows Installer uses transaction processing, it batches together the various script states from the .msi packages. For example, Windows Installer executes the InstallInitialize action during the Execute sequence; at this point in the sequence Windows Installer executes all of the immediate actions for all of the packages and puts all of the deferred actions in the installation script. Next, Windows Installer executes the deferred actions—but not the commit or rollback actions—in the installation script for all of the packages. In addition, Windows Installer copies the rollback actions to the rollback script. If the products for each of the packages are successfully installed up until this point, the Windows Installer runs all of the commit actions for each of the packages; otherwise, the Windows Installer executes the rollback script to return the target system to its original state.

For more information about this functionality, see Multiple-Package Installations in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Note • Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for installing multiple packages using transaction processing. Earlier versions do not launch any chained .msi packages.

If you want your installation to install Windows Installer 4.5, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects to learn how.

See Also
Configuring Multiple Packages for Installation Using Transaction Processing
Adding a New Chained .msi Package to Your Project

Adding a New Chained .msi Package to Your Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • The following project types support multiple-package installations that use transaction processing:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield enables you to add already built Windows Installer packages (.msi files) to your project as chained .msi packages. Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for installing the multiple packages using transaction processing. The packages are chained together and processed as a single transaction. If one or more of the packages in the transaction cannot be installed successfully or if the end user cancels the installation, the Windows Installer initiates rollback for all packages to restore the system to its earlier state.

The Chained .msi Packages area of the Releases view is where you add to your project one or more .msi packages that you want to be chained to your main installation.

Note • Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for installing multiple packages using transaction processing. Earlier versions do not launch any chained .msi packages.

If you want your installation to install Windows Installer 4.5, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects to learn how.
Task  To add an .msi package as a chained package:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.

2. Right-click the Chained .msi Packages explorer and then click New Chained Package. InstallShield adds a new item with a default name.

3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to give it a new name.
   The name is not displayed at run time; it is an internal name that is used to differentiate between different chained .msi packages in the main installation.

4. Select the new chained package item. InstallShield displays its settings in the right pane.

5. For the Installation (run-time path) setting, click the Browse button. The Browse for File dialog box opens.

6. Select the Windows Installer package (.msi file) that you would like to add, and then click Open. The package that you select must be an .msi package that can be installed through MsiInstallProduct. Note that it cannot be an InstallScript MSI package.

   InstallShield prompts you to specify whether you want to stream the .msi package—and its uncompressed files, if the .msi package is not compressed—into your product’s main .msi package:

   • If you specify that you want InstallShield to stream the files, InstallShield adds the name of the .msi package to the Installation (run-time path) setting. InstallShield also automatically adds either the file name (if it is a compressed .msi package) or the entry ** (if it is an uncompressed .msi package) to the Streamed files box. For the ** wild-card entry, InstallShield streams in the .msi package as well as all of the files in the same folder as the .msi package.

   • If you specify that you do not want InstallShield to stream the files, InstallShield adds the following path to the Installation (run-time path) setting:

     [SourceDir]\FileName.msi

     You can change this path if appropriate. For example, you may want to use a path such as the following one, and also clear the Delete streamed files after installation check box:

     [LocalAppDataFolder]{ProductCodeGUID}\FileName.msi

     In this example, the .msi package is cached on the local system, and it is available for maintenance.

   Tip • You may not want to stream in the .msi package, since Windows Installer has limitations for the file size of .msi packages.

7. Configure the chained .msi package settings as needed. To learn more, see Chained .msi Package Settings.

If your main installation includes several chained .msi packages, InstallShield uses the Order column in the ISChainPackage table of the main installation to determine the order in which the chained packages should be launched at run time. All uninstallations are processed in reverse order, from highest to lowest order number; all installations are processed in forward order, from lowest to highest order number.

Note • If you have specified .msi packages in the Chained .msi Packages area in the Releases view, InstallShield does not build the chained packaged when you build releases for your main installation.
Assigning Release Flags to a Chained .msi Package

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Project • The following project types support multiple-package installations that use transaction processing:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

You can assign one or more release flags to a chained .msi package that you want to exclude from certain builds. For example, if you have a chained .msi package that should be included only in a special edition of your product that contains a special add-on that requires the chained .msi package, you can flag that chained package and include it only when it is needed.

Task To add a release flag to a chained .msi package that you have added to your installation project:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Chained .msi Packages explorer, select the package that should contain the release flag.
3. For the Release flags setting, type a string. The string can be any combination of letters or numbers. To have more than one flag on a chained package, use a comma to separate the flags.

To learn more about filtering chained .msi packages based on release flags, see Release Flags.

See Also
Chained .msi Package Settings

Removing a Chained .msi Package from Your Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • The following project types support multiple-package installations that use transaction processing:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI
Task To remove a chained .msi package from your project:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.

2. In the Chained .msi Packages explorer, right-click the chained .msi package that you want to remove from your project, and then click Remove.

InstallShield removes the chained .msi package from your project. Note that InstallShield does not delete the .msi package, or any of its files, from your file system.
Building, Testing, and Deploying Installations

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Once you have configured the features, components, files, shortcuts, registry entries, end-user dialogs, and other elements of your installation project, you are ready to create and build a release for your installation. InstallShield lets you create multiple releases for a project and configure each release for a different media type and according to different sets of requirements. Building releases packages the content of your installation, creating a disk image that you can copy to your distribution media and distribute or deploy as needed.

Testing is an essential part of creating a reliable installation. InstallShield enables you to selectively test run just the end-user interface portion of a release. You can also run your installation by simply clicking a button in InstallShield; when you run an installation by using this method, your installation executes exactly as it would on an end user’s machine. All files are transferred, shortcuts and registry entries are made, and the user interface is displayed.

Before you release your product, you may want to validate your installation project. Validating a Windows Installer project involves applying a set of internal consistency evaluator (ICE) rules to your installation project. These ICEs are designed by Microsoft to help you determine whether your resulting installation package contains a valid database that performs its actions correctly.

With the debugging tools in InstallShield, you can debug your InstallScript script or Windows Installer release to identify the sources of problems. When you debug a script, you execute your script, statement by statement, and trace the flow of control by watching the execution point as it moves through the script. You can also monitor the value of any variable in your script at any point during script execution. When you debug a Windows Installer release, InstallShield runs through each action and dialog box until it reaches your breakpoint, when it halts execution. At this point, you can view and set properties.

See Also
Working with Releases
Validating Projects
Releases View

Creating and Building Releases

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Once you have designed your project in InstallShield, you are ready to create a release that you can configure and build to distribute to end users. The release is built according to the options you set for it in the Release Wizard or in settings that are displayed in the Releases view.

Working with Product Configurations

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Project • The following project types support product configurations:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
Every release that you build is a member of a product configuration. A product configuration provides a means for grouping together releases that share similar properties, such as the product name, product code, and package code.

Product configurations also enable you to keep a history of your builds without having to set up a folder structure outside InstallShield. For example, when your product is in development, you might have many releases of the same version. You do not necessarily want to overwrite each release every time that you rebuild the product. With product configurations, you can maintain your previous build history and incorporate new releases at the same time.

In the past, you may have had to maintain this type of historical record of your builds outside InstallShield. You had to create a directory structure on a drive, label each folder manually, and then copy the release into its directory. With product configurations, all of this is done for you in InstallShield.

**Task**  
*To create a product configuration:*

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. Right-click the Releases explorer and then click New Product Configuration.

InstallShield adds a new product configuration to the Releases explorer. InstallShield lists the product configuration settings on the General tab.

For descriptions about each of the product configuration settings, see General Tab for a Product Configuration.

**Tip**  
You can also create product configurations through the Release Wizard. You can specify existing product configurations from the command line (using the -a parameter), but you cannot define the settings of a release through the command line.

**See Also**  
Releases View

**Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds**

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**Project**  
The following project types support product configurations:

- Basic MSI
- Merge Module

As x64 Windows-based systems that do not have 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support become more common, you may want to perform architecture validation when building a release in InstallShield. Architecture validation enables you to detect potentially problematic cases in which your installation may try to install product files or use run-time binaries that may not match the architecture of a target system.

For example, if end users may run your installation on x64 Windows Server Core systems that do not have WOW64 support, architecture validation can help you identify any x86 product files or x86 custom action files in your installation; x86 binaries cannot be loaded on x64 target systems without WOW64 support.

In addition, if you are mixing x64 and x86 product files (or x64 and x86 custom actions) in a single project and generating separate x86 and x64 .msi packages, you can use architecture validation to identify any x64 product or custom action files in your x86 releases, since these files cannot be loaded on x86 target systems.
Architecture validation also enables you to generate pure x86 .msi packages that contain only x86 versions of the built-in InstallShield custom action DLLs, or pure x64 .msi packages that contain only x64 versions of the built-in InstallShield custom action DLLs. To enable this functionality, InstallShield uses two predefined path variables: ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder and ISRedistPlatformDependentExpressFolder. By default, the values of these path variables are subfolders that contain x86 versions of the InstallShield custom action DLLs; the subfolders are in the following directory: *InstallShield Program Files Folder*\Redist. InstallShield modifies the values of these path variables at build time if necessary to include the x64 versions (instead of the x86 versions) of the InstallShield custom action DLLs in releases; these files are in different subfolders in *InstallShield Program Files Folder*\Redist.

**Overview of Architecture Validation**

InstallShield offers the following levels of support for build-time architecture validation:

- **None**—Bypass build-time architecture validation.
- **Lenient**—This type of validation lets you build x86 and x64 .msi packages (as indicated by the Template Summary property), and mix x86 and x64 product files and custom action files in both of those types of packages.

  At build time, the ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder and ISRedistPlatformDependentExpressFolder path variables point to the x86 locations that contain x86 InstallShield custom action DLLs. InstallShield includes these x86 custom action DLLs in the build if your project includes support that requires these custom actions.

  Lenient validation does not trigger build errors if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the custom action files that are being included in the release.

  Lenient validation does not trigger build warnings if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the product files that are being included in the release.

  Lenient is the default option.

- **Strict**—With this type of validation, InstallShield attempts to build a pure x86 or pure x64 .msi package, depending on whether the Template Summary property specifies Intel (for x86) or x64.

  If the Template Summary property specifies Intel, the ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder and ISRedistPlatformDependentExpressFolder path variables point to the x86 locations that contain x86 InstallShield custom action DLLs. However, if the Template Summary property specifies x64 and you are using strict validation, these path variables point to the x64 locations that contain x64 InstallShield custom action DLLs. If your project includes support that requires any of these custom actions, InstallShield adds the appropriate x86 or x64 versions of the DLLs to the build.

  Strict validation may trigger build errors if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the custom action files that are being included in the release. Thus, during build-time validation of an x86 package, InstallShield generates a build error for each x64 custom action file in the package. During build-time validation of an x64 package, InstallShield generates a build error for each x86 custom action file in the package.

  Strict validation may trigger build warnings if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the product files that are being included in the release. Thus, during build-time validation of an x86 package, InstallShield generates a build warning for each x64 product file in the package. During build-time validation of an x64 package, InstallShield generates a build warning for each x86 product file in the package.

* Tip • For information on the Template Summary property, see Using the Template Summary Property.  

For additional tips on targeting 64-bit operating systems, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Installations.

Selecting the Type of Architecture Validation

InstallShield lets you specify which type of architecture validation you want to use for each product configuration that is defined in the Releases view of your project.

**Task**

To select the type of architecture validation that you want InstallShield to perform at build time:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, select the product configuration that you want to configure.
3. On the General tab, in the Architecture Validation setting, select the appropriate option. Available options are:
   - None
   - Lenient
   - Strict

Troubleshooting Build Errors and Warnings for Strict Architecture Validation

If you are using strict architecture validation to build an .msi package that specifies x64 for the Template Summary property, InstallShield may generate errors and warnings such as the following ones at build time:

error -7319: 32-bit Standard DLL Custom Action MyCustomAction must not be included in a strict 64-bit package.

warning -7326: Including 32-bit PE file C:\SourceFiles\x86\Myx86File.exe in a strict 64-bit package.

In many cases, an x64 target system can run an x86 file. However, if the x64 system does not have WOW64 support, it may not be able to run an x86 file.

Depending on your requirements, you may want to replace the x86 file or custom action that is referenced in a build error or warning with an x64 file or custom action. In other scenarios, you may want to ignore a build error or warning. For example, if a file’s component has a condition that prevents the component from being installed on x64 systems, you may want to ignore its corresponding build warning. In some cases, you may decide to reexamine your requirements—that is, you may want to avoid supporting x64 target systems that do not have WOW64 support.

Similarly, you may encounter build errors and warnings if you are using strict architecture validation to build an x86 .msi package; for example:

error -7320: 64-bit Standard DLL Custom Action MyCustomAction must not be included in a strict 32-bit package.

warning -7327: Including 64-bit PE file C:\SourceFiles\x64\Myx64File.exe in a strict 32-bit package.

An x86 system cannot run any x64 files or custom actions. Depending on your requirements, you may choose to make changes to your project or ignore the build errors and warnings. In some cases, you may decide to reexamine your requirements.

See Also

Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
Working with Releases

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**Project** • For installation projects: Before building your installation project, ensure that you have completed designing and configuring the settings for every element in your project, including the features, components, files, shortcuts, registry entries, and end-user interface.

For merge module projects: Before building your package, ensure that you have completed designing and configuring the settings for every element in your merge module, including components, files, shortcuts, and registry entries.

Once you have designed your project in InstallShield, you are ready to create a release that you can configure and build to distribute to end users. You can create multiple releases for a project and configure each release for a different media type and according to different sets of requirements. InstallShield offers several methods for creating and building a release:

- Use the Release Wizard. (This method is not available in Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects.)
- Use the Releases view.
- Build from the command line using **ISCmdBld.exe**.
- Build a release through the automation interface. (This method is not available in Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects.)

For information on building an InstallShield release from within Visual Studio, see Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio.

**Tip** • Make sure that Windows Explorer is not pointing to the **Disk1** folder or a subfolder when you build your release. If Windows Explorer is pointing to the **Disk1** folder, the build process fails and generates an error.

See Also
- Release Wizard
- Build Errors and Warnings
- Cloning Releases
- Rebuilding Releases
- Performing Quick Builds
- Build Method

Using the Release Wizard to Create and Build a Release

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
The Release Wizard provides an easy way for you to build a product release and specify the settings for that release.

**Task**

*To launch the Release Wizard and build your installation package, do one of the following:*

- Click the **Release Wizard** button on the toolbar.
- On the **Build** menu, click **Release Wizard**.
- In the **Releases** view, right-click a release and click **Release Wizard**.

Follow the instructions in the panels of the Release Wizard. For a list of errors returned by the wizard, see *Build Errors and Warnings*.

**See Also**

- Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio
- Release Wizard

**Using the Releases View to Create and Build a Release**

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The Releases view lets you specify the settings for a release and build it. The procedure for creating and building a release depends on what project type you are using.

**Creating and Building a Release in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module Projects**

**Task**

*To create and build a release:*

1. In the View List under **Media**, click **Releases**.
2. In the **Releases** explorer, right-click the product configuration that should contain the new release, and then click **New Release**. For information on how to create a new product configuration, see *Working with Product Configurations*. InstallShield adds a new release under the product configuration. Its settings are displayed on the tabs.
3. Configure the release’s settings as appropriate.
4. Right-click the release and then click **Build**.

**Creating and Building a Release in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

*Edition* - The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see *Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects*. 


Task

To create and build a release:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. Right-click the Releases explorer, and then click New Release. InstallShield adds a new release. Its settings are displayed on the tabs.
3. Configure the release's settings as appropriate.
4. Right-click the release and then click Build.

Creating and Building a Release in an InstallScript or InstallScript Object Project

Task

To create and build a release:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. Right-click the Releases explorer, point to New Release, and click the type of media that you want to create. InstallShield adds a new release to the explorer. Its settings are displayed on the tabs.
3. Configure the release's settings as appropriate.
4. Right-click the release and then click Build.

See Also
Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio
Configuring Release Settings

Setting the Release Location

InstallShield 2020

The disk image folders for your installation are built in the release location. All additional files and folders that are necessary for storing uncompressed application files are placed in subfolders of the disk image folders. The release location is a subfolder of your project’s location.

To see your release after you have built it, click Disk Images under the product name and the release name in the Releases view. If you have not changed the release location, InstallShield places the built installation package into the following folder:

InstallShield Project Folder\project name\product configuration\release name\DiskImages\Disk1

You can set the release location either in the Advanced Settings panel of the Release Wizard or in the Release Location property in the Releases view.

See Also
Changing the Default Project Location
Building a Release from the Command Line

InstallShield 2020

You can build a release from the command line using ISCmdBld.exe for Windows Installer–based projects, for InstallScript projects, and for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects. If your project includes InstallScript, ISCmdBld.exe also compiles it before building the release.

Using ISCmdBld.exe to build an installation can be useful if you are trying to build from a batch file. Also, building a release from the command line using ISCmdBld.exe will handle the conversion of .ipr and .ipo files (object project files created using InstallShield Professional) to an .ism file, in addition to building the release.

Tip • An .ism file in either binary or XML format is accepted by the command-line build. The command-line build also works with Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project files (.issuite).

You can build a release from the command line using ISCmdBld.exe with the Standalone Build. For more information, see Standalone Build.

See Also
ISCmdBld.exe
Using ISCmdBld.exe to Build a Release from the Command Line
Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio

Using ISCmdBld.exe to Build a Release from the Command Line

InstallShield 2020

ISCmdBld.exe is located by default in the InstallShield folder’s System subfolder. Do not move ISCmdBld.exe from its installed location.

For the syntax and available command-line parameters for ISCmdBld.exe, see ISCmdBld.exe.

See Also
Using Source Code Control at the Command Line

Passing Command-Line Build Parameters in an .ini File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

If you want to pass numerous parameters during a command-line build, or if you consistently pass the same parameters, it might be convenient to use an .ini file. The following statement illustrates running ISCmdBld.exe to build a release with parameters as specified in the MySetup.ini file.
You need to include the same information in the .ini file as you would if you were passing the parameters at the command line. There are four sections for this file:

- **[Project]**—In this section, include entries for the path to the project file (.ism), as well as the name of the product configuration. If you are building a patch, include an entry for the name of the patch configuration that you are building.

- **[Release]**—In this section, include entries for release configuration information such as the compression type (compressed or uncompressed), build flags, Setup.exe settings, and the release name.

- **[Mode]**—In this section, include any of the available optional entries, such as the Silent=yes entry if you want to build your release while suppressing any build errors or warning messages. This section also lets you indicate whether a log file should be created.

- **[BuildLocation]**—In this section, you can optionally specify the release output location.

Not all sections are required. As with passing parameters directly from the command line, parameters for requirements such as silent build and build location are optional. In the example .ini file below, these parameters are in the [Mode] and [BuildLocation] sections. You can omit these entries from your .ini file if you want to accept the defaults. By default, no log file is created, the installation is not run in silent mode, and your release is created in the project location that is specified on the File Locations tab of the Options dialog box.

**Sample .ini File**

The following tables contain sample entries from each of the four sections in a sample .ini file. The first column of each table shows a sample entry. The other columns provide the corresponding command-line parameter and description.
Entries in the [Project] Section

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Entry</th>
<th>Corresponding ISCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name=&quot;C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\Othello.ism&quot;</td>
<td>-p</td>
<td>Path to the .ism file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BuildLabel=Label1</td>
<td>-a</td>
<td>Name of the product configuration for the release that you are building. If it does not exist, it is created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product=Othello</td>
<td></td>
<td>Name of your product. This entry lets you override the value that is specified in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PatchConfigName=&quot;Version 1.2&quot;</td>
<td>-patch_config</td>
<td>Name of the patch configuration in the Patch Design view that you want to build.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CompileScript=no</td>
<td>-n</td>
<td>Ensures that Setup.rul is not compiled as part of the build process.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • CompileOnly should not be used with CompileScript.

Entries in the [Release] Section

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Entry</th>
<th>Corresponding ISCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BuildFlags=flags</td>
<td>-f</td>
<td>Release flags to be included in the installation, separated by commas.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Configuration=COMP</td>
<td>-c</td>
<td>Compressed vs. uncompressed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name=Othello Beta</td>
<td>-r</td>
<td>Release name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupEXE=yes</td>
<td>-e</td>
<td>Creates a Setup.exe file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Entries in the [Mode] Section

Table 4-3 • Sample Entries in the [Mode] Section of the .ini File

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Entry</th>
<th>Corresponding ISCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CubFile=&quot;C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Support\Validation\MyValidation.cub&quot;</td>
<td>-m</td>
<td>Validate the installation or merge module package after it is built using the specified .cub file. Include the full path and name to the .cub file. To use multiple .cub files, separate each path with a semicolon (;). Enclose long file names in quotation marks. For example, the following entry indicates that validation should be performed with the InstallShield Validation Suite for Windows 8 (ISWin8.cub) and the Full MSI Validation Suite (darice.cub): CubFile=&quot;C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Support\Validation\ISWin8.cub;C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Support\Validation\darice.cub&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Silent=yes</td>
<td>-s</td>
<td>Runs in silent mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StopOnFirstError=yes</td>
<td>-x</td>
<td>Aborts the build when the first error is encountered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CompileOnly=no</td>
<td>-q3</td>
<td>Compiles only Setup.rul and streams Setup.inx into the Binary table of the .msi file, if one was previously built.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note • The entries CompileOnly, BuildTablesRefreshFiles, and BuildTablesOnly are mutually exclusive. Only one can be set to yes. CompileOnly should not be used with CompileScript.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BuildTablesRefreshFiles=no</td>
<td>-q2</td>
<td>Builds the Windows Installer tables and refreshes files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note • The entries CompileOnly, BuildTablesRefreshFiles, and BuildTablesOnly are mutually exclusive. Only one can be set to yes.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 4-3 • Sample Entries in the [Mode] Section of the .ini File (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Entry</th>
<th>Corresponding ISCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>BuildTablesOnly=yes</strong></td>
<td>-q1</td>
<td>Builds only the Windows Installer tables for your release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>![Note • The entries CompileOnly, BuildTablesRefreshFiles, and BuildTablesOnly are mutually exclusive. Only one can be set to yes.](Note: The entries CompileOnly, BuildTablesRefreshFiles, and BuildTablesOnly are mutually exclusive. Only one can be set to yes.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>UpgradeOnly=no</strong></td>
<td>-u</td>
<td>Allows you to upgrade—but not build—your release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Verbose=yes</strong></td>
<td>-v</td>
<td>Generates an engine log file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>WarningAsError=yes</strong></td>
<td>-w</td>
<td>Treats any build warnings as build errors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MSIVersion=2.0</strong></td>
<td>-g</td>
<td>Version of Windows Installer required on target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>![Note • This entry applies to the Standalone Build only.](Note: This entry applies to the Standalone Build only.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DotNetVersion=</strong></td>
<td>-j</td>
<td>Minimum version of Microsoft .NET Framework required on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>![Note • This entry applies to the Standalone Build only.](Note: This entry applies to the Standalone Build only.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DotPath=&quot;C:...&quot;</strong></td>
<td>-t</td>
<td>Path to the Microsoft .NET Framework on the build machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>![Note • This entry applies to the Standalone Build only.](Note: This entry applies to the Standalone Build only.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SkipValidators=yes</strong></td>
<td>-h</td>
<td>Enables you to turn off the upgrade validators that normally run at the end of the build.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>![Note • This entry applies to the Standalone Build only.](Note: This entry applies to the Standalone Build only.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For more information, see Building a Release from the Command Line.

**See Also**

Standalone Command-Line Build

### Using ISBuild.exe to Build from the Command Line

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to InstallScript projects.
ISBuild.exe, a command-line tool that is available for legacy InstallScript projects, is a shell that calls into ISCmdBld.exe. ISCmdBld.exe handles the conversion of .ipr and .ipo (object projects created using InstallShield Professional) files to an .ism file and builds the release.

For a list of command-line parameters for ISBuild.exe, see ISBuild.exe.

See Also
ISCmdBld.exe

Building a Self-Extracting Executable File from the Command Line

You can build a self-extracting executable file from the command line using ReleasePackager.exe. This can be useful if you are building from a batch file.

ReleasePackager.exe is located by default in the InstallShield folder’s System subfolder. Do not move ReleasePackager.exe from its installed location.

For syntax and available arguments and options for ReleasePackager.exe, see ReleasePackager.exe.

See Also
Using Source Code Control at the Command Line

Rebuilding Releases

You can rebuild a release at any time using the default entries that you already provided in the settings in the Releases view. The release that currently has focus is rebuilt.

Task To rebuild a release, do one of the following:

- Click the Build button.
- On the Build menu, click Build.
In the **Releases** view, right-click a release name and then click **Build**.

You can run the Release Wizard again to rebuild a release. Because the wizard stores the release settings in your InstallShield project file, the wizard displays all of the options that you set when you last built the release, even if you deleted the release.

To see your new installation package, click Disk Image(s) for the appropriate release in the Releases view. InstallShield places the built installation package into the following folder if you have not changed the default release location:

```
C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\project name\product configuration\release name\DiskImages\Disk1
```

*Note* • Make sure that Windows Explorer is not pointing to the *Disk1* folder or a subfolder when you build your release. If it is pointing to the *Disk1* folder, the build process can continue indefinitely. If Windows Explorer is accessing a subfolder, the build generates an error.

### See Also
- Running Installations from the InstallShield Interface
- Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio

## Performing Quick Builds

**InstallShield 2020**

When you are testing your installation, you might not want to continually build all of your installation files if no files have been changed. InstallShield provides you with two quick build options: Build Tables Only and Build Tables & Refresh Files.

### Build Tables Only

As the name of this option implies, only the Windows Installer tables are built. If you have not built this installation already, a new .msi file is created, but no files are added to your installation. If you have built your installation already, the .msi file is updated when all the tables are built, but no files are transferred. You can use this option to test the installation’s user interface.

**Task**

*To build only your installation’s Windows Installer tables, do one of the following:*

- On the **Build** menu, click **Build Tables Only**.
- In the **Releases** view, right-click the release that you would like to build and click **Build Tables Only**.

### Build Tables & Refresh Files

If you would like a near-complete build without having to transfer all of the installation’s files to a new location, you can perform a build that rebuilds your .msi file and updates the Files table, thereby including any new or changed files in your installation. Changed files are updated only if the size or time stamp differs from the copy already included in the build. References to deleted files are removed from the installation, but the file remains in the build location. This type of build works only when the media is an uncompressed network image.

**Task**

*To build your Windows Installer tables and refresh the installation’s files, do one of the following:*

- On the **Build** menu, click **Build Tables & Refresh Files**.
Performing Batch Builds

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

You might need to build multiple releases with different configurations simultaneously. This functionality is known as a batch build.

Task

To perform a batch build through InstallShield:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project: Right-click a product configuration and click Batch Build.
   In an InstallScript or InstallScript Object project: Right-click the Releases explorer and click Batch Build.

The Batch Build dialog box opens to prompt you to select the product configurations and releases that you would like to build.

Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds

InstallShield 2020

Edition • This functionality is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

Some project-specific differences are noted where applicable.
InstallShield lets you specify commands that you want to be run at various stages of the build process. For example, if you are developing a Basic MSI project, you may want to modify the .msi package that InstallShield creates at build time before InstallShield digitally signs it and streams it into the Setup.exe file. You can specify a command that runs a script that makes the required changes to the .msi package at the appropriate time during the build.

When you are entering a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use the following variables that are defined specifically for build event commands.

**Table 4-5 • Build Event Variables**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Project Types</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;ISReleaseName&gt;</code></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>This variable indicates the name of the release that InstallShield is building.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;ISProductConfigName&gt;</code></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>This variable indicates the name of the product configuration that contains</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>the release that InstallShield is building. (Note that this is always Media for InstallScript projects.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;ISReleasePath&gt;</code></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>This variable indicates the build location of the release that InstallShield</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>is building. It is set through the Release Location setting on the Build tab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>for a release in the Releases view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;ISReleaseUsesShallowFolderPaths&gt;</code></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This variable is set to true or false to indicate whether InstallShield uses a shallow folder directory structure when building your release.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

At build time, InstallShield sets temporary `<ISReleaseName>`, `<ISProductConfigName>`, `<ISReleasePath>`, and `<ISReleaseUsesShallowFolderPaths>` environment variables; InstallShield also sets temporary environment variables for all of the defined path variables in your project. You can refer to the value of one of these environment variables in a batch file by surrounding the variable name with percent signs (%); for example:

```bash
set PATH = %<ISReleaseName>%;%PATH%
```

When the build is complete, InstallShield deletes the temporary environment variables that it set.

**Task**

To specify one or more commands that run before, during, or after a build:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the release that you would like to configure.
3. Click the Events tab.
4. In one or more of the following settings, enter the commands that you want InstallShield to run:
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- Prebuild Event
- Precompression Event (This event is not available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.)
- Postbuild Event

Enter each command as it would be launched from the command prompt. Thus, for example, if you specify a path that includes spaces, enclose the path within quotation marks.

For details about each setting, see Events Tab for a Release.

To specify more than one command for any of those settings, click the ellipsis button (…) in the setting. A dialog box opens, enabling you to enter one or more commands. Enter each command on a separate line.

If you enter more than one command for an event settings, InstallShield runs each command at build time in the order that they are listed for that setting. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one.

**Tip** • A verbose build log shows each of the build events that are run at build time. To troubleshoot build events, generate a verbose log file and search for strings such as “Launching prebuild events”, “Launching precompression build events”, and “Launching postbuild events”. These areas of the log list details about the commands that are run at build time.

To generate a verbose build log, pass the -v parameter when launching IsCmdBld.exe from the command line.

**See Also**
IsCmdBld.exe

Resolving Build Errors and Warnings

InstallShield 2020

When you build a release, the Output window opens across the bottom of the InstallShield user interface. The Tasks tab of this window lists any build errors and warnings that occur during the build process.

**Task**
To learn how to resolve a build error or warning that you encounter, do one of the following:

- On the Tasks tab of the Output window, click an error code to launch your Internet browser and see Knowledge Base articles and HelpNet topics for the selected build error or warning.
- See Build Errors and Warnings, which provides tips on how to resolve build errors and warnings.

Changing Project Settings from the Command Line

InstallShield 2020

The InstallShield automation interface enables you to query and modify many project settings from an unattended build process, using, for example, a VBScript script or Visual Basic application.

The framework of any script that uses the automation interface to access a project appears as follows (you can copy this script into a text file called Framework.vbs and then double-click the file icon):

Set oProject = CreateObject(“IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject”)
oProject.OpenProject “C:\MySetups\MyProject.ism”
' perform queries and changes here

oProject.SaveProject ' necessary only if modifying the project
oProject.CloseProject

See Also
Automation Interface
Automating Installation Development and Build Processes

Canceling Builds
InstallShield 2020

Task
To cancel a build after it has started:
Click the Stop Build button on the toolbar.

Standalone Build
InstallShield 2020

InstallShield provides a Standalone Build module that enables you to install only the part of InstallShield that compiles the installations, plus any redistributables that you want to include. For instructions on installing the Standalone Build and any redistributables on a build machine, see Installing the Standalone Build on a Build Machine.

The InstallShield 2020 Standalone Build can coexist with other major versions of the Standalone Build on the same machine (in different folders).

Upgrading Projects
The Standalone Build automatically upgrades projects that were created with InstallShield Developer 7.0 or later. However, it does not upgrade projects that were created with InstallShield for Windows Installer.

Using the Command-Line Build
You can run the Standalone Build from the command line. For more information, see Standalone Command-Line Build.

Using the Standalone Automation Interface
The Standalone Build includes a standalone version of the automation interface—the Standalone Automation Interface.

See Also
Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System

Installing the Standalone Build on a Build Machine
InstallShield 2020

Edition • Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition only.
Installing the Standalone Build

The installation for the Standalone Build consists of a single, compressed executable file. It includes all of the files that are required for building multilanguage installations.

Task

To install the Standalone Build on a build machine:

1. Locate the executable file for the Standalone Build installation:
   - If you have the InstallShield DVD, the file is on the DVD and you can find it using the DVD Browser.
   - If you downloaded InstallShield, the Standalone Build installation file is available for download as documented in the InstallShield download and license instructions (http://www.installshield.com/instructions/sab.asp).

2. Double-click the executable file and run the installation. For detailed information on configuring licensing for the Standalone Build, see the InstallShield download and license instructions (http://www.installshield.com/instructions/sab.asp).

During the installation, the Custom Setup dialog shows two Standalone Build features that are disabled by default. Enable these features if you want to be able to use them.

- **Automation Interface**—This feature installs and registers the files that you need to use the automation interface with the Standalone Build.

- **InstallScript Objects Support**—This feature installs and registers the InstallScript Object support files that enable you to build InstallScript projects that contain InstallScript Objects.

Files that Are Registered During the Standalone Build Installation

When you install the Standalone Build, the installation installs and registers each of the following merge modules if they are not present:

- **ATL 3.0** (**ATL.msm**)
- **Microsoft C Runtime Library** (**MSVCRT.msm**)
- **Microsoft C Runtime Library 7.1** (**VC_User_CRT71_RTL_X86_.---.msm**)
- **MSXML3** (**msxml3_wim32.msm**)
- **MSXML4** (**msxml4sxs32.msm** or **msxml4sys32.msm**)
- **Visual C++ 8.0 ATL (x86) WinSXS MSM** (**Microsoft_VC80_ATL_x86.msm**)
- **Visual C++ 8.0 ATL.Policy (x86) WinSXS MSM** (**policy_8_0_Microsoft_VC80_ATL_x86.msm**)
- **Visual C++ 8.0 CRT (x86) WinSXS MSM** (**Microsoft_VC80_CRT_x86.msm**)
- **Visual C++ 8.0 CRT.Policy (x86) WinSXS MSM** (**policy_8_0_Microsoft_VC80_CRT_x86.msm**)

The Standalone Build installation also installs and registers the Microsoft Scripting Runtime Library (**scrrun.d11**) if it is not present. It is installed to the [SystemFolder].

If you copy the Standalone Build files from one machine to another instead of running the installation on that second machine, you must manually install the technologies that are included in these merge modules and the **scrrun.d11** file if they are not already present. You can obtain the installation packages for the merge module technologies from the Microsoft Web site (http://www.microsoft.com).
Files that Are Registered During the Installation of the Optional Automation Support Feature

The Automation Interface feature in the Standalone Build installation installs and registers the files that you need in order to use the automation interface with the Standalone Build. Following is the list of files that need to be registered:

- **Program Files Folder** \Common Files\InstallShield\Shared\IsmAuto.tlb
- **Program Files Folder** \Common Files\InstallShield\Shared\Ismmupdater.tlb
- **Program Files Folder** \Common Files\InstallShield\Shared\ISWIBuild.tlb
- **Program Files Folder** \Common Files\InstallShield\Shared\IsAppServices.tlb
- **Program Files Folder** \Common Files\InstallShield\Shared\IsUpgrade.tlb
- **Standalone Build Program Files Folder** \System\ISWiAutomation\Automation Interface Version.dll

If you copy the Standalone Build files from one machine to another instead of running the installation on that second machine, and if you want to be able to use the automation interface with the Standalone Build, you must manually register these files.

Files that Are Registered During the Installation of the Optional InstallScript Objects Support Feature

The InstallScript Objects Support feature installs and registers the InstallScript Object support files that enable you to build InstallScript projects that contain InstallScript Objects. Following is the list of files that need to be registered:

- **Standalone Build Program Files Folder** \System\DObjAutomation Interface Version.dll
- **Standalone Build Program Files Folder** \System\ISBE.dll
- **Standalone Build Program Files Folder** \System\ISMKAutomation Interface Version.dll
- **Standalone Build Program Files Folder** \System\StockWiz.dll

If you copy the Standalone Build files from one machine to another instead of running the installation on that second machine, and if you want to be able to build InstallScript projects that contain InstallScript Objects, you must manually register these files.

Manually Registering Files for the Standalone Build

To manually register one of the aforementioned DLL files for the Standalone Build, use Regsvr32.exe, which is installed in the System32 folder.

To manually register one of the .tlb files, use the following file:

**Standalone Build Program Files Folder** \System\RegTypLib.exe

See Also

- Adding Redistributables to the Build Machine for the Standalone Build
- Installing the Standalone Build and InstallShield on the Same Machine
- Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System
Adding Redistributables to the Build Machine for the Standalone Build

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Most of the redistributables—including merge modules, objects, and InstallShield prerequisites—are not installed automatically with the Standalone Build because they would require significantly more hard disk space. This allows you to install on the build machine only the redistributables that are required by your InstallShield projects. The only one that is included is the .NET Framework 2.0 redistributable.

**Tip** - The Standalone Build uses the same basic directory structure that InstallShield uses for its program files. Therefore, if you need to copy a redistributable or some other file from a machine that has InstallShield to a machine that has the Standalone Build, use the same relative path. For example, if a file is in the InstallShield Program Files Folder\Modules\i386 directory on the machine that has InstallShield, copy that file to the Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Modules\i386 directory on the machine that has the Standalone Build.

**Task** To add a .NET redistributable to your build machine:

1. Locate the required redistributables on the machine that has the full version of InstallShield. The file is typically located in InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist or a subfolder of the Redist folder. If an InstallShield redistributable is not available on your machine, you must download it first. For more information, see Redistributable Downloader Wizard.

2. Copy the redistributable from the machine that has InstallShield to the Standalone Build Program Files Folder on the build machine.

**Task** To add a redistributable for Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI projects to your build machine:

1. Locate the required redistributables on the machine that has the full version of InstallShield. If an InstallShield redistributable is not available on your machine, you must download it first. For more information, see Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer.

   - The two default locations for InstallShield merge modules are:
     
     * InstallShield Program Files Folder\Modules\i386
     * Common Files\Merge Modules

   - The default location for the InstallShield objects is:
     
     * InstallShield Program Files Folder\Objects

   - All InstallShield prerequisites are stored in the following location:
     
     * InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites

   - If you built your own merge modules in InstallShield, you would find them in any of the locations that are listed on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box.

2. Copy the redistributable from the machine that has InstallShield to appropriate location on the build machine.

   - Add merge modules to the following folder:
     
     * Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Modules\i386
• Add objects to the following folder:

  Standalone Build Program Files Folder\Objects

• Add InstallShield prerequisites to the following folder:

  Standalone Build Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites

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**Task**

**To add an InstallShield prerequisite for InstallScript projects to your build machine:**

1. Locate the required InstallShield prerequisite on the machine that has the full version of InstallShield. If an InstallShield redistributable is not available on your machine, you must download it first. For more information, see [Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer](#).

   All InstallShield prerequisites are stored in the following location:

   InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites

2. Copy the InstallShield prerequisite from the machine that has InstallShield to appropriate location on the build machine:

   Standalone Build Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites

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**Task**

**To add to your build machine one of the other InstallShield redistributables for InstallScript projects:**

1. Download the installation for the redistributable. The installations are available through FlexNet Connect. For more information, see [Obtaining Updates for InstallShield](#).

2. Run the redistributable installation on the build machine. When the InstallShield Wizard displays the Choose Destination Location dialog, browse to the following location:

   Standalone Build Program Files Folder\ObjectsPro

   If the ObjectsPro folder has not been created yet, you will need to add that folder.

   The InstallScript object installations install and register the required object files.

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**Task**

**To add to your build machine one of your own InstallScript redistributables or a third-party redistributable:**

1. Locate the redistributable.

2. Place it in the following location on the build machine:

   Standalone Build Program Files Folder\ObjectsPro

   If the ObjectsPro folder has not been created yet, you will need to add that folder.

**See Also**

- Specifying the Directories that Contain InstallShield Prerequisites
- Specifying the Directories that Contain Merge Modules
- Installing the Standalone Build on a Build Machine
Standalone Command-Line Build

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The Standalone Build lets you use ISCmdBld.exe to build releases from the command line. For instructions, see Building a Release from the Command Line.

For a list of command-line parameters that ISCmdBld.exe supports, see ISCmdBld.exe.

See Also
Specifying the Directories that Contain InstallShield Prerequisites
Specifying the Directories that Contain Merge Modules

Standalone Automation Interface

InstallShield 2020

The Standalone Build includes a standalone version of the automation interface—the InstallShield Standalone Automation Interface. This interface uses the same ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file that is installed with InstallShield, but it is installed to a different location.

Note • If you install the Standalone Build on the same machine as InstallShield, the first ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file that is installed is the one that is registered. To learn more, see Installing the Standalone Build and InstallShield on the Same Machine.

Future versions of the Standalone Build will have new ProgIDs and new GUIDs. This enables you to install multiple versions of the Standalone Automation Interface side by side on the same build machine.

Registering ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll

The Standalone Automation Interface is contained in the file ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll. If you installed the Standalone Build by running the installation for the Standalone Build, this file is already registered. If you copied the files for the Standalone Build instead of running the installation, you need to register this file manually using Regsvr32.exe, which is installed in the System32 folder. The ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file is installed in the System subfolder of the Standalone Build Program Files folder.

See Also
Automation Interface
Automating Installation Development and Build Processes
Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System

Installing the Standalone Build and InstallShield on the Same Machine

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In most cases, the Standalone Build is not installed on the same machine where InstallShield is installed. If you do install both on the same machine, you need to be aware that the Standalone Automation Interface uses the same ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file that InstallShield uses, but it is installed to a different location. In addition, both the Standalone Automation Interface and InstallShield use the same ProgID: IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject. This enables you to use the same automation script with both the Standalone Automation Interface and InstallShield, without requiring you to change your code to reflect the appropriate ProgID.
When you first install either InstallShield or the Standalone Build, the installation registers ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll. If you next install the other tool, that second installation detects that ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll is already registered, so it does not re-register it. As long as one instance of ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll is registered, you can use both the Standalone Build and InstallShield with the automation interface.

If you uninstall the first instance that you originally installed, the installation unregisters ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll. Therefore, you must manually register ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll so that you can use the automation interface with the product that still remains. For example, if you install InstallShield, install the Standalone Build, and then uninstall InstallShield, you must next manually register the ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file for the Standalone Build; otherwise, you cannot use the Standalone Automation Interface.

To manually register ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll, use Regsvr32.exe, which is installed in the System32 folder. The ISWiAutomationAutomation Interface Version.dll file is installed in the System subfolder of the InstallShield and Standalone Build Program Files folders.

See Also
Installing the Standalone Build on a Build Machine

Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield supports the Microsoft Build engine (MSBuild) included with the .NET Framework. MSBuild support enables you to build Visual Studio solutions with InstallShield projects in build lab environments where Visual Studio is not installed.

Overview

MSBuild is an extensible build framework designed to remove the build dependence on Visual Studio. The .NET Framework functions in a role similar to the InstallShield Standalone Build, providing the capability to build projects or solutions from the command line or any other host of MSBuild. For more information on MSBuild, see the MSDN Library.

MSBuild Tasks

The flexibility and extensibility of MSBuild is controlled through atomic groupings of internal build steps referred to as tasks. One example of a task that ships with MSBuild is Csc, which can compile code from a Visual C# project. InstallShield installs an MSBuild task called InstallShield, which builds an InstallShield project, and a targets file that provides default build steps for the project. This customized task, along with the targets file, enables MSBuild to perform all required actions to build the InstallShield project as part of a Visual Studio solution.
This table describes the parameters of the InstallShield task. The Project Type column lists the applicable project types.

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<td>InstallShieldPath</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the path to folder containing the InstallShield application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the location of the project file (ism).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductConfiguration</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the product configuration for the release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReleaseConfiguration</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the release name.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Note</td>
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<td>You must specify the ReleaseConfiguration or the PatchConfiguration. If you do not specify one of these, or if you specify both of these, a build error occurs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PatchConfiguration</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the name of the patch configuration in the Patch Design view that is being built.</td>
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<td>Note</td>
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<td>You must specify the ReleaseConfiguration or the PatchConfiguration. If you do not specify one of these, or if you specify both of these, a build error occurs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>OutDir</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the fully qualified path to the folder where you want the output folders and files to be placed.</td>
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<td><strong>MergeModulePath</strong></td>
<td>String[ ]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies one or more folders that contain the merge modules (.msm files) that are referenced by your project. InstallShield provides additional ways for specifying the folders that contain merge modules. For more information, see Specifying the Directories that Contain Merge Modules.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>PrerequisitePath</strong></td>
<td>String[ ]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies one or more semicolon-delimited folders that contain the InstallShield prerequisite files (.prq files) that are referenced by your project. InstallShield provides additional ways for specifying the folders that contain InstallShield prerequisite files. For more information, see Specifying the Directories that Contain InstallShield Prerequisites.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ReleaseFlags</strong></td>
<td>String[ ]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter enables you to specify any release flags that you want to include in your release. Separate multiple flags with commas.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PathVariables</strong></td>
<td>ITaskItem[ ]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter enables you to override the path variables for the project. Using this parameter, you can specify the path to the path variable and also define a value for the name of the path variable using thePathVariable subelement. To reference a file in a sibling project that is within the same Visual Studio solution folder, use the predefined path variable called VSSolutionFolder. For more information, see Using the VSSolutionFolder Path Variable with Visual Studio Solutions. For more information on MSBuild ITaskItem[ ] properties, see the MSDN Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PreprocessorDefines</strong></td>
<td>ITaskItem[ ]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter enables you to add or override the preprocessor defines for the project. Using this parameter, you can specify the definition of the preprocessor define and also define a value for the name of the preprocessor define using the Token subelement. For more information on MSBuild ITaskItem[ ] properties, see the MSDN Library.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
This parameter specifies the project output groups from the Visual Studio solution. Using this parameter, you can specify the path to the source location of the project output group and also define these additional values using these subelements as listed:

- **Name**—Name of the project
- **OutputGroup**—Name of the project output group
- **TargetPath**—Target path of the project output group (different from its source location)

For more information on MSBuild `ITaskItem[]` properties, see the MSDN Library.
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<tr>
<td>Build</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies what type of build to perform. You can choose from these types of builds:</td>
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<td>- <strong>Complete</strong>—This option builds the entire release.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Compile</strong>—This option compiles the Setup.rul script file. In Basic MSI and Merge Module projects, this option also streams ISSetup.dll into the Binary table of the .msi package.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Tables</strong>—This option builds only the Windows Installer tables for the database. If you have not built this installation already, a new .msi file is created, but no files are added to your installation. If you have built your installation already, the .msi file is updated when all the tables are built, but, again no files are transferred. Ideally, this option is to be used to test the user interface of your installation. This option is applicable to Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module projects.</td>
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<td>- <strong>TablesAndFiles</strong>—For Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, this option builds the Windows Installer tables and refreshes the files. This type of build can be run only after a complete build has been performed, and it works only when the media is an uncompressed network image. For InstallScript projects, this option rebuilds only those portions of the release that have changed since the last build. If this parameter is not used, the entire file media library is rebuilt.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>UpgradeOnly</strong>—This option enables you to upgrade—but not build—a Basic MSI project that was created in an earlier version of InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BuildCompressed</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies whether your release is compressed into one file or remains uncompressed in multiple files.</td>
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<td>BuildSetupExe</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this parameter specifies whether you want to create a Setup.exe file along with your installation. For merge module projects, this option specifies whether you want to build the merge module and also copy it to the merge modules folder, or just build the .merge module without copying it.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ProductVersion</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the product version. This is especially helpful if you want to increment the build version (the third field) of the product version. For information on valid product version numbers, see Specifying the Product Version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PropertyOverrides</td>
<td>ITaskItem[ ]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter enables you to override the value of a Windows Installer property or create the property if it does not exist. To use this parameter, include a property list of items whose value is the new property value, and whose metadata Property is the name of the property. This parameter is exposed as the InstallShieldPropertyOverides ItemGroup passthrough to the PropertyOverides property on the InstallShield task.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RunMsiValidator</td>
<td>ITaskItem[ ]</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter enables you to specify one or more .cub files to use for validating the installation package or merge module after it is built. To learn more about validation, see Validating Projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RunUpgradeValidation</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies whether or not to run upgrade validation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StopOnError</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies whether or not to stop the build after an initial error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiVersion</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the minimum version of Windows Installer that the installation can accept on the target machine.</td>
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<td><strong>DotNetFrameworkVersion</strong></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the minimum version of the .NET Framework that the installation can accept on the target machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DotNetUtilPath</strong></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll are utilities that are included with each version of the .NET Framework. This parameter specifies the path for the directory that contains the 32-bit version of these files that you want to use at build time for releases that include .NET installer classes and COM interop. This is not the path to .NET Framework redistributable files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Disk1Folder</strong></td>
<td>Output String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the location of the output folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SummaryInfoComments</strong></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Use this parameter to set Summary Information Stream comments at build time, such as including the build number. The comments that are added using this property can be viewed on the Properties dialog box of the built installer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MSIPackageFileName</strong></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Use this parameter to specify the MSI package file name at build time. Specify the file name—without the period or the file extension—that InstallShield should use for the .msi file.</td>
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MSBuild Scripts

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The InstallShield integration with Visual Studio uses an MSBuild-compatible XML format project file (.isproj), which enables MSBuild to seamlessly build Visual Studio solutions that include InstallShield projects. To build solutions in a standalone environment, install the InstallShield Standalone Build on the build machine.

Customizing the .isproj File

To incorporate changes for your InstallShield project into your .isproj file, add a PropertyGroup element or an ItemGroup element near the top of your .isproj file, or update an existing PropertyGroup or ItemGroup element. Then add InstallShield-related parameters as needed.

The following sample code from an .isproj file demonstrates how to do the following:

- Set the product version.
- Set the product name.
- Set a custom public property called \_MY\_PROPERTY\_VALUE\_VALUE to the value **My Value**.
- Override a path variable called **MyPathVariableName** with a new value of **C:\MyPath**.
- Specify the following search paths for InstallShield prerequisites: **<ISProductFolder>\SetupPrerequisites** and **<ISProjectFolder>\MyCustomPrerequisites**.

```xml
<PropertyGroup>
  <InstallShieldProductVersion>1.2.3</InstallShieldProductVersion>
</PropertyGroup>
<ItemGroup>
  <InstallShieldPropertyOverrides Include="My New Product">
    <Property>ProductName</Property>
  </InstallShieldPropertyOverrides>
  <InstallShieldPropertyOverrides Include="My Value">
    <Property>MY\_PROPERTY\_VALUE</Property>
  </InstallShieldPropertyOverrides>
  <InstallShieldPathVariableOverrides Include="C:\MyPath">
    <PathVariable>MyPathVariableName</PathVariable>
  </InstallShieldPathVariableOverrides>
</ItemGroup>
```

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<td>InstallShieldDigitalCertificatePassword</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the digital certificate password, this is an optional parameter. If it is not specified, the password configured in the project is used to sign the files.</td>
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- Specify the following search paths for InstallShield prerequisites: **<ISProductFolder>\SetupPrerequisites** and **<ISProjectFolder>\MyCustomPrerequisites**.
Using MSBuild to Build a Release from the Command Line

**Note** • If you use MSBuild to build Visual Studio solutions with InstallShield projects, MSBuild requires .NET Framework 3.5 or later.

MSBuild provides an easy way to build a release from the command line on a machine on which Visual Studio is not installed. The only components you must have installed on the machine are the .NET Framework and the InstallShield Standalone Build. Place a copy of your Visual Studio solution on the machine, and run MSBuild.

**Task**

To use MSBuild from the command line:

1. Open the Command Prompt window.
2. Change the directory to the one that contains MSBuild.exe:
   ```csharp
   C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\Version Folder\n   ```
3. Type the command-line statement to build the release build of the Visual Studio integration project. For example:
   ```csharp
   MSBuild.exe C:\Folder Containing My Visual Studio Solution\My Solution.sln /property:Configuration=Release
   ```

**See Also**

Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)

Configuring Release Settings

When you create a release, it has default settings. You can edit all of the release settings in the Releases view. When you use the Release Wizard, you can also edit the settings of a release.

**Task**

To edit the settings of a release:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, select the release whose settings you would like to configure. The settings are displayed on tabs in the right pane.
3. Select a setting on one of the tabs to modify its value. Information about the setting is displayed in the help pane or when you press F1 from within the Releases view.
Creating a Single Executable File for Distribution

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

To package a build as a single executable file, use the Create a single file executable option in the General Options panel of the Release Wizard, or the Single Exe File Name setting in the Releases view, as described in the following procedures.

Note • The single executable file that you create accepts any command-line parameter that Setup.exe accepts.

Task To package a build as a single executable file by using the Release Wizard:

1. Launch the Release Wizard.
2. Navigate to the General Options panel.
3. Select the Create a single file executable check box.
4. By default, the file name <project name>.exe is entered in the File Name box. If you want the self-extracting executable file to have a different name, type a new file name in the box or select a path variable whose value defines the file name.
5. In the Icon box, you can specify the fully qualified name of the file that contains the icon that InstallShield should use when it creates the Setup.exe file at build time.

To specify a file, type an explicit path or path variable, or click the browse button to open the Change Icon dialog box, in which you can click the Browse button to select a file.

By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the file name. For example, C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2 indicates the icon with an index of 2, and C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100 indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100.

6. If you want the executable file to extract the installation files to the target machine and not run the installation, enter -extract_all:<path> in the Setup Command Line box, where <path> is the desired target folder; for example: -extract_all:"C:/ProductName Setup Files"
7. Complete the Release Wizard; in the Summary panel, select the Build the Release check box and then click the Finish button.

Task To package a build as a single executable file by using the settings in the Releases view:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to package as a single executable file.
3. Select the **Setup.exe** tab.

4. For the **Single .exe File Name** setting, type a file name or a path variable (enclosed in angle brackets—for example, `<MY EXE FILE NAME>`) whose value defines the file name.

5. In the **Setup.exe Icon File** setting, specify the fully qualified name of the file that contains the icon that InstallShield should use when it creates the Setup.exe file at build time.

   To specify a file, type an explicit path or path variable, or click the ellipsis button (...) to open the Change Icon dialog box, in which you can click the Browse button to select a file.

   By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the file name. For example, `C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2` indicates the icon with an index of 2, and `C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100` indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100.

6. If you want the executable file to extract the installation files to the target machine and not run the installation, enter the following for the **Setup Command Line** setting:

   `extract_all:<path>`

   where `<path>` is the desired target folder; for example:

   `extract_all:"C:/ProductName Setup Files"`

7. Build the release.

   To learn how to digitally signing your executable file, see Digital Signing and Security. For information about requiring end users to enter a password in order to launch the self-extracting executable file, see Password-Protecting Installations.

**See Also**

Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
Using Path Variables

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**Leaving Files Uncompressed in a Disk Image**

*InstallShield 2020*

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*Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.*

**Task**

To place some or all features’ files uncompressed in the disk image, use the Media Layout panel in the Release Wizard:

1. Launch the **Release Wizard** and navigate to the **Media Layout** panel.

2. Do either of the following:

   - To place all features’ files uncompressed in the disk image: Select the **CDROM Folder(s)** option. All features’ files are placed in the disk image in the folders specified by the features’ **CD-ROM Folder** properties. If no folder is specified for a feature, that feature’s files are placed in the root of the disk image.

   - To place some features’ files uncompressed in the disk image:

     a. Select the **Custom** option, and then click **Next**. The **Custom Media Layout** panel opens.
b. In the **Features in cabinets** box, select or clear the check boxes next to the features. If a feature’s files are stored in cabinet files, clear the check box. If a feature’s files should be placed in the disk image in the folder specified by the feature’s **CD-ROM Folder** property, select the check box. If no folder is specified, that feature’s files are placed in the root of the disk image.

**Tip** • If you want most of your features stored in cabinet files, click **Clear All** and then select the features to be placed uncompressed in the disk image. Conversely, if you want most of your features placed uncompressed in the disk image, click **Select All** and then clear the check boxes for the features to be stored in cabinet files.

3. Complete the **Release Wizard**.

**Note** • Regardless of whether you selected Yes or No for the Compressed setting of a feature’s component, by selecting the uncompressed (CD-ROM folder) option for the feature, its files will be uncompressed on the distribution media.

### Specifying the Required Execution Level for Your Setup Launcher on Windows Vista and Later Platforms

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

InstallShield lets you specify the minimum execution level required by your installation’s Setup.exe file for running the installation (the setup launcher, any InstallShield prerequisites, the .msi file, and any Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages) on Windows Vista and later platforms. You can configure this for each individual release in your project.

**Task** To specify the required execution level for a release:

1. In the View List under **Media**, click **Releases**.
2. In the **Releases** explorer, click the release that you would like to configure.
3. Click the **Setup.exe** tab.
4. For the **Required Execution Level** setting, select the appropriate option.

The available options are:
- **Administrator**—Setup.exe requires administrative privileges to run. Administrators must provide consent, and non-administrators must provide credentials.
• **Highest available**—Setup.exe prefers administrative privileges. Administrators must provide consent to run it; non-administrators run it without administrative privileges. This is the default option for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects.

• **Invoker**—Setup.exe does not require administrative privileges, and all users can run it without administrative privileges. Setup.exe does not display any UAC messages prompting for credentials or for consent. This is the default option for Advanced UI, Basic MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

For Advanced UI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects, and for Basic MSI projects if the Setup Launcher setting is set to Yes, InstallShield embeds a Windows application manifest in the Setup.exe launcher as a resource. This manifest specifies the selected execution level. Operating systems earlier than Windows Vista ignore the required execution level. The execution level is defined in the manifest as follows:

```xml
<requestedExecutionLevel
  level="asInvoker"
  uiAccess="false"/>
```

Other valid values for the level attribute are `highestAvailable` and `requireAdministrator`.

If the Setup Launcher setting is set to No for a Basic MSI project, InstallShield does not embed the Windows application manifest in the Setup.exe launcher.

The benefit of elevating the required execution level in Basic MSI projects is that privileges can be elevated only once if necessary to run Setup.exe, and that these privileges can be carried over to all of the installation’s InstallShield prerequisites and the Execute sequence of the .msi package without requiring multiple prompts for approval. Thus, if two of your InstallShield prerequisites require administrative privileges, for example, you can change this setting to Administrator, and then end users are prompted only once during the installation, before Windows Installer runs the Setup.exe file.

A similar benefit exists for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, where privileges can be elevated only once if necessary to run Setup.exe, and that these privileges can be carried over to all of the installation’s Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages without requiring multiple prompts for approval.

Note, however, that if you elevate the privileges and also launch the application at the end of the installation, the elevated privileges are carried over to the application. In most cases, running an application with elevated privileges on Windows Vista and later platforms is discouraged.

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**Important** • InstallShield runs with elevated privileges. If you launch your installation from within InstallShield, those elevated privileges are carried over to your installation; thus, your installation automatically has elevated privileges. That may not reflect the behavior that end users will see if they are using Windows Vista or later. Therefore, if you are using Windows Vista or later on your development system, consider opening the release folder and launching the installation directly (instead of from within InstallShield).

To quickly access your release folder so that you can launch your release directly, click the Open Release Folder on the Standard toolbar, or on the Tools menu, click Open Release Folder.

Note that an end user’s installation experience is more secure when installations are run with only the permissions that they need. Unless an application is designed to be run only by system administrators, it should be run with the least privilege.

**See Also**
- Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects
- Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation
Specifying Whether a Product Should Be Advertised If Its InstallShield Prerequisites Are Run with Elevated Privileges

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

○ Basic MSI
○ InstallScript MSI

Depending on how it is configured, an installation that includes InstallShield prerequisites may display a User Account Control (UAC) prompt for elevated privileges on Windows Vista and later systems at several different points during the installation:

1. When the end user launches the Setup.exe file
2. When the Setup.exe file launches a setup prerequisite that requires elevated privileges
3. When the Setup.exe file launches a feature prerequisite that requires elevated privileges
4. When the Windows Installer begins the Execute sequence of the .msi package

If you select Administrator for your installation’s Required Execution Level setting in the Releases view, Windows Vista and later typically display only one UAC prompt; it is displayed when the end user launches the Setup.exe file. However, if you select Invoker for this setting, Windows Vista and later may display more than one UAC prompt during the installation. For example, Windows Vista and later may display a UAC prompt for a setup prerequisite that requires elevated privileges and another UAC prompt for the Execute sequence of the .msi package. If this scenario applies to your installation, you may want to specify that your installation should advertise and then run your .msi package to help end users avoid the UAC prompt for the .msi package. If this scenario does not apply to you, it is recommended that you avoid advertising the .msi package because it would not avoid a UAC prompt.

Tip • The Require Administrative Privileges setting in the General Information view is where you specify whether the .msi package requires administrative privileges. The Behavior tab in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify whether a prerequisite requires administrative privileges. For more information about other InstallShield settings that may affect whether Windows Vista and later displays UAC prompts, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation.

Task • To specify whether your .msi package should be advertised:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the release that you would like to configure.
3. Click the Setup.exe tab.
4. For the Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated setting, select the appropriate option.

The available options are:

○ Advertise: Silent—Indicates that if setup prerequisites in the installation are successfully installed with elevated privileges, the .msi package should be advertised and run silently (without a user interface). Then the Execute sequence of the main installation does not require an additional UAC prompt for consent or credentials.
• **Advertise: Full UI**—Indicates that if setup prerequisites in the installation are successfully installed with elevated privileges, the .msi package should be advertised and run with a full user interface. Then the Execute sequence of the main installation does not require an additional UAC prompt.

• **No**—Indicates that the .msi package should not be advertised. When end users run the installation, one or more UAC prompts may be displayed to install the setup prerequisites. If the Execute sequence of the .msi package also requires elevation, an additional UAC prompt may be displayed before the Windows Installer begins the Execute sequence.

**Important** • The package must support advertisement in order for either of the advertise options to work. Advertisement is not instantaneous, and it adds extra delays to the installation. In addition, unexpected behavior may occur if the end user clicks Cancel after advertisement but before the main part of the installation has finished. For example, advertised shortcuts for your product may appear on the desktop before the main installation begins, and a confused user canceling the main installation may leave your package advertised but not fully installed. Therefore, in some cases, it may be better to leave this setting as No to allow the extra UAC prompt and avoid product advertisement.

A common goal is for an installation to display only one UAC prompt. The advertise options for the Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated setting facilitate this but do not guarantee it in all situations. For example, any time that an installation causes a restart, the installation process returns to limited privileges after the restart. The subsequent privilege elevation may display an additional UAC prompt, whether the elevation is required for a setup prerequisite, for a feature prerequisite, or for the .msi package. When the restart comes between the last prerequisite and the .msi package, the .msi package is not advertised. Following are some examples of different outcomes that may occur when you select one of the advertise options for this setting:

• The prerequisites require elevation and install successfully on the target machine. The product is advertised and installed. The product installation does not display a UAC prompt.

• One of the prerequisites in the installation may require a restart. After the restart for the prerequisite occurs, either no additional prerequisites are installed or none of the other prerequisites that are installed require elevation. Since the last prerequisite that is installed in this scenario is not a simple success of an elevated prerequisite, advertisement of the .msi package does not occur.

• None of the prerequisites in the installation need to be installed because they are already present on the target machine; therefore, advertisement of the .msi package does not occur.

• None of the prerequisites in the installation require elevation; therefore, advertisement of the .msi package does not occur.

• Elevated prerequisites are successfully installed. However, for this situation, the package is a minor upgrade for a product that is already installed. That is, the product code in the package matches the product code of the product that is already present on the target machine. Advertisement of the .msi package does not occur. UAC prompts may or may not be displayed; it depends on whether a suitable digital certificate is included in the earlier installation and in the patch.

**See Also**

*Specifying the Behavior for an InstallShield Prerequisite that Requires a Restart*

*Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites*
Password-Protecting Installations

InstallShield 2020

For added security, you can password-protect your installation package. When you password-protect your installation, any end user who wants to install your package must enter a case-sensitive password to open your installation.

You can activate password protection in the Password & Copyright panel of the Release Wizard.

Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield lets you specify the run-time location of the InstallShield prerequisites that are included with your installation.

Task • To specify where all of the InstallShield prerequisites should be located for a release, do one of the following:

- Use the InstallShield Prerequisites panel of the Release Wizard.
- In the Releases view, select the release. Then on the Setup.exe tab, for the InstallShield Prerequisites Location setting, select the appropriate option.

Task • To specify different locations for each InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the Redistributables view (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or the Prerequisites view (in InstallScript projects), specify the appropriate location for each InstallShield prerequisite. For more information, see Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific InstallShield Prerequisite.

2. In the View List under Media, click Releases.

3. Select the release that you want to build.

4. Click the Setup.exe tab.

5. For the InstallShield Prerequisites Location setting, select Follow Individual Selections.

Tip • As an alternative, you can select the Follow Individual Selections option in the InstallShield Prerequisites panel of the Release Wizard.

Note that if an InstallShield prerequisite is added to a project as a dependency of another prerequisite, the location for the prerequisite dependency follows the location setting of the prerequisite that requires it.
If you build a release that includes InstallShield prerequisites and both of the following are true, one or more build errors may be generated:

- You specify for the InstallShield prerequisites location that the prerequisites should be extracted from Setup.exe or copied from the source media (instead of being downloaded from the Web to the end user's computer).
- The prerequisite files are not on your computer.

To eliminate the build errors, remove the InstallShield prerequisite from your project, download the InstallShield prerequisite from the Internet to your computer, or change the InstallShield prerequisites location for the release to the download option; then rebuild the release.

See Also

Release Wizard
Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
Specifying URLs for Downloading InstallShield Prerequisites

Specifying the Run-Time Location for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Packages at the Release Level

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

InstallShield lets you specify the run-time location of the packages that are included with your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

Tip • If you are configuring an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project for an update setup launcher, the run-time location of the packages must be either extracted from the setup launcher or downloaded from the Web. The update setup launcher cannot rely on packages that are stored on the source media.

For more information, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

Task
To specify where all of the packages should be located for a release:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. Select the release that you want to build.
3. Click the Setup.exe tab.

4. In the Package Location setting, select the appropriate option.

Task

To specify different locations for each package:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.

2. Specify the appropriate location for each InstallShield prerequisite. For more information, see Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

3. In the View List under Media, click Releases.

4. Select the release that you want to build.

5. Click the Setup.exe tab.

6. In the Package Location setting, select Follow Individual Selections.

Note that if a package is added to a project as a dependency of another package, the location for the package dependency follows the location setting of the package that requires it.

If you build a release that includes package and both of the following are true, one or more build errors may be generated:

- You specify for the package location that the packages should be extracted from Setup.exe or copied from the source media (instead of being downloaded from the Web to the end user’s computer).

- The package files are not on your computer.

To eliminate the build errors, remove the package from your project, add the package to your computer, or change the package location for the release to the download option; then rebuild the release.

See Also

Guidelines for Adding Packages to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

Specifying the Uninstallation Order of Packages in a Suite

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

You can specify the uninstallation order of packages in a suite project using the Uninstallation Order property on the Setup.exe tab of the Releases view.
Task

To specify the uninstallation order of packages in a suite project:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. Select the release that you want to build.
3. Click the Setup.exe tab.
4. In the Uninstallation Order setting, select one of the following options:
   - **Same as Packages Order**—Uninstall the packages in the same order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).
   - **Reverse of Packages Order**—Uninstall the packages in the reverse order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).

UninstallOrder Method in Automation Interface

You can also use the UninstallOrder method in the automation interface to set the Uninstallation Order property. Specify one of the following values:

- **euoForward(0)**—Uninstall the packages in the same order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).
- **euoReverse(1)**—Uninstall the packages in the reverse order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).

Digital Signing and Security

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

You can digitally sign your installation and your application files to assure end users that neither your installation nor the code within your application has been tampered with or altered since publication.

The Signing tab is where you specify the digital signature information—including the digital certificate files that a certification authority granted to you—that InstallShield should use to sign your files.

The Signing tab is also where you specify which files in your installation should be digitally signed by InstallShield at build time. InstallShield enables you to sign any and all of the following files in a release, depending on what type of project you are using:

- Windows Installer package (.msi file) for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects
- Merge module package (.msm file) for Merge Module projects
• Setup.exe file for Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects
• Media header file for InstallScript projects
• Any files in your release, including your application files

Windows Logo • All executable files (including .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .cpl, .drv, and .scr files) in an installation must be digitally signed for the Windows logo program.

To learn more about the various settings on the Signing tab, see Signing Tab for a Release.

Certification Authorities

A certification authority is an organization such as VeriSign that issues and manages digital certificates (also known as digital IDs). The certification authority validates the requester’s identity according to prescribed criteria and issues a digital certificate. Obtaining a digital certificate requires providing the certificate authority with specific information about your company and your product.

For a list of certification authorities, see the Windows Root Certificate Program member list on the MSDN Web site.

SHA-1 vs. SHA-256 Certificates

InstallShield enables you to use digital certificates that use the SHA-256 or SHA-1 hashing algorithm for signing your installations and files at build time.

SHA-256 is favored over SHA-1, which is being deprecated because of the potential for security vulnerabilities. Microsoft announced that Windows will stop trusting items that were signed and timestamped with SHA-1 certificates after January 1, 2016. In addition, certification authorities—the organizations that issue certificates—are phasing out the creation of SHA-1 certificates. Thus, it is recommended that you replace any SHA-1 certificates in your InstallShield projects with SHA-256 certificates. For the latest information and more specific details, check with your certification authority.

If your project is configured to sign with a SHA-256 certificate, InstallShield uses a SHA-256 hash in the signature of the files that it signs at build time. If your project is configured to sign with a SHA-1 certificate, InstallShield uses a SHA-1 hash. Note that use of a SHA-1 certificate triggers build warning -7346 to alert you about the SHA-1 usage.

Beginning with InstallShield 2016, support for SHA-256 digital certificates for Windows Installer and InstallScript projects was enhanced to:

• Give you the ability to specify a digest type
• Allow you to specify a SHA-256 timestamp server in settings.xml
• Handle similarly-named certificates in the Certificate Store

Important • Any new signatures created or timestamped after Jan 1, 2016 must be SHA-256-based signatures. Any files signed with an SHA-1 certificate need to have a timestamp showing a date and time prior to Jan 1, 2016 in order to continue to be supported. Those files will still be allowed through the "Mark-of-the-web" system until Jan 14, 2020, when all SHA-1 support will stop in all current versions of Windows.
Using Certificate Files or Certificates in Certificate Stores to Generate a Digital Signature

When you are specifying the digital signature information that you want to use for signing your files and installations, InstallShield lets you choose between the following options:

- You can specify the .pfx certificate file on your machine that you want to use.
- You can reference a certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use.

Option 1—.pfx File

You can use a personal information exchange file (.pfx) to digitally sign your installation and your application. The following tools enable you to create a .pfx file from a .pvk file and .spc file:

- PVK2PFX.exe—This is part of the Windows Platform SDK, and it is also included with Microsoft Visual Studio 2005.

The .pfx file is typically associated with a password.

Option 2—A Certificate in a Certificate Store

If you store your digital certificate in a certificate store, you can reference in your project the certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use. If you use this method for signing, you will need to specify information such as the store name (Personal, Trusted Root Certification Authorities, Enterprise Trust, Intermediate Certification Authorities), the store location (user or machine), and the subject that identifies the specific certificate that you want to use.

If you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.

Adding a Timestamp to Digital Signatures

When you specify digital signature information for a release, InstallShield timestamps the digital signature at build time by default. A digital certificate’s timestamp indicates the day and time when a file was signed; it also helps to prove that the certificate was not expired at the moment of signing. A timestamp from a trusted timestamp server typically extends the life of the digital signature beyond the certificate’s validity period, protecting against certificate expiration.

To learn how to change the default timestamp server that InstallShield uses, or for information on how to disable timestamping, see Changing the Timestamp Server for Digital Signatures.

See Also
Changing the Timestamp Server for Digital Signatures

Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you configure digital signing settings for a release. At build time, InstallShield uses the settings that you have configured to sign your installation package, your Setup.exe file, and any other files in your release that meet the criteria that you have defined.
Task To configure digital signing for your release and its files:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the release that you want to sign.
3. Click the Signing tab.
4. Configure the following settings as appropriate:
   - Certificate URL
   - Digital Certificate File—Click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. The Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify either the location of the .pfx file or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate.
   - Certificate Password—Note that if you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.
   - Signature Description
5. In the Sign Output Files setting, specify which files (Setup.exe, the .msi package, both of those files, or neither of those files) you want to be signed.
6. In the Sign Files in Package setting, specify whether you want to sign additional files in your installation.

   If you select Yes, use the other settings under the Sign Files in Package setting to indicate which files and file patterns should be signed and which should not be signed.

   Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify *.exe in an Include setting and in an Exclude setting, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files.

Tip • For detailed information about any of the settings on the Signing tab, see Signing Tab for a Release.

At build time, InstallShield signs the files as specified on the Signing tab. If the release is for an installation that includes merge modules, note that the files are signed before the merge module is merged.

See Also
Certificate Selection Dialog Box
Signing a Patch Package
Signing a QuickPatch Package
Working with Releases
Changing the Timestamp Server for Digital Signatures
Digitally Signing a Release After It Has Been Built From the Command Line

As an alternative to having InstallShield sign your application at build time, you can use the iSign application (iSign.exe) to digitally sign a release of an InstallScript project from the command line after you have built the release.

iSign.exe is in the following directory:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\System

For syntax and available command-line parameters for iSign.exe, see iSign.exe.

Release Flags

When you build your release, you can include and exclude features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages depending on the type of release. For example, if you are creating a trial version of your product and do not want to include all the features in the build, you can flag features and then specify those flagged features under the product configuration or the release.

Task To filter features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages based on release flags:

1. Assign release flags to the features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages.
   
   For detailed information on how, see Assigning Release Flags to Features, Assigning Release Flags to InstallShield Prerequisites, or Assigning Release Flags to a Chained .msi Package.
   
   2. Specify which flags to include in the release if appropriate.

   The scenario of a trial version versus a full version is a good example of why you might use release flags. The table below gives an example of four different features that may be available in a product, depending on which version the end user receives.
In this example, the full version comes with the application’s executable file, help files, a spellchecker, and an add-on pack that is included as a chained .msi package. The trial version does not include the add-on pack, but it does include an upgrade pack. Rather than having to create two separate installation projects for what is essentially one product, you can flag those features that are specific to certain versions. For example, the add-on feature is flagged as Full and the upgrade feature as Trial.

### Table 4-7 • Sample Release Flags

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<td>Windows Installer 4.5 Redistributable (InstallShield prerequisite)</td>
<td>All Versions</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program_Executable (feature)</td>
<td>All Versions</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Help_Files (feature)</td>
<td>All Versions</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spellchecker (feature)</td>
<td>Full Version</td>
<td>Full</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add_Ons (chained .msi package)</td>
<td>Full Version</td>
<td>Full</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upgrade_Pack (feature)</td>
<td>Trial Version</td>
<td>Trial</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you build your release through the Release Wizard, you are given the option of including any flagged features, flagged InstallShield prerequisites, and flagged chained .msi packages into your release. By default, the release contains all features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages. If you specify the release flag Full in the Filtering Settings panel of the Release Wizard, only the Spellchecker feature and the Add_Ons chained .msi package—along with all features and InstallShield prerequisites without release flags—are built into your release. The upgrade pack is not included in the installation.

**Tip** • By default, all features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages are included in a release. When you specify a release flag in either the Releases view or the Release Wizard, only the unflagged features, the unflagged InstallShield prerequisites, the unflagged chained .msi packages, the features that contain the specified flag, the InstallShield prerequisites that contain the specified flag, and the chained .msi packages that contain the specified flag are included in your installation. InstallShield does not include in the release any features, InstallShield prerequisites, or chained .msi packages that have a release flag that you did not include in the Releases view or Release Wizard.

### See Also

- Conditionally Launching Custom Actions Based on Release Flags

### Product Configuration Flags vs. Release Flags

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**Project** • The following project types include support for product configuration flags and release flags:

- Basic MSI
You can specify which flags to include in your installation both on the release, known as release flags, and on the product configuration, known as product configuration flags. Although release flags are exposed both as a setting of the release and in the Release Wizard’s Filtering Settings panel, you can edit the product configuration flags only on the General tab of the product configuration in the Releases view.

Product configuration flags complement release flags. That is, any feature flags that you specify for the product are combined with the flags on the individual release that you are building, and all of the features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages with the specified flags are built into the release. Be careful when specifying flags in the Release Wizard, because you cannot see which flags are included at the product configuration level.

To demonstrate how product configuration and release flags interact, consider a project with the following features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages.

Table 4-8 • Sample Features, InstallShield Prerequisites, and Chained .msi Packages

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Feature, InstallShield Prerequisite, or Chained .msi Package</th>
<th>Version</th>
<th>Release Flag</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
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<td>Windows Installer 4.5 Redistributable (InstallShield prerequisite)</td>
<td>All Versions</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<td>Trial Version</td>
<td>Trial</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following table explains which features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages are included in your installation based on the combination of product configuration flags and release flags:

Table 4-9 • Combining Product Configuration Flags and Release Flags

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Product Configuration Flags</th>
<th>Release Flags</th>
<th>Features, InstallShield Prerequisites, and Chained .msi Packages in Installation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;None&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;None&gt;</td>
<td>Windows Installer 4.5 Redistributable, Program_Executable, Help_Files, Spellchecker, Add_Ons, Upgrade_Pack</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;None&gt;</td>
<td>Full</td>
<td>Windows Installer 4.5 Redistributable, Program_Executable, Help_Files, Spellchecker, Add_Ons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trial</td>
<td>&lt;None&gt;</td>
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</table>
Filtering Based on Release Flags

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Table 4-9 • Combining Product Configuration Flags and Release Flags (cont.)

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<tr>
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<td>Windows Installer 4.5 Redistributable, Program_Executable, Help_Files, Spellchecker, Add_Ons, Upgrade_Pack</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Conditionally Launching Custom Actions Based on Release Flags
Using Release Flags with Features
Assigning Release Flags to InstallShield Prerequisites
Assigning Release Flags to a Chained .msi Package

Filtering Based on Release Flags

InstallShield 2020

Project • The following project types include support for product configuration flags and release flags:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Once you have assigned release flags to your features and InstallShield prerequisites, you can create a release that includes the ones that are based on those flags. By default, all features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages are included in a release. Once you specify a flag in either the Releases view or the Release Wizard, only the unflagged features, the unflagged InstallShield prerequisites, the unflagged chained .msi packages, the features that contain the specified flag, the InstallShield prerequisites that contain the specified flag, and the chained .msi packages that contain the specified flag are included in your installation. To include only unflagged features, unflagged InstallShield prerequisites, and unflagged chained .msi packages, specify a flag that does not exist. For example, you might use NoFlags. This way, only unflagged features, unflagged InstallShield prerequisites, and unflagged chained .msi packages are built into a release.

It is possible to include a subfeature but not its parent feature. In such a case, the subfeature is built into the release as a top-level feature, and its parent is excluded from the release.

You can filter features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages in the Release Wizard or in the Releases view. Both methods are described below.

Filtering in the Release Wizard

The easiest way to create a release is to use the Release Wizard. The Filtering Settings panel of this wizard enables you to specify which flags you want to include in your release.

Filtering in the Releases View

You can also use the Releases view to specify flags to include. You can include flags both at the product configuration level and on the release itself. For more information, see Product Configuration Flags vs. Release Flags.
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Task To specify product configuration flags:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the product configuration that you want to modify. Its settings are displayed on the General tab in the right pane.
3. For the Product Configuration Flags setting, enter the flags that you would like to include. To include more than one flag, separate each with a comma.

Task To specify release flags:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the release that you want to modify. Its settings are displayed on tabs in the right pane.
3. For the Release Flags setting, enter the flags that you would like to include in this release. To include more than one flag, separate each with a comma.

See Also
Conditionally Launching Custom Actions Based on Release Flags
Using Release Flags with Features
Assigning Release Flags to InstallShield Prerequisites
Assigning Release Flags to a Chained .msi Package

Using One Project to Create Installations for Multiple Product Configurations

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

You may want to release your product with more than one configuration—for example, an evaluation release and a full release. Within a single project, you can build releases containing different subsets of the project’s features; with a single installation script using preprocessor directives, you can build releases with different run-time behaviors.

Task To determine a release’s included features at build time:

1. Launch the Release Wizard and navigate to the Features panel.
2. Select the Specify the features to be included below option.
3. In the Features explorer, select the check boxes of the features that you want to include in the product configuration, and clear the check boxes of the features that you do not want to include.
4. Complete the other panels in the Release Wizard.
**Task**

To determine a release’s run-time behavior using preprocessor directives:

1. In your script, use preprocessor directives to execute different code for different product configurations, for example:
   ```c
   #ifdef EVAL_RELEASE
   /* Evaluation-specific code */
   #elif FULL_RELEASE
   /* Full release-specific code */
   #endif
   ```
   
2. In the Compiler Preprocessor Defines box (on the General Options panel of the Release Wizard) or the Compiler Preprocessor Defines setting (on the Build tab in the Releases view), specify the preprocessor constant that corresponds to the code that you want the release to execute.

3. Build the release.

**Typical Web Installation vs. One-Click Install**

InstallShield 2020

When downloading an application from the Internet, many end users experience a long and confusing series of instructions explaining how to download and run the application properly. The typical download can take as many as 10 steps. It can be a frustrating and time-consuming process that is not always successful. End users who fail to download the application properly must rely on product support to assist them, or they give up completely and never gain access to the application. This results in time lost for both the consumer and the development team.

With a One-Click Install setup, however, the end user can download an application with minimum effort and can begin using the application immediately. Compare the installation processes for both typical and One-Click Install setups below.

**Typical Internet Installation Process**

A typical Internet installation might happen like this:

1. The end user navigates to the Web page and clicks the link to download the application.
2. A dialog opens. The dialog prompts the end user to agree to a software licensing agreement.
3. The end user is given the opportunity to save the installation’s executable file to disk. The end user must remember this location to access the installation’s executable file later.
4. The file transfer begins.
5. The end user must search for the installation executable file and then launch it.
6. The installation executable file unpacks and executes.
7. If any other resources are necessary for the proper execution of the application, the end user must download them at this time.
8. The installation executes and begins to walk the end user through the installation process.
9. The end user makes several choices, such as the disk location of the application executable file.
10. The application file transfer begins.
11. The end user locates the application executable file on disk and launches the application.
One-Click Install Installation Process

With a One-Click Install setup, installations are easier and faster for the end user. A One-Click Install setup can happen like this:

1. The end user navigates to the Web page and clicks the download button.
2. A dialog opens. The dialog shows the progress of the file transfer. Once the installation has been downloaded, the installation runs.
3. The end user begins using the application.

One-Click Install setups keep the end user on your Web page, instead of searching for an executable file to run. One-Click Install setups make it possible for the end user to concentrate on using the application, not struggling to download it.

One-Click Install Installations in InstallScript Projects

A One-Click Install installation includes a setup player (Setup.ocx) that downloads and then launches the Setup.exe file with the appropriate command line. This enables end users who are using Windows Vista and later with limited privileges to run the installation; if elevated privileges are required because of the required execution level specified in the installation’s manifest, the appropriate User Account Control (UAC) prompt is displayed when the Setup.exe file is launched. If end users have an earlier version of Windows on their systems, the manifest is ignored, but the other behavior is the same.

The Setup.exe file for One-Click Install installations does not include any COM information.

Like any other installation, an Internet installation can use features such as updating, maintenance mode, multi-instance installation, silent installation—in short, any feature that is available for any InstallShield installation.

The following InstallScript functions are Internet-enabled:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CopyFile</td>
<td>Copies a file that is specified by a valid URL, or transmits a CGI or ASP request.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExistsDir</td>
<td>Checks the existence of a folder that is specified by a valid URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetFileInfo</td>
<td>Gets information about a file that is specified by a valid URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetLine</td>
<td>Reads lines from a file that is specified by a valid URL.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
One-Click Install Objects

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

The objects within One-Click Install’s setup player are Player and Ether. The Player object is the highest level of the object model, followed by Ether.

Player Object

Before you can use the setup player, you must create an instance of it. For more information, see Using the Setup Player.

The Player has one method and one property.

- **Open (<URL>)**—Specifies the location of the data .cab files and returns a reference to an Ether object. The argument consists of a URL representing the path to a web server, a UNC path, or the path to the location of the files on your local drive.

- **LastError**—Integer value representing an error code thrown by a method, usually Open().

Examples

Player.Open("http://www.mydomain.com/myproduct");
Player.Open("file://\server\myproduct");
Player.Open("file://c:/my installations/myproduct/media/default");

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Is</td>
<td>Checks the following:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Whether the installation is being run from the Internet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• The existence of a file or folder that is specified by a valid URL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Whether a given string is a URL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• The validity of a URL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OpenFile</td>
<td>Opens a file that is specified by a valid URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ParseUrl</td>
<td>Retrieves the parts of the specified URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReadBytes</td>
<td>Reads bytes from a file that is specified by a valid URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SeekBytes</td>
<td>Repositions the file pointer within a file that is specified by a valid URL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
LastError Method

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

This is the LastError method of the Player object. This is an integer value containing the error code for an error thrown by a method of the Player, usually Open().

**Syntax**

```
var nError = player.LastError;
```

**Example**

```
var ether = Player.Open("http://www.installshield.com")
```

**Parameters**

None.

**Return Values**

**Table 4-11 • Return Values for the LastError Method**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Return Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-2147186688</td>
<td>No permissions were granted. Clicking Deny on the Java Security dialog throws this error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147186686</td>
<td>Failed to update or install the Setup Player ActiveX control. Verify your ability to download from the URL specified in the Codebase attribute of the APPLET tag.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147186685</td>
<td>Failed to instantiate ISPlayer or initialization of the ISPlayer failed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147186684</td>
<td>Failed to call player.Open.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147186683</td>
<td>Player.Open call timed out waiting for applet initialization.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147166892</td>
<td>Requested URL not found. Verify that your installation files are available at the URL specified during the player.Open call.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147166895</td>
<td>Unable to access protected resource. This error is returned when attempting to access an installation that requires authentication and the end user does not enter the correct information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147012889</td>
<td>The server name could not be resolved. Verify that the URL used in your player.Open call. Misspelling the domain name the URL is a common cause of this error.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • For the first six errors listed, the end user can check the Java console for detailed error information.
Open Method

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

The Open method of the Player object accepts one string argument that specifies the URL of the installation’s cabinet files.

Syntax

```javascript
var ether = Player.Open("<URL string>")
```

Example

```javascript
var ether = Player.Open("http://www.installshield.com")
```

Parameters

Table 4-12 • Valid Parameter for the Open Method

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;URL string&gt;</code></td>
<td>Specifies the URL of the installation’s cabinet files.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return Values

The Open method returns a reference to an Ether object.

Ether Object

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The Ether object supports the following methods:

Table 4-13 • Methods Supported by the Ether Object

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GetLastErrors</td>
<td>Returns a numeric value indicating the result of the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IsPlaying</td>
<td>Returns a Boolean value indicating if the installation is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Play</td>
<td>Starts the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetProperty</td>
<td>Sets a property to a certain value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
GetLastError Method

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After calling the Ether object’s Play method, call the GetLastError method to find out the result of the installation. GetLastError tells you if an error occurred, if the installation finished successfully, or if the installation was canceled.

Syntax

erth. GetLastError( );

Example

It is best to poll GetLastError as in the following example:

```javascript
var intervalID = 0;

function startInstall() {
    if (ether)
    {
        ether.Play();
        if (intervalID == 0)
            intervalID = window.setInterval("IsSetupFinished()", 3000);
    }
}

function IsSetupFinished()
{
    var nResult = ether.GetLastError();
    if (nResult != 0)
    {
        if (nResult == SETUP_FINISHED) // setup has completed successfully
            /* to do */;
        if (nResult == SETUP_ERR_CANCELED) // setup was cancelled
            /* to do */;
        clearInterval(intervalID);
        intervalID = 0;
    }
}
```

Parameters

None.

Return Values

A complete list of GetLastError return values is in Disk1\graphics\Utilities.js under the release’s Disk Images folder, and is given below.

- SETUP_RUNNING
- SETUP_FINISHED
- SETUP_ERR_GENERAL
- SETUP_ERR_LOADMEDIA
IsPlaying Method

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The IsPlaying method of the Ether object returns a Boolean value indicating whether the installation is running.

Syntax

var <variable> = ether.IsPlaying();

Example

var bPlaying = ether.IsPlaying();

Parameters

None.
Return Values

Table 4-14 • Return Values for the IsPlaying Method

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Return Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>true</td>
<td>Indicates that the installation is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>false</td>
<td>Indicates that the installation is not running.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Play Method

The Play method of the Ether object starts the installation.

To see an example of the use of this method, build a release using the Create a default Web page option in the Release Wizard's Internet Options panel or the Release property grid's Create Default Web Page property, then examine the code in the generated Web page (Setup.htm).

Syntax

ether.Play();

Parameters

None.

Return Values

None.

SetProperty Method

The SetProperty method of the Ether object accepts two arguments. The first, a string, represents the name of the property is::CmdLine. The second is a string specifying Setup.exe command-line parameters.

Syntax

ether SetProperty("is::CmdLine","Setup.exe command-line options");
Example

`ether.SetProperty("is::CmdLine","-l0x0407");`

Parameters

The following table contains the parameters for the SetProperty method.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Property Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>is::CmdLine</code></td>
<td>A string specifying Setup.exe command-line parameters. For a list of supported parameters, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return Values

None.

Digital Signatures for One-Click Install Installations

InstallShield 2020

When an end user runs a One-Click Install installation, the setup player (Setup.ocx) needs to verify the digital signatures for following files:

- Setup.ocx
- Setup.exe
- Data1.hdr
- ISSetup.dll

If any of those files are unsigned or the signature is corrupted, the setup player displays a single prompt to inform the end user that the signature could not be verified. If all files are properly signed and your certificate is not yet always trusted, the setup player displays a prompt to ask the end user to authorize it (similar to the one that is displayed when you run an executable file that you downloaded).

InstallShield signs the Setup.ocx file for you. The certificate that is used to sign the Setup.exe, the Data1.hdr, and ISSetup.dll files must match. This happens automatically if you select the options for signing the Setup.exe file and the media header.

See Also

Digital Signing and Security

Replacing Obsolete Properties and Methods

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield’s simplified model for Internet installations eliminates several methods and properties that the Ether object and its subobjects had in InstallShield Professional 6.x. The following is a list of those methods and properties, and how to replace them if you are converting an InstallShield Professional 6.x installation Web page to work with an InstallShield installation.
AskDestPath
To display the equivalent dialog during the installation, call the InstallScript function **AskDestPath** in your installation script. To pass a destination path to the installation from the Web page, set a script-defined property.

CommandLine
Replace a line like the following:

```javascript
ether.CommandLine = "<string value>";
```

with a line like the following:

```javascript
ether.SetProperty("is::CmdLine","<string value>");Features, SetState
```

To offer the equivalent functionality during the installation, call the InstallScript function **SdFeatureTree** in your installation script. To pass a feature selection to the installation from the Web page, set a script-defined property; in addition, in the installation script, use its value to conditionally call **FeatureSelectItem**.

Features, GetState
To get a feature’s selection state during the installation, call the InstallScript function **FeatureIsItemSelected** in your installation script. A Web page cannot get a feature’s selection state.

FileToOpen
To open a file during the installation, call the InstallScript function **LaunchApplication** in your installation script. To pass a file name to the installation from the Web page, set a script-defined property.

GetDownloadSize, FileLevelCosting
To get the required disk space during the installation, call the InstallScript function **FeatureGetTotalCost** in your installation script. (Feature dialogs such as **SdFeatureTree** display the required disk space.) A Web page cannot get the required disk space.

Language
Replace a line like the following:

```javascript
ether.Language = "<language code>";
```

with a line like the following:

```javascript
ether.SetProperty("is::CmdLine","-l<language code>");LegacyMode
```

By default, Internet installations run in *legacy mode*—that is, with the installation’s user-interface events generated as appropriate. There are two ways to duplicate the effect of setting ```ether.LegacyMode=false``` on your Web page:

- Run the installation silently with the following line:
  ```javascript
  ether.SetProperty("is::CmdLine","-s");
  ```
- Set a script-defined property or check the return value of ```Is(WEB_BASED_SETUP)``` and conditionally call the installation’s user-interface event handler functions in the OnShowUI handler.
ProductName
A Web page cannot get this information.

GetTargetDir
A Web page cannot get this information.

GetTextSub
A Web page cannot get this information.

IsInstalled
A Web page cannot get this information.

SetSetupType
To specify a setup type during the installation, call the InstallScript function FeatureSetupTypeSet in your installation script. To display a setup type selection dialog during the installation, call SdSetupType in your installation script. To pass a setup type to the installation from the Web page, set a script-defined property.

SetTargetDir
To specify a target directory during the installation, assign a value to the system variable TARGETDIR in your installation script. To pass the target directory to the installation from the Web page, set a script-defined property.

SetTextSub
To specify a text substitution during the installation, assign a value to the TextSub object’s Value property in your installation script. To pass a text substitution to the installation from the Web page, set a script-defined property.

Default Web Page (Setup.htm)

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

A default Web page called Setup.htm is created in your disk image folder when you build your One-Click Install installation using one of the following methods:

- Select the Create a default Web page for the setup check box on the Internet Options panel in the Release Wizard.
- Select Yes for the Create Default Web Page setting on the Internet tab in the Releases view.

You can use this page as it is, customize it however you want, or refer to it as an example of using the Setup Player.

Note that the aforementioned Web page creation settings are disabled if the Generate One-Click Install setting in the Releases view is set to No.
for One-Click Install Installations

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

You must have a Web server that supports HTTP 1.1 on the hosting system. Note that FTP does not support One-Click Install installations.

Alternate Ways to Call the Setup Player

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

It is not necessary to call the Setup Player from a Web page. It is possible to call the Player from other sources such as a login script or a Visual Basic or Visual C/C++ application. Any programming tool that supports ActiveX controls can call the Player.

Sample Visual Basic Script for Calling the Player

Dim player, ether
Set player = CreateObject("Setup.Player.Automation Interface Version")
Set ether = player.open("http://www.mydomain.com/mysetup")

If ether.IsPlaying() Then
    MsgBox "Setup is running."
Else
    MsgBox "Setup is not running."
End If

Set player = Nothing
Set ether = Nothing

HTTPS and One-Click Install Installations

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

Your One-Click Install installation can be run under the secure hypertext transfer protocol (HTTPS)—that is, HTTP using the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL). The only modification that your installation requires in order to run with HTTPS is to change http:// to https:// in URLs that are passed to Internet-enabled functions.
Creating One-Click Install Installations

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You can create a One-Click Install installation using the Release Wizard.

Task  To create a One-Click Install installation for an InstallScript project:
1. Launch the Release Wizard.
2. Navigate to the Internet Options panel.
3. Select the Generate One-Click Install option.
4. Select the Create a default Web page for the setup check box or specify the location of a custom Web page in the Enter the URL to launch box.
5. Specify other options as desired.
6. Complete the rest of the Release Wizard panels.
7. Build your release.

Task  To create a One-Click Install installation for a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project:
1. Launch the Release Wizard.
2. Navigate to the Media Type panel.
3. In the Media Type list, click Web.
4. Navigate to the One Click Install panel, and select the Generate One-Click Install option.
5. Specify the file name for your .htm or .cab file.
6. Indicate the browsers that you want your One-Click Install installation to support.
7. Complete the rest of the Release Wizard panels.
8. Build your release.

Using the Setup Player

InstallShield 2020

Project  This information applies to InstallScript projects.

The Setup Player is a Setup.ocx file that downloads and then launches the Setup.exe file with the appropriate command line. The Setup.ocx file also supports launching a setup executable file with a name other than Setup.exe; for this to work correctly, the [Startup] section of the Setup.exe .ini file should contain the following key:

LauncherName=SetupLauncher

where SetupLauncher is the file name of the alternate setup launcher.
For an example of using the Setup Player in a Web page, build a release using the Create a default Web page option in the
Release Wizard’s Internet Options panel or the Create Default Web Page setting on the Internet tab in the Releases view.
Then examine the code in the generated Web page (Setup.htm).

Once an instance of the Player has been created, you may use the methods and properties associated with each of the
objects within the Player to customize your installation.

See Also
One-Click Install Installations in InstallScript Projects

Passing Data to the Launched One-Click Install Installation

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To pass data to a launched One-Click Install installation, use the is::CmdLine parameter and the CMDLINE script variable.

See Also
Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters

Running an Internet Installation Silently

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To run an Internet installation silently, pass it the desired Setup.exe command-line options by calling the Ether object’s
SetProperty method, as in the following examples:

ether.SetProperty("is::CmdLine","-s -f1"C:\My Folder\Mydir.iss"");
ether.SetProperty("is::CmdLine","-s -f1"C:\My Folder\Mydir.iss" -f2"C:\My Folder\Mydir.log"");

Note the following:

• When running a silent Internet installation, you must specify the -f1 option; there is no valid default location for the
  response file in Internet installations.

• When recording or running a silent Internet installation, you must specify a fully qualified absolute path if using the -f1 or -f2 option; these options do not accept URLs.

• The second argument to SetProperty must use the escape sequences (\ and ") to specify backslashes and quotation
  marks, as in the preceding examples.

See Also
Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters

Setting the Run-Time Language

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

Edition • Multilingual support is available in InstallShield Premier Edition.
When you specify a language by using the following method, the One-Click Install installation runs in this language regardless of the default language specified in InstallShield or the default language of the target system. If you do not use this method, the One-Click Install installation determines the run-time language in the same way as any other installation.

**Task**

**Add set the run-time language:**

1. Add support for the language to your project:
   a. On the **Project** menu, click **Settings**. The **Project Settings** dialog box opens.
   b. Click the **Languages** tab.
   c. Select the check box for that language that your installation should target.

2. Add that language to the release:
   a. On the **Build** menu, click **Release Wizard**.
   b. In the **Setup Languages** panel, select the appropriate language.

3. On your Web page, before you call the Play method, call the **SetProperty method** to specify the appropriate language identifier.

   For example, the language ID for English is 0009. To set English as the runtime language use the following code:
   ```csharp
   ether.SetProperty("is::CmdLine","-l0009");
   ```

**Running a One-Click Install Installation in Debug Mode**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.**

To run your One-Click Install installation in debug mode, enter the following code before invoking `ether.Play`:

```csharp
ether.SetProperty("is::CmdLine", "/d")
```

**Authenticating a User from InstallScript**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.**

If your One-Click Install installation requires authentication after it is started, you can authenticate the user on the fly using InstallScript. When authentication is required, the Web server returns HTTP error code 401 to your installation, which generates an `InternetError` event. Respond to that event by prompting the user for a user name and password in the `OnInternetError` event handler.

The easiest way to do so is to use the **InternetErrorDlg** API in `WinInet.dll` and return the value `IDRETRY` from `OnInternetError`. This causes the installation to issue the HTTP request for the file again. If users enter incorrect information, they will be prompted to enter it again.
Setup.ini

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to InstallScript projects.

Setup.ini is an initialization file that is created during the build process of InstallScript-based projects to control certain elements of the installation. The build process fills in only certain key names and values in Setup.ini. After the build process creates Setup.ini, it is placed in the Disk1 folder in <project folder>\Media\<media name>\Disk Images.

If you want to customize Setup.ini further, modify it with a text editor. You can automate this process by using the Postbuild Options panel of the Release Wizard or the Execute Batch File property in the Releases view to launch a batch file or executable file that performs the desired modifications. Do not simply overwrite Setup.ini with a modified copy from a previous media build; doing so could cause your installation to work improperly.

Setup.ini contains two predefined sections:

- [Startup]
- [Mif]

You can add additional sections to Setup.ini to pass information to your setup script. You can then call the GetProfString and GetProfInt functions to transfer the information from the Setup.ini file to your installation.

Here is an example Setup.ini file:

```
[Startup]
EnableLangDlg=Y
Product=My Application
ProductGUID=23EAFFCA-361D-11D3-8B0F-00105A9846E9
CompanyName=My Company Name
Skin=Setup.skin
SmallProgress=N
SplashTime=5
CheckMD5=N
CmdLine=/f1Test1.iss
LauncherName=MyInstall.exe

[Mif]
Type=SMS
Filename=Ishield
SerialNo=IS50-32XYZ-12345
Locale=DEU
```

Note • If you need to access the file later (after Disk1 has been removed), you should copy Setup.ini to the support folder (SUPPORTDIR) at the beginning of the installation.

The [Startup] Section

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You can use the following keynames in the [Startup] section of Setup.ini:

- EnableLangDlg
- Product
- ProductGUID
- CompanyName
- Skin
- SmallProgress
- SplashTime
- CheckMD5
- CmdLine
- LauncherName

**EnableLangDlg**

The EnableLangDlg keyname tells the installation whether to display the Language dialog during installation initialization. The Language dialog lets your end user decide which available language the installation should run in. You can set this value in the Setup Languages panel of the Release Wizard or through the Languages Dialog property in the Releases view.

For more information about the Language dialog, see How an Installation Determines Which Language to Use for the User Interface.

**Product**

The Product keyname identifies an application or product name to be displayed at the beginning of the text string in the startup message dialog box.

**ProductGUID**

The ProductGUID keyname specifies the installation’s GUID so that Setup.exe has access to this data during initialization. The media builder automatically enters the correct value in Setup.ini; do not change the value.

**CompanyName**

The CompanyName keyname specifies the name of the company name.
Skin

The Skin keyname specifies the name of the skin file that the installation uses to display end-user dialogs. If this keyname is not in Setup.1nl, no skin is used. You can specify a skin in the User Interface panel of the Release Wizard or through the Specify Skin property in the Releases view.

SmallProgress

The SmallProgress keyname specifies whether the installation initialization dialog is the small box that was shown by installations created with InstallShield Professional version 6.31 and earlier, or if it is larger and is consistent with the rest of the end-user dialogs. Set the value to Y to display the small dialog or N to display the larger dialog. (If the installation displays a security, Save and/or Run Setup, Choose Setup Language, or Qualifying Product(s) Detected dialog, the installation initialization dialog is larger and is consistent with the rest of the end-user dialogs, regardless of the value of this key.) You can set this value in the User Interface panel of the Release Wizard or through the Small initialization dialog property in the Releases view.

If SmallProgress is set to N, the installation initialization dialog (and the Choose Setup Language dialog, if any) are not displayed until the startup graphic closes. To specify the length of time for which the startup graphic displays, set the SplashTime value.

SplashTime

The SplashTime keyname specifies the length of time (in seconds) for which the startup graphic is displayed.

CheckMD5

The CheckMD5 keyname tells the installation whether to compare each file's MD5 hash value to the value stored in the installation header file during file extraction. You can set this value with the Verify MD5 signature check box in the General Options - Advanced dialog box.

Tip • MD5 checking can detect corrupted files, which is useful during Internet installations; not doing MD5 checking can make file transfer proceed faster.

CmdLine

The CmdLine keyname identifies command-line parameters that are to be passed to Setup.exe if none are passed from the command line.

Note • If you use the /v parameter at the command prompt when launching Setup.exe, any parameters that are specified for the CmdLine keyname are ignored.

For more information about available command-line parameters, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

LauncherName

If you rename Setup.exe, the LauncherName keyname specifies the file’s new name. This keyname is required if another installation will launch this installation using the DoInstall function.
The [Mif] Section

If the [Mif] section is present, the installation will automatically create a installation .mif file in the Temp folder. You can also create an .mif file by using the -m command-line option for Setup.exe and optionally its -m1 and -m2 options.

These are the keynames under the [Mif] section of Setup.ini:

- Type
- Filename
- SerialNo
- Locale

**Type**
Set this key to SMS.

**Filename**
The Filename key is optional. It provides the alternate name for the .mif file to be created. If this key is not included, the installation tries to use the AppName key under the [Startup] section of Setup.ini as the .mif file name. If the AppName key is also not present, the installation creates a file with the default name Status.mif.

The file name should not include an extension, since .mif files must have the .mif extension. The file name should not include a path—it is placed in the Temp folder by default.

**SerialNo**
The SerialNo key is also optional. If provided, the information from this key is placed in the Serial Number section in the .mif file. If this key is not present, the installation instead places quotation marks ("").

**Locale**
The Locale key tells the installation to place the indicated locale in the .mif file. English (ENU) is the default; refer to Microsoft documentation for a complete listing of locale strings.

The following is an example of a Setup.ini file for an installation that will automatically create an .mif file.

```
[Startup]
AppName=InstallShield

[Mif]
Type=SMS
Filename=IShield
SerialNo=IS50-32XYZ-12345
Locale=DEU
```

See Also
Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
Cloning Releases

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

InstallShield enables you to clone or copy a release in the Releases view. This allows you to create a release with all of its properties populated as they were in the cloned release. This way, if you want to create more than one release with only a few differences between them, you can clone a release and change only the settings that you need to change.

**Task**

**To copy or clone a release:**

1. On the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. Right-click the release that you want to copy and click Clone.

A release named Copy of Release x is created. The release copy has all of the same properties as the original release. Rename the release and modify the release settings that you want to change.

**See Also**

Working with Releases
Releases View

Creating Windows App Packages

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • Windows App creation is available in Basic MSI projects.

**Important** • The Windows 10 Anniversary Update is required for installing and testing a Windows App package (.appx) with desktop extensions (Desktop Bridge) included. In addition, InstallShield must be installed on a Windows 10 machine or a machine with the Windows 10 SDK installed in order to: digitally sign the Windows App package, utilize Windows App logo variants (described in Windows App Logo Considerations, or to build localized Windows App packages.

The Windows App package (.appx/.msix) format is the simple and secure packaging format used to distribute and install apps on Windows 8.x and 10 and is the only format allowed for Universal Windows Platform apps. Benefits of Windows App packages include:

- High availability, reliability, and durability, resulting in applications that operate continuously without failure for extended periods of time
- A smooth installation experience through static builds that require minimal configuration and no customizable UI
- The option to sell or provide the application through the Windows Store
The ability to leverage UWP functionality such as live tiles as well as the ability to utilize UWP APIs

The only package format with native support on Windows Nano Server

InstallShield supports creating the Windows App package format and its desktop and server extensions and also provides testing to help you identify items unsuitable for the Windows App package format. When you select a release in the Releases view, a per-release tab titled **Appx/MSIX** includes settings to create a Windows App package. Here, various core settings can be specified that impact the Windows App package build process.

Windows App packages can be localized using the settings in the **Display Properties** area on the **Appx/MSIX** tab. The supported languages used for the Windows App package build match those in the **UI Languages** settings on the Build tab of the release, as long as **MakePRI.exe** (within the Windows 10 SDK) is found on the build machine. If **MakePRI.exe** cannot be found on the build machine, InstallShield will only generate a Windows App package in the default language.

The following instructions provide details on how to create a Windows App package.

### Task

**To convert a Basic MSI project to Windows app package (.appx) format:**

1. Open the Basic MSI Project that you want to build a Windows App package for as part of building the .msi release.
2. In the **Releases** explorer, under the product configuration, click the name of the release for which you want to build a Windows App package.
3. Click the **Appx/MSIX** tab and in the **Build Windows App Package** setting, specify **Yes**.
4. Select the Package Type as **Appx** or **MSIX or Both**.
5. Do the following:
   - Use the **General** area on the **Appx/MSIX** tab to specify core settings that impact the build process such as choosing whether to include desktop extensions or server extensions.
   - Use the **Package Identity Overrides** area on the **Appx/MSIX** tab to uniquely identify the package to Windows.
   - Use the **Display Properties** area on the **Appx/MSIX** tab to identify the package to an end user.
   
   For descriptions of these settings, refer to the **Appx/MSIX Tab for a Release** topic.
6. To configure tiles created in the Windows App package, open the **Shortcuts** view and configure settings in the **Windows App Package Tile Overrides** area. For descriptions of the **Windows App Package Tile Overrides** settings, refer to the **Shortcut Settings** topic.
7. Build the release.
8. To scan the .msi package for signs of items that are unsuitable for the Windows App package format, run the InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite. On the **Build** menu, point to **Validation**, and then click **InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite**. For more information, refer to the **InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite** topic.

For information about how to deploy the Windows App package, refer to **Deploying Windows App Packages**.
Testing and Running Installations

Before distributing your installation, you should test run it to ensure that you discover any issues rather than your customers. InstallShield enables you to test the end-user dialogs (without copying any files to the target system), run the entire installation including transferring files.

- Test Running Installations
- Running Installations from the InstallShield Interface
- Running Installations in Silent Mode
- MSI Silent Mode Installations for InstallScript MSI Projects
- Silent Uninstallations from the Command Line (InstallScript MSI Only)
- Running a Suite Installation with Minimum User Interface from the Command Line

Test Running Installations

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

You can test run an installation to review the end-user dialogs. The test run displays the full user interface, but it does not copy any files over to the target system or update the registry.

Task • To test run a project, do one of the following:
- In the Releases view, right-click a release and click Test Setup.
- Click the Test button on the toolbar.

See Also
Specifying Whether Windows Installer Installations Should BeLogged
Running Installations from the InstallShield Interface

After you run the Release Wizard and build a release of your installation, you can run it from within InstallShield.

**Task**

To run any of your built installation packages, do one of the following:

- Click the Run button on the toolbar.
- In the Releases view, right-click a release and click Run Setup.
- On the Build menu, click Run ReleaseName, where ReleaseName is the name of the release that currently has focus in the Releases view.

InstallShield runs the release that currently has focus in the Releases view.

If you selected the Uninstall before installing check box in the Options dialog box, the previously run release (if any) is uninstalled before the current release is run. This option is available on the Preferences tab in the Options dialog box.

You cannot specify any command-line parameters when launching your installation from the InstallShield interface. You must launch your installation from the command line to pass parameters to the Windows Installer. For more information, see `MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters`.

Running Installations in Silent Mode

Silent installations are installations that run without an end-user interface. If you want your installation to run silently, InstallShield allows you to create silent installations for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript project types.

**Basic MSI Silent Installations**

To run a Basic MSI installation silently, type the following at the command line:

```
msiexec /i Product.msi /qn
```

If your release settings include `Setup.exe`, you can run the following command:

```
Setup.exe /s /v"/qn"
```

Basic MSI installations do not create or read response files. To set installation properties for a Basic MSI project, run a command line such as:

```
msiexec /i Product.msi /qn INSTALLDIR=D:\ProductFolder USERNAME="Valued Customer"
```

**InstallScript MSI and InstallScript Silent Installations**

For InstallScript MSI and InstallScript projects, you need to record a response file that records the end-user interaction. This response file is passed to `Setup.exe` so that the installation can be run. The traditional silent installation works almost exactly the same as regular installations. It follows the same script logic as the regular installation.

If you need to install an InstallScript MSI installation without using `Setup.exe`, you can use the MSI silent mode.
InstallScript MSI and InstallScript Silent Installations

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

InstallShield Silent allows automated electronic software distribution, also known as silent installation. With InstallShield Silent, there is no need for end users to monitor the installation and provide input through dialogs. An InstallShield Silent installation runs on its own, without any end-user intervention.

If there are multiple instances of your application on a machine, and if a silent update installation for your application runs on that machine, it applies the update to the first instance that it finds, and it does not display the Qualifying Product(s) Detected dialog.

To launch InstallShield Silent, use the `Setup.exe -s` command line parameter.

Windows Logo • To comply with Windows logo requirements, a silent installation must create a response file in which the default installation options are selected.

You can run your installation with the `Setup.exe -r` parameter to select installation options and automatically record the InstallShield Silent response file, or you can create your own. To view a real-world example of a response file, refer to the `Setup.iss` file located on InstallShield installation’s Disk1. For a description of the response file format, see Creating the Response File.

If you need to install an InstallScript MSI installation without using `Setup.exe`, you can use the MSI silent mode.

Task To create a silent installation:

1. Create the installation.
2. Create the response file.
3. Run the silent installation.
4. Check for errors.

Creating a Silent Installation

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

If you want to create an installation that will be run in silent mode, create your installation in a typical manner, and test the script in the normal (non-silent) manner.
You can easily modify your installation script logic to include flow control based on whether your installation is being run in silent mode. InstallShield provides a system variable called \texttt{MODE}. The \texttt{MODE} variable contains one of the following constants to identify the installation’s current mode:

- **NORMALMODE**—Indicates that the installation is running in normal mode.
- **RECORDMODE**—Indicates that the Setup.exe file is automatically generating a silent installation file (.iss file), which is a record of the installation input, in the Windows folder.
- **SILENTMODE**—Indicates that the installation is running in silent mode.

For more information, see \texttt{MODE}.

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{Tip} • All InstallShield built-in and Sd dialogs automatically handle the values stored in the InstallShield Silent response file (.iss file). If you are creating custom dialogs, you will need to call \texttt{SilentReadData} to handle the dialog’s return values in silent mode.
\end{itemize}

After you have created or modified the installation, the next step in creating a silent installation is to create the response file.

### Creating the Response File

InstallShield 2020

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{Project} • This information applies to the following project types:
\item \texttt{InstallScript}
\item \texttt{InstallScript MSI}
\end{itemize}

A normal (non-silent) installation receives the necessary input from end users in the form of responses to dialogs. However, a silent installation does not prompt the end user for input. A silent installation must get its end-user input from a different source. That source is the InstallShield Silent response file (.iss file).

A response file contains information similar to that which an end user would enter as responses to dialogs when running a normal installation. InstallShield Silent reads the necessary input from the response file at run time.

The format of response files resembles that of an .ini file, but response files have .iss extensions. A response file is a plain text file consisting of sections containing data entries.

There are two ways in which you can create an InstallShield Silent response file: you can run the installation and have InstallShield record and create the response file for you, or you can write the response file directly.

### Recording a Response File

You have the option of letting InstallShield create the response file for you. Simply run your installation with the Setup.exe -r command-line parameter. InstallShield will record all your installation choices in Setup.iss and place the file in the Windows folder.

All InstallShield built-in and Sd dialog functions are designed to write values into the Setup.iss file when InstallShield runs in record mode (Setup -r). If you are creating custom dialogs, you will need to call \texttt{SdMakeName} and \texttt{SilentWriteData} to add sections and dialog data to the response file when the installation runs in record mode. Refer to the Sd dialogs’ source.
code in the \Include folder for examples of using these functions to write to Setup.iss. Read the following section for more information about what data to add to Setup.iss when calling SdMakeName and SilentWriteData.

**Manually Creating a Response File**

You can also create the response file completely by hand. As mentioned, the Setup.iss file is similar to an .ini file. The sections of an InstallShield response file must be in the following order:

1. Silent Header Section
2. Application Header Section
3. Dialog Sequence Section
4. Dialog Data Sections (one per dialog)

Section names are contained in square brackets, as in [InstallShield Silent].

Data entries follow their section names and consist of <name=value> pairs, as in the following example:

```
Dlg0={23EAFFCA-361D-11D3-8B0F-00105A9846E9}-Welcome-0
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To create the response file:</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Create a text file named Setup.iss using any text editor.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Enter the silent header into Setup.iss.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Enter the application header into Setup.iss.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Enter the dialog sequence into Setup.iss.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>Enter the dialog data into Setup.iss.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.</td>
<td>Save and close Setup.iss.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A sample response file is included to help familiarize you with the format.

**Response File Silent Header**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

All response files begin with a response file silent header. The response file silent header enables InstallShield to identify the file as a legitimate InstallShield response file. It also helps to verify that the response file corresponds to an installation created with the proper version of InstallShield.

The format of the silent header is shown below. Enter the following lines at the beginning of your Setup.iss file:
[InstallShield Silent]
Version=v7.00
File=Response File

The Version=v7.00 line indicates the version of the InstallShield Silent response file, not the version of InstallShield. Use v7.00 in all response files.

When you are creating response files, be sure to use the same version of InstallShield to create the response file that will be used to run the silent installation.

Response File Application Header

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

The response file application header is the second block of information in the response file, immediately following the response file silent header. The response file application header enables you to identify response files visually. It is not used by the installation script or by Setup.exe. You can use the application header to identify exactly which installation the response file is for, since it is often difficult to determine this by looking at the dialog data.

The format of the application header is shown below. The values assigned to Name, Version, and Company are derived from the values written to the registry in the call to the CreateInstallationInfo function in your installation script. (In an event-based script, CreateInstallationInfo is called in the default OnMoveData event handler code.) Enter the following lines into your Setup.iss file below the silent header:

[Application]
Name=<ProductKey from CreateInstallationInfo>
Version=<VersionKey from CreateInstallationInfo>
Company=<CompanyKey from CreateInstallationInfo>

Response File Dialog Sequence

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

The third block of information in the response file, after the silent header and the application header, is the response file dialog sequence. The dialog sequence section lists all dialogs that you would need to use in a normal installation (including custom dialogs), in the order in which they would appear. The dialogs are listed under the section heading [<PRODUCT_GUID>-DlgOrder].

The dialog numbering sequence begins at 0. There is no limit to the number of dialogs that you can list.
The order and the number of dialogs is significant. When InstallShield Silent runs, if either the number or the order of the dialogs does not match the order or the number of the dialogs in the non-silent installation, the silent installation fails and the log file records the failure. Make one entry for each occurrence of a dialog. A given dialog may be listed more than once if it appears more than once in the installation.

The format for a dialog sequence entry is as follows:

\[ \text{Dlg}\#\text{=<PRODUCT_GUID>-<DialogIdentifier>} \]

The Dlg\# part consists of the letters Dlg and a sequence number. The first dialog in the installation is Dlg0. Each dialog after that increments the value of \# by one.

<DialogIdentifier> is in the form functionname-\#, where functionname is the name of the function that created the dialog, and \# represents the sequential order of that particular dialog in the installation.

For custom dialogs, you can use any unique alphanumeric name for the functionname portion of <DialogIdentifier>. For example, you could refer to a custom dialog as MyDialog. If the tenth dialog in the installation were the second occurrence of the custom dialog MyDialog, there would be an entry in the dialog sequence section such as the following:

\[ \text{Dlg9=<PRODUCT_GUID>-MyDialog-1} \]

The <DialogIdentifier> expression is used to identify the dialog data section for the dialog. Always end the dialog sequence section with a statement that has the following form:

\[ \text{Count=}\text{<number of dialogs>} \]

The statement specifies the exact number of dialogs listed in the dialog sequence section. Count every entry. Since dialog numbering begins with 0, the value of Count will always be 1 greater than the highest \# value for a dialog sequence.

The example below lists two dialogs, the Welcome dialog and the AskOptions dialog. Enter your dialog sequence list into Setup.iss as shown in the example below.

\[
[{23EAFFCA-361D-11D3-8B0F-00105A9846E9}\text{-DlgOrder}]
\text{Dlg0=}[{23EAFFCA-361D-11D3-8B0F-00105A9846E9}\text{-Welcome-0}
\text{Dlg1=}[{23EAFFCA-361D-11D3-8B0F-00105A9846E9}\text{-AskOptions-0}
\text{Count=}2
\]

**Response File Dialog Data**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The last block of information in a response file is the response file dialog data. The response file dialog data is a collection of sections containing the values returned by each dialog identified in the dialog sequence section. Each dialog has its own section. The values listed are the same values that the dialog returns in a normal end-user input-driven installation. You can also create dialog data sections for custom dialogs.

The format for a dialog data section is shown below:

\[
[{<PRODUCT_GUID>}\text{-<DialogIdentifier}>] \\
\text{Result=}value
\]
The [PRODUCT_GUID]-<DialogIdentifier> section header identifies the specific dialog and is followed by the dialog data entry list. <DialogIdentifier> is the same expression used to list the dialog in the dialog sequence section.

Data entry items are in the format keyname=value. The keyname is a name for a value returned by a dialog and recorded in the response file. All dialogs, including custom dialogs, return a value for the keyname Result, reflecting the button that was clicked to end or exit the dialog. Many dialogs will also set or return a value in a variable.

For example, in a non-silent installation, the AskDestPath dialog returns the destination location in the svDir parameter. The line in the script might look like the following:

nResult = AskDestPath( szTitle, szMsg, svDir, 0 );

The corresponding dialog data entry in the Setup.iss file for a silent installation might look like the following:

{[23EAFFCA-361D-11D3-8B0F-00105A9846E9]-AskDestPath-0}
Result=1
szPath=C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020

In the above example, Result=1 is equivalent to clicking the Next button in the dialog, and szPath=C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020 is the value returned in the svDir parameter of AskDestPath.

The name of the variable used in the script is meaningless relative to the Setup.iss file. However, in the Setup.iss dialog data sections, each built-in and Sd dialog has its own set of keynames that map to its parameters. The keynames are important and must be exactly as defined for each dialog. Refer to Dialog Data Keynames List, below.

When you use custom dialogs, you must create a dialog data entry for the Result keyname for each dialog, plus entries for any other values set or returned by the custom dialogs. Use the Dialog Data Keynames List, below, as an indicator of how to create keyname=value expressions for your custom dialogs. Call GetProfString or GetProfInt to read the dialog data information for the custom dialog. GetProfString and GetProfInt allow you to specify the .iss file, the section, and the keyname, and they return the value assigned to that keyname.

**Standard Values for the Result Keyname**

All dialogs, including custom dialogs, return a keyname value called Result, indicating which button was clicked to end the dialog. Unless otherwise indicated, the Result standard values are:

- 12 for the Back button
- 1 for the Next or OK button

**Recording Component and Subcomponent Selections**

Some dialog functions allow the end user to select components and subcomponents. There are three kinds of dialog data keyname entries used to record component and subcomponent selections in response files: type, count, and <#> (described below).

Every set of component selections and every set of subcomponent selections has one type keyname entry, one count keyname entry, and as many <#> keyname entries as are required to document each individual component or subcomponent selection.

When you are creating keynames to record component selections, precede the type, count, and <#> keyname entries with the word Component, thus:

Component-typeComponent-countComponent-0
When you are creating keynames to record subcomponent selections, precede the type, count, and <#> keyname entries with the name of the component to which the subcomponents belong, thus:

```
Program Files-typeProgram Files-countProgram Files-0Program Files-1
```

To create complete value entries, use the equal sign to attach the values to the keynames. (The types of values assigned to each kind of keyname are described below.) The following example shows complete value entries for two components, `Program Files` and `Binary Files`, and two subcomponents of `Program Files`, `Executables` and `Support Elements`:

```
Component-type=string
Component-count=2
Component-0=Program Files
Component-1=Binary Files
Program Files-type=string
Program Files-count=2
Program Files-0=Executables
Program Files-1=Support Elements
```

The type keyname indicates the data type of the components or subcomponents list. Since InstallShield dialogs currently use only string lists for components and subcomponents lists, type is always equal to `string`, as in `Component-type=string`. Future versions may use number lists, in which case type could equal `number`.

**Count Keyname Entry**

Count is equal to the number of selections for a given component or subcomponent entry. For example, if two components were selected for installation in the `ComponentDialog` dialog, the count dialog data entry would be `Component-count=2`. If two subcomponents of the `Program Files` component were selected, there would be a `Program Files-count=2` entry.

**<#> Keyname Entry**

The number portion of the `<#>` keyname entry is simply a sequential (one-up) number, beginning with 0, that numbers each recorded component or subcomponent selection. Since numbering begins with 0, the greatest number value will always be one less than the value of count.

The value assigned to a `<#>` keyname entry is the selected component’s or subcomponent’s visible name (the string passed as the second parameter to `ComponentAddItem` when the components or subcomponents list was built).

For example, assume the `ComponentDialog` dialog offers end users a component selection of `Program Files`, `Help Files`, `Sample Files`, and `Utilities`. If the end user selects `Program Files` and `Help Files`, then the dialog data section for that instance of the `ComponentDialog` dialog will have two list item entries and will look something like this:

```
[{23EAFCCA-361D-11D3-8B0F-00105A9846E9}-ComponentDialog-0]
szDir=C:\MYAPP\FILES
Component-type=string
Component-count=2
Component-0=Program Files
Component-1=Help Files
Result=
```

The following example shows how subcomponent list selections are recorded. The example is for an instance of the `SdComponentMult` dialog. The example shows that two components—`Program Files` and `Help Files`—were selected. It also shows that four subcomponents were chosen: `Main Files`, `Aux. Files`, `Main Help`, and `Tutorial Files`. `Main Files` and `Aux. Files` are subcomponents of `Program Files`, and `Main Help` and `Tutorial Files` subcomponents of `Help Files`.

```
[{23EAFCCA-361D-11D3-8B0F-00105A9846E9}-SdComponentMult-0]
Component-type=string
Component-count=2
```
Dialog Data Keynames List

The dialog data keynames for the InstallShield dialogs are listed in the table below. The first column contains the dialog names. The second column lists the keynames applicable to each dialog. The third column contains descriptions of the values associated with the keynames.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Dialog</th>
<th>Keyname</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AskDestPath-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AskDestPath-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szPath</td>
<td>The path that is set in the edit field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AskOptions-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>AskOptions is special because the number of return values can change based on the script call. You can use a sequence of keynames of the form Sel-&lt;#&gt;, where &lt;#&gt; is the number of the selection variable. Numbering begins with 0. The number of Sel-&lt;#&gt; entries should match the number of variables (check boxes/radio buttons) in the particular call to AskOptions. Refer to the following examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Sel-0—Maps to first selection variable in AskOptions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Sel-1—Maps to second selection variable in AskOptions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Sel-2—Maps to third selection variable in AskOptions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AskPath-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AskPath-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szPath</td>
<td>The path entered in the Destination Directory edit field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AskText-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AskText-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szText</td>
<td>The text from the edit field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AskYesNo-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>1 = End user clicked the Yes button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = End user clicked the No button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ComponentDialog-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
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</table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ComponentDialog-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szDir</td>
<td>The path entered in the Destination Directory field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ComponentDialog-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Component-type</td>
<td>String (the only value currently allowed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ComponentDialog-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Component-count</td>
<td>The total number of component selections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ComponentDialog-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Component-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>The selected item’s number in the list (numbering begins with 0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MessageBox-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>1 = End user clicked the OK button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RebootDialog-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>0 (Result is always 0.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| RebootDialog-<#>    | Choice      | Indicates the final reboot selection made before restarting the machine. Maps to the radio buttons and has these possible values:  
|                     |             | • 602 = “Yes, I want to restart my computer now.”           |
|                     |             | • 0 = “No, I will restart my computer later.”               |
| SdAskDestPath-<#>   | Result      | Standard values                                               |
| SdAskOptions-<#>    | szDir       | The path entered in the Destination Directory field           |
| SdAskOptions-<#>    | Result      | Standard values                                               |
| SdAskOptions-<#>    | Component-type | String (the only value currently allowed)                       |
| SdAskOptions-<#>    | Component-count | The total number of component selections                      |
| SdAskOptions-<#>    | Component-<#> | The selected item’s number in the list (numbering begins with 0) |
| SdAskOptionsList-<#>| Result      | Standard values                                               |
| SdAskOptionsList-<#>| Component-type | String (the only value currently allowed)                       |
| SdAskOptionsList-<#>| Component-count | The total number of component selections                      |
| SdAskOptionsList-<#>| Component-<#> | The selected item’s number in the list (numbering begins with 0) |
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<td>SdBitmap-####</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog-####</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog-####</td>
<td>szDir</td>
<td>The path entered in the Destination Directory field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog-####</td>
<td>Component-type</td>
<td>String (the only value currently allowed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog-####</td>
<td>Component-count</td>
<td>The total number of component selections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog-####</td>
<td>Component-&lt;###&gt;</td>
<td>The selected item’s number in the list (numbering begins with 0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog2-#####</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog2-#####</td>
<td>Component-type, &lt;subcomponent&gt;-type</td>
<td>String (the only value currently allowed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog2-#####</td>
<td>Component-count, &lt;subcomponent&gt;-count</td>
<td>The total number of component or subcomponent selections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialog2-#####</td>
<td>Component-&lt;###&gt;, &lt;subcomponent&gt;-&lt;###&gt;</td>
<td>The selected item’s number in the list (numbering begins with 0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialogAdv-####</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialogAdv-####</td>
<td>szDir</td>
<td>The path entered in the Destination Directory field</td>
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<td>SdComponentDialogAdv-####</td>
<td>Component-type</td>
<td>String (the only value currently allowed)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SdComponentDialogAdv-####</td>
<td>Component-count</td>
<td>The total number of component selections</td>
</tr>
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<td>SdComponentDialogAdv-####</td>
<td>Component-&lt;###&gt;</td>
<td>The selected item’s number in the list (numbering begins with 0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SdComponentMult-####</td>
<td>Result</td>
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<td>Component-type, &lt;subcomponent&gt;-type</td>
<td>String (the only value currently allowed)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SdComponentMult-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Component-count, &lt;subcomponent&gt;-count</td>
<td>The total number of component or subcomponent selections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdComponentMult-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Component-number, &lt;subcomponent&gt;-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>The selected item’s number in the list (numbering begins with 0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SdComponentTree-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdConfirmNewDir-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>1 = End user clicked the Yes button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = End user clicked the No button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdConfirmRegistration-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>1 = End user clicked the Yes button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = End user clicked the No button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdDisplayTopics-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdFinish-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>1 = Finish</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdFinish-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>bOpt1</td>
<td>1 = “Yes, I want to view the README file.” is selected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = “Yes, I want to view the README file.” is not selected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdFinish-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>bOpt2</td>
<td>1 = “Yes, I want to launch [app name]” is selected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = “Yes, I want to launch [app name]” is not selected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdFinishEx</td>
<td></td>
<td>Requires special handling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdFinishReboot-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>1 = Finish</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdFinishReboot-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>BootOption</td>
<td>0 = Do not restart Windows or the machine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2 = Restart Windows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3 = Reboot the machine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdLicense-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>12 = End user clicked the Back button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = End user clicked the Yes button</td>
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| SdOptionsButtons-<#> | Result  | 12 = End user clicked the Back button  
Or, when the Next button is clicked:  
101 = Option button one (top) is selected  
102 = Option button two is selected  
103 = Option button three is selected  
104 = Option button four is selected |
| SdRegisterUser-<#> | Result  | Standard values                                                              |
| SdRegisterUser-<#> | szName  | The text entered in the Name field                                            |
| SdRegisterUser-<#> | szCompany | The text entered in the Company field                                         |
| SdRegisterUserEx-<#> | Result  | Standard values                                                              |
| SdRegisterUserEx-<#> | szName  | The text entered in the Name field                                            |
| SdRegisterUserEx-<#> | szCompany | The text entered in the Company field                                         |
| SdRegisterUserEx-<#> | szSerial | The text entered in the Serial (number) field                                |
| SdSelectFolder-<#> | Result  | Standard values                                                              |
| SdSelectFolder-<#> | szFolder | The folder name entered in the Program Folder field                           |
| SdSetupType-<#>   | Result  | 12 = End user clicked the Back button  
Or, when the Next button is clicked:  
301 = Typical radio button is currently selected  
302 = Compact radio button is currently selected  
303 = Custom radio button is currently selected |
| SdSetupType-<#>   | szDir   | The path entered in the Destination Directory edit field                     |
| SdShowDlgEdit1-<#> | Result  | Standard values                                                              |
| SdShowDlgEdit1-<#> | szEdit1 | The text entered in the svEdit1 field                                         |
| SdShowDlgEdit2-<#> | Result  | Standard values                                                              |
| SdShowDlgEdit2-<#> | szEdit1 | The text entered in the svEdit1 field                                         |
| SdShowDlgEdit2-<#> | szEdit2 | The text entered in the svEdit2 field                                         |
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<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
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<tr>
<td>SdShowDlgEdit3-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szEdit1</td>
<td>The text entered in the svEdit1 field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdShowDlgEdit3-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szEdit2</td>
<td>The text entered in the svEdit2 field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdShowDlgEdit3-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szEdit3</td>
<td>The text entered in the svEdit3 field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdShowFileMods-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdShowFileMods-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>nSelection</td>
<td>The “Choose what you want Setup to do” radio button selection:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>101 = Let Setup modify the AUTOEXEC.BAT file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>102 = Save the required changes to AUTOEXEC.NEW file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>103 = Do not make any changes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdShowInfoList-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdStartCopy-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdWelcome-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SdWelcomeMaint-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>301 = Indicates that the Modify button was selected when the Next button was clicked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>302 = Indicates that the Repair button was selected when the Next button was clicked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>303 = Indicates that the Remove button was selected when the Next button was clicked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelectDir-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelectDir-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szDir</td>
<td>The path selected by this dialog</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelectDirEx-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelectDirEx-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szDir</td>
<td>The path selected by this dialog</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelectFolder-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>Result</td>
<td>Standard values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelectFolder-&lt;#&gt;</td>
<td>szResultFolder</td>
<td>The folder selected by this dialog</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Special Handling for SdFinishEx

SdFinishEx calls either SdFinish or SdFinishReboot, depending on the value of the system variable BATCH_INSTALL. For this reason, SdFinishEx cannot be handled by a response file. To create a silent installation for a script that calls SdFinishEx, use script code such as the following:

```plaintext
if (MODE = NORMALMODE) then
    SdFinishEx (szTitle, szMsg1, szMsg2, szOpt1, szOpt2, bvOpt1, bvOpt2);
else
    if !BATCH_INSTALL then
        /* Set bvOpt1 and bvOpt2 to the values you want them
to have during a silent installation that does not require
rebooting; for example: */
bvOpt1 = FALSE;
bvOpt2 = TRUE;
    else
        /* When the silent installation requires rebooting,
        if you want to reboot immediately call
        the System function as follows: */
        System (SYS_BOOTMACHINE);
    endif;
endif;
```

See Also
Understanding When an Installation or Uninstallation Restarts the Target System

Sample Response File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The following response file is the .iss file for a silent InstallShield installation.
[InstallShield Silent]
Version=v7.00
File=Response File

[Application]
Name=InstallShield
Version=10.50.000
Company=My Software Company

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-DlgOrder]
Dlg0=(77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66)-SdBitmap-0
Count=8
Dlg1=(77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66)-Welcome-0
Dlg2=(77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66)-SdRegisterUser-0
Dlg3=(77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66)-AskDestPath-0
Dlg4=(77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66)-SetupType-0
Dlg5=(77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66)-SelectFolder-0
Dlg6=(77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66)-SdStartCopy-0
Dlg7=(77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66)-SdFinish-0

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-SdBitmap-0]
Result=1

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-Welcome-0]
Result=1

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-SdRegisterUser-0]
szName=John Doe
szCompany=My Software Company
Result=1

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-AskDestPath-0]
szPath=C:\Program Files\Product Name Version
Result=1

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-SetupType-0]
Result=301
szDir=C:\Program Files\Product Name Version

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-SelectFolder-0]
szResultFolder=Product Name Version
Result=1

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-SdStartCopy-0]
Result=1

[({77AB941D-5876-11D4-AA42-006067620F66}-SdFinish-0]
Result=1
bOpt1=1
bOpt2=0
Running the Silent Installation

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

After you have created the installation and the response file, do the following:

1. Add the response file (which is located in your Windows folder by default) to the Disk1 folder under Advanced Files in the Support Files/Billboards view.

2. Build your release. If you are creating a self-extracting executable file for your installation, enter -s for the Setup Command Line property in the General Options panel of the Release Wizard or for the Setup Command Line property in the Releases view.

Now you are ready to run the installation in silent mode using InstallShield Silent. When running an installation in silent mode, be aware that no messages are displayed. Instead, a log file named Setup.log captures installation information, including whether the installation was successful. You can review the log file and determine the result of the installation. (Note that for certain installation initialization errors, the log file may instead be named Setupexe.log and be created in SUPPORTDIR if the installation is run from the Internet or in SRCDIR otherwise.)

To launch InstallShield Silent, run Setup.exe with the -s option. If you created a self-extracting executable file, simply launch it; you included the -s option in step 2 above.

InstallShield also provides the -f1 and -f2 switches so that you can specify the name and location of the response file and the location of the log file. For more information, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

To verify if a silent installation succeeded, look at the ResultCode value in the [ResponseResult] section of Setup.log. InstallShield writes an appropriate return value after the ResultCode keyname.

See Also
Adding Files and Folders to the Disk1 Folder

Checking for Errors Using the Setup.log File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Setup.log is the default name for the silent installation log file—generated when the end user runs Setup.exe with the /s argument—and it is by default created in the directory containing the response file Setup.iss. You can specify a different name and location for Setup.log using the /f1 and /f2 switches to Setup.exe.

The Setup.log file contains three sections. The first section, [InstallShield Silent], identifies the version of InstallShield Silent used in the silent installation. It also identifies the file as a log file.

The second section, [Application], identifies the installed application’s name and version, and the company name.
The third section, [ResponseResult], contains the result code indicating whether the silent installation succeeded. An integer value is assigned to the ResultCode keyname in the [ResponseResult] section. The installation places one of the following return values in the ResultCode key.

**Project** • Note that in an InstallScript MSI installation, there is no initialization process for reading or writing response files. As a result, the only errors that may occur for InstallScript MSI installation are -3 for silent installations and -6 for recording installations. Thus, the following table shows applicable project types where appropriate.

### Table 4-17 • Return Values for the Setup.log File

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<tr>
<th>Result Code</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>Success.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>General error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Invalid mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>Required data not found in the Setup.iss file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Not enough memory available.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>File does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-6</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>Cannot write to the response file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Unable to write to the log file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-8</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Invalid path to the InstallShield Silent response (.iss) file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-9</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Not a valid list type (string or number).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-10</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Data type is invalid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-11</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Unknown error during setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-12</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Dialog boxes are out of order.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-51</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Cannot create the specified folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-52</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Cannot access the specified file or folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-53</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Invalid option selected.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Setup.log file for a successful silent installation appears as follows:
MSI Silent Mode Installations for InstallScript MSI Projects

If you need to silently install an InstallScript MSI project without using Setup.exe, you can use the MSI silent mode.

Launching MSI Silent Installations for InstallScript MSI Projects

The MSI silent installation is launched in the following cases:

- The installation is launched at the command line by typing the following:
  
  `msiexec product.msi /qn`

- The installation is activated from an advertised shortcut.
- The installation is activated from install-on-demand.
- When the product is removed when an update package is running.

Unlike the traditional silent mode, the MSI silent mode does not follow the regular logic provided through script. It simply runs through the InstallExecuteSequence table. (To see this table, navigate to the Direct Editor.) As a result, some events are not called, including the following:

- All UI installation events—OnFirstUIBefore and OnFirstUIAfter
- All Feature events

The OnMsiSilentInstall Event

What the Event Does

In an InstallScript MSI–based installation, InstallShield runs the OnMsiSilentInstall event handler if the product is not already installed on the target system. This happens if the installation is activated from an advertised shortcut or if the installation is launched through the following command line:

`msiexec product.msi /qn`

You need to override the OnMsiSilentInstall event if you want to support the MSI silent installation mode. This allows you to perform tasks that are normally performed in the OnFirstUIBefore, OnFirstUIAfter, and feature event handlers.
Overriding the Event

By default, OnMsiSilentInstall displays a message and then aborts the installation. You can override this event handler by writing your own implementation of the function. The prototype of this function is as follows:

```c
external prototype OnMsiSilentInstall(HWND hInstall);
```

where hInstall is the handle to the installation.

The simplest thing that you can do is to implement an empty body of this event so that the installation will not abort. For example:

```c
function OnMsiSilentInstall(hInstall)
begin
    //Do nothing and allow installation to continue.
end;
```

Again, OnMsiSilentInstall will be called on MSI silent installation and on activation of an advertised shortcut. It will not be called on Install-On-Demand, auto-repair, and uninstall mode.

Detecting the Mode in which a Silent Installation is Running

To detect whether a traditional silent installation is running from InstallShield script, use the following:

```c
if (MODE = SILENTMODE)
```

To detect whether an MSI silent mode installation (including /q, advertise, auto-repair, uninstall, or install-on-demand) is running from InstallShield script, check the Windows Installer property ISSETUP_UISEQUENCE_PROCESSED using the MsiGetProperty Windows Installer API function. If this property is not set, then it is a silent install. (It indicates that the InstallUISequence is not executed.)

See Also

Windows Installer API Functions

Silent Uninstallations from the Command Line (InstallScript MSI Only)

**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript MSI projects.

To initiate a silent uninstallation for a product that was installed through an InstallScript MSI installation, use a response file.

**Task**

To run an uninstallation using a response file:

1. Prepare a response file for the uninstallation (.iss) by running Setup.exe with the /r argument:
   
   ```cmd
   Setup.exe /r
   ```

2. Type the following at the command line (items in Italics represent data that is specific to your product’s uninstallation):
   
   ```cmd
   Setup.exe /s /f1"FullPath\YourResponseFile.iss"
   ```
Running a Suite Installation with Minimum User Interface from the Command Line

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

You can use a command line parameter to run a suite installation in minimum UI mode, only displaying a progress panel.

To run a suite installation in minimum UI mode, use the `/passive` parameter in the command line:

```
Setup.exe /passive
```

To uninstall using a minimum UI mode, use the following command:

```
Setup.exe /passive /remove
```

Validating Projects

Validating a project involves applying a set of internal consistency evaluator (ICE) rules to your installation or merge module package. The ICEs are designed to help you determine whether the package contains a valid database that performs its actions correctly. If a package fails one or more ICEs, InstallShield reports the specific ICE rules that were violated and offers additional information to help you troubleshoot the problem.

Microsoft created many of the ICEs that are available in InstallShield; Revenera created the custom InstallShield ICEs (ISICEs) that are available for some of the InstallShield installation and merge module validation suites. The ISICEs help you validate your package against best practices for Windows-based installations.

Validating your project may help you identify whether your installation meets installation requirements for Microsoft’s Windows logo program. Therefore, if you are interested in being able to use the Windows logo, it is recommended that you use the InstallShield Validation Suite for Windows 8 and the Full MSI Validation Suite to validate your installation package. If you create a merge module in InstallShield, use the InstallShield Merge Module Validation Suite for Windows 8 and the Merge Module Validation Suite to validate your merge module. For more details, see Requirements for the Windows Logo Program.

To learn more about the Windows logo program, visit MSDN.

Edition

The Premier Edition of InstallShield includes the following sets of validation suites:

The InstallShield Premier Edition also includes the following sets of validators:

- **InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite**—ISVICEs validators in this suite help you to determine how ready your products are for virtualization by checking suitability for Microsoft App-V 4.x, Microsoft App-V 5.x, Microsoft Server App-V, VMware ThinApp, and Citrix XenApp. The validation suites can enable you to make more informed decisions about how you would build your product if you are considering offering your customers a virtualized version.
- **InstallShield Best Practice Suite**—ISBP validators in this suite alert you if your installation violates best-practice guidelines.

- **InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite**—ISUWP validators in this suite scan an .msi package for signs of items that are unsuitable for the Windows App package format and provides a report that indicates applicability to the known Windows App variants (Universal App, Desktop Bridge, Windows Store, WSA, and Nano Server).

InstallShield also provides an engine for upgrade and patching validation. You can access this through the Upgrade Validation Wizard.

**See Also**
ICEs
ISICEs
InstallShield Best Practice Suite
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite
Validating Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Packages
Upgrade Validation Wizard

### Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module

InstallShield 2020

There are two ways to validate an installation package or a merge module from within InstallShield:

- You can configure InstallShield to validate the installation package or merge module every time that you build a release. This is disabled by default. For more information, see **Specifying Whether Validation Should Be Performed at Build Time**.

  If you perform validation at build time, you can specify multiple validation suites.

- You can run validation on demand for a built release. To learn how, see **Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module on Demand**.

  If you perform validation on demand, you can specify only one validation suite at a time.

**Tip** • As an alternative, you can validate the installation package or merge module after you build it from the command line by using ISCmdBld.exe. For more information, see ISCmdBld.exe.

**Project** • The only way to validate a package for an MSI Database project or an MSM Database project is to perform validation on demand.

**Note** • If you want to see validation warnings that apply to your installation or merge module, you must perform validation on demand; this type of validation message is not available if you perform validation at build time. InstallShield reports the other types of validation messages—errors and failures—during both validation methods. To learn more about the different types of validation messages, see **Viewing Validation Results**.

**See Also**
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
Specifying Whether Validation Should Be Performed at Build Time

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield enables you to specify whether installation packages and merge modules should be validated each time that a release is successfully built. InstallShield also lets you specify one or more validation suites that should be used for validation.

**Task**

To configure validation settings:

1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Options**. The **Options** dialog box opens.

2. Click the **Validation** tab.

3. Select the check boxes for the types of validation that you would like InstallShield to perform at build time. If you prefer to validate on demand, and not at build time, clear the check boxes.

4. If you select the **Perform validation using** check box or the **Perform Merge Module validation using** check box, select one or more types of validation that should be performed.

   To add a new or custom validator (.cub file), click the **Browse** button and select it.

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**Note** • If you want to see validation warnings that apply to your installation or merge module, you must perform validation on demand; this type of validation message is not available if you perform validation at build time. InstallShield reports the other types of validation messages—errors and failures—during both validation methods.

**See Also**

Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module on Demand

Requirements for the Windows Logo Program

Specifying Which ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs and ISBPs Should Be Run During Validation

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield lets you customize the list of ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs, ISUWPs, and ISBPs that should be used for installation package validation and merge module validation.

**Task**

To specify which ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs, ISUWPs, and ISBPs should be run during validation:

1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Options**. The **Options** dialog box opens.

2. Click the **Validation** tab.

3. Click the **Customize** button. The **Customize Validation Settings** dialog box opens.

4. In the **Select CUB file to customize** list, click the suite that you want to customize.

5. In the list of ICEs, select the check box for each of the validators that should be used to evaluate the installation package or merge module. Clear the check box for each of the validators that should not be used for the validation.
To configure multiple consecutive validators, select the first file, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last file. Then either select or clear the check box of one of the selected validators.

6. Click OK.

If you customize the list of ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs, ISUWPs, and ISBPs for a validation suite, anytime that validation is performed—whether it occurs at build time or on demand—only the selected ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs, ISUWPs, and ISBPs are used.

See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program

Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module on Demand

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield enables you to validate an installation package or merge module separately from the build process. Doing so is especially helpful if you configured InstallShield so that validation is not performed as part of every successful build, but you do need to run it at some point to test your product for Windows logo compliance or for best-practice compliance.

Task To validate your release on demand:

1. Complete a successful build of a release.
2. On the Build menu, point to Validate, and then click the validation type that you want to run.

See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program

Viewing Validation Results

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield displays the results of the validation scan on the Validations tab of the Output window. In addition, InstallShield saves the results to an XML document in a ValidationFiles folder within the release folder. You can view this file either by navigating to your build directory, or by navigating to the Releases view and selecting the Validations folder under your release.

Validation Messages

Validation messages are broken down into three categories:

- Errors—Describe problems with your database, such as having duplicate component GUIDs.
- Warnings—Describe problems in your database that may occur in certain circumstances.
- Failures—Occur when your database has severe enough problems that the validation tool might not be able to run.

If the scan results for your project include validation messages, the messages and associated codes are also listed on the Tasks tab of the Output window.
Note • If you want to see validation warnings that apply to your installation or merge module, you must perform validation on demand; this type of validation message is not available if you perform validation at build time. InstallShield reports the other types of validation messages—errors and failures—during both validation methods. To learn more about these two validation methods, see Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module.

Tip • You can click a validation code on the Tasks tab of the Output window to see the corresponding Knowledge Base article or HelpNet topic.

In addition, you can click a validation message on the Tasks tab to jump to the area of the Direct Editor that corresponds to the validation message. This functionality is available for: ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs, ISUWPs, and ISBPs.

ICEs

InstallShield 2020

The validation tool checks your project for compliance with each of the internal consistency evaluators, or ICEs. These ICEs are those used by Msval2.exe (part of the Microsoft Windows Installer Platform SDK) to validate installation and merge module packages for Windows logo compliance.

If your installation project or merge module project fails one or more of these ICEs, InstallShield reports the specific ICE rules that were violated and offers additional information to help you troubleshoot the problem.

To learn about specific ICEs, see ICE Reference in the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program

ISICEs

InstallShield 2020

The InstallShield validation suites consist of a number of InstallShield ICEs (ISICEs) that help you check your project for compliance with installation requirements of the Windows logo program.

The following table lists the ISICEs that are available in InstallShield.

Table 4-18 • ISICEs

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<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>ISICE01</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that the application is installed to ProgramFiles or the user’s AppData folder by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE02</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that all executable files included with the installation or merge module are digitally signed.</td>
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<td>ISICE03</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that there are no nested-installation custom actions (type 7, 23, and 39).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE04</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that there are no custom columns added to standard .msi tables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE05</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that there are no properties or custom tables that begin with MSI (case-insensitive).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE06</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that the installation does not include any files protected by Windows Resource Protection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE07</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that MSI components are authored for proper installation and uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE08</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that deferred custom actions do not have the impersonate bit set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE09</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that the installation includes an MsiPatchCertificate table entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE10</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that each custom action has a path specified for the Help File Path setting in the Custom Actions view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE11</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that .exe files have embedded manifests with required information.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISICE12</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that no protected registry keys are modified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE13</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that no .hlp files or WinHelp run-time files are included in the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>installation. This ICE is now ISBP17.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE14</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that no obsolete APIs are imported. This ICE is now ISBP18.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE15</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that no deprecated APIs are imported. This ICE is now ISBP19.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE16</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that no 16-bit components are distributed in an installation that</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>targets 64-bit systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE17</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that the installation or merge module does not force a reboot.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE18</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that the MsiRMFilesInUse dialog is included.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE19</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates properties related to upgrades, that the Upgrade table is present,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>and that the installation prevents downgrades.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE20</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that no machine-wide settings are installed by a non-privileged</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MSI Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE21</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Validates that the app does not depend on the VB6 runtime.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that the app does not start automatically on system startup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE23</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that the app sets strong and appropriate ACLs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISICE24</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that the installation does not install 16-bit components.</td>
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<td>Validates that the installation does not install any files to the Windows directory or its subdirectories.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Validates that applications support Windows security features by controlling permissions appropriately.</td>
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Tip • In some cases, the following validation error message may be displayed for an ISICE:

File [1] in Component [2] could not be found. All tests against this file’s contents may be invalid.
This error occurs if the specified file is missing, and the associated ISICE could not be verified for the file. For example, if an executable file is missing, ISICE11 cannot verify whether the file has an embedded manifest.

If the aforementioned validation error message is displayed, resolve the missing file issue, and then rerun validation for your project.

See Also
Viewing Validation Results

ISICE01

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
Message (Error)
The application should be installed to either ProgramFiles or AppData folder by default. The current default location is [1].

[1] is the default installation location for the product.

Description
Users should be able to install products where they need them, and they should have a consistent experience with where files are stored by default.

ISICE01 verifies that the default destination location for your product is the Program Files folder or the Application Data folder. If a different location is used, this error message is displayed during validation.

Corrective Action
Change the default location. For more information, see Setting the Default Product Destination Folder (INSTALLDIR).

See Also
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ISICEs

ISICE02

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database

Message (Error)

[1] is the name of an executable file, [2] is the name of the component that contains that file, and [3] is the type of file that must be signed.

Description
ISICE02 verifies that all executable files in your installation have been digitally signed. This includes files with the following extensions: exe, dll, ocx, sys, cpl, drv, and scr. If an executable file in your installation has not been digitally signed, this error message is displayed during validation.

Corrective Action
Ensure that all executable files in your installation have been digitally signed. For more information, see Digital Signing and Security.
See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE03

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database

Message (Error)

[1] is the name of a custom action in your project, and [2] is the Windows Installer type number of custom action.

Description
ISICE03 verifies that your installation does not include any nested-installation custom actions. Nested installations is a deprecated feature of the Windows Installer. Applications installed with nested installations sometimes fail because they are difficult for end users to service correctly. Microsoft Corporation recommends that you avoid using nested installations and nested-installation custom actions to install products that are intended to be released to the public.

To learn more, see Concurrent Installations in the Windows Installer help library.

Corrective Action
To resolve this error, remove the nested-installation custom action from your project. The MSI Type Number value in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or the Custom Actions view (in Merge Module and MSM Database projects) for nested-installation custom actions is 7, 23, or 39.

As an alternative to using a nested installation, you may want to create an InstallShield prerequisite, and then add that InstallShield prerequisite to your installation project. For more information, see Defining InstallShield Prerequisites.

See Also
Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects
Summary List of All Custom Action Types (Windows Installer Help Library)
Summary List of All Custom Action Types (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs
ISICE04

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
*This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**

The standard MSI table [1] does not match the MSI schema defined in schema.msi.

[1] is the name of a table in your project.

**Description**

ISICE04 verifies that your installation does not add custom table columns to standard tables. Adding columns to standard tables is reserved for future versions of Windows Installer.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this error, remove any custom table columns that were added to the table that is mentioned in the error message. You can do this by exporting the table from the Direct Editor, editing the table in a text editor, and importing the revised table.

**See Also**
Database Tables (Windows Installer Help Library)
Database Tables (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE05

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
*This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
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Messages

Message 1 (Error)
MSI property [1] begins with reserved characters. MSI property names cannot start with "MSI" (case-insensitive).

[1] is the name of a property in your project.

Message 2 (Error)
Table [1] begins with reserved characters. Custom table names cannot start with "MSI" (case-insensitive).

[1] is the name of a table in your project.

Description
ISICE05 verifies that your installation does not include any custom properties or custom tables whose names begin with MSI in any combination of uppercase and lowercase letters. The MSI prefix is reserved for future use in new standard properties and tables.

Corrective Action
To resolve the property-related error, use the Property Manager to rename the custom property that is mentioned in the error message.

To resolve the table-related error, use the Direct Editor to export the table, use a text editor to edit the table name in the exported .idt file, and use the Direct Editor to import the newly renamed table into the Direct Editor. Then delete the original custom table.

See Also
Naming Custom Tables, Properties, and Actions (Windows Installer Help Library)
Exporting Tables from the Direct Editor
Importing Tables with the Direct Editor
Removing Tables Through the Direct Editor
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE06

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
**Messages**

**Message 1 (Error)**

[1] is the name of a file in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains that file.

**Message 2 (Warning)**
File [1] in Component [2] has the same file name as a Windows Protected File, but appears to be distributed to a different path.

[1] is the name of a file in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains that file.

**Description**
ISICE06 verifies that your installation does not install files that are protected by Windows Resource Protection (WRP). WRP is designed to ensure that protected system resources are updated on Windows Vista and later machines only through Microsoft-approved installation or update mechanisms.

If your installation installs a file that has the same name as a Windows Protected File, but the file is not installed to the same location as the Windows Protected File, warning message 2 is displayed.

**Corrective Action**
To resolve the validation error, remove the file that is mentioned in the error message from your project.

If you encounter the validation warning, determine if the file that is mentioned in the message is a protected file:
- If the file is not a protected file but it has the same name as a protected file, you can ignore this warning.
- If the file is a protected file, remove it from your project to resolve this warning.

If your product requires newer versions of system components, the components must be updated on target machines by using a Microsoft service pack or a Microsoft-approved installation package that contains the system component. System components should not be repackaged.

**See Also**
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

**ISICE07**
InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
Messages

Message 1 (Error)
Component.ComponentId for Component [1] is null. All components must have a valid ComponentId for proper installation and uninstallation. If this is left null, justification must be documented.

[1] is the name of a component in your project that does not have a GUID specified in the Component Code setting in the Components view.

Message 2 (Error)
Component [1] contains COM data, but it has more than 1 file. Each COM component should contain only 1 COM file.

[1] is the name of a component in your project that contains more than one COM server.

Message 3 (Error)
Component [1] has more than one file as the target of a Desktop or Start Menu shortcut.

[1] is the name of a component in your project that has more than one file specified as the target of a shortcut.

Message 4 (Error)
Component [1] is associated with multiple features and is referenced in the following tables: [2]. These references require the component to be associated with exactly 1 feature.

[1] is the name of a component in your project that is associated with more than one feature and that has references in any of the following tables: Class, Extension, MsiAssembly, PublishComponent, TypeLib. [2] is a comma-delimited list of tables that contain references to the component.

Description
ISICE07 verifies that the components in your installation adhere to component rules, which help to ensure that the installation or uninstallation of one product does not harm any other product on a target system. These rules also help to ensure that Windows Installer correctly removes all resources that are connected with a product that is being uninstalled.

Corrective Action
To resolve error 1, open the Components view, select the component that is mentioned in the error message, and click the Component Code setting. In the help pane that is displayed in the lower-right pane, click Generate GUID. If you have a valid reason for leaving the Component Code setting blank, you can document it in the application that you submit for the Windows logo program.

To resolve error 2, move any COM servers to separate components so that each COM server is the key path of its component.

To resolve error 3, use the Shortcuts view to delete all but one of the shortcuts that are associated with the component mentioned in the error message.

To resolve error 4, use the Setup Design view or the Features view to remove the component from all but one feature.
See Also
Component Settings
Setting Key Paths for Components
Creating Shortcuts and Program Folders
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE08

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database

Message (Error)
Custom Action [1] uses impersonation. Impersonation should not be used when running setups on Windows Vista or later.

[1] is the name of a custom action in your project.

Description
ISICE08 verifies that your installation does not contain any custom actions that use impersonation. If you select one of the Terminal Server Aware options for the type of in-script execution setting (in the Custom Actions and Sequences view, in the Custom Actions view, or on the Respond Options panel of the Custom Action Wizard), the custom action impersonates the end user during per-machine installations on terminal server machines.

Corrective Action
To resolve this validation error, open the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view) and click the custom action that is mentioned in the error message. Change the value of the In-Script Execution setting to one of the options that does not include Terminal Server Aware.

See Also
In-Script Execution
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs
Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)
Custom Action Types
ISICE09

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

Message (Error)

An MsiPatchCertificate table entry is required for User Account Control (UAC) patching.

Description

ISICE09 verifies that your installation includes an MsiPatchCertificate table entry. In a base installation, this table provides the signer certificate that will be used to verify the digital signature of subsequent patches when they are applied by a non-administrator or an administrator who is not using elevated privileges.

Corrective Action

To resolve this validation error, add the MsiPatchCertificate table to your project. To learn how, see Preparing Installations for Non-Administrator Patches.

See Also

Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE10

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database

Message (Error)


[1] is the name of a custom action in your project, and [2] is its Windows Installer type number. [3] is the name of the table that is missing an entry for the custom action that is listed.
Description

The intended behavior of each custom action must be documented for the Windows logo program. This is especially helpful if system administrators deploy your product to enterprise environments; they sometimes need to know what the custom actions do.

ISICE10 verifies that each custom action in your installation is documented by validating that each entry in the CustomAction table has a corresponding ISCustomActionReference table entry.

Corrective Action

To resolve this validation error, open the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view), select the custom action that is mentioned in the error message, and use the Help File Path setting to specify a path to the document that describes the behavior of the custom action. When you specify a value in the Help File Path setting, InstallShield adds a row for that custom action in the ISCustomActionReference table if one has not already been created.

In addition, configure the product configuration for the release so that InstallShield streams the contents of each of the custom action help files into the .msi file at build time. For more information, see the description of the Include Custom Action Help setting on the General tab for a product configuration in the Releases view.

Note that if the custom action is a merge module that is consumed in your installation project, specify the path in the Custom Actions view of the merge module project and then rebuild the merge module.

See Also

ISCustomActionReference Table
Documenting the Behavior of Custom Actions
Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE11

InstallShield 2020

Project

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database

Messages

Message 1 (Error)


[1] is the name of an executable file in your project that does not have a manifest, and [2] is the name of the component that contains the executable file.
Message 2 (Error)


[1] is the name of an executable file in your project that has a manifest that was possibly created for Windows XP but that was not updated for Windows Vista and later. The manifest does not define the execution level for the executable file. [2] is the name of the component that contains the executable file.

Message 3 (Error)


[1] is the name of an executable file in your project that has a manifest that was possibly created for Windows XP but that was not updated for Windows Vista and later. The manifest does not define the UI accessibility value for the executable file. [2] is the name of the component that contains the executable file.

Message 4 (Warning)

Exe [1] in component [2] is marked to require elevated privileges (highestAvailable) which requires a waiver from Microsoft.

[1] is the name of an executable file in your project that has a manifest that specifies that elevated privileges are required, and [2] is the name of the component that contains the executable file.

Message 5 (Warning)

Exe [1] in component [2] is marked to require elevated privileges (requireAdministrator) which requires a waiver from Microsoft.

[1] is the name of an executable file in your project that has a manifest that specifies that elevated privileges are required, and [2] is the name of the component that contains the executable file.

Message 6 (Warning)


[1] is the name of an executable file in your project that has a manifest that specifies that the executable file is allowed to bypass UI protection levels in order to use higher privileges to pass information to other windows on the desktop; that is, the value of uiAccess is set to true. [2] is the name of the component that contains the executable file.

Description

ISICE11 verifies that every .exe file in your installation has an embedded manifest that defines its execution level. The execution level is defined in the manifest as follows:

```
<requestedExecutionLevel
  level="asInvoker"
  uiAccess="false"/>
```

Other valid values for the level attribute are highestAvailable and requireAdministrator. Note that if you set the level value to highestAvailable or requireAdministrator, you must apply for a waiver from Microsoft to obtain Windows logo certification.

The uiAccess attribute indicates whether the executable file is allowed to bypass UI protection levels in order to use higher privileges for passing information to other windows on the desktop, such as on-screen keyboards. This attribute should be set to true only for UI accessibility applications. Note that if you set the UI accessibility value to true, you must apply for a waiver from Microsoft to obtain Windows logo certification.
Corrective Action

To resolve the validation errors (messages 1 through 3), replace the executable file in your installation with one that has an embedded manifest whose level and uiAccess values are set appropriately.

The validation warnings (messages 4 through 6) are displayed to inform you that if you want to have your product qualify for the Windows logo program but you keep the requestedExecutionLevel element as it is currently defined in the executable file’s manifest, you may need to obtain a waiver from Microsoft.

See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE12

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database

Message (Error)

Registry key [1] in Component [2] is a protected registry key. Protected registry keys may not be modified on Windows Vista and later.

[1] is a registry key that only the Trusted Installer group can modify on Windows Vista or later systems, and [2] is the name of the component that contains that registry key.

Description

ISICE12 verifies that the installation does not attempt to modify registry keys that are protected by Windows Resource Protection (WRP) on Windows Vista and later systems. Registry keys that can be modified by only the Trusted Installer group are protected by WRP.

Corrective Action

To resolve this validation error, use the Registry view to remove the protected registry key from your project, or move it to a part of the registry that is not protected by WRP.

See Also
Using Windows Installer and Windows Resource Protection (Windows Installer Help Library)
Using Windows Installer and Windows Resource Protection (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs
ISICE16

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**

[1] is the name of a 16-bit file in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains the file.

**Description**
If your installation targets 64-bit platforms, ISICE16 verifies that it does not contain any 16-bit files, since 64-bit platforms do not support 16-bit files.

**Corrective Action**
To resolve this validation error, replace the 16-bit file with a 64-bit or 32-bit file.

**See Also**
Windows Installer on 64-bit Operating Systems (Windows Installer Help Library)
Windows Installer on 64-bit Operating Systems (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE17

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database

**Messages**

**Message 1 (Error)**
[2] is the name of an action in your project, and [1] is the name of the sequence that contains that action.

**Message 2 (Error)**

[3] is the name of an action in your project. [2] is the name of the control that includes an event that launches that action. [2] is the name of the dialog that has the control.

**Description**
ISICE17 verifies that the installation does not use an action to force a reboot. Currently, the only action that is validated is ForceReboot.

**Corrective Action**
The errors are displayed to inform you that if you want to have your product qualify for the Windows logo program but you keep the specified action in your installation, you may need to obtain a waiver from Microsoft.

To resolve these validation errors, remove the action from sequence or dialog that is mentioned in the message.

Ensure that your project includes the MsiRMFilesInUse dialog to minimize system reboots, and that your application has been properly instrumented to use the Restart Manager API. For more information, see Minimizing Reboots on Windows Vista and Later Systems.

**See Also**
ForceReboot Action (Windows Installer Help Library)
ForceReboot Action (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

**ISICE18**
InstallShield 2020

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- *Basic MSI*
- *MSI Database*

**Messages**

**Message 1 (Error)**
Dialog [1] is not present in the Dialog table.

[1] is the name of a dialog that should be in your project.

**Message 2 (Error)**
The Title of Dialog [1] does not include [2] or [ProductName].

[1] is the name of a dialog in your project, and [2] is the value of the [ProductName] variable.
Description

ISICE18 verifies that the installation includes the MsiRMFilesInUse dialog, and that the dialog’s title bar contains the name of the product.

Corrective Action

To resolve error 1, ensure that the MsiRMFilesInUse dialog is in your project. All Basic MSI projects include this dialog by default. For more information about this dialog, see Minimizing Reboots on Windows Vista and Later Systems.

To add the dialog back to a Basic MSI project, you can open another Basic MSI project that contains this dialog, or create a new Basic MSI project. Then export the dialog to the project that needs it. For more information, see Exporting Dialogs to Other Projects.

To resolve error 2, add the product name or the [ProductName] property to the Caption property for the MsiRMFilesInUse dialog.

See Also

Using Windows Installer with Restart Manager (Windows Installer Help Library)
Using Windows Installer with Restart Manager (Windows Installer Help Library)
Dialog Control
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE19

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

Messages

Message 1 (Error)
The table [1] is not present in the installation package.
[1] is the name of a table that must be in the package.

Message 2 (Error)
UpgradeCode [1] does not detect and prevent downgrades with a properly scheduled Type 19 Custom Action; the package must prevent downgrades.
[1] is the value of the UpgradeCode property.

Message 3 (Error)
The property [1] is not listed in SecureCustomProperties; this can prevent it from being used correctly for downgrade prevention.
[1] is the name of a property.

**Message 4 (Error)**
The property [1] must be a valid GUID; [2] is not a valid GUID.

[1] is the name of a property whose value should be a valid GUID. [2] is the invalid value that is currently used for that property.

**Message 5 (Error)**
Column [1] of table Upgrade must hold a valid GUID; [2] is not a valid GUID.

[1] is the name of a column in the Upgrade table, and [2] is the value of an entry in the specified column.

**Message 6 (Error)**

[1] is the name of a property whose value should be a version number in the Major.Minor.Build format. [2] is the invalid value that is currently used for that property.

**Message 7 (Error)**

[1] is the name of a column in the Upgrade table, and [2] is the value of an entry in the specified column.

**Message 8 (Error)**
The property [1] must not be null or empty.

[1] is the name of a property that is null or empty.

**Message 9 (Error)**
Column [1] of table Upgrade must not be null or empty.

[1] is the name of a column in the Upgrade table.

**Message 10 (Error)**
The property [1] must be provided; [2] is the default value.

[1] is the name of a property in your project that has not been customized. [2] is the default value that InstallShield uses for that property.

**Message 11 (Error)**
The property [1] must hold a valid numeric LANGID; [2] is not a numeric LANGID.

[1] is the name of a property whose value should be a valid language identifier. [2] is the invalid value that is currently used for that property.

**Description**

ISICE19 validates properties related to upgrades and that the Upgrade table is present. ISICE19 also helps you determine whether the installation prevents an earlier package from installing over a new package.
Corrective Action

To resolve errors 1 and 2, ensure that the Upgrades view contains a major upgrade item, that the major upgrade item is properly configured to prevent the current version of your product from being installed over a future version, and that your project includes a properly configured and scheduled type 19 custom action. For detailed instructions, see Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product. For more information, see Preventing an Old Package from Installing Over a Newer Version in the Windows Installer Help Library.

To resolve error 3, add the specified property to the value of the SecureCustomProperties property. You can use the Property Manager view to set a value for a property. To add multiple values, separate each with a semicolon. For more information, see SecureCustomProperties Property in the Windows Installer Help Library.

To resolve errors 4 and 5, replace the existing value with a valid GUID. To change the value, open the General Information view. Then click the setting that is listed in the error message. Enter a valid GUID. Note that if you want to use a new, unique GUID, you can click the Generate a new GUID button in the setting. For more information, see GUIDs.

To resolve errors 6 and 7, replace the specified value with a valid version number; you can click the error message in the Output window to move to the location in the Direct Editor that has the invalid value. The version number must contain only numbers, and it must be in the format aaa.bbb.ccccc, where aaa represents the major version number, bbb represents the minor version number, and ccccc represents the build number. The maximum value for the aaa and bbb portions is 255. The maximum value for ccccc is 65,535. For more information, see Specifying the Product Version.

To resolve error 8, enter a value for the specified property. You can use the Property Manager view to set a value for a property.

To resolve error 9, enter a value for the specified column. You can use the Direct Editor view to set the value; you can click the error message in the Output window to move to the location in the Direct Editor that needs to be revised. To learn more about any of the Windows Installer tables, see Database Tables in the Windows Installer Help Library.

To resolve error 10, replace the default value of the specified property with the appropriate value. You can use the Property Manager view to change the value.

To resolve error 11, replace the existing value of the specified property with a valid language identifier.

See Also
Upgrade Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Upgrade Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Property Manager View
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE20

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
Messages

Message 1 (Error)
Row [1] of Table [2]: installing, modifying, or deleting a registry key in root [3] requires elevated privileges, but this package does not request elevated privileges.

[1] is the name of the row that contains information about a registry change in your project. [2] is the name of the table that contains that registry-related data. [3] is the predefined root key for the registry data, as listed in the Root column for the specified row.

Message 2 (Error)
Row [1] of Table [2]: installing, modifying, or deleting a file in directory [3] requires elevated privileges, but this package does not request elevated privileges.

[1] is the name of a row that contains information about a directory that end users cannot access without elevated privileges. [2] is the name of the table that contains that directory data. [3] is the name of the directory.

Message 3 (Error)
Environment variable [1] is a system environment variable, but this package does not request elevated privileges.

[1] is the name of a system environment variable that is included in your project.

Description
If the Require Administrative Privileges setting in the General Information view is set to No for your project, ISICE20 verifies that your installation does not attempt to perform tasks that require administrative privileges, such as writing to system registry or folder locations.

Corrective Action
To resolve ISICE20 errors, do one of the following:

- Select Yes for the Require Administrative Privileges setting in the General Information view. For more information, see Entering Summary Information Stream Data.
- Change your project so that it does not install, modify, or delete data in system locations. For example, if your project adds a registry key to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, use the Registry view to move that registry key to HKEY_CURRENT_USER. If your project adds or modifies a system environment variable, use the Environment Variables view to change the Type setting of that environment variable from System to User.

See Also
Authoring Packages without the UAC Dialog Box (Windows Installer Help Library)
Authoring Packages without the UAC Dialog Box (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing a Package with Elevated Privileges for a Non-Admin (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing a Package with Elevated Privileges for a Non-Admin (Windows Installer Help Library)
Guidelines for Packages (Windows Installer Help Library)
Guidelines for Packages (Windows Installer Help Library)
Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs
**ISICE21**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**


[1] is the name of a file that requires the Visual Basic 6 runtime. [2] is the name of the component that contains that file.

**Description**

ISICE21 verifies that your product does not depend on the Visual Basic 6 runtime.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this validation error, consider the following options:

- If the file is in a component that your product no longer uses, remove the file and its component from your project. Consider using a newer language such as Visual Basic .NET for the creation of your file.

- Remove the file and its component from your project and replace them with new versions that do not rely on the Visual Basic 6 runtime.

If neither of those options are feasible for your product, your installation will not qualify for the Windows logo program.

**See Also**

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ISICEs

**ISICE22**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Messages**

**Message 1 (Error)**

[1] is the name of a shortcut in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains that shortcut.

**Message 2 (Error)**
[1] is a registry key in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains that shortcut.

**Description**
ISICE22 verifies that your product does not start automatically when the target system starts.

Error message 1 occurs if your installation creates a shortcut in the Startup folder on the Start Menu.

Error message 2 occurs if your installation sets a Run key in locations of the registry such as the following ones:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion
- HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion
- HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion

**Corrective Action**
To resolve this validation error, remove the shortcut or registry key and—if appropriate—the component that contains it from your project.

**See Also**
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

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**ISICE23**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**

[1] is the name of a file, directory, or registry key for which permissions are configured. [2] is the name of the component that contains that file, directory, or registry key.

**Description**
ISICE23 verifies that your installation does not expose a target system to security risks through the configuration of inappropriate permissions for files, directories, and registry keys.
For example, if your installation assigns write permission to the Everyone user for a particular folder that your installation installs, ISICE23 triggers an error to alert you to the security vulnerability to which your installation exposes target systems.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this validation error, use strong and appropriate permissions for the file, directory, or registry key that is mentioned in the error. For more information, see:

- Configuring Permissions for Files and Folders
- Configuring Permissions for Registry Keys

**See Also**

Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

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**ISICE24**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**


[1] is the name of a 16-bit file in the installation. [2] is the name of the component that contains that file.

**Description**

ISICE24 verifies that the installation does not contain any 16-bit files; 64-bit versions of Windows do not support 16-bit files.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this validation error, replace the 16-bit file with a 64-bit or 32-bit file.

**See Also**

Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

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**ISICE25**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*
Message (Error)
The destination of Component [1] is the Windows folder or one of its subfolders.

[1] is the name of a component.

Description
ISICE25 verifies that the installation does not write directly to the Windows folder or any of its subfolders.

Corrective Action
To resolve this validation error, do one of the following:

- Change the destination of the component.
- If the component is installing a font, ensure that the font file is included in the project according to best practices. To learn how, see Installing Fonts.
- If the component is installing a device driver, ensure that the driver is included in the project according to best practices. To learn how, see Configuring Device Driver Settings.

See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

ISICE26
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

Message (Error)

[1] is the name of a file, and [2] is the name of the component that contains the file. [3] is the parameter (SafeSEH, NXCOMPAT, or DYNAMICBASE) that was not used when compiling the file.

Description
ISICE26 verifies that the installation supports Windows security features. It checks the PE header of the executable files that the installation installs to verify that they were compiled using the following command-line parameters:

- /SafeSEH—to ensure safe exceptions handling
• /NXCOMPAT—to prevent data execution
• /DYNAMICBASE—for address space layout randomization (ASLR)

A single file can trigger multiple ISICE26 errors, one for each of the aforementioned parameters.

Corrective Action

To resolve this validation error, review build the options for your product’s source code, and edit them as needed. In Visual Studio, these are configured on the Advanced property page for Linker settings.

See Also

Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
ISICEs

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database

InstallShield includes a set of validators called the InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite. The InstallShield Virtualization Suitability validators (ISVICEs) in this suite help you check your project’s suitability for various virtualization technologies.

The following table lists the ISVICEs that are available in InstallShield.

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<td>App-V 4.x, Server App-V, ThinApp, XenApp</td>
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<td>Checks for the presence of boot start services.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>App-V 4.x, Server App-V, XenApp</td>
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**See Also**

Viewing Validation Results
ISVICE01

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE01 applies to the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- Server App-V
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Error)**

The file [1] appears to be a file that is closely integrated with the OS. The files that make up applications like Internet Explorer or Windows Media Player, or frameworks like the .NET Framework, do not make good candidates for virtualization. These files should instead be installed locally on the machine.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

**Description**

ISVICE01 checks for the presence of files that may normally be part of the Windows operating system. If the release contains one or more of those type of files, this error message is displayed during validation.

**Corrective Action**

If your end users may be interested in a virtualized version of your product, and if your InstallShield project contains the .NET Framework or other items that are closely integrated with Windows, you may want to remove those items from your project. You could document the technologies that are required for your product and instruct your end users to install them locally on their machines before using a virtualized version of your product.

**See Also**

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

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ISVICE02

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
 ISVICE02 applies to the following virtualization technologies:
- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- Server App-V
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Error)**
The file [1] appears to be a device driver. System-level drivers such as print drivers or USB device drivers do not work from a virtualized environment. It may be possible to extract this driver such that it can be installed locally on the machine and allow the rest of the package to be virtualized.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

**Description**
ISVICE02 checks for the presence of device driver files. System-level drives such as print drivers or USB device drivers do not work from a virtualized environment.

**Corrective Action**
If your end users may be interested in a virtualized version of your product, and if your InstallShield project contains a device driver, consider removing the device driver component from your project, and creating a separate installation for the driver. End users can then install the driver locally to their machines before using a virtualized version of your product.

**See Also**
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite
Chapter 4
Building, Testing, and Deploying Installations

- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Error)**
The file [1] appears to be a ClickOnce deployment file. ClickOnce is a per-user installation format that is often incompatible with the per-machine nature of virtual packages. A ClickOnce application also may try to automatically update itself, which can result in invalid versioning in virtual application management systems.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

**Description**
ISVICE03 checks for the presence of ClickOnce deployment files. If your project includes ClickOnce deployment files, ISVICE03 occurs.

**Corrective Action**
Evaluate how important the ClickOnce deployment files are to the application so that you can determine if it matters whether the ClickOnce installation behaves as intended. If the ClickOnce deployment files are unimportant, it is probably safe to deploy a virtualized version of the product with slightly reduced functionality. If the ClickOnce deployment files are important, a virtualized version of the product may not function well.

**See Also**
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

**ISVICE04**
InstallShield 2020

![Project](image)

*This information applies to the following project types:*
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE04 applies to the following virtualization technologies:
- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Error)**
The file [1] appears to be a part of an ASP.NET/IIS application. This is not supported by desktop application virtualization.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.
Description

ISVICE04 checks for the presence of files that are part of ASP.NET or IIS applications.

Corrective Action

If the ASP.NET or IIS application is not an important part of the product, or if it can be separately installed locally on target systems, you can ignore this validation error.

See Also
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

ISVICE05

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database

ISVICE05 applies to the following virtualization technologies:

• App-V 4.x
• App-V 5.x
• ThinApp
• XenApp

Message (Error)

The file [1] appears to be a WMI provider. This is not supported by desktop application virtualization. If the provider is not a critical piece of the package, it may be possible to use the rest of the package as a virtual application.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

Description

ISVICE05 checks for the presence of files that are part of Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) providers.

Corrective Action

If the WMI provider is not an important part of the product, or if it can be separately installed locally on target systems, you can ignore this validation error.

See Also
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite
ISVICE06

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE06 applies to the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- Server App-V
- ThinApp
- XenApp

Message (Error)
The file [1] appears to be part of a J2EE application server. This is not supported by desktop application virtualization.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

Description
ISVICE06 checks for the presence of files that are part of J2EE application servers.

Corrective Action
If the J2EE application is not an important part of the product, or if it can be separately installed locally on target systems, you can ignore this validation error.

See Also
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

ISVICE07

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE07 applies to the following virtualization technologies:
Chapter 4
Building, Testing, and Deploying Installations

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- Server App-V
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Warning)**

The file [1] appears to be a part of an application that is known to not be a good candidate for virtualization; however, it may be possible to virtualize the rest of the package and install the unsuitable piece physically.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

**Description**

ISVICE07 checks for the presence of files that are part of applications that may not work when virtualized. This includes files that are from applications such as SQL Server.

**Corrective Action**

If the unsupported application is not an important part of the product, or if it can be separately installed locally on target systems, you can ignore this validation error.

**See Also**
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

**ISVICE08**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**

- This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - InstallScript MSI
  - MSI Database

ISVICE08 applies to the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- Server App-V
- ThinApp
- XenApp
**Message (Error)**

The file [1] appears to be a part of an application that is known to not be a good candidate for virtualization.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

**Description**

ISVICE08 checks for the presence of files that are part of applications that may not work when virtualized. This includes files that are from applications such as antivirus software or server software such as Exchange Server.

**Corrective Action**

If the unsupported application is not an important part of the product, or if it can be separately installed locally on target systems, you can ignore this validation error.

**See Also**

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

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**ISVICE09**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE09 applies to the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Error)**

IIS [1] item [2] is included in the package. This is not supported by desktop application virtualization.

[1] is the name of a type of IIS item in the project, and [2] is the name of that item.

**Description**

ISVICE09 checks for the presence of InstallShield IIS support indicating that an ASP.NET or IIS application is installed.

**Corrective Action**

If the unsupported ASP.NET or IIS application is not an important part of the product, or if it can be separately installed locally on target systems, you can ignore this validation error.
See Also
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

ISVICE10

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database

ISVICE10 applies to the following virtualization technologies:

• App-V 4.x
• App-V 5.x
• Server App-V
• ThinApp
• XenApp

Message (Error)

Component [1] contains a device driver installed through the MsiDriverPackages (DIFxApp) table. System-level drivers such as print drivers or USB device drivers do not work from a virtualized environment. It may be possible to extract this driver such that it can be installed locally on the machine and allow the rest of the package to be virtualized.

[1] is the name of a device driver that is included in the project.

Description

ISVICE10 checks for the presence of drivers that are configured to be installed through the MsiDriverPackages table.

Corrective Action

If your end users may be interested in a virtualized version of your product, and if your InstallShield project contains a driver, consider removing the driver from your project, and creating a separate installation for the driver. End users can then install the driver locally to their machines before using a virtualized version of your product.

See Also
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite
ISVICE11

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE11 is available for the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Warning for App-V 4.x and App-V 5.x; Error for ThinApp and XenApp)**

This package contains no shortcuts. Shortcuts are usually necessary to define the entry point into the virtual application.

**Description**

ISVICE11 checks the package to ensure that it contains at least one shortcut. Shortcuts provide the most visible entry points for launching applications in a virtual package. Most virtual packages should have at least one shortcut.

**Corrective Action**

If the package is intended to be used as a dependency by a different virtual package, you can ignore this ISVICE.

If the package is intended to be used as a plug-in, it may be necessary to create a shortcut to the application for which this is a plug-in.

If end users need to be able to launch the virtual application independently, consider adding a shortcut for the main executable file.

**See Also**

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

ISVICE12

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
ISVICE12 is available for the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- Server App-V
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Error for App-V 4.x, App-V 5.x, ThinApp, and XenApp; Warning for Server App-V)**

This package contains a shell extension (key [1]). Shell extensions extend Windows Explorer and cannot be loaded from a virtual package. This extension may be critical to the use of this application, and if so this application will not function when virtualized. However, if this extension is non-critical, the application can still be used.

[1] is the key of a shell extension that is included in the project.

**Description**

ISVICE12 checks for the presence of shell extensions.

**Corrective Action**

Evaluate how important the shell extension is to the product so that you can determine if it matters whether the shell extension behaves as intended. If the shell extension is unimportant, it is probably safe to deploy a virtualized version of the product with slightly reduced functionality. If the shell extension is important, a virtualized version of the product may not function well.

**See Also**

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

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ISVICE13

InstallShield 2020

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE13 is available for the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- Server App-V
- ThinApp
- XenApp
**Message (Warning)**

This package registers a URL protocol (friendly name [1]).

[1] is the friendly name of a URL protocol.

**Description**

ISVICE13 checks for the presence of URL protocol handlers.

**Corrective Action**

Evaluate how important the registration of the URL protocol is to the product so that you can determine if it matters whether the product behaves as intended. If the registration of the URL protocol is unimportant, it is probably safe to deploy a virtualized version of the product with slightly reduced functionality. If the registration of the URL protocol is important, a virtualized version of the product may not function well.

Consider performing validation to see if App-V 5.x is a suitable virtualization technology for your product, since it has support for URL protocol handlers.

**See Also**

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

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**ISVICE14**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE14 is available for the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- Server App-V
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Warning)**

This package registers its capabilities in the Default Programs list (key '%1').

[1] is the name of the key that corresponds with registration information for an item in the Default Programs list.

**Description**

ISVICE14 checks for the presence of support for the Default Programs list.
Corrective Action

If the Default Programs list registration is not an important part of the product, you can ignore this validation error.

Consider performing validation to see if App-V 5.x is a suitable virtualization technology for your product, since it has support for registering items in the Default Programs list.

See Also
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

ISVICE15

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE15 is available for the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- ThinApp
- XenApp

Message (Error)

This package contains a service (name [1]), which starts at boot time. Virtualized services are limited to the lifetime of the virtual application so services that must start at boot time do not make good candidates for virtualization. It may be possible to extract this service such that it can be installed locally on the machine and allow the rest of the package to be virtualized.

[1] is the name of a service in the project.

Description

ISVICE15 checks for the presence of boot start services.

Corrective Action

Evaluate how important the service is to the product so that you can determine if it matters whether the product behaves as intended. If the service is unimportant, it is probably safe to deploy a virtualized version of the product with slightly reduced functionality.

If the service is important but you can separate it from the rest of the project, remove it from the project, and create a separate installation for the service. End users can then install the service locally to their machines before using a virtualized version of your product.
If the service is important but you cannot separate it from the rest of the project, a virtualized version of the product may not function well.

**See Also**
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

### ISVICE16

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE16 is available for the following virtualization technologies:
- App-V 4.x
- Server App-V
- XenApp

**Message (Error)**

This package contains more than 4 GB of files. Since the target virtualization technology has a 4 GB size limit, this application cannot be successfully virtualized.

**Description**

ISVICE16 checks to ensure that the total installed file size is less than 4 GB. App-V 4.x, Server App-V, and XenApp do not support packages that contain more than 4 GB of files.

**Corrective Action**

Consider performing validation to see if App-V 5.x or ThinApp are suitable virtualization technologies for your product, since they support sizes larger than 4 GB.

**See Also**
InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

### ISVICE17

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
MSI Database

ISVICE17 is available for the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- ThinApp
- XenApp

**Message (Error)**

This package contains COM+ data (component [1]), which is not supported, so the application may not work correctly if virtualized.

[1] is the name of a component in the project; the component contains COM+ data.

**Description**

ISVICE17 checks for use of the Windows Installer COM+ tables.

**Corrective Action**

Evaluate how important the COM+ application is to the product so that you can determine if it matters whether the product behaves as intended. If the COM+ application is unimportant, it is probably safe to deploy a virtualized version of the product with slightly reduced functionality. If the COM+ application is important, a virtualized version of the product may not function well.

**See Also**

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

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**ISVICE18**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

ISVICE18 applies to the following virtualization technologies:

- App-V 4.x
- App-V 5.x
- ThinApp
- XenApp
Message (Error)

This package contains a COM DLL surrogate (registry key [1]), which is not supported, so the application may not work correctly if virtualized.

[1] is the name of a registry key in the project.

Description

ISVICE18 checks for the presence of COM DLL surrogate files.

Corrective Action

Evaluate how important the COM DLL surrogate is to the product so that you can determine if it matters whether the product behaves as intended. If the DLL surrogate is unimportant, it is probably safe to deploy a virtualized version of the product with slightly reduced functionality. If the DLL surrogate is important, a virtualized version of the product may not function well.

See Also

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite

ISVICE19

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database

ISVICE19 applies to the following virtualization technologies:

• ThinApp
• XenApp

Message (Error)

The package is 64-bit. ThinApp and XenApp do not support 64-bit applications.

Description

ISVICE19 checks to see if you are building a 64-bit package. ThinApp and XenApp do not support 64-bit applications.

Corrective Action

Consider performing validation to see if App-V or Server App-V is a suitable virtualization technology for your product, since it has 64-bit support.

See Also

InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the Basic MSI project type.

InstallShield includes a set of validators called the InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite. The InstallShield Windows App Suitability validators (ISUWPs) in this suite scan an .msi package for signs of items that are unsuitable for the Windows App package (.appx) format. To access this suite, on the Build menu, point to Validation, and then click InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite. The suite provides a report in the Releases view that indicates all tests that found issues and for each issue, an associated column in the report indicates applicability to the known Windows App variants (Universal App, Desktop Bridge, Windows Store, WSA, and Nano Server). For traditional CUBs, these columns are not populated. The following ISUWP validations are available in InstallShield:

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<td>Windows App</td>
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<td>Windows App</td>
<td>Checks for the presence of files that are part of ASP.NET/IIS applications.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Windows App</td>
<td>Checks for the presence of InstallShield IIS support indicating that an ASP.NET/IIS application is installed.</td>
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See Also
Viewing Validation Results

ISUWP01

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP01 applies to Windows App scenarios.
Message (Error)
This package contains one or more Windows services. Windows App packages that target other devices than Windows Server do not support Windows services.

Description
ISUWP01 checks for the presence of Windows services.

Corrective Action
If one or more Windows services are required by the application, then server extensions and WSA are required. Including desktop extensions is not supported in this scenario.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP02
InstallShield 2020
ISUWP02 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Error)
Component [1] contains a device driver installed through the MsiDriverPackages (DIFxApp) table. Windows App packages do not support device drivers.

[1] is the name of a component in the project.

Description
ISUWP02 checks for the presence of drivers installed with the MsiDriverPackages table.

Corrective Action
If the driver is required, this application cannot be supported purely by Windows Apps.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP03
InstallShield 2020
ISUWP03 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Warning)
This package contains no shortcuts. Shortcuts are usually necessary to define the entry point into the application.
Description

ISUWP03 checks for the presence of shortcuts. InstallShield requires shortcuts to identify applications. Without shortcuts to identify applications, the package is invalid as there are no ways to start your app.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP04

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP04 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Warning)

This package contains more than one shortcut. Windows Store may not allow more than one application.

Description

ISUWP04 checks for the presence of multiple shortcuts for Windows Store applications. InstallShield turns shortcuts into applications, and the Windows Store may disallow multiple applications.

Corrective Action

If you wish to distribute this application on the Windows Store, you may need to split the application into multiple Windows App packages.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP05

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP05 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Warning)

This package contains one or more shortcuts. Windows Nano Server cannot show application tiles.

Description

ISUWP05 checks for the presence of shortcuts for Windows Nano Server applications. InstallShield will turn any shortcut into a tile if it points to an .exe installed by the package; however Windows Nano Server cannot display application tiles.

Corrective Action

This warning alerts you to a known item that may not function as expected.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite
ISUWP06

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP06 applies to Windows App scenarios.

**Message (Warning)**


[1] is the name of a file in the project.

[2] is the name of a component in the project.

**Description**

ISUWP06 checks for the presence of 16-bit files. All server installations are 64-bit platforms and 64-bit platforms do not support 16-bit files.

**Corrective Action**

A corrective action is only necessary if the file is loaded and executed at run-time. Data files that happen to be 16-bit or 32-bit are not a problem. If the flagged 16-bit file is loaded and executed at run-time, replace it with a 64-bit file.

**See Also**

InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP07

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP07 applies to Windows App scenarios.

**Message (Warning)**


[1] is the name of a file in the project.

[2] is the name of a component in the project.

**Description**

ISUWP07 checks for the presence of 32-bit files. All server installations are 64-bit platforms and 64-bit platforms do not support 32-bit files.

**Corrective Action**

A corrective action is only necessary if the file is loaded and executed at run-time. Data files that happen to be 16-bit or 32-bit are not a problem. If the flagged 32-bit file is loaded and executed at run-time, replace it with a 64-bit file.

**See Also**

InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite
ISUWP08

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP08 applies to Windows App scenarios.

**Message (Error)**


[1] is the name of a file in the project.
[2] is the name of a component in the project.

**Description**

ISUWP08 checks for the presence of applications that require elevated privileges.

**Corrective Action**

Remove the requirement for elevated privileges. An app may be using elevated privileges to subvert best-practices about handling files or registry keys, and such subversion will not work in a Windows App.

**See Also**
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

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ISUWP09

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP09 applies to Windows App scenarios.

**Message (Error)**

File [1] in Component [2] is an application executable file that is allowed to bypass UI protection levels to drive input to higher privilege windows on the desktop. Windows App packages do not support applications that are allowed to bypass UI protection levels.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.
[2] is the name of a component in the project.

**Description**

ISUWP09 checks for the presence of applications that are allowed to bypass UI protection levels.

**Corrective Action**

Very few applications require bypassing UI protection levels, but those that do are not currently supported by Windows Apps. If an application requires bypassing UI protection levels, consider using a different package format than a Windows App package.

**See Also**
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite
ISUWP10

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP10 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Messages (Warnings)

Message 1 (Warning)
Table [1] contains one or more entries. Applications in Windows App packages cannot expose COM servers to other applications.

[1] is a table in your project.

Message 2 (Warning)

[1] is the name of a registry key in the project.
[2] is the name of a component in the project.

Description

ISUWP10 checks for the presence of COM registration.

Corrective Action

COM registration may or may not be a problem. Internal use of COM is fully supported by the Desktop Bridge, but no extension currently supports public registration (for use by other apps). If the latter is required, a Windows App package is unsuitable.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP11

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP11 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Error)

[1] is the name of a file in the project.
[2] is the name of a component in the project.
[3] is the name of an API.

Description

ISUWP11 checks for the presence of executable files that set a custom Application User Model ID.
Corrective Action

Code-based removal of the offending API call is required. A Windows App will set an Application User Model ID for you.

See Also

InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP12

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP12 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Messages

Message 1 (Error)

File [1] in Component [2] is a .NET assembly that was compiled against .NET Framework. Windows Nano Server supports only .NET Core applications.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

[2] is the name of a component in the project.

Message 2 (Error)

File [1] in Component [2] is a .NET assembly that was compiled against [3]. Windows Nano Server supports only .NET Core applications.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

[2] is the name of a component in the project.

[3] is the name of a framework in the project.

Description

ISUWP12 checks for the presence of .NET assemblies that are incompatible with Windows Nano Server.

Corrective Action

Rebuild your app against .NET Core if you want to support Nano Server.

See Also

InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP13

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP13 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Warning)

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

[2] is the name of a component in the project.

**Description**
ISUWP13 checks for the presence of .NET assemblies that do not support the latest version of .NET Framework.

**Corrective Action**
Rebuild or adjust your app.config.

**See Also**
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

**ISUWP14**

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP14 applies to Windows App scenarios.

**Message (Error)**
The file [1] appears to be a part of an ASP.NET/IIS application. This is not supported by applications in Windows App package.

[1] is the name of a file in the project.

**Description**
ISUWP14 checks for the presence of files that are part of ASP.NET/IIS applications.

**Corrective Action**
Because files that are part of ASP.NET/IIS applications are not supported by Windows Apps, you will need to remove the file from the package or use an alternative package format.

**See Also**
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

**ISUWP15**

InstallShield 2020

ISUWP15 applies to Windows App scenarios.

**Message (Error)**
IIS [1] item [2] is included in the package. This is not supported by applications in Windows App packages.

[1] is the name of a type of IIS item in the project, and [2] is the name of that item.
Description
ISUWP15 for the presence of InstallShield IIS support indicating that an ASP.NET/IIS application is installed.

Corrective Action
Because files that are part of ASP.NET/IIS applications are not supported by Windows Apps, you need to remove the file from the package or use an alternative package format.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP16
InstallShield 2020
ISUWP16 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Error)
This package contains one or more SQL scripts that run during an installation. Windows App packages do not support executing SQL scripts.

Description
ISUWP16 checks for the presence of built-in InstallShield support that executes SQL scripts.

Corrective Action
The flagged configuration must be moved from the installation to the application in order to support the use of a Windows App package.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP17
InstallShield 2020
ISUWP17 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Error)
This package contains one or more InstallShield Text File Changes items that are performed during an installation. Windows App packages do not support modifying text files.

Description
ISUWP17 for the presence of built-in InstallShield support that modifies text files.

Corrective Action
The flagged configuration must be moved from the installation to the application in order to support the use of a Windows App package.
See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP18
InstallShield 2020
ISUWP18 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Error)
This package contains one or more InstallShield XML File Changes items that are performed during an installation. Windows App packages do not support modifying XML files.

Description
ISUWP18 checks for the presence of built-in InstallShield support that modifies XML files.

Corrective Action
The flagged configuration must be moved from the installation to the application in order to support the use of a Windows App package.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

ISUWP19
InstallShield 2020
ISUWP19 applies to Windows App scenarios.

Message (Error)
This package contains one or more InstallShield Scheduled Tasks items that are performed during an installation. Windows App packages do not support creating scheduled tasks.

Description
ISUWP19 checks for the presence of built-in InstallShield support that creates scheduled tasks.

Corrective Action
The flagged configuration must be moved from the installation to the application in order to support the use of a Windows App package.

See Also
InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite
ISUWP20

**InstallShield 2020**

ISUWP20 applies to Windows App scenarios.

**Message (Error)**

Extension [1] in Component [2] is a file type that is reserved or forbidden for Windows App packages. [1] is the name of an extension in the project and [2] is the name of the component it is in.

**Description**

ISUWP20 checks for the presence of file type associations that are reserved or forbidden.

**Corrective Action**

Remove the flagged reserved or forbidden file type associations in order to support the use of a Windows App package.

**See Also**

InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite

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**InstallShield Best Practice Suite**

**InstallShield 2020**

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**Edition** • The InstallShield Best Practice Suite is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

*Note that some of the ISBPs apply to only Basic MSI and MSI Database projects.*

InstallShield includes a set of validators called the InstallShield Best Practice Suite. The InstallShield Best Practice (ISBP) validators in this suite alert you if your installation violates best-practice guidelines.

The following table lists the ISBPs that are available in InstallShield.

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<td>Verifies that no feature is named “ALL”.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Verifies that no directory is named “DATABASE”.</td>
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<td>MSI Database</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISBP03</td>
<td>Basic MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that no ComboBox is shorter than 50 units.</td>
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<td>ISBP04</td>
<td>Basic MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that properties used on dialogs are secure or restricted public properties.</td>
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<td>ISBP05</td>
<td>Basic MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that no ControlEvent condition is NULL.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Verifies that InstallUISequence custom actions are also sequenced in the</td>
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<td>Verifies that all features have associated components and all components</td>
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<td>MSI Database</td>
<td>are associated with features.</td>
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<td>ISBP08</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Verifies that ARPINSTALLLOCATION is set after CostFinalize in the</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Verifies that LIMITUI is not set without ARPNOMODIFY.</td>
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<td>ISBP10</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Verifies that AppSearch properties are secure or restricted public properties.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISBP11</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Verifies that no precompiled .NET assemblies are being distributed.</td>
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<td>MSI Database</td>
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<td>ISBP12</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Verifies that no file is self-registered.</td>
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<td>MSI Database</td>
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<td>ISBP13</td>
<td>Basic MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that properties set by dialog controls and used in the installation have a default value.</td>
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<td>Verifies that each file has the correct version information or an MsiFileHash entry.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISBP15</td>
<td>Basic MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that no RadioButtonGroup has Text defined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISBP16</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that each component with a 64-bit destination is marked as a 64-bit component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISBP17</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that no .hlp files or WinHelp run-time files are included in the installation.</td>
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<td>ISBP18</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that no obsolete APIs are imported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISBP19</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that no deprecated APIs are imported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISBP20</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Verifies that no registry entries contained in the Registry table attempt to remove root-level registry keys (such as HKLM\Software) or other keys that would cause adverse issues on target machines.</td>
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See Also
Specifying Whether Validation Should Be Performed at Build Time
Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program

ISBP01

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

Message (Error)
Feature ALL conflicts with the installation meta-feature ALL.
Description

ISBP01 verifies that your installation does not have a feature called **ALL** in uppercase, lowercase, or mixed case letters. In the context of features, Windows Installer reserves the word **ALL** for use as a valid value for feature-state properties such as ADVERTISE, REINSTALL, and ADDLOCAL, which can contain the names of specific features, as well as the word **ALL** to indicate all features. Therefore, none of the individual features in a project should be called **ALL**.

Corrective Action

To resolve this error, change the name of the feature to something other than **ALL**. For more information, see Creating Features.

You can also resolve this error by clicking the ISBP01 error message in the Output window. InstallShield displays the Feature table in Direct Editor view, and highlights the row that contains the feature named **ALL**. To rename the feature, select the current name and then type a new one.

See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

ISBP02

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

Message (Error)

Directory DATABASE conflicts with Windows Installer's undocumented directory DATABASE.

Description

ISBP02 verifies that your installation does not have a directory called **DATABASE** in uppercase, lowercase, or mixed case letters. Windows Installer reserves this directory name.

Corrective Action

To resolve this error, click the ISBP02 error message in the Output window. InstallShield displays the Directory table in Direct Editor view, and highlights the row that contains the directory named **DATABASE**. To rename the directory, select the current name and then type a new one.

See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite
ISBP03

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Warning)**

ComboBox [1] on Dialog [2] has a height less than 50. This results in a ComboBox too short to view multiple items at once.

[1] is the name of a combo box control, and [2] is the name of the dialog that has that control.

**Description**

If a combo box control has a height of less than 50 installer units, end users may be able to see only one item in the box at a time. To improve the usability, consider changing the height to 50 or higher.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this warning, click the ISBP03 warning message in the Output window. InstallShield displays the Control table in Direct Editor view, and highlights the row that contains the combo box control. Then change the value in the Height column for that control to 50 or higher.

**See Also**

Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

ISBP04

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- MSI Database

**Messages**

**Message 1 (Warning)**


[1] is the name of a dialog in your project, [2] is the name of a control on that dialog, and [3] is the name of a private property that is being set or used by the control.
Message 2 (Warning)


[1] is the name of a dialog in your project, [2] is the name of a control on that dialog, and [3] is the name of a property that is used by that control.

Description

You cannot set a private property in the user interface sequence of the installation and then pass the value of that private property to the execute sequence. Therefore, ISBP04 verifies that your installation does not have any dialog controls that use private properties. If a dialog control does use a private property, warning 1 occurs to alert you that you may need to take steps to allow a property’s value to be passed to the execute sequence.

In addition, if you set a public property in the user interface sequence of an installation that requests elevated privileges for the execute sequence, and you want to pass the property’s value to the execute sequence, the property must be listed as a value for the SecureCustomProperties property, or it must be a restricted public property. Therefore, ISBP04 also verifies that if your installation has dialog controls that use custom public properties, the custom public properties are listed as values for the SecureCustomProperties property. If the custom public properties are not listed in the SecureCustomProperties property, warning 2 occurs to alert you that you may need to take steps to allow a property’s value to be passed to the execute sequence.

Corrective Action

If you do not need to use the property in the execute sequence, you can disregard the warning message. However, if you do need to use the property in this sequence, you need to resolve the warning.

If you need to resolve warning 1, change the private property to a public property. To do so, find the dialog control in the Dialogs view; for the Property property of that control, use all uppercase letters, since public properties must be in all uppercase. Also update all other instances of that property name in your project so that it matches.

If you need to resolve warning 2, open the Property Manager view. For the Value column of the SecureCustomProperties property, add the name of the property that is mentioned in the warning message. If this property contains more than one property, separate each one with a semicolon (;).

See Also

Private Properties (Windows Installer Help Library)
Public Properties (Windows Installer Help Library)
SecureCustomProperties Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
Specifying that a Public Property Should Be a Restricted Public Property
Property Manager View
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite
ISBP05

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Warning)**


[1] is the name of a dialog in your project, and [2] is the name of a control on that dialog.

**Description**

ISBP05 verifies that each event’s condition for each dialog control is not null. This helps to ensure that Windows Installer triggers the control’s events under the proper circumstances.

**Corrective Action**

If Windows Installer should trigger the event that has a null condition only if no other event for that control is triggered, you can disregard the warning message.

If you do need to resolve this warning, locate the dialog in the Dialogs view. Click the Behavior item under the dialog. In the list of controls, click the one that is mentioned in the warning message. Ensure that in the lower-right pane, the Events tab is displayed. Then, in the grid in the upper-right pane, enter a condition for the event. To ensure that Windows Installer triggers the event, enter 1 as the condition.

**See Also**

- ControlEvent Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Conditional Statement Syntax (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
- InstallShield Best Practice Suite

ISBP06

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

See Also

- ControlEvent Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Conditional Statement Syntax (Windows Installer Help Library)
- InstallShield Best Practice Suite
**Message (Warning)**

Custom Action [1] is scheduled in the InstallUISequence but not the InstallExecuteSequence. It will not run during a silent or reduced UI installation.

[1] is the name of a custom action in your project.

**Description**

Actions that are scheduled for the Execute sequence during the Installation sequence do not run during silent, basic UI, or reduced UI installations.

**Corrective Action**

If Windows Installer should launch the custom action during silent, basic UI, and reduced UI installations, consider scheduling the custom action for the installation execute sequence—in addition to or instead of the installation UI sequence.

To reschedule the action, open the Custom Actions and Sequences view, and find the action mentioned in the warning message. Then drag it from the Installation sequence’s User Interface sequence to the Installation sequence’s Execute sequence.

To schedule the action in both sequences, copy the action in the Installation sequence’s User Interface sequence to the Installation sequence’s Execute sequence. You can do this in the Custom Actions and Sequences view by pressing and holding CTRL while dragging the action from the former sequence to the latter sequence.

If Windows Installer should not launch the custom action during silent, basic UI, and reduced UI installations, you can ignore this warning.

**See Also**

Inserting Actions into Sequences
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

**ISBP07**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Messages**

**Message 1 (Warning)**

Feature [1] has no components.

[1] is the name of a feature in your project.
**Message 2 (Warning)**

Component [1] is not associated with any features.

[1] is the name of a component in your project.

**Description**

ISBP07 verifies that every component in your project belongs to at least one feature. If you do not associate a component with at least one feature, Windows Installer cannot install the component.

ISBP07 also verifies that every feature in your project contains at least one component. Components contain the installation elements, such as files, shortcuts, and registry entries; if a feature does not contain a component, it does not contain anything to install.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve either of these warnings, use the Setup Design view to associate components with features. To learn more, see *Associating Existing Components with Features*.

**See Also**

*Installation Fundamentals*
*Requirements for the Windows Logo Program*
*InstallShield Best Practice Suite*

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**ISBP08**

InstallShield 2020

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Warning)**

There does not appear to be a Type 51 action setting ARPINSTALLLOCATION after CostFinalize in the InstallExecuteSequence.

**Description**

The **ARPINSTALLLOCATION** property specifies the fully qualified path to the primary destination folder of a product. Windows Installer writes this value to the Uninstall registry key.

The **ARPINSTALLLOCATION** property is typically set by a set-a-property type of custom action (type 51).

The SetARPINSTALLLOCATION custom action is a built-in InstallShield custom action that is added automatically to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. If you delete this custom action from your project, you may encounter the ISBP08 warning.
Corrective Action

To resolve this warning, add to your project a custom action with the following settings:

- Property Name: ARPINSTALLLOCATION
- Property Value: [INSTALLDIR]
- Execution Scheduling: Always execute
- Install Exec Sequence: After CostFinalize

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**Note** • As a best practice, any actions after CostFinalize should be sequenced after MigrateFeatureStates when feature migration is selected on a major upgrade item.

- Install Exec Condition: Not Installed

Leave the default values for all of the other settings.

For more information, see Creating Custom Actions in the Custom Actions and Sequences View (or the Custom Actions View).

See Also
ARPINSTALLLOCATION Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
ARPINSTALLLOCATION Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
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ISBP09

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**

The property LIMITUI has been set, but ARPNOMODIFY has not. This can lead to undesirable behavior with Add or Remove Programs.

**Description**

If you set the LIMITUI property in an installation, you should also set the ARPNOMODIFY property.

The LIMITUI property sets the user interface level to basic. An installation run with a basic UI typically displays only progress messages to end users. It does not allow end users to select features or provide other feedback.

The ARPNOMODIFY property prevents end users from modifying the product through Add or Remove Programs.
Corrective Action

To resolve this error, add the ARPNOMODIFY property to your project through the Property Manager view, and set its value to 1. For more information, see Creating Properties in Windows Installer–Based Projects.

See Also
User Interface Levels (Windows Installer Help Library)
User Interface Levels (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

ISBP10
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

Message (Warning)

AppSearch [1] uses insecure custom property [2]. Its value may be unavailable to the execute sequence. [1] is the name of a system search in your project, and [2] is the name of a property that is used by that system search.

Description

If you set a public property in the user interface sequence of an installation that requests elevated privileges for the execute sequence, and you want to pass the property’s value to the execute sequence, the property must be listed as values for the SecureCustomProperties property, or it must be a restricted public property. Therefore, ISBP10 verifies that if the AppSearch table in your project contains custom public properties, the custom public properties are listed as values for the SecureCustomProperties property. If the custom public properties are not listed in the SecureCustomProperties property, the warning occurs to alert you that you may need to take steps to allow a property’s value to be passed to the execute sequence.

Corrective Action

If you do not need to use the property in the execute sequence, you can disregard the warning message. However, if you do need to use the property in this sequence, you need to resolve the warning.

To resolve this warning, open the Property Manager view. For the Value column of the SecureCustomProperties property, add the name of the property that is mentioned in the warning message. If this property contains more than one property, separate each one with a semicolon (;).
ISBP11

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **MSI Database**

**Message (Warning)**

File [1] appears to be a precompiled native image of a .NET assembly. This may decrease the efficiency compared to precompiling on the target machine.

[1] is the name of a precompiled native image (.ni) of a .NET assembly.

**Description**

ISBP11 verifies that your project does not include a precompiled native image of a .NET assembly.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this warning, replace the native image file mentioned in the message with the appropriate .NET assembly file.

If you want the assembly to be compiled to machine code during the installation, select Yes for the .NET Precompile Assembly setting of the file’s component.

Precompilation, or just-in-time compilation, takes into account the fact that some code might never be called during execution. It converts the assembly as it is needed during execution and stores the resulting native code so it is accessible for subsequent calls. Precompiling on the target machine allows the process to take advantage of the exact architecture of the machine on which it will be running.

**See Also**

Component Settings
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite
Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

Messages

Message 1 (Error)

[1] is the name of a custom action in your project that may be registering a file through RegSvr32.exe at installation time.

Message 2 (Error)

[1] is the name of a file that is marked as self-registering.

Description
Although InstallShield lets you designate that a COM server is self-registering, the preferred method of registering a COM server is to extract the COM information from the file at build time or design time; with this method, InstallShield writes the COM class information to the Class, ProgID, and Registry tables of the .msi database. Self-registration has several limitations; for details, see Self-Registering COM Servers.

Corrective Action
To resolve error 1, remove the custom action that is referenced in the error message, and configure COM extraction for the file as appropriate.

To resolve error 2, configure COM extraction for the file as appropriate.

To learn more, see Extracting COM Information from a COM Server.

See Also
- Traditional COM Registration
- Registry-Free COM Registration
- Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
- InstallShield Best Practice Suite
### ISBP13

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**

Property [1] has no default, is set by a dialog control, and is used in table [2]. This may not be populated in a silent or reduced UI installation.

[1] is the name of a property in your project, and [2] is the name of the table that uses that property.

**Description**

In most cases, each property in the **Property** table should have a default value. The default value is used if end users run the installation in silent, reduced UI, or basic UI mode.

**Corrective Action**

If you do not need to add a default value for the property, you can disregard the error message.

To resolve this error, open the Property Manager view. Enter a value in the Value column for the property that is specified in the error message.

**See Also**
- Property Manager View
- Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
- InstallShield Best Practice Suite

### ISBP14

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Messages**

**Message 1 (Error)**

File [1] has neither a file version nor an MsiFileHash record. This may require the source package when installing a patch.

[1] is the name of file in your project.
**Message 2 (Error)**

File [1] is recorded as version [2] but is actually version [3]. This may require the source package when installing a patch.

[1] is the name of file in your project. [2] is the version number that is configured for the file, but [3] is the actual version number.

**Description**

ISBP14 verifies that each file in the project has the correct version information or an MsiFileHash entry. Using the correct version information in versioned files and MsiFileHash entries for unversioned files helps Windows Installer to detect and eliminate unnecessary file copying. It also helps ensure that the source package is not required to apply a patch to an earlier version of a product.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve error 1, consider adding the file version number to the file. If the file is an unversioned file, configure the file so that a file hash is used.

InstallShield enables you to override a file’s version information. Error 2 may occur if the file’s properties were overridden. To resolve this error, consider removing the version override.

To configure the settings for a file, open the Files and Folders view. In the Destination computer’s files pane, locate the file, right-click it, and click Properties. The Properties dialog box opens, enabling you to configure version information and specifying whether file hashing should be used.

**See Also**

File Properties Dialog Box
File Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

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**ISBP15**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**

Control [2] on the Dialog [1] is a borderless RadioButtonGroup with overlapping controls and data in the Text column. This may cause repaint issues on some systems.

**Description**

ISBP15 verifies that if you have a borderless radio button group control on a dialog and one or more other controls overlap the radio button group, the radio button group does not have anything specified for its Text attribute. If it does, it may cause repaint issues for some versions of Windows Installer.
Corrective Action

To resolve this error, click the ISBP15 error message in the Output window. InstallShield displays the Control table in Direct Editor view, and highlights the row that contains the radio button control that is mentioned in the error message. Delete the string in the Text column for that radio button control.

As an alternative, you can change the radio button group control so that it uses a border. To do this, open the Dialogs view and find the dialog mentioned in the error message. Click the radio button control, and change its Has Border property to True.

See Also
RadioButtonGroup Control (Windows Installer Help Library)
RadioButtonGroup Control (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

ISBP16

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

Message (Error)

Component [1] installed to 64-bit location [2] is not marked with the 64-bit component attribute. This may allow files to be installed to an incorrect location.

[1] is the name of a component, and [2] is the destination folder for the component’s files.

Description

If a component is not configured to be 64 bit, Windows Installer may not install the component’s files to the appropriate 64-bit location.

Corrective Action

To specify that a component is 64 bit, select Yes for the component’s 64-Bit Component setting.

For more information about the 64-Bit Component setting, as well as additional component settings, see Component Settings.

See Also
Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite
ISBP17

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Messages**

**Message 1 (Error)**

File [1] in Component [2] is a WinHelp file and may not be distributed to Windows Vista or later.

[1] is the name of an .hlp file in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains the .hlp file.

**Message 2 (Error)**

File [1] in Component [2] is a WinHelp run-time file and may not be distributed to Windows Vista or later.

[1] is the name of a Windows Help application file in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains that file.

**Description**

ISBP17 verifies that .hlp files are not included in your project because Windows Vista and later do not support this type of file.

In addition, ISBP17 verifies that WinHelp32.exe and WinHelp.exe are not included in the project because these applications should not be redistributed.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this validation error, remove the help file from your project. Consider converting your help system to a different file format such as .chm, .htm, or .xml. Note that you would need to change your calls from the WinHelp API to the new help system.

**See Also**

Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

ISBP18

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI


- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**


[1] is the name of a file in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains the file. [3] is the name of the obsolete API that the file uses.

**Description**

ISBP18 verifies that none of the .dll or .exe files in your project use obsolete kernel APIs.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this validation error, replace the file with an updated version that does not use the obsolete API. Note that to create the updated version, you may need to rewrite and rebuild the .exe or .dll file. If the .exe or .dll file is from a third-party vendor, contact the vendor to request an updated version.

**See Also**

Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
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**ISBP19**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Message (Error)**


[1] is the name of a file in your project, and [2] is the name of the component that contains the file. [3] is the name of the deprecated API that the file uses.

**Description**

ISBP19 verifies that none of the .dll or .exe files in your project use deprecated kernel APIs.

**Corrective Action**

To resolve this validation error, replace the file with an updated version that does not use the deprecated API. Note that to create the updated version, you may need to rewrite and rebuild the .exe or .dll file. If the .exe or .dll file is from a third-party vendor, contact the vendor to request an updated version.
See Also
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

ISBP20

InstallShield 2020

**Project**
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

**Messages**

**Message 1 (Error)**
Registry entry [1] contains an asterisk in the Name column. This will cause Windows Installer to attempt to remove a root registry key [2].

[1] is the name in the Registry table's Registry column for the registry entry row that has the asterisk (*). [2] is the name of the registry key that would be removed during uninstallation.

**Message 2 (Warning)**
Registry entry [1] installs to a key that is not recommended for installation with software applications. Installing this entry could have an adverse effect on target machines ([2]).

[1] is the name in the Registry table’s Registry column for the registry entry row that may cause issues on the target system. [2] is the name of the registry key.

**Description**
ISBP20 verifies that your project does not include any registry entries that would remove root-level registry keys such as HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE if your product is removed from a target machine. The following table shows an example of some registry data that would cause issues during uninstallation; in this example, the entire HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE, and all of its subkeys and values, would be removed.

**Table 4-22 • Example of Registry Data that Triggers an ISBP20 Error**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Registry</th>
<th>Root</th>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Component</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Registry2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>SOFTWARE</td>
<td>*</td>
<td></td>
<td>MyComponent</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ISBP20 also verifies that your project does not include other registry entries that would cause adverse issues on target machines.
**Corrective Action**

To resolve the validation error or warning, click the ISBP20 message in the Output window. InstallShield displays the Registry table in Direct Editor view, and highlights the row that contains the potentially problematic registry entry. To delete the registry entry, right-click the row and then click Drop Row(s).

**See Also**
Registry Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Registry Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Best Practice Suite

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**Understanding When an Installation or Uninstallation Restarts the Target System**

This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI— if the InstallScript user interface (UI) style is the traditional style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler)

This information does not apply to InstallScript MSI projects in which the InstallScript UI style is the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler). To learn more, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.

The BATCH_INSTALL system variable is set to a non-zero value to indicate that one or more operations need to be performed after the target system restarts. For example, BATCH_INSTALL can be set to a non-zero value if the installation determines that a file cannot be installed because the file already exists on the target system and it is locked.

When a file in an installation cannot be installed because it is locked, the installation automatically notifies the operating system that the file needs to be updated the next time that the system restarts. Because the file may need to be updated before additional Windows files are loaded, it is updated when Windows is loaded; it is not updated by the InstallScript installation.

BATCH_INSTALL can be set during an uninstallation in order to remove locked files after the system restarts. However, after the reboot, the cached installation files are no longer present. Therefore, the only reboot-related operations that can occur are those that the operating system can perform.

If BATCH_INSTALL is set to a non-zero value when the file transfer finishes, the following occurs:

- The installation does not attempt to self-register any files. This is because it may be necessary for all of the installation’s files to be completely installed and updated before the files can be self-registered successfully. Note that this is true regardless of whether the files that could not be installed are self-registering, since the installation assumes that these files could be dependencies of other self-registering files. In this case, the installation records the files that need to be self-registered so that after the restart, the installation can self-register those files.

- The framework automatically calls SdFinishReboot (in the OnFirstUIAfter or OnMaintUIAfter events) to give the end user the option of automatically restarting the system after the installation completes.
• When the installation finishes, it creates an appropriate RunOnce registry value so that the installation runs after the restart; after the restart, the installation is run with the /reboot parameter.

If the ALLUSERS script variable is set to 1, the RunOnce entry is created under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE; otherwise, the entry is created under HKEY_CURRENT_USER. Windows supports RunOnce entries under both of these locations.

The RunOnce registry value’s name is **InstallShield Setup %n**, where %n is the lowest integer available to make a unique key name. The registry value’s data is the complete command line for the installation to run after restart; the command line includes the path and file name of Setup.exe.

After restart, the installation is run from the installed Disk1 location—DISK1TARGET. Thus, for the installation to run after restart, the Disk1 files for the installation must be currently installed.

Note that this does not apply to an uninstallation, since after the restart, the cached installation files are no longer present.

When the installation runs after the restart (that is, when it runs with the /reboot parameter), the following occurs:

• Any self-registering files that were noted by the installation as needing to be registered are registered.

• The **OnRebooted** event handler is called.

Note that for an uninstallation, the installation does not run after the restart; therefore none of these operations can occur.

**See Also**
BATCH_INSTALL

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**Debugging Windows Installer–Based Installations**

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You can debug a Windows Installer–based release using the MSI Debugger. The MSI Debugger enables you to view and set Windows Installer properties as you step through the package’s User Interface and Execute sequences.

The MSI Debugger runs through each action and dialog until it reaches your breakpoint, at which point it halts execution. Now, you can view and set properties in the Watch window and the Variable window. Finally, you can step through each of the remaining actions, or you can stop the debugger.

**Note** • Do not confuse the MSI Debugger with the InstallScript Debugger, since they have completely separate purposes. You cannot debug an installation package with the InstallScript Debugger, and you cannot debug an InstallScript custom action with the MSI Debugger.

**See Also**
MSI Debugger
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties
User Interface Sequence
Execute Sequence
Starting the MSI Debugger

Before starting the MSI Debugger, you must have built a release and opened the MSI Debugger view in InstallShield. In addition, you should always set a breakpoint so that you can view the state of the installation at a particular action or dialog.

When you open the MSI Debugger and begin debugging, it acts on the release that currently has focus in the Releases view. If you have not yet built the release or if the release is compressed into Setup.exe, the debugger is blank and its toolbar and menu items are disabled. Switch to a built release or rebuild with the required options to debug the package.

### Task

**To start debugging, do one of the following:**

- Click the **MSI Debugging** button on the MSI Debugger toolbar.
- Click the **Step Over** button on the MSI Debugger toolbar.
- On the **Build** menu, point to **MSI Debugger** and click **Start MSI Debugging**.
- On the **Build** menu, point to **MSI Debugger** and click **Step Over**.
- Press F5.
- Press F11.

The debugger runs the installation, returns focus to itself, and stops the execution of the installation when it reaches the breakpoint. Back in the debugger, you can do any of the following:

- **View and set Windows Installer properties.**
- **Step through** the rest of the installation.
- **Exit the debugger** and/or the installation.

### See Also

- MSI Debugger
- MSI Debugger Toolbar

Setting Breakpoints in the MSI Debugger

In this section, you will learn how to set breakpoints in the MSI Debugger.

### Task

**To set a breakpoint in the MSI Debugger:**

1. In the **Releases** view, select the release you want to debug.
2. Open the **MSI Debugger** view. The debugger displays two lists: first every standard and custom action in the User Interface sequence, and then every dialog in the installation.
3. Place the cursor on the line that contains the action or dialog on which you want the debugger to break.
4. Do one of the following to set the breakpoint on that line:
   - Click the **Toggle Breakpoint** button on the MSI Debugger toolbar.
On the Build menu, point to MSI Debugger and click Toggle Breakpoint.

Press F9.

You can set the breakpoint before you start debugging or while a debugging session is open.

When the debugger reaches the breakpoint, you can view and set properties or continue debugging.

Tip • Notice that the debugger lists the condition, if any, after each action. Set breakpoints carefully on conditional actions, because if the condition does not evaluate to true, the action is not executed and the debugger will not step in at that point.

Removing Breakpoints

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Task To remove a breakpoint:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click MSI Debugger.
2. Place the cursor in a line with a breakpoint and click the Toggle Breakpoint button or press F9 to remove it.

Task To clear all breakpoints set in the debugger, do one of the following:

- Click the Remove All Breakpoints button.
- Press SHIFT+F9.

Viewing and Setting Properties in the MSI Debugger

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When the debugger stops at a breakpoint or at an action or dialog because you are stepping through the installation, you can view Windows Installer properties and change their values at run time in the Watch window or the Variable window.

The Variable Window

The Variable window displays every property in the database’s Property table—exposed in InstallShield through Property Manager View—and its current value.

To change a property’s value as the installation is running, edit the Property Value column.

If you do not see the Variable window, click Variable on the View menu.

The Watch Window

You can enter the name of any property in the Watch window to check its value at any point in the installation. For example, enter TARGETDIR in the name column to see what TARGETDIR resolves to at run time.

To change the property’s value as the installation is running, edit the Property Value column.

If you do not see the Watch window, click Watch on the View menu.
Step Into Actions in the MSI Debugger

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You can debug your code when you step into the custom action in the MSI Debugger. You can launch your registered debugger when you step into one of the following types of custom actions:

- Windows Installer .dll file custom action
- Standard .dll file custom action
- Visual Basic Script or JavaScript custom action
- InstallScript custom action

**Task**

**To step into the current action in the MSI Debugger, do any of the following:**

- Click the **Step Into** button on the MSI Debugger toolbar.
- On the **Build** menu, point to **MSI Debugger** and click **Step Into**.
- Press F11.

A dialog box opens and asks if you want to launch your registered debugger. Select Yes to launch the debugger. Select No to step over to the next custom action.

**Note** - Because InstallShield does not provide the source code for the entry point, you will see some machine code once the registered debugger is launched. You need to click the Step Into button twice to see your code.

**See Also**

MSI Debugger

Step Through Actions in the MSI Debugger

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**Task**

**To step over the current action or dialog and continue the execution in the MSI Debugger, do any of the following:**

- Click the **Step Over** button on the MSI Debugger toolbar.
- On the **Build** menu, point to **MSI Debugger** and click **Step Over**.
- Press F10.

Once the debugger reaches a breakpoint on a standard or custom action, it halts the execution of the installation and receives focus. You can then watch and set installer properties.

**See Also**

MSI Debugger

MSI Debugger Toolbar
To continue stepping through each successive action, keep pressing F10. You may need to click Next on each dialog in the Setup wizard to progress through the sequence. To view the return value of an action, place the cursor over the action after it has executed. The return value is displayed as a tooltip. If the action executed successfully, the tooltip reads ERROR_SUCCESS.

Although setting a breakpoint on an action causes the debugger to break at each subsequent action, setting a breakpoint on a dialog takes you just to that dialog and then the debugger does not step in again until the next breakpoint.

See Also
MSI Debugger
MSI Debugger Toolbar

**Stopping the MSI Debugger**

**Task**

To **discontinue debugging a release**, do one of the following:

- Click the **Stop Debugger** button on the MSI Debugger toolbar.
- On the **Build** menu, point to **MSI Debugger** and click **Stop MSI Debugging**.
- Press **SHIFT+F5**.

If the debugger is stopped at a break point on a dialog when you try to end the debugging session, InstallShield displays a message box with this message: “Please close all the dialogs to stop the debugging session.” To close any open dialogs, first press F11 to step over the current breakpoint. Then, close any open dialogs.

Canceling out of the installation also stops the debugger.

See Also
MSI Debugger
MSI Debugger Toolbar

**Spanning Installations over Multiple Disks or CDs**

As programs become larger, the need for disk spanning increases. Years ago, this meant shipping your product on multiple floppy disks. The standard is now to use CD-ROMs or DVDs. Although the storage space on a CD or on a DVD is significantly more than what is available on a floppy disk, many products require even more space. Multimedia tutorials, vast help libraries, and graphic-rich programs can result in a product that is larger than 650 MB—the size of a standard CD.

If your installation requires more than one CD, DVD, or custom-sized media disk, you need to span it across multiple disks.

**Using the Release Wizard**

The only way to define how your installation spans across multiple disks is to use the Release Wizard. The wizard’s panels walk you through the process of creating your release for any size media that you choose, and it lets you specify how your files will span across multiple disks. You can also specify the compression to apply to these files.
The wizard offers you the choice of having InstallShield automatically span your installation across disks, if necessary, or you can customize how you want your installation files to be split. If you plan on customizing the way your installation spans across multiple disks, refer to Disk Spanning Rules to reduce problems with your installation.

**Limitations**

Due to limitations of the Windows Installer service, you cannot run multi-disk installations on a non-removable drive. For example, if your installation spans two CDs, you need to physically burn the CDs in order to test your installation. If you try to run it from a fixed drive, the installation will fail.

**Compressing Multi-Disk Installations**

Because neither Setup.exe nor your .msi file can be spanned across multiple disks, your source files need to be kept separate from these files. If you create a network installation, which has unlimited size, and specify that all the files should be compressed, these files are placed inside the .msi file or inside Setup.exe if you elected to create one. All other media types put Setup.exe, your .msi file, and the .cab files that contain all of your source files separately on the media.

For example, you might have an installation that contains three features—each containing a 1.5 MB file, Setup.exe, and the installation files for Windows NT—and you want to create a custom media type that is 2 MB in size. The build will span multiple disks. Disk one will contain Setup.exe, InstMsiW.exe (which contains the logic to install the Windows Installer service on Windows NT machines), Setup.ini (which is required for installations that include Setup.exe), and your .msi file. The remaining disks will contain .cab files that store compressed copies of all your source files.

**Disk Spanning Rules**

You can elect to have the Release Wizard automatically span your installation across as many disks as required. The wizard adheres to the following rules, which all multi-disk installations must follow. If you plan to customize how your installation spans across multiple disks, follow these rules:

- **Setup.exe must be on disk one.** This rule is applicable if you want to ship your installation on floppy disks and you need to ship Setup.exe. The size of Setup.exe—depending on whether you choose one for Windows 9x, Windows NT, or both—can be 1.31 MB to 2.58 MB in size. The installation file for the Windows Installer service is included in the build as well. This file—called InstMsiW.exe or InstMsiA.exe, depending on the platform you choose—must also reside on disk one.

- **The second file that must be included on disk one is the .msi file that you are building.** The total combined size of the .msi file, Setup.exe, and the Windows Installer installation files exceeds the maximum capacity of a standard 1.4 MB floppy disk. You have two options if you plan to distribute your setup on floppy disks:
  - You can distribute your installation without Setup.exe. This option is not available if you are creating an InstallScript MSI project.
  - The second and most feasible option is to use a distribution medium other than floppy disks.

- **Any transforms included in your installation must reside on the first disk.** For example, if you create an installation with multiple run-time languages, an .mst file is created for each of those languages. This file is applied to the installation database, and it provides the language selected in the Language Selection dialog.
Redistributables (including merge modules) included in your installation must be stored on the first disk. Redistributables are streamed into the installation database while the script is built. This process cannot be completed if the redistributables are located on another disk.

Custom Disk Spanning

In the Release Wizard, you will come across a panel that asks you how you would like to handle disk spanning. You can choose to let the wizard automatically span your installation across disks if necessary, or you can manually define the disk spanning. Although you cannot indicate where every file is placed, you can define the disk on which each feature resides. Components and files are automatically placed on the same disk as their feature. There are other guidelines that InstallShield automatically follows, whether you choose to define the layout or let the wizard do it for you.

In addition to defining the features that reside on each disk, you can customize the volume label for each disk, create your own disk prompts, and choose to have the wizard enforce the size of your disks. The step-by-step instructions for customizing your disk layout are outlined in the Release Wizard documentation.

Disk Prompts

Disk prompts are displayed to end users when they need to place another disk in the drive to continue with the installation. Although a standard disk prompt is provided, you can provide a prompt that is specific to your product.

The string that is displayed actually comes from a number of sources throughout your project, as described below:

1. The complete prompt originates in the Error table (exposed in the Direct Editor) as error 1302.
2. This value comes from the project’s list of string entries, and the default value for English is “Please insert the disk: [2].”
4. Finally, Windows Installer evaluates [1] to the string you enter into the Disk Prompt field.

In most cases, you will want to enter the same name as the disk volume. For example, assuming the defaults are unchanged, a Disk Prompt entry of Disk8 would cause the user to be prompted with “Please enter the disk: Disk8.”

You can use a question mark where the disk number will be displayed. This question mark automatically evaluates to the correct disk number. If you want to prompt your users with, “Please insert the disk: DISK4,” you would enter DISK? for the fourth disk’s name. You need to specify the disk prompt for each disk in your installation.

Volume Labels

The volume label is the name of the disk on which your installation resides. When the installation calls for a new disk, the Windows Installer engine verifies that the volume label of the disk matches the volume label that is stored in the installation database. If the labels do not match, the service assumes that the wrong disk has been inserted in the drive.

You can change the volume label when you customize your disk spanning options. The default volume label is DISK1, DISK2, DISK3, and so on. When you build your installation, you will see these directories created in your output location. The disks on which you put your setup need to have the volume labels set to the same names as given by the wizard.

Caution • You cannot change a volume label after the installation has been built. If you do not specify the correct volume label, the Windows Installer service will not recognize the disk and the installation will fail.
You can use a question mark to define the number of the disk. For example, if you want to set the volume label for your disks to **InstallShield Disk 1**, **InstallShield Disk 2**, and so on, you would rename every disk so that they read **InstallShield Disk ?**. At build time, this question mark evaluates to the disk number.

**Enforce Disk Size**

The Enforce Disk Size option helps you to ensure that your current layout fits on the disks that you have specified. If this option is not selected, and any disk that you want to create goes over the size of the media that you selected, the wizard automatically creates another disk and splits your features accordingly. If you select this option and the disk size exceeds the media size, the build will fail and you will receive **build error 1531**. You can then go back and trim down your feature size or try a different layout strategy.

**Additional Information**

If you add features to your installation after you have defined how you want your installation to span across multiple disks, those features are automatically added to the last disk of your installation. You can add new disks to your installation at any time by using the Release Wizard.

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**Creating a Setup Launcher**

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*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**

*Note that InstallScript installations always include a setup launcher.*

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations also always creates a setup launcher; they run .msi, .msp, InstallScript, and .exe packages. To learn more, see *Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations*.

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want your installation to include a Setup.exe setup launcher. A Setup.exe setup launcher is required in the following cases:

- You want to automatically update or install the Windows Installer engine on a target system, when necessary.
- You are building a multilanguage installation project and you want the language selection dialog to be displayed.
- Your project includes InstallShield prerequisites.
- Your project includes the .NET Framework.
- You are building a release for an InstallScript MSI project and it uses the traditional style for the user interface.
- You are building a release whose product configuration includes support for installing multiple instances of a product and you want the instance selection dialog to be displayed when appropriate.
- You are building a release for a Basic MSI project that includes billboards.

The Setup.exe setup launcher is a bootstrap application that manages the aforementioned scenarios.

The Setup.exe tab for a release in the Releases view is where you specify information such as whether you want to use a Setup.exe launcher. To learn more, see *Setup.exe Tab for a Release*.
Tip • You can also specify setup launcher requirements in the Setup Launcher panel of the Release Wizard.

Windows Installer and Setup.exe

If it is possible that Windows Installer is not present on a target system, or if your installation depends on certain functionality that is available in only a certain version of Windows Installer, InstallShield gives you the option of including with your installation a redistributable that installs Windows Installer. If you select this option, InstallShield creates a Setup.exe launcher that checks for the presence of Windows Installer on the target system. If Windows Installer is not installed, or a more recent version needs to be installed, Setup.exe launches the Windows Installer installation and then launches your installation package.

For more information, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

Multilanguage Support and Setup.exe

Depending on your selections in the language-related settings on the Build tab for a release in the Releases view, Setup.exe also gives end users a choice of the language in which to run the installation.

If you plan to distribute your installation in more than one language, Setup.exe is required whenever you want to provide end users the option of selecting which language version of the installation they would like to run. To learn more about multilanguage support, see Creating Multilingual Installations.

InstallShield Prerequisites and Setup.exe

Projects that include InstallShield prerequisites require Setup.exe because Setup.exe checks to see if the target system meets the InstallShield prerequisite conditions. If the conditions are met, Setup.exe installs the InstallShield prerequisites.

For more details, see Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects.

.NET Framework and Setup.exe

Projects that include the .NET Framework require Setup.exe because Setup.exe checks the target system for the presence of the .NET Framework; if the appropriate version of the .NET Framework is not present, Setup.exe installs it.

To learn more about including the .NET Framework, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.

InstallScript MSI Projects and Setup.exe

The traditional-style InstallScript MSI installations require Setup.exe because Setup.exe initiates the InstallScript engine to display the user interface. For this traditional style, the InstallScript engine serves as an external UI handler.

Note that if you use the new style of UI for an InstallScript MSI installation, InstallShield embeds the InstallScript engine within the .msi package, and a setup launcher is not required.

For detailed information about these two styles, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.

Multiple-Instance Support and Setup.exe

If you are configuring your product to allow end users to install your product multiple times in each context on a target system, the Setup.exe setup launcher must be used if you want the instance selection dialog to be displayed when appropriate. The Setup.exe file displays the instance selection dialog.
To learn more about multiple-instance support, see Installing Multiple Instances of Products.

**Billboards and Setup.exe**

Basic MSI projects that include billboards require `Setup.exe` because `Setup.exe` displays the billboards at run time.

For more information about billboards, see Displaying Billboards in Basic MSI Installations.

### Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher

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*Project* - This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

*Note that project-specific differences are noted where applicable.*

InstallShield lets you use custom information for the version resources of the `Setup.exe` setup launcher. The information is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the `Setup.exe` file and then click Properties.

#### Settings in InstallShield that Let You Configure Setup.exe Properties

The following table lists various properties that Windows includes on the Properties dialog box, along with the corresponding settings in InstallShield that you can use to configure them.

*Note* - The Properties dialog box is different on different versions of Windows. For example, on Windows 7 systems, the version resource information is displayed on the Details tab of the Properties dialog box. However, on Windows XP systems, the version resource information is displayed on the Version tab of that dialog box.
Also note that some versions of Windows do not show some settings on the Properties dialog box.

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<td>2. On the <strong>Setup.exe</strong> tab, in the <strong>Use Custom Version Properties</strong> setting, select <strong>Yes</strong>.</td>
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<td>3. In the <strong>Company</strong> setting, enter the text that you want to use for the company field in the properties of your Setup.exe file.</td>
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<td>If you select No for the Use Custom Version Properties setting or you leave the Company setting blank, InstallShield uses the Publisher setting in the General Information view. If that setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default InstallShield-specific name.</td>
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<td>• In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: Product Name setting for the product configuration in the Releases view. If that setting is blank, InstallShield uses the Product Name setting in the General Information view.</td>
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<td>3. In the <strong>Version</strong> setting, enter the value that you want to use for the version fields in the properties of your Setup.exe file.</td>
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<td>If you select No for the Use Custom Version Properties setting or you leave the Version setting blank, InstallShield uses the Version setting in the General Information view. If that setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default InstallShield-specific values.</td>
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| **File Version**   | The setting that contains the value for this field varies, depending on the project type that you are using.  
  - In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript: Use the **File Version** setting for Setup.exe under Use Custom Version Properties in Releases view.  
    If this setting is blank, InstallShield uses the Product Version value by default.  
  
  **Note** • The File Version always contains four fields. If you specify fewer than four fields for your File Version, the remaining fields are filled with zeros. For example, if you specify a File Version of 1.1, the File Version that is used in the version resources of Setup.exe is 1.1.0.0.  
  
  If you want to override the **File Version**, set Use Custom Version Properties to Yes and enter a version in the **File Version** field.  
  1. In the Releases view, select the release that you want to configure.  
  2. On the Setup.exe tab, set the Use Custom Version Properties setting to Yes.  
  3. In the File Version field, enter the value that you want to use for the File Version field in the Properties of your Setup.exe file.  
  
  If you select No for the Use Custom Version Properties setting or you leave the File Version setting blank, InstallShield uses the File Version setting in the Product Version from the Product Configuration view for both (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI) and in the General Information view for InstallScript. If that setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default InstallShield-specific values. |
| **Copyright**      | InstallShield uses either a custom value that you provide, or the default InstallShield copyright notice.  
  If you want InstallShield to use your own custom value for the copyright field:  
  1. In the Releases view, select the release that you want to configure.  
  3. In the Launcher Copyright setting, enter the text that you want to use for the copyright field in the properties of your Setup.exe file.  
  
  If you select No for the Use Custom Version Properties setting or you leave the Launcher Copyright setting blank, InstallShield uses the default InstallShield copyright notice. |
InstallShield uses either a custom value that you provide, or the default InstallShield Setup.exe description.

If you want InstallShield to use your own custom value for the description field:

1. In the Releases view, select the release that you want to configure.
3. In the File Description setting, enter the text that you want to use for the description field in the properties of your Setup.exe file.

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- In an Advanced UI, InstallScript, or Suite/Advanced UI project—If you select No for the Use Custom Version Properties setting or you leave the File Description setting blank, InstallShield uses the default InstallShield Setup.exe description.

- In a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project—If you select No for the Use Custom Version Properties setting, InstallShield uses the default InstallShield Setup.exe description. If you select Yes but leave the File Description setting blank, InstallShield uses the value for the Comments setting of the product configuration in the Releases view. If that setting is blank, InstallShield uses the Summary Information Stream Comments setting in the General Information view. If that setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default InstallShield Setup.exe description.

### Language
For this field, InstallShield uses the language that is specified in the Default Language setting for the release in the Releases view that you are building.

### Original File Name
InstallShield uses either a custom value that you provide, or the default InstallShield file name - Setup.exe.

If you want InstallShield to use your own custom value for the Original File Name field:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. Right-click the Releases explorer and then click New Product Configuration.

InstallShield adds a new product configuration to the Releases explorer.

InstallShield lists the product configuration settings on the General tab.

3. On the General tab, in the Setup File Name setting, enter the text that you want to use for the Original File Name field.

Specify the file name - without the .exe file extension - that InstallShield should use for the Original File Name that it generates at build time.
Sample Setup.exe Properties Dialog Boxes

![Sample Properties for Setup.exe on a Windows 7 Machine](image)

**Figure 4-1:** Sample Properties for Setup.exe on a Windows 7 Machine
Figure 4-2: Sample Properties for Setup.exe on a Windows XP Machine

See Also
Creating a Setup Launcher
Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations
General Information View Settings
Release Settings
Product Configuration Settings

Specifying the Icon for the Setup Launcher

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
InstallShield lets you specify the icon that should be used for your Setup.exe setup launcher. The icon can be in an .exe, .dll, or .ico file.

End users can see this icon when they view your Setup.exe file in Windows Explorer. The icon is also displayed on the Properties dialog box for Setup.exe; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties.

If you do not specify an icon, InstallShield uses a default icon for your Setup.exe file.

**Task**

To specify the icon for your Setup.exe file:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
3. Click the Setup.exe tab.
4. In the Setup.exe Icon File setting, specify the fully qualified name of the file that contains the icon that InstallShield should use when it creates the Setup.exe file at build time.

   To specify a file, type an explicit path or path variable, or click the ellipsis button (…) to open the Change Icon dialog box, in which you can click the Browse button to select a file.

   By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the file name. For example, `C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2` indicates the icon with an index of 2, and `C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100` indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100.

   The next time that you build the release, InstallShield uses the icon that you specified for your Setup.exe file.

**See Also**

Creating a Setup Launcher
General Information View Settings
Release Settings
Product Configuration Settings

**Distributing Installations**

InstallShield 2020

Once you have created your installation, you may need to distribute it to a specified location. This location can be a network drive, a CD, a different location on a local drive, or an FTP site. When you distribute your installation, the disk image created when you built your installation is copied to the location that you specify.
Distributing Releases to a Folder or FTP Site Automatically

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When your release is built and tested, the only remaining task is to distribute it to the appropriate location. You can manually copy your release to the appropriate location, or you can use the Events tab in the Releases view to configure the release so that InstallShield automatically copies the release to the appropriate location—a local or network location, or an FTP site.

**Task** To configure InstallShield to automatically distribute your release to a particular location:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
3. Click the Events tab.
4. Configure the settings as appropriate. To learn more about the settings on the Events tab, see Events Tab for a Release.

**Note** If your installation consists of only one disk, the contents of the Disk1 folder are copied to the release location, but not the folder itself. If your installation spans across multiple disks, the folders and their contents are copied to the release location.

**Project** For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, InstallShield automatically copies the release to the location that you specify on the Events tab every time that you build the release.

For any of the following project types, InstallShield copies all of the relevant files for your release to the specified location whenever you right-click the release in the Releases view and then click Distribute:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

If you specify a folder and an FTP site on the Events tab, InstallShield copies the files to only the FTP location.

If you want the build engine to copy your release to the specified location after every build in a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, select Yes for the Distribute After Build setting.

See Also
- Releases View

Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand

InstallShield 2020

**Edition** The ability to distribute releases to virtual machines is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.
Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

You can configure releases in your projects so that after each successful build of your installation, InstallShield automatically reverts a virtual machine (VM) to a designated snapshot (if one is specified), powers on the VM, and copies your installation to the VM to make it available for testing. You can also alternately perform these testing preparation steps on demand at any time. The testing preparation capability makes it possible to reduce testing time and eliminate manual steps.

The VM can be on a Microsoft Hyper-V Server, a VMware ESX or ESXi Server, or a VMware Workstation.

Requirements for Distributing to VMs

In order to deploy to one of the supported VMs, InstallShield needs to communicate with the virtualization technology that you are using. If you are using VMware virtualization technology (VMware ESX or ESXi Server or VMware Workstation), the VMware VIX API needs to be installed on the same machine as InstallShield. You can do this by either installing VMware Workstation on that machine or by downloading and installing the VMware VIX API from http://www.vmware.com/support/developer/vix-api.

If you are using VMware Workstation, it is recommended that you install VMware Workstation on the same machine as InstallShield so that InstallShield uses the version of the VIX API that was designed for that specific version of VMware Workstation. Although it is likely that newer versions of the VIX API will also work, it seems that the best approach is for InstallShield to use the version of the VIX API that was bundled with your version of VMware Workstation.

Configuring VM-Related Settings

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<td>5.</td>
<td>Use the Configuration setting to select the name of the group of VM configuration settings that you want to use when distributing the selected release to a VM:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• To create a new VM configuration, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To edit an existing VM configuration, select it in this setting and then click the ellipsis button (…).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In both cases, the Edit Virtual Machine Configurations dialog box opens, enabling you to configure machine-wide VM details. For information on using this dialog box, see Edit Virtual Machine Configurations Dialog Box.
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Note that when you specify VM configuration settings in the Edit Virtual Machine Configurations dialog box, InstallShield writes the data that you specify to a file called `VMConfigurations.xml`. This `VMConfigurations.xml` file is a machine-wide file that you can configure once and then use it in other InstallShield projects, as well as share it with other team members. You can also use this file on your build machine. To learn more, see Sharing Virtual Machine Settings for Distribution of Releases.

6. Configure the remaining settings in the Virtual Machine area as needed.

If you configure VM details in these remaining settings, you are overriding some of the machine-wide values that were entered on the Edit Virtual Machine Configurations dialog box.

For details about all of the settings in the Virtual Machine area, see Events Tab for a Release.

Tip • If you want InstallShield to distribute the release to the specified VM after each successful build, select Yes for the Distribute After Build setting.

To perform the staging steps for a built release on demand, right-click the release and then click Distribute to VM.

See Also
Sharing Virtual Machine Settings for Distribution of Releases
Releases View

Preparing Installations for Internet Distribution

The way in which consumers receive software is rapidly changing. Before the advances in Internet technology and the introduction of high-speed connections, all software was shipped on some type of removable medium, such as floppy disks or CD-ROMs. Today, many people download their software directly from the Internet. In order to take advantage of this time- and money-saving software distribution process, you must package your installation in an easily downloadable and installable manner.

There are several criteria that your Web-ready installation may need to meet:

Compressed Size

Although many people now connect to the Internet through high-speed cable modems or DSL lines, others still use slower-speed modems. Package size is very important to people with slower connections due to the increased amount of online time required to download an application.

Self-Extracting

Many file compression utilities require a special client-side application to decompress the application files. This need for another utility complicates the download and installation process for end users. To simplify the installation process, the compression utility that you use should be self-extracting so that no other application is required.

Digitally Signed

To make your customers feel more secure about downloading and installing your software, you can digitally sign your application package. The digital signature identifies you or your company to end users and assures them that the application code has not been altered or tampered with since publication. To learn how to digitally sign your application, see Digital Signing and Security.
Easy to Use

Perhaps the most important aspect of packaging your installation for Internet distribution is making it easy to use. Your end users may not want to specify a location where the installation files should be saved and then search their computer to locate those files. Instead, the installation should be seamlessly integrated into the compression package, requiring only one step to begin the installation.

Proxy Server Support

You may want to configure your installation to download certain files only if they are needed on the target system. For example, the Windows Installer engine, the .NET Framework, and some InstallShield prerequisites may already be present on some or most target systems. Instead of embedding these files in your installation (which would increase your overall installation size), you can configure your project so that only the ones that are needed are downloaded at run time.

If your end users access the Internet through a proxy server and your installation is configured to download files, the installation uses the system proxy settings that are manually configured in Internet Explorer during the download. This occurs even if another browser on the target system is the default browser.

Note that InstallShield does not include support for the Automatically Detect Settings functionality in Internet Explorer. (If end users have the Automatically Detect Settings check box selected in Internet Explorer for their LAN connection and the installation needs to download files, the installation fails because the files cannot be downloaded. If it is possible that your end users may have the Automatically Detect Settings check box selected in Internet Explorer for their LAN connections, you may want to embed all of the files in your installation rather than configure them to be downloaded; if the files are embedded, the failures can be avoided.) However, InstallShield does support the Automatic Configuration Script functionality that is set up for LAN connections in Internet Explorer.

Redistributable Files that Are Distributed with an InstallScript Installation

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

The following files are automatically created by InstallShield and can be redistributed with your software distribution, as discussed in your End-User License Agreement. The media build automatically includes them as needed in your disk image folders.

Main Media Files
- data<2, 3, 4, …>.cab
- data1.cab
- data1.hdr
- ISSetup.dll
- layout.bin
- setup.exe
- setup.ini
- setup.inx
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Optional Files

- setup.isn—Skin File
- setup.htm—One Click Install .htm page

See Also
Overview of ISSetup.dll

Building 64-Bit Setup Launcher

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the Basic MSI project type.

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want your installation to include a 64-bit Setup.exe setup launcher. A 64-Bit Setup.exe setup launcher is required only if the installation is targeting 64-bit system. By default, InstallShield builds the 32-bit setup launcher, which can execute in a 32-bit system as well in WoW64 on 64-bit system. Some 64-bit target systems—such as Windows Server Core systems may not have 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support. These 64-bit target systems cannot run 32-bit setup launcher.

The General tab for a product configuration in the Releases view is where you specify information such as whether you want to build 64-Bit Setup launcher.

Building 64-bit Setup launcher does not build the corresponding 64-bit MSI package by default. In order to build the 64-bit MSI package, you need to configure the Template Summary with the appropriate 64-bit value (x64 or Intel64). Pure 64-bit MSI package cannot copy 32-bit product files or execute 32-bit custom action during installation, because 32-bit binaries cannot be loaded on 64-bit target systems without WOW64 support. The InstallShield Architecture Validation setting for a product configuration in the Releases view, helps you to build the pure 32-bit or 64-bit MSI package. InstallShield has the capability to build two installations (one for 32 bit and one for 64 bit) from a single project, based on the release flags configuration.

For more information on Building 64-bit MSI package, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Installations.

Building 32-bit MSI Package with 64-bit Setup Launcher

InstallShield throws the following warning message if the MSI package is configured to build 32-bit package with the 64-bit setup launcher option:

ISDEV: warning -7372: Setup Launcher is configured to build 64-Bit, but Template Summary is not configured to build 64-Bit MSI package.

This is just to make the attention, because 64-bit setup launcher fails to execute in a pure 32-bit system, and the 32-bit MSI package fail to install in pure 64-bit system. So, this warning can be fixed by not opting the 64-bit setup launcher if the installer needs to target pure 32-bit system and WoW64 on 64-bit system. Other way, the MSI template summary can be changed to generate 64-bit MSI package to target pure 64-bit system.

Building InstallScript Custom actions with 64-bit Setup Launcher

InstallScript custom actions are not supported with 64-bit setup launcher. InstallShield build throws below error if the Basic MSI project contain InstallScript custom actions.
ISDEV: fatal error -7371: InstallScript custom actions are not supported with 64-Bit Setup Launcher.

If the InstallScript custom actions are required then the Basic MSI project can be configured to build without the 64-bit setup launcher, because InstallScript runtimes are still in 32-bit which requires 32-bit setup launcher. Other way if the InstallScript custom actions are not required, it can be deleted from the project and continue building with 64-bit setup launcher.

**InstallShield Prerequisites and 64-bit Setup Launcher**

In general, projects that include InstallShield prerequisites require `Setup.exe` because `Setup.exe` checks to see if the target system meets the InstallShield prerequisite conditions. If the conditions are met, `Setup.exe` installs the InstallShield prerequisites.

If you configure to build the projects that include InstallShield prerequisites with 64-bit setup launcher, ensure the prerequisite installer is a 64-bit, which can install in pure x64 system and configure the prerequisite conditions to check the 64-bit location either in the registry or folder location.

In some cases, if you want to build the 32-bit prerequisite installer with 64-bit setup launcher, configure the conditions to check the 32-bit location. Most of the registry conditions in the prerequisites are configured to check the default location, which is 32-bit location for the 32-bit set up launcher and 64-bit location for the 64-bit setup launcher. But, the 32bit prerequisite installer creates the registry key under the 32-bit registry hives. To rectify this, you need to modify the registry location to check the 32-bit location explicitly in the InstallShield prerequisite editor. The prerequisite condition is as shown below:

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<tr>
<th>Prerequisite Condition</th>
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<tr>
<td>Select the type of condition:</td>
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<td>☐ A registry key does or does not exist</td>
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<td>☐ A registry entry has a specified value</td>
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<td>☐ A registry entry has a specified version value</td>
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<td>☐ A file does or does not exist</td>
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<td>☐ A file with a certain date exists</td>
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<td>☐ A file with a certain version exists</td>
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<td>☐ Setup is running on a specified platform</td>
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<tr>
<td>Properties:</td>
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<td>Specify the registry key name to check:</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\DAME271C-6333-3D6A-33M</code></td>
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<td>(example: <code>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\InstallShield\Express\5.0</code>)</td>
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<td>Check the following registry location on a 64-bit system:</td>
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<td>☐ Default</td>
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<td>☐ 32-bit</td>
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<td>☐ 64-bit</td>
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<td>Run this prerequisite:</td>
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<td>☐ If the specified registry key EXISTS</td>
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<td>☐ If the specified registry key DOES NOT EXIST</td>
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Deploying Windows App Packages

Windows App package creation is available in Basic MSI projects.

The Windows 10 Anniversary Update is required for installing and testing a Windows App package (.appx) with desktop extensions (Desktop Bridge) included. To digitally sign the Windows App package, InstallShield must be installed on a Windows 10 machine or a machine with the Windows 10 SDK installed.

Sideloading must be enabled for a Windows App package to be successfully sideloaded. For more information about sideloading, refer to the Enable your device for deployment MSDN article.

The following table provides an overview of the ways you can distribute Windows App packages:

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<th>Distribution Method Setting</th>
<th>Signing Considerations</th>
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<tr>
<td>Windows Store</td>
<td>Upload the Windows App package to the Windows Store. Refer to the Packaging Windows Apps (MSDN article) for more information. Any package distributed through the Windows Store is subject to additional policies that limit its contents.</td>
<td>Windows Store</td>
<td>This type of app doesn’t need to be signed before it is uploaded to Microsoft because Microsoft signs the package.</td>
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Table 4-24 • Windows App Distribution Methods

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<th>Distribution Method Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sideloaded and added to a Suite/Advanced UI Project</td>
<td>Add a sideloading Windows App package to a Suite/Advanced UI project as described in Adding a Sideloaded Windows App Package (.appx</td>
<td>Direct Distribution (Sideload)</td>
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<td>Windows App Package Eligible eligibility condition of a Windows App package (.appx) or the UWP Type Present condition in either an exit condition or a package's eligibility condition as well as other condition checks to employ this type of distribution method. This type of scenario provides flexibility to let end users conditionally install an .msi package versus a Windows App package. For more information, refer to the Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects topic.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>If a package will be sideloaded and added to a Suite, the Windows App package must be signed before it is built into the Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sideloaded and delivered as a Windows App package (.appx)</td>
<td>Deliver a Windows App package (appx) file to your customer as an executable installer that can be double-clicked to perform the installation. A common example of a sideloading app is one that is distributed to an enterprise environment and is internal to a company only.</td>
<td>Direct Distribution (Sideload)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>If a package will be sideloaded, you will typically need to sign it, unless your customer wishes to sign it themselves. The package must be signed before the double-click installation will succeed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Creating Windows App Packages
Appx/MSIX Tab for a Release
Shortcut Settings
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Adding a Sideloaded Windows App Package (.appx | .msix) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project
Creating Transforms

A transform (.mst file) is a simplified Windows Installer database that contains the differences between two .msi databases. Transforms enable an administrator to apply modified settings to a database when deploying an installation package.

Customizing Installations

For example, a user may need to customize an installation in different ways for different departments in their company. The traditional office suite comes with a spreadsheet program, a word processor, and a presentation tool. The accounting department may need only the spreadsheet and the presentation programs, while the writing department may need the word processor and the spreadsheet. A third department may need the entire suite of applications.

Rather than manually setting up every person in the company, a user can take the original installation of the entire suite, customize it to the needs of each department, and then create a transform between the two packages. A transform needs to be created for each separate product configuration.

Creating Transforms

InstallShield makes the task of creating multiple configurations of your product as easy as stepping through a wizard. You can create a transform by using either of the two methods described below.

Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages

In one method of creating a transform, a base .msi package serves as the starting point for all of your customization, and the target package contains all of the changes that you would like to be reflected in the installation. Once you have prepared the base .msi package and the target .msi package, you can use the Transform Wizard to create a transform. When you finish this wizard, InstallShield compares the two packages and creates a transform (.mst file) that contains the differences between the two packages.

Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package

Another way to create a transform is to create a new transform project. When you create a new transform project, the Open Transform Wizard launches. Use the Open Transform Wizard to open an existing .msi package in Direct MST mode and edit the project as needed. InstallShield evaluates the differences between the base .msi package and the changes you make in Direct MST mode and creates a transform project (.mst file) that contains the differences.

This method of creating a transform enables you to specify additional transforms that should be incorporated into your transform project. It also lets you specify default user-interface responses for end users.

Applying Transforms

Once a transform has been created, it can be applied at run time, depending on whose machine the application is being installed. For example, you can check if the target machine is in the accounting department. If it is, the accounting transform is applied to the original installation, and only the spreadsheet and presentation programs are installed.
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages

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**Project** • This information applies to Transform projects.

**Note** • If a transform project includes new files (files not found in the original .msi file), these files will not be found when running the installation. To avoid this issue, you can either put the transform project in the same location as the base .msi package, or manually copy the source files to the location of the base .msi package.

**Task**

To create a transform by comparing two .msi packages:

1. Open the base .msi package in InstallShield.
2. Save the project with a new name. This new project is your target project. For more information, see Saving a Project with a New Name and Location.
3. Make all of the changes that you would like to be reflected in the installation and then build a release.
4. On the **Tools** menu, click Create/Apply Transform. The Transform Wizard opens.
5. Complete the panels in the **Transform Wizard** to create the transform.

**See Also**
Applying Transforms
Editing Transforms

Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package

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Task To create a transform based on a single .msi package:

2. On the Windows Installer tab, click Transform.
3. In the Project Name box, type a name for your transform project.
4. In the Location box, type the path where your transform project should be stored or click Browse to find the location.
5. Click OK. The Open Transform Wizard opens.
6. Complete the panels in the Open Transform Wizard to create the transform.

See Also
Creating a Response Transform

Applying Transforms

Applying a Transform from the Command Line

One way to apply a transform is to pass a command line to Msiexec.exe or Setup.exe. When you apply a transform from the command line, you are changing the database of your .msi package at run time. To apply a transform at run time, your command-line statement should look something like this, specifying the desired transform with the TRANSFORMS property:

```
msiexec /i "ProductName.msi" TRANSFORMS="YourTransform.mst"
```

Use semicolons to separate multiple transforms.

Caution • Do not use semicolons in the name of your transform because the Windows Installer service interprets semicolons as file name separators.

When you specify more than one transform at the command line, the transforms are applied in the order specified. For example, you could have a base package that has only one feature, and one transform that adds a second feature, and another transform that changes the second feature in some way. The transform that adds the feature must be specified before the transform that changes the second feature; otherwise, the change will not be made properly.
Using the Transform Wizard to Apply a Transform

When you use the Transform Wizard to apply a transform, you create an installation package (.msi package) that reflects all of the changes contained in the transform file. This can be useful for network administrators who are customizing applications for all of their users.

Task

To launch the Transform Wizard:

On the Tools menu, click Create/Apply.

See Also

MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters
Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
Transform Wizard

Editing Transforms

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Transform projects.

InstallShield enables you to edit .msi packages without having to convert them to an InstallShield (.ism) project. You can save the changes made as a transform (.mst) file.

Opening Existing Transforms for Editing

In InstallShield, you can browse for an existing .mst file. Before InstallShield can open the .mst file, it needs the base .msi to which this file should be applied. Also, it requires the names of any additional .mst files that should be applied to the base .msi file before opening the .mst file for editing.

The first time that you open an .mst file in InstallShield, the Open Transform Wizard launches. This wizard enables you to specify the .mst file, the base .msi file, and any additional transforms to apply before editing. The last panel of this wizard—the Create a Response Transform panel—lets you specify whether or not your transform should be a response transform. A response transform includes default responses for the user interface portion of the installation. If you specify that you want to create a response transform, the user interface elements of the installation are executed, enabling you to customize the options available in each panel of the installation wizard.

When the Open Transform Wizard is finished, the transforms are applied and the .mst file opens in InstallShield in Direct MST mode (which is similar to Direct Edit mode). The data specified in the wizard is saved so that the next time that you open the .mst file, the transform project opens directly in InstallShield.

Task

To open an existing transform:

1. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog opens.
2. Select the .mst file that you would like to open.
3. Click Open. The Open Transform Wizard opens.
Opening an Existing Transform File in the InstallShield Transform Wizard

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Transform

You can open an existing transform file in the InstallShield Transform Wizard (as if it were being opened in the Transform Wizard for the first time), where you will be prompted to select a base MSI package for the transform file. This enables you to use the same generic transform file for multiple MSI packages.

To open an existing transform file in the InstallShield Transform Wizard, right-click on the transform file in Windows Explorer and select **Open in InstallShield Transform Wizard** from the context menu.

![Open in InstallShield Transform Wizard Option](image)

**Figure 4-1:** Open in InstallShield Transform Wizard Option

Saving .msi Files as Transforms

InstallShield 2020

When you are editing an .msi file in Direct Edit mode, you can save the file as an .mst file.
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Task To save an .msi file as an .mst file:

1. On the File menu, click Save As. The Save As dialog box opens.
2. In the Save as type box, select Windows Installer Transforms (*.mst).
   All the changes made since the last save are saved to the .mst file specified.

Saving Transforms as .msi Files

InstallShield 2020

You can save an .mst file as an .msi file.

Task To save a transform as an .msi file:

1. Open the transform project in InstallShield if you have not already done so.
2. On the File menu, click Save As. The Save As dialog box opens.
3. In the Save as type box, select Windows Installer Packages (*.msi).
   An .msi file is created. It contains all of the data from the base .msi file, the .mst file that you were editing, and any additional .mst files applied. The project is treated as a Direct Mode MSI project. For more information, see Editing .msi and .msm Databases in Direct Edit Mode.

Response Transforms

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Transform projects.

A response transform is a type of transform that enables administrators to set up default values for an installation by simply running the user interface sequence and entering the desired values. For example, you might want to create a response transform that contains default values for which features are installed, for the installation location of the application, and for the company name. The default values that you specify are used as a starting point for your transform.

To create a response transform, use the Open Transform Wizard.

See Also
Open Transform Wizard

Creating a Response Transform

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Transform projects.
Task To create a response transform:

1. Open the Open Transform Wizard.
2. Complete each panel of the wizard as needed. On the Create Response Transform panel, select Create response transform.
3. In the Command line properties (optional) box, specify command-line properties (in property name/value pairs separated by semicolons) that you would like to be passed to the response transform.
4. Click Finish. The user interface elements of the installation are executed.
5. Complete the simulated installation, customizing the options available in each panel of the installation wizard as needed. No file transfer takes place, and no changes to your machine occur.
6. When you reach the end of the installation sequence, click Install.

The simulated installation exits, and InstallShield saves all of the changes that you made during the simulated installation as values in the Property table of your transform project. These values are used as default values in the your installation.

See Also
Response Transforms

Modifying a Response Transform

Task To modify an individual response in an existing transform project:

1. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
2. Select the transform project (.mst file) whose responses you would like to modify.
3. Click Open. InstallShield opens your transform project in Direct MST mode.
4. In the Direct Editor, click the Property table.
5. Modify the values of any response properties as needed. Examples of properties that you may want to modify include COMPANYNAME and USERNAME.

As an alternative, you can also follow the same steps described for Creating Transforms; these steps enable you to launch the user interface of the installation and select the appropriate responses.
Testing a Response Transform

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Transform projects.

To see the changes you made to the responses, you can test the user interface part of your transform by doing any of the following:

- On the **Build** menu, click **Test**.
- Click the **Test** button.
- Press CTRL+T.

Configuring Server Locations

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Transform projects.

If end users install a product from a network server or Web site, and they install features to run from the server or Web site, the product may need access to the .msi package and related files on the server or Web site sometime after the initial installation. The product may also require access if a file is deleted or becomes corrupted; the installation can copy the problematic file or files automatically from the server or Web site.

InstallShield enables you to specify in your transform a list of network or URL source paths to your product’s installation package. The paths in this list are stored in the **SOURCELIST** property. Windows Installer appends this list to the end of an end user’s existing source list for the product at run time.

**See Also**
SOURCERLIST Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
SOURCERLIST Property (Windows Installer Help Library)

Adding Server Locations

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Transform projects.

**Task** To add a network server path or a Web site URL for a server location:

1. In the View List under **Installation Information**, click **General Information**.
2. In the **Server Locations** setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The **Server Locations** dialog box opens.
3. Specify server locations as needed.
4. Click OK.
InstallShield updates the value in the Server Locations setting with the locations that you specified.

See Also
Server Locations Dialog Box

Modifying Server Locations

Task
To modify a location in the server list:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In the Server Locations setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Server Locations dialog box opens.
3. Modify server locations as needed.
4. Click OK.
InstallShield updates the value in the Server Locations setting as required.

See Also
Server Locations Dialog Box

Removing Server Locations

Task
To remove a path for a server location:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In the Server Locations setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Server Locations dialog box opens.
3. In the Source Paths list, select the path that you want to remove.
4. Click the Delete button.
5. Click OK.

See Also
Server Locations Dialog Box
Changing the Order of Server Locations

InstallShield 2020

If an installation needs access to the source files that are stored on a network server or a Web site, it uses the first accessible path in the list of server locations. InstallShield lets you change the order of paths if necessary.

Project • This information applies to Transform projects.

Task To change the order of the server locations:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In the Server Locations setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Server Locations dialog box opens.
3. In the Source Paths list, select the path that you want to move.
4. Click the Move Up and Move Down buttons as needed to change the order.
5. Click OK.

See Also
Server Locations Dialog Box
Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations are bootstrap applications that package together installations and InstallShield prerequisites as a single installation while providing a unified, fully customizable user interface. They use a setup launcher (Setup.exe) to conditionally launch packages on target systems as needed.

The following diagram shows the various parts of a Suite/Advanced UI installation, which has support for running multiple primary packages (including .exe packages, sideloading Windows App packages (.appx), and Windows Installer transactions) and multiple InstallShield prerequisite packages. Note that the parts of an Advanced UI installation are similar, except that an Advanced UI installation can run only one primary package, but multiple InstallShield prerequisite packages.
At build time, InstallShield uses the various sections of the .issuite file—the Advanced UI project's or Suite/Advanced UI project's XML project file—to create Setup.xml and Setup_UI.xml, and bundle these together with the Advanced UI's or Suite/Advanced UI's packages and other files that are required to run the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. The resulting Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation includes the following files:

- **Setup.exe**, which contains the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine
- **Setup.xml**, which describes the packages that are in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, the conditions under which they are launched, and the string entries that are used in the wizard user interface of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation
- **Setup_UI.xml**, which defines style settings, layout information, and other UI parameters for the wizard user interface
- **SetupUI.dll**, which consists of the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI library that is used to render the UI of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations
InstallShield also gathers the packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project and sets up the folder structure, if applicable, for the packages and their associated uncompressed files. In addition, InstallShield incorporates the support files of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation; these support files are resources such as EULAs and image files that are shown on wizard pages.

When an end user launches the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine reads the Setup.xml file, loads the SetupUI.d11 file, evaluates the conditions that are defined for the installation and each of its packages, follows the instructions in the Setup.xml file, (if applicable) downloads packages and files that are needed on the target system, runs the packages that need to be run, and cleans up resources.

Note that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations require that Windows Installer 3.1 or later be present on target systems. They also require Windows XP or later or Windows Server 2003 or later.

For more information on the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI types of projects, refer to this section of the documentation.

See Also
Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects

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- **Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
  - Advanced UI
  - Suite/Advanced UI

- **Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects enable you to develop bootstrap applications for installations and create a unified, fully customizable user interface. The following table compares various capabilities and traits of these two types of projects.

**Table 5-1 • Summary of Differences Between Advanced UI Projects and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

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Note that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations require that Windows Installer 3.1 or later be present on target systems. They also require Windows XP or later or Windows Server 2003 or later.
### Supported file format for primary packages

For information on selecting the appropriate package file format, see [Guidelines for Adding Packages to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project](#).

- .msi package,
- .msp patch,
- InstallScript package

- .msi package,
- .msp patch,
- InstallScript package,
- .exe package,
- .appx package,
- Web Deploy package (.zip),
- Windows Installer transaction

You can also include Basic MSI and InstallScript projects (.ism) as packages in a Suite/Advanced UI installation. At build time, InstallShield first builds the specified releases in the InstallShield projects, and includes them as packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation that it generates.

Note that the ability to create and build a Suite/Advanced UI installation that includes a sideloading Windows App package requires Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later on the machine that has InstallShield or the Standalone Build.

### Number of primary packages that you can include in the project

For more detailed, see [Primary Packages vs. Dependency Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

- 1
  - This capability enables you to create a contemporary, customizable user interface for a single package.

- 1 or more
  - This capability enables you to create a contemporary, customizable user interface for one or more packages.
  - This capability also lets you package together multiple separate installations as a single installation while providing a unified user interface.

### Support for including InstallShield prerequisites in the project

To learn more, see [Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project](#).

- Include as many InstallShield prerequisites as needed as .msi packages, .msp packages, and .exe packages, depending on the type of file that is configured to run for the prerequisite.

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Table 5-1 • Summary of Differences Between Advanced UI Projects and Suite/Advanced UI Projects (cont.)

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<td><strong>Support for indicating which packages are primary packages and which are secondary packages</strong></td>
<td>Limited flexibility. You can add one .msi, .msp, or InstallScript package as a primary package to your project. Any InstallShield prerequisites that you include in your project are added as dependency packages. This cannot be changed.</td>
<td>Full flexibility. You can add any of the supported package types to your project and easily specify whether they are primary or dependency packages. Any InstallShield prerequisites that you include in your project are added as dependency packages, but you can override this and mark them as primary packages.</td>
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<td><strong>Support for creating actions and scheduling them to run during the appropriate run-time events</strong></td>
<td>Not available.</td>
<td>A Suite/Advanced UI project includes an Events view that lets you define actions that you want to occur at run time on target systems. You can schedule an action to occur during a particular event in the Events view, or you can assign to a package in the Packages view. In addition, you can schedule an action to occur when a wizard page or secondary window is opened or closed, or when an end user uses a control (for example, clicks a button).</td>
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<td><strong>Support for build events</strong></td>
<td>Not available.</td>
<td>A Suite/Advanced UI project includes release settings that let you schedule commands that run before InstallShield starts building the release, as well as after InstallShield has built and signed the release.</td>
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<td><strong>Run-time language support</strong></td>
<td>The end-user interface of an Advanced UI installation is limited to a single language that you determine when installing InstallShield.</td>
<td>Create a single installation that displays end-user text in multiple languages. Change wizard pages and messages to any one of 34 additional languages using pre-translated strings.</td>
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Organizing Features, Packages, Prerequisites, and Files in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is a bootstrap application whose primary purpose is typically to conditionally launch packages on target systems as needed. An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation may also need to run InstallShield prerequisites to install third-party or custom redistributables to ensure that the product can function properly.

A feature is the smallest installable part of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from the end user’s perspective. Each package and InstallShield prerequisite that is included in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should be associated with a feature in the project.

For information on adding and configuring packages and InstallShield prerequisites in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, review this section of the documentation.

Table 5-1 • Summary of Differences Between Advanced UI Projects and Suite/Advanced UI Projects (cont.)

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<td>Support for distributing your installation to virtual machines that InstallShield provisions at build time</td>
<td>Not available.</td>
<td>After each successful build of your installation, InstallShield automatically reverts a virtual machine (VM) to a designated snapshot, powers on the VM, and copies your Suite/Advanced UI installation to the VM to make it available for testing. This capability makes it possible to reduce testing time and eliminate manual steps.</td>
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See Also
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Defining the End-User Interface of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Guidelines for Adding Packages to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

File Format Recommendations

The recommended file format for a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project is one that does not include a bootstrap application or setup launcher (Setup.exe). The following package types are recommended for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- .msi package
- .msp patch
- InstallScript package—The package must be an uncompressed InstallScript installation that is built in InstallShield 2012 Spring or later.

To learn more about use of these types of packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, see the following:

- Adding an .msi Package, an .msp Patch, or a Transaction to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Adding an InstallScript Package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

Suite/Advanced UI installations also have support for deploying Web Deploy packages (.zip) to IIS Web servers and the cloud. For more details, see Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.

In addition, InstallShield includes support for adding sideloading Windows App packages (.appx) to Suite/Advanced UI projects. Sideloading an app is the process of installing an app without obtaining it through the Windows Store. For more information, see Adding a Sideloading Windows App Package (.appx | .msix) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project. Because Windows App packages are supported in limited scenarios, these packages are typically used in concert with a more common installation format, such as an .msi package.

InstallShield also enables you to add executable packages (.exe) to a Suite/Advanced UI project. Examples include:

- Setup launcher executable file that was built in InstallShield for a Windows Installer–based installation
- Setup launcher executable file that was built in InstallShield for a Windows Installer–based patch
Setup launcher file for an InstallScript installation (This includes InstallScript installations that were built in InstallShield 2012 or earlier, as well as compressed InstallScript installations.)

Setup launcher executable file that was built in a tool other than InstallShield

The .msi, .msp, and InstallScript packages are preferred to the setup launcher executable file formats for various reasons:

- The wizard interface of the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher can show the incremental progress of the recommended file formats as they are being run on target systems, but not of the executable packages.

- When you add one of the recommended file formats as a package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically adds an appropriate eligibility condition that prevents the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from allowing an earlier version of a package to install over a later version. If you add an executable package to your Suite/Advanced UI project, you must manually define an eligibility condition that prevents such downgrades.

- If you add one of the recommended file formats as a package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you are not required to define for that package a detection condition that evaluates whether the package is already installed on target systems, since the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation blocks this scenario from occurring. If you add an executable package to your Suite/Advanced UI project, you must manually define that sort of detection condition for the package.

- The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher automatically suppresses the user interface of the recommended file formats, in favor of the wizard interface of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. If your project includes an executable package, you must manually suppress its user interface and have the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI user interface and the separate user interface of the .exe package, presenting two disparate user interfaces. Adding an .msi Package, an .msp Patch, or a Transaction to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

For more information, see Adding an Executable Package (.exe) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.

Media Type Requirements

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation cannot install a package that spans multiple disks (for example, CDs or DVDs). It also cannot install a multiple-disk package from a fixed disk such as a network. Therefore, any package (.msi package, .msp package, InstallScript package, .exe package, Web Deploy package, or Windows App package (.appx)) that you include in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project must be a single-disk removable media type, a network image media type, or a Web media type.

See Also
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Adding an InstallShield Project (.ism) as a Package in a Suite/Advanced UI Project
Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Packages View
Adding an .msi Package, an .msp Patch, or a Transaction to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

InstallShield lets you add the following types of Windows Installer–based installations to Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects:

- Windows Installer packages (.msi packages)
- Windows Installer patches (.msp packages)

InstallShield also lets you add Windows Installer transactions to Suite/Advanced UI projects (but not to Advanced UI projects).

A transaction consists of Windows Installer packages (.msi) and Windows Installer patches (.msp) that you want to be run on target systems using transaction processing, a feature of Windows Installer 4.5 and later. The packages are chained together and processed as a single transaction. Each Suite/Advanced UI installation can have multiple separate transactions. If one or more of the packages in a transaction cannot be installed successfully or if the end user cancels the installation, Windows Installer initiates rollback for all of the chained packages within the current transaction to restore the system to its earlier state.

**Adding an .msi or .msp Package That Runs Without Transaction Processing**

**Task**

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<td>2. Right-click the Packages explorer and then click the appropriate command: <strong>New Windows Installer Package (.msi)</strong> or <strong>New Patch Package (.msp)</strong>. The Select the installation file for this package dialog box opens.</td>
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<td>3. Select the package file that you want to add to your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, and then click Open. The Add Files for This Package dialog box opens.</td>
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<td>4. Specify whether you want to include additional folders and files with your package file, and if so, whether you want to include dynamically linked files.</td>
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InstallShield adds the package, plus any additional folders and files, in the Packages explorer.
Adding a Package That Runs With Transaction Processing

**Task**

To add a package that is run with transaction processing to your Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Packages**.

2. Right-click the **Packages** explorer, and then click **New Transaction**. InstallShield adds a **Transaction** folder to the **Packages** explorer.

3. In the **Packages** explorer, right-click the **Transaction** folder and then click the appropriate command: **New Windows Installer Package (.msi)** or **New Patch Package (.msp)**. The **Select the installation file for this package** dialog box opens.

4. Select the package file that you want to add to your Suite/Advanced UI project, and then click **Open**. The **Add Files for This Package** dialog box opens.

5. Specify whether you want to include additional folders and files with your package file, and if so, whether you want to include **dynamically linked files**.

InstallShield adds the package, plus any additional folders and files, in the Packages explorer.

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**Important** • Running a package in a transaction from a Suite/Advanced UI installation requires Windows Installer 4.5 or later. If a package in a transaction is launched by a Suite/Advanced UI installation on a target system that has an earlier version of Windows Installer, the Suite/Advanced UI installation fails. Therefore, if you are using transaction processing for packages in your Suite/Advanced UI installation, it is recommended that you consider performing one or more of the following tasks:

- Include the Windows Installer 4.5 redistributable as a package in the Suite/Advanced UI project for target systems that have an earlier version, and schedule it before the packages that use transaction processing.

- Create an exit condition that prevents the entire Suite/Advanced UI installation from running on systems that do not have Windows Installer 4.5 or later. To learn more, see Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

- Create an eligibility condition for each package in the transaction that checks for Windows Installer 4.5 or later and does not launch those packages in the transaction. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

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**See Also**

- Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Adding an InstallShield Project (.ism) as a Package in a Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Packages View

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Adding an InstallScript Package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
Requirements for Adding an InstallScript Installation as an InstallScript Package (Instead of as an Executable Package) to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

InstallShield lets you add an InstallScript package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project if the InstallScript package meets the following requirements:

- The InstallScript package is uncompressed.
- InstallShield 2012 Spring or later is used to build the InstallScript package and the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.
- The InstallScript package uses an event-based script; it should not use the program...endprogram style script. For information on converting a script that uses a program...endprogram block to an event-based script, see OnShowUI.

If any of these conditions cannot be met, you can include the InstallScript installation as an executable file package (.exe) in your Suite/Advanced UI project, instead of as an InstallScript package. However, including the InstallScript installation as an InstallScript package instead of as an executable package (.exe) is preferred. For more information, see Guidelines for Adding Packages to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

Note • If you include an InstallShield 2012 or earlier InstallScript installation as a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation encounters a run-time error when it attempts to launch the InstallScript package.

Instructions for Adding an InstallScript Package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

Task

To add an InstallScript package to your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. Right-click the Packages explorer and then click InstallScript Package (.hdr). The Select the installation file for this package dialog box opens.
3. Select the data1.hdr file of the InstallScript installation, and then click Open. The data1.hdr file must be in the same folder as the remaining files of the uncompressed InstallScript installation that you want to include as a package in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

Tip • When you select the data1.hdr file for the InstallScript installation, InstallShield automatically includes the necessary .cab files, InstallScript files (.rul), and other files that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation needs to launch the InstallScript package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.
InstallShield adds the package, plus any additional folders and files, in the Packages explorer.

Tip • To learn more about the inclusion of InstallScript packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, see Special Considerations for InstallScript Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

See Also
Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Adding an InstallShield Project (.ism) as a Package in a Suite/Advanced UI Project

Special Considerations for InstallScript Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between the Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Note the following details if you are including an InstallScript package in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or if you are including an InstallScript project (.ism) in your Suite/Advanced UI project.

Run-Time User Interface, Events, and Functions

When an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches an InstallScript package, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays its own user interface (UI) while automatically suppressing the UI of the InstallScript package. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation also displays progress information for the InstallScript package. To make these changes possible, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation uses several Advanced UI- and Suite/Advanced UI-specific InstallScript events and functions by default, and ignores some of the standard InstallScript events and functions. The Advanced UI– and Suite/Advanced UI–specific InstallScript events also augment how file transfer starts.

In a standard InstallScript installation that is launched via the InstallScript Setup.exe file (that is, not launched from an Suite/Advanced UI installation), most events are called directly from the OnShowUI event. In an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation that launches an InstallScript package, OnShowUI is replaced with OnSuiteShowUI. For more information, including the Advanced UI– and Suite/Advanced UI–specific events that are launched by default through OnSuiteShowUI, see OnSuiteShowUI.

The InstallScript language includes some Advanced UI– and Suite/Advanced UI–specific functions that enable interaction between an InstallScript package and the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation that is running it. For more information, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Interaction Functions.

Note the following guidelines:
Because an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation suppresses the standard InstallScript UI of an InstallScript package, any script dialog calls (for example, DefineDialog, EzDefineDialog) return an error. Therefore, no dialog calls should be made in the Advanced UI– or Suite/Advanced UI–specific events or in feature transfer events.

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations route all script-provided message box functionality (for example, MessageBox, SprintfBox) through the SuiteErrorReport function. Calls to these functions should not be made as a way of requesting user input except in error cases. All user input should be obtained through the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI wizard pages, which you can configure in the Wizard Interface view of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. This enables you to provide a consistent UI experience for all of the packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

Non-InstallScript UI (such as custom UI implemented through DLLs or other means) should not be called from Advanced UI– or Suite/Advanced UI–specific InstallScript events or feature transfer events. All user input should be obtained through the Advanced UI installation’s or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s UI.

Passing Data from an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation to an InstallScript Package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

To pass data from an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to an InstallScript package through the command line, use the CMDLINE variable. For more information, see CMDLINE.

To pass Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property values to an InstallScript package, use the InstallScript functions SuiteGetProperty or SuiteFormatString.

Run-Time Detection for Launching Through an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

To determine whether the InstallScript installation is running as an InstallScript package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, use the SUITE_HOSTED variable in your InstallScript code. For more information, see SUITE_HOSTED.

See Also
Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Packages View

Adding an InstallShield Project (.ism) as a Package in a Suite/Advanced UI Project

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Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
InstallShield lets you add Basic MSI and InstallScript project files (.ism) as packages to a Suite/Advanced UI project. When you start a build of a release for a Suite/Advanced UI project that includes one or more InstallShield project packages, InstallShield first builds the designated releases in the associated InstallShield projects, and includes them as packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation that it generates. InstallShield adds the output of the Basic MSI and InstallScript projects to the Suite/Advanced UI installation as .msi and .hdr packages.

Note that to include a Basic MSI or InstallScript project in your Suite/Advanced UI project, the Basic MSI or InstallScript package must have been saved in the same version of InstallShield as the Suite/Advanced UI project.

Task

To add a Basic MSI project or an InstallScript project to your Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. Right-click the Packages explorer and then click New InstallShield Project Package (.ism). The Select the installation file for this package dialog box opens.
3. Select the .ism file that you want to add to your Suite/Advanced UI project, and then click Open.

InstallShield adds the project to the Packages explorer. Configure its settings in the right pane. The Product Configuration setting (for a Basic MSI project package) and the Release setting (for a Basic MSI or InstallScript project package) enables you to select which release you want InstallShield to include in the Suite/Advanced UI installation.

To learn more about the inclusion of InstallScript packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, see Special Considerations for InstallScript Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

See Also
Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Packages View

Adding an Executable Package (.exe) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project

InstallShield lets you add executable packages (.exe) to a Suite/Advanced UI project. This format of Suite/Advanced UI package is recommended only if one of the preferred format types is not available. For more information, see Guidelines for Adding Packages to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.
To add an .exe package to your Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.

2. Right-click the Packages explorer and then click New Executable Package (.exe). The Select the installation file for this package dialog box opens.

3. Select the .exe file that you want to add to your Suite/Advanced UI project, and then click Open. The Add Files for This Package dialog box opens.

4. Specify whether you want to include additional folders and files with your package file, and if so, whether you want to include dynamically linked files.

InstallShield adds the package, plus any additional folders and files, in the Packages explorer.

Special Considerations for Configuring Executable Packages in a Suite/Advanced UI Project

The following tasks are recommended when you are configuring an executable package in a Suite/Advanced UI project:

- Define appropriate conditions that direct the Suite/Advanced UI installation how to behave under various scenarios—for example, evaluating whether the package is already installed and checking for requirements and dependencies. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

- Suppress the user interface of the executable package and have the Suite/Advanced UI installation launch it silently. Otherwise, at run time, the installation shows the Suite/Advanced UI user interface and the separate user interface of the .exe package, presenting two disparate user interfaces. For more information, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

See Also

Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Packages View

Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project

InstallShield lets you add Web Deploy packages (.zip) to a Suite/Advanced UI project. At run time, the Suite/Advanced UI installation deploys the Web Deploy packages to IIS Web servers or the cloud based on input from end users. The Web Deploy packages can be created through IIS or a Web application development environment such as Visual Studio.
**Task**  
To add a Web Deploy package to your Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. Right-click the Packages explorer and then click New Web Deploy Package (.zip). The Select the installation file for this package dialog box opens.
3. Select the Web Deploy package file that you want to add to your Suite/Advanced UI project, and then click Open. The Add Files for This Package dialog box opens.
4. Specify whether you want to include additional folders and files with your package file, and if so, whether you want to include dynamically linked files. Typically a Web Deploy package is self-contained, and it requires only the .zip file.

InstallShield adds the package, plus any additional folders and files, in the Packages explorer.

**Special Considerations for Configuring Web Deploy Packages in a Suite/Advanced UI Project**

**Life Cycle of Web Deploy Packages**

Web Deploy packages are typically intended to behave similarly to first-time installations or to install over existing earlier or identical versions. As a side effect, Web Deploy packages do not handle uninstallation. Thus, Suite/Advanced UI installations do not offer maintenance for this type of package. It is recommended that you avoid creating a Suite/Advanced UI installation that combines one or more Web Deploy packages with one or more traditional packages (that do offer maintenance) as primary packages.

**Suite/Advanced UI Properties vs. Hard-Coded Values for Web Deploy Configuration Settings**

When you select a Web Deploy package in the Packages view, InstallShield displays package-related settings in the right pane. The Configuration area on the Common tab of the right pane includes several configuration-related settings for Web Deploy, such as the destination—which is often a remote server—and credentials. In addition, the Configuration area also includes settings for the parameters that are defined in the Web Deploy package’s parameters XML file. By default, InstallShield uses Suite/Advanced UI properties for all of the configuration settings so that end users can set them at run time through the wizard interface or the command line.

If you want to include a default value for a property, use the Property Manager view to specify that value for its corresponding property.

In some cases, you may want to use hard-coded values for one or more parameters. For example, if a particular Web Deploy parameter needs to be set to a specific value, you may want to replace the parameter’s default property name with a hard-coded value.

**About the Wizard Interface for Configuration of Web Deploy Packages**

When you add a Web Deploy package to a Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically adds a predefined Web Deploy wizard page to your project for that package. The Web Deploy wizard page enables the end user to specify whether the package will be deployed to a local IIS server, a remote server, or a cloud-based server. It also uses a built-in Web Deploy–related action that enables the end user to load the configuration settings from a publisher profile file (.publishsettings).

If you want end users to be able to configure the parameters that are defined in your Web Deploy package’s parameters XML file, you can add controls to the wizard interface as needed, and associate those controls with the properties that are specified for the corresponding parameter settings in the Packages view.
Adding a Sideload Windows App Package (.appx | .msix) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project

Task

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. Right-click the Packages explorer and then click New Sideload Windows App Package (.appx). The Select the installation file for this package dialog box opens.
3. Select the Windows App package that you want to add to your Suite/Advanced UI project, and then click Open. The Add Files for This Package dialog box opens.
4. Specify whether you want to include additional folders and files with your package file, and if so, whether you want to include dynamically linked files. Typically a Windows App package is self-contained, and it requires only the Windows App package and possibly the certificate file (.cer).
InstallShield adds the package, plus any additional folders and files, in the Packages explorer.

Note that when you add a sideloading app package to a Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically adds an eligibility condition for that package to check for the presence of Windows 8 or later or Windows Server 2012 or later. This eligibility condition ensures that the Suite/Advanced UI installation does not attempt to add the package to systems that have earlier versions of Windows.

See Also
Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Packages View

Adding a Sideload Windows App Bundle (.appxbundle | .msixbundle) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project

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Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Note • The ability to create and build a Suite/Advanced UI installation that includes a sideloading Windows App Bundle requires Windows 8 or later or Windows Server 2016 or later on the machine that has InstallShield or the Standalone Build.

InstallShield lets you add the sideloading Windows App Bundle (.msixbundle) to a Suite/Advanced UI project.

Sideload an app bundle is the process of installing an app bundle without obtaining it through the Windows Store. This type of app bundle is sometimes distributed to enterprise environments. Following are requirements for sideloading app bundle:

- The target system must have Windows 10 or Windows Server 2019 or later.
- The Allow all trusted applications to install group policy setting must be enabled on the target system.

For additional requirements for sideloading and running these types of app bundles, see the Windows documentation on the MSDN Website.

Task • To add a Windows App bundle (.msixbundle) to your Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.

2. Right-click the Packages explorer and then click New UWP App Bundle (.appxbundle | .msixbundle).
   The Select the installation file for this package dialog box opens.
3. Select the Windows App Bundle that you want to add to your Suite/Advanced UI project, and then click Open. The Add Files for this package dialog box opens.

4. Specify whether to include additional folders and files with your package file. If so, whether you want to include dynamically linked files. Typically a Windows App Bundle is self-contained, and it requires only the Windows App bundle and possibly the certificate file (.cer).

5. InstallShield adds the bundle, plus any additional folders and files, in the Packages explorer.

**Note** • When you add a sideloading app bundle to a Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically adds an eligibility condition for that bundle to check for the presence of Windows 8 or later or Windows Server 2016 or later. This eligibility condition ensures that the Suite/Advanced UI installation does not attempt to add the package to systems that have earlier versions of Windows.

**See Also**
- Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Packages View

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**Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are adding or configuring an .msi, .msp, or .exe package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can indicate whether the package requires additional files that are located near the package file. For example, if a package that you are adding is an uncompressed .msi package, you may need to include other files—such as .cab files and uncompressed data files in nearby subfolders—along with the package file.

InstallShield supports several ways of including the additional files for a package in your project:

- **Use static links for all of the additional files** — This method is useful if the package has been finalized, and no other changes will be made. This method may also be useful if the names of all of the additional files are not likely to change while you are designing the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. At build time, InstallShield copies all of the package’s static files that are listed in the Packages view into your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

- **Use dynamic links for all of the additional files** — With this method, you specify the source location for the additional files. At build time, InstallShield copies all of the files that are present in the source location into your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.
This method is useful if you are authoring both the package and the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, and the list of additional files that the package requires is likely to change between builds.

- **Use a combination of static and dynamic file links for the additional files**—With this method, you can use static links for all critical additional files whose names are known at design time, and use dynamic links for any other additional files. At build time, InstallShield copies all of the package’s static files that are listed in the Packages view into your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. In addition, InstallShield also copies all of the dynamic files as needed.

**Note** • InstallShield always includes a static link for the package file (.msi, .msp, InstallScript package, .exe, or other package file). Therefore, the name of the package file should be consistent from one build to another.

**Important** • Dynamic file linking should be used with caution. If you inadvertently delete a dynamically linked file from the source folder that your dynamic link references, that file is not included in your release the next time you build it, and InstallShield does not display any build warning or error. Your product may install without any issues, but it may not work as expected, since the dynamically linked file that was inadvertently deleted is no longer being installed.

**Distinguishing Static Source Locations from Dynamic Source Locations in InstallShield**

When a statically linked folder is displayed within the Packages view, the folder’s icon is a plain yellow folder.

When a dynamically linked folder is displayed within the Packages view, the folder’s icon includes an image that indicates that it is dynamically linked:

InstallShield adds an arrow to the folder image—in addition to the dynamic file image—on the icon of a folder that contains one or more dynamically linked subfolders.

You can click either of those special folder icons to configure settings such as the source location for the content. You can also set up filters that you want InstallShield to use at build time to include or exclude certain files in the build.

**See Also**
Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

**Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

You can use the Packages view to create a dynamic link for the additional files that a package in the project requires.

You can include dynamic file links when you add your package to the project. You can also add them to your project later. The following sections provide instructions for both procedures.

**Creating a Dynamic File Link When Adding a Package**

When you add a package to your project in the Packages view, InstallShield displays the Add Files for This Package dialog box. This dialog box lets you specify whether the package file that you are adding requires other files and folders that are near the package that you are adding. For example, if you are adding an uncompressed .msi package to your project, you may need to include other files as well as folders that contain files that the .msi package installs on target systems. These folders and other files are typically in the same folder that contains the .msi package.

Do one of the following when InstallShield displays the Add Files for This Package dialog box:

- If you want to include only static files, clear the Add files dynamically found during build check box on this dialog box.
- If you want to include any dynamic files, with or without static files, select the Add files dynamically found during build check box on this dialog box.

Then select the option that describes where the source files are in relation to the package file. For more information about the various options, see Add Files for This Package Dialog Box.

**Creating a Dynamic File Link After a Package Has Been Added**

**Task**

To add a dynamic file link for additional files after the package has been added to the project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. In the Packages explorer, find the package that requires the additional files, and click its corresponding folder that should contain the dynamic link. The Files pane shows the list of current files and dynamic folders.
3. Right-click in the Files pane and then click Add Dynamic Link. The Browse for Folder dialog box opens.
4. Browse to the folder that contains the files that you want to include dynamically, and then click OK.

**Configuring a Dynamic File Link**

Once you have added a dynamic file link to your project, you can configure its settings, which includes filter criteria for including files in and excluding files from the dynamic link. To learn more, see Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

**See Also**

Add Files for This Package Dialog Box
Packages View
Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Once you have added a dynamic link to your project, you can specify filter criteria for including files in and excluding files from the dynamic link.

Task • To specifying filter criteria for a dynamic file link:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. In the Packages explorer, select the dynamically linked folder.
3. In the Files pane, click the folder for which you want to configure filter criteria.
4. In the Dynamic Link pane, review the subsettings under the Filter setting.
5. Do one of the following:
   - To add a filter:
     a. In the Filter setting, click the New filter button, and then select Include File, Exclude File, Include Folder, or Exclude Folder, depending on the type of filter you want to add. InstallShield adds a new row that you can use to define the filter.
     b. In the new row, specify the name or the pattern for the file or folder.
        To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*). For example, to include all .htm files, you could enter *.htm in an Include File setting. To include all files, you could enter *.*.
        To refer to the root folder (the one that contains the package file) in a path, use a dot and a backslash: .\.
        For example, to refer to a ReadMe.txt file in a subfolder called MyDirectory, where MyDirectory is a subfolder of the folder that contains the package, you could use the following filter:
        .\MyDirectory\ReadMe.txt
   - To modify a filter: In the setting for the filter that you want to modify, enter the appropriate name or pattern for your filter.
• To change the order of the filter criteria: In the setting for the filter that you want to move, click the Move Filter button, and then click Move Up or Move Down.

• To remove a filter: In the setting for the filter that you want to remove, click Delete this Filter button.

**How an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation Evaluates the Filter Criteria at Build Time**

At build time, InstallShield uses the filters that are set up for a dynamically linked folder to determine which folders and files to include in the release for a particular package, and which ones to exclude.

When InstallShield checks the dynamic link’s source folder (the folder that contains the package), it reviews the filters in the order that they are listed under the Filter setting, from top to bottom. The first file filter that matches a file is the one that determines whether the file is included in the build. Similarly, the first folder filter that matches a folder is the one that determines whether the folder’s files are included in the build.

For example, if the first filter in the list is as follows, InstallShield includes all files that are in the source folder, including a file called ReadMe.txt:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Filter</th>
<th>Filter</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include File</td>
<td><em>.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exclude File</td>
<td>ReadMe.txt</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Figure 5-2: The *.* Include File filter overrides the ReadMe.txt Exclude File filter since the *.* filter is listed above the ReadMe.Txt filter.*

If you move the ReadMe.txt filter exclusion above the *.* inclusion filter, the build includes all files except any that are named ReadMe.txt.

If a dynamically linked folder does not contain any filters, InstallShield includes all of the files that are in the source folder but none of the files in its subfolders.

**See Also**
- Add Files for This Package Dialog Box
- Packages View

**Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
An InstallShield prerequisite is an installation for a product or technology framework that is required by your product. You can add any of the existing InstallShield prerequisites (.prq files) to your Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. You can also create your own InstallShield prerequisites, and add them to your Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

**Task**

To include an InstallShield prerequisite (.prq file) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Packages**.
2. Right-click the **Packages** explorer, and then click **Import Prerequisite (.prq)**.

InstallShield adds the InstallShield prerequisite to the Packages explorer as an .msi package, an .msp package, or an .exe package, depending on the type of file that is configured to run for the prerequisite.

If the InstallShield prerequisite has dependencies (that is, if one or more other .prq files are specified as dependencies in the InstallShield prerequisite that you are adding to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project), InstallShield automatically adds the dependency prerequisites as separate packages in the Packages explorer.

**Tip** • When you add InstallShield prerequisites to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically configures default values for the prerequisite package’s settings. You can change these settings as needed, just as you can change the settings for packages in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. For more information, see Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

**Reviewing the Detection and Evaluation Conditions of an InstallShield Prerequisite That Is Included as a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project**

Once you have imported an InstallShield prerequisite into an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, review the detection and evaluation conditions of the package, and make changes as needed.

For example, if you import an InstallShield prerequisite that targets version 5.0 and all later versions of the Windows operating system, you may want to change the conditions that InstallShield configures by default when you include the prerequisite in your project; you could replace the multiple platform conditions with a single platform condition in which the OS Version condition subsetting is **5.0-** (to indicate version 5.0 and later).

**See Also**

- Primary Packages vs. Dependency Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
- Packages View

**Primary Packages vs. Dependency Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Advanced UI**
- **Suite/Advanced UI**
Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

**Edition** The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Each package in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects needs to be identified as either a primary package or a dependency package. The package type identifies whether the presence of that package on a target system should influence whether the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in first-time installation mode or maintenance mode:

- **Primary package**—A primary package is a main part of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.
  
  At run time, if all of the primary packages in the installation are absent from the target system, the installation runs as a first-time installation. If any of the primary packages are present on the target system, the installation runs in maintenance mode.

- **Dependency package**—The presence or absence of a dependency package on the target system does not influence which mode is used to run the installation.

The Package Type setting that is available when you select a package in the Packages view indicates whether the package is a primary package or a dependency package.

In Suite/Advanced UI projects, you can change the value of the Package Type setting as needed for any packages in your project. However, in Advanced UI projects, this setting is read-only, since an Advanced UI project has support for only one primary package.

Note that when you import an InstallShield prerequisite into an Advanced UI project or a Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield adds the InstallShield prerequisite to the project as a dependency package. In a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can use the Package Type setting to override this default value, and specify that the package is a primary package if appropriate. However, an InstallShield prerequisite in an Advanced UI project is always identified as a dependency package, and this default behavior cannot be overridden in the Professional edition of InstallShield.

**See Also**

Sharing Common Packages Among Different Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

### Specifying the Installation Order of Packages and Transactions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

**Project** This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

If your Suite/Advanced UI project includes more than one package, transaction, or InstallShield prerequisite, the Packages view is where you specify the order in which the packages should be installed and the transactions should be launched at run time on target systems.

Similarly, if your Advanced UI project includes a package and one or more InstallShield prerequisites, the Packages view is where you specify the order in which the packages should be installed at run time on target systems.

This Packages view lists the packages, InstallShield prerequisite packages, and (if supported) transactions in the same order in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches them at run time.

**Task**

To modify the order in which the packages should be installed on target systems:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. In the Packages explorer, right-click the package or transaction that you want to move and click Move Up or Move Down.

**See Also**

Packages View

### Configuring Settings for a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition**

The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you add a package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can configure its settings to specify details such as the display name and the conditions under which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should launch the package.
To configure a package in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. In the Packages explorer, click the package that you want to configure.
3. Use the settings on the Common tab to define conditions for the package and configure other settings.

For information on any of the package settings, see Common Tab.

At run time, the Setup.exe file launches each package based on the conditions that you have defined and the order in which you listed the packages in the Packages view.

Tip • You can use an asterisk as a placeholder for the current package’s product code package code, and product version when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI package conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package.

You can also use an asterisk as a placeholder for the current package’s upgrade code and either the minimum or maximum version number when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI upgrade conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package.

See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Packages View

Associating a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project with a Feature

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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Each package that is included in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project should be associated with a feature in the project.
Task: To associate a package in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project that requires the target system to be restarted:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. In the Packages explorer, select the package that you want to configure.
3. Click the Features tab.
4. Select the check box of each feature that you want to contain the package.

See Also:
Packages View

Sharing Common Packages Among Different Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

InstallShield enables you to share common packages among multiple Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations. If two or more Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations share a package, the package remains on the target system until all of the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI products are removed.

Guidelines for Determining Whether to Mark a Package as Shared

When you are configuring a package for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, you can mark it as shared. If you mark a package as shared, ensure that you also use the same package GUID in all Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects that are sharing the package.

The shared package capability is typically reserved for dependency packages, rather than for primary packages. Note that widely distributed packages—such as a package that installs the .NET Framework—are usually not marked as shared, since these are most often left installed on target systems.

Note that shared capability is available for most types of packages (.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project). However, it is not available for Web Deploy packages, which are not typically intended to be uninstalled.
Specifying Whether a Package Is Shared

Task To specify whether a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project is shared:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. In the Packages explorer, select the package that you want to configure.
3. In the Shared setting, select the appropriate value:
   - No—The package will not be shared among other Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects. This is the default value.
   - Yes—The package will be shared among other Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects.
     If you select Yes for the Shared setting, ensure that you also use the same package GUID in all Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects that are sharing the package; the Package GUID setting is where you can view and modify the GUID of a package.

Run-Time Behavior for Shared Packages

At run time, when an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation installs a shared package that is not already present, the installation creates a new registry key for the package GUID of the shared package under the following registry key:

- For 32-bit systems: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\InstallShield\SuiteInstallers\Parcels
- For 64-bit systems: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\InstallShield\SuiteInstallers\Parcels

The installation also adds its Suite GUID as registry data in the package GUID registry key. When other Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installations need to install the same shared package, the Suite GUIDs of those Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installations are added to registry data in the package GUID registry key. During uninstallation of any of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI products, the Suite GUIDs are removed from the package GUID registry key. The shared package and the package GUID registry key remain on the target system until the last Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product is removed.

If two Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installations share different versions of the same package, the later version of the package is the one that is installed on target systems after both Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installations are run, regardless of which one was run first. In addition, the installations update the Parcels registry key as needed; the shared package and the package GUID registry key remain on the target system until the last Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product is removed.

See Also
Primary Packages vs. Dependency Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Packages View

Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

This information applies to the following project types:
Chapter 5  Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations
Organizing Features, Packages, Prerequisites, and Files in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

InstallShield enables you to specify a different run-time location for each package in your project. For example, you can have a package and its files stored on the source media, or downloadable if required from the Web. Or, you can have a package compressed into the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file and extracted at run time if necessary.

Task To specify a different run-time location for each package in your project:
1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. In the Packages explorer, select the package that you want to configure.
3. In the Location list, select the appropriate option.

Note that the location that you specify can be overridden at the release level. To avoid overriding the value that you selected for an individual package, the Package Location setting at the release level must be set to Follow Individual Selections. For more information, see Specifying the Run-Time Location for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Packages at the Release Level.

Tip • If you are configuring an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project for an update setup launcher, the run-time location of the packages must be either extracted from the setup launcher or downloaded from the Web. The update setup launcher cannot rely on packages that are stored on the source media.

For more information, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

See Also
Packages View

Configuring Package Operations for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Advanced UI projects include support for .exe packages only if they are included in the project from an InstallShield prerequisite.
An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI operation is the state in which a package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running. The different types of operations are install, remove, repair, modify, and maintenance.

When you add a package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can configure various operation settings for the package. The settings let you specify whether each of the operations are applicable to the package. The settings also let you enter command lines that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to use when launching the package in each mode. You can specify separate command lines: one for when the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running with a user interface, and one when it is running silently (without a user interface).

Install Operation

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs an install operation to install the package onto a target system. This occurs during either a first-time installation, or when a feature is selected to be installed during maintenance. All packages typically have an install operation.

When an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs an install operation for an .msi, .msp, or InstallScript package, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation automatically launches the package silently. However, when an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs an install operation for an .exe package, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation cannot automatically launch the package silently, since different types of .exe packages may use different ways of running without a user interface. If you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to run an .exe package silently, ensure that you enter the appropriate command line for the package's install operation subsettings.

If any of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages should be configurable by end users, create wizard pages that let end users configure properties, and pass the associated properties to the packages through the command lines.

Remove Operation

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs a remove operation to uninstall the package from a target system. Packages that are marked as a primary package typically have a remove operation; packages that are marked as a dependency package often do not have a remove operation, since they are typically left on target systems. A package that installs the .NET Framework is an example of a package that would be marked as a dependency package. The Package Type setting for the package identifies whether the package is a primary package or a dependency package.

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs a remove operation when an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI feature is turned off during maintenance, or when the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product is uninstalled. Like during installation, an .exe package's command lines should run the package silently.

Note that the remove operation does not apply to .msp packages; removing an .msp package requires removing the base .msi package.

Repair Operation

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs a repair operation to invoke the repair functionality that some packages support. If you are configuring an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package that supports repair, configure the package's repair operation setting to allow repairs. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs the repair operation only when the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is being repaired as part of maintenance, and only if the package is already installed.
If you are configuring a repair operation for an .msi package, you do not need to specify any special command lines to trigger a silent repair, since the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation can trigger the repair automatically if appropriate. However, if you are configuring a repair operation for an .exe package, you must enter the appropriate command line to trigger the repair. For example, for a Basic MSI Setup.exe package, you could enter the following command line in the EXE Command Line and the EXE Silent Command Line subsettings under the Repair operation setting:

```
[SystemFolder]msiexec.exe /f {8356F8B7_8DE5_4E04_A77A_6FA722CBE1CC} /qn
```

The GUID in braces is the product code of the Windows Installer package.

Note that the repair operation does not apply to .msp packages.

**Modify Operation**

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs a modify operation to perform feature selection. If you are configuring an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package that offers feature selection, configure the package’s modify operation setting to allow modifications. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs the modify operation when Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI feature selection changes indicate that a package’s features should be added or removed.

Note that the modify operation does not apply to .msp packages.

**Maintenance Operation**

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs a maintenance operation in scenarios such as the following ones:

- An end user chooses to modify the product through its entry in Add or Remove Programs.
- An end user reruns the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

The maintenance operation differs from the other types of operations because it is not controlled through an operation setting.

**See Also**

- Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Sharing Common Packages Among Different Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

### Using Custom Folder Names for Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).
When you build an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, InstallShield creates a folder for each package that is included in the installation; these folders are created in the same folder that contains the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher. By default, the name of each folder is a GUID that InstallShield generates.

The Packages view in InstallShield now lets you override the GUID name with a user-friendly name for each package folder.

**Task**

To specify your own text for the name of a package folder:

1. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Packages**.
2. In the **Packages** explorer, expand the node for the package whose folder name you want to customize.
3. Right-click the **Package Files** folder, and then click **Rename**.

**Note** • If you leave the default name (**Package Files**), InstallShield uses a GUID for the name of the package folder.

4. Enter a new name for the folder. If you customize more than one package folder name, ensure that each folder name is different.

At build time, InstallShield uses the text that you entered instead of a GUID for the name of the package folder when creating the release.

**See Also**

Packages View

### Customizing the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

An important aspect of creating a Suite/Advanced UI installation is customizing it for your product’s requirements and your end users’ needs. InstallShield lets you extend the functionality of your Suite/Advanced UI installation to perform various run-time tasks that are outside the scope of the packages that you are including in the installation. For more information, see:

- Enabling Windows Roles and Features During a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Enabling Windows Roles and Features During a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

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Some Windows functionality is disabled by default on target systems. In addition, some end users, or perhaps IT administrators, may choose to disable some Windows functionality. To manually enable or disable such Windows roles and features, they can use the Turn Windows features on or off link in the Programs and Features Control Panel.

If a particular package in your Suite/Advanced UI installation requires that one or more Windows roles or features be enabled on target systems, you can specify the required roles and features when you are configuring the package in your Suite/Advanced UI project. At run time, if an eligible package that is being installed requires one or more Windows roles or features that are disabled, the Suite/Advanced UI installation enables them before launching the package.

For example, your Suite/Advanced UI project may have a package that installs an IIS Web site that requires that the Internet Information Services feature in Windows be turned on. Another package in the same project may require that the PowerShell feature be turned on. When you are configuring the settings of those packages in your project, you can specify the Windows features that are required; at run time, if a package is eligible to be installed on a target system but any of its required Windows features are disabled, the Suite/Advanced UI installation enables those disabled Windows features before launching it. If the package is not eligible, its required Windows features are not enabled.

Note that during uninstallation, any Windows roles and features that the Suite/Advanced UI installation had enabled during installation are not removed; this helps avoid breakage of other products on the target system that require those roles and features.

InstallShield has built-in support for enabling several Windows features:

- Internet Information Services
- PowerShell
- .NET Framework 3.x

InstallShield also lets you specify additional Windows roles and features that a package requires.

Task To specify a Windows role or feature that you want to be enabled if a particular package is eligible for installation:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
2. In the Packages explorer, click the package that you want to configure.
3. On the Common tab, in the Windows Features setting, click the Add New Windows Feature button, and then click one of the available feature options:
   - Internet Information Services
• PowerShell
• Microsoft .NET Framework 3.x
• Custom—This option lets you specify any Windows feature that is not listed as an option in this setting.

InstallShield adds a new Windows Feature row under the Windows Features setting, and configures it as needed for any of the built-in feature options (Internet Information Services, PowerShell, or Microsoft .NET Framework 3.x). For the Custom option, the Windows Feature row contains a placeholder string for the name of a feature.

4. If you selected one of the built-in options, leave the value that InstallShield adds to the Windows Feature setting as is.

If you selected the Custom option: In the Windows Feature setting, enter the name of the Windows role or feature that you want to be enabled. The name that you enter for any custom option should be the string that tools such as Deployment Image Servicing and Management (DISM.exe) and Package Manager (Pkgmgr.exe) use to identify the role or feature on a particular version of Windows.

For a list of available Windows roles and features on each version of Windows for which you are supporting, see Microsoft TechNet.

Special Considerations for Enabling Windows Roles and Features

Availability of Windows Roles and Features on Various Versions of Windows

The support for enabling Windows roles and features is available for target systems that have Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later. The list of Windows roles and features that can be enabled on a given target system varies, depending on the version of Windows that is present. In addition, different versions of Windows may use different strings for the same role or feature.

If a Suite/Advanced UI installation attempts to enable a Windows role or feature that is not available on a target system, the Suite/Advanced UI installation fails and writes error 0x800f080c in the log file.

Thus, in some scenarios in which you are specifying required Windows roles and features, you may want to use a package’s Eligibility Condition setting to identify the appropriate operating system versions that correspond with the required Windows role or feature that you are selecting for the package. To target multiple versions of Windows, each with a different string for the name of the Windows role or feature that you are enabling, consider adding the package to your project multiple times. For each instance of the package, use the package’s Windows Features and Eligibility Condition settings to specify the appropriate string for the corresponding target operating systems.

Note that some roles and features may not only be disabled on some versions of Windows; they also may not be installed. If a Suite/Advanced UI installation is configured to enable a Windows role or feature that is not installed on a target system, the Suite/Advanced UI installation attempts to install the role or feature. If the role or feature cannot be installed, the Suite/Advanced UI installation fails. An example of a Windows feature to which this scenario may apply is the .NET Framework 3.x feature, which may not be installed by default on Windows 8 systems. The payload for this feature is available only through Windows Update. If an Internet connection is not available, or if the system is configured to obtain updates through Windows Server Update Services instead of Windows Update, the Suite/Advanced UI installation cannot install and enable the .NET Framework 3.x feature.

Identifying Dependencies for a Required Windows Role or Feature

Some Windows roles and features depend on other Windows roles or features. One way to determine whether a disabled role or feature has any dependencies is to run the following command from an elevated Command Prompt window (which you can launch by right-clicking a shortcut for cmd.exe and then clicking Run as admin):

dism /online /enable-feature FEAT-NAME
In this example, FEAT_NAME is the name of the disabled feature that you are checking. If the aforementioned command works, the feature has no dependencies. If it fails, the error lists the dependencies.

If the role or feature that you are enabling for a package requires one or more roles or features that may be disabled on target systems, ensure that you also specify the dependency features in the package’s Windows Features setting.

**Run-Time Behavior for Enabling a Windows Role or Feature**

If a Suite/Advanced UI installation enables a Windows role or feature on some target systems, the InstallationProgress wizard page of the Suite/Advanced UI installation can show the progress of the role or feature being enabled. This progress information is available on target systems that have Windows 8 or later or Windows Server 2012 or later. On these target systems, a Suite/Advanced UI installation uses DISM APIs to enable roles and features, and these APIs have support for reporting the progress information.

On Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, and Windows Server 2008 R2 target systems, a Suite/Advanced UI installation uses `Pkgmgr.exe` to enable roles and features. `Pkgmgr.exe` does not have support for reporting progress information; therefore, on these systems, the progress bar cannot updated as roles and features are being enabled.

Although DISM.exe is available on Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 systems, the API support is not shipped on these versions of Windows. In addition, the API DLL dependencies are not available for redistributing to target systems.

**See Also**

Packages View

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**Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation**

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You may require your Suite/Advanced UI installation to perform various run-time tasks that are outside the scope of the packages that you are including in the installation. For example, you may need the Suite/Advanced UI installation to do one or more of the following:

- Install an application before the user interface of the Suite/Advanced UI installation is displayed.

  One sample scenario in which this may be necessary is when one of the packages in your Suite/Advanced UI installation runs SQL scripts to install an Oracle database. Before this package is run, you may want the Suite/Advanced UI interface to display a wizard page that lets end users select the appropriate server from a list of servers that are available on the network. This type of UI support requires that ODBC drivers be installed on the target system.

- Search the target system for the presence or absence of a particular product, technology, folder, file, registry entry, or other item.
Support for searching the target system enables you to trigger behavior based on whether certain conditions are met. For example, if a particular file is missing on a target system, you can set a Suite/Advanced UI property accordingly, and then use that property to set a property in one or more of the packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation.

- Configure the target system before or after running a package in the Suite/Advanced UI installation.

In some scenarios—for example, if your Suite/Advanced UI installation installs an IIS application on servers—you may want to enable IIS-related Windows roles and features on target systems. In other scenarios, you may want to edit configuration files, registry data, or other items on the target system based on which packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation are selected to be run by end users.

- Perform some sort of initialization that end users trigger when using a particular wizard interface control, or when a wizard page or secondary window is opened or closed.

For example, you may want to add an action to a combo box control on a wizard interface to dynamically populate the values in the combo box.

To extend the capabilities of a Suite/Advanced UI installation and make it possible to perform those sorts of tasks and more, you can use the Events view in your Suite/Advanced UI project to create actions that run executable files, call DLL functions, run PowerShell scripts, set a Suite/Advanced UI property, run InstallScript code, or call a public method in a managed assembly at run time.

**Task**

To author an action and add it to your Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. Create your own .exe file (if appropriate), DLL file, PowerShell script, InstallScript file (.rul), or managed assembly (written in managed code such as Visual Basic .NET or C#) that performs the functionality that your installation requires.
   
   For an InstallScript action, you can use the InstallScript view in your project.

2. In the Events view, create an action that uses the file that you created for step 1. For more information, see Adding an Action to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.

3. Decide when your action should run, and schedule it: add it to an event, add it to a wizard interface element, or assign it to an event in a specific package in your project. To learn more, see Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action.

**See Also**

- Working with an .exe File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with a DLL File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with a PowerShell Script for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with an Action that Sets a Property in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with an Action that Runs InstallScript Code in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with a Managed-Code Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface
- Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference

**Working with an .exe File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation**

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You can use an .exe action in a Suite/Advanced UI installation to launch an executable file that is included in your installation (as a temporary support file or installed with the product) or that already exists on the target system.

Following are examples of scenarios in which you may want to add an .exe action to your Suite/Advanced UI installation:

- You can add an .exe action that launches a Setup.exe installation that you or a third party created.
- You can add an .exe action that sets permissions on existing directories.
- You can add an .exe action that opens a ReadMe file in its associated application—perhaps Notepad or Adobe Reader.
- You can add an .exe action that opens a data file in your product.

The first step in adding an .exe action to a Suite/Advanced UI project is to create or acquire the .exe file, if applicable, or to create the document or other file that the executable file will launch.

Note that .exe actions do not have access to the running installation session. Thus, you cannot pass Suite/Advanced UI properties to the .exe file (except as command-line arguments) or back from the .exe file (except through external storage, such as the registry or a file).

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**Task** To add an action that runs an executable file in a Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Events.
2. Right-click the Actions explorer and then click New EXE. InstallShield adds an executable-file action to the Actions explorer.
3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to assign it a new name. Use a name that helps you distinguish this action from other actions in your project.
4. Configure the action’s settings as needed.

Once you have added the action to your project, schedule it as needed. For more information, see Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action.

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**Note** If you are launching an interactive application from an .exe action, you may want to add a condition to the action to prevent it from launching when the Suite/Advanced UI installation is running silently (without a user interface). You can use the ISSilentInstaI1nt property in this type of condition; if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running silently (without a user interface), this property is set to True.

As an alternative, you may want to launch interactive applications from the user interface of your installation. Thus, instead of using an .exe action to launch a PDF file, you may want to add the ability to open the PDF file from one of the wizard pages in your installation’s user interface.

**See Also**
Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Working with a DLL File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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Creating a DLL File for a DLL Action

The first step in adding a DLL action to a Suite/Advanced UI project is to create the DLL. You can create the DLL with any recent version of Visual C++ or any tool or language that supports COM and DLL exports.

The Suite/Advanced UI engine requires that each action have one entry point. To specify the entry point, enter it in the Function Name setting for the action in the Events view. The function should be defined as follows:

```c
HRESULT __stdcall MyFunction(IDispatch *pAction);
```

To be able to call this function from the Suite/Advanced UI installation, you must include a definition file (.def) when you build the DLL to export the function properly. The following is the contents of a sample .def file. The name after LIBRARY should be the name that you are using for the DLL.

```c
LIBRARY "MyActionLibrary"
EXPORTS
    MyAction
```

The Suite/Advanced UI installation calls the function entry point when an action for an event or a package in the installation is scheduled to run. Your entry-point function should return ERROR_SUCCESS to indicate that the action finished successfully. If the action fails, it should return a non-zero value. The values are the same ones that Windows Installer custom actions return.

Note that although the Suite/Advanced UI installation allows any action to be performed, actions are run with the privileges that they are configured to have. Some actions may require administrator privileges (such as reading IIS 7.x configuration data). In such cases, in order for the action to access the required data successfully, the action would need to be configured to require administrator privileges; that is, Yes would need to be selected for the Requires Administrative Privileges setting for the action in the Events view. As an alternative, the Suite/Advanced UI installation’s Setup.exe file could be run with administrator privileges, or it would need to include an administrator manifest. However, privileges should be elevated for as short of a duration as possible.

The IDispatch interface that is passed to the action’s entry point implements the ISuiteExtension2 interface (which includes all of the ISuiteExtension methods and properties). To obtain a pointer to ISuiteExtension2, call the QueryInterface method on the IDispatch interface. The ISuiteExtension2 interface allows the action function to access the attribute parameter that is defined for the action in the Suite/Advanced UI project. Note that each action in the project receives a different interface pointer that is specific to each action instance. Therefore, the interface pointer that is passed to the entry point function should always be used and should not be saved across calls to the action DLL.

The interface is defined as follows:

```c
interface ISuiteExtension2 : IDispatch {
    [propget, id(1), helpstring("Attribute")]
```
HRESULT Attribute([in]BSTR bstrName, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrValue);

[id(2), helpstring("method LogInfo")]
HRESULT LogInfo([in]BSTR bstr);

[propget, id(3), helpstring("Property")]
HRESULT Property([in]BSTR bstrName, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrValue);

[propput, id(3), helpstring("Property")]
HRESULT Property([in]BSTR bstrName, [in]BSTR bstrValue);

[id(4), helpstring("FormatProperty")]
HRESULT FormatProperty([in]BSTR bstrValue, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrReturnValue);

[id(5), helpstring("ResolveString")]
HRESULT ResolveString([in]BSTR bstrStringId, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrReturnValue);

[id(6), helpstring("ProgressMessage")]
HRESULT SendProgressMessage([in]BSTR bstrMsg, [in]INT iCurrent, [in]INT iMax, [in]EnumProgressFlags eFlags);

Suite/Advanced UI projects use the function prototype to pass the ISuiteExtension2 COM interface pointer to an action, which enables you to access the following functions:

- **LogInfo**
  
  HRESULT LogInfo([in]BSTR bstr);

  This method writes any information that is needed to the Suite/Advanced UI debug log, making it available for debugging or other informational purposes. The bstr parameter contains the string to be written to the log.

- **get_Property**
  
  HRESULT get_Property([in]BSTR bstrName, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrValue);

  This method retrieves the value of any property that is currently defined in the running Suite/Advanced UI installation. Properties that are not defined return an empty value. The bstrName parameter specifies the name of the property whose value is being obtained. The value for the property is returned in the bstrValue parameter.

- **put_Property**
  
  HRESULT put_Property([in]BSTR bstrName, [in]BSTR bstrValue);

  This method sets the value of a new property or changes the value of an existing property in the currently running Suite/Advanced UI installation. Passing an empty value effectively deletes the property. The bstrName parameter specifies the name of the property to set. The bstrValue parameter specifies the value to set for the specified property.

- **FormatProperty**
  
  HRESULT FormatProperty([in]BSTR bstrValue, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrReturnValue);

  This method resolves embedded formatted expressions in the string that is provided in the bstrValue parameter. The formatted value is returned in the bstrReturnValue parameter. To learn about the syntax that is available for formatted expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

- **ResolveString**
  
  HRESULT ResolveString([in]BSTR bstrStringId, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrReturnValue);
This method resolves a Suite/Advanced UI string identifier into the corresponding string value for the currently running Suite/Advanced UI installation in the currently selected UI language. The bstrStringId parameter specifies the string identifier to resolve, and the resolved string is returned in bstrReturnValue. If no such string identifier exists, the returned string is empty.

- **SendProgressMessage**

  HRESULT SendProgressMessage([in]BSTR bstrMsg, [in]INT iCurrent, [in]INT iMax, [in]EnumProgressFlags eFlags);

  This method updates the status message and the progress bar on the InstallationProgress wizard page of the Suite/Advanced UI installation. To update the progress bar, specify epfProgressValid for the eFlags parameter; to update the status message, specify epfMessageValid. To update both the status message and the progress bar, use the bitwise OR operator (|) with both flags.

Note that the get_Attribute method is not available for DLL actions in a Suite/Advanced UI installation, and it should not be called.

To access the ISuiteExtension2 interface from your DLL, you can use #import to incorporate the type library information from the SetupSuite.exe file that is installed with InstallShield. The path is:

```
InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist\Language Independent\i386\SetupSuite.exe
```

For example, to import the type library in a VC++ project (such as in stdafx.h), use the following statement:

```
#import "C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Redist\Language Independent\i386\SetupSuite.exe"
```

Note that if InstallShield is installed to a different location, adjust the path in the #import statement accordingly.

### Adding a DLL Action

**Task**

To add an action that calls a function in a DLL file during a Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Events**.
2. Right-click the **Actions** explorer and then click **New DLL**. InstallShield adds a DLL action to the **Actions** explorer.
3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click **Rename** to assign it a new name. Use a name that helps you distinguish this action from other actions in your project.
4. Configure the action’s settings as needed.

Once you have added the action to your project, schedule it as needed. For more information, see Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action.

**See Also**

Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Working with a PowerShell Script for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Windows PowerShell is a .NET Framework–based command-line shell and script language that enables system administrators to automate system configuration tasks. InstallShield lets you include in Suite/Advanced UI installations actions that run PowerShell scripts (.ps1). You may want to add this type of action to a project to perform system configuration tasks at installation run time. Note that PowerShell actions require PowerShell 2.0 or later on target systems.

Adding a PowerShell Action

Task | To add an action that runs a PowerShell script in a Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Events.

2. Right-click the Actions explorer and then click New PowerShell. InstallShield adds a PowerShell action to the Actions explorer.

3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to assign it a new name. Use a name that helps you distinguish this action from other actions in your project.

4. Configure the action’s settings as needed.

Run-Time Requirements for a PowerShell Action

You can use the Suite/Advanced UI property IS_CLR_VERSION to identify a semicolon-delimited list of .NET Framework versions that the action should attempt to load to run your PowerShell script. To learn more about the IS_CLR_VERSION property, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.
Interacting with the Running Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Several cmdlets that let you interact with the running Suite/Advanced UI installation are available:

Table 5-2 • Cmdlets that Interact with a Running Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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| get-suiteproperty -name [Property Name] | This cmdlet gets the value of a Suite/Advanced UI property. The Name parameter is a positional parameter. The following sample code gets the value of the property called MYPROPERTY:  
$Value = get-suiteproperty -name MYPROPERTY |
| set-suiteproperty -name [Property Name] -value [value] | This cmdlet sets the value of a Suite/Advanced UI property. The following sample code uses the value of the MYPROPERTY property to set the value of a second property called NEWPROPERTY:  
$Value = get-suiteproperty -name MYPROPERTY  
set-suiteproperty -name NEWPROPERTY -value $Value |
| format-suiteproperties -Value [format string] | This cmdlet expands the value of a formatted expression. The Name and Value parameters are positional parameters. The following sample code resolves a string that contains a Suite/Advanced UI property called NEWPROPERTY. The property name and its surrounding square brackets are replaced by the value of the property at run time.  
$myFormat = format-suiteproperties -Value "This is a text string with [NEWPROPERTY] embedded." |
| resolve-suitestring -StringId [string ID] | This cmdlet resolves a Suite/Advanced UI string identifier with its corresponding string value in the currently selected UI language. If no such string identifier exists, the returned string is empty. The Stringid parameter is a positional parameter. The following sample code resolves a string identifier called IDS_MY_MESSAGE:  
$StringValue = resolve-suitestring -StringId IDS_MY_MESSAGE |
| trace-suiteinfo -LogMessage [log string] | This cmdlet writes any information that is needed to the Suite/Advanced UI debug log, making it available for debugging or other information purposes. The LogMessage parameter is a positional parameter. The following sample code resolves a string identifier called IDS_MY_MESSAGE and then writes its value to the Suite/Advanced UI debug log.  
$StringValue = resolve-suitestring -StringId IDS_MY_MESSAGE  
trace-suiteinfo -LogMessage $StringValue |

To indicate that your script has succeeded, ensure that it returns 0. For example, you may want to end your script with the following:
exit(0)

Once you have added a PowerShell action in the Events view of your project, you can select it in the Actions explorer or the Events explorer, and use the PowerShell Script tab that InstallShield displays on the right to edit your script.

See Also
Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Working with an Action that Sets a Property in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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InstallShield lets you add to your Suite/Advanced UI project an action that sets a Suite/Advanced UI property at run time.

Task

To add an action that sets a property in a Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Events.
2. Right-click the Actions explorer and then click New Set Property. InstallShield adds a property action to the Actions explorer.
3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to assign it a new name. Use a name that helps you distinguish this action from other actions in your project.
4. Configure the action’s settings as needed.

Once you have added the action to your project, schedule it as needed. For more information, see Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action.

See Also
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference
Creating Properties in Windows Installer–Based Projects

Working with an Action that Runs InstallScript Code in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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Customizing the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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InstallShield lets you add to your Suite/Advanced UI project an action that calls InstallScript code at run time. These Suite/Advanced UI–based InstallScript actions function much like InstallScript custom actions in Basic MSI projects.

The first step in adding an InstallScript action to a Suite/Advanced UI project is to write the InstallScript code that you want to run from your installation. You can use the InstallScript view in your project to do this. Once you have written the code, you can add an InstallScript action through the Events view of your project.

Task

To add an action that runs InstallScript code in a Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. Add the InstallScript code to your project:
   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click InstallScript.
   b. In the InstallScript explorer, right-click the Files node and then click New Script File. InstallShield adds a new file called Setup.rul under the Files node.
   c. Select the new .rul file, and then in the right pane, write the code that you want to launch at run time.
      To have your Suite/Advanced UI action call an InstallScript function, you must prototype the function with the export keyword; for example:
      ```csharp
      export prototype MyFunction(OBJECT);
      ```

2. Add an InstallScript action that calls your InstallScript code:
   a. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Events.
   b. Right-click the Actions explorer and then click New InstallScript. InstallShield adds an InstallScript action to the Actions explorer.
   c. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to assign it a new name. Use a name that helps you distinguish this action from other actions in your project.
   d. Configure the action’s settings as needed.

Once you have added the action to your project, schedule it as needed. For more information, see Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action.

Tips for Writing InstallScript Code for Suite/Advanced UI Actions

Several InstallScript functions wrap the ISuiteExtension object that is passed to an InstallScript action entry point. These InstallScript functions enable your InstallScript actions to interact with the running Suite/Advanced installation.

- SuiteFormatString
- SuiteGetProperty
- SuiteLogInfo
- SuiteResolveString
- SuiteSetProperty
To learn more about these functions, see Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI Interaction Functions.

Note the following details about the use of InstallScript functions that are called from actions in Suite/Advanced UI installations:

- No InstallScript UI–related functions are available for use in a Suite/Advanced UI project; attempting to use any results in either the script failing to compile or, if the script can be compiled, an error is returned at run time. It is highly recommended that any UI that needs to be displayed by an InstallScript action instead be deferred to the UI of the Suite/Advanced UI installation.

- An InstallScript action can read and write Suite/Advanced UI properties and use them as a sort of communication mechanism with the Suite UI. (Suite/Advanced UI actions are similar to Basic MSI custom actions and have no access to the UI.) For a list of built-in properties, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.

- InstallScript run-time path variables (PROGRAMFILES, WINDIR, etc.) are not available. These variables normally are implemented through a concept in the script engine known as bound variables, wherein the variables themselves are associated directly to textsub name-value mappings. The textsubs that correspond with these variables are still available; for example, <PROGRAMFILES> can be resolved through the InstallScript functions TextSubGetValue or TextSubSubstitute. Path-type Suite/Advanced UI properties are also defined through the Suite/Advanced UI engine and can be read with SuiteGetProperty.

- The szStatusText member of the LAAW_PARAMETERS structured variable is not available for use in InstallScript actions that are called in Suite/Advanced UI installations.

You can debug the InstallScript actions in your Suite/Advanced UI installation with the InstallScript Debugger. To learn more, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

See Also
InstallScript Language Reference

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Working with a Managed-Code Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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InstallShield lets you add to your Suite/Advanced UI project an action that calls a public method in a managed assembly that is written in managed code such as Visual Basic .NET or C# at run time.

**Creating a Managed Assembly for a Managed-Code Action**

The first step in adding a managed-code action to a Suite/Advanced UI project is to create the managed assembly. You can create the managed assembly with any recent version of .NET languages such as Visual Basic .NET or C#.

The Suite/Advanced UI engine requires that each managed-code action have one entry point. An entry point in this case is either a static method, or an instance method on a class that can be constructed without any parameters.
To specify the entry point, use the Class setting and the Method setting for the action in the Events view.

The Suite/Advanced UI installation calls the entry point when an action in the installation is scheduled to run. Your entry-point method should return the number zero (0) to indicate that the action finished successfully. If the action fails, it should return a non-zero value. The error values that are returned are the same as those defined for return in Windows Installer custom actions.

The interface that is passed to the action’s entry point implements the ISuiteExtension interface, which is passed as an object. The return type should be a 32-bit integer type.

To work with a Suite/Advanced UI extension interface, you can include code such as the following when you are writing C# code, for example, in Visual Studio:

```csharp
[Guid("BAFAEAED-08C6-4679-B94E-487A4D89DE63")]
[TypeLibType(4288)]
public interface ISuiteExtension
{
    [DispId(1)]
    string get_Attribute(string bstrName);
    [DispId(2)]
    void LogInfo(string bstr);
    [DispId(3)]
    string get_Property(string bstrName);
    [DispId(3)]
    void set_Property(string bstrName, string bstrValue);
    [DispId(4)]
    string FormatProperty(string bstrValue);
    [DispId(5)]
    string ResolveString(string bstrStringId);
}
```

You can use the following methods in your managed code:

- **LogInfo**—This method writes any information that is needed to the Suite/Advanced UI debug log, making it available for debugging or other informational purposes. The bstr parameter contains the string to be written to the log.

- **get_Property**—This method retrieves the value of any property that is currently defined in the running Suite/Advanced UI installation. Properties that are not defined return an empty value. The bstrName parameter specifies the name of the property whose value is being obtained. The value for the property is returned in the bstrValue parameter.

- **set_Property**—This method sets the value of a new property or changes the value of an existing property in the currently running Suite/Advanced UI installation. Passing an empty value effectively deletes the property. The bstrName parameter specifies the name of the property to set. The bstrValue parameter specifies the value to set for the specified property.

- **FormatProperty**—This method resolves embedded formatted expressions in the string that is provided in the bstrValue parameter. The formatted value is returned in the bstrReturnValue parameter. To learn about the syntax that is available for formatted expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

- **ResolveString**—This method resolves a Suite/Advanced UI string identifier into the corresponding string value for the currently running Suite/Advanced UI installation in the currently selected UI language. The bstrStringId parameter specifies the string identifier to resolve, and the resolved string is returned in bstrReturnValue. If no such string identifier exists, the returned string is empty.
The following sample C# code corresponds with a Class setting value of `TestCLRAction.TestCLRClass` and a Method setting value of `TestCLRMethod`:

```csharp
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading.Tasks;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
using Microsoft.WindowsAzure.Common;
using Microsoft.WindowsAzure.Management;
using Microsoft.WindowsAzure;
using System.Windows.Forms;

namespace TestCLRAction
{
    [Guid("BAFAEAED-08C6-4679-B94E-487A4D89DE63")]
    [TypeLibType(4288)]
    public interface ISuiteExtension
    {
        [DispId(1)]
        string get_Attribute(string bstrName);
        [DispId(2)]
        void LogInfo(string bstr);
        [DispId(3)]
        string get_Property(string bstrName);
        [DispId(3)]
        void set_Property(string bstrName, string bstrValue);
        [DispId(4)]
        string FormatProperty(string bstrValue);
        [DispId(5)]
        string ResolveString(string bstrStringId);
    }

    public class TestCLRClass
    {
        const UInt32 ERROR_INSTALL_FAILURE = 1603;
        const UInt32 ERROR_SUCCESS = 0;

        ISuiteExtension GetExtensionFromDispatch(object pDispatch)
        {
            if (Marshal.IsComObject(pDispatch) == false)
                throw new System.ContextMarshalException("Invalid dispatch object passed to CLR method");

            return (ISuiteExtension)pDispatch;
        }

        public UInt32 TestCLRMethod(object pDispatch)
        {
            try
            {
                ISuiteExtension suiteExtension = GetExtensionFromDispatch(pDispatch);
            } catch (Exception e) {
                // Handle exception
            }
        }
    }
}
```
suiteExtension.set_Property("TESTPROP", "hello, world");
}
catch (System.ContextMarshalException)
{
    return ERROR_INSTALL_FAILURE;
}
return ERROR_SUCCESS;
}

Note that although the Suite/Advanced UI installation allows any action to be performed, actions are run with the privileges that they are configured to have. Some actions may require administrator privileges (such as reading IIS 7.x configuration data). In such cases, in order for the action to access the required data successfully, the action would need to be configured to require administrator privileges; that is, Yes would need to be selected for the Requires Administrative Privileges setting for the action in the Events view. As an alternative, the Suite/Advanced UI installation’s Setup.exe file could be run with administrator privileges, or it would need to include an administrator manifest. However, privileges should be elevated for as short of a duration as possible.

Adding a Managed-Code Action

Task To add an action that calls a public method in a managed assembly during a Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Events.
2. Right-click the Actions explorer and then click New Managed Code. InstallShield adds a managed-code action to the Actions explorer.
3. Enter a new name, or right-click it later and click Rename to assign it a new name. Use a name that helps you distinguish this action from other actions in your project.
4. Configure the action’s settings as needed.

Once you have added the action to your project, schedule it as needed. For more information, see Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action.

Run-Time Requirements for a Managed-Code Action

You can use the Suite/Advanced UI property IS_CLR_VERSION to identify a semicolon-delimited list of .NET Framework versions that the action should attempt to load to run your managed code. To learn more about the IS_CLR_VERSION property, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.

If the managed-code action has any dependencies, add these to your project through the Support Files view. At run time, the Suite/Advanced UI engine specifies to the .NET Framework that the dependencies are in [SETUP SUPPORTDIR].

See Also
Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Adding an Action to a Suite/Advanced UI Project

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**Task**

**To add an action to a Suite/Advanced UI project:**

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Events**.
2. Right-click the **Actions** explorer and then click the type of action that you want to add.
   
   If you are creating a PowerShell action, the **Open** dialog box opens and enables you to select the PowerShell script file (.ps1) that you want to use.
3. Optionally rename the new action by selecting it, pressing the F2 key, and typing the new name.
4. Configure the action’s settings.

Note that if the action cannot be launched or loaded at run time, the installation is aborted.

**See Also**

Events View
- Working with an .exe File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with a DLL File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with a PowerShell Script for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Configuring a Suite/Advanced UI Action’s Settings

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Task

To configure an action in a Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Events.
2. In the Actions explorer, click the type of action that you want to configure.
3. Configure the settings in the grid on the right.

Note that if the action cannot be launched or loaded at run time, the installation is aborted.

See Also

Events View Settings
Events View
Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action

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Once you have added an action to your project, you can schedule when at run time you want it be launched. You can also define one or more conditions that the Suite/Advanced UI engine should evaluate before launching the action.

InstallShield has support for scheduling actions in different types of places:

- You can schedule an action to run during one or more of the built-in events that the Suite/Advanced UI manages. For example, shortly after a Suite/Advanced UI installation is loaded, the Suite/Advanced UI engine triggers the execution of an event called OnBegin. This event specifies the instructions that need to be carried out when the OnBegin event occurs.

- You can schedule an action to run before or after the Suite/Advanced UI engine installs, removes, modifies, or repairs a package.

- You can associate an action with an element of the wizard interface, such as a wizard page or a control on one of the wizard pages.

For more detailed information, see Types of Events in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

Scheduling an Action During an Event

The events and actions that are listed under the Events explorer in the Events view are organized by chronological order, according to when they are launched at run time. When you add an action to an event, you specify when the action should be launched by adding it to the appropriate event.
To schedule an action during an event:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Events.

2. In the Events explorer, right-click the event or action that you want your action to follow, point to Add Existing Action, and then click the name of the action that you are scheduling. InstallShield adds the action to the Events explorer.

3. Configure the settings in the grid on the right. One of the settings lets you build conditional statements that control whether the action is launched. For details on how to define conditions, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

To indicate that an action should run only during certain modes, use the Suite/Advanced UI property ISInstallMode in a Property Comparison condition. For more information on this and other built-in properties, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.

Tip • The Events view supports drag-and-drop editing:

- To sequence a new action, you can drag it from the Actions explorer to the appropriate event under the Events explorer. When you drop it, drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.
- To move an action to a different point in an event (or from one event to another), drag it from the old location and drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.
- To copy an action from one event to another, press and hold CTRL while dragging the action from one event to another event, and drop it onto the action or event that should be directly before it.

Scheduling an Action Before or After the Suite/Advanced UI Engine Installs, Removes, Modifies, or Repairs a Package

To schedule an action before or after a package is installed, removed, modified, or repaired:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.

2. In the Packages explorer, click the package that you want to be associated with the action.

3. On the Common tab, expand the Events area if it is not already expanded.

4. Do one of the following:

   - To schedule an action before the package is installed, removed, modified, or repaired: In the Package Configuring setting, point to the New Action button, and then click the name of the action that you are scheduling. InstallShield adds an Action subsetting and sets its value to the name of the action that you selected.

   - To schedule an action after the package is installed, removed, modified, or repaired: In the Package Configured setting, point to the New Action button, and then click the name of the action that you are scheduling. InstallShield adds an Action subsetting and sets its value to the name of the action that you selected.

5. Optionally, to build a conditional statement so that you can further control when the action is launched, click the Add a condition button. For details on how to define conditions, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
To indicate that an action should be run only if a specific package in the installation is running in a particular state, create a Package Operation condition.

To indicate that an action should run only during certain modes, use the Suite/Advanced UI property `ISInstallMode` in a Property Comparison condition. For more information on this and other built-in properties, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.

**Adding an Action to an Element in the Wizard Interface**

InstallShield lets you define actions that are launched when a wizard page or secondary window is opened or closed. In addition, InstallShield lets you define actions that an end user triggers when using some of the various wizard interface controls—for example, when an end user clicks a button. To learn how to schedule an action through the wizard interface, see Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface.

**See Also**
Events View
Types of Events in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

**Types of Events in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation**

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Suite/Advanced UI installations are driven by the Suite/Advanced UI installation, which manages a series of events in a specific order. These events run actions that you have added to your project.
The following table describes each of the events that are listed in the Events view of a Suite/Advanced UI installation:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| OnBegin               | The OnBegin event is the first event in a Suite/Advanced UI installation. Actions that are scheduled for this event are executed during all modes (install, maintenance, repair, etc.) unless the conditional statement that is defined for the action evaluates as false.  
To indicate that an action should run only during certain modes, use the Suite/Advanced UI property $ISInstallMode$ in a Property Comparison condition. For more information on this and other built-in properties, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.  
Actions that are scheduled during OnBegin run before the Suite/Advanced UI installation displays the wizard interface. A long-running action during this event could result in a long delay between the moment when an end user launches the installation and the point at which the wizard interface is first shown. This could lead the end user to think that the installation was not launched properly. Thus, you may want to avoid scheduling long-running actions during OnBegin.  
Note that you also may want to avoid using an action that displays its own user interface when launched. The wizard interface of the Suite/Advanced UI installation can appear behind other open windows in this scenario, possibly confusing an end user. |
| OnResuming            | The OnResuming event launches its actions when a Suite/Advanced UI installation is resuming after the target machine has been restarted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| OnStaging             | The OnStaging event launches its actions immediately before the Suite/Advanced UI installation is staged; that is, before the Suite/Advanced UI installation downloads its package (if applicable), extracts its packages from the Setup.exe file (if applicable), and copies its packages to a directory that the end user specifies on the BrowseStageFolder wizard page or by setting the $ISRootStagePath$ property through the command line.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| OnStaged              | The OnStaged event launches its actions after the Suite/Advanced UI installation has downloaded its packages (if applicable), extracted them from the Setup.exe file, and copied them to the staging directory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| OnPackagesConfiguring | The PackagesConfiguring event launches its actions immediately before the packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation are being installed, modified, repaired, or removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| OnPackagesConfigured  | The OnPackagesConfigured event launches its actions when the packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation have been installed, modified, repaired, or removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Table 5-3 • Events That Are Listed in the Events View (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Event Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>OnRebooting</td>
<td>The OnRebooting event launches its actions immediately before the Suite/Advanced UI installation triggers a restart of the machine. Note that actions that are scheduled during OnRebooting should run for a brief period of time. Otherwise, the actions may fail to complete if a reboot is initiated by some prior action and Windows shuts down the Suite/Advanced UI process before the reboot events complete.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OnEnd</td>
<td>The OnEnd event launches its actions immediately before the end of a successful Suite/Advanced UI installation. If the end user cancels the Suite/Advanced UI installation or the installation encounters an error, the OnEnd event does not run.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that the Suite/Advanced UI engine does not maintain states to track which events have run or not run. Therefore, you may need to define Property Comparison conditions for actions to prevent the actions from being rerun after the Suite/Advanced UI installation resumes because of a reboot. You can use the ISOnRebooted property in these conditions; if the Suite/Advanced UI installation is resuming after a reboot, this property is set to True.

If you define a Feature Operation condition or a Package Operation condition for an action, the earliest event for which you can schedule the action is OnStaging.

See Also
Events View
Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action
Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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InstallShield lets you specify one or more exit error messages that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to display under various conditions before ending the installation. For example, if your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation requires Windows Vista or later, you could set up an exit message to inform end users about the requirement. You would also define a condition for that exit message to evaluate whether target systems have earlier
versions of Windows. If the condition that you define is true when an end user launches the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays the error message. When end users dismiss the error message, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation ends.

Task  To define an exit condition and message for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In the Exit Conditions setting, click the New Condition button. InstallShield adds exit message subsettings under the Exit Conditions setting.
3. In the Exit Message setting, enter the error message that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to display at run time if the condition that you are configuring is true.
4. Expand the Exit Message setting, and use its subsetting to define the conditional statement that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to evaluate at run time.
   • In the first subsetting, use the list to select the option that you want to use for the condition or group of conditions that you are configuring. Available options are:
     • Any—An Any condition group operates like a logical OR operation. If any of the conditions that are in the Any group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to true. If none of the conditions that are in the Any group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to false.
     • All—An All condition group operates like a logical AND operation. All of the conditions that are in the All group must evaluate to true in order for the condition group to evaluate to true.
     • None—A None condition group operates like a logical NOR operation. If none of the conditions that are in the None condition group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to true. If any of the conditions that are in the None condition group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to false. Note that if the None condition group consists of only one conditional statement, it operates like a logical NOT operation.
   • To add a subcondition group, click the New Condition button in this setting and then select Any, All, or None, as needed. InstallShield adds a new row that you can use to define the condition.
   • To add a condition, click the New Condition button in this setting and then select one of the available condition types. InstallShield adds a new row that you can use to define the condition.

For more details on configuring conditions, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

For descriptions of each of the condition settings, see Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

See Also
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in one of the following modes:

- Install mode, in which the installation behaves as a first-time installation
- Maintenance mode, in which the installation displays a wizard page that lets end users select whether they want to remove, repair, or modify the product

InstallShield creates install and maintenance mode conditions automatically in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. The mode conditions are not available for edit within InstallShield; they are shown only in the project file (.issuite). These mode conditions determine whether an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in first-time installation mode or in maintenance mode.

Install Mode Condition

The install mode condition is based on the following factors:

- **Detection conditions**—Part of the install mode condition consists of the detection conditions of all of the primary packages in the Suite/Advanced UI project (or, in an Advanced UI project, the one primary package). If none of the primary packages’ detection conditions evaluate as true (that is, if none of the primary packages are already installed), the detection condition part of the install mode condition is true. If one or more of the primary packages’ detection conditions evaluate as true (that is, at least one of the primary packages is already installed), the detection condition part of the install mode condition is false.

- **Suite Installed condition**—The other part of the install mode condition consists of a Suite Installed condition, which may trigger the installation to run in first-time installation mode if the same version of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is absent from the target system. The Suite Installed part of the install mode condition compares the Suite GUID and the version of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation with, if applicable, those of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation that is installed on the target system. If these values are different, the Suite Installed part of the install mode condition suggests that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is absent, so a first-time installation may result. For more details about the Suite Installed type of condition check, see Detecting Whether a Specific Version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation Is Already Installed.

If all of the primary packages’ detection conditions evaluate as false, or if the Suite Installed condition indicates that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is not already installed, the install mode condition is true, and the installation runs as a first-time installation.
Maintenance Mode Condition

The maintenance mode condition is based on the detection conditions of all of the primary packages in the Suite/Advanced UI project (or, in an Advanced UI project, the one primary package). If any of the primary packages’ detection conditions evaluate as true (that is, if one or more of the primary packages are already installed), the mode condition is true, and the installation runs in maintenance mode.

Special Considerations for Suite/Advanced UI Projects with Web Deploy Packages

Web Deploy packages cannot be detected. These types of packages are typically intended to behave similarly to first-time installations or to install over existing earlier or identical versions. As a side effect, Web Deploy packages do not handle uninstallation. Thus, Suite/Advanced UI installations do not offer maintenance for this type of package. It is recommended that you avoid creating a Suite/Advanced UI installation that combines one or more Web Deploy packages with one or more traditional packages (that do offer maintenance) as primary packages.

See Also
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Add or Remove Program Entries for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Sharing Common Packages Among Different Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

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Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects let you specify whether you want to have an entry in Add or Remove Programs for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. This entry lets end users perform maintenance for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, modifying or removing if needed. The General Information view in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project has a Show Add or Remove Programs Entry setting that lets you indicate the appropriate behavior.

If you want to show only a single entry for the entire Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, ensure that you hide the entries from the packages that you include in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

For an .msi package, for example, you could set the value of the Windows Installer property ARPSYSTEMCOMPONENT to 1 through the command-line settings for the package in the Packages view.
Note that the Show Add or Remove Programs Entry setting is not the only factor that determines whether the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine creates an Add or Remove Programs entry for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product. The maintenance mode condition also determines whether this occurs. The maintenance mode condition is a combination of all of the detection conditions for all of the primary packages in the installation. If the detection conditions for all of the primary packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation evaluate to false after a first-time installation, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine does not add an Add or Remove Program entry for the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product. If the detection conditions for all of the primary packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation evaluate to true after the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product is removed, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine leaves any existing Add or Remove Program entry for the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product.

See Also
Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
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When you are configuring a package in the Packages view of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can use the command line and silent command line settings to specify the command lines that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to use when launching the package. These settings are available as subsettings in the Operation area of the grid in the Packages view.

If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is run with a user interface, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file uses the command line that you enter in the MSI Command Line setting, the MSP Command Line setting, the Command Line setting, or the EXE Command Line setting (depending on the package type) to launch the package. If the installation is run silently (without a user interface), the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file uses the command line that you enter in the MSI Silent Command Line setting, the MSP Silent Command Line setting, the Silent Command Line setting, or the EXE Silent Command Line setting to launch the package.

When you are entering values in these settings, refer to the following background information, depending on which type of package you are configuring.
**.msi Package**

If you are configuring the Install and Remove operations for an .msi package, the only type of command-line parameters that you should enter are Windows Installer properties. An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation uses `MsiInstallProduct` to launch an .msi package in install or remove mode, and this function accepts only Windows Installer properties as command lines.

If you are configuring the Repair and Modify operations for this type of package, the only type of command-line parameters that you should enter are Windows Installer feature properties:

- ADDDEFAULT
- ADDLOCAL
- ADDSOURCE
- ADVERTISE
- COMPADDDEFAULT
- COMPADDLOCAL
- COMPADDSOURCE
- FILEADDDEFAULT
- FILEADDLOCAL
- FILEADDSOURCE
- MSIDISABLELUAPATCHING
- MsiPatchRemovalList
- MSIRESTARTMANAGERCONTROL
- MSIDISABLEMRRESTART
- MSIRMSHUTDOWN
- MSIPATCHREMOVE
- PATCH
- REINSTALL
- REINSTALLMODE
- REMOVE

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation uses `MsiConfigureProductEx` to launch an .msi package in repair or modify mode, and this function accepts only Windows Installer feature properties.

If you are using a Windows Installer property for a package’s MSI Command Line settings and the MSI Silent Command Line settings, use the following format:

```
MYPROPERTYNAME=MyPropertyValue
```

The `/l` command-line option cannot be passed to the package to generate a log file. If you want to log the installation, consider enabling logging for the package in the Packages view. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation. As an alternative, you can use either the `logging system policy` or the `MsiLogging` property to log the installation.
Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation always launches .msi packages silently. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the .msi package.

**.msp Package**

If you are configuring the Install operation for an .msp package, the only type of command-line parameters that you should enter are Windows Installer properties. An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation uses MsiApplyPatch to apply an .msp package to a target system, and this function accepts only Windows Installer properties as command lines.

To update all of the features through an .msp package, you would enter command-line properties such as the following:

```
REINSTALLMODE=vomus REINSTALL=ALL
```

To update only certain features that are included in the .msp package, you would set REINSTALL to a comma-separated list of features that you want to be updated:

```
REINSTALLMODE=vomus REINSTALL=Feature1,Feature3,Feature5
```

Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation always launches .msp packages silently. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the .msp package.

**InstallScript Package**

If you are configuring the Install and Modify operations for an InstallScript package, you can use the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI properties ISFeatureInstall and ISFeatureRemove in your command line. The InstallScript function FeatureConfigureFeaturesFromSuite uses these properties to set feature states for the InstallScript package.

You can set these properties to a comma-delimited list of feature names as follows in the Command Line setting and the Silent Command Line setting:

```
ISFeatureInstall=Feature1,Feature2 ISFeatureRemove=Feature3
```

In the above example, **Feature1** and **Feature2** are selected to be installed; **Feature3** is selected to be removed, if it is present.

If any features are used in the values of both properties, the features that are set for the **ISFeatureRemove** property supersede the **ISFeatureInstall** property.

Note that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations launch InstallScript packages silently by default. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the InstallScript package, and it is not necessary to use a silent response file.

**.exe Package**

If you are configuring the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify operations for an .exe package, you can enter any command-line parameters that are supported by the .exe file.

If all of the customization can be done without end-user intervention, consider including the command-line parameter for running the .exe package silently.

**Silently Running the Setup.exe File that Was Built in InstallShield for a Windows Installer–Based Installation**

To have the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launch a Windows Installer–based Setup.exe installation silently, use the following syntax in the EXE Command Line settings and the EXE Silent Command Line settings:

```
Setup.exe /s /v"/qn"
```
Silently Running the Update.exe File that Was Built in InstallShield for a Windows Installer–Based Patch

To have the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launch a Windows Installer–based Update.exe patch silently, enter the following in the EXE Command Line settings and the EXE Silent Command Line settings:

```
Update.exe /s /v"/qn"
```

Silently Running the Setup Launcher File for an InstallScript Installation

To have the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launch an InstallScript Setup.exe installation silently, create a silent response file, and add it as a support file in the Support Files view of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. In the EXE Command Line setting and the EXE Silent Command Line setting of the Install operation, use the following syntax:

```
Setup.exe /s /f1"[SETUPSUPPORTDIR]\Setup.iss"
```

Instead of launching the original Setup.exe file for uninstallation silently, you can create a silent response file for the uninstallation, and add it as a support file in the Support Files view of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. In the EXE Command Line setting and the EXE Silent Command Line setting of the Remove operation, use the following syntax:

```
"[ProgramFilesFolder]InstallShield Installation Information\{PRODUCT-GUID-HERE}\Setup.exe" /s /f1"[SETUPSUPPORTDIR]\Uninstall.iss" -remove_only -runfromtemp
```

See Also

Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Using Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Formatted Expressions to Dynamically Configure Command Lines
Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
Configuring Package Operations for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
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InstallShield lets you use Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI formatted expressions to dynamically configure the command lines that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation uses to launch the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages. The formatted expressions can consist of property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions.

In some scenarios, you can use a single Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI formatted expression to configure most or all of your packages; in other scenarios, each package requires a different Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI formatted expression.

To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

The following sample scenarios explain how to use an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property as your formatted expression to pass values to packages in the installation.

**Using an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Property to Pass the Same Value to Packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation**

When you are creating an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, you may need to use an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property to set a Windows Installer property to change how each .msi package is installed. For example, if you are creating a multilanguage installation, you may need to select a language transform that controls which language is installed. In this particular example, the language (and hence, the property value) would probably be the same for each package in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

In an Advanced UI project, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property `ISSelectedLanguage` property identifies the language that is used for the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. If you configure your release to allow end users to select the language, the InstallationLanguage wizard page prompts end users for the language; the installation sets the `ISSelectedLanguage` property to a string that contains the decimal language identifier of the language that they selected.

In order to run the .msi packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project in the appropriate language, include the following in the value that you enter for the command line settings for each .msi package:

```
TRANSFORMS="[ISPREREQDIR]\[ISSelectedLanguage].mst"
```

The .mst file should be in the same folder as the .msi package.

Use the following syntax for your command line settings of Basic MSI .exe packages:

```
/L[ISSelectedLanguage]
```

**Using an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Property to Pass Different Values to Packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation**

You may want to use an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property to pass different property values to each or some packages in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. For example, you may want to allow end users to override INSTALLDIR to different locations, one for each package. In this example, the value of INSTALLDIR could be different for each package.

When you add the predefined BrowseFolder wizard page to your project for one of the packages in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically adds the following to the package’s command line settings for the install operation in the Packages view:

```
INSTALLDIR="[ISInstallDir_PackageDisplayName]"
```

You can override that command line if appropriate. If the package is an .msi package, that command line sets the package’s INSTALLDIR value to the path that the end user selected on the BrowseFolder wizard page for that package.
If the package is a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI .exe package, change the default command lines to use this syntax:

```
/v"INSTALLDIR="[ISInstallDir_PackageDisplayName]\"
```

See Also

- Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference
- Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe Command-Line Parameters
- Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
- Packages View

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### Defining the End-User Interface of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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The elements of the wizard interface of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation consist of wizard pages and secondary windows (also known as pop-up windows). Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects contain a number of standard predefined wizard pages and secondary windows. You can add or delete pages and windows, as well as customize the layout and behavior of them.

Note that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher automatically suppresses the user interface of .msi, .msp, and InstallScript package formats, in favor of the wizard interface of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. If an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project contains an .exe package, you must manually suppress its user interface and have the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launch it silently. Otherwise, at run time, the installation shows the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI wizard pages and the separate user interface of the .exe package, presenting two disparate user interfaces. For more information, see [Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation](#).

To learn more about defining the end-user interface of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, see [Working with the Wizard Interface](#).

See Also

- Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Referring to Feature States and Other Feature Data in the UI of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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At run time during an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, you may need to trigger specific UI behavior that depends on feature-related information. Following are examples of how you may want to use this information:

- If a particular feature is not selected for installation, you can skip a special corresponding wizard page.
- If a specific feature is already installed, you can disable a check box on one of the wizard pages.
- You can create an extension condition DLL to define a custom condition for a feature-related check that you want the installation to perform at run time.
- You can configure the installation to display a custom feature tree wizard page that shows how much space on the target system each feature requires.

Following are various feature-related pseudo properties that you can check at run time during an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. In each case, the name portion should be replaced with the name of the feature.

Table 5-4 • Feature-Related Pseudo Properties for the UI of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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<td>Read-write</td>
<td>This indicates the upcoming action for the specified feature. Available values are:</td>
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<td>• <strong>install</strong>—This state indicates that the feature is set to be installed. This state is valid only when the feature is not already installed.</td>
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<td>• <strong>remove</strong>—This state indicates that the feature is set to be removed. This state is valid only when the feature is already installed.</td>
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<td>• <strong>null (empty string)</strong>—An empty string state requests no action. It is always valid.</td>
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You can read any of those pseudo properties through an extension condition or through in binding conditions for the Visible or Enabled settings for a control in the wizard interface.

**See Also**
- Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with the Wizard Interface
- Creating an Extension Condition DLL for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface

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<td>This indicates the current state of the specified feature. Available values are:</td>
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<td>- 0—The feature is currently absent from the target system.</td>
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<td>- 1—The feature is partially available on the target system; that is, only some of the packages in this feature are present.</td>
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<td>- 2—Only some of the feature’s child features are present on the target system.</td>
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<td>- 3—The feature is currently present on the target system.</td>
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<td>FEATURE[name].displayName</td>
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<td>This indicates the name that is displayed for the specified feature on the appropriate wizard page at run time.</td>
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## Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time

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In various areas of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, you can embed formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. Support for the following types of formatted expressions is available.

- **Properties**—To resolve the value of a property, surround the property name in square brackets. For example, \[MYPROPERTY\] resolves to the value of the MYPROPERTY property at run time. If the property is not defined, the expression resolves to an empty string.

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In the Property Manager view: in the Value column for a property. Ensure that you select the Formatted check box so that the formatted expression in the property’s value is resolved at run time. The run-time resolution occurs early at run time, before the installation executes the actions in the OnBegin event.

For more information, see Property Manager View.

In settings that use string entries, such as the Display Name setting for a feature in the Features view and Text setting for a UI control in the Wizard Interface view.

In some of the subsettings in which you can enter text to configure exit conditions, detection conditions, eligibility conditions, or other types of conditions—for example, in the Compare To subsetting for the File Comparison, Registry Comparison, and Property Comparison types of condition checks.

For more information, see Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

In the Events view for an action that sets a property: in the Property Value setting. Ensure that you select Yes in the Format Property Value setting so that the formatted expression in the property’s value is resolved at run time.

For more information, see Working with an Action that Sets a Property in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

In any action that receives an ISuiteExtension pointer: the bstrValue parameter of the FormatProperty method.

For more information, see:

- Creating an Extension Condition DLL for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Working with a DLL File for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Working with a Managed-Code Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

In InstallScript action code: the szValue parameter of the InstallScript function SuiteFormatString.

For more information, see SuiteFormatString.

In PowerShell actions: the format-suiteproperties cmdlet expands the value of a formatted expression.

For more information, see Working with a PowerShell Script for an Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

See Also
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference
Object Reference for Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Writing Object Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects to Search Target Systems

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- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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In various settings of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, you can embed object expressions to query target systems for information about a file, a registry entry, or other items. Object expressions use this convention:

```plaintext
[@Object(Parameters, ...).Property(Parameters, ...)]
```

Each object expression contains a reference to an object, which is a collection of object-specific properties. Objects and properties may contain parameters.

For example, the following Platform object expression obtains the architecture (x86, x64, IA64, ARM, or Unknown) of the machine on which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running:

```plaintext
[@Platform.Architecture]
```

The following Package object expression obtains the exit code for the package that has a package GUID of 0F283EC0-E9D1-4D18-801D-0014F6CA96DF once its scheduled operation has completed:

```plaintext
[@Parcel(0F283EC0-E9D1-4D18-801D-0014F6CA96DF).ExitCode]
```

**Guidelines for Writing Object Expressions**

Note the following guidelines when you are writing object expressions:

- Syntax errors, failures of objects in object expressions, and invalid formatted expressions evaluate to an empty string at run time. In some cases, information about the failure to parse and evaluate a formatted expression is logged in the debug log file of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

- You can embed object expressions within other formatted expressions, such as within property expressions or other object expressions.

  In the following expression, a Registry object expression is embedded as part of the parameter to a File object expression.

  ```plaintext
  [@File([ProgramFilesFolder]MyCompany\MyProduct.exe,false).Date(modified)]
  ```

  If the `MyProduct.exe` file is in the location that is specified for the `MyProductPath` value data, the File object expression returns the version of the file. If the file is not found in that location, or if the registry value does not exist, the File object expression returns an empty string.

- You can embed property expressions and other formatted expressions within a parameter of an object expression.

  The following File object expression obtains the last modified date and time for a file called `MyProduct.exe`, which is in the 32-bit ProgramFilesFolder. (Note that the parameter value of `false` indicates that the installation should not check 64-bit locations.)

  ```plaintext
  [@file([ProgramFilesFolder]MyCompany\MyProduct.exe,false).Date(modified)]
  ```

- The formatted expression parser for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations does not require quotation marks. For example, if a parameter in an object expression includes a path or other item that contains one or more spaces, it is not necessary to enclose the path within quotes.

- If you need to include literal square brackets, parentheses, or commas within a parameter of an object expression, embed in the parameter a formatted property expression (`[SpecialCharacterString]`) or an escaped character expression (`A[\] B[\] and C`) that would resolve to a value that contains the special characters.
You can use object expressions to perform system searches. You can use the output of one search as the input to a parameter in a different object expression.

The run-time resolution of object expressions involves two different steps: parsing and evaluation. A parameter in an object expression is parsed first at run time, just as any formatted expression would be parsed. After an entire formatted expression is parsed, the parsed output is then evaluated. No further parsing occurs after the initial parsing is done.

Thus, if the value of the expression [MYPROP] is [MYPROP], [MYPROP] becomes the parsed output that is evaluated on target systems. This scenario does not result in a recursive lookup.

For additional sample object expressions, as well as detailed information about each of the available objects, see Object Reference for Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

**See Also**
Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time
Object Reference for Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference

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Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

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- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Some of the specific details apply to only the Suite/Advanced UI project type. These differences are noted where appropriate.

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One of the goals of Windows Vista and later, as well as User Account Control (UAC), is to allow users to run as standard users all of the time. Elevation should rarely be required; if it does occur, it should occur for as short of a duration as possible.

Settings in several different areas of InstallShield affect whether an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation triggers UAC consent or credential prompts for elevated privileges. In addition, settings in the packages that are included in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation also affect whether end users see a UAC prompt for elevated privileges. Understanding these different settings will help you create the appropriate UAC experience for your installation when end users run it on Windows Vista and later systems and on Windows Server 2008 and later systems.

**UAC-Related Settings in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project**

The following settings in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project help determine whether UAC prompts are displayed:
• **Required Execution Level**—Use this setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view to specify the minimum execution level required by your installation’s Setup.exe file. InstallShield uses the value that you select (Administrator, Highest Available, or Invoker) in the application manifest that it embeds in the Setup.exe launcher. For more information, see *Specifying the Required Execution Level for Your Setup Launcher on Windows Vista and Later Platforms*.

• **Require Elevated Privileges**—Use this setting for a package in the Packages view to specify whether the package requires elevated system privileges.

• **Requires Administrative Privileges**—Use this setting for an action that you have added to your project in the Events view to specify whether the action requires administrative privileges.

**Project** • Suite/Advanced UI projects include the Events view, as well as support for assigning actions to events.

### UAC-Related Settings in a Package That Is Included in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

The packages that you include in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project have various ways of triggering a UAC prompt for elevated privileges. To learn more, see *Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation*.

### UAC-Related Run-Time Behavior for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Note the following UAC-related behavior on Windows Vista and later and on Windows Server 2008 and later:

• If Required Execution Level is set to Invoker, none of the actions in the project require administrative privileges, and none of the packages in the installation require administrative privileges, end users should see no UAC prompts during installation. The entire installation (displaying the UI, launching the actions, and running the packages) is run in a nonelevated process.

• If Required Execution Level is set to Invoker, if none of the actions in the project require administrative privileges, and if one or more of the packages in the installation require administrative privileges, end users should see one UAC prompt—plus up to one additional UAC prompt for each reboot—during installation. The UAC prompt is displayed after the end user clicks the button in the UI to install. The packages that have a Require Elevated Privileges value of Yes are launched with elevated privileges in a new separate process. The remaining portions of the UI, the actions, and the packages that have a Require Elevated Privileges value of No are launched in the original nonelevated process.

• If the Required Execution Level is set to Invoker and if one or more of the actions in the project require administrative privileges, end users should see one UAC prompt—plus up to one additional UAC prompt for each reboot—during installation. The timing of the UAC prompt depends on when elevation is first required.

For example, if the earliest scheduled action that requires administrative privileges is configured to occur during the OnBegin event (which is well before any packages are run), the UAC prompt may be displayed shortly after end users launch the Setup.exe file. After end users provide consent or credentials, the installation launches a new elevated process for this action, as well as any subsequent actions and packages that require elevation. Any subsequent actions and packages that do not require elevation are launched in the original nonelevated process, along with the remaining portions of the UI.
However, if the earliest scheduled action that requires administrative privileges is configured to occur after a package that requires elevated privileges, the UAC prompt is displayed after the end user clicks the button in the UI to install. After end users provide consent or credentials, the installation launches a new elevated process for the package, as well as any subsequent actions and packages that require elevation. Any subsequent actions and packages that do not require elevation are launched in the original nonelevated process, along with the remaining portions of the UI.

### Restarting a Target System for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package

InstallShield uses several methods to determine if a target system should be restarted after running a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

#### Registry Key Changes for .exe Packages

The target system may need to be restarted if any of the following registry keys have been modified after an .exe package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI has been run:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
- HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
- (64-bit) HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnceEx
- (64-bit) HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnceEx
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager, value of PendingFileRenameOperations

The registry keys are counted before and after the package is run. If these numbers are not the same, it is assumed that the file is trying to restart the system and exit the installation.

#### Return Code Specified for a Package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

If the exit code of the package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation matches the return code that is specified for applicable operation type (install, remove, repair, or modify) for the package in the Reboot Codes setting of the Packages view of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, the target system may need to be restarted.
Return Codes 1641 and 3010

The target system may need to be restarted if a reboot state is returned for an .msi package that is run for a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. The standard Windows Installer reboot return codes are:

- ERROR_SUCCESS_REBOOT_INITIATED (1641)
- ERROR_SUCCESS_REBOOT_REQUIRED (3010)

Behavior Specified for the Package

The Reboot Request setting for a package in the Packages view of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project enables you to specify what should happen if any of the aforementioned conditions are or are not applicable to a particular package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. You can specify different behaviors for each operation type: install, remove, repair, and modify.

For more information, see Specifying the Behavior for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package that Requires a Restart.

See Also
Packages View

Specifying the Behavior for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package that Requires a Restart

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When you are configuring a new package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project or modifying the settings of an existing one, you can specify how the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should proceed if it appears that the target system needs to be restarted. For example, in some cases, you may want the installation to first prompt the end user before restarting the target system; in other cases, you may want to skip the restart. The Packages view of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project provides the flexibility needed to carry out the response that is appropriate for each type of operation (install, remove, repair, or modify) and for each package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.
**Task**

To specify the behavior for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package that requires the target system to be restarted:

1. Open the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project that contains the package whose restart behavior you want to configure.

2. In the View List under **Organization**, click **Packages**.

3. In the **Packages** explorer, select the package that you want to configure.

4. Under the appropriate operation (**Install**, **Remove**, **Repair**, or **Modify**), in the **Reboot Request** setting, select the appropriate option.

The following table explains appropriate options for various restart-related behaviors that a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation may perform.

**Table 5-5 • Restart Behavior for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Packages**

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<th>Behavior of the Package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation</th>
<th>Guidelines for the Reboot Request Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Prompts the end user and, based on the end user’s response, may restart the target system</td>
<td>Consider selecting one of the following options for the Reboot Request setting:</td>
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<td>• <strong>Allow the machine to reboot</strong>—This option is appropriate for most scenarios.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Always reboot the machine</strong>—Note that this option may conflict with the end user’s response to the package’s prompt if the end user chooses the option to avoid restarting the target system. If this scenario is possible and you always want to restart the system, consider suppressing the package’s prompt, and selecting the appropriate option for the package’s Reboot Request setting.</td>
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<td>Always triggers a restart; may or may not prompt the end user</td>
<td>Consider selecting one of the following options for the Reboot Request setting:</td>
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### Table 5-5 • Restart Behavior for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Packages (cont.)

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<td>Uses a return code or the registry to indicate the need to restart; does not prompt the end user</td>
<td>Consider selecting one of the following options for the Reboot Request setting:</td>
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<td>• <strong>Prompt, then exit or reboot the machine</strong>—If the target system must be restarted for a subsequent package, you may want to select this option.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Always prompt, then exit or reboot the machine</strong>—If the target system must be restarted immediately, you may want to select this option.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Ignore the reboot request</strong>—If the package’s restart request is unnecessary, you may want to select this ignore option.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Delay the prompt, then exit or reboot the machine</strong>—If the restart is not required for a subsequent package, consider selecting this option. If more than one package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation requires a restart, this option may help minimize the number of restarts. Note that if a restart must occur before a subsequent package runs, and if a restart is not guaranteed to occur before that subsequent package runs, avoid selecting this delay option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Requires a restart but does not prompt the end user or indicate the need to restart</td>
<td>Consider selecting the following option for the Reboot Request setting:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Always prompt, then exit or reboot the machine</strong>—If the restart is required, you may want to select this option.</td>
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### See Also

**Restarting a Target System for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package**

**Packages View**
Chapter 5  Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations  
Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Depending on whether an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running in install mode or maintenance mode, the installation has the ability to check for an updated Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher that you host on your Web site, and either download it or give end users an option to download it:

- If the installation is running in install mode, it automatically checks for an updated Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher that you host on your Web site. If an update is available, the installation downloads and launches it.
- If the installation is running in maintenance mode, it checks for an updated Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher that you host on your Web site. If an update is available, the maintenance wizard page that the installation displays includes an Update button. If the end user clicks that button, the Suite engine downloads it and launches it.

Requirements and Recommendations for Supporting Downloadable Updates

If you want to include support for downloadable updates in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installations, the following guidelines are recommended when you are preparing your base setup launchers and your update setup launchers for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects.

- Decide the URL that you will use for hosting a metadata file called isupdate.xml file.

  At build time, InstallShield creates this isupdate.xml file and places it in an UpdateMetadata subfolder in your project’s build folder. This isupdate.xml file identifies the different versions of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation and their download locations. You can update this file manually as needed before uploading it to your site.

  You will need to specify an update URL path in your base Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

- When you are ready to release an update, upload the isupdate.xml file and your update to your site.

- At a minimum, the update setup launcher must be digitally signed. For the best end-user experience, the same digital signature should be used to sign the update setup launcher and the base setup launcher.

- When you are configuring the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project for the update setup launcher, the run-time location of the packages must be either extracted from the setup launcher or downloaded from the Web. The update setup launcher cannot rely on packages that are stored on the source media.

  Note that your base setup launcher can use packages that are stored on the source media.

  For instructions on how to specify the run-time location for specific packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, see Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

  Note that you can override the run-time location for all packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. To learn more, see Specifying the Run-Time Location for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Packages at the Release Level.

- The Advanced UI or the Suite/Advanced UI installation must have an Add or Remove Programs entry. For more information, see Add or Remove Program Entries for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

- The Suite GUID in the update Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project must match that in the base project. This setting is in the General Information view.
Chapter 5  Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations
Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Enabling Downloadable Update Support

Task  To enable downloadable update support to a base Advanced UI or Suite project:

1. Open the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project for which you want to enable future downloadable updates.
2. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
3. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
4. On the Updates tab, in the Enable Updates setting, select the appropriate value:
   - No—Disable the Downloadable Updates.
   - Yes—Enable the Downloadable Updates.

Configuring a Newer Version of Downloadable Updates

Task  To configure downloadable update support for a newer version to a base Advanced UI or Suite project:

1. Open the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.
2. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
3. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
4. On the Updates tab, in the Prompt User setting, select the appropriate value:
   - Force Install—The end users can forcibly download and install the new version of the Suite package (if available).
   - Prompt User—The end users receive an option to either download a newer version or skip and proceed with the current installation process.
# Configuring a Prompt Message

**Task**  
To configure a prompt message for a newer version to a base Advanced UI or Suite project:

1. On the **Updates** tab, in the **Prompt Message** setting:
   - Either enter the message you want to show the end users.
   - Or click the ellipsis button (…) to create a new message or select a message from the localized available list of strings.

2. On the **Updates** tab, in the **Prompt Message** setting, click the ellipsis button (…) that displays the **Select String** dialog.

3. On the **Select String** dialog, click **New** to create a new string and click **OK**.

*Note* • The end users will see this prompt message with 'Yes' and 'No' options to download a newer version or skip and proceed with the current installation process.
Adding Downloadable Update Support

Task  To add downloadable update support to a base Advanced UI or Suite project:

1. Open the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project for which you want to enable future downloadable updates.
2. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
3. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
4. On the Updates tab, in the Update URL setting, enter the absolute path URL (starting with either `http://` or `https://`) that you want to use for the future path to the update setup launcher that you will make available for download to target systems.

   The isupdate.xml file will need to be uploaded to the same path that you specify in the Update URL setting. For example, if the value of the Update URL setting is `http://MyWebSite.com/path/setup.exe`, the metadata URL would need to be `http://MyWebSite.com/path/isupdate.xml`.

   Note that you can override the location of the setup launcher that you specify in the Update URL setting by specifying the appropriate path in the isupdate.xml file. However, the isupdate.xml file must be present in the same folder as the .exe file that you specify in the Update URL setting. Otherwise, the downloadable update will not be available to end users.
5. On the Signing tab, it is recommended that you enter digital signature information and configure the release to sign the Setup.exe launcher.

Preparing Setup Launcher

Task  To prepare an update setup launcher for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project:

1. Open the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project that you want to update, and update it as necessary.
2. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
3. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
4. On the Signing tab, enter digital signature information and configure the release to sign the Setup.exe launcher. It is recommended that you use the same digital signature that was used to sign the base Setup.exe launcher.
5. Build the release.

InstallShield creates the isupdate.xml file and places it in an UpdateMetadata subfolder in your project’s build folder. The XML file contains an element such as the following to identify different versions and locations of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation:

```xml
<Update Url="http://www.mysite.com/MyProduct/Setup.exe" Version="1.00.0000" Id="{8E23F36C-5EA8-475D-8EAE-09FA36103975}"/>
```
You can edit the file as needed before uploading it to your site.

For example, if you want to change the path to the update setup launcher after launch, you can change the value of the Url attribute and then reupload the isupdate.xml file to the designated location.

If you are interested in using the same isupdate.xml file to define the upgrades for multiple products, you can add the Update element for each of your products to that file.

6. Upload the isupdate.xml file and the update setup launcher to your site.

**Run-Time Behavior for Downloadable Updates**

The run-time behavior for an installation that includes support for downloadable updates varies, depending on the mode in which the installation is running.

**Install Mode Behavior**

If the base Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher runs in install mode, the setup launcher checks for the isupdate.xml file in the update URL path:

1. If the isupdate.xml file is present and it references a newer version of the installation that is available in the specified path, the base Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher downloads it automatically and then verifies its digital signature.

2. If the isupdate.xml file does not include a reference to a newer version of the installation, or if the isupdate.xml file is not present, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher checks for a download in the update URL path that was configured in the base project. If the download is available, the base Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher downloads it automatically and then verifies its digital signature.

3. If a download is not present in the update URL path that was configured in the base project, the base Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher continues without downloading any updates.

**Maintenance Mode Behavior**

If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher runs in maintenance mode, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher checks for the isupdate.xml file in the update URL path:

1. If the isupdate.xml file is present and it references a newer version of the installation that is available in the specified path, the installation sets the ISUpdateAvailable property to 1 and displays the MaintenanceUpdateWelcome wizard page—a maintenance wizard page that includes an Update button. In addition, the installation sets the ISUpdateVersion property equal to the version of the Suite/Advanced UI or Advanced UI installation that is available for download.

   If the end user clicks the Update button, the setup launcher downloads it and then verifies its digital signature.

2. If the isupdate.xml file does not include a reference to a newer version of the installation, or if the isupdate.xml file is not present, the installation displays the MaintenanceWelcome wizard page—the standard maintenance wizard page that does not include an Update button.
Digital Signature Verification

If an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation downloads an update, it verifies its digital signature before launching it:

1. If the digital signature in the update setup launcher matches that in the base setup launcher, the update setup launcher runs automatically.
2. If the digital signature does not match, or if the base setup launcher is not digitally signed, a security warning is displayed, allowing the end user to choose whether to proceed with the update setup launcher.
3. If the update setup launcher is not digitally signed, the installation fails, and the debug log reports the digital signature problem.

See Also
Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Releases View

Password-Protecting an Advanced UI or Suite Advanced UI Installation

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InstallShield enables you to password-protect the setup launcher for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. When you password-protect your setup launcher, any end user who wants to run your installation must enter a case-sensitive password.

Task To password-protect an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation:

1. Add password protection for your setup launcher:
   a. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
   b. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
   c. Click the Setup.exe tab. The setup launcher’s settings are displayed.
   d. In the Password Protect Launcher setting, select Yes.
   e. In the Launcher Password setting, specify the case-sensitive password that you want require end users to specify.
2. Optionally add a predefined wizard page where end users can enter the password:
   a. In the View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
   b. In the Wizard Interface explorer, right-click Wizard Pages and then click Add Predefined Page. The User Interface Wizard opens.
   c. In the Task page list, select Enter installation’s password.
   d. In the Subsequent page list, indicate where in the wizard page sequence to schedule the password wizard page. The page that you select in this list will be displayed immediately after the new password wizard page at run time.

   Note • When you add the predefined password wizard page to your project, InstallShield adds a placeholder image control to it so that you can add a lock image to the page. Ensure that you either configure the control’s Resource setting to indicate the file that you want to display with this control, or, to exclude an image, delete the image control.

By default, the predefined password wizard page uses the ISPassword property to store the password value that the end user enters. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation compares the value of the ISPassword property with the password that is stored in the password in the Setup.xml file. The installation advances to the next wizard page if the password that the end user entered and the one that was configured in the project match.

For silent Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations, end users can use the /password command-line parameter to specify the password from the command line. To learn more, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe Command-Line Parameters.

See Also
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties

Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The following information provides background information to help you resolve issues with Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations.
Reasons Why an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation May Run in Maintenance Mode

An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation may run in maintenance mode in the following scenarios:

- An end user chooses to modify the product through the product’s Add or Remove Programs entry.
- An end user reruns the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.
- The detection conditions for one or more of the primary packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation are not configured properly. For information on configuring conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
- A package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is configured erroneously to be a primary package instead of a dependency package, and the package is already installed on the target system.

InstallShield creates maintenance mode conditions automatically, based on the detection conditions of all of the primary packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine uses these conditions to determine whether the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in maintenance mode. If any of the primary packages’ detection conditions evaluate as true (that is, if one or more of the primary packages seem to be installed already), the maintenance mode condition is true, and the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in maintenance mode.

Use the Package Type setting in the Packages view to indicate whether a package is a primary package or a dependency package.

To learn more about mode conditions, see Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

Logging an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation to Troubleshoot Issues

If you are troubleshooting issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, start with a debug log file. Debug log files provide some insight into the operations that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation performs at run time. To create a debug log file, run the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from the command line with /debuglog parameter. To generate a log file named InstallShield.log in the same directory as the Setup.exe file, pass just the command-line parameter. Note that this does not work if the Setup.exe file is in a read-only location. For example:

Setup.exe /debuglog

To specify the name and location of the log file, pass the path and name, as in the following example:

Setup.exe /debuglog "C:\PathToLog\setupexe.log"

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI debug log files contain the following information:

- Initialization information from the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine
- Property values and property value changes
- Information about the actions and installed states of features
- Information about the detected state and eligibility of packages
- Package command lines and launch result information
- For an InstallScript package—Information that is logged by the InstallScript function SuiteLogInfo
The default Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI user interface in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects also logs information to the debug log file; however, in general, this information can be ignored. (UI information is typically prefixed with UI DLL: in the log.)

Note that when the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine writes feature, package state, and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI mode information to the log file, it writes only numeric values for the states. The following tables map the numeric values to state representations.

**Table 5-6 • Feature Action States**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Log Value</th>
<th>State</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>No action will be taken for the feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>The feature will be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>The feature will be removed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 5-7 • Feature Installed States**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Log Value</th>
<th>State</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>The feature is not currently installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>The feature is installed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 5-8 • Package States**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Log Value</th>
<th>Installed State</th>
<th>Action State</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>The package is not installed.</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>The package is currently installed.</td>
<td>The package will run its install operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>The package will run its modify operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>The package will run its repair operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>The package will run its remove operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>No action will be performed for the package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 5-9 • Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installation Modes**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Log Value</th>
<th>Install Mode</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>First-time installation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Maintenance/UI maintenance mode selection</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example Debugging Walkthrough

Debug log files can be useful in any number of scenarios where an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is not behaving in an expected manner. For example, suppose a Suite/Advanced UI project contains two packages: one .exe file and one .msi file, each associated with their own feature in the Suite/Advanced UI installation. At run time on some machines, even though both features appear to be selected, only the .exe package is installing. To begin troubleshooting this behavior, generate a debug log file on one of the machines that is encountering this behavior. Once the log file is available, verify that both features were in fact selected to be installed. The Suite/Advanced UI records logs information such as the following about each feature:

- 2011-09-21 [03:07:04 PM]: Engine: determining suite feature states
- 2011-09-21 [03:07:04 PM]: Initializing state for feature 'NewFeature'
- 2011-09-21 [03:07:04 PM]: Default action state 1 for mode 0
- 2011-09-21 [03:07:04 PM]: Initial feature state: 1
- 2011-09-21 [03:07:04 PM]: Final feature state: 1

9-21-2011[03:07:04 PM]: Initializing state for feature 'NewFeature1'
9-21-2011[03:07:04 PM]: Default action state 1 for mode 0
9-21-2011[03:07:04 PM]: Initial feature state: 1
9-21-2011[03:07:04 PM]: Final feature state: 1

The above information indicates the initial states of features NewFeature and NewFeature1. Both have been initialized to a state of 1, indicating they are selected for installation. So the features in this Suite/Advanced UI installation do not appear to be an issue. Continuing on in the log, the following information is provided:

9-21-2011[03:07:04 PM]: Engine: setting parcel states as determined by feature selections
9-21-2011[03:07:04 PM]: Feature NewFeature setting parcel states, parent override: no, override state: 0
9-21-2011[03:07:04 PM]: Requesting action state 1 for parcel '{BA3EAE7A-0701-4CE0-9224-4F5C0F135792}'
9-21-2011[03:07:04 PM]: Containing feature is request state change to parcel {BA3EAE7A-0701-4CE0-9224-4F5C0F135792}, feature request: 1
At this point in the Suite/Advanced UI installation, the UI DLL has completed the UI selection phase and gathered all necessary data for the installation to start. The Suite/Advanced UI engine now determines what packages (referred to as parcels in the log file) will be installed based on the features with which they are associated. This information indicates package [BA3EA7A-0701-4CE0-9224-4F5C0F135792] (this GUID comes from the Package GUID setting that is set in each package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project) is being requested to install (action state 1) from feature NewFeature (whose action state is selected to install). Looking forward a couple lines in the log provides the following information:

9-21-2011[03:07:10 PM]: Parcel is ineligible or the current parcel state and install mode to not allow parcel configuration

That line indicates that the package (the .msi package that is not installing as expected) has become ineligible. Looking for this package with the given package ID in the Packages view in the Suite/Advanced UI project shows that the package contains an eligibility condition. The condition indicates that the package is eligible if either (a) a package with a particular .msi product code and package code are already installed, or (b) an .msi package with a specific product code is installed, and the product version is not greater than the .msi package's product version. The purpose of this condition is to prevent the package from installing if a newer version of this product is already installed.

Investigating further on the machine that produced this behavior shows that a newer version of the product is already present on the machine, causing the .msi package in the Suite/Advanced UI installation to become ineligible.

**Debugging InstallScript Actions in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation**

To troubleshoot issues with InstallScript actions in a Suite/Advanced UI installation, you can use the InstallScript Debugger. To debug the InstallScript actions in a Suite/Advanced UI installation, run the Suite/Advanced UI installation from the command line with /d parameter.

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**Note** • Debugging InstallScript code requires the debug-information file Setup.dbg to be available. In addition, in order to debug an installation on a system other than your development machine, you need to copy certain files from your development machine to the debugging machine. To learn more, see Debugging an Installation on Any Computer.

The following command runs your InstallScript custom actions in the InstallScript Debugger:

```
Setup.exe /d
```

If the installation is located in a path at which they were originally compiled, you also need to specify the path to your debug symbols file (.dbg):

```
Setup.exe /d"Path-to-Setup.dbg"
```

**See Also**

Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe Command-Line Parameters

Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)

Preventing a Property Value from Being Written in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Debug Log Files
Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are configuring the settings for a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can specify whether you want the package to generate a log file if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is launched from the command line with the /log command-line parameter. Depending on the type of package, you can also configure one or two other settings to specify information such as which log options you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to pass to the package when the log file is being created.

Note that if a package does not have support for logging, it is recommended that you leave logging support disabled for that package.

Enabling Package Logging Support

Task • To enable logging support for a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation:
1. Open the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project that contains the package for which you want to enable logging.
2. In the View List under Organization, click Packages.
3. In the Packages explorer, select the package that you want to configure.
4. On the Common tab, in the Enable Logging Support setting, select Yes.
5. For an .msi or .msp package, configure the following optional subsettings as needed:
   - Log File—Specify a name for the log file. Do not include a path for the file; the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI /log command-line parameter lets end users specify the directory for the package log files.
     If you leave this setting blank, the name of the log file that the installation creates is PackageGUID.log, where PackageGUID is the GUID that is assigned to the package in the Package GUID setting in the Packages view.
   - Log Options—Specify the Windows Installer log /L flags that you want the package to use when generating the log file. For example, to generate a log file that logs everything verbosely, enter the following in this setting:
     *v
For additional valid flags, see the /L description.

If you leave this setting blank, the asterisk (*) and v flags are used to generate the log file.

For an .exe package, configure the following subsetting:

- **Logging Command Line**—Specify the command line that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should pass to the .exe package to enable the logging. Include any appropriate supported flags. If the .exe package that you are configuring supports it, include a path that references the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property ISLogDir, enclosed within square brackets, in place of the path to the directory where the log file should be created.

  For example, to generate a log file that logs everything verbosely for an .msi package that is run by a Setup.exe file that InstallShield built, enter the following command line:

  `/v"/l*v "[ISLogDir]FileName.log""`

  The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation replaces [ISLogDir] with the path to the folder that will contain the log file. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI /log command-line parameter lets end users specify the path to the directory for the package log files.

### Generating Package Log Files While Running an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

To create a package log file, run the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from the command line with the /log parameter. The /log parameter lets you generate a log file for each package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation for which logging is enabled.

To generate package log files in a particular folder, pass the folder path with the /log parameter to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file. You can optionally separate the /log parameter and the path with a colon. For example, both of the following command lines generate a log file in the PathToLogFiles folder:

```
Setup.exe /log"C:\PathToLogFiles"
```

```
Setup.exe /log:"C:\PathToLogFiles"
```

Note that the path to the log file location must already exist.

To generate package log files in the %TEMP% directory, leave out the path. For example:

```
Setup.exe /log
```

The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property ISLogDir stores the path to the directory that contains the package log files.

**Tip** • You can also use the logging system policy or the MsiLogging property to generate log files for Windows Installer–based packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

### See Also

- Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe Command-Line Parameters
Building 64-bit Setup Exe

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want your installation to include a 64-bit Setup.exe setup launcher for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. A 64-Bit Setup.exe setup launcher is required only if the installation is targeting 64-bit system. By default, InstallShield builds the 32-bit setup launcher, which can execute in a 32-bit system as well in WoW64 on 64-bit system. Some 64-bit target systems—such as Windows Server Core systems—may not have 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support. These 64-bit target systems cannot run 32-bit setup launcher.

The Setup.exe tab for a Release in the Releases view is where you specify information to build 64-bit Setup launcher.

Along with 64-bit Setup Exe configuration in the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project, it is required to configure 64-bit packages and 64-bit action events in order to build the pure 64-bit setup Exe where it can target pure 64 bit operating systems without WOW64 support. The Pure 64-bit suite Setup Exe cannot install 32-bit packages or execute 32-bit action event during installation, because 32-bit binaries cannot be loaded on 64-bit target systems without WOW64 support. However, InstallShield has the capability to configure the platform condition to selectively install the packages based on the operating system architecture, this capability allows one suite Setup installer can contain packages targeting multiple platforms. Building 64-bit Setup launcher does not support 32-bit DLL, 32-bit Managed Code, and InstallScript action events.

For more information on configuring conditional statement, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Building 32-bit Packages with 64-bit Setup Exe Launcher

InstallShield throws the following warning messages during the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project build if the packages contain 32-bit Windows Installer Package (.msi) and 32 Executable Package (.exe) with the 64-bit Setup Exe launcher option:

- ISDEV: warning -7373: Building 64-bit setup with x86 Windows Installer Packages - 'Package Name'.
- ISDEV: warning -7373: Building 64-bit setup with x86 Executable Package - ''Package Name''.

This is just to make the attention, because 64-bit setup launcher fails to execute in a pure 32-bit system, and the 32-bit package fail to install in pure 64-bit system. This failure can be fixed by not opting the 64-bit Setup Exe launcher if the installer needs to target pure 32-bit system and WoW64 on 64-bit system. Alternatively, all the 32-bit packages can be migrated to 64-bit packages to target pure 64-bit system.

Building InstallScript Event Actions with 64-bit Setup Launcher

InstallScript event actions are not supported with 64-bit Setup Exe launcher. InstallShield build throws the following error if the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project contain InstallScript event actions:

ISDEV: error -7371: InstallScript custom actions are not supported with 64-Bit Setup Launcher.
If the InstallScript event actions are required, the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project can be configured to build without the 64-bit setup launcher, because InstallScript runtimes are still in 32-bit which requires 32-bit Setup Exe launcher. Alternatively, if the InstallScript event actions are not required, it can be deleted from the project and continue building with 64-bit Setup Exe launcher.

**Building 32-bit DLL, 32-bit Managed Code Event Actions with 64-bit Setup Launcher**

Building 32-bit DLL and 32-bit Managed Code event actions are not supported with 64-bit Setup Exe launcher. InstallShield build throws the following errors while building 64-bit Setup Exe launcher with 32-bit DLL and 32-bit Managed Code event actions:

- ISDEV: Error -7374: Building 64-bit setup with x86 DLL Action - 'Action Name'.
- ISDEV: Error -7374: Building 64-bit setup with x86 EXE Action - 'Action Name'.

To resolve the error, add 64-bit DLL and 64-bit Managed Code event actions with 64-bit Setup Exe launcher.

**Building 32-bit EXE Event Actions with 64-bit Setup Launcher**

InstallShield throws the following warning message during the build if Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project configured to build with 64-bit Setup Exe launcher and 32-bit EXE event actions:

- ISDEV: Error -7375: Building 64-bit setup with x86 EXE Action - 'Action Name'.

This is just to make the attention, because 64-bit setup launcher fails to execute in a pure 32-bit system, and the 32-bit EXE action event fail to execute in pure 64-bit system. This failure can be fixed by not opting the 64-bit Setup Exe launcher if the installer needs to target pure 32-bit system and WoW64 on 64-bit system. Other way, all the 32-bit EXE action events can be migrated to 64-bit EXE to target pure 64-bit system.

**InstallShield Prerequisites and 64-bit Setup Launcher**

In general, projects that include InstallShield prerequisites require Setup.exe because Setup.exe checks to see if the target system meets the InstallShield prerequisite conditions. If the conditions are met, Setup.exe installs the InstallShield prerequisites.

If you are configuring to build the projects that include InstallShield prerequisites with 64-bit setup launcher then ensure the prerequisite installer is a 64-bit which can install in pure x64 system, and configure the prerequisite conditions to check the 64-bit location either in the registry or folder location.

In some cases, if you want to build the 32-bit prerequisite installer with 64-bit setup launcher then configure the conditions to check the 32-bit location. Most of the registry conditions in the prerequisites are configured to check the default location, which is 32-bit location for the 32-bit set up launcher and 64-bit location for the 64-bit setup launcher. But, the 32bit prerequisite installer creates the registry key under the 32-bit registry hives. To rectify this you need to modify the registry location to check the 32-bit location explicitly in the InstallShield prerequisite editor. The prerequisite information is as shown below:
32 bit Extension Condition DLL and UI Resource DLL

64-Bit Setup Launcher fails to load the 32 bit Extension Condition DLL and UI Resource Extension DLL during runtime. If your project is binded with 32-bit Extension DLL, it is required to build the corresponding 64-bit extension DLL and configure in the project to build the 64-Bit Setup Launcher.
Designing InstallShield Prerequisites and Other Redistributables

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InstallShield provides many third-party redistributables that you can incorporate into projects as InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and InstallScript objects. You can also create your own redistributables and distribute them to other installation developers. The following sections describe each of these types of redistributables.

InstallShield Prerequisites

- **Project** • The following project types include support for InstallShield prerequisites:
  - Basic MSI
  - InstallScript
  - InstallScript MSI

InstallShield also includes support for including InstallShield prerequisites as packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. For more information, see Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

An InstallShield prerequisite is an installation for a product or technology framework that is required by your product. Some examples of InstallShield prerequisites that are included with InstallShield are Java Runtime Environment (JRE) and SQL Server Express Edition. You can add any of the existing InstallShield prerequisites to your installation projects and configure many of their settings. You can also create your own InstallShield prerequisites, and add them to your projects.

- **Project** • In Windows Installer–based installations, including InstallShield prerequisites in your project enables you to chain multiple installations together, bypassing the Windows Installer limitation that permits only one Execute sequence to be run at a time. The Setup.exe setup launcher serves as a bootstrap application that manages the chaining.

- **Note** • Unlike Windows Installer 4.5 chaining, the InstallShield prerequisite installations are not processed as a single transaction; that is, successful installations are not rolled back after failures in later prerequisites. To learn more about Windows Installer 4.5 chaining support, see Configuring Multiple Packages for Installation Using Transaction Processing.
For information on configuring the settings for the InstallShield prerequisites that are available in InstallShield, as well as details on how to create your own InstallShield prerequisites, see Defining InstallShield Prerequisites.

**Types of InstallShield Prerequisites**

When you add an InstallShield prerequisite to a Basic MSI, InstallScript, or InstallScript MSI project, it is considered to be the **setup prerequisite** type of InstallShield prerequisite by default. That is, it is treated as a base application or component that must be installed on the target machine before your product can be installed. The installation for a setup prerequisite runs before the main installation runs if the prerequisite is not already installed on the system.

Basic MSI projects enable you to associate InstallShield prerequisites with features in your main installation. When an InstallShield prerequisite is associated with one or more features, it is called a **feature prerequisite**; it is installed if one or more features that contain the prerequisite are installed at run time and if the prerequisite is not already installed on the system. Thus, if a feature has a condition that is not met on the target system, or if the end user chooses not to install the feature, the feature is not installed. As a result, none of its associated feature prerequisites are installed, unless the feature prerequisites are also associated with other features that are installed.

To learn more about these two types of InstallShield prerequisites, see Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites.

**Merge Modules**

InstallShield enables you to create your own merge modules that can be used in any of your installation projects or distributed for use by other installation developers.

To learn more, see Designing Merge Modules.

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**Note** • Many of the merge modules included in the Redistributables view are authored by Microsoft or another third party. InstallShield distributes these modules as a courtesy to assist you in creating your installation project. However, InstallShield cannot modify or fix any problems that may exist within third party-authored modules. You are encouraged to contact the vendor regarding issues with specific third party-authored modules.

**InstallScript Objects**

InstallShield enables you to create your own InstallScript objects that can be used in any of your installation projects or distributed for use by other installation developers.

To learn more, see Creating InstallScript Objects.
Defining InstallShield Prerequisites

The following project types include support for InstallShield prerequisites:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

All of these project types include support for the setup prerequisite type of InstallShield prerequisite. Basic MSI projects include support for the feature prerequisite type.

InstallShield also includes support for including InstallShield prerequisites as packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. For more information, see Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

Use the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor in InstallShield to modify the settings for any of the prerequisites that are included with InstallShield. You can also create custom prerequisites using this tool and then add them to your projects.

Specifying your own InstallShield prerequisites and modifying existing ones enables you to set options such as the following:

- The URL from where the prerequisite files should be downloaded to the target machine
- Conditions under which the prerequisite should be installed
- Other prerequisites on which a particular prerequisite is dependent
- The command line for the prerequisite
- The command line to be used if the installation is running in silent mode
- Whether the target machine should be restarted after installation of a prerequisite
- Whether the administrative privileges are required to install the prerequisite
- Whether the installation should display a message box that enables end users to choose whether to install the prerequisite

See Also

- InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
- Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites
- Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level
- Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites

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Creating an InstallShield Prerequisite

Task

To create a new InstallShield prerequisite:

1. On the Tools menu, click Prerequisite Editor. The InstallShield Prerequisite Editor opens.
2. Configure the settings on each of the tabs as needed.
3. On the File menu, click Save.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

Modifying an Existing InstallShield Prerequisite

Task

To modify an existing InstallShield prerequisite:

1. On the Tools menu, click Prerequisite Editor. The InstallShield Prerequisite Editor opens.
2. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select the InstallShield prerequisite file (.prq) by browsing, and then click Open.
4. Make changes as needed.
5. On the File menu, click Save.

Setting Properties for an InstallShield Prerequisite

Task

To set properties for an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Properties tab.
3. In the Unique identifier for InstallShield prerequisite box, type a unique file identifier for the prerequisite or leave the default value as is. This could be the name of the prerequisite application or component, or a GUID.
Note • Every time you open the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor to create a new prerequisite, a new GUID is generated and listed in the Unique identifier for InstallShield prerequisite box.

4. In the Description box, type an overview of the InstallShield prerequisite. This description is displayed under the Overview heading when you select an InstallShield prerequisite in the Redistributables view.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

Specifying an Alternate URL for a .prq File

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You may want to specify an alternate URL for your .prq file if both of the following conditions are true:

• You have specified that one or more InstallShield prerequisites in your installation should be downloaded from the Web instead of being included in the Setup.exe file or on the source media. For more information, see Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level.

• It is possible that later you might want to redirect your end users to a different URL to download an InstallShield prerequisite’s application files.

In this scenario, the .prq file that you include with your Setup.exe installation has an alternate URL specified. When an end user runs the installation, the target machine visits the alternate URL specified in the Setup.exe .prq file, downloads that .prq file, and uses the file URLs specified in the alternate .prq file to download the necessary files for the prerequisite application.

Task

To specify an alternate URL for a .prq file:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.

2. Click the Properties tab.

3. In the Alternate location to download .prq from if prerequisite files are being downloaded box, type the alternate URL for your .prq file. For example:

   http://www.mywebsite.com/MyPrq.prq

Note • InstallShield prerequisites do not have support for FTP URLs.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Setting Installation Conditions for an InstallShield Prerequisite

You need to specify installation conditions that determine whether an InstallShield prerequisite is already installed on the target machine. Failure to do so causes problems because the target system behaves as if the prerequisite was not properly installed. You can also create installation conditions that specify operating system, registry, or file requirements. The Conditions tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you set installation conditions.

If the InstallShield prerequisite should be installed on some—but not all—operating systems, you can create multiple operating system conditions for the prerequisite. If a target machine meets any one individual operating system condition, it meets the operating for that prerequisite.

If a condition evaluates as true at run time, that condition is met. The InstallShield prerequisite is installed on the target machine if the following are true:

- The target machine meets any of the operating system conditions and all of the other conditions that are listed on the Conditions tab.
- For feature prerequisites only (that is, an InstallShield prerequisite that is associated with one or more features in the main installation)—The feature that contains the feature prerequisite must be installed. Thus, if the feature has a condition that is not met on the target system, or if the end user chooses not to install the feature, the feature is not installed. As a result, none of its associated feature prerequisites are installed, unless the feature prerequisites are also associated with other features that are installed.

**Note** • Because installation of prerequisites such as Windows service packs is not supported, the operating system version information is not expected to change. Therefore, the operating system conditions are not considered in verifying whether a prerequisite was installed correctly.

Adding a New Installation Condition for an InstallShield Prerequisite

To add a new installation condition for an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Conditions tab.
3. Click Add. The Prerequisite Condition dialog box opens.
4. Select the appropriate option for the type of condition and then set the properties for the condition as needed.

The InstallShield Prerequisite Editor adds the condition to the Conditions tab.

If a condition evaluates as true at run time, that condition is met. The InstallShield prerequisite is installed on the target machine if the following are true:

- The target machine meets any of the operating system conditions and all of the other conditions that are listed on the Conditions tab.
• For feature prerequisites only (that is, an InstallShield prerequisite that is associated with one or more features in the main installation)—The feature that contains the feature prerequisite must be installed. Thus, if the feature has a condition that is not met on the target system, or if the end user chooses not to install the feature, the feature is not installed. As a result, none of its associated feature prerequisites are installed, unless the feature prerequisites are also associated with other features that are installed.

For example, you might have an InstallShield prerequisite that has several different conditions:

• A specific file is not present on the target machine. In this example, if this file is missing, it indicates that an application that your product requires must be installed; otherwise, your product should not be installed.

• The target machine has Windows XP.

• The target machine has Windows Vista.

In this example, if the target machine is running Windows XP or Windows Vista and the InstallShield prerequisite is not associated with a feature, the prerequisite is installed, but only if the specified file is not present. The same is true if the InstallShield prerequisite is associated with a feature that the installation installs at run time.

**Note** • Because installation of prerequisites such as Windows service packs is not supported, the operating system version information is not expected to change. Therefore, the operating system conditions are not considered in verifying whether a prerequisite was installed correctly.

**See Also**
- Conditions Tab
- Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box
- InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

### Adding an Operating System Condition for an InstallShield Prerequisite

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If the InstallShield prerequisite should be installed on some—but not all—operating systems, you can create multiple operating system conditions for the prerequisite. If a target machine meets any one individual operating system condition, it meets the operating for that prerequisite.

**Task**

To add a new operating system requirement for an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Conditions tab.
3. Click the Add button. The Prerequisite Condition dialog box opens.
4. Select the Setup is running on a specified platform option.
5. Do one of the following:
   - In the Select which platform the prerequisite should be run on box, select the operating system that is required on the target system for the prerequisite.
   - In the Select which platform the prerequisite should be run on box, select Custom. Then configure the operating system settings as appropriate.
Tip • You can also use the values from an existing predefined operating system condition as the basis for a new custom condition. To do so: in the Select which platform the prerequisite should be run on box, select the appropriate predefined operating system, and then change the setting to Custom. Then you can further configure the operating system condition by specifying additional values in the Custom area.

6. To specify a range of service pack numbers for which this prerequisite condition is true, use the Service Packs boxes. For example, if target system must have service pack 2, 3, or 4, enter 2 in the first box and 4 in the second box. To target all future service packs, leave the second box blank. To target only service pack 3, enter 3 in both boxes.

7. Click OK.

The InstallShield Prerequisite Editor adds the operating system condition to the Conditions tab.

Note • Instead of storing in the .prq file the value that you selected in the Select which platform the prerequisite should be run on box, the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor stores the underlying operating system settings that are associated with the value that you selected. Therefore, if you select the Custom option but do not change or configure any settings in the Custom area, the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor does not set the value of this box to Custom the next time that you reopen the Prerequisite Condition dialog box for the selected condition. Instead, it sets the value of the box to the predefined operating system option.

See Also
Conditions Tab
Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

Modifying an Installation Condition for an InstallShield Prerequisite

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Task To modify an existing condition:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.

2. Click the Conditions tab.

3. Select the condition that you would like to modify.

4. Click the Modify button. The Prerequisite Condition dialog box opens.

5. Modify the condition as needed.

The InstallShield Prerequisite Editor updates the modified condition on the Conditions tab.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Removing an Installation Condition from an InstallShield Prerequisite

**Task** Remove a condition from an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the **Conditions** tab.
3. Select the condition that you would like to remove.
4. Click **Remove**.

**See Also**
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

Specifying Files for an InstallShield Prerequisite

**Task** To add one file for an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the **Files to Include** tab.
3. Click **Add**. The **New File** dialog box opens.
4. In the **File** box, type the path and name of the file. To find the file by browsing, click the ellipsis (…) button.
5. If end users should be able to download the file from the Web, specify the URL in the **URL to file** box. This URL is the same one that InstallShield uses when installation authors use the **Redistributables** view to download an InstallShield prerequisite from the Internet to their local machines.

For example, if the URL for the file is **http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1/Notepad.exe**, enter the following in this box:

```
http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1
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**Note** • InstallShield prerequisites do not have support for FTP URLs.

**Task** To add more than one file at a time for an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, click the **Files to Include** tab.
2. Click **Add Multiple Files**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
3. Select the files that you would like to add. To select multiple consecutive files, select the first file, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last file. To select multiple nonconsecutive files, select the first file, press and hold CTRL, and select each additional file.

4. Click Open.

*Note* • Adding files by using this method does not also set the URL where those files can be downloaded. To set the URL for multiple files, see Specifying URLs for Downloading InstallShield Prerequisites.

**Task**  
To modify the settings for an existing file:

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, click the Files to Include tab.
2. Select the file whose name, path, or URL you would like to modify.
3. Click Modify. The New File dialog box opens.
4. Modify the settings as needed.

**Task**  
Remove a file from an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, click the Files to Include tab.
2. Select the file that you would like to remove.
3. Click Remove.

**See Also**  
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

### Specifying URLs for Downloading InstallShield Prerequisites

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If end users should be able to download the files for an InstallShield prerequisite in your installation, you must specify the URL on the Files to Include tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

*Note* • InstallShield prerequisites do not have support for FTP URLs.

**Task**  
To specify the URL of one or more files for an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Files to Include tab.
3. Select one or more files for which you would like to specify the URL. To select multiple consecutive files, select the first file, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last file. To select multiple nonconsecutive files, select the first file, press and hold CTRL, and select each additional file.
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4. Click **Set File(s) URL**. The **Set File(s) URL** dialog box opens.

5. In the **URL to File’s Parent Folder** box, type the URL for the parent directory of the selected file or files. This URL is the same one that InstallShield uses when installation authors use the Redistributables view to download an InstallShield prerequisite from the Internet to their local machines.

   For example, if you selected files called *Notepad.exe* and *Paint.exe*, and the URLs for these files are *http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1/Notepad.exe* and *http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1/Paint.exe*, enter the following in this box:

   http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1

6. Click **OK**.

   **Tip** • As an alternative to the above steps, you can also specify the URL for an individual file when you add it to the list of prerequisite files on the Files to Include tab. For more information, see *Specifying Files for an InstallShield Prerequisite*.

   **See Also**
   - *InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference*

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**Specifying Parameters for Installing an InstallShield Prerequisite**

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The Application to Run tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify how a prerequisite should be installed on the target machine.

### Task

**To specify parameters for installing an InstallShield prerequisite:**

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.

2. Click the **Application to Run** tab.

3. In the **Specify the application you wish to launch** list, select the file—typically a *Setup.exe* setup launcher or an *.msi* file—that should be launched on the target machine if the InstallShield prerequisite is installed. Only files that have been specified on the **Files to Include** tab are included in this list.

   If the main installation is a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation, and if you specify an *.msi* file and you indicate on the **Behavior** tab that the progress should be shown, the Setup.exe setup launcher captures progress messages and uses Windows Installer APIs instead of *Msiexec.exe* to launch the *.msi* package at run time.

   If you specify any other file type, or if you specify an *.msi* file for which progress should not be shown, the Setup.exe setup launcher runs the file with either the open verb (for *.msi* and *.exe* files) or the default verb (for all other file types) at run time.

   **Project** • If you specify an *.msi* file and you indicate on the **Behavior** tab that the progress should be shown, the Setup.exe setup launcher captures progress messages and uses Windows Installer APIs instead of *Msiexec.exe* to launch the *.msi* package at run time.
If you specify any other file type, if you specify an .msi file for which progress should not be shown, or if the main installation is an InstallScript installation, the Setup.exe setup launcher runs the file with either the open verb (for .msi and .exe files) or the default verb (for all other file types) at run time.

4. If the Windows Installer engine, the .NET Framework, or both must be installed before this InstallShield prerequisite is installed, select the **Requires Windows Installer engine and/or .NET Framework to be installed first** check box.

**Note** • Selecting this check box does not add the Windows Installer engine or the .NET Framework to your installation. It only specifies that if they are included in the installation, they should be installed before this InstallShield prerequisite is installed. To include the Windows Installer engine or the .NET Framework with your installation, you must add them to your project. To learn how, see *Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects* or *Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects*.

5. If applicable, in the **Specify the command line for the application** box, type the command line for the file selected in the **Specify the application you wish to launch** list. Do not include the name of the file in this box.

For more details, see *Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite*.

6. If applicable, in the **Specify the command line for the application when the setup is running in silent mode** box, type the appropriate command line. Do not include the name of the file in this box.

For more details, see *Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite*.

7. If the selected InstallShield prerequisite application requires that the target machine be restarted after the application is installed, type the return code in the **Specify the return code (in decimal) the application returns if a reboot is required** box.

**Tip** • If multiple return codes exist, list each one separated by a comma.

- If you do not know the return codes for the file that you are launching as the InstallShield prerequisite, contact the author of the file.
- For more information on InstallShield prerequisites that require a restart, see *Restarting a Target Machine for InstallShield Prerequisite Installations*.

**See Also**
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects
Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects
Running Installations in Silent Mode

### Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite

The Application to Run tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor lets you specify command-line parameters that you want to be used when the InstallShield prerequisite is launched on the target system.
Task

To specify command-line parameters that you want to be used when an InstallShield prerequisite installation is launched:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Application to Run tab.
3. In the Specify the command line for the application you wish to launch box, type any valid command-line parameters for the file that is selected in the Specify the application you wish to launch list. Do not include the name of the file in this box.
4. If you want to specify the command line that should be used for the InstallShield prerequisite if the main installation is running in silent mode, type any valid command-line parameters in the Specify the command line for the application when the setup is running in silent mode box. Do not include the name of the file in this box.

The command-line parameters that you enter in this setting are also used if the prerequisite is configured to be hidden—that is, if the The prerequisite should be hidden from the installation list check box on the Behavior tab is selected.

Note • Using the /s command-line parameter to launch an installation that includes an InstallShield prerequisite does not automatically run the prerequisite installation silently. You may also need to specify a valid silent command-line parameter for the InstallShield prerequisite in the Specify the command line for the application when the setup is running in silent mode setting on the Application to Run tab.

Also note that no command-line parameters are passed to the InstallShield prerequisite if you leave the Specify the command line for the application when the setup is running in silent mode box blank and one or both of the following conditions are also true:

- The main installation is run silently.
- The The prerequisite should be hidden from the installation list check box on the Behavior tab is selected for the prerequisite.

Therefore, if you specify standard command-line parameters, it is recommended that you also specify silent command-line parameters.

How the Setup Launcher Passes the Command-Line Parameters to the InstallShield Prerequisite

If the InstallShield prerequisite installation is an .msi package and you indicate on the Behavior tab that the progress should be shown, the setup launcher uses Windows Installer APIs—instead of MsiExec.exe—to launch the .msi package with the command-line parameters that you specify on the Application to Run tab. Under these circumstances, you can enter any of the following types of parameters for the command line:

- Windows Installer property names and values in the following format:
  PROPERTY=VALUE
- /L (as well as any variants such as /L*v)
- /log
- /q (as well as any variants such as /qb+!)
- /quiet
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Note that if you specify that the progress should be shown, the user interface of the prerequisite's .msi package is not displayed by default. If you want to override this behavior, you can specify /qf as a command-line parameter.

If the InstallShield prerequisite installation is any other file type, or it is an .msi package for which progress should not be shown, the setup launcher runs the file with either the open verb (for .msi and .exe files) or the default verb (for all other file types) at run time. Therefore, in the case of an .msi package for which progress should not be shown, you can use any of the command-line parameters that MsiExec.exe accepts. For a list of the supported command-line parameters, see Command-Line Options and Standard Installer Command-Line Options In the Windows Installer Help Library.

If your InstallShield prerequisite installation is a Setup.exe file that was created with InstallShield, the formatting that is done for that prerequisite command-line parameters that you specify on the Application to Run tab differs depending on whether you associated the InstallShield prerequisite with a feature in your project. If the InstallShield prerequisite is not associated with a feature, it is called a setup prerequisite. If the InstallShield prerequisite is associated with one or more features, it is called a feature prerequisite.

Note • To learn more about the differences between setup prerequisites and feature prerequisites, see Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites.

In the setup prerequisite case, the setup launcher supports property substitution through the command-line parameters for the following properties:

• SETUPEXEDIR—This property identifies the path to the setup launcher file. For example, if the path to the setup launcher is C:\MySetups\MyApp\Setup.exe, the value of [SETUPEXEDIR] is C:\MySetups\MyApp.

• SETUPEXENAME—This property identifies the name of the setup launcher file that was created when the project was built. The installation updates the value of this property at run time if the setup launcher file was renamed. The following path identifies the full path to this file:

  [SETUPEXEDIR]\[SETUPEXENAME]

• ISPREEQDIR—This property identifies the path to the running InstallShield prerequisite. The path includes the final slash. You can use this property to refer to files within the InstallShield prerequisite—for example, [ISPREEQDIR]MyConfigFile.ini.

• ProductLanguage—This property identifies the language that the installation should use for any strings in the user interface that are not authored into the database.

For a feature prerequisite, the command-line parameters that you specify on the Application to Launch tab are formatted at run time like a formatted text field. Therefore, you can use the aforementioned properties at the command line, as well as any of the standard command-line parameters that Setup.exe supports. For a list of supported command-line parameters, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

Restarting a Target Machine for InstallShield Prerequisite Installations

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield uses several methods to determine if a target machine should be restarted after running the InstallShield prerequisite.
Registry Key Changes

The target machine may need to be restarted if any of the following registry keys have been modified after the InstallShield prerequisite has been run:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnceEx
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\PendingFileRenameOperations

The registry keys are counted before and after the InstallShield prerequisite is run. If these numbers are not the same, it is assumed that the file is trying to restart the system and exit the installation.

Return Code Specified in the .prq File

If the exit code of the .exe file matches the return code specified in the InstallShield prerequisite file (.prq), the target machine may need to be restarted. The return code of the .prq file is entered in the Specify the return code the application returns if a reboot is required box of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. For more information, see Specifying Parameters for Installing an InstallShield Prerequisite.

Return Codes 1641 and 3010

The target machine may need to be restarted if a reboot state is returned for an .msi package that is run for an InstallShield prerequisite. The standard Windows Installer reboot return codes are:

- ERROR_SUCCESS_REBOOT_INITIATED (1641)
- ERROR_SUCCESS_REBOOT_REQUIRED (3010)

Behavior Specified in the .prq File

One of the fields on the Behavior tab in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor enables you to specify what should happen if any of the aforementioned conditions are or are not applicable to a particular InstallShield prerequisite. For more information, see Specifying the Behavior for an InstallShield Prerequisite that Requires a Restart.

See Also

InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Run-Time Behavior for an Installation that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites
Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation

Specifying Installation Behavior for an InstallShield Prerequisite

InstallShield 2020

When you are creating a new InstallShield prerequisite or modifying an existing one, you can specify whether end users may skip the InstallShield prerequisite installation. You can also specify how the prerequisite installation should proceed if it appears that the target machine does or does not need to be restarted. The Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify these types of InstallShield prerequisite installation behavior.

See Also

InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Behavior Tab
Specifying that an InstallShield Prerequisite Requires Administrative Privileges

InstallShield 2020

In the Windows Vista and later environment, end users typically run as standard users without administrative privileges. If an InstallShield prerequisite requires administrative privileges, Windows displays a User Account Control (UAC) prompt that requires end users to provide consent or credentials.

If your InstallShield prerequisite does require administrative privileges or if you want the InstallShield prerequisite to be installed per machine, you can specify that on the Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

**Task**

To specify that an InstallShield prerequisite installation requires administrative privileges:

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the **Behavior** tab.
3. Select the **The prerequisite requires administrative privileges** check box.

**Note** • This setting applies to installations that are run on Windows Vista and later systems. Earlier versions of Windows ignore this setting.

**See Also**

InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Run-Time Behavior for an Installation that Includes InstallShield Prerequisites
Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation

Allowing End Users to Choose Whether to Install an InstallShield Prerequisite

InstallShield 2020

You may want your InstallShield prerequisite’s installation to display a message box that permits end users to choose whether they want to install the InstallShield prerequisite. You can indicate this on the Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

**Task**

To allow end users to choose whether to install an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the **InstallShield Prerequisite Editor**, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the **Behavior** tab.
3. Select the **The prerequisite may be optionally skipped by the user** check box.

**See Also**

InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Specifying Whether to Include the Name of a Prerequisite in the List of Setup Prerequisites to Be Installed on the Target System

If a target system needs one or more setup prerequisites to be installed, the setup prerequisite dialog is typically displayed at run time before the main installation runs. When an end user clicks the Install button on this dialog, the setup prerequisites are installed.

The Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor lets you specify whether you want a setup prerequisite to be hidden from the list in the prerequisite dialog. If a prerequisite is hidden, it is installed when the conditions require it, even though it is not listed as one of the prerequisites that needs to be installed.

If all of the setup prerequisites in an installation are hidden, the installation does not display the setup prerequisite dialog at run time.

**Task**

*To specify whether to list a setup prerequisite in the setup prerequisite dialog at run time:*

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Behavior tab.
3. Do one of the following:
   - To hide the setup prerequisite, select the **The prerequisite should be hidden from the installation list** check box.
Note that if the setup prerequisite is hidden, it is launched with its silent command-line parameters—not its standard command-line parameters. To learn more, see Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite.

- To include the setup prerequisite in the list, clear the The prerequisite should be hidden from the installation list check box.

**Note** • Note that feature prerequisites are never listed in the setup prerequisite dialog at run time, regardless of whether the The prerequisite should be hidden from the installation list check box is selected or cleared. That is, if you add an InstallShield prerequisite to your project and associate it with a feature, that feature prerequisite is not listed in the setup prerequisite dialog that is displayed at run time before the main installation runs. For more information about feature prerequisites, see Setup Prerequisites vs. Feature Prerequisites.

**See Also**
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

### Specifying Whether to Show the Progress of an InstallShield Prerequisite Installation at Run Time

InstallShield 2020

The Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor lets you specify whether you want the InstallShield prerequisite installation to show the status bar that shows the actual progress of the prerequisite installation, along with installation progress messages from Windows Installer, at run time. This functionality is available only if the prerequisite launches an .msi file; it is not possible if the prerequisite launches a Setup.exe file. In addition, the installation that contains the InstallShield prerequisite must be a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation.

If the progress is not shown—or if the installation that contains the InstallShield prerequisite is an InstallScript installation, the prerequisite installation displays an Installing [PrerequisiteName] message on the run-time dialog, and the status bar loops continuously until the prerequisite installation has completed.

**Task**
To specify whether to show the progress messages and the status bar for an InstallShield prerequisite installation:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Behavior tab.
3. Do one of the following:
   - To show the progress, select the Progress should be shown in the prerequisites window (raw MSI files only) check box.
   - To avoid showing the progress, clear the Progress should be shown in the prerequisites window (raw MSI files only) check box.

**Note** • If you specify that the progress should be shown, only some command-line parameters are supported. Command-line parameters are specified on the Application to Run tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. For more information, see Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite.
Also note that if you specify that the progress should be shown for a prerequisite that is an .msi package, the user interface of the prerequisite’s .msi package is not displayed by default. If you want to override this behavior, you can specify /qf as a command-line parameter on the Application to Run tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

Planning for Issues that Could Occur with an InstallShield Prerequisite Installation

Sometimes after an InstallShield prerequisite installation has been run, the conditions still indicate that the InstallShield prerequisite needs to be installed. If that occurs, either of the following may be true:

- The InstallShield prerequisite was not successfully installed.
- The conditions that were specified for the InstallShield prerequisite were not accurate.

For example, a condition may indicate that the InstallShield prerequisite needs to be installed if a particular file does not exist on the target machine. If the file is still missing even after the InstallShield prerequisite is installed, it is possible that the condition should not have been created. The Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor lets you indicate how the installation should proceed under these types of circumstances.

Task
To plan for potential issues related to an InstallShield prerequisite’s installation:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Behavior tab.
3. In the If, after installing the prerequisite, the conditions still indicate it is required list, click the appropriate item.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation

Specifying the Behavior for an InstallShield Prerequisite that Requires a Restart

When you are creating a new InstallShield prerequisite or modifying an existing one, you can specify how the InstallShield prerequisite installation should proceed if it appears that the target machine does or does not need to be restarted. For example, in some cases, you may want the installation to first prompt the end user before restarting the machine; in other cases, you may want to skip the restart. The Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor provides the flexibility needed to carry out the response that is appropriate for each InstallShield prerequisite.
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Task  To specify the behavior for an InstallShield prerequisite that requires the target machine to be restarted:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Behavior tab.
3. In the If the prerequisite requires a reboot list, click the appropriate item.

To learn about the available options, see Behavior Tab.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Restarting a Target Machine for InstallShield Prerequisite Installations
Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation

Specifying Dependencies for an InstallShield Prerequisite

InstallShield 2020

When you are creating a new InstallShield prerequisite or modifying an existing one, you can specify other InstallShield prerequisites (.prq files) on which this InstallShield prerequisite depends. The Dependencies tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify the dependencies.

See Also
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

Adding a Dependency for an InstallShield Prerequisite

InstallShield 2020

Task  To add a dependency for an InstallShield prerequisite:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Dependencies tab.
3. Click the Add button. The New Dependency dialog box opens.
4. In the File box, type the path and name of the .prq file that is required for the current InstallShield prerequisite. To find the .prq file by browsing, click the ellipsis (...) button. InstallShield prerequisite files are stored in the following location:

    InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites

5. Click OK.
Modifying a Dependency for an InstallShield Prerequisite

InstallShield 2020

Task

To modify an existing dependency setting:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Dependencies tab.
3. Select the dependency that you would like to modify.
4. Click Modify. The New Dependency dialog box opens.
5. Modify the setting as needed.

Removing a Dependency from an InstallShield Prerequisite

InstallShield 2020

Task

Remove a dependency from a prerequisite:

1. In the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, open the prerequisite that you want to modify.
2. Click the Dependencies tab.
3. Select the dependency that you would like to remove.
4. Click Remove.

Saving an InstallShield Prerequisite

InstallShield 2020

Once you have created a new InstallShield prerequisite or modified an existing one using the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor in InstallShield, you must save the InstallShield prerequisite file (.prq).

Task

To save an InstallShield prerequisite that is open in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor:

1. On the File menu, click Save As. The Save As dialog box opens.
2. Specify the file name and .prq extension for the InstallShield prerequisite file. InstallShield prerequisite files are stored in the following location:

   InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites

2. Click the Save button.

InstallShield prerequisites that are stored in the SetupPrerequisites directory are listed in the Redistributables view.

See Also

InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
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Merge modules enable several development teams to work on separate components independently. Each team can populate its installation database without immediately considering how their work will affect other components. When the components are fully developed, each component in the merge module database can be merged into the main product installation database.

InstallShield enables you to create your own merge modules that can be used in any of your installation projects or distributed for use by other installation developers.

The most important step in creating your merge module lies in its design. To have a well-designed merge module, you need to break up your files into components, which constitute the developer’s perspective of the project. Unlike creating a complete installation with features, components, and files, a merge module contains only components, which, in turn, contain files.

The major aspects involved in creating a merge module are listed below.

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<td>Components</td>
<td>Enable you to group your application data together. They constitute the developer’s view of a project—containing data such as files, registry entries, and shortcuts. The Components view is where you design the components for your merge module.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Files, registry data, and shortcuts</td>
<td>Elements that are added to a component to complete the hierarchy, as described above.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advanced settings</td>
<td>Enable you to publish your component, register COM servers, file extension servers, and MIME types. You can also use the component’s advanced settings to create an application paths entry in the registry.</td>
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</table>

Creating a Merge Module Project

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A merge module (or .msm file) contains all of the logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality. For example, many applications require Visual Basic run-time DLLs. Instead of having to include the file in a component and figure out its installation requirements, you can simply attach the Visual Basic Virtual Machine merge module to one of your project’s features.

Merge module properties include the following:

- Product Name
- Product Version
- Language
- INSTALLDIR
You can specify any merge module dependencies and exclusions in the Module Dependencies and Module Exclusions settings in the General Information view.

To create a merge module, start by creating a Merge Module project.

**Task**

To create a Merge Module project:

1. On the **File** menu, click **New**.
2. Click the **Windows Installer** tab.
3. In the box of project types, click **Merge Module Project**.
4. In the **Project Name** box, enter a name for your project.

**Important** • When you create a new Merge Module project, the name that you specify in the New Project dialog box should have 35 characters or fewer. This is because the name that you enter is used with the GUID in the ModuleID field of the ModuleSignature table of your merge module file, and the limit for the object name portion of the ModuleID field is a maximum of 35 characters.

5. In the **Location** box, specify the location where you want to save the project, or click the **Browse** button to navigate to the location.
6. Click **OK**.

**See Also**

- Specifying the Default Destination Folder for a Merge Module
- Selecting the Merge Module Language

**Specifying the Default Destination Folder for a Merge Module**

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The value that you enter for the INSTALLDIR setting in the General Information view serves as the default folder for all of your merge module’s files. That is, its value is assigned to the Windows Installer folder property **INSTALLDIR**, which is the default component destination folder.

If you would like to let the users of your merge module override the default destination directory, enter `[TARGETDIR]` in the INSTALLDIR setting. To learn more, see **Overriding a Merge Module’s Destination**.

**Other Destination Folder Considerations**

Note that each component in your Merge Module project also has a Destination setting. The component’s Destination setting overrides the INSTALLDIR setting in the General Information view. Therefore, if you want all of your merge module’s files to be installed by default to the merge module’s destination folder, enter `[INSTALLDIR]` for all of your components’ Destination settings.
Selecting the Merge Module Language

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The Language setting in the General Information view lets you to select the language for which your module is designed. For example, if your module installs a user interface, specify the language for which that user interface was designed. If the module is run on a machine that does not match your module language setting, it is not installed.

Tip • Select Language Independent to allow your module to run on all languages.

See Also
Merge Module Projects

Adding Dependencies to Merge Modules

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While some merge modules are self-contained, some require other merge modules in order to function properly. For example, your merge module may require the Visual Basic run-time libraries. If this is the case, you need to add that merge module as a dependency to your new merge module.

When adding a file to a merge module, you may encounter a Setup Best Practices violation if the file is contained in another merge module that is stored on your system. If this happens, you should add that merge module as a dependency.

Caution • When you are creating a typical Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, merge modules are automatically added to your project when you add a file that is available within a merge module. When you are creating a merge module and you add a file that is available within another merge module, you will receive a Setup Best Practices alert telling you to set that merge module as a dependency. InstallShield does not create the dependency for your Merge Module project.

Dependency information entered in the General Information view is written to your project’s ModuleDependency table, which you can view using the Direct Editor.

Adding Dependencies from the Redistributables Gallery

A merge module is in your redistributables gallery if it is located in one of the paths that are specified on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box.

Task To add one or more dependencies from the redistributables gallery:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In Module Dependencies setting, click the ellipsis button (…). The Module Dependencies dialog box opens.
3. Select the check boxes of the merge modules that are required for the merge module that you are creating.
4. Click OK.

InstallShield adds the dependency to the grid in the General Information view. You can change the settings for the dependency if necessary.
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Adding Dependencies that Are Not in the Redistributables Gallery

Task

To add a dependency that is not present on your machine:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In Module Dependencies setting, click the Add a new module dependency button.

InstallShield adds the dependency to the grid in the General Information view. Configure each of its settings as needed.

Note • Be careful when entering the value for the Module ID setting, since InstallShield does not check to ensure that it is correct. You will not know if it fails until you try to run the installed program.

Adding Exclusions to Merge Modules

Occasionally you may need to exclude certain merge modules from being associated with the module that you are creating. This may occur because an older version of a module might not be compatible with your new module. As a result, you need to exclude that module from any setup that your new module will be associated with.

Adding Exclusions from the Redistributables Gallery

A merge module is in your redistributables gallery if it is located in one of the paths that are specified on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box.

Task

To add an exclusion from the redistributables gallery:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In Module Exclusions setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Module Exclusions dialog box opens.
3. Select the check boxes of the merge modules that are not compatible with the merge module that you are creating.
4. Click OK.

InstallShield adds the exclusion to the grid in the General Information view. You can change the settings for the exclusion if necessary.

Adding New Exclusions that Are Not in the Redistributables Gallery

Task

To add an exclusion that is not present on your machine:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In Module Exclusions setting, click the Add a new module exclusion button.

InstallShield adds the exclusion to the grid in the General Information view. Configure each of its settings as needed.
Note • Be careful when entering the value for the Module ID setting, since InstallShield does not check to ensure that it is correct. You will not know if it fails until you try to run the installed program.

Publishing a Merge Module to a Repository from Within a Merge Module Project

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If you are designing a merge module that you would like to reuse in Windows Installer–based installations or share with other users, you can publish it to a repository. InstallShield enables you to configure a release for the merge module so that the merge module is published to a repository whenever the release is built.

Task

To configure the settings for publishing a merge module to a repository from within the merge module project:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the release that you would like to configure.
3. Click the Events tab.
4. In the Publish Merge Module setting, select the Publish to repository option.
5. In the Repository Name setting, select the appropriate repository. All of the repositories to which you have access are listed in this setting.
6. In the Display Name setting, specify a name for the merge module that you are publishing to the repository. This name is displayed for the merge module in the Redistributables view.
7. In the Publisher setting, type your name.
8. In the Description setting, type a description of the merge module.

Whenever you build the selected release, InstallShield publishes the merge module to the specified repository.

Merge modules are built into an installation at build time. If you make a change to a repository merge module and then republish it to the repository, any project that has the old version of the repository merge module will be updated the next time that a release of the project’s installation is rebuilt.

See Also
Publishing a Merge Module to a Repository from Within an Installation Project
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
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Project • This information applies to InstallScript Object projects.

InstallShield enables you to create your own InstallShield objects that can be used in any of your installation projects or distributed for use by other installation developers. Objects replace the templates found in earlier versions of InstallShield.

Note • Objects that you create can be used only with InstallShield X or later, InstallShield DevStudio, or InstallShield Professional 6.1 or later.

Creating an object is little different from creating a standard installation project. One difference is the importance of scope. When you create an object, you need to ensure that the object’s scope is optimal for its intended use. The scope of an object affects its usability. If the scope is too narrow, the object may be insufficient for your needs. If the scope is too large, the object may be too cumbersome to be practical.

The following sections describe the steps in the object creation process.

Creating an Object

Currently, there are two ways to create an object. You can create a new InstallScript Object project from the New Project dialog box or convert an existing InstallScript project into an InstallScript object.

Task To convert an existing InstallScript project into an InstallScript object:

1. On the File menu, click Save Project As. A Save As dialog box opens.
2. Select a folder in which to create a copy of the project. Note that you cannot save the new object project in the same folder as the original project.
3. In the File name box, type a name for the new project.
4. In the Save as type list, select InstallScript Object Project (*.ism).
5. Click Save.

An object project file (.ism file) with the name that you specified, and all project subfolders, are created in the location that you specified. That project opens in InstallShield.

Object Design

The purpose of an object is to install a discrete piece of functionality. For example, you may need to install the latest version of DirectX in order for your application to run. Rather than including all the necessary files separately in your installation project, you can include the DirectX object that comes with InstallShield. Imagine if this same object contained, for example, Visual Basic run-time .dll files and MDAC support. The object would be too large for your needs. It would install files that are not needed and would increase the time required for the installation process. Therefore, it is a good idea to streamline your object as much as possible. Do not try to include four different technologies in one object. Instead, create four separate objects.
Objects follow the same structure as traditional installations, with one major difference—objects do not support setup types. The highest level of organization in an object is the feature. Under features fall components. Additionally, objects do not support shell objects. If you would like to create shell objects from an object, you will need to do so via script.

For more information, see Designing Objects.

Building an Object

Building an object is very similar to building an installation project. The easiest way to complete this task is to use the Release Wizard. The main difference between building an object and building an installation project is the fact that you do not need to specify a media type for an object. The wizard enables you to create media in the CD-ROM format only.

For more information, see Building an Object from the User Interface.

Testing Objects

As with any other software endeavor, it is a good idea to test before you release to the public. Testing an object is easy—just create a standard installation project, add your object to it, build it, and run it. If it works as planned, you are ready to include your object in projects. If not, you will need to debug. See Testing and Debugging an Object. (Note that if you have the object project and its associated installation project open in separate instances of InstallShield and you modify and rebuild your object, you must close and reopen the associated installation project to incorporate those modifications.)

Distributing Objects

As used here, distributing an object does not mean including that object in an installation and installing the files from that object on a target machine. Instead, distributing an object refers to creating an installation that will make that object available on other users’ machines for use in their installation projects. Because you do not want to install the logic contained within an object, you cannot just add it to a component as you normally would. To help you register your objects, you can use the InstallShield Object Installer object. When you associate this object with a feature, you will be prompted to select the object from your local gallery that you would like to distribute.

For more information, see Distributing an Object.

Designing Objects

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The design of your object—how components and file groups are arranged—accompanies the actual content of the object, is the single biggest hurdle you need to clear in order to have a stable, usable object.

Several key areas are involved in designing an object. Each is described below.

Object Project Settings

Another difference between standard installation projects and objects lies in the project settings. Tabs for object creation are available on the Project Settings dialog box. On these tabs, you can define the language the object was developed in, the display name of the object, and the icon and help topic associated with the object. You can also choose the kind of wizard interface, if any, that you would like to provide with your object.

For more information, see Designing an Object’s Wizard.
Managing Components

It is important that you take the time to properly divide your project into features. When designing your features, you need to plan for scenarios such as localization and conditional selection of features. For more information, see Designing Features for Objects.

Properties and Methods

Properties and Methods allow your users to interact with your object both during design time and run time. For more information, see Creating a Property and Creating a Method.

Creating a Design-Time Wizard

If you include any properties in your object, it is a good idea to provide a graphical interface so that users of your object can easily set those properties according to their needs. For more information, see Designing an Object’s Wizard.

Creating the Runtime User Interface

Your object can display dialogs to the end users of installations that include the object. For information on creating a run-time user interface for your object and calling that interface from an installation that includes the object, see Creating the Object’s Run-Time User Interface.

Localizing Your Object’s Design Environment

The InstallShield interface is localized into English and Japanese. If you would like your object to be localized to these languages, see Localizing an Object’s Design-Time Environment for more information.

Internationalizing Your Object’s Run-Time Experience

If your application is designed to run in multiple languages, you will need to prepare an internationalized object. Installing language-specific files with an object differs slightly from standard installations. For more information, see Preparing an Object for Internationalization.

Making Your Object Compatible with Installations During Run Time

Your object should support all the operating systems and languages that are supported by any installation that includes the object. For more information, see Making Your Object Compatible with Installations During Run Time.

Designing Features for Objects

It is very important that you design your features well. A haphazard design of features may make it difficult for you to internationalize your object, selectively build files into the object, or conditionally install files. The following sections discuss a few guidelines that will help you accurately and efficiently design the feature layout of your object.
Selectively Installing an Object’s Features

More often than not, you will want to place conditions on the selection of your object’s features. For example, if you are creating an object that installs DCOM, you will want to check if the target system already has DCOM installed. If DCOM is present, reinstalling it would be a waste of time and may cause complications. To allow your object’s features to be conditionally selected without unwanted effects on the project that includes the object, you must design your object according to the following guidelines.

Your object should never select its own features but only deselect them as needed. (An object’s features are selected by default.) If your object selects one or more of its own features, that will cause the feature that includes the object to be selected—even if that feature had previously been deselected by the end user or the project’s internal logic.

However, an object’s deselecting its own features can also potentially cause a problem. The following paragraphs describe the problem and its solution.

Suppose a project has two main features, A and B; B has no subfeatures but contains an object that, in turn, contains a feature, C. The InstallScript engine automatically deselects a feature when all its child features are deselected; so if feature C is not selected, the DCOM object will not be selected. If the DCOM object is not selected, feature B will not be selected. This behavior can cause problems if you have components associated with the main feature, in this case feature B. Because the feature that contains the components is not selected, the components directly associated with it will not be installed.

If you want your component to be selected regardless of whether DCOM is selected, create a “dummy” feature within your object. If feature C is not selected, the dummy feature will still be selected. Since the dummy feature is selected, feature B will also be selected, and its component will be installed.

Installing Language Dependent Files

When developing an installation that targets multiple languages, you often have different language versions of the same file. If these files have a common name, you may encounter problems when InstallShield builds your installation and copies all of the installation files to the release. When the Release Wizard runs, it takes all of the files within a feature and stores them in the same directory on the release. If you have two files with the same name, but in separate components, one of those files will be overwritten if the two components belong to the same feature. To overcome this problem, you will need to create a separate feature for each language that you are targeting. For more information, see Preparing an Object for Internationalization.

Managing Object Files

When you build an object, all of its files are sent to the release in an uncompressed fashion. As a result, objects that contain multiple files with the same name can run into problems. If those files with the same name reside in the same feature, only one of them will end up in the release. The rest of the identically named files will be overwritten by the last one sent to the release.

The main reason you would have files with the same name is for multiple language support. If that is the case, it is recommended that you create a separate feature for each language that you are supporting. For more information, see Preparing an Object for Internationalization.

An additional layer of assurance can be added by defining a CD-ROM folder for every feature. By defining a CD-ROM folder, you are specifying where on the media the files for each feature will be sent. To define a CD-ROM folder, simply navigate to the Features view and enter a name for your folder in the CD-ROM Folder property.
You must define a CD-ROM folder for every feature that contains a file with the same name as any file that the build places uncompressed in the Disk1 image folder (for example, the compiled script file Setup.1nx, or any file that you placed in the Support Files/Billboards views' Advanced Files node's Disk1 subnode).

### Designing an Object’s Wizard

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When you include properties in your object, it is a good idea to provide an interface for the users of your object to modify those properties. InstallShield can create a stock wizard for you based on the properties that you created, or you can create your own wizard using Visual Basic or Visual C++.

**The InstallShield Stock Wizard**

The InstallShield stock wizard is well-suited for in-house use of your object. The stock wizard displays all of your read-only properties and provides an edit field for your read/write properties.

There are a few limitations of the stock wizard that can be overcome by using a custom wizard. For example, the stock wizard cannot be customized to fit your needs. You cannot pick and choose which properties you would like to display, nor can you customize the way the wizard looks. If you would like to create a customized interface for your wizard, you will need to create your own wizard in Visual C++ or Visual Basic. Another drawback of the stock wizard is that it does not provide support for array properties. Although the stock wizard has a few limitations, it is simple to implement and use.

**Custom Wizards**

If you need to provide a more professional look to your wizard, greater functionality, or customized display, you should create your own wizard using Visual C++ or Visual Basic. If you had these applications installed before you ran the InstallShield installation, the functionality to create an InstallShield object wizard will have been added. If you installed either of these programs after you installed InstallShield, you will need to run the InstallShield installation in maintenance mode in order to add the wizard functionality to your Visual Studio application. To create an InstallShield object wizard in Visual C++, click New on the File menu. Then, select InstallShield Object Wizard from the list of project types. In Visual Basic, select InstallShield Object Wizard from the New Project dialog box.

When you create an InstallShield Object Wizard project in Visual C++, a new ATL-MFC based VC wizard framework project will be displayed. In Visual Basic, a template project will be created. Commented code within the each project type shows how to retrieve and save the object properties. For more information, see Custom Object Wizards.

When you are finished creating your wizard, compile it.

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**Note** • When you are distributing an object that has a custom wizard, make sure to include any dependencies for the wizard .dll file in the distribution installation project. Include the required files in a feature that you place above the InstallShield Object Installer feature in the Setup Design or Features view. You can avoid having dependencies by creating a static wizard .dll file.
Specifying Whether to Use the InstallShield Stock Wizard or a Custom Wizard

Task To specify whether you want to use the InstallShield stock wizard or a custom wizard that you have created:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. Do one of the following:
   - If you want to use the stock wizard: In the Object Wizard setting, select Use InstallShield Object Stock Wizard.
   - If you want to use your own custom wizard: In the Object Wizard setting, click the ellipsis button (...). The Browse for My Custom Object Wizard dialog box opens. Select the wizard file that you created for your object.

When you build a release for your project, the object will include the wizard that you specified.

Custom Object Wizards

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To use your own wizard for your object, rather than InstallShield’s predefined stock wizard, you must supply an in-process COM server. This server must implement an IDevWizard interface. This interface is called by InstallShield when the object is first included in a project, and when Modify is selected from the context menu of an already included object in the Objects view’s Features pane. This interface is useful for displaying values of object properties and allowing those values to be changed.

This interface must offer a Display method with two arguments:

- An IDispatch pointer that provides access to the object’s properties.
- A Boolean return value that indicates whether changes should be made to an existing object’s properties or, if there is no existing object, whether a new object should be created.

In C++, this interface is defined as follows:

```cpp
interface IDevWizard : IDispatch
{
    HRESULT Display([in] IDispatch *pObject,
        [out, retval] VARIANT_BOOL* Confirmed);
};
```

The server can also implement an ISetupDesignObjectBuild interface. The InstallShield release builder calls this interface to determine which of the object’s features should be excluded from the build of a project containing the object. (If this interface is not implemented, all of the object’s features are included in the build.)

This interface is useful for excluding from the built project those object features that will never be installed because of selections that the installation author made in the object’s wizard. For example, if your object offers optional support for various drivers, and the project author chooses not to include some of those drivers, the features containing those drivers can be excluded from the built project.

This interface, if implemented, must offer an IsIncluded method with three arguments:

- An IDispatch pointer that provides access to the object’s properties.
- A string value specifying the feature, for example, Feature 1\Subfeature 1A.
- A Boolean return value that indicates whether the component should be included in the build.
In C++, this interface is defined as follows:

```cpp
interface ISetupDesignObjectBuild : IDispatch
{
    HRESULT IsIncluded([in] IDispatch *pObject,
                     [in] BSTR FeaturePath,
                     [out, retval] VARIANT_BOOL* Included);
};
```

**Note** • When you are distributing an object that has a custom wizard, make sure to include any dependencies for the wizard .dll file in the distribution installation project. Include the required files in a feature that you place above the InstallShield Object Installer feature in the Setup Design or Features view. You can avoid having dependencies by creating a static wizard .dll file.

## Localizing an Object’s Design-Time Environment

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For each of the languages in which the InstallShield interface is localized, you can specify a different display name, short name, .htm file, and icon for your object. You perform this localization on the Project Settings dialog box’s Language-Specific Object Properties tab.

The first option on the Language-Specific Object Properties tab is the IDE Language list box. Select the first language you would like to support and, if it is not English, uncheck the Use Default box. Then, fill in the rest of the Language-Specific Object Properties Tab.

If you are only supporting one language, you can close this dialog box. However, if you plan on supporting additional languages, you can select the next language from the list and provide the necessary information for that language.

**Note** • If you create your own wizard, you will need to provide run-time strings in the wizard’s executable file for each language that you are supporting.

## Preparing an Object for Internationalization

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Designing an object that installs different files based on the target machine’s language is similar to designing an installation with the same functionality. One vital difference between objects and standard installation projects makes internationalizing your object slightly more complex than installations. This difference—the fact that the release builder places an object project’s files uncompressed in the disk image—requires you to handle your internationalized files at the feature level. The following sections discuss the steps and strategies required to prepare your object for internationalization.

### Adding Languages to Your Object

If you have the Premier edition of InstallShield, you can associate any of the supported languages with your object through the Language tab of the Project Settings dialog box.
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Designing Language-Specific File Groups

The most important step in creating an internationalized object is separating your language-specific data into components. This process is best illustrated with an example. If you are supporting three languages, English, French, and German, and you would like English to be the default language, you should have a minimum of four components. The first component will be for English-only files. The Language property for this component should be set to English and all the languages that you are not directly supporting. By doing this, you are enabling your object to be installed on any language, not just the three you support. If the target machine is running in a language other than one of your three supported languages, the English files will be installed.

For the French and German components, simply add the French and German files to their respective components. Set the language of the French component to French and set the language of the German component to German.

Finally, add your language-independent files to another component. Mark this component as language independent. The table below should help to illustrate the layout of your four file groups.

Table 6-1 • Sample File Group Layout

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<td>All English-specific files</td>
<td>English + all unsupported languages</td>
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<td>All French-specific files</td>
<td>French</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All German-specific files</td>
<td>German</td>
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<tr>
<td>All language-independent files</td>
<td>Language independent</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Designing Language-Specific Features

If you would like to include language-specific data in your object, you need to create a feature for each of the languages that you are targeting. This step may seem superfluous, since you cannot actually define a feature’s language. However, due to the way files are stored in the disk image, you cannot add components from multiple languages to one feature. When the Release Wizard runs, it takes all the files within a feature and stores them in the same directory on the release. If you have two files with the same name, but in separate components, one of those files will be overwritten if the two components belong to the same feature. To overcome this problem, you will have to make a separate feature for each language that you are targeting. Then, simply add the corresponding components.

Making Your Object Compatible with InstallShield During Run Time

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Your object should support all of the operating systems and languages that are supported by any installation that includes the object. Operating system mismatches could cause the installation to not perform correctly; language mismatches can confuse the installation’s end users. To help avoid such mismatches, do one of the following:

- Add support to your object for all operating systems and languages that are supported by InstallShield. To add operating system support to your object project, go to the General Information view and configure the Platform Filtering setting. To add language support to your object project, see Preparing an Object for Internationalization.
• Include, with the object, documentation that informs installation authors which operating systems and languages are supported. To do this, create an .htm file that contains the necessary information, then on the Project menu, click Settings. Click the Language-Specific Object Properties tab, and specify the .htm file in the HTML Help field.

Properties and Methods

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By definition, properties are used to describe attributes associated with a data structure, and methods are procedures that are executed when an object receives a message.

Throughout InstallShield, you can add, create, and set properties associated with different aspects of your installation. Properties can be useful in object scripts.

Methods, like properties, allow your object to interact with the installation that contains it. Methods, for all practical purposes, are functions. As a matter of fact, the only difference between a method and a function is the fact that a method is declared with the method keyword. Methods allow you to expose your object’s functions to other objects and installations.

Creating a Property

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Properties can be useful in object scripts. In an object script, properties enable your object’s users to change certain settings of your object during either design time through the use of an InstallShield Object Wizard or during run time by passing parameters through script. Common properties include passing error messages from the object to the installation, getting the user name, or any information that your object needs during either run time or design time. For examples of how properties are used, see the inline help for any of the InstallShield objects included in your Objects view.

Note the following details about properties:

• If a Boolean property’s value is set to TRUE, either by the object script or the script of the installation that includes the object, subsequent checks of the property’s value will show the value to be –1 rather than 1.

• You cannot pass a LIST variable between an object and an installation script; you can, however, pass a string array.

Creating a Property

Task

To create a property:

1. Open the InstallScript view.
3. Define your property’s settings.
4. Click OK.

The Add New Property dialog box adds the following to your script:

• A property declaration with the following syntax:

  property(<procedures>) <property data type> <property name> ( );
<procedures> is **get** for a read-only property, **put** for a write-only property, and **get,put** for a read/write property. For example:

```
property(get,put) STRING MyProperty ( );
```

You can specify arguments for your property by adding the arguments’ data types inside the parentheses after the property name. For example:

```
property(get,put) STRING MyProperty ( NUMBER );
```

If you add argument data types to the property declaration, you must add corresponding argument variables to the definitions of the property's procedure functions.

- A declaration of a variable to store the property’s value within the script. For example:

```
STRING m_strMyProperty;
```

If you specify an array property in the Add New Property dialog box (by selecting the Array check box), two variables are declared: a variable of type VARIANT that stores the property’s value and an unsized array variable that is used in the InitProperties function block to initialize the property’s value. For example:

```
STRING arrayMyArrayProperty();
VARIANT m_arrayMyArrayProperty;
```

- A statement, in the InitProperties function block, that initializes the variable that stores the property’s value. For example:

```
m_strMyProperty = "My Default Value";
```

If you specify an array property in the Add New Property dialog box (by selecting the Array check box), the variable that stores the property’s value is assigned the value of an array variable. For example:

```
m_arrayMyArrayProperty = arrayMyArrayProperty;
```

To initialize elements of the array property to non-null or nonzero values, add assignment statements for the array variable’s elements before the statement above. For example:

```
/* Resize the array variable, which is declared with no size. */
Resize ( arrayMyArrayProperty , 3 );

/* Assign values to the array variable's elements. */
arrayMyArrayProperty(0) = "zero";
arrayMyArrayProperty(1) = "one";
arrayMyArrayProperty(2) = "two";

m_arrayMyArrayProperty = arrayMyArrayProperty;
```

- A function call, in the ReadProperties function block, to retrieve the property values stored in the property bag object. This call has the following syntax:

```
<ReadxxxxProperty> ( PropertyBag, "<property name>" , <property value variable> );
```

<ReadxxxxProperty> is the ReadxxxxProperty function that is appropriate to the data type of the property’s value. For example:

```
ReadStringProperty( PropertyBag, "MyProperty", m_strMyProperty );
```

- A function call, in the WriteProperties function block, to save the property values to the property bag object. This call has the following syntax:
<WritexxxxProperty> ( PropertyBag, "<property name>", <property value variable> );

<WritexxxxProperty> is the WritexxxxProperty function that is appropriate to the data type of the property's value. For example:

WriteStringProperty( PropertyBag, "MyProperty", m_strMyProperty );

- A function block or blocks defining the property's procedures—that is, defining the actions that are executed when the property's value is read or written to by a project containing the object or the object's design-time wizard (if any)

A get_<property name> function is defined for a read-only or read/write property; a put_<property name> function is defined for a write-only or read/write property. For example:

function STRING get_MyProperty()
begin
    return m_strMyProperty;
end;

function void put_MyProperty(newVal)
begin
    m_strMyProperty = newVal;
end;

If you specify arguments for your property (by adding the arguments' data types to the property declaration, inside the parentheses after the property name), you must add corresponding argument variables to the definitions of the property's procedure functions. For example:

function STRING get_MyProperty( szAddedArgument )
function void put_MyProperty( szAddedArgument, newVal )

When you are adding arguments to the put_function, place them before the newVal argument. The newVal argument takes the value that is written to the property by an assignment statement in the calling project or by the object's design-time wizard (if any).

Note • The get_ and put_ functions must not be renamed; if they are renamed, your script will not function properly.

Creating a Structure-Valued Property

To create a property whose value is a data structure, add the following to your object script:

- A global declaration of the data structure; for example:
  
  typedef STRUCT
  begin
      NUMBER Mem1;
      NUMBER Mem2;
  end;

- A declaration of a read-only property whose data type is OBJECT. (To write values to the property, you will define a method.) For example:

  property(get) OBJECT StructProp();

Place this declaration in the Properties Section block of the object script.
A declaration of a variable to store the property's value within the object script. For example:

```c
STRUCT m_structStructProp;
```

Place this declaration in the Local Variables Section block of the object script.

A declaration of a method with an argument of the appropriate data type corresponding to each member of the data structure. For the STRUCT structure defined above, the following is an example of an appropriate method declaration:

```c
method NUMBER SetStructProp(NUMBER, NUMBER);
```

Place this declaration in the Methods Section block of the object script.

Statements, in the **InitProperties** function block, that initialize the members of the variable that stores the property's value. For example:

```c
m_structStructProp.Mem1 = 3;
m_structStructProp.Mem2 = 5;
```

Function calls and statements, in the **ReadProperties** function block, to retrieve the property member values stored in the property bag object. The function calls have the following syntax:

```c
<ReadxxxxProperty> ( PropertyBag, "<storage name for member value>", <member value variable> );
```

<ReadxxxxProperty> is the ReadxxxxProperty function that is appropriate to the data type of the property member's value. For example:

```c
ReadNumberProperty(PropertyBag, "StructProp_Mem1", nStructPropMem1);
```

For each such function call, add below it a statement that sets a member of the property variable equal to the value that the function retrieved. For example:

```c
m_structStructProp.Mem1 = nStructPropMem1;
```

Function calls, in the **WriteProperties** function block, to save the property member values to the property bag object. The function calls have the following syntax:

```c
<WritexxxxProperty> ( PropertyBag, "<storage name for member value>", <property variable member> );
```

<WritexxxxProperty> is the WritexxxxProperty function that is appropriate to the data type of the property member's value. For example:

```c
WriteNumberProperty(PropertyBag, "StructProp_Mem1", m_structStructProp.Mem1);
```

A get <property name> function block defining the property's get procedure—that is, defining the actions that are executed when the property's value is read by a project containing the object or by the object's **design-time wizard** (if any). For example:

```c
function OBJECT get_StructProp()
begin
    return m_structStructProp;
end;
```

A function block defining the method that you declared; this method sets the members of the property variable equal to the arguments passed to the method. For example:

```c
function NUMBER SetStructProp( nMem1, nMem2 )
begin
    m_structStructProp.Mem1 = nMem1;
m_structStructProp.Mem2 = nMem2;
```
Passing a String Array Between an Object and an Installation

To pass a string array between an object and an installation:

- Add the following to the object script:
  - A declaration of a read-write property whose data type is variant. For example:
    ```
    property(get, put) variant Test();
    ```
    Place this declaration in the Properties Section block of the object script.
  - Declarations of the necessary variables, including a variable to store the property’s value within the object script:
    ```
    STRING arrayTest();
    variant m_arrayTest;
    ```
    Place these declarations in the Local Variables Section block of the object script.
  - Statements, in the InitProperties function block, that initialize the members of the variable that stores the property’s value. For example:
    ```
    m_arrayTest = arrayTest;
    ```
  - A function call, in the ReadProperties function block, to retrieve the value stored in the property bag object. For example:
    ```
    ReadArrayProperty(PropertyBag, "Test", m_arrayTest);
    ```
  - A function call, in the WriteProperties function block, to save the value to the property bag object. For example:
    ```
    WriteArrayProperty(PropertyBag, "Test", m_arrayTest);
    ```
  - A function block defining the property’s get procedure—that is, defining the actions that are executed when the property’s value is read by a project containing the object or by the object’s design-time wizard (if any). For example:
    ```
    function variant get_Test() begin
        return m_arrayTest;
    end;
    ```
  - A function block defining the property’s put procedure—that is, defining the actions that are executed when the property’s value is written to by a project containing the object or by the object’s design-time wizard (if any). For example:
    ```
    function void put_Test(newVal) begin
        m_arrayTest = newVal;
    end;
    ```
- Add the following to the installation script:
  - In each function block in which you will read a string array from or write it to the object, declarations of an object variable and a string array. For example:
OBJECT oObject;
string szTest(3);

- A call to GetObject to get a reference to the object. For example:

  set oObject = GetObject("Object");
  if (!IsObject(oObject)) then
    MessageBox("Failed to get object reference.", INFORMATION);
    abort;
  endif;

- To set the value of the object's string array property, use code like the following:

  oObject.Test = szTest;

To retrieve the value of the object's string array property, use code like the following:

  szTest = oObject.Test;

**Accessing an Object’s Properties**

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There are two different points in time when your properties can be changed, after you have compiled your object. The first is when your object is added to an installation project. If you provide a wizard interface for your object, its read/write properties can be changed during an installation’s design time. The second way to change a property is during runtime through script. In order to allow the users of your object to access its properties during runtime, you need to document those properties in the object’s help topic. With that documentation, your users should be able to change those properties as needed.

**Accessing a Property from the InstallShield Interface**

When you access an object’s properties from within your installation project, you are actually running portions of that object’s script right in the InstallShield interface. For example, when you associate an object with your installation project, the object’s properties are read with the `get_PropertyName` function that is built into every object containing properties. Alternatively, when you change an object’s properties through the object’s wizard, the `put_PropertyName` function is called, where `PropertyName` is the name of the property that you are changing.

**Accessing a Property Through Script**

To access an object’s properties, you must first get a reference to that object. Then, you need to specify which of the object’s properties you would like to access. The following code illustrates how to return an object’s status property:

```plaintext
function OnBegin()
  /* Declare an object variable to hold a reference to the object. */
  OBJECT oObject;
begin
  /* Get a reference to a custom object named "My Custom Object". */
  set oObject = GetObject("My Custom Object");

  /* Check the Status.Number property. */
  if oObject.Status.Number ¹ OBJ_STATUS_SUCCESS then
    /* Respond to the error as appropriate for your setup. */
    For example, you can display the Status.Description
text and abort the setup. */
    MessageBox (oObject.Status.Description, SEVERE);
```
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When you change a property at run time, that information is not stored for future uses of the installation. For example, if
the installation is later run in maintenance mode, that property will not retain the value it was given during the initial
installation.

If a Boolean property’s value is set to TRUE, either by the object script or the script of the installation that includes the
object, subsequent checks of the property’s value will show the value to be −1 rather than 1.

Tip • If you simply want to retrieve the current status of an object (that is, the current value of Status.Number) in the
InstallScript Object, you can use the GetStatus function. For more information, see GetStatus.

Creating a Method

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Methods, like properties, allow your object to interact with the installation containing it. Methods, for all practical
purposes, are functions. As a matter of fact, the only difference between a method and a function is the fact that a method
is declared with the method keyword. Methods allow you to expose your object’s functions to other objects and setups.

Creating a Method

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<td>In the InstallScript explorer, right-click Methods and click Add New Methods. The Add New Methods dialog box opens.</td>
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<td>Define your method’s settings.</td>
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The Add New Method dialog box adds the following to your object script:

- A method declaration with the following syntax:

```
method <method data type> <method name> (<argument data types>);
```

For example:

```
method STRING MyMethod( NUMBER, BOOL );
```

- A function block defining the method. For example:

```
function STRING MyMethod( /*NUMBER*/ arg1, /*BOOL*/ arg2 )
begin
end;
```
Using Methods

An object’s methods can be accessed only at run time. You can call an object’s methods from within your installation project or from another object. To gain access to an object’s methods, you first need to get a reference to that object. The following code displays the current status description for the object:

```vbscript
Set oObj = GetObject("ATL 3.0")
MessageBox(oObj.Status.Description, INFORMATION);
```

Object Status Properties

Every InstallScript object—whether predefined or user-defined—has the following read-only properties:

- **Status**
- **StatusBase**
- **StatusStruct**

StatusBase and StatusStruct are intended only for advanced users. See the following sections for information on these properties.

**Status**

The Status property is a structure with the following properties as members:

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<td>Status.Number</td>
<td>The numeric object status.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Status.Description</td>
<td>A string describing the object’s status.</td>
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<td>Status.szSource</td>
<td>For an error, the source of the error; typically the name of the object as read from one of the object’s string entries.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Status.szScriptFile</td>
<td>For an error, the name of the script file that was executing when the error occurred.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Status.nScriptLine</td>
<td>For an error, the line of script that was executing when the error occurred.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Status.nScriptError</td>
<td>For an error, the error return code.</td>
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In an object script, you can set these values by calling `SetStatusEx`. When you query the status of an object, by default it first queries the status of its subobjects (if any); if one or more of an object’s subobjects report an error (that is, have a `Status.Number` property that is less than `OBJ_STATUS_SUCCESS`), the value of the first failing object’s status property is returned as the value of the parent object’s status. A user-defined object’s script can override this default behavior by explicitly defining a `get_Status` function (with no arguments).
You can check the value of an object’s `Status.Number` property to determine whether the object can be successfully installed—and, if not, what the cause is—and display the value of `Status.Description` to your end user. You can perform this check at any point in a setup; it is recommended that you at least check for success or failure in the `OnBegin` event handler, as in the following example:

```plaintext
function OnBegin()
    /* Declare an object variable to hold a reference to the object. */
    OBJECT oObject;
    begin
        /* Get a reference to a custom object named "My Custom Object". */
        set oObject = GetObject("My Custom Object");

        /* Check the Status.Number property. */
        if oObject.Status.Number != OBJ_STATUS_SUCCESS then
            /* Respond to the error as appropriate for your setup. */
            /* For example, you can display the Status.Description text and abort the setup. */
            MessageBox ( oObject.Status.Description, SEVERE );
            abort;
        endif;
    end;
```

The following table lists those possible values of `Status.Number` and `Status.Description` that are common to all objects. Some objects also have possible values of these properties that are unique to that object. For lists of those possible values, see the individual object’s help page (by selecting the object in the `Objects` view, or in the `Setup Design` or `Features` view under its associated feature).

**Table 6-3 • Possible Values of Status.Number and Status.Description that Are Common to All Objects**

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<td>OBJ_STATUS_SUCCESS</td>
<td>The operation was successful.</td>
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<td>OBJ_STATUS_OSINVALID</td>
<td>Incorrect target operating system.</td>
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<td>OBJ_STATUS_DISKSPACE</td>
<td>Not enough disk space.</td>
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<td>OBJ_STATUS_LANGUAGECONTROL</td>
<td>Language not Supported.</td>
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<td>OBJ_STATUS_NOTADMINISTRATOR</td>
<td>Administrator rights required.</td>
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The `StatusBase` property is a structure with the same members as the `Status` property. This property is typically used only by objects that have a customized `get_Status` method; except for special cases a setup should not query this property directly, as it could bypass any custom status handling that the object provides.

The `StatusBase` property enables you to use an object’s default status handling, including checking the statuses of the object’s subobjects. If you have created a custom `get_Status` function for your object, you can use the `StatusBase` property within the `get_Status` function to use the default object status handling, as in the following example:

```plaintext
function object get_Status()
    object oThis;
    begin
        // Do some custom handling here.
        // Get a reference to this object.
        set oThis = GetObject( "" );
        // Fail if this is not an object.
        if( !IsObject( oThis ) ) then
            return NULL;
        endif;
        // Return the standard status information.
        return oThis.StatusBase;
    end;
```

### StatusStruct

The `StatusStruct` property is a structure with the same members as the `Status` property. This property is typically used only by objects that have a customized `get_Status` method; except for special cases, an installation should not query this property directly because it could bypass any custom status handling that the object provides.

The `StatusStruct` property allows you to bypass the default object status handling. You can use this property if you want your object to ignore subobject status values, as in the following example:

```plaintext
OBJ_STATUS_FILELOCKED    A required file was locked.
OBJ_STATUS_FILENOTFOUND  File not found.
OBJ_STATUS_FILECOPY      File copy failed.
OBJ_STATUS_FILELAUNCH    Failed to launch file.
OBJ_STATUS_SETLOGDATA    Unable to set data in setup log.
OBJ_STATUS_GETLOGDATA    Unable to get data from setup log.
OBJ_STATUS_INITVARS      Unable to initialize variables.
```

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    object oThis;
begin
    // Get a reference to this object.
    set oThis = GetObject( "" );

    // Fail if this is not an object.
    if( !IsObject( oThis ) ) then
        return NULL;
    endif;

    // Return the status information directly.
    return oThis.StatusProp;
end;

See Also
GetStatus

Creating the Object’s Run-Time User Interface

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Your object can display a dialog sequence to end users of an installation that includes the object. To define this dialog sequence, use the object script’s UI event handlers—OnFirstUIBefore, OnFirstUIAfter, OnMaintUIBefore, and OnMaintUIAfter. (By default, these handlers do not display any dialogs in an object project.)

In a project containing objects with dialog sequences, you have two alternatives for displaying the objects’ dialogs:

- Show all object dialog sequences at one point in the project by calling the ShowObjWizardPages function.
- Show each object’s dialog sequence whenever you choose by calling any or all of the object’s ShowxxxxxUIyyyyy methods (that is, ShowFirstUIBefore, ShowFirstUIAfter, ShowMaintUIBefore, and ShowMaintUIAfter).

The ShowObjWizardPages Function

The ShowObjWizardPages function is called by default in each UI event handler of an InstallScript installation project created with InstallShield X, InstallShield DevStudio, or InstallShield Professional 6.1 or later; you can study the use of this function in the default event handlers as a guideline. Calling ShowObjWizardPages in a project’s UI event handler displays each included object’s corresponding UI code. For example, calling ShowObjWizardPages in a project’s OnFirstUIBefore event handler displays each included object’s OnFirstUIBefore code. The included objects’ UI event handlers are executed in the order in which the objects appear in the project’s Components view.

The end user should be able to advance through the installation’s entire dialog sequence by using the Next and Back buttons. To allow this, do what is done in the default UI event handler code: assign each dialog function’s return value (NEXT or BACK) to the variable nResult, and call ShowObjWizardPages as follows:

\[ nResult = \text{ShowObjWizardPages}(\text{nResult}); \]

The ShowxxxxxUIyyyyy Methods

All user-created objects internally support the methods ShowFirstUIBefore, ShowFirstUIAfter, ShowMaintUIBefore, and ShowMaintUIAfter. When you call an object’s ShowxxxxxUIyyyyy method, the object’s corresponding UI code is executed. For example, the following call executes the object’s OnFirstUIBefore code:

\[ \text{nResult} = \text{oObject.ShowFirstUIBefore}(\text{nResult}); \]
As with the `ShowObjWizardPages` function, enable end-user navigation by assigning each dialog function’s return value to `nResult`, and calling `ShowxxxxxUIyyyyy` methods as in the preceding example.

### Object UI Event Handler Code

Create object UI event handler code by modifying the default code. This default code, although it does not display any dialogs, contains the code structure that is necessary to enable end-user navigation.

- To display a single dialog, place the dialog function call immediately after either the FIRST_DIALOG or the LAST_DIALOG label.
- To display two dialogs, place the first dialog function call immediately after the FIRST_DIALOG label and the last dialog function call immediately after the LAST_DIALOG label.
- To display more than two dialogs, place the first dialog function call immediately after the FIRST_DIALOG label and the last dialog function call immediately after the LAST_DIALOG label. For each intermediate dialog, place the dialog function call in a code block structured like the FIRST_DIALOG and LAST_DIALOG blocks.

In each of the above cases, assign the return value from the dialog function call to the variable `nDirection`.

### Unsupported Features in Objects

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Due to both the purpose and implementation of objects, certain features are not supported when you are creating your object in the InstallShield interface. The following list outlines these unsupported features. For more information on the different design philosophies between objects and installation projects, see Designing Objects.

#### Table 6-4 • Features that Are Not Supported in Objects

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<td>Setup types are not supported in objects. If you are creating an object out of an existing installation project, your setup types will be disregarded.</td>
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<td><strong>Media Types</strong></td>
<td>When creating an object, you do not have any choices as to the type of media that you would like to build. All objects will be built uncompressed with the CD-ROM option.</td>
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<td><strong>Shortcuts and Folders</strong></td>
<td>The Shortcuts view is not supported in objects. In order to create a shortcut or folder within an object, you need to do so from the script with the <code>AddFolderIcon</code>, <code>CreateProgramFolder</code>, or <code>CreateDir</code> function.</td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>Support Files</strong></td>
<td>Where standard installations allow you to specify splash screens; billboards; and language-dependent, language-independent, and advanced files in the Support Files view, objects allow only language-dependent and language-independent files.</td>
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Building an Object

Building an object is essentially the same as building a standard installation. To build your object from the InstallShield user interface, you will need to use the Release Wizard, which prompts you for all the information necessary to build your object.

Building an Object from the User Interface

Building an object is essentially the same as building a standard installation. To build your object, you will need to use the Release Wizard, which prompts you for all the information necessary to build your object. The Release Wizard displays the following panels for object projects:

Table 6-5 • Object-Specific Panels in the Release Wizard

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<td>Specify a Release Panel</td>
<td>Enables you to create a new release or select an existing release.</td>
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<td>General Options Panel</td>
<td>Lets you specify preprocessor variable definitions and advanced release properties.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Modify Property Dialog Box/Release Wizard—Platforms Panel</td>
<td>Lets you select the operating systems that your object supports.</td>
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**Note** • An object must be compiled using the library files Ifxobject.obl and Isrt.obl. These files are automatically referenced by your object project if you created your project by using the New Project dialog box's InstallScript Object project type or the Save As command on the File menu. If you created your object project in some other way, click Settings on the Build menu. Then check the Libraries (.obl) box on the Compile-Link tab to make sure that Ifxobject.obl and Isrt.obl are listed there.

Building an object is essentially the same as building a standard installation. To build your object, you will need to use the Release Wizard, which prompts you for all the information needed to build your object. The Release Wizard displays the following panels for object projects:

Table 6-4 • Features that Are Not Supported in Objects (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Unsupported Feature</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Product Registry Keys</strong></td>
<td><strong>Windows Logo</strong> • When any installation created with InstallShield is run, product registry keys are automatically created on the target machine. The product registry keys, which are created at HKLM\SOFTWARE&lt;Company name&gt;&lt;Product name&gt;&lt;Version&gt; are required for Microsoft Logo compliance. Therefore, if you would like to have these registry keys created, you need to add them yourself.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
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Table 6-5 • Object-Specific Panels in the Release Wizard (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Release Wizard Panel</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Setup Languages Panel</td>
<td>Displayed if more than one language is selected in the Project Settings property sheet’s Language page. Lets you select the languages that your object will support, a default object language, and whether to let end users select the language in which the object runs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Digital Signature Panel</td>
<td>Lets you digitally sign your object. Digitally signing your object assures end users that the code within your object has not been modified or corrupted since publication.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Postbuild Options Panel</td>
<td>Lets you copy disk image folders to a folder or FTP site, or execute a batch file, after the next time you build the release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Release Settings Summary Panel</td>
<td>Displays a summary of release information.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • When you build an object, that object is automatically added to the Objects view and can be used in any installation that you create from that point on. If a previous version of that object already exists in the gallery, it will be overwritten with the newly built object. If you build more than one media, the latest media will be copied to your Objects view.

See Also
Settings Dialog Box

Compiling and Building an Object from the Command Line

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Compiling and building an object from the command line is handled in an identical fashion to compiling and building an installation from the command line. To learn how to compile and build your object from the command line, see Using ISCmdBld.exe to Build a Release from the Command Line.

See Also
ISCmdBld.exe
Command-Line Compiler

Testing and Debugging an Object

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Testing your object is similar to testing a standard installation. The main difference lies in the fact that you must include your object in a standard installation in order to test it. This means you must first build your object, include it in an installation project, and then build and run the installation project. The following methods of debugging are available to you when developing your object.
Note • If you have the object project and its associated installation project open in separate instances of InstallShield and you modify and rebuild your object, you must close and reopen the associated installation project to incorporate those modifications.

Script Debugger

The Script Debugger enables you to step through the code of your installation as it runs. To debug an object with the Script Debugger, you must include that object in a standard installation project, compile, and debug. Alternatively, you could design your object as a standard installation, test and debug it, and then convert it to an object through the following procedure.

Task To convert an object:

1. On the File menu, click Save As. The Save As dialog box opens.
2. Select a folder in which to create a copy of the project. Note that you cannot save the new object project in the same folder as the original project.
3. In the File name box, type a name for the new project.
4. In the Save as type list, select InstallScript Object Project (*.ism).
5. Click Save.

An object project file (.ism file) with the name that you specified, and all project subfolders, are created in the location that you specified. That project opens in InstallShield.

For additional information, see InstallScript Debugger.

Note • When you are designing your object as a standard installation with the intent to later convert it to an object, be aware of the following restrictions:

- An object cannot contain setup types; any setup types that you define or setup type functions that you call in the project are ignored when it is converted to an object project.
- There are a number of functions and events that are not supported in objects.
- All information on built media will be lost when the project is converted; you will need to rebuild the project.

Debugging an Object on Another Machine

Generate inline debugging information is an option on the Build Settings dialog box’s Compile/Link tab. It enables you to debug your object on a machine other than the machine on which the object was created. If you do not use this option, debugging information is placed in a file named Setup.dbg, and its location is stored in the header of Setup.1nx. This scheme works fine if you debug the script on the same machine on which you did the compilation. However, on a different machine, the .dbg file may not be stored in the same location. The Generate inline debugging information option was designed to alleviate this problem. If you use this option, all debugging information is stored in Setup.1nx. This way, the installation never needs to search for the debugging information.
It is recommended, for two reasons, that you clear the Generate inline debugging information option before compiling the Setup.inx file that you ship with your final product. First, the debugging information increases the size of Setup.inx and may cause the installation to run more slowly. Second, inline debugging information will make it easier for others to reverse engineer your code.

**Using the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer**

Use the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer to do the following:

- View an InstallScript cabinet file (.cab) or InstallScript header file (.hdr), as well as their compressed files, registry entries, components, features, and other data. This tool also lets you extract files from the .cab file.
- View InstallScript log files (.ilg) that are created by InstallScript installations. This tool enables you to see what your installation has recorded in the log file, which contains important uninstallation information in a binary format.

To learn more, see InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer.

**Debugging a Custom Design-Time Wizard**

If you have created a custom design-time wizard for your object, you may need to debug that wizard.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To debug the wizard, do the following:</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>From within your development environment, launch a debug version of the wizard, setting breakpoints as desired.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the InstallShield interface, insert the object in a feature of another project to launch the object’s wizard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>If your development environment is Microsoft Visual Basic, you must also do the following:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a.</td>
<td>Minimize the interface. A Server Busy message box opens. (You may need to click the title bar’s minimize button a few times before the message box opens.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b.</td>
<td>In the Server Busy message box, click the Switch To button or press ENTER.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Distributing an Object**

The major advantage of objects is the fact that anyone creating an InstallShield installation can include your object in their installation with a minimal amount of work, as long as your object is installed and registered on their machine. The easiest way to register an object is to use the InstallShield Object Installer. This object enables you to package the object that you would like to distribute, and it will register that object on the target machine, if InstallShield X or later, InstallShield DevStudio, or InstallShield Professional 6.1 or later is present.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To add the InstallShield Object Installer to your installation:</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Open the Objects view. The InstallShield Objects/Merge Modules pane lists all of the available objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Features pane, select the feature to which you want to add the InstallShield Object Installer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Right-click InstallShield Object Installer and click Add to selected feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

An associated wizard appears to guide you through the customization process.
Object Scripts

InstallShield enables you to extend object support by defining additional functions and constants that are not supported in object projects by adding scripts in the InstallScript view. Essentially, you can write scripts that enhance the functionality supported by the InstallShield interface.

Functions Not Supported in Object Projects

The following is a list of InstallScript functions that are not supported in object projects.

- OnFileReadOnly
- OnRemovingSharedFile
- OnFileLocked
- OnNextDisk
- OnMD5Error
- OnFileError
- OnComponentError
- SdSetupType
- SdSetupTypeEx
- SetupType
- ComponentSetupTypeSet
- ComponentSetupTypeEnum
- ComponentSetupTypeGetData

Constants Not Supported in Object Projects

The following is a list of InstallScript constants that are not supported in object projects.

- IFX_ONNEXTDISK
- IFX_ONNEXTDISK_MSG
- IFX_MAINTUI_MSG

Note • The object that you would like to distribute must be present in your InstallShield Object Gallery. If it is not present, you need to register that object. To learn how, see Registering Objects in InstallScript Projects.
Functions Supported Only in Object Projects

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The following is a list of InstallScript functions supported only in object projects.

- SetStatus
- WizardDirection

Adding a ScriptDefinedVar Property to Your Object

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Several of the objects included in InstallShield have a ScriptDefinedVar property. This property enables you to set at run time the value of a script-defined variable that you used to define a path (for example, `<MYSERVICEFOLDER>` at design time. For example, main script code like the following lets the end user specify the value of `<MYSERVICEFOLDER>`:

```/* Get a reference to the object that is named "New Custom Object 1" in the Components pane. */
set oObj = GetObject("New Custom Object 1");

/* Get folder selection from end user. */
svDir = TARGETDIR;
AskDestPath ( "", "Specify folder for service files:" ,
svDir , 0 );

/* Tell the object the desired value of <MYSERVICEFOLDER>. */
oObj.ScriptDefinedVar("<MYSERVICEFOLDER>") = svDir;```

To include the ScriptDefinedVar property in your object script:

1. Open the InstallScript view.
3. Make the following entries:
   c. In the Property Name box, type the following:
      ScriptDefinedVar
   d. In the Data Type list, select String (since you will be writing string data to the property).
   e. In the Access Method list, select Read/Write. (You can select Write Only instead if you are certain users of the object will never want to check the current value of the property from their main script.)
4. Click OK to close the dialog box and automatically add all the necessary code to your object script.

5. Make the following changes to the property script code that was automatically added:

   a. Open the InstallScript view.

   b. In the InstallScript explorer, under Properties, double-click ScriptDefinedVar to move the script editor pane's insertion point to the ScriptDefinedVar declaration. Add a string parameter to the declaration—that is, change the declaration from this:

   property(get,put) STRING ScriptDefinedVar();

   to this:

   property(get,put) STRING ScriptDefinedVar( STRING );

   c. In the InstallScript explorer, under Functions, double-click get_ScriptDefinedVar to move the script editor pane's insertion point to the get_ScriptDefinedVar function block. Find the following function block:

   function STRING get_ScriptDefinedVar()
   begin
     return m_strScriptDefinedVar;
   end;

   Change it to this:

   function STRING get_ScriptDefinedVar( szScriptVar ) /* Add string argument. */
   begin
     return TextSub.Value( szScriptVar ); /* Get value associated with szScriptVar. */
   end;

   d. In the InstallScript explorer, under Functions, double-click put_ScriptDefinedVar to move the script editor pane's insertion point to the put_ScriptDefinedVar function block. Find the following function block:

   function void put_ScriptDefinedVar(newVal)
   begin
     m_strScriptDefinedVar = newVal;
   end;

   Change it to this:

   function void put_ScriptDefinedVar( szScriptVar, newVal ) /* Add string argument. */
   begin
     TextSub.Value( szScriptVar ) = newVal; /* Associate newVal with szScriptVar. */
   end;

Using System Variables in Objects

System variables are predefined variables that contain information such as the source path, the target path, the Windows folder, and the Windows system folder. You cannot declare these variables in your script. InstallShield automatically initializes system variables when the installation process begins.

Although you can change and initialize system variables within objects, it is not recommended. When you change a system variable in an object, that change will affect the entire installation. For example, if your object initializes TARGETDIR to a specific value, that value will override what was previously set in the installation project. Therefore, the entire installation will be installed to the directory specified in the object, and not the directory specified by the installation developer.
You may decide to define one of your object’s components’ Destination properties in terms of a script-defined variable. If you do, users of your object will need to ensure that the value of the script-defined variable is set before they call `ComponentCompareSizeRequired` in their script; otherwise, the function will report insufficient disk space. You can provide the ability to set the value of the script-defined variable in one or both of the following ways:

- A write-only or read/write object property whose `put_` function calls `ComponentSetTarget`, for example:

  ```pascal
  function VOID put_SetTargetDest ( szScriptVar , szValue )
  begin
    ComponentSetTarget ( MEDIA , szScriptVar , szValue );
  end;
  ```

- An end-user dialog displayed by the object’s `OnFirstUIBefore` event handler.
Modularizing Installation Projects to Distribute Development Work and Enable Reuse

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The developer installation manifest (DIM) support in InstallShield is targeted toward engineering teams who want to foster collaboration, enable distributed installation development, and maximize efficiency in their organizations. A DIM is a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete, logically separated portion of a product installation. Some benefits of using DIMs are as follows:

- Working with DIMs enables multiple team members to contribute to the development of the installation simultaneously. Each software developer or other team member can work on a separate DIM that the release engineer can reference in one or more installation projects.
- Release engineers can reuse DIMs in multiple installation projects, enabling efficiency.
- DIMs include support for virtually the same functionality that is available in Basic MSI projects. This gives authors of DIMs all of the flexibility that they need to develop their portions of an installation.

This section of the documentation explains how to work with a DIM project in InstallShield.

See Also
Including DIMs in a Project

Specifying Installation Information for a DIM

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Project • This information applies to DIM projects.

InstallShield stores your project settings in a single project file (.dim). This file contains all of the information about your DIM project. In the General Information view, you can edit basic information about your DIM—including the author’s name, internal notes about the project, and any instructions that you want to include for release engineers to consider when they are including the DIM in installation projects.
Saving a DIM Project File in XML or Binary Format

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This information applies to DIM projects.

InstallShield lets you save your DIM project file (.dim) in XML or binary format.

**Task**

1. In the View List under *Installation Information*, click *General Information*.
2. In *Project File Format* setting, select the appropriate option. Available options are:
   - **Binary**—To save the project file as a database file, select this option. This format is best for the speed of opening and saving the project file.
   - **XML**—To save the project file as a hierarchical text-based format, select this option. This project file format is best for use with source code control systems.

**Note**

Your DIM project file (.dim) retains the .ism file extension when you save it in XML or binary format.

See Also

General Information View

Specifying the Default Destination Folder for a DIM

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This information applies to DIM projects.

The value that you enter for the INSTALLDIR setting in the General Information view serves as the default folder for all of your DIM’s files. That is, its value is assigned to the Windows Installer folder property INSTALLDIR, which is the default destination folder. In an installation project, this typically evaluates as follows:

```
[ProgramFilesFolder]\My Company Name\My Product Name
```

If you would like to let the users of your DIM override the default destination, enter `[TARGETDIR]` in the INSTALLDIR setting. To learn more, see [Overriding the Destination for a DIM Reference](#).

See Also

- Setting the Default Product Destination Folder (INSTALLDIR)
- General Information View
Using Path Variables in a DIM

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Project • This information applies to DIM projects.

When you add product files to a DIM project, InstallShield creates a path variable to use as the source of the product files by default. A path variable is a variable that InstallShield uses to represent a directory that contains a project’s source files. Note that InstallShield uses path variables at design time and build time; path variables are not available or used at run time when the installation is running on end users’ machines.

A general advantage of using path variables instead of hard-coded paths is that if the source files are moved to a different directory on the development system, you need to change only the value of the path variable. That is, you do not need to update each hard-coded path to all of your source files.

Using path variables in DIM projects can help to simplify source file management, especially if the DIM project is located on a different machine than the Basic MSI projects that will include the DIM project.

Path variables can also be helpful if you use source code control to store all of your code and InstallShield project files, and if you have build machines that obtain the appropriate files from source code control, compile the code, and build the installations. In this type of scenario, different release engineers and developers may use different local working directories for obtaining the latest files from source control. Using path variables to define the locations helps to minimize the issues that occur with different source locations.

Predefined Path Variables in DIM Projects

Following is a list of predefined path variables, as well as their typical values, in a DIM project.

Table 7-1 • Predefined Path Variables in a DIM Project

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Predefined Path Variable</th>
<th>Typical Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CommonFilesFolder</td>
<td>C:\Program Files\Common Files\</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISProductFolder</td>
<td>C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISProjectDataFolder.DIM_GUID</td>
<td>&lt;ISProjectFolder&gt;\ProjectName\</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISProjectFolder.DIM_GUID</td>
<td>C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISRedistPlatformDependentExpressFolder</td>
<td>C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Redist\Language Independent\i386 Express</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder</td>
<td>C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Redist\Language Independent\i386</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProgramFilesFolder</td>
<td>C:\Program Files\</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SystemFolder</td>
<td>C:\Windows\System32\</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
In both cases where the path variable name contains \texttt{DIM\_GUID}, \texttt{DIM\_GUID} is the identifier that is defined in the DIM GUID setting of the General Information view of the DIM project. Following are sample path variables in a DIM project:

- \texttt{ISProjectDataFolder.8356F8B7\_8DE5\_4E04\_A77A\_6FA722CBE1CC}
- \texttt{ISProjectFolder.8356F8B7\_8DE5\_4E04\_A77A\_6FA722CBE1CC}
- \texttt{MyNewPathVariable.8356F8B7\_8DE5\_4E04\_A77A\_6FA722CBE1CC}

The GUIDs help to identify the applicable path variables as originating in the DIM project. They also help to minimize or eliminate conflicts that would occur if the same path variable is used in a DIM project and also in a Basic MSI project that contains that DIM, and if different values are assigned to those two path variables.

The path variable names that do not include GUIDs—such as \texttt{SystemFolder} and \texttt{WindowsFolder}—are not specific to the project that is open in InstallShield, and they are available on all machines. The values of these types of path variables may vary depending on the operating system. For example, on a 32-bit machine, the value of \texttt{ProgramFilesFolder} may be \texttt{C:\Program Files\}. On a 64-bit machine, it may be \texttt{C:\Program Files (x86)\}.

### Syntax for Referencing Path Variables

When a path variable is used in InstallShield, the path variable is enclosed in angle brackets—for example:

\begin{verbatim}
<ISProjectDataFolder.8356F8B7_8DE5_4E04_A77A_6FA722CBE1CC>
\end{verbatim}

In some cases, you may want to define a path variable so that it is relative to a different path variable. For example, you may create a standard path variable called \texttt{MySourceFiles}. You may also want to use a different path variable called \texttt{BinFiles} to define a path to a Bin folder inside that \texttt{MySourceFiles} directory. When you enter the relative path variable in the Defined Value column for \texttt{BinFiles} variable, you must surround the base path variable name with angle brackets. Thus, the Defined Value column for the \texttt{BinFiles} variable would be:

\begin{verbatim}
<MySourceFiles>\Bin
\end{verbatim}

If the value of \texttt{MySourceFiles} is \texttt{C:\CheckoutRoot\}, the value of BinFiles is \texttt{C:\CheckoutRoot\Bin\}.

### Sample Path Variable Scenarios

If you work in an environment where you create and edit InstallShield projects on one or more machines but you build your installations on other machines, you may need to plan how you want to use path variables in your projects. Otherwise, when you build your installations in InstallShield, you may encounter build errors because of missing files, or the wrong files may be included in your builds.

The following examples illustrate different ways of using path variables in InstallShield projects. The method that is described in example 3 is the easiest one to use.
Example 1: Overriding the Values of DIM Path Variables in the Basic MSI Projects that Contain the DIMs

The following table shows examples of how one predefined path variable and several standard path variables are used in a DIM project.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Defined Value</th>
<th>Current Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISProjectFolder.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666</td>
<td>(This is a predefined path variable for the folder that contains the InstallShield project file. Its value cannot be manually defined.)</td>
<td>C:\Source\Units\Utility\</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHECKOUT_ROOT.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666</td>
<td>C:\Source</td>
<td>C:\Source</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PATH_TO_RELEASE_FILES.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666</td>
<td>&lt;CHECKOUT_ROOT.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666&gt;\SpellLib\Bin\Release</td>
<td>C:\Source\SpellLib\Bin\Release</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PATH_TO_DICTIONARIES.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666</td>
<td>&lt;CHECKOUT_ROOT.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666&gt;\Dictionaries</td>
<td>C:\Source\Dictionaries</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In this example, the author of the DIM project assigned the path variable CHECKOUT_ROOT.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666 to his source root folder—the working directory on his machine where he checks out files from source control—C:\Source. Path variables for other folders that contain source files are defined relative to the source root path variable.

If the release engineer uses a different working directory location on a build machine, it may be necessary to override the value of this path variable when building a Basic MSI installation for a project that includes the DIM. Therefore, the release engineer can set a new value for the source root path variable by passing the -l parameter to ISCmdBld.exe when building the installation from the command line. Since the other path variable values are defined by using the source root path variable, the values of those other path variables are updated accordingly.

Note that using this method may be tedious and error prone, especially if you are building an installation for a Basic MSI project that includes several DIM projects, each with their own path variables that need to be overridden.

Example 2: Changing the Values of the DIM Path Variables According to the Build Environment

If the source root paths on the DIM development machine do not match the corresponding paths on the Basic MSI build machine, you can open the DIM directly and update the values of the path variables as needed. To learn how to open the DIM project from within the open Basic MSI project, see Opening a Referenced DIM Project from Within an Installation Project.

This method may not be optimal if you are trying to deliver daily builds to your testing team and you are still making changes to the DIM projects.
Example 3: Using Path Variables that Are Relative to a Predefined Path Variable Such as ISProjectFolder.DIM_GUID

The easiest way to manage path variables in DIM projects is to always store source files in a path that is relative to a predefined path variable such as **ISProjectFolder.DIM_GUID**. The following table illustrates how you can do this.

**Table 7-3 • Example 3 Path Variables in a DIM Project**

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<td>On a development machine, the current value may be: C:\Source\Units\Utility\ On the build machine, the current value may be: C:\BuildWorkspace\Source\Units\Utility\</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHECKOUT_ROOT.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666</td>
<td>&lt;ISProjectFolder.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666&gt;...</td>
<td>On a development machine, the current value may be: C:\Source On the build machine, the current value may be: C:\BuildWorkspace\Source</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PATH_TO_RELEASE_FILES.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666</td>
<td>&lt;CHECKOUT_ROOT.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666&gt;SpellLib\Bin\Release</td>
<td>On a development machine, the current value may be: C:\Source\SpellLib\Bin\Release On the build machine, the current value may be: C:\BuildWorkspace\Source\SpellLib\Bin\Release</td>
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<td>PATH_TO_DICTIONARIES.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666</td>
<td>&lt;CHECKOUT_ROOT.4E846FD3_5307_4CF5_9FF1_C476E5505666&gt;Dictionaries</td>
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Using the predefined project folder path variable for the value of the checkout root path variable, and then using the checkout root path variable for the other path variable values, makes the InstallShield project and all of its source files portable from one machine to another.

See Also
Using Path Variables
Path Variables View

Organizing Files for a DIM

In a DIM project, files are organized in a hierarchy. You add the files for your portion of the installation to components. When you include a DIM in a Basic MSI project, you are adding the DIM’s components to one or more features in that Basic MSI project. When end users run your Basic MSI installation, they can select which features they want to install, if you allow them to selectively include and exclude features.

When you are adding files to components in DIM projects, you should be aware of Setup Best Practices. By default, the Setup Best Practices Wizard monitors your DIM design and alerts you if you have violated Best Practices.

To learn more about organizing your files, see the following areas of the documentation:

- Including Files and Folders
- Using Components
- Setup Best Practices

See Also
Component Key Files

Configuring the Target System for a DIM

Every installation changes the target system in some way. The simplest installations might only copy files. More in-depth installations make registry changes, edit .ini files, create shortcuts, configure ODBC resources, use environment variables, modify XML files, and modify text files. For more information on how to include these sorts of configuration changes in a DIM project, see the following areas of the documentation:

- Creating Shortcuts and Program Folders
- Editing the Registry
- Changing .ini File Data
- Configuring ODBC Resources
Customizing Installation Behavior for a DIM

An important aspect of creating an installation is customizing it for your end users' needs. For example, you may find it useful to create custom actions to add support for something not directly supported by Windows Installer. In addition, you may want to search for installed data on the target system; depending on the results of the search, the installation can proceed as appropriate. Windows Installer properties allow you to set project-wide values for use in your project. For more information on how to customize the installation behavior for a DIM project, see the following areas of the documentation:

- Using Custom Actions
- Searching for Installed Data
- Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties

Configuring Servers for a DIM

When you are creating a DIM project, you may find it necessary to provide server-side support for some technology that will be installed on a target system. InstallShield provides support for creating and managing Internet Information Services (IIS) Web sites, managing and organizing SQL scripts by server connections and settings, and managing COM+ applications and components. For more information on how to configure servers for a DIM project, see the following areas of the documentation:

- Configuring SQL Support
- Managing COM+ Applications and Components
- Managing Internet Information Services
Installing upgrades for applications is a much more common operation than installing the original release of an application. This makes creating effective, reliable upgrades a very important task.

“Updating Applications” provides solid background information on the different types of upgrades and also clears up common misconceptions about patching. It helps you determine the best upgrade solution for your product and guides you through the steps of creating upgrades, patches, QuickPatch projects, differential releases, and full releases. In addition, this section explains how you can use FlexNet Connect to notify end users that a new version of your product is ready for release.

Upgrades Overview

The cost of maintaining software applications is often more expensive than the cost of original development. This makes creating effective, reliable upgrades an important task. Being able to distribute robust upgrades for an application depends on how the original installation package was structured and distributed. This help topic will provide a basic foundation for creating robust upgrade packages.

Upgrade Methods for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

Windows Installer provides different methods for implementing three different upgrade types: small update, minor upgrade, and major upgrade. Upgrades can be packaged as either a full installation or a patch. A patch is simply another mechanism for implementing a type of upgrade. With a patch, however, you deliver to your customers only the bits required to change an installed file into a new file, unlike a full release.

Upgrade Methods for MSI Database and Transform Projects

MSI Database and Transform projects support Windows Installer major upgrades.
Upgrade Methods for InstallScript Projects

When working with InstallScript installations, you can update an application with either a full release package or differential release. Various considerations such as file size and the presence of files from any previous release must be considered in determining the best upgrade method.

Note • If you used a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than 6.0 to create media for an InstallScript project, the media cannot be updated.

See Also
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
Working with Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Projects
Working with Differential and Full Releases
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

Major Upgrades

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

In a major upgrade, the product changes are large enough to merit changes to both the product version number and the product code, as well as the package code. An example is updating version 1.2 of a product to 2.0. A major upgrade acts like a first-time installation if an earlier version is not present. If an earlier version is present, a major upgrade typically uninstalls the earlier version and then installs the new version. It is also possible to have a major upgrade first install over the earlier version and then remove any unused files. This method is more efficient, but strict component-authoring rules must be followed.

How Major Upgrades Work

As the Windows Installer help implies, you must change the product code for the latest version of your installation in order to perform a major upgrade.

Note • You can set the product code for your installation in the General Information view. It does not matter what the new product code is, as long as it is unique.

By virtue of having a unique product code, your latest installation will have its own independent registration with the Windows Installer service on end users’ machines. This means that unless some other step is taken, the Windows Installer installs the latest version of your product independently of any of the previous versions. This may be okay if the two versions of your product can coexist on the same machine, but then that would not be an upgrade. Therefore, for the sake of this discussion, it is assumed that two versions should not coexist on the same machine.
Once you update the product code for your latest installation, you need to use the Upgrades view to specify information for any previous version or versions that you want to upgrade.

For more information about what is involved in creating a major upgrade, see Creating Major Upgrades.

**Major Upgrades at Run Time**

When an earlier version of the product is not available on the target machine and the end user runs a major upgrade, the installation behaves as a first-time installation.

If an earlier version of the product does exist on the target machine and the end user runs a major upgrade, they encounter almost the exact same installation experience as if they were to install the latest application on a clean target machine. The difference is that before installing its new resources, the installation typically uninstalls the earlier version from the target machine. This removal is reflected in the progress bar of the Setup Progress dialog, which gives end users the ability to see the progress of the uninstallation. After the removal of the previous installation has completed, the resources from the latest installation are then installed onto the target machine.

This type of upgrade is a complete uninstallation and then reinstallation of all of the resources associated with your application. Therefore, any data for your application that has been configured by the end user may be completely deleted from the end user’s machine. If you need to retain some of the end-user data, create a custom action that backs up this data and then replaces it after the installation of new data has completed.

**See Also**

- Configuring InstallShield to Automatically Determine the Upgrade Type
- Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
- Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update
- Packaging Options for Upgrades
- Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

**Minor Upgrades**

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*Project:* This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

A minor upgrade is a change to the product database and files large enough to merit a change to the ProductVersion property but not to the ProductCode property. In other words, both the package code and the product version number are different than those in the earlier installation package, but the product code of the minor upgrade does not change. An example is updating version 1.1 of a product to version 1.2. Minor upgrades usually do not have significant changes to the installation organization between versions. A minor upgrade packaged as a full installation acts like a first-time installation if an earlier version is not present, or it installs over an existing installation of a product. Essentially for an upgrade of an existing installation, a minor upgrade installs the differences between your version 1.2 and 1.1 application.

*Tip:* You can modify the product version for your upgrade in the General Information view.
Small Updates

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

In essence, a small update is a type of upgrade used to modify a few files for an installed application; it typically delivers small bug fixes. A small update consists of product changes (such as hotfixes) so small that no change to the product version is necessary or desired. A package code change is required for a small update.

A drawback to small updates installed with versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.0 is that external programs, including installers for later versions of your product, cannot distinguish between the original version and the updated version. In addition, Windows Installer versions earlier than 3.0 cannot enforce the correct order in which small updates should be applied.

See Also

Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update
Creating Small Updates
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

Patching

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Patching is a streamlined mechanism for updating earlier versions of a Windows Installer installation package, thereby updating the application. With a patch, you deliver to your customers only the bits required to change an installed file into a new file. One benefit of a patch is that the size of the upgrade package can be significantly smaller than the full-installation package required to deliver the same upgrade. Keeping an upgrade package as small as possible allows you to more easily deliver your upgrades over the Internet.

However, you should note that a patch may not always present the best solution. For example, if you want to change your installation from compressed to uncompressed, or vice versa, you should package your upgrade as a full installation, but not as a patch. To learn more about determining the best packaging option for your upgrade, see Packaging Options for Upgrades.
A patch is delivered in the form of a patch package (.msp) file, which your end user can apply to an installed product. A patch package is capable of updating as many earlier versions of an installation package as required. A patch package contains separate transforms and instructions for updating each previous version that you specify.

An important aspect of patch creation is generating a patch creation properties (.pcp) file, which defines the parameters on which the patch package is to be created. The .pcp file is a database that has a specific schema, but you can open it and edit it directly with InstallShield or Orca.

The Patch Design view provides an easy-to-use interface to simplify the patch creation process. This view groups together all the logical considerations you will need to make in patch creation.

See Also
Creating and Applying Patches
Patching Considerations
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
Patch Design View

QuickPatch Projects
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Project • You can create a QuickPatch to update an earlier version of your product only if the earlier version was installed using Windows Installer. The installation for the earlier version of your product must have been created with one of the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

A QuickPatch project is a specific type of project recommended for installation authors who want to ship small, single updates to their users. Changes that are more extensive such as adding custom actions and changing .ini data typically require a standard patch.

QuickPatch authoring provides a simple alternative to creating a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, even though it provides less customization. Fundamentally, both patch creation methods produce the same deliverable types: .msp and .exe files.

With a QuickPatch, you can do any of the following:

- Add new files to the original installation or an earlier QuickPatch.
- Delete files in the original installation.
- Delete files that were added with an earlier QuickPatch.
- Perform the same set of above operations on registry entries.
- Remove custom actions that were included with the original installation but that do not apply to the current QuickPatch project.

The creation of a QuickPatch project always begins with the Create New QuickPatch Wizard. After you have completed the wizard, you can configure project settings once the QuickPatch project opens in InstallShield.
Differential Releases

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**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

In an InstallScript project, you can define and build a differential release—that is, a release that contains the files that are absent from—and/or have a different date, time, size, or attribute than the version in—one or more of a specified set of existing releases. A differential release is used to update the versions of your product that were installed by those existing releases. This type of upgrade also includes all of the maintenance/uninstallation feature’s files. The new versions of `Data1.hdr`, `Data1.cab`, and `Layout.bin` do not overwrite the existing versions but are placed in a new folder.

**Note** • Since a differential release consists of only the changed files between the specified existing media and the new media, installing a differential release on a system that does not have a specified earlier version of the product would most likely not produce a valid application. To update a system that does not have an earlier version of the product, create a full release.

**Files Included in a Differential Release**

When you define a differential release, you specify one or more existing releases to which the current project should be compared when new differential release is created. You specify these existing releases in the Update panel of the Release Wizard. A file in the current project is included in the differential release if any of the following are true:

- The file is absent from—or has a different date, time, size, or attribute than the copy in—at least one of the specified comparison releases.
- The file is in a component whose Difference property is set to Include Always.
- The file is in a component that is absent from at least one of the specified comparison releases.
- The file is in a component whose name is different in at least one of the specified comparison releases.
- The file is in a component whose Destination, Languages, or Operating Systems properties are different in at least one of the specified comparison releases.
- The file is in a component that is associated with a feature whose name or path within the feature hierarchy is different in at least one of the specified comparison releases.

**Installing a Differential Release**

When an installation initializes and the ADDREMOVE system variable is nonzero, the installation automatically attempts to initialize any differential releases that have been installed with the same product code. The installation enumerates all subfolders of the DISK1TARGET folder and searches these subfolders for differential releases; a differential release is found and loaded if all of the following conditions are met:
The subfolder contains a Data1.hdr file that is a valid InstallShield X or later, InstallShield DevStudio 9, or InstallShield Professional 6 or later Data1.hdr file for a differential release.

- The product code stored in the header file matches the product code of the installation.
- The product version of the differential release is newer than the product version of the installation.

See Also
Working with Differential and Full Releases
Differential vs. Full Releases
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution

Full Releases
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

With an InstallScript project, you can define and build a full release for an upgrade. A full release includes all of the files linked into the installation project. By default, this type of release behaves as a first-time installation if an earlier version of the product is not already present on the target system. It also is capable of installing over an earlier version and replacing that version completely.

When you create a full release to update one or more earlier versions of a product, you must specify whether the release is version specific or non-version specific:

- **Non-version specific**—This is the default option. A non-version-specific full release can be installed on a system that does not have an earlier version of the product. It can also update any earlier version of the product.

- **Version specific**—A version-specific full release updates only the versions that you specify should be updated. If you set your full release to be version specific but you do not also specify version numbers, the update can be applied to any earlier version of your product.

See Also
Working with Differential and Full Releases
Differential vs. Full Releases
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution

Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
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The methods used to create an upgrade for a product depend on how the original installation package was developed. If the original installation was created with a Windows Installer–based project, you will essentially create a major upgrade, a minor upgrade, or a small update to update your product. If the original installation was created with an InstallScript project, you will create a differential or full release to update your product. Both types of projects are discussed below.
### Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

The first step in creating an installation for any type of upgrade is identifying whether you want to address target systems that do not have any earlier version of your product. Then you can determine what type of method you should use to package the upgrade. The following table presents a general overview to help you decide which method you should use. For a more in-depth discussion of the techniques for packaging the upgrade, see Packaging Options for Upgrades.

#### Table 8-1 • Possible Upgrade Solutions for Windows Installer–Based Projects

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Status of the Target Systems</th>
<th>Type of Installation Needed</th>
<th>Technique for Packaging the Update</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Some of the target systems have an earlier version of the product, and some do not have any version of the product. | If file size is not an issue, you can create one installation that does both of the following:  
  - Behaves as a first-time installation if an earlier version of the product is not already present on the target system  
  - Updates an existing product if it is already installed on the target system | Create a major or minor upgrade and package it as a full installation. |

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</table>
| Some of the target systems have an earlier version of the product, and some do not have any version of the product. | If you want a small installation for end users who need to update an earlier version of the product, you can create two separate installations:  
  - A full installation that behaves as a first-time installation.  
  - A smaller installation that updates one or more earlier versions of an already installed product. Since this installation consists of only the changed data between the versions to be updated, it usually enables you to deploy your upgrade using much less bandwidth than that required to deploy a full-installation package. | For the first-time installation, create a major or minor upgrade and package it as a full installation. For end users who have an earlier version of your product, create a major or minor upgrade and package it as a patch.  

**Tip** • In some cases, a patch is not appropriate. For more guidelines on determining whether a patch is appropriate for your upgrade, see Packaging Options for Upgrades.  

**Note** • A patch package is not a type of upgrade; it is simply a mechanism for distributing an upgrade with a small footprint.
### Determining the Best Upgrade Solution

**InstallScript Projects**

If the original installation was created with an InstallScript project, you can create one of two types of update releases:

- **Differential release**—This type of release contains the files that are absent from—and/or have a different date, time, size, or attribute than the version in—one or more of a specified set of existing releases. A differential release is used to update the versions of your product that were installed by those existing releases.

- **Full (non-differential) release**—This type of release behaves as a first-time installation if an earlier version of the product is not already present on the target system. It also is capable of installing over an earlier version and replacing that version completely.

Since a differential release consists of only the changed files between the versions to be updated, it usually enables you to deploy your update using much less bandwidth than that required to deploy a full-installation package.

The QuickPatch technology in InstallShield enables you to create simple patches for previously installed products. Although customization is somewhat limited when you create a patch by using a QuickPatch project, the creation of a QuickPatch project is a simpler alternative to creating a standard patch. For more details, see Patch vs. QuickPatch Project.

**Note** • Like a standard patch, a QuickPatch is a mechanism for distributing an upgrade with a small footprint.

### Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
Windows Installer supports three types of product upgrades: major upgrades, minor upgrades, and small updates. The following table serves as a guide to help you determine which type of upgrade best suits your needs. If any one of the requirements for your upgrade is not appropriate for a minor upgrade or a small update, you should create a major upgrade. If you are not sure which type of upgrade you should use for your Windows Installer–based project or if you do not have a preference, you can create an automatic upgrade.

Table 8-2 • Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Requirement for the Upgrade</th>
<th>Use a Major Upgrade?</th>
<th>Use a Minor Upgrade?</th>
<th>Use a Small Update?</th>
<th>Note</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Change the name of the .msi package</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>The default file name is taken from the Product Name property, provided the .msi file is not compressed in a Setup.exe installation launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable end users to install earlier versions and the latest version on the same machine</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add a new subfeature</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>In some cases</td>
<td>In some cases</td>
<td>If the new subfeature consists of new components only, you can use a small update, a minor upgrade, or a major upgrade. If the new subfeature consists of existing components, you must use a major upgrade.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move or delete a feature in the product tree</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add a new component to a new feature</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add a new component to an existing feature</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes, if the version of Windows Installer is 2.0 or later</td>
<td>Yes, if the version of Windows Installer is 2.0 or later</td>
<td>Windows Installer 1.x requires new components in an upgrade package to be placed in new features for minor upgrades and small updates; it also requires special command-line handling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move or delete a component in the product tree</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
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</table>
### Codes Associated with the Different Types of Upgrades

Several Windows Installer codes help identify a product:

- **Package Code**—Part of the Summary Information Stream, the package code identifies a particular database. The package code is not a Windows Installer property. Any two .msi databases with identical package codes must have identical contents. Therefore, you should change the package code for each build.

- **ProductVersion**—This is a Windows Installer property that identifies the product version. Note that Windows Installer uses only the first three fields of the `ProductVersion` property for version comparisons. For example, for a product version of 1.2.3.4, the 4 is ignored. (Note that this is true for comparisons of `ProductVersion` values, and not for file versions.)

- **ProductCode**—This is a Windows Installer property that identifies the GUID of a product. Windows Installer treats two products with different ProductCode GUIDs as unrelated, even if the values for the `ProductName` property are the same.

- **UpgradeCode**—This is a Windows Installer property that identifies the GUID that represents a related set of products. The UpgradeCode should be consistent across different versions and languages of a family of related products so that it can be used to search for related versions of the product that are already installed. You can set the UpgradeCode for an upgrade in the Upgrades view.

For any type of upgrade, you must change various combinations of the package code, product version, and product code to identify the product being installed. The following table identifies when each code should be changed for different types of upgrades.

#### Table 8-3 • Codes that Need to Be Changed for the Different Types of Upgrades

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Requirement for the Upgrade</th>
<th>Use a Major Upgrade?</th>
<th>Use a Minor Upgrade?</th>
<th>Use a Small Update?</th>
<th>Note</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Change the component code of an existing component</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change the key file of a component</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add, remove, or modify any of the following: files, registry keys, or shortcuts</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>If the file, registry key, or shortcut is in more than one component and the component is shared by two or more features, a major upgrade must be used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start with an MSI Database or Transform project</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Automatic Upgrades

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**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

To simplify the upgrade creation process, InstallShield offers you the ability to create automatic upgrades. An automatic upgrade is a special type of upgrade that you can create if you do not know which type of upgrade you should use or if you do not have a preference. With automatic upgrades, InstallShield determines which type of upgrade—major upgrade or minor upgrade—would be optimal based on comparisons between the earlier and later packages that you specify.

**See Also**
Converting Automatic Upgrades to Major or Minor Upgrades

Patch vs. QuickPatch Project

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**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

To update a product without distributing a complete, updated installation package, you can create a Windows Installer patch package (.msp). InstallShield provides two different patch creation alternatives serving different scenarios: one method uses the Patch Design view, and the other uses the QuickPatch project type. Find the appropriate solution for your product by reading about both alternatives below.
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**Determining the Best Upgrade Solution**

*Note* • Major upgrades are typically not packaged as patches. Therefore, the table below assumes that the patch created through the Patch Design view is for a minor upgrade or a small update. QuickPatch projects produce QuickPatch packages that serve as minor upgrades.

**Table 8-4 • Patch vs. QuickPatch Project**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Requirement for the Patch</th>
<th>Use a Patch?</th>
<th>Use a QuickPatch?</th>
<th>Note</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ability to apply many cumulative patches that update a base package</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes, if you are using QuickPatch streamlining</td>
<td>If you are not using QuickPatch streamlining, you cannot patch more than 15 times. For more details, see Specifying Whether to Streamline the QuickPatch Package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add a new subfeature</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add a new component to a new subfeature</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Add a new component to an existing feature</td>
<td>Yes, if the version of Windows Installer is 2.0 or later</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Windows Installer 1.x requires new components in an upgrade package to be placed in new features for minor upgrades and small updates; it also requires special command-line handling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add, modify, or remove a file</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>A new target destination cannot be used for a new file in a QuickPatch; only destinations that were previously defined in the original installation can be used for new files. This limitation does not exist for patches that are created through the Patch Design view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add, modify, or delete registry data</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>All new registry data being added with a QuickPatch must be associated with a feature that already exists in the original installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Using the Patch Design View

The Patch Design view provides an integrated, visual method for creating patches and selecting the proper settings associated with each patch configuration you create. You can create multiple patch configurations in the Patch Design view. Each patch configuration contains the settings and data required to build a patch.

In most cases, you will begin patch creation in the Patch Design view. If you are looking for a simple patching solution, you can create a QuickPatch project.

Using the QuickPatch Project

The Create New QuickPatch Wizard, which is launched when you create a QuickPatch project, is targeted at installation authors who want to ship small updates to their users. It provides a simpler alternative to patch creation in the Patch Design view.

Although customization is limited when you create a patch by using a QuickPatch project, it produces the same deliverable types as the Patch Design view: .msp and .exe files.

Table 8-4 • Patch vs. QuickPatch Project (cont.)

<table>
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<th>Use a QuickPatch?</th>
<th>Note</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Add, modify, or delete a shortcut</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add, modify, or delete custom actions</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Can only delete custom actions that were included in the original base installation.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add or remove a redistributable</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add, modify, or remove ODBC resources</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edit an .ini file</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Edit an .xml file</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Configure server settings such as IIS Web sites, component services, and SQL scripts</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Digitally sign files (such as your application's executable files) in the patch package</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Not automatically</td>
<td>For QuickPatch projects, you must manually sign the individual files and then add them to your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Packaging Options for Upgrades

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

When you want to prepare an installation that updates a version of your product installed on an end user's machine, you can consider two different methods for packaging your major upgrade, minor upgrade, or small update:

- You can package your upgrade as a full installation that updates an existing product if an earlier version is installed, or behaves as a first-time installation if no earlier version is present.
- You can package your upgrade as a patch that contains only the changed data (.msi data and byte-level file differences) between the versions to be updated.

Full-Installation Packages

Both a minor upgrade and a small update act like first-time installations if an earlier version is not present, or they install over an existing installation of a product. A major upgrade also acts like a first-time installation if an earlier version is not present; however, a major upgrade typically uninstalls any earlier version and then installs the new version.

Patch Packages

Patches enable you to distribute just the bits and portions of the database necessary to update your application’s files to a specific version, possibly resulting in a much smaller package than an upgrade packaged as a full installation. This enables you to deploy your upgrades using much less bandwidth than that required to deploy a full-installation package.

Note • A patch is not a type of upgrade. Patching is simply a mechanism for distributing a major upgrade, a minor upgrade, or a small update with a small footprint. In fact, creating a patch involves first designing the upgrade and then packaging it as a patch. Before you create a patch, it is recommended that you test the upgrade as a full-installation package.

Determining the Best Packaging Option for Your Upgrade

The topic Determining the Best Upgrade Solution includes a table that you can review to determine what type of packing option you should use to update an earlier version of your product. In some cases, a standard patch or a QuickPatch may be seem to be the ideal mechanism for packaging your upgrade. However, under certain conditions, you should package your upgrade as a full installation instead of a patch. For example:

- If the target image was created with Windows Installer 1.2 or earlier, and the upgraded image is created with Windows Installer 2.0 or later, you should package your upgrade as a full installation, but not as a patch. Creating patches for
packages that span this schema inflection point can be problematic. For more information, see Val0011, which describes the associated validator for upgrading and patching validation.

- If you want your upgrade to move one or more files on the target system from one location to another, you should package your upgrade as a full installation, but not as a patch. If your end users install a patch for an upgrade that moves files on the target system, problems may occur. For example, the patch may not work, a repair to the target system may not work, a subsequent patch may not work, or end users may not be able to uninstall the product. As a workaround, you can create your patch so that it deletes the files in the old location and adds the files to the new location.

- If you want to change your installation from compressed to uncompressed, or vice versa, you should package your upgrade as a full installation, but not as a patch. If you use a patch in this scenario, a repair to the target system may not work, a subsequent patch may not work, or the end user may not be able to uninstall the product.

- If you need to move files from one .cab file to another, or if you need to change the order of files in a .cab file, you should package your upgrade as a full installation, but not as a patch.

- If your original installation had more than 32,767 files but your latest installation has fewer than 32,767 files, a patch will fail. Similarly, if your original installation had fewer than 32,767 files but your latest installation has more than 32,767 files, a patch will fail. In either case, you should package your upgrade as a full installation.

  Note that if both the original installation and the latest installation have more than 32,767 (or both have fewer than 32,767 files), you can package your upgrade as a patch.

- Patches cannot be created for major upgrades of InstallScript MSI projects. Therefore, if you need to distribute a major upgrade for an InstallScript MSI project, you should package it as a full installation.

See Also
Patching Considerations
Working with Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Projects
Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update
Patch vs. QuickPatch Project
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

Differential vs. Full Releases

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

If the original installation for your product was created with an InstallScript project, you need to create a differential release or a full release to update your product.

If some of the target systems have an earlier version of the product, and some do not have any version of the product, you can package your upgrade as a full release. This type of release behaves as a first-time installation if an earlier version of the product is not already present on the target system. It also is capable of installing over an earlier version and replacing that version completely.

If all of the target systems have an earlier version of the product, you can package your upgrade as a differential release. This type of release contains the files that are absent from—and/or have a different date, time, size, or attribute than the version in—one or more of a specified set of existing releases. A differential release is used to update the versions of your product that were installed by those existing releases.
Note • If you used a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than 6.0 to create media for an InstallScript project, the media cannot be updated.

See Also
Differential Releases
Full Releases
Creating an InstallScript Release to Update Previous Versions

Working with Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Projects

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database
• Transform

Note that MSI Database and Transform projects have support for major upgrades, but not for minor upgrades, small updates, patches, or QuickPack packages.

If you are going to package your upgrade as a full installation or as a standard patch, you begin by opening the latest version of your project and making the necessary changes, such as adding files and registry entries, as needed.

If you would like to package your upgrade as a QuickPatch, you begin by creating a new project—a QuickPatch project. With a QuickPatch project, you identify which earlier releases should be patched by your QuickPatch.

Refer to the topics in this section to learn how to create major upgrades, minor upgrades, small updates, automatic upgrades, patches, and QuickPatch projects. This section also explains how you can validate your upgrade or patch to determine whether your resulting package will perform its actions correctly.

See Also
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product
Upgrades View
QuickPatch Projects

Understanding File Overwrite Rules

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
The Windows Installer service uses several file overwrite rules, by default, to determine whether a file included in an upgrade should overwrite a file that already exists on the target system. The rules apply when the REINSTALLMODE property uses the o setting to install over older files on the target system. To change this behavior, you can replace the o option with one of the following values:

- p—Reinstall only if there is no equivalent file on the target system.
- e—Reinstall if the file is missing or if it is an earlier or equal version.
- d—Reinstall if file is missing or different.
- a—Reinstall all files, regardless of version.

Note that the setting for REINSTALLMODE applies to all of the features being installed; it cannot be set for an individual feature. In addition, setting REINSTALLMODE to include a will likely cause prompts for the original installation source during the application of a patch.

See Also
Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System
File Versioning Rules (Windows Installer Help Library)
File Versioning Rules (Windows Installer Help Library)
REINSTALLMODE Property (Windows Installer Help Library)
REINSTALLMODE Property (Windows Installer Help Library)

Upgrade Considerations

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Note that MSI Database and Transform projects have support for major upgrades, but not for minor upgrades, small updates, patches, or QuickPack packages.

Following are some guidelines for creating upgrades.

**Updating the Package Code, the Product Version, and the Product Code**

For any type of upgrade, you must change various combinations of the package code, product version, and product code to identify the product being installed. For more information, see Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update.

**Upgrade and Patch Optimization**

When you are configuring a minor upgrade or a small update, use the patch optimization functionality in your build settings.
Using patch optimization helps you synchronize component names, component GUIDs, File table keys, and Directory table keys in the upgraded image with those in the target images. This helps to make the smallest possible patches. If you do not use patch optimization, the patch may be the same size as the target .msi package, or it may break Windows Installer component rules.

The patch-creation process uses the File table keys to determine if two files are the same file. (The actual file names cannot be used reliably, since a package might contain more than one file with the same name, installed under different conditions.) If you specify the previous package for patch optimization, InstallShield uses identical File table keys for identical files.

**Tip** • If your package uses dynamic file linking, it is recommended that you use patch optimization when building your upgrade. This keeps the key files consistent across the releases.

To use the patch optimization functionality, specify the previous Windows Installer package on the Advanced Settings panel in the Release Wizard. You can also specify the previous Windows Installer package through the Previous Package setting on the Build tab for the release in the Releases view.

**Adding a Subfeature with a Minor Upgrade**

In general, a minor upgrade should not include a new top-level feature. However, new subfeatures of existing features are allowed. If you are adding a new subfeature for a minor upgrade, set two of the subfeature’s settings as follows so that they are installed correctly during a minor upgrade:

- Remote Installation—Select Favor Parent.
- Required—Select Yes.

The user interface of a minor upgrade does not usually show the feature tree; however, maintenance mode for the updated installation typically does expose the feature tree. If you want the new subfeature to be excluded from the feature tree so that end users cannot deselect it, set the subfeature’s Display setting to Not Visible.

**Removing Installed Data**

If your minor upgrade removes data such as files, registry settings, or .ini files, simply removing the data that existed in the earlier product version from your project will not cause the file to be removed when the upgrade is applied. To learn how to remove such data, see Configuring Minor Upgrades to Remove Installed Data.

**See Also**

Patching Considerations
Configuring InstallShield to Automatically Determine the Upgrade Type
Creating Major Upgrades
Creating Minor Upgrades
Run-Time Behavior for Minor Upgrades
Configuring InstallShield to Automatically Determine the Upgrade Type

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

If you do not know which type of upgrade you should use for your Windows Installer–based project or if you do not have a preference, you can create an automatic upgrade. With automatic upgrades, InstallShield determines which type of upgrade—major upgrade or minor upgrade—would be optimal based on comparisons between the earlier and later packages that you specify. The topics in this section explain how to create and work with an automatic upgrade.

Adding an Automatic Upgrade Item

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Task

To add an automatic upgrade item:

1. Open the Upgrades view.

2. In the Prepare Setup For Upgrade Scenarios explorer, right-click Upgrade Windows Installer Setup and click Add Automatic Upgrade Item. InstallShield adds the automatic upgrade item to the explorer.

3. Rename the item so that it reflects the latest version of your installation.

See Also

Upgrades View

Configuring Automatic Upgrade Item Settings

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
When you add an automatic upgrade item to your project, you must configure its automatic upgrade item settings. You can configure these settings when you click your new automatic upgrade item in the Prepare Setup For Upgrade Scenarios explorer of the Upgrades view.

In addition, you need to configure general upgrade settings that InstallShield will use to create your upgrade, depending on whether InstallShield determines that a major or a minor upgrade is necessary for your automatic upgrade item. You can configure these general settings on the tabs that are displayed when you click Upgrade Windows Installer Setup in the Prepare Setup For Upgrade Scenarios explorer of the Upgrades view:

- Common tab
- Advanced tab

See Also
Automatic Upgrade Item Settings
Upgrades View

Converting Automatic Upgrades to Major or Minor Upgrades

Task To convert an automatic upgrade item to a major upgrade or a minor upgrade:

1. Open the Upgrades view.
2. Right-click the automatic upgrade item that you would like to convert and then click Convert to Minor Upgrade Item or Convert to Major Upgrade Item.

See Also
Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update
Upgrades View

Removing Automatic Upgrade Items

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
Task

To remove an automatic upgrade item:

1. Open the Upgrades view.
2. Right-click the automatic upgrade item that you would like to delete and then click Delete.

See Also
Upgrades View

Creating Major Upgrades

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Once you have determined that a major upgrade is the best upgrade solution for you, you can begin to create a major upgrade in the Upgrades view. Note that a major upgrade signifies significant change in functionality and warrants a change in the ProductCode property; you can update this property in the General Information view.

Note • When you change the product code, Windows Installer treats your latest and previous product versions as unrelated, even though the ProductName values are likely the same. If you want both versions of your product to be installable on the same system, you can simply change the product code and the main installation directory (often INSTALLDIR).

Essentially, a major upgrade is two operations rolled into one installation package. The major upgrade either installs the new version of the product and then silently uninstalls the older version or silently uninstalls the older version and then installs the newer version. The sequence of these two separate operations depends on how you configure the installation package of the newer version of the product.

For more information on creating a major upgrade using InstallShield, refer to this section of the InstallShield Help Library.

See Also
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product
Upgrades View

Adding a Major Upgrade Item

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
To add a major upgrade item:

1. Open the Upgrades view.
2. In the Prepare Setup For Upgrade Scenarios explorer, right-click Upgrade Windows Installer Setup and click Add Major Upgrade Item.

InstallShield adds a new major upgrade item.

See Also
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product
Upgrades View

Configuring Major Upgrade Settings

When you add a major upgrade item in the Upgrades view, a general setting that you can modify is the scheduling of the RemoveExistingProducts action. You can modify this setting in the Upgrades view by selecting Upgrade Windows Installer Setup and clicking the Common tab.

The configurable settings for your major upgrade item are presented in a more user-friendly format on the Common and Advanced tabs than in the Upgrade table in the Direct Editor.

On the Common tab for a major upgrade item, you specify the Upgrade Code value of the products that you want to update as well as the versions of products that you want to update. On the Advanced tab, InstallShield by default includes an ISSetAllUsers custom action; this action sets ALLUSERS correctly during a major upgrade. (In addition, ISSetAllUsers sets the custom property IS_MAJOR_UPGRADE if a major upgrade is taking place.) To specify whether to include the ISSetAllUsers action, use the General tab of the Options dialog box. You can access this dialog box by selecting Options from the Tools menu. On that tab, you can clear or select the Automatically create ISSetAllUsers action check box.

See Also
Major Upgrade Item: Common Tab
Major Upgrade Item: Advanced Tab
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product
Upgrades View
Removing Major Upgrade Items

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

### Task

To remove a major upgrade item from the Upgrades view:

1. Open the **Upgrades** view.
2. In the **Prepare Setup For Upgrade Scenarios** explorer, right-click the major upgrade item and click **Delete**.

**See Also**

Upgrades View

Creating Minor Upgrades

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Once you have determined that a minor upgrade is the best upgrade solution for you, you can start by adding a minor upgrade item in the Upgrades view. After you build an installation with a minor upgrade item, the build engine performs a series of tests to determine whether your latest installation can successfully upgrade the previous version of your installation. However, adding a minor upgrade item is not necessarily required for a minor upgrade to function properly. For more details, see **Run-Time Behavior for Minor Upgrades**.

Any new features that you add to the latest version of your installation must be added as subfeatures of existing features. These new features must have Favor Parent selected for the Remote Installation setting and Yes selected for the Required setting in the Features view.

**See Also**

Upgrades View
Adding a Minor Upgrade Item

Task

To add a minor upgrade item in the Upgrades view:

1. Open the Upgrades view.
2. In the Prepare Setup For Upgrade Scenarios explorer, right-click Upgrade Windows Installer Setup and click Add Minor Upgrade Item.

InstallShield adds a new major upgrade item.

Tip

If you are creating an upgrade that can update more than one previous version, you can add additional minor upgrade items.

See Also

Upgrades View

Configuring Minor Upgrade Settings

Project

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

When you add a minor upgrade item in the Upgrades view, a general setting you can modify is how a setup launcher (if your build configuration includes a setup launcher) should behave if an earlier product version is present. You can modify this setting in the Upgrades view by selecting Upgrade Windows Installer Setup and clicking the Common tab.

Once you have added a minor upgrade item in the Upgrades view and made sure that it is selected, you can browse for the .msi database of the earlier product version that you want to target in the Setup to Upgrade setting for that minor upgrade item.

You can also specify release flags in the Release Flags setting to exclude the minor upgrade item from the build.

See Also

Minor Upgrade/Small Update Item Settings
Upgrades View
QuickPatch Projects
Configuring Minor Upgrades to Remove Installed Data

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield includes support for different methods for configuring a minor upgrade to remove installed data. Two methods are discussed in the following sections.

**Method 1**

To configure a minor upgrade to remove data that was installed during an earlier release, open your InstallShield project in which you are configuring the upgrade, and in the Files and Folders view, delete the file. Then you can create a record in the corresponding Remove tables within the Direct Editor. The Remove tables in the Direct Editor include the RemoveFile, RemoveIniFile, and RemoveRegistry tables.

To remove registry data from a component in a minor upgrade, you should create a record in the RemoveRegistry table. Records in the RemoveRegistry table describe the registry key and value to remove when the associated component is installed. Unlike the RemoveFile table, the RemoveRegistry table does not accept an option to remove the specified registry data when the associated component is uninstalled. Instead, you can author a registry value with the **Uninstall entire key** flag. If your component contains a registry value with a hyphen in the Name field and an empty Value field, the specified registry key and all its contents will be removed when the component is removed.

For other types of data, there is usually either an uninstallation flag available in the Windows Installer table or a corresponding uninstallation table. To remove .ini data, for example, there is a RemoveIniFile table. For environment variable data, there is a corresponding uninstallation flag.

**Note** • *If a component is shared with other products, you should change the component code when removing resources. Furthermore, changing an existing component’s component code requires a major upgrade. For major upgrades, you do not need to populate the Remove tables since a major upgrade requires a complete uninstallation.*

**Method 2**

Mark a component as transitive, and set a condition on the component that will evaluate to false when a minor upgrade is applied.

**See Also**
RemoveFile Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
RemoveFile Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
RemoveIniFile Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
RemoveIniFile Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
RemoveRegistry Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
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Removing Minor Upgrade Items

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**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

**Task**  To remove a minor upgrade item from the Upgrades view:
1. Open the Upgrades view.
2. In the Prepare Setup For Upgrade Scenarios explorer, right-click the minor upgrade item and click Delete.

See Also
Upgrades View

Run-Time Behavior for Minor Upgrades

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

**Running a Minor Upgrade with Setup.exe**

If you build a release that includes a Setup.exe launcher, your latest installation will be minor upgrade enabled. Setup.exe can detect when a previous version of your application exists on a target machine. When Setup.exe detects a previous version, it will run the rest of your installation in minor upgrade mode.

When end users run a minor upgrade on target systems that have an earlier version of the product installed, the first thing that they see is a message box that announces that an upgrade will occur. This message box specifies the name of the previous product, alerting the end user as to which existing application will be updated. At this point, the end user can stop the installation process if desired. This prompt is followed by a Welcome dialog, and when the end user clicks Next on the Welcome dialog, the setup installs its new resources. While installing its resources, the installation updates the progress bar in the Setup Progress dialog so that end users can track the upgrade process.

**Tip**  •  In the Upgrades view, you can disable the initial upgrade prompt when you click Upgrade Windows Installer Setup in the explorer and configure the Common tab settings for small updates and minor upgrades.

**Note**  •  At run time during a minor upgrade, Windows Installer does not reinstall a component if its key file would be downgraded in the process. Therefore, the key file in the upgrade needs to have a version number that is equal to or greater
than that of the key file in the old package. The exception is when the end user sets the `REINSTALLMODE` property to `a`, which forces the installation of all files, regardless of version. For more information about file overwrite rules, see Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System.

A minor upgrade installs its new resources over the application that currently exists on the target machine. If you want to completely uninstall and then reinstall your application, you should consider a major upgrade.

### Running a Minor Upgrade Without Using Setup.exe

If you intend to distribute your installation without including a `Setup.exe` launcher, end users must use the command line to start the installation. For this reason, you should consider using `Setup.exe`; however, you can achieve similar results without it.

The Installer properties `REINSTALL` and `REINSTALLMODE` must be set from the command line to start an installation in upgrade mode. In all but the most advanced scenarios, the property `REINSTALLMODE` should be set to `vomus` and the property `REINSTALL` should be set to `ALL`. A typical command line can look like the following:

```
msiexec.exe /i \product.msi REINSTALLMODE=vomus REINSTALL=ALL
```

If the update contains features that you do not want to update, you should set `REINSTALL` to a comma-separated list of the features that you want to update, as in the following command:

```
msiexec /i \product.msi REINSTALLMODE=vomus REINSTALL=F1,F3,F5
```

The feature names you use in the `REINSTALL` property are case-sensitive.

**Note**: Do not set `REINSTALL` equal to `ALL` for a first-time installation.

A critical point to note is that you do not want to set these properties on the command line unless a previous version of your installation already exists on the target machine. If you do, the installation will appear to run in minor upgrade mode, and your application files may not be installed. Be sure that your end users will be able to discern when command line should and should not be used.

**Note**: The `REINSTALLMODE` attribute `v` is very important if you are performing a minor upgrade. This parameter tells the installer to refresh its internal setup cache for your product with the new installation package. Without this parameter, your installation will have no knowledge of any of the changes that you have made to the latest installation package.

### See Also

Upgrades View

### Creating Small Updates

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**Project**: This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
The steps for creating a small update are the same as the steps for creating a minor upgrade with one key exception: the product version should be changed for a minor upgrade, but not for a small update.

If you need to create your upgrades so that they can be applied to your product using versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.0, it is recommended that you avoid creating small updates. Since small updates do not change the product version, external programs—including installers for later versions of your product—cannot distinguish a product with the small update applied from one without the small update.

Small updates are typically packaged as a patch, not as a full installation. If you are sure that the upgrades that you create will be applied to your product with version 3.0 or later of Windows Installer, you can take advantage of patch sequencing support and use small-update patches to update earlier versions of your product.

See Also
Patch Sequencing
Creating Minor Upgrades
Minor Upgrade/Small Update Item Settings
Upgrades View

Patching Considerations
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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **QuickPatch**

Following are some guidelines for creating patches and QuickPatch projects.

**Testing the Upgrade Before Creating the Patch**

It is recommended that you test your upgrade as a full-installation package before creating the patch. If the full-installation package successfully updates the earlier version of the application, then you can create the patch.

**Creating an Update Launcher (Update.exe)**

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want your update to include an Update.exe update launcher. An Update.exe update launcher is required in the following cases:

- You want to automatically update or install the Windows Installer engine on a target system, when necessary.
- You are building a patch for an InstallScript MSI project.
- You want to automatically install the .NET Framework on a target system, when necessary.
- You are building a patch whose product configuration includes support for installing multiple instances of a product and you want the instance selection dialog to be displayed when appropriate.

To learn more about multiple-instance support, see Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Creating Patches for Multiple Instances of a Product.

The Update.exe update launcher is a bootstrap application that manages the aforementioned scenarios.
If you configure InstallShield so that it does not create an `Update.exe` update launcher, it creates an `.msp` file.

For more information, see:

- Specifying Whether to Build an Update.exe Update Launcher for a Patch
- Specifying Whether to Build an Update.exe Update Launcher for a QuickPatch Package

**Customizing Update Launcher Name**

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want to create an Update Launcher for a specified name (.exe) for the current Patch. By Default, InstallShield uses Update.exe as the name of the Update Launcher.

**Optimizing Patches for Large Files**

Selecting the **Optimize Patch for Large Files** check box in the Patch Design view results in smaller bit-level patches for application files that are larger than 4 MB.

For QuickPatch projects, each QuickPatch that is built is automatically optimized for large files.

**Patches for Compressed Installations**

The patch creation process requires an uncompressed release of the previous installations and the latest installation. If the installations are compressed installations, you can use an administrative image of the releases.

InstallShield automatically creates an administrative image for you if you specify an installation that is compressed for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view. InstallShield also automatically creates an administrative image for you if you specify an uncompressed image in a QuickPatch project.

**Patches and the REINSTALL Property**

If you discover while testing your patch that you are prompted to locate the original installation source, you can sometimes avoid such problems by setting the REINSTALL property explicitly to the features that you have modified. This property is set to **ALL** by default.

**Self-Registration of COM Servers in a Patch or QuickPatch Package**

InstallShield uses InstallShield self-registration (which uses the ISSelfReg table) for new COM servers that are marked to be self-registered in a QuickPatch project if all of the following conditions are true:

- The ISSelfReg table exists in the upgraded .msi file that is used to create the QuickPatch.
- The ISSelfRegisterFiles custom action is present in the Execute sequence.
- The ISSelfReg option is selected on the Preferences tab of the Options dialog box in InstallShield.

If any of the aforementioned conditions are false, InstallShield uses Windows Installer self-registration (the SelfReg table).

To use InstallShield self-registration in a patch if any of the aforementioned conditions are false, use the Patch Design view instead of a QuickPatch project.

**Windows Installer 3.0 (and Later) and Patches**

Windows Installer 3.0 and later includes many patch-related enhancements. If your patch or QuickPatch will be applied to target machines with Windows Installer 3.0 or later, you can take advantage of those enhancements. For more information, see the following:
• Patch Sequencing
• Patch Uninstallation
• Non-Administrator Patches

Note that Windows Installer 3.0 and later supports major-upgrade patches that do not have any sequencing data. However, the installer does not support major-upgrade patches that have sequencing data, which would be stored in the MsiPatchSequence table.

Windows Installer 1.2 and Patches

To create a patch that targets the Windows Installer 1.2 engine, select the appropriate patch configuration in the Patch Design view. Then on the Advanced tab, set the Minimum Windows Installer Version property to 120.

Support for Patching Multiple Instances of a Product

If you create a patch for a Basic MSI project that includes support for installing multiple instances of a product in the same context on the same machine, InstallShield configures the patch so that end users can apply it to one instance or all of the instances. To learn more, see Creating Patches for Multiple Instances of a Product.

See Also
Upgrade Considerations
Patch vs. QuickPatch Project

Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• QuickPatch

InstallShield lets you use custom information for the version resources of the Update.exe update launcher. The information is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Update.exe file and then click Properties.

Note • The Properties dialog box is different on different versions of Windows. For example, on Windows 7 systems, the version resource information is displayed on the Details tab of the Properties dialog box. However, on Windows XP systems, the version resource information is displayed on the Version tab of that dialog box.

Also note that some versions of Windows do not show some settings on the Properties dialog box.

To see screen shots of the Properties dialog box for a Setup.exe file (which looks the same as the Properties dialog box for an Update.exe file), see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.
Task  To override the default InstallShield values for the Update.exe settings with your own custom values:

1. The procedure depends on whether you are creating a standard patch or a QuickPatch package.

   If you are creating a standard patch in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project:
   a. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
   b. In the Patch Design explorer, select the patch configuration that you want to configure.

   If you are creating a QuickPatch package:
   a. In the View List under Patch Settings, click General Information.
   b. In the General Information explorer, click Build Settings.

2. Click the Advanced tab, and then find the Update Launcher Settings area.

3. In the following settings, enter the values that you want to use for the properties of your Update.exe file.

   • Company Name
   • Product Name
   • Product Version
   • Description
   • Copyright

Tip  The Product Version setting updates the file version and the product version for Update.exe. Note that the file version always contains four fields. If you specify fewer than four fields, the remaining fields are filled with zeros. For example, if you specify a product version of 1.1, the file version that is used in the version resources of Update.exe is 1.1.0.0.

If you leave the update launcher settings blank, InstallShield uses the default InstallShield values.

See Also
Specifying Whether to Build an Update.exe Update Launcher for a Patch
Specifying Whether to Build an Update.exe Update Launcher for a QuickPatch Package
Advanced Tab (in the Patch Design view)
Advanced Tab (in a QuickPatch project)

Specifying the Icon for the Update Launcher

InstallShield 2020

Project  This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• QuickPatch
InstallShield lets you specify the icon that should be used for your Update.exe update launcher. The icon can be in an .exe, .dll, or .ico file.

End users can see this icon when they view your Update.exe file in Windows Explorer. The icon is also displayed on the Properties dialog box for Update.exe; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Update.exe file and then click Properties.

If you do not specify an icon, InstallShield uses a default icon for your Update.exe file.

**Task**

To specify the icon for your Update.exe file:

1. The procedure depends on whether you are creating a standard patch or a QuickPatch package.
   1. If you are creating a standard patch in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project:
      a. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
      b. In the Patch Design explorer, select the patch configuration that you want to configure.
   2. If you are creating a QuickPatch package:
      a. In the View List under Patch Settings, click General Information.
      b. In the General Information explorer, click Build Settings.

2. Click the Advanced tab, and then find the Update Launcher Settings area.

3. In the Icon setting, specify the fully qualified name of the file that contains the icon that InstallShield should use when it creates the Update.exe file at build time.

   To specify a file, type an explicit path or path variable, or click the ellipsis button (...) to open the Change Icon dialog box, in which you can click the Browse button to select a file.

   By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the file name. For example, C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2 indicates the icon with an index of 2, and C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100 indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100.

The next time that you build the release, InstallShield uses the icon that you specified for your Update.exe file.

**See Also**

Specifying Whether to Build an Update.exe Update Launcher for a Patch
Specifying Whether to Build an Update.exe Update Launcher for a QuickPatch Package
Advanced Tab (in the Patch Design view)
Advanced Tab (in a QuickPatch project)

**Patch Sequencing**

InstallShield 2020

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
QuickPatch

InstallShield enables you to specify the order that Windows Installer version 3.0 or later should apply small-update patches to an installed product, regardless of the order in which they are provided to the target machine. With patch sequencing data, you can ensure that Windows Installer knows the intended relationships among the upgrades packaged within a family of patches. Consequently, applying patch 1 of a product after patch 2 has already been applied will register patch 1 without overwriting patch 2 files. For versions of Windows Installer earlier than version 3.0, the patch sequence is ignored, and any small-update patches are applied to the product in the order that they are provided to the target machine.

The patch sequencing functionality available with Windows Installer 3.0 and later simplifies the patch creation process. The following sections show how.

Creating Patches to Be Applied with Versions of Windows Installer Earlier than 3.0

If you need to create your patches so that they can be applied to your product via versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.0, it is recommended that you avoid creating small updates. Small updates do not change the product version; therefore, external programs, including installers for later versions of your product, cannot distinguish a product with the small update applied from one without the small update. For scenarios limited to versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.0, you need to plan around such limitations of the installer, thus targeting an increasing number of possible earlier product states. The sample application lifecycle presented in the following table illustrates the resulting complexity.

Table 8-5 • Sample Application Lifecycle for Patches Applied with Versions of Windows Installer Earlier than 3.0

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Application Package</th>
<th>Product Version</th>
<th>Previous Sets Targeted by Package</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Base installation</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Minor upgrade</td>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>1.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Minor upgrade</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>1.0, 1.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Minor upgrade</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>1.0, 1.1, 1.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Minor upgrade</td>
<td>1.4</td>
<td>1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Major upgrade</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Creating Patches to Be Applied with Windows Installer 3.0

With the patch sequencing functionality available with Windows Installer 3.0 and later, you can safely use a small-update patch to deliver a discrete upgrade for several different versions of a product, even though small updates do not change the product version. Unlike a small update, a minor upgrade changes the product version. Minor upgrades also form the framework for the sequencing of small-updates patches. If a small update for version 1.1 of a product is applied to version 1.2, the installer registers the small update on the target system and applies it as if it were encountered before the 1.2 minor upgrade was applied.
Small-update patches also enable Windows Installer 3.0 and later to maintain a valid product state as other patches are applied and removed individually from the product. In addition, patch sequencing lets you generate upgrade packages from a smaller set of earlier product states without requiring you to consider every possible combination of patches that could exist on the target machine. The sample application lifecycle presented in the following table illustrates this advantage.

**Table 8-6 • Sample Application Lifecycle for Patches Applied with Windows Installer 3.0**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Application Package</th>
<th>Patch Sequence Number</th>
<th>Product Version</th>
<th>Previous Setups Targeted by Package</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Base installation</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>1.0</td>
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<td>2. Small update</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Small update</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>1.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Small update</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>1.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Small update</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>1.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Minor upgrade</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>1.0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All of the small updates in the table above belong to the same patch family. Windows Installer 3.0 and later uses the patch family to compare a small-update patch with all of the other patches within the same family and determine the order in which each of the patches should be applied to the target machine. Patch sequences are added to the `MsiPatchSequence` table of the patch package database. This table defines the relationships between patches that target the same family of patches.

**Creating Patches to Be Applied with Windows Installer 3.1**

The patch sequencing functionality available with Windows Installer 3.1 enables you to further simplify the patch creation process with respect to minor upgrades. The **Minor Update to Target RTM Version (MSI 3.1 Required)** property on the Advanced tab of the Patch Design view lets you specify whether you want a minor-upgrade patch to target the release to manufacturing (RTM) version of the product (or the most recent major upgrade of the product, if one has been installed). You have two options for this property:

- If you want your minor-upgrade patch to essentially remove all of the patches up to the RTM version of the product (or the most recent major upgrade of the product, if one has been installed) before applying the current minor-upgrade patch, select Yes for this property. With this option, all patches (with or without sequencing data) are removed. You do not need to target additional baseline versions and thus increase the patch payload. All end users can successfully apply the patch without applying any intermediate patches.

- If you do not want your minor-upgrade patch to remove all of those earlier patches, select No. If you select this option, it may be necessary for your patch to contain the information needed to target each of the earlier minor upgrades that were created after the RTM (or the most recent major upgrade of the product, if one was created).

For example, if you are creating a minor-upgrade patch for service pack 2 and you select No for this property, your patch needs to target the minor-upgrade patch for service pack 1. You could also optionally target other baselines (such as RTM); doing so would increase the patch payload. Note that if you do not target the RTM version, any end user who has the RTM version but not the service pack 1 minor-upgrade patch would need to install service pack 1 before service pack 2.
Creating Patches to Be Applied with Windows Installer 4.5

If a superseded patch installs a component for the product but later a superseding patch removes that component, the component's feature state may be changed to advertised, and it may not be reinstalled. In addition, none of the remaining components associated with that feature can be maintained. This can be a problem on target systems that have Windows Installer 4.0 or earlier. The patch sequencing functionality available with Windows Installer 4.5 offers enhanced supersedence robustness to avoid this issue.

You can specify that a component in the current patch should be flagged for uninstallation in order to avoid leaving this component orphaned on the target system after a future superseding patch is applied. If a subsequent patch is installed and it is flagged to supersede the first patch, Windows Installer 4.5 can unregister and uninstall this component if appropriate.

Windows Installer 4.5 supports two methods for flagging superfluous components for uninstallation if they are superseded:

- Select Yes for the **Uninstall Superseded Component setting** for an individual component to indicate that you want it to be uninstalled if appropriate. If you select Yes, InstallShield adds the `msidbComponentAttributesUninstallOnSupersedence` attribute to the component in the **Component** table.
  
  To access the Uninstall Superseded Component setting, open the Components view and then select the component that you want to configure. The setting is displayed in the grid on the right. The default value of this setting is No.

- To indicate that you want all superfluous components in a superseded patch to be uninstalled, set the value of the Windows Installer property `MSIUNINSTALLSUPERSEDEDCOMPONENTS` to 1. You can set the value of the property from the command line or by adding this property to your project through the Property Manager view.

Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier ignore the `msidbComponentAttributesUninstallOnSupersedence` attribute and the `MSIUNINSTALLSUPERSEDEDCOMPONENTS` property.

See Also
MsiPatchSequence Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
MsiPatchSequence Table (Windows Installer Help Library)
Sequencing Patches

Patch Uninstallation

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**—if the **InstallScript user interface (UI) style is the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler)**
- **QuickPatch**

This information does not apply to **InstallScript MSI projects in which the InstallScript UI style is the traditional style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler)**. To learn more, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.
Windows Installer 3.0 or later supports the uninstallation of patches for small updates and minor upgrades; the patches to be uninstalled must have been installed with Windows Installer 3.0 or later. When a patch is uninstalled, the product is returned to the state it was in before the patch was uninstalled. With earlier versions of Windows Installer, an end user who wants to remove a patch needs to uninstall the patched product and then reinstall the product without applying the patch. In this case, any patches that should not be removed must be reapplied.

End users can uninstall patches through Add or Remove Programs on systems running Windows XP SP2 and later. For systems running Windows Installer 3.0 or later with earlier versions of Windows, patches must be uninstalled from the command line. For more information, see Uninstalling Patches in the Windows Installer Help Library.

The uninstallation of patches is not enabled by default because not all patches can be uninstalled. Following are examples of scenarios in which a patch cannot be uninstalled, or when certain functionality does not work during patch uninstallation:

- A major upgrade packaged as a patch cannot be uninstalled.
- If a patch adds a row to certain Windows Installer tables, the patch cannot be uninstalled. If your patch adds a row to any of these tables, one of the patch validators (Val0015) warns you that the patch will not be uninstallable. For a list of the applicable tables, see Val0015.
- It is possible that an end user may not be able to remove a patch that adds content to the RemoveFile or RemoveRegistry tables. If the patch is designed to remove a file or registry entry that was not included in the original installation package, uninstalling the patch will not restore that file or registry entry.
- If you create an uninstallable patch that contains SQL script support that was added through the SQL Scripts view, the SQL script will not run during the patch uninstallation.

It is recommended that you thoroughly test the uninstallation of your patch before deploying it to your end users. To learn more about patches that are not uninstallable, see Uninstallable Patches in the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also
Enabling the Uninstallation of a Patch
Enabling the Uninstallation of a QuickPatch

Non-Administrator Patches

InstallShield 2020

- Project • This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - InstallScript MSI
  - QuickPatch

Windows Installer 3.0 and later enables you to create patches that can be installed by non-administrators. Non-administrator patches can be used if all of the following criteria are met:

- The target machine must be running Windows Installer 3.0 or later on the Microsoft Windows XP or later client platform. Server platforms are not supported.
- The application was installed from a removable media such as a CD-ROM or DVD.
- The application was installed in a per-machine context.
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Note • If the ALLUSERS property is overwritten at the command line, non-administrator patches will fail.

• The base installation must include the certificate that will be used to sign all subsequent patches.

• The base installation must include the MsiPatchCertificate table. This table provides the signer certificate that will be used to verify the digital signature of subsequent patches when they are applied by a non-administrator. If necessary, this table can contain multiple certificates, and subsequent patches would need to be able to verify at least one of the certificates. For more information, see Preparing Installations for Non-Administrator Patches.

• The non-administrator patch must contain the MsiDigitalCertificate table. This table contains the signing certificates for the signed patches. For more information, see Signing a Patch Package or Signing a QuickPatch Package.

If any of the above criteria are not met, end users cannot install the digitally signed patch in a locked-down environment.

A typical scenario in which non-administrator patches are used is the computer game industry. Some computer game users are children who might not have access to areas of the system other than folders in their own user profile and registry keys under HKEY_CURRENT_USER. Their parents would have administrative access to the machines so that they can control what is installed and what their children can access. Parents would install any and all applications. If patches are available for the installed software, children would be able to download and install non-administrator patches without help from their parents, as long as all of the above criteria have been met.

See Also
User Account Control (UAC) Patching (Windows Installer Help Library)
User Account Control (UAC) Patching (Windows Installer Help Library)

Creating and Applying Patches

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

This section of the help discusses how to create and apply patches to an installation. It also covers how to enable the uninstallation of a patch, use patch sequencing, and sign a patch package.

Adding a New Patch Configuration Item

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
Task  To add a new patch configuration item:

1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. Right-click Patch Design and click Add New Patch Configuration.

InstallShield adds a new patch configuration item.

See Also
Patch Configuration
Patch Design View

Adding a New Latest Setup Item

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

Task  To add a new latest setup item:

1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, right-click the appropriate patch configuration item and click Add New Latest Setup.

InstallShield adds a new latest setup item.

See Also
Latest Setup
Patch Design View

Adding a New Previous Setup Item

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
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Task  To add a new previous setup item:
1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, right-click an existing previous setup item and click Add New Previous Setup.
InstallShield adds a new previous setup item.

See Also
Previous Setups
Patch Design View

Adding an External File

InstallShield 2020

Project  This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

Task  To add an external file:
1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, right-click Additional External Files and click Add New External File.
InstallShield adds a new external file item. You can configure this file in the pane on the right.

See Also
Patch Design View

Configuring Patch Settings

InstallShield 2020

Project  This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

The best way to create and configure a patch is to use the Patch Design view. Before you work in the Patch Design view, you should have already built the projects for your earlier and later product versions.

Each patch designed in the Patch Design view begins as a patch configuration. A patch configuration consists of one latest setup item and one or more previous setup items. At the patch configuration level, you can configure properties on the following property tabs:
Specifying Identification Information for a Patch

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Windows Installer 3.0 and later adds an Add or Remove Programs entry for each patch that is applied to a target system, even if the patch is not uninstallable.

**Tip** • Every time that you change the latest setup for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, InstallShield uses the Add or Remove Programs information from the latest setup as the values for the Identification tab settings. You can override the values on the Identification tab as needed.

**Task** To specify identification information for a patch:

1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. Create a patch configuration if you have not already done so.
3. In the Patch Design explorer, click the patch configuration.
4. Click the Identification tab.
5. Configure each of the settings.

**See Also**
Identification Tab
### Enabling the Uninstallation of a Patch

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI—*if the InstallScript user interface (UI) style is the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler)*

This information does not apply to InstallScript MSI projects in which the InstallScript UI style is the traditional style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler). To learn more, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.

Windows Installer 3.0 and later supports the uninstallation of patches for small updates and minor upgrades. However, not all patches can be uninstalled. For details about the uninstallation of patches, including the associated limitations, see Patch Uninstallation.

**Task**

To enable the uninstallation of a patch:

1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, click the patch configuration that you want to configure.
3. Click the Common tab.
4. Select the Allow Patch to be Uninstalled (Requires Windows Installer 3.0) check box.

**See Also**

Patch Design View

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### Sequencing Patches

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Before you define a sequence for patches, you should create the necessary upgrade items in the Upgrades view. Then you should add a patch configuration item in the Patch Design view. Once you have completed those tasks, you can specify the sequence for the patches.

**Task**

To define a patch sequence:

1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, click the patch configuration that you want to configure.
3. Click the **Sequence** tab.

4. Do one of the following:
   - To use default patch sequencing that InstallShield generates, select the **Use Default Patch Sequencing** check box.
   - To use no patch sequencing, clear the **Use Default Patch Sequencing** check box.
   - To specify your own custom sequencing:
     a. Clear the **Use Default Patch Sequencing** check box.
     b. Click **Add**. The **Patch Sequence** dialog box opens.
     c. Define the sequence information as needed.

**See Also**
Patch Sequencing
Patch Design View

### Signing a Patch Package

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**

Windows Installer 3.0 and later enables you to create patches that can be installed by non-administrators. Non-administrator patches can be used if strict criteria are met. For example, the base installation that the patch will update must include the certificate that will be used to sign the patch package. To learn about the other criteria that must be met, see **Non-Administrator Patches**.

**Note** • *If you want to digitally sign the files—such as your application’s executable files—in your patch, you can specify which files should be signed through the **Signing tab** in the Releases view.*

**Task** **To sign a patch package:**

1. In the View List under **Media**, click **Patch Design**.
2. In the **Patch Design** explorer, click the patch configuration that you want to configure.
3. Click the **Digital Signature** tab.
4. Select the **Sign the Patch Package** check box.
5. Configure the digital signature settings.

**See Also**
Digital Signing and Security
Patch Design View
Password-Protecting a Patch Package

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

For added security, you can password-protect your patch. When you password-protect your patch, any end user who wants to apply your patch must enter a case-sensitive password to launch your update.

<table>
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<th>Task</th>
<th>To password-protect a patch package:</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Patch Design explorer, click the patch configuration that you want to configure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Click the Advanced tab.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>For the Password Protect Launcher setting, select Yes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>For the Launcher Password setting, specify the password that you want your patch to use.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Note • The password is case-sensitive.

See Also
Advanced Tab

Specifying Whether to Build an Update.exe Update Launcher for a Patch

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to create an Update.exe update launcher for your patch package.

An Update.exe update launcher is required if you want to automatically update or install the Windows Installer engine on a target system if necessary. For more information on when an Update.exe launcher is required, see Patching Considerations.

If you configure InstallShield so that it does not create an Update.exe update launcher, it creates an .msp file.
Task  
To specify whether to include an Update.exe update launcher for a patch:

1. In the View List under **Media**, click **Patch Design**.
2. In the **Patch Design** explorer, click the patch configuration that you want to configure.
3. Click the **Common** tab.
4. To include Update.exe, select the **Create Update.exe** check box.

To avoid including Update.exe, clear the **Create Update.exe** check box.

**Tip** • You can also use the **Advanced** tab to specify whether you want to include Update.exe.

See Also
Patch Design View

Copying a Latest Setup Item to Another Patch Configuration

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

If you have added more than one patch configuration item to the Patch Design view, you can copy the latest setup item within one patch configuration to another patch configuration.

Task  
To copy a latest setup item from one patch configuration to another:

1. In the View List under **Media**, click **Patch Design**.
2. In the **Patch Design** explorer, drag the latest setup item that you want to copy to the patch configuration item that does not have it.

InstallShield adds the latest setup item, including all of its previous setup items and additional external files, to the patch configuration.

See Also
Patch Design View
Removing Patch Configuration Items

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

**Task** To remove a patch configuration item:
1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, right-click the patch configuration that you want to delete and then click Delete.

**See Also**
Patch Design View

Removing Latest Setup Items

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

**Task** To remove a latest setup item:
1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, right-click the latest setup item that you want to delete and then click Delete.

**See Also**
Patch Design View

Removing a Previous Setup Item

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
Task  To remove a previous setup item:

1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, right-click the previous setup item that you want to delete and then click Delete.

See Also
Patch Design View

Building a Patch

InstallShield 2020

Project  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Once you have configured the settings for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view and created a new release for the patch in the Releases view, you are ready to build a patch for your upgrade.

Task  To build a patch:

1. In the View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, right-click the patch configuration item for which you want to build a patch, and then click Build Patch.

InstallShield builds the patch according to the settings you specified for the patch configuration item. The patch is built in the location that you specified on the Common tab for the patch configuration; InstallShield appends the following subdirectories to the output location that you specified:

\PatchConfigName\Patch

By default, InstallShield also performs upgrade and patch validation every time that you build a patch. For more information, see Validating Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Packages.

The build will return an error and exit if your latest setup version was built compressed.

See Also
Patch Design View

Applying Patches

InstallShield 2020

Project  This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

A patch package (.msp) file contains the transforms and instructions necessary for upgrading one or more installed versions of a product.

Before you can apply a patch package, Windows Installer version 1.1 or later must be present on the system. In addition, the package that you want to update must be installed locally or as an administrative image. A further requirement is that the existing installation package be installed with the same privileges and for the same users as the patch package. For example, if the product was installed for all users, the update should be installed for all users, as well.

The easiest way to apply a patch is to double-click the .msp file in Windows Explorer or right-click the file and then click Open. When you apply a patch for a minor upgrade, a PatchWelcome dialog is the first dialog that opens. When you apply a patch for a major upgrade, the full dialog sequence appears, as when you run an installation standalone.

From the command line, you can apply a patch with the MsiExec.exe /p option. Type the following statement to apply a patch package located at X:\Product Updates\Build 36\PatchForV1.msp:

msiexec /p "X:\Product Updates\Build 36\PatchForV1.msp"Update.exe

If you selected the Create Update.exe check box for your patch configuration in the Patch Design view, InstallShield wraps your .msp file in an executable file. Update.exe launches your patch package with the following command-line expression:

msiexec /p <path to .msp file> REINSTALL=ALL REINSTALLMODE=omus

Applying Patches in Silent Mode

There are two ways you can apply a patch in silent mode: either launch MsiExec.exe with the /qn command-line parameter, or pass /s to Update.exe.

There is an important consideration to bear in mind when applying a patch in silent mode. In order to operate correctly, the Windows Installer property REINSTALL must be set to ALL and REINSTALLMODE must be set to omus whenever you apply a patch. Since Update.exe always sets these properties at the command line, you do not have to do anything extra if your patch package is applied with Update.exe.

When a patch package is applied with a full user interface, one of your installation’s default dialogs, PatchWelcome, is displayed. It includes control events to set REINSTALL and REINSTALLMODE with the correct options. However, since this dialog is not displayed when the end-user interface is suppressed, you must set the properties at the command line, as demonstrated below:

msiexec /p <path to .msp file> /qn REINSTALL=ALL REINSTALLMODE=omus

Because a patch does not modify the existing cached .msi database, including the v setting for REINSTALLMODE is unnecessary.

See Also
MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters
Creating a QuickPatch Project

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**Project** • You can create a QuickPatch to update an earlier version of your product only if the earlier version was installed using Windows Installer. The installation for the earlier version of your product must have been created with one of the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

A QuickPatch project is recommended for installation authors who want to ship small, single upgrades to their users. QuickPatch authoring provides a simple alternative to creating a patch in the Patch Design view, even though it provides less customization. Fundamentally, both patch creation methods produce the same deliverable types: .msp and .exe files.

To create a QuickPatch project for an existing .msi file or an already existing QuickPatch, use the Create New QuickPatch Wizard.

See Also
Create New QuickPatch Wizard
Creating a QuickPatch Project for an Existing QuickPatch
Patch vs. QuickPatch Project
Patching Considerations

Creating a QuickPatch Project for an Existing QuickPatch

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**Project** • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

You can create a new QuickPatch project based on an existing QuickPatch project. This creates a patch that you can deliver to any end users who need to apply a patch for the original application or specific patched versions of the application.

**Caution** • If you open and modify any of the releases listed in the History area of the General Information view, your latest project will not work, since intermediate data shared across the releases in the History may have been lost or altered. Therefore, whenever you create a QuickPatch project for an existing QuickPatch project, InstallShield changes the existing QuickPatch project (.ism file) to read-only mode.

**Task**

**To create a QuickPatch project for an existing QuickPatch project:**

1. In InstallShield, open the QuickPatch project (.ism file) that you would like to patch.
2. Open the General Information view.
3. In the General Information explorer, click History.
4. Click **Create Next Version**.

Your new QuickPatch project opens in InstallShield.

You can also use the **Create New QuickPatch Wizard** to create a QuickPatch for an existing QuickPatch.

**See Also**

*Specifying Target Releases for Patching*

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**Specifying Whether to Streamline the QuickPatch Package**

InstallShield 2020

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**Project** • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

When you are configuring a QuickPatch project, you have the ability to specify whether you want InstallShield to streamline the creation of your QuickPatch package to build as simple a package as possible. The goal of QuickPatch streamlining is to generate a QuickPatch package that has fewer new subfeatures and custom actions than a non-streamlined QuickPatch package.

For example, if your QuickPatch project includes a new file or registry entry and InstallShield does not use QuickPatch streamlining, InstallShield creates a new subfeature for that file or registry entry. InstallShield also adds one or more prebuilt InstallShield custom actions to work around certain Windows Installer patch requirements. However, if InstallShield does use QuickPatch streamlining, the file or registry entry is added to an existing feature, and no special prebuilt InstallShield custom actions are required.

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**Note** • InstallShield cannot streamline the creation of a QuickPatch package in the following scenarios:

- The QuickPatch package removes an installed file.
- The QuickPatch package removes or renames a registry key.
- The QuickPatch package targets a non-streamlined QuickPatch image. That is, you cannot use QuickPatch streamlining if you select the check box in the History area of the General Information view for a QuickPatch that did not use QuickPatch streamlining. If you try to build a streamlined QuickPatch that targets one or more non-streamlined QuickPatch images, InstallShield displays a build warning, and it does not use streamlining.

Also note that you can apply no more than 15 cumulative, non-streamlined QuickPatch packages to a base .msi package or major upgrade package. If you exceed the limit, error 2701 occurs while you are applying the patch. The exact limit is determined by the depth of the package’s feature tree and the subfeature that each non-streamlined QuickPatch adds to that tree. Windows Installer limits the depth of the feature tree to 16 levels.

A streamlined QuickPatch package does not contain any new subfeatures, so it does not have this limitation.

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**Task** • To specify whether to streamline the QuickPatch package:

1. In the View List under **Patch Settings**, click **General Information**.
2. In the **General Information** explorer, click **Build Settings**.
3. Click the **Advanced** tab.
4. In the Streamline QuickPatch setting, select the appropriate option:
   - To streamline the QuickPatch package, select Yes. This is the default value for new QuickPatch projects.
   - To avoid streamlining the QuickPatch package, select No.

See Also
Advanced Tab

Specifying Target Releases for Patching

Task To specify which releases should be patched by your QuickPatch project:
1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click General Information.
2. In the General Information explorer, click History.
3. Select or clear the check boxes next to the intermediate releases—the releases in between the Base QuickPatch Image and the current QuickPatch image—to specify whether or not you want them to be patched by the current project.

Note • You cannot clear the check box for the Base QuickPatch Image or the current project. If you clear the check box of an intermediate QuickPatch project, your current QuickPatch project cannot be used to upgrade a machine that has that intermediate image as the latest image of your application.

For example, suppose you distributed version 1.0 as an installation and later released a patch that upgrades the original installation to version 1.1. If you create a version 1.2 QuickPatch and the check box for the 1.1 QuickPatch is not selected in the History, your 1.2 QuickPatch can be used to upgrade the 1.0 release but not the 1.1 release.

See Also
History

Specifying Custom Actions for the QuickPatch to Execute

Task To specify which custom actions should be run when your QuickPatch is applied:
1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click General Information.
2. In the General Information explorer, click Custom Action.
3. Select or clear the check boxes next to the custom actions to specify whether or not you want them to be run during the installation of your QuickPatch.

**See Also**

*Custom Action*

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### Adding Files to a QuickPatch

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

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<td><strong>Note</strong> • QuickPatch projects do not have support for defining a new target destination for new files that you are adding. Therefore, when you add a new file in a QuickPatch project, the destination location must be a folder that was defined in the original installation.</td>
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<td>1. In the View List under <strong>Define Patch Settings</strong>, click <strong>Files</strong>.</td>
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<td>2. Right-click the <strong>Files To Patch</strong> explorer and then click <strong>Insert New File</strong>. The <strong>Open</strong> dialog box opens.</td>
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<td>3. Click the file that you want to add, and then click <strong>Open</strong>. InstallShield adds the file to the <strong>Files To Patch</strong> explorer.</td>
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<td>4. Click the new file and then configure its settings.</td>
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**See Also**

*QuickPatch Projects*

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### Specifying Identification Information for a QuickPatch

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

Windows Installer 3.0 and later adds an Add or Remove Programs entry for each QuickPatch package that is applied to a target system, even if the QuickPatch is not uninstallable.

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<td>2. In the <strong>General Information</strong> explorer, click <strong>Build Settings</strong>.</td>
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<td>3. Click the <strong>Identification</strong> tab.</td>
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</table>
4. Configure each of the settings.

See Also
Identification Tab

Enabling the Uninstallation of a QuickPatch

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

Windows Installer 3.0 and later supports the uninstallation of QuickPatch packages for small updates and minor upgrades. However, not all QuickPatch packages can be uninstalled. For details about the uninstallation of standard patches and QuickPatch packages, including the associated limitations, see Patch Uninstallation.

Task To enable the uninstallation of a QuickPatch package:

1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click General Information.
2. In the General Information explorer, click Build Settings.
3. Click the Common tab.
4. Select the Allow Patch to be Uninstalled (Requires Windows Installer 3.0) check box.

See Also
QuickPatch Projects

Sequencing QuickPatch Packages

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

Task To define a sequence for a QuickPatch package:

1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click General Information.
2. In the General Information explorer, click Build Settings.
3. Click the Advanced tab.
4. In the Create patch sequencing entry setting, select the appropriate option:
   - To use default patch sequencing that InstallShield generates, select Yes.
   - To use no patch sequencing, select No.
See Also
Patch Sequencing
QuickPatch Projects

Signing a QuickPatch Package

Windows Installer 3.0 and later enables you to create patches that can be installed by non-administrators. Non-administrator QuickPatch packages can be used if strict criteria are met. For example, the base installation that the patch will update must include the certificate that will be used to sign the patch package. To learn about the other criteria that must be met, see Non-Administrator Patches.

Note • With QuickPatch projects, you can digitally sign the patch package and the Update.exe file. If you want to digitally sign individual files—such as your application’s executable files—in your QuickPatch package, you must manually sign them and then add them to your project. You can use S1gnToo1.exe, which is included with the Windows SDK, to manually sign your files.

Task To sign a patch package:

1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click General Information.
2. In the General Information explorer, click Build Settings.
3. Click the Digital Signature tab.
4. Select the Sign the Patch Package check box.
5. Configure the digital signature settings.

See Also
Digital Signing and Security
QuickPatch Projects

Password-Protecting a QuickPatch Package

For added security, you can password-protect your QuickPatch package. When you password-protect your QuickPatch package, any end user who wants to apply your QuickPatch must enter a case-sensitive password to launch your update.
Task
To password-protect a QuickPatch package:

1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click General Information.
2. In the General Information explorer, click Build Settings.
3. Click the Advanced tab.
4. In the Password Protect Launcher setting, select Yes.
5. In the Launcher Password setting, specify the password that you want your patch to use.

Note • The password is case-sensitive.

See Also
Advanced Tab

Specifying Whether to Build an Update.exe Update Launcher for a QuickPatch Package

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want InstallShield to create an Update.exe update launcher for your QuickPatch package.

An Update.exe update launcher is required if you want to automatically update or install the Windows Installer engine on a target system if necessary. For more information on when an Update.exe launcher is required, see Patching Considerations.

If you configure InstallShield so that it does not create an Update.exe update launcher, it creates an .msp file.

Task
To specify whether to include an Update.exe update launcher for a QuickPatch:

1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click General Information.
2. In the General Information explorer, click Build Settings.
3. Click the Common tab.
4. To include Update.exe, select the Create Update.exe check box.

Tip • You can also use the Advanced tab in the Build Settings area to specify whether you want to include Update.exe.
Deleting Files from the Files To Patch Explorer

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

Task

To delete a file from the Files To Patch explorer:

1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click Files.
2. Right-click the file that you want to delete and then click Delete.

See Also
QuickPatch Projects

Modifying and Removing Installed Files with a QuickPatch

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

Task

To modify or remove an installed file with your QuickPatch:

1. In the View List under Define Patch Settings, click Files.
2. Right-click the Files To Patch explorer and then click Patch Existing File. The Select File dialog box opens.
3. Click the file that you would like to modify or delete. InstallShield adds the file to the Files To Patch explorer.
4. Click the file that you just added to the Files To Patch explorer and then configure its settings.

Tip • As an alternative to steps 3 and 4 above, you can drag and drop files or folders from the Original Setup Files explorer to the Files To Patch explorer.

See Also
QuickPatch Projects

Adding, Modifying, and Deleting Registry Data with a QuickPatch

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.
When you add, modify, or delete registry data with a QuickPatch project, the procedures are basically the same as the ones that you perform for the original installation. The one difference is that before you can add registry data for a QuickPatch project, you must select an existing feature in the View Filter list at the top of the Registry view. All registry data must be associated with a feature that already exists in the original product because you cannot add new features or components with a QuickPatch.

**Tip** • To change any registry settings that you modified for the QuickPatch project, you can right-click the item and then click Revert.

**See Also**
QuickPatch Projects

### Specifying the File Format of QuickPatch Projects: XML or Binary

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

You can specify the file format of a QuickPatch project to be either Binary or XML.

**Task**

To specify the file format of a QuickPatch project:

1. In the View List under **Patch Settings**, click **General Information**.
2. In the **General Information** explorer, select **Build Settings**.
3. Open the **Advanced** tab.
4. Under **General**, set the **Project File Format** setting to one of the following:
   - **Binary**—To save the .ism file as a database file, select this option. This format is best for the speed of opening and saving the project file. This is the default format for the current project type. If you select this project file format for the current project, you can modify the .ism file in a Windows Installer database editor. You can also modify the .ism file by using the Windows Installer API or its automation interface.
   - **XML**—To save the .ism file as a hierarchical text-based format, select this option. This project file format is best for use with source code control systems. It enables you to modify the project file using XML tools.

**Note** • Both project file formats let you build releases from the command line.

**See Also**
QuickPatch Projects
Validating Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Packages

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• QuickPatch

Validation helps identify some common problems that may be encountered when attempting to upgrade an existing Windows Installer–based installation.

Note • You can perform upgrading and patching validation on uncompressed releases only.

The validation engine for upgrading and patching currently consists of different validators that are designed to test for a specific condition and report failure as necessary. Upgrading and patching validation was designed to facilitate the detection of upgrade scenario issues and is distinct from Windows Installer validation, which is better suited for validating first-time installation issues.

Validators

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• QuickPatch

The following table contains a list of validators for upgrading and patching validation.

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<td>This validator verifies that when the upgrade is applied, the files that have been removed from the latest version of the installation will be uninstalled from the target machine.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Val0002</td>
<td>This validator detects cases where RemoveFile table entries are scheduled to run during installation only.</td>
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<td>Val0003</td>
<td>This validator verifies that the proper settings exist so that an upgrade can start successfully.</td>
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<td>Val0004</td>
<td>This validator verifies that when the upgrade is applied, all files that have changed in the latest installation will be installed properly on the target system.</td>
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<td>This validator verifies that feature InstallLevel values are configured so that no feature will be ignored in an upgrade.</td>
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<td>Val0006</td>
<td>This validator detects when a minor upgrade is being attempted, even though a major upgrade should be performed.</td>
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<td>Val0007</td>
<td>This validator verifies that the name of the .msi package has not changed.</td>
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<td>Val0008</td>
<td>This validator verifies the integrity of the ActionProperty and Version elements of all records in the Upgrade table.</td>
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<td>Val0009</td>
<td>This validator verifies that when the installation is run as an upgrade, registry entries that have been deleted from an installation will be removed.</td>
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<td>Val0011</td>
<td>This validator detects when schema incompatibility exists. Schema incompatibility will prevent the creation of a patch.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Val0012</td>
<td>This validator verifies that new features are properly added to the latest installation so that they will be installed when the upgrade is run.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Val0013</td>
<td>This validator verifies that the end user is informed of the intended functionality of the Remove attribute for a major upgrade item.</td>
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<td>Val0014</td>
<td>This validator warns you that because of a specific entry in the Upgrade table, part of the existing product will be left on the target machine when the major upgrade is applied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Val0015</td>
<td>This validator warns you that if you want to package your upgrade as a patch in certain scenarios, end users will not be able to uninstall your patch. This validator applies to small updates and minor upgrades.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Validating Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Packages

Val0001

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch
**Message (Error)**

The file [1] with a target of [2] appears to have been removed from the setup, but does not appear in the RemoveFile table. This file will not be removed from the target machine when an upgrade is run unless the RemoveFile table has been authored.

[1] is the name of the file that has been removed, while [2] is the target path of this file.

**Description**

When a small update or minor upgrade is applied, any file or files that have been removed from the latest setup will not automatically be uninstalled from the target machine because a minor upgrade will recache the local .msi database. This recached copy no longer contains any reference to the file, since it has been removed from the setup.

To remove this file when the upgrade is run, you must add entries to the RemoveFile table. When the upgrade is run, these RemoveFile table entries will be executed, and the file will be deleted.

**Note** • This validator does not apply to major upgrades because the uninstall-and-then-reinstall nature of major upgrades does not lend itself to this type of consideration.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

**Corrective Action**

Using the file name and file destination from the previous version setup package, create an entry in the RemoveFile table using the Direct Editor. The file name can contain wildcard characters.

**Note** • When authoring the RemoveFile table, you must specify a component. This component’s install state is used to determine if a file matching the RemoveFile signature should be removed or not. Be sure to specify a component that you are certain will reinstall when the upgrade is applied.

**Val0002**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

**Message (Note)**

The RemoveFile table entry [1] has an InstallMode of 1. In an upgrade scenario, if the component [2] does not have to reinstall, the files attributed to this table entry will not be removed. You can change the InstallMode value to 3 so that the files will at least get removed on uninstall, or make sure that this RemoveFile table entry is associated with a component that will get reinstalled.
[1] is the name of the entry in the first column of the `RemoveFile` table that is causing this message. [2] is the name of the component with which this `RemoveFile` table entry is associated.

**Description**

When you author an entry in the `RemoveFile` table, you must specify a value in the `InstallMode` column. If this value is set to 1, this tells the installer that the specified file should only be removed upon installation of the associated component. In an upgrade scenario, if the associated component does not need to be reinstalled, then the `RemoveFile` table entry will not be executed, and the file will not be removed from the target machine.

In a subsequent uninstallation, you will need to manually remove this file and the directory that contains it since the file still exists on the target machine.

**Note** • This validator does not apply to major upgrades because the uninstall-and-then-reinstall nature of major upgrades does not lend itself to this type of consideration.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine will need to compare the latest setup to a previous version of that setup.

**Corrective Action**

This validator is only a note. It is designed to make you aware of a potential issue with your setup when you are creating an upgrade. If you do not intend on performing an upgrade or you are certain that the component associated with this `RemoveFile` entry will be reinstalled in an upgrade, you can choose to disregard this note.

You can also choose to change the `InstallMode` value to 3. In this case, a file will not be removed during installation, but it will always be removed during an uninstallation.

**Val0003**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

**Message 1(Note)**

This setup will perform a SMALL upgrade of the referenced previous setup.

**Message 2(Note)**

This setup will perform a MINIOR upgrade of the referenced previous setup.

**Message 3(Note)**

This setup will perform a MAJOR upgrade of the referenced previous setup.
**Message 4 (Error)**

The package code for the latest setup does not differ from that of the previous version. In order to perform an upgrade, the package code MUST change.

**Message 5 (Note)**


[1] is the version number of the previous installation. [2] is the version number of the latest installation.

**Message 6 (Error)**

The setup needs to perform a Major Upgrade of the previous setup specified. However, the Upgrade Code for the previous setup [1] is not in the upgrade table. An upgrade will not occur.

[1] is the upgrade code of the previous installation.

**Message 7 (Error)**

The setup needs to perform a Major Upgrade of the previous setup specified. While upgrade table entries exist for the Upgrade Code, there is no upgrade table entry that matches the Product Version [1] or Product Language [2].

[1] is the version number, and [2] is the language ID of the installation.

**Message 8 (Error)**

A previous package does not contain an UpgradeCode property. A major upgrade will fail to uninstall any previous versions that do not have an UpgradeCode.

**Description**

This validator determines the type of upgrade that is necessary to update an earlier installation. For example, if you are creating a minor upgrade but this validator states that your installation is configured to perform a major upgrade, consider changing your minor upgrade to a major upgrade.

This validator also checks if the package code has changed. This check is performed for all upgrade types. Changing the package code is a requirement any time that you decide to release an installation, whether or not you intend to upgrade it. If the package code has not changed, you will see the error described in message 4.

If the product version has changed but only past the third version item, the validator displays the note described in message 5. This note is designed to alert you that changes to the fourth item in a version resource will not appear as unique versions to the installer at run time.

Additionally, if a major upgrade is required, this validator will check if the appropriate entries exist in the latest installation to remove the previous installation from the target machine. If these entries do not exist, you will see message 6 or 7. Message 6 is displayed when there are no settings related to the earlier product. Message 7 is displayed when there is a setting related to the earlier product, but the signature of that setting does not patch the signature of the previous setup. Error 8 is displayed if there is a setting related to the earlier product, but the upgrade code was not found in the earlier installation.
Corrective Action

If you receive message 4, you must generate a new package code for the latest version of your installation. A good option is to set the Generate Package Code property for the product configuration to Yes.

If you receive message 5, you can choose to disregard it since it is for informational purposes. However, note that having indistinguishable versions can create difficulties if you attempt to apply a major upgrade at a later date.

If you receive message 6, you need to add a major upgrade item.

There are several possible reasons why you might receive message 7. The first possibility is that the product version does not fall within the range of versions specified as potential target installations. If the version of the previous installation is either the upper bound or the lower bound of the acceptable range of product versions to upgrade, you may want to check the minimum and maximum inclusive settings for your major upgrade item. Additionally, the product language may not be listed in the list of supported languages for upgrading. You will also get error message 7 if you have defined a major upgrade item for the previous setup but have marked that item to Detect Only.

If you encounter error 8, remove the earlier package that does not have an upgrade code.

See Also
Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update
Creating Major Upgrades

Val0004

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• QuickPatch

Message (Error)
The key file [1] in component [2] is versioned in the previous package and has a lower version or is unversioned in the upgraded package (old file version [3], new file version [4]). This will prevent the component from reinstalling in an upgrade scenario.

[1] is the name of the key file, [2] is the name of the component that contains the key file, [3] is the version number of the file in the earlier package, and [4] is the version number of the file in the upgrade.

Description
This validator verifies that when the upgrade is applied, all files that have changed in the upgrade will be updated properly on the target system.

At run time during a minor upgrade or small update, Windows Installer does not reinstall a component if its key file would be downgraded in the process. Therefore, the key file in the upgrade needs to have a version number that is equal to or greater than that of the key file in the old package.

The exception is when the end user sets the REINSTALLMODE property to a, which forces the installation of all files, regardless of version.
Note • This validator does not apply to major upgrades because the uninstall-and-then-reinstall nature of major upgrades does not lend itself to this type of consideration.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

Corrective Action

To resolve the error, ensure that the version number of the key file in the upgrade has a version number that is equal to or greater than that of the key file in the old package. As an alternative, you can create a major upgrade.

See Also
Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System

Val0005

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• QuickPatch

Message 1(Warning)
The default InstallLevel for feature [1] is zero. If this feature gets enabled on install, you must author similar logic to ensure that it is also enabled in maintenance mode, otherwise in an upgrade the feature will be ignored.

[1] is the name of the feature whose InstallLevel is the cause of concern.

Message 2(Warning)
A condition for feature [1] may possibly set the InstallLevel for this feature to zero at runtime. If this feature gets enabled on install, you must author similar logic to ensure that it is also enabled in maintenance mode, otherwise in an upgrade the feature will be ignored.

[1] is the name of the feature whose InstallLevel is the cause of concern.

Description

The significance of setting a feature InstallLevel to zero is that it will cause the feature to appear as disabled at run time, and the user will not be able to enable it. It is tempting to set this feature to zero by default and then enable it as needed through a feature condition.

In an upgrade, if this feature condition does not get evaluated so that it can set the install level to a value other than zero, the InstallLevel for the feature will remain at zero. Therefore, no changes made to the components in that feature will be installed.
Another variation of this issue is that the feature InstallLevel defaults to something other than zero, but there exists a feature condition that sets this feature InstallLevel to zero at run time. This issue raises problems for major upgrades, since the previous installation is already in the field.

Val0005 applies to all upgrade types: major, minor, and small.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine will need to examine only the latest version of your setup.

**Corrective Action**

Ensure that any processing that can effect the evaluation of these feature conditions is also performed when an upgrade is run. Remember that in an upgrade, the user interface being displayed to the end user may be different from the user interface displayed the first time the installation is run.

Making sure that your feature InstallLevel values do not default to zero is important so that a major upgrade will be able to safely install and uninstall files.

Val0006

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

**Message 1** (Error)


[1] is the name of the component that has been removed. [2] is the ComponentID associated with the component that was deleted.

**Message 2** (Error)

The Feature [1] is missing from the newest version of your setup. You cannot delete features and still do a minor/small upgrade. You must perform a major upgrade.

[1] is the name of the feature that has been removed.

**Description**

If any components or features have been deleted from the latest version of the installation, you must perform a major upgrade to avoid potential problems associated with leaving resources and registrations on a machine.

**Note** • If you move a feature or component to another location in the installation, you have effectively deleted it from its original location.
This validator does not apply to major upgrades. It identifies when a minor upgrade or small update should be a major upgrade.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

**Corrective Action**

If you need to make major architecture changes to your installation, you should apply a major upgrade.

You can also use the RemoveFile, RemoveRegistry, and RemoveIniFile tables to clean up some resources that may be orphaned. However, this will not clean up the Windows Installer registration information for those components and features. Leaving that registration information behind can cause unpredictable results in a future upgrade installation or uninstallation of your product.

Val0007

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

**Message 1(Error)**

The MSI package name for the most recent setup [1] differs from the MSI package name of the previous setup [2]. Small/Minor upgrades require that the package name remain the same.

[1] is the name of the new .msi package that has changed. [2] is the name of the original .msi package.

**Description**

When you perform a minor upgrade or a small update, the previous and latest versions of your installation must have the same .msi package name. Attempting to perform a minor upgrade or a small update when the .msi file name has changed can lead to Windows Installer run-time error 1316.

This validator does not apply to major upgrades.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

**Corrective Action**

This is a limitation of the Windows Installer service. The only recourse here is to give your .msi packages the same name. To configure the name of the .msi package, you can use the MSI Package File Name setting on the General tab for a product configuration in the Releases view.
Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

**Message 1 (Warning)**

In the Upgrade table, the Action Property [1] is not listed as a member of SecureCustomProperties. The defined upgrade may not function properly.

[1] is the name of one of the action properties specified in the Upgrade table.

**Message 2 (Error)**

In the Upgrade table, the Action Property [1] is not public. The defined upgrade will not function properly.

[1] is the name of one of the action properties specified in the Upgrade table.

**Message 3 (Error)**

In the Upgrade table, the Action Property [1] is already defined in the property table. The defined upgrade will not function properly.

[1] is the name of one of the action properties specified in the Upgrade table.

**Message 4 (Error)**

In the Upgrade table, the Action Property [1] is used more than once. This may cause undesirable results at runtime.

[1] is the name of one of the action properties specified in the Upgrade table.

**Message 5 (Error)**

In the Upgrade table, there exists a record where the MaxVersion [1] is less than the MinVersion [2]. This will cause unpredictable results at runtime.

[1] and [2] are version numbers specified in the Upgrade table.

**Description**

For all records in the Upgrade table:

- Ensure that the ActionProperty is public.
- Ensure that the ActionProperty is unique.
- Ensure that the ActionProperty is not predefined in the Property table.
- Ensure that the ActionProperty is in the SecureCustomProperties list.
• Ensure that `MinVersion` is less than or equal to `MaxVersion`.

This validator applies only to major upgrades.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

**Corrective Action**

To find where the value of the `Action` property is entered, open the Upgrades view. Select the major upgrade item, and then click the Advanced tab. The Detect Property value is used for the `Action` property.

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**Note** • Note the following:

• The property is public if it is in all uppercase letters.
• The property is unique if it is not shared with any other major upgrade items.
• If the property is defined in the `Property` table, go to the Property Manager and delete it.
• If the property is not on the `SecureCustomProperties` list, you can add this to the `SecureCustomProperties` property in the Property Manager. Multiple properties are delimited by semicolons.
• Find the major upgrade item in the Upgrades view where the minimum version is higher than the maximum version and correct it.

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**Val0009**

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• QuickPatch

**Message 1 (Warning)**

A registry entry has been removed from the component [1]. There exists a corresponding entry in the `RemoveRegistry` table, however, that entry is not associated with this component. This may result in the registry entry not being removed when an upgrade is run.

[1] is the name of the component from which a registry entry has been removed in the latest version of the setup.

**Message 2 (Error)**

A registry entry has been removed from the component [1]. This key must be added to the `RemoveRegistry` table, otherwise it will be orphaned by an upgrade. [2].

[1] is the name of the component from which a registry entry has been removed in the latest version of the setup. [2] is the missing registry entry in the form `<Root>|<Key>|<Value>`.
Description

When a small update or minor upgrade is performed, any registry entries that have been removed from the latest installation will not automatically be uninstalled from the target machine. The reason is that a minor upgrade will recache the local .msi database. This recached copy no longer contains any reference to these registry entries, since it has been removed from the installation.

To remove this registry entry, add entries to the RemoveRegistry table so that it will be removed when the upgrade is applied. When the upgrade is run, these RemoveRegistry table entries will be executed, and the registry entry will be deleted.

Note • This validator does not apply to major upgrades because the uninstall-and-then-reinstall nature of major upgrades does not lend itself to this type of consideration.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

Corrective Action

Using the root, key, and value of a registry entry from the previous version of the installation package, create an entry in the RemoveRegistry table through the Direct Editor. The Value field can be authored with the minus character (–). This will result in the removal of the entire registry key with all of its values and subkeys.

Note • When you add an entry to the RemoveRegistry table, you are required to specify a component. This component’s install state is used to determine if a registry entry matching this RemoveRegistry signature should be removed. Ensure that you specify a component that you know will be reinstalled when the upgrade is applied.

Val0011

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

Message 1(Error)

The data types for the Version column of the TypeLib table differs from that of the Upgraded image. This will cause a failure to create the patch package.

Message 2(Warning)

The target image was created with Windows Installer 1.2 or previous, and the Upgraded Image was created with Windows Installer 2.0 or later. Although validation did not detect any data type conflicts, creating patches for packages that span this schema inflection point can be problematic.
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Description

With the release of Windows Installer 2.0, the schema of the .msi installation package changed. The data type of the Version column in the TypeLib table changed from I2 to I4. It is not possible to patch .msi installations using the old schema with .msi packages using the new schema.

Note • This validator does not apply to major upgrades because the uninstall-and-then-reinstall nature of major upgrades does not lend itself to this type of consideration.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

Corrective Action

You can still distribute your upgrade as a minor upgrade, however, you will not be able to distribute your upgrade as a patch.

Val0012

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• QuickPatch

Message 1(Error)
The new feature [1] is defined as a root level feature. New features MUST be defined as sub-features of features that already exist in the original setup.

[1] is name of the feature causing the validation message.

Message 2(Error)
The validation engine has detected the new feature [1]. This feature must have the 'FavorParent' and 'Required' attributes set to Yes in order to install in an upgrade scenario.

[1] is name of the feature causing the validation message.

Description

If you intend to distribute the latest version of your installation as a small update or a minor upgrade, you must follow certain rules if you decide to add features to the installation. The first rule is that the feature must be added as a child to an existing feature. The second rule is that the feature must have its Remote Installation property set to FavorParent and its Required property set to Yes.

If these two rules are not followed, the contents of the new feature will not be installed when the upgrade is applied. Instead, the end user will need to run the installation in maintenance mode and manually select the feature to be installed locally.
This validator does not apply to major upgrades.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

**Corrective Action**

Add the new feature as a child of an existing feature, and set its Remote Installation property set to FavorParent and its Required property set to Yes.

Val0013

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

**Message 1 (Warning)**

Validation has detected that you are using the Remove column in the Upgrade table for the entry [1]. Doing this will result in the incomplete uninstallation of the referenced setup. For the most common upgrade scenarios, you should not author the Remove column of the upgrade table.

[1] is the Upgrade code being referenced in the Upgrade table.

**Description**

When the remove attribute of a major upgrade item is left empty, it will remove all of the features from the target product, effectively uninstalling the entire product.

If you place one feature name in the remove attribute of a major upgrade item, only that feature will be removed, and all of the other features of the existing product will be left on the target machine along with the target product itself. This means that you will be left with two products on the target machine with two entries in Add or Remove Programs.

This feature is intended for users who want to leave the target product on end users’ machine while removing only some of its features.

This validator applies only to major upgrades.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine needs to examine the latest installation only.

**Corrective Action**

This is a warning. If the behavior described above is what you desire, you can disregard this warning. Otherwise, do not use the Remove attribute of a major upgrade item.
Val0014

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

**Message 1 (Error)**

The component identified by ID [1] has been removed from the latest version of the setup. On a Major Upgrade the resources contained within these components will get uninstalled, possibly deleting resources necessary for your application to run.

[1] is the component code that identifies a component in the earlier installation.

**Description**

This validator performs this check only if the major upgrade is configured to install new files, then remove unneeded files. The issue this validator is designed to protect you against does not exist if the major upgrade is configured to uninstall the product first, then reinstall it.

When the target upgrade mode is selected, the installer achieves this functionality by relying on reference count components on the target machine. The reference count for a required component is incremented when the latest application is installed, and it is decremented when the earlier application is removed. However, since the reference count never reaches zero, the persistent components remain on the target machine.

The problem exists when you delete a component from the installation, and then add the resources from that component to a different component. Instead, you should perform the following:

1. Install a new component with new resources.
2. Uninstall the old component with old resources.

When the old component is uninstalled in step 2, it may remove registry entries, .ini file changes, environment variables, and so on if they were added by the new component in step 1.

Since components are referenced by a GUID, and a new component GUID is generated every time you add a new component to your installation project, even a simple deletion or addition of a component that already exists can cause this behavior.

This validator applies only to major upgrades.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version of that installation.

**Corrective Action**

To correct this problem, you can either configure your upgrade to uninstall the application first and then reinstall it, or you can add a component with a GUID equal to the one specified in this error message. Even though the component is empty, its existence helps Windows Installer keep accurate reference counts, and it helps to prevent components from being prematurely uninstalled.
Val0015

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

Message 1 (Warning)
The [1] table contains new content. Therefore, if you are packaging this upgrade as a patch, you will not be able to make it an uninstallable patch.

[1] is the name of the table that is causing this message.

Description
When an end user uninstalls a patch, the product is returned to the state it was in before the patch was uninstalled. If a patch is not uninstallable, an end user who wants to remove the patch needs to uninstall the patched product and then reinstall the product without applying the patch.

Note • If a target machine does not meet certain requirements (for example, it must have Windows Installer 3.0 or later), the patch will not be uninstallable, even if this validator warning is resolved. For more information about the requirements for uninstallable patches, see Patch Uninstallation.

If a patch adds a row to any of the following specific tables, the patch cannot be uninstalled, even if the Allow this patch to be uninstalled check box is selected for the patch.
- BindImage
- Class
- Complus
- CreateFolder
- DuplicateFile
- Environment
- Extension
- Font
- IniFile
- ISLockPermissions
- IsolatedComponent
- ISSelfReg
- LockPermissions
Note that under certain conditions, it is possible that an end user may not be able to remove a patch that adds content to the RemoveFile or RemoveRegistry tables. If the patch is designed to remove a file or registry entry that was not included in the original installation package, uninstalling the patch will not restore that file or registry entry.

This validator applies to small updates and minor upgrades only.

To perform this validation test, the validation engine compares the latest installation to an earlier version if the **Allow this patch to be uninstalled** check box is selected for the patch.

**Corrective Action**

This validator is designed to warn you that if you are creating a patch—or you later decide to package your upgrade as a patch—your end users will not be able to uninstall the patch unless you take corrective action to resolve it. To resolve this warning, do one of the following:

- Clear the **Allow this patch to be uninstalled** check box for the patch. If you do this, end users will not be able to uninstall the patch.
- Remove the new data from the table mentioned in the warning message. Note, however, that depending on your patch requirements, removing new table data may mean that your patch will not fix the issue in your application that led you to create the patch in the first place.
Patching Assemblies in the Global Assembly Cache

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- QuickPatch

With Windows Installer 3.0 or later, the `MsiPatchOldAssemblyFile` and `MsiPatchOldAssemblyName` tables enable a patch package to patch an assembly in the global assembly cache (GAC) without making a run-time request for the original installation source. By default, InstallShield automatically generates entries for these tables when you build a patch or QuickPatch package. (To disable this automatic generation in a patch or QuickPatch project, set the **Generate MsiPatchOldAssembly tables** property to No. For a patch, this property is on the Advanced tab of the patch configuration item in the Patch Design view. In a QuickPatch project, this property is on the Advanced tab of the Build Settings item in the General Information view.)

**Note** • To automatically generate entries for the `MsiPatchOldAssemblyFile` and `MsiPatchOldAssemblyName` tables, InstallShield must have write access to the latest version of the .msi package to which the patch applies. InstallShield modifies this package before creating the patch. InstallShield automatically attempts to make this package writable; if it cannot, a build warning is generated, and the table entries are not created.

These table entries are applied only if the target system is running Windows Installer 3.0 or later. The patch runs if the system is running Windows Installer 2.0; however, these tables are ignored, and if the patch needs to update a file in the GAC, it makes a request for the original source package. InstallShield generates these table entries even if you include only the Windows Installer 2.0 engine in Update.exe, since a target system with Windows Installer 3.0 or later already installed can use them.

Working with Differential and Full Releases

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

InstallShield provides two different mechanisms for creating upgrades for InstallScript installations:

- You can package your upgrade as a full release that updates an existing product if an earlier version is installed, or behaves as a first-time installation if no earlier version is present.
- You can package your upgrade as a differential release that contains only the changed data (byte-level file differences) between the versions to be updated.

For step-by-step instructions on how to update an InstallScript installation by either creating a differential or full release, consult this section of the help.
Creating an InstallScript Release to Update Previous Versions

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

InstallShield enables you to create a release for an InstallScript project to update one or more existing versions of your application. You can customize any necessary criteria through the script.

Note • If the product that you want to update was not installed by an installation created with InstallShield X or later, InstallShield DevStudio, or InstallShield Professional 6.0 or later, you must create a new project. You may also want to consider creating a new project if you plan to include extensive changes in this update.

Task • To create an update release:

1. Open a new or existing InstallScript project.

2. Verify that the product code matches the GUID with which the previous version of your product was installed. To check the product code, in the General Information view, inspect the value of the Product Code setting.

Note • If you are creating a new project and you want to update features that were installed by the original installation, ensure that each feature’s GUID matches the GUID with which the previous version of that feature was installed. To check a feature’s GUID, select it in the Features or Setup Design view and inspect the value of its GUID property.

3. Specify a version number for your product update:
   c. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
   d. In the Version setting, type the version number.

4. Indicate whether you want to build a differential or full release:
   a. In the Releases view, click the desired release.
   b. If you want to build a differential release, set the value of the Differential Media property to Yes and continue with step 6. If you want to build a full release, leave the property set to No and continue with step 5.

Note • If you are using the Release Wizard, the Update panel is where you select the release format (Full or Differential).

5. If you are building a full release, specify the versions of your product to which the update should be applied. In the Supported Versions property, type the applicable version numbers using a semicolon to separate the different versions (for example, 1.2.3;1.2.4). If you leave the Supported Versions property blank or select the Non-version specific, the update is applied to all earlier versions of your product. Continue with step 7.
Note • These version numbers can also be specified in the Release Wizard by selecting version numbers from the box on the Update panel. Do not specify version numbers that correspond to releases that were created by versions of InstallShield Professional earlier than 6.0 because those releases cannot be updated.

6. If you are building a differential release, you must use the Release Wizard to specify one or more existing releases to which the current project is compared when creating the new differential release.

Note • Do not specify existing releases that were created by versions of InstallShield Professional earlier than 6.0 because those releases cannot be updated. Only the specified existing releases can be updated by the resulting differential release. To review the criteria that determine whether a file in the current project is included in a differential release, see Differential vs. Full Releases.

• To specify a release in the current project:
  a. In the Releases view, right-click the release name and select Release Wizard. The Release Wizard opens.
  b. In the Update panel, click Add. The Add Existing Media dialog box opens.
  c. Select the desired release.
  d. Click OK.

• To specify a release that is not in the current project:
  a. In the Releases view, right-click the release name and select Release Wizard. The Release Wizard opens.
  b. In the Update panel, click Import. The Media File Properties dialog box opens.
  c. Specify the Data1.hdr file of the desired release by either entering the fully qualified file name in the Media Header File box or select or clicking the browse button to browse for the file.
  d. Click OK.

• Confirm the specified release's version information is displayed in the Differential Media box of the Update panel. If no version information is displayed, do the following:
  a. Select the release in the list box and click Modify. The Media File Properties dialog box opens.
  b. Select the Specify the version information below option and type or select a version number in the list.
  c. Click OK.

7. Build the release.

See Migrating from InstallShield Professional 6.x for more information on using a version 6.x-created script with an update-enabled installation.

See Also
Differential vs. Full Releases
Upgrades Overview
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
Notifying End Users about Upgrades Using FlexNet Connect

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

For information on adding FlexNet Connect support to an InstallScript project, consult the Knowledge Base.

FlexNet Connect provides a mechanism that enables you to automatically notify your Web-connected end users when patches, updates, and product information for your application are ready for release.

**FlexNet Connect Implementation**

There are two cycles of tasks that you perform when using FlexNet Connect to automatically inform end users about updates: initial deployment and update deployment. Once you have performed the initial deployment steps for your application, each time you want to distribute an update of that application to end users, you perform the update deployment cycle of steps.

**Update Deployment**

1. Use InstallShield to create an update for your application.
2. Register your new product version and product code with the FlexNet Connect Publisher site, a Web-based management portal.
3. Publish your update to the FlexNet Connect Publisher site, and set the **Message Status** to **Test**.
4. Test your update.
5. Publish your update to the FlexNet Connect Publisher site, and set the **Message Status** to **Active**.

FlexNet Connect includes a variety of options that can be purchased together for a complete solution, or separately for a customized solution. To learn more, visit the Revenera Web site.

**See Also**

- Updating Applications
- Application Lifecycle
Additional Installation Options

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In addition to helping you create an installation package that installs products, InstallShield provides other installation options to help you enhance your final installation package. Some of these options include enabling multilingual installations, building conditional statements, and defining installation prerequisites.

Read more about additional installation options in the following sections.
Creating Multilingual Installations

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Edition • The Premier edition of InstallShield includes support for creating multilingual installations.

InstallShield supports many features that enable you to customize your installation for global distribution. Using these features, you can create a single installation project that displays end-user text in multiple languages and can handle conditional installation of language-specific files.

Creating a multilingual installation primarily involves separating code from language-specific resources and files. You may also need to distribute separate files for your installation, such as graphics, license files, or custom actions, depending on the language in which the installation is running. Another consideration is whether you need to install different application files depending on the target system's locale.

Task InstallShield enables the creation of multilingual installations by dividing installation authoring into the following distinct tasks:

- Specify the languages that your installation will include.
- Translate the strings for each supported language.
- Modify end-user dialogs as necessary for each language.
- Mark any language-dependent components.
- Select the languages to include in the release.

See Also
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
Globalization Tips
Code Page Requirements for Language Support
Dialog Support for Right-to-Left Languages

Globalization Tips

Consider these points when designing your product for a global audience:

- The goal of global distribution is a localized product that is international in scope and readily adaptable to specific areas of the world.
- The key to globalization is resource and code separation, plus country and language independence.
- Globalizing your installation requires a design that is simple and modular.
- Creating a worldwide specification package means incorporating global requirements into the installation specifications from the beginning.
- Make bitmaps and icons culturally sensitive. What may be acceptable in one country could be misleading or offensive in another.
English strings are usually shorter than equivalent text strings in other languages. Translated strings grow an average of 30 to 40 percent. This implies that both static and temporary storage areas will increase in size.

- When designing prompts, use only one-half of the available space to allow for expansion.
- Avoid hard-coding element positioning and size on the screen, because these items can change when the element is translated.

### Setting the Default Project Language

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One of the project’s supported languages must serve as its default language. The default language determines the following:

- The localizable strings that you specify throughout various views in InstallShield—such as the Display Name setting for a feature or the Description setting for a shortcut—are all from the default language’s string entries, which you can see in the String Editor view. You can edit the values for the default language in the String Editor view, or in the other views throughout InstallShield.

- If your installation does not include the language selection dialog and it also does not include support for a target system’s language, the default language is the language in which the installation runs on that target system. (The language selection dialog lets end users select which language version of the installation they would like to run.)

You can use the General Information view or the String Editor view to specify or change the default language.

**Task**

To use the General Information view to specify or change a project’s default language:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In the Default Language setting, select the appropriate language.

**Task**

To use the String Editor view to specify or change a project’s default language:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click String Editor.
2. In the Default Language box, select the appropriate language.

**Tip**

You can override the default user interface language for a particular release. To do so, select the appropriate language in the Default Language setting on the Build tab in the Releases view.

**See Also**

How an Installation Determines Which Language to Use for the User Interface
Settings for Languages

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InstallShield lets you set languages at the project level, at the component level, and at the release level. Specifying languages at each level has different affects on your project. The following table describes various language-related settings.

Table 9-1 • Language Settings in InstallShield

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For more information, see Selecting the Installation Languages.
The Languages setting for a component enables you to specify the languages for which the component is intended, for use in build-time filtering. By default, components are language independent, meaning that none of the component’s data (such as files and registry entries) are specific to a particular language.

Project • In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, if a language is not selected in the General Information view of a project, it is not listed as one of the available languages for the project’s components.

To designate that the component is intended for only certain languages, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Languages dialog box opens, enabling you to select the appropriate languages for the component.

For more information, see Marking Components as Language Dependent.

Tip • To learn how to specify which language-dependent components are installed at run time, see Installing Components Based on Language.

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<td>The Languages setting for a component enables you to specify the languages for which the component is intended, for use in build-time filtering. By default, components are language independent, meaning that none of the component’s data (such as files and registry entries) are specific to a particular language.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Releases view setting (Build tab)—Data Languages</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want to include certain components and exclude others based on the language that is selected for each component, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting and specify the appropriate languages. If the language specified for a component does not match one of the languages that is selected for this setting, InstallShield does not include the component in the release. By default, releases are language independent; that is, none of the project’s components are excluded from the release.</td>
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<td>Releases view setting (Build tab)—UI Languages</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>The UI Languages setting lets you specify which user interface languages you want to include in a release. To select the appropriate languages, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. Note that if a language is not selected in the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view of the project, it is not listed as one of the available languages for the UI Languages setting.</td>
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For information about the default language in a project, see Setting the Default Project Language.

See Also
How an Installation Determines Which Language to Use for the User Interface
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
Translating String Entries

Selecting the Installation Languages

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Edition • The Premier edition of InstallShield includes support for creating multilingual installations.

If you have the Premier edition of InstallShield, you can select the languages that you want to include in your installation. When you add a language to your project, InstallShield adds string entries for that language.

To add supported languages to your project, use the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view. The affect of this setting differs, depending on what project type you are using.

- In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI projects, the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view lets you specify the languages that you want to be listed in the UI Languages setting in the Releases view. Therefore, if a language is not listed for this Setup Languages setting at the project level, you cannot include that particular UI language in your project’s releases.

- In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view lets you specify the languages that you want to be listed in the Languages setting in the Components and Releases views in your project. In general, if a language is not listed for this setting at the project level, you cannot designate that a particular component in your project is targeted for that language; in addition, you cannot designate that the components and UI strings for a particular language are included in your project’s releases.

Table 9-1 • Language Settings in InstallShield (cont.)

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When you add a supported language to your project through this setting, InstallShield adds string entries for that language to your project. The string entries include the built-in user-interface string resources that are already translated.

The New Language Wizard in InstallShield lets you add unsupported languages to projects. An unsupported language is one in which none of the default run-time strings are translated. When you add an unsupported language to a project, that language is made available in the Setup Languages setting, and in other various language-related settings throughout InstallShield. In addition, InstallShield uses the strings from your project’s default language as placeholders for the strings in that newly added unsupported language; you can use the String Editor view to provide translated strings for unsupported language.

You can build an installation for distribution in as many languages as you have support for, but InstallShield runs an installation in only one language. For more information, see How an Installation Determines Which Language to Use for the User Interface.

See Also
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield

Marking Components as Language Dependent

All new components are language independent by default. Mark a component as specific to a language if you want the component and its data built into a package that targets that language.

Task
To mark a component as language dependent:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (for installation projects only) or Components.
2. Select the component that you want to configure as language dependent. InstallShield displays the component’s settings in the right pane.
3. Click the Languages setting. InstallShield displays the list of languages in the bottom-right pane.
4. Select the check box for each language to which this component’s data apply. Clear the check box for each language that does not apply.

Tip • To learn how to specify which language-dependent components are installed at run time, see Installing Components Based on Language.

See Also
Language Identifiers

Installing Components Based on Language

Assuming that its feature is selected for installation, a language-dependent component that is present in the release is installed onto the target system. The component’s language setting determines which components are built into the release, not necessarily which components are installed.
Specifying Which Language-Dependent Components Are Installed at Run Time for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

To specify whether a component is installed based on the target system’s language, use the Windows Installer property `SystemLanguageID` in the component’s Condition setting.

For example, the following condition allows the component—which may or may not be marked as French in InstallShield—to be installed only onto French (France) systems:

```
SystemLanguageID = 1036
```

Other properties that can be used to determine language characteristics at run time are `UserLanguageID`, which is the numeric identifier of the end user’s default language, and `ProductLanguage`, which is the identifier of the language in which the installation is running.

Specifying Which Language-Dependent Components Are Installed at Run Time for InstallScript Projects

During run time of InstallScript installations, you can control the languages that your installation supports by calling the `FeatureFilterLanguage` function.

In the `OnFilterComponents` event handler, the framework typically calls this function with the languages that match the target system so that only the appropriate components are installed. By calling `FeatureFilterLanguage`, you can override this default behavior to install or prevent the installation of components based on any language criteria that you specify.

For more information, see `FeatureFilterLanguage`.

See Also

- Language Identifiers

Including Languages in the Release

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Edition • The Premier edition of InstallShield includes support for creating multilingual installations.

When you configure a release through the Release Wizard or the Releases view, you can specify the language of the installation’s end-user interface and for filtering language-dependent application data.

You can use the same project to build a version of your release for any of the supported languages. Or you can select multiple languages in the Release Wizard or the Releases view to create a single installation that is capable of running in any one of the included languages and installing components specific to any number of languages.

Including User-Interface Resources for a Language

You decide which languages to make available in your installation in the Release Wizard or the Releases view.

While you can create a package that contains support for several languages, the installation itself is presented in only one language. For more information, see How an Installation Determines Which Language to Use for the User Interface.
Including Language-Dependent Components

Another consideration is which of your application's language-dependent data you want to include in your project. By marking a component as language dependent and then configuring the appropriate language-related setting on the Build tab in the Releases view as needed, you can automatically include or exclude (filter) that component from the release. You can also specify the language for the release in the Release Wizard.

If you do not select specific languages at the release level, InstallShield includes all components in the release. If you select a language, InstallShield builds all components that are specific to that language and all language-independent components into the release. For example, choosing to build an English-only release means that Japanese components—that is, components with Japanese selected for the Languages setting—are filtered out.

Tip • You may have components specific to several languages depending on your selections for the language-related setting in the Releases view or the Release Wizard. To learn how to install them only on machines with a specific locale, see Installing Components Based on Language.

See Also
Language Identifiers

Translating String Entries

Instead of hard-coding strings throughout your project, you can use string entries in areas of InstallShield that accept localizable text. Each string entry consists of a language-independent identifier and a corresponding language-specific value. At run time, the installation displays the appropriate translated string values.

To help streamline the process of localizing a project, all of the text strings that may be displayed at run time during the installation process are available in one consolidated view: the String Editor view. You can use this view to edit the strings for everything from button text to feature descriptions. You can also use this view to export each language's string entries to a file, translate the values that are listed in the file, and then import the translated file into your project.

For information on working with string entries, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

For import and export instructions, see Exporting and Importing String Entries.

See Also
How an Installation Determines Which Language to Use for the User Interface
Creating Multilingual Installations
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
Localizing the End-User Interface
Globalization Tips
Reusing Project Elements

Exporting and Importing String Entries

To ease the task of translating all of the run-time strings in your project, InstallShield enables you to export the string entries for a language to a tab-delimited text (.txt) file. You can provide that .txt file to a translator who can update the file with translated text. Then you can import the .txt file back into your InstallShield project for a localized end-user interface.
Tip • To automate the export and import process, you can use the InstallShield automation interface. To learn how, see Exporting and Importing String Entries Using the Automation Interface.

Exporting a Language’s String Entries from InstallShield to a Text File

InstallShield lets you export all of the string entries for a language, or only some of the string entries. You may want to export only the string entries that have been modified since a specific date. This is useful if you want to give the translator only the string entries that are new or have been modified since the last round of translations.

Task To export all of the string entries for a language:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click String Editor.
2. Click the Export Strings button. The Select File and Language to Export dialog box opens.
3. Browse to the location where you want InstallShield to save the text file.
4. In the File name box, enter the name of the text file that you want InstallShield to create.
5. In the Language list, select the language whose strings you want to export to the text file.
6. Click Save.

InstallShield exports all of the selected language’s string entries to a tab-delimited Unicode text file. You can give this text file to your translator.

Tip • By default, the export process creates a Unicode text file. Although the Select file and language to export dialog box has a check box that lets you export the string entries to an ANSI file, an ANSI file is not created by default. The Unicode text file is the preferred type of file, since ANSI files requires that the build machine have the appropriate code pages for double-byte languages. To learn more, see Code Page Requirements for Language Support.

Task To export only some of the string entries for a language:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click String Editor.
2. Select the string entries that you want to export:
   - To select multiple consecutive rows, click the first row, and then press SHIFT while clicking the last row.
   - To select multiple nonconsecutive rows, click the first row, and then press CTRL while clicking each additional row.
3. Press CTRL+C to copy the string entries in the selected rows to the Clipboard.
4. Create a new text file in a text editor such as Notepad.
5. Press CTRL+V to paste the content in the Clipboard in the text file.
6. Save the text file. It is recommended that you save the file with Unicode encoding, since Unicode supports double-byte characters. To learn more, see Code Page Requirements for Language Support.
Tip • The automation interface lets you automate the process of exporting only the string entries that have been modified since a specific date. To learn more, see Exporting and Importing String Entries Using the Automation Interface.

Importing String Entries from a Text File Into an InstallShield Project

InstallShield lets you import translated string entries from a text file to an InstallShield project.

To import the tab-delimited text file that has been translated:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click String Editor.
2. Click the Import Strings button. The Select File and Language to Import dialog box opens.
3. Select the text file that you want to import.
4. In the Language list, select the language for the text entries that you are importing.
5. Click Open.

The string entry importer checks for conflicts with string identifiers. If any conflicts exist, InstallShield prompts you to indicate whether you want to overwrite the existing entry in your project with the one in the text file.

Modifying Dialogs for Each Language

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When you add support for a language to your project, InstallShield provides a version of each standard dialog translated into the newly added language. You can edit these dialogs, as well as custom or imported dialogs, for each supported language in the Dialog Editor.

To view these dialogs:

1. In the View List under User Interface, click Dialogs.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, expand the All Dialogs item.
3. Double-click the name of a dialog to see an item for each supported language.
4. To modify a dialog’s layout, select the language version.

The rule to remember is that all controls have the same properties, string entries, and behavior for each language. When you add a control to the English (United States) copy of a dialog, you are adding the same control to the German version. Setting the Sunken property of a bitmap to True makes that property True for each language-specific version.

Resizing Elements

The exceptions to the above rule are the Height and Width properties of a control. These properties are specific to each language’s version. Because string lengths can vary widely from one language to another, when you resize a control, you are not affecting the control’s size for any other language.
For example, you may need to enlarge a push button to accommodate a longer string after it is translated into German. The push button remains the same size for every version of the dialog since it was created. When you resize the control in the German layout, it is resized only for that language.

**Modifying Strings**

The strings in each dialog come from that language’s string entries. When you select a string for a control that accepts localizable text, although the string identifier is the same for each language-specific version, the string value that is displayed comes from the current language’s string entries. If you edit the value in the control’s property sheet, you are actually editing that string identifier’s value for that language.

**Modifying File Resources**

Several controls, such as bitmaps and check boxes, accept a file that will be streamed into the setup package. Because the file resources can be different depending on the language, when you edit the File Name value, you will be supplying a file only for that particular language.

The file name can differ for each language because every File Name property uses a string entry. Thus, the file name is originally the same for every language. When you edit strings in the String Editor view or edit the dialog layout for a specific language, you can enter a new file name only for that language.

**Right-to-Left-Language Dialogs**

Basic MSI and Merge Module projects include support for languages that are written and read from right to left. For more information, see Dialog Support for Right-to-Left Languages.

**How an Installation Determines Which Language to Use for the User Interface**

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Although you can localize an installation in as many languages as your project supports, an installation can be run in only one language. When Setup.exe initializes, it determines which language should be used for the installation.

**Determining the Language at Setup.exe Initialization**

If your installation has support for more than one language (that is, if you selected more than one language in the Setup Languages panel of the Release Wizard or on the Build tab for the release in the Releases view), and if one of those languages matches one of the following items on a target system, Setup.exe launches the installation in the matching language. Note that the installation evaluates the following items in the order that they are listed and uses the first language that matches:

1. The language that the end user specifies through the /L command-line parameter
2. If an earlier version of the product was installed on the target system and is still present, the language that was used to install the earlier version
3. The user default language of the target system
4. The system default language of the target system
5. The system default UI language of the target system
6. The default language for the installation, which you can set in the Setup Languages panel of the Release Wizard, or on the Build tab for the release in the Releases view.

If your installation has support for only one language, Setup.exe launches the installation in that language.

**Displaying the Language Selection Dialog at Run Time**

InstallShield lets you specify whether you want Setup.exe to display the Languages dialog that allows end users to choose the language in which the installation should run. The dialog presents a list of available languages, which are the same languages that you select in the Setup Languages panel of the Release Wizard, or on the Build tab for the release in the Releases view. The text on the Languages dialog is displayed in the language that Setup.exe selects at initialization.

When the end user makes a selection on the Languages dialog, a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation applies a transform that contains all of the user interface resources for that language and then launches the installation in the selected language.

In an InstallScript installation, the user interface resources are stored in the _isres*.dll files. The strings are built into string table files that are included with the installation’s support files, along with the _isres*.dll files.

Because the Languages dialog is displayed by Setup.exe, you need to create a setup launcher if you want the Languages dialog to be included in the user interface of your installation. For more information, see Creating a Setup Launcher.

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**Note** • The first time that the end user selects a language in the Languages dialog, the installation runs in the selected language. After an installation has been run in a particular language, it cannot be run in any other language on the same machine. This prevents the installation from running repair mode in a language that is different from the one that was used for the first-time installation. It also prevents the installation from installing features for a language that is different from the one that was used for the first-time installation.

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**Customizing Language Support**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Edition** • The New Language Wizard is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

**Project** • The New Language Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

If you need your installation to run in languages that are not supported by InstallShield Premier Edition, or you want to create your own translations for some of the supported languages, you can add support for those languages with the New Language Wizard. This wizard lets you to select the languages that you would like to support and the projects to which you would like to add these languages. It then adds the languages you choose to the list of available languages for your installation.

To learn more about this wizard, see New Language Wizard.
Language Identifiers

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Throughout the InstallShield interface, you must refer to specific languages by their language identifiers, or LCIDs. The identifier is an integer value that identifies a specific language. The language ID is more commonly given as a hexadecimal value, but you must specify the decimal version for Windows Installer.

The following table shows the LCIDs for all of the supported languages. To learn more about language support, see Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield.

Project • Note that Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations use different IDs than InstallScript installations.

Edition • Also note that support for Arabic (Saudi Arabia) and Hebrew is available only in Basic MSI, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI projects in the Premier edition.

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See Also
Dialog Support for Right-to-Left Languages
Installing Multiple Instances of Products

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

**Caution** • Creating an installation that lets end users install multiple instances of a product on the same machine and in the same context requires sophisticated authoring and serious commitment on the part of the installation developer. This functionality is recommended for only advanced installation developers.

Windows Installer allows only one instance of a product code to be installed in the machine context and only one instance to be installed in each user context. Windows Installer 3.x and later includes support for a product code-changing transform. This type of transform—called an instance transform—enables the same .msi package to be used to install multiple instances of the same product in the same context because it changes the product code for each instance.

Using the multiple-instance support in InstallShield reduces some of the effort needed to support multiple instances of a product. With InstallShield, you can configure one base installation or patch for a product and then configure multiple instances that correspond with each additional instance that you want to support. At build time, InstallShield creates an instance transform for each instance and streams the instance transforms into the .msi package. At run time, the installation typically displays an instance selection dialog that lets end users specify whether they want to install a new instance or maintain an existing one.

See Also
Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support
Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product
Run-Time Requirements for Multiple-Instance Support
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)

Run-Time Requirements for Multiple-Instance Support

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.
Chapter 9
Installing Multiple Instances of Products

The following table lists the operating system and Windows Installer requirements for multiple-instance support.

Table 9-1 • Run-Time Requirements for Multiple-Instance Support

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<td>Windows Installer version</td>
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<td>If target systems may not have Windows Installer 3.0 or later, consider adding the Windows Installer redistributable to your project. To learn more, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.</td>
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See Also
Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support
Configuring and Building a Release that Includes Multiple-Instance Support
Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)

Configuring Multiple Instances in InstallShield

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

The typical process for adding multiple-instance support to a Basic MSI project is as follows:

1. For a product configuration in the Releases view, add a new instance for each instance that you want to support.
2. Set the properties for each instance.
3. Ensure that each instance will have its own isolated files and nonfile data on the target system if appropriate. For more information, see Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support.
4. Build your release.
5. Thoroughly test your release.
Adding an Instance to a Product Configuration

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

When you are configuring multiple instances for your product in InstallShield, you need to add and define one instance for each instance to be installed, in addition to the base instance that is permitted by your base installation package. In InstallShield, instances are defined at the product configuration level. Each instance that you create corresponds with a different instance transform that InstallShield creates at build time.

Note • Do not add an instance for the base instance that is permitted by your installation package. Your installation does not need an instance transform for this instance.

Task • To add an instance to a product configuration:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.

2. In the Releases explorer, click the product configuration that should contain the new instance.

3. Click the Multiple Instances tab.

4. Right-click the Instances explorer and then click New.

InstallShield adds a new instance with a number as the name of the instance. In addition, InstallShield adds the ProductCode property, with a new GUID value, to the pane on the right.

Once you have added an instance, you need to set its properties. For more information, see Setting Properties for an Instance.

Tip • When InstallShield adds the new instance to the Instances explorer, you can enter a new name for the instance, or right-click the instance later and then click Rename. For information on naming an instance, see Naming an Instance.

See Also
Configuring Multiple Instances in InstallShield
Multiple Instances Tab for a Product Configuration
Chapter 9
Installing Multiple Instances of Products

Naming an Instance

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

When you add the first instance to any product configuration in your project, InstallShield adds the Windows Installer property `InstanceId` to your project, and sets its value to 0. The 0 value is for the base installation package. Each instance that you define in your project must have a different integer for its `InstanceId` value.

InstallShield uses the name of an instance on the Multiple Instances tab in the Releases view as the `InstanceId` property value that corresponds with that instance. Therefore, when you are naming an instance, make sure that you conform to the following guidelines:

- Each instance in a product configuration must have a different name.
- Each instance name must be an integer: it cannot contain any letters or other characters.

**Task**

To assign a new `InstanceId` value to an instance:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the product configuration that contains the instance that you want to modify.
3. Click the Multiple Instances tab.
4. In the Instances explorer, right-click the instance whose `InstanceId` property value you want to change, and then click Rename.
5. Enter a new value.

**See Also**

Configuring Multiple Instances in InstallShield
Multiple Instances Tab for a Product Configuration

Updating the Product Code of One or More Instances

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

Each instance must have a unique product code. Therefore, when you add an instance to a product configuration in the Releases view, InstallShield automatically adds the `ProductCode` property, with a new GUID value, to the pane on the right for that instance.
InstallShield enables you to easily change the GUID value of the ProductCode property of one or more instances that are defined for a product configuration in your project.

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### Task

**To update the product code of a specific instance:**

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the product configuration that contains the instance.
3. Click the Multiple Instances tab.
4. In the Instances explorer, click the instance whose product code you want to modify.
5. In the grid in the right pane, right-click the GUID for the ProductCode setting that you want to update, and then click Generate a New GUID.

InstallShield changes the GUID.

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### Task

**To update the product code of each instance that is defined on the Multiple Instances tab for a product configuration:**

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the product configuration that contains the instance.
3. Click the Multiple Instances tab.
4. Right-click the Instances explorer and then click Change ProductCode of Each Instance.

InstallShield changes the GUID of each instance that is defined for the product configuration.

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**See Also**

- Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support
- Multiple Instances Tab for a Product Configuration

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**Setting Properties for an Instance**

InstallShield 2020

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*Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.*

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

Each instance must have a unique product code. Therefore, when you add an instance to a product configuration in the Releases view, InstallShield automatically adds the ProductCode property, with a new GUID value, to the pane on the right for that instance.

You should also set the ProductName property to a different name for each instance. This helps to make instances easily distinguishable from each other in Add or Remove Programs.
You can set additional properties for an instance. For example, you may want to define instance-specific properties that you use in conditions for components. As another example, you may want to set a property for each instance to define an instance-specific location for certain files or registry entries.

If you want to create major upgrades that can be applied to each individual instance, set the UpgradeCode property to a different GUID for each instance. Note that when you add a major upgrade item to your project in the Upgrades view, ensure that you select the **Products sharing my Upgrade Code** option on the Common tab for the major upgrade item.

**Tip** • InstallShield automatically sets the value of the InstanceId property with a different identifier for each instance in a product configuration. To learn more, see **Naming an Instance**.

**Task**

To set a property for an instance:

1. In the View List under **Media**, click **Releases**.
2. In the **Releases** explorer, click the product configuration that contains the instance.
3. Click the **Multiple Instances** tab.
4. In the **Instances** explorer, click the instance.
5. In the grid in the right pane, click the field in the **Property** column of the last row, and then enter the name of the property that you want to set.
6. In the **Value** column, enter the property value that you want to be associated with the current instance.

To set the value of a property for the base instance—the instance that is installed by the base installation package—enter the property and corresponding value in the Property Manager view. To learn more, see **Creating Properties in Windows Installer-Based Projects**.

**See Also**

- Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support
- Multiple Instances Tab for a Product Configuration
- Adding a Major Upgrade Item

### Deleting an Instance from a Product Configuration

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**Project** • This information applies to **Basic MSI projects**.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see **Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times**.

If you want to reduce the number of instances of your product that are allowed in the machine context and in each user context, you can delete an instance from a product configuration in your project.
Task

To delete an instance from a product configuration:

1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the product configuration that contains the instance that you want to remove.
3. Click the Multiple Instances tab.
4. In the Instances explorer, right-click the instance that you want to remove, and then click Delete.

InstallShield deletes the instance, as well as all of its associated properties, from your project.

See Also
Configuring Multiple Instances in InstallShield
Multiple Instances Tab for a Product Configuration

Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

Caution • Creating an installation that lets end users install multiple instances of a product on the same machine and in the same context requires sophisticated authoring and serious commitment on the part of the installation developer. This functionality is recommended for only advanced installation developers.

Supporting the installation of multiple instances of a product requires careful advance planning to ensure that the multiple instances can exist side by side within the same context. Consider the following points when you are planning your installation.

- To ensure that uninstalling or upgrading some instances of your product does not affect other instances, you may need to isolate some or all of the files and the nonfile data that are installed on the target system for each instance.
- In some cases, you may not want to isolate some of the files. For example, if your installation includes one or more COM servers, you may want to configure each component that contains a COM server to install to a location that does not change for each instance. For these components, you can select Yes for the Shared setting so that Windows Installer uses DLL reference counting.
- You may need to create a separate set of components for each instance that your installation supports. In this scenario, you could add a condition in the Components view or the Setup Design view for each component so that each one is installed for the appropriate instance. For example, since the default InstanceId value for the base instance that is installed by the installation is 0, you could use the following condition for a component that contains data for the base instance:

  \[ \text{InstanceId}=0 \]
The default InstanceId value for the next instance that is installed is 1. Therefore, you could use the following condition for a component that contains data for this next instance:

\[ \text{InstanceId}=1 \]

For more information, see Authoring Multiple Instances with Instance Transforms in the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also
Managing Reference Counts for Shared Files
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)
Organizing Applications into Components (Windows Installer Help Library)

Configuring and Building a Release that Includes Multiple-Instance Support

InstallShield 2020

\[ \text{Project} \] • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

Configuring the Release
To include multiple-instance support in a release, you must configure your release to include a Setup.exe setup launcher, since it displays the instance selection dialog when appropriate. To learn how to include the Setup.exe setup launcher, see Creating a Setup Launcher.

Building the Release
Building a release that includes multiple-instance support is slightly different than building a release that does not include this support. For multiple-instance support, InstallShield builds some additional files: instance transforms and instance packages.

Instance Transforms
At build time, InstallShield generates instance transforms for each instance. InstallShield streams the instance transforms into the .msi file that it creates in the Disk1 folder. Depending on how you have configured the release, the .msi file may be compressed into the Setup.exe file, or it may be left uncompressed.

Instance Packages
At build time, InstallShield generates an .msi file for each instance. The name of each file is InstanceIdN.msi, where N represents the value of the InstanceId property for that instance. The .msi files are stored in a folder called Instances under the release location.
Configuring and Building a Major Upgrade that Includes Multiple-Instance Support

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

Configuring the Release

To include multiple-instance support in a release, you must configure your release to include a Setup.exe setup launcher, since it displays the instance selection dialog when appropriate. To learn how to include the Setup.exe setup launcher, see Creating a Setup Launcher.

Configuring the Upgrade

The following requirements must be met to have major upgrade support for multiple instances:

- Each instance in your project must have an UpgradeCode property with its own value. To learn how to define an UpgradeCode property for an instance in your project, see Setting Properties for an Instance.
- Each instance of a newer version must have a ProductCode property value that is different than the same instance of a related version.
- Each instance of a newer version must have a different product version (a larger number) than the same instance of a related version.
- The Products sharing my Upgrade Code option must be selected for the major upgrade in the Upgrades view.

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See Also
Working with Releases
Creating Patches for Multiple Instances of a Product
Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support
Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)

Creating Patches for Multiple Instances of a Product
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

To create a patch that updates multiple instances of a product, begin by creating a minor upgrade or a small update. Then configure a patch in the Patch Design view. For the previous setup, select the Setup.exe file or the .msi file of the earlier installation that installs the version of the product that you want to upgrade. For the latest setup, select the Setup.exe file or the .msi file of upgrade release.

Tip • For detailed information about creating upgrades and patches, see Updating Applications.

At patch build time, InstallShield creates an Update.exe file or an .msp file, depending on how you have configured the patch in the Patch Design view.

For an overview on the run-time behavior of a patch that includes multiple-instance support, see Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product.

See Also
Creating and Applying Patches
Installing Multiple Instances with Instance Transforms (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing Multiple Instances with Instance Transforms (Windows Installer Help Library)

Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.
For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

**Running a First-Time Installation that Includes a Setup.exe File**

The first time that an end user runs the Setup.exe file for your installation that supports multiple instances, Windows Installer installs the base instance that corresponds with your base installation package without any of the instance transforms. By default, the standard dialogs are displayed, regardless of whether your installation supports multiple instances.

If your product is successfully installed and the end user runs your installation again, the setup launcher displays a dialog that lets them select which instance they want to install. This instance selection dialog is displayed after the language selection dialog, if your installation includes one, but before the InstallWelcome dialog. The dialog contains two radio buttons:

- **Install a new instance**—This option lets end users install a new instance of your product. When an end user selects this option, the new instance of the product is installed.

- **Maintain or upgrade an existing instance**—This option lets end users maintain or upgrade an instance that they select from a list of already installed instances. When an end user selects this option, selects the instance that they want to change, and then clicks Next, the installation displays the following dialogs for the selected instance: the PreparingToInstall dialog, the MaintenanceWelcome dialog, and then the MaintenanceType dialog.

![Instance Selection Dialog](image)

**Figure 9-1**: Instance Selection Dialog Displayed the Second Time the Product Is Being Installed

If an end user installs the last supported instance and then runs the installation again, the same dialog is displayed, but the **Install a new instance** option is disabled. The **Maintain or upgrade an existing instance** option is selected, and the end user can select the instance that they want to maintain or upgrade.

**Tip** • To suppress the instance selection dialog, you can use the /instance command-line parameter.
Running an Upgrade Packaged as a Full Installation that Includes a Setup.exe File

When a multiple-instance installation is an upgrade that is packaged as a full installation and that has a Setup.exe file, it behaves as a first-time installation if an end user is installing a new instance by launching the Setup.exe file. If an end user selects the Maintain or upgrade an existing instance option for an already installed instance, the installation lets the end user upgrade or maintain that instance, just as it would for a first-time installation.

Tip • To suppress the instance selection dialog, you can use the /instance command-line parameter.

Launching a First-Time Installation or an Upgrade that Is Packaged as a Full Installation Without a Setup.exe File from the Command Line

When you do not include a Setup.exe setup launcher with your multiple-instance installation, an end user can run your .msi file to install the base instance that corresponds with your base installation package without any of the instance transforms.

In order to install any instance that corresponds with one of the instance transforms in your package, the end user needs to include the appropriate command-line parameters for MsiExec.exe.

For example, the following command line installs a new instance, since the MSINEWINSTANCE property is set to 1. Windows Installer applies the InstanceId1.mst instance transform during installation of the new instance. The colon before the name of the instance transform is required because InstallShield embeds the instance transforms within the .msi file.

msiexec /i MyPackage.msi MSINEWINSTANCE=1 TRANSFORMS=:InstanceId1.mst

Note that the convention that InstallShield uses for naming instance transform files is the property name InstanceId, followed by the instance's value of the InstanceId property, followed by .mst. Thus, for the instance whose InstanceId property is set to 5, the name of the transform is InstanceId5.mst.

The MSINEWINSTANCE property should be set to 1 only if it is the first time that the end user is installing the specified instance; otherwise, an error is displayed.

To perform maintenance for an instance or to upgrade an instance, use the /n parameter to pass the instance's product code. For example, the following command line displays the MaintenanceType dialog, which lets the end user specify whether they want to upgrade, maintain, or remove the instance of the product that has the specified product code:

msiexec /i MyPackage.msi /n {00000001-0002-0000-0000-624474736554}

To uninstall an existing instance, use the following format at the command line:

msiexec /i MyPackage.msi /n {00000001-0002-0000-0000-624474736554} /x

Running an Upgrade that Is Packaged as a Patch with an Update.exe File

If you package your upgrade as a patch and you specify that you want to include an Update.exe file, the installation displays the patch version of the instance selection dialog. The dialog contains two radio buttons:

- Patch all of the existing instances—This option lets end users apply a patch to all installed instances of your product. When an end user selects this option, Windows Installer applies the patch to each instance separately, until all instances are updated. The instances are updated in order from the lowest InstanceId property value to the highest.

- Patch an existing instance—This option lets end users apply a patch to an instance that they select from a list of already installed instances. When an end user selects this option, selects the instance that they want to change, and then clicks Next, the installation displays the PreparingToInstall dialog and then the PatchWelcome dialog.
Tip • To suppress the patch version of the instance selection dialog, you can use the /instance command-line parameter.

Running an Upgrade Packaged as a Patch Without an Update.exe File

If you use an .msp file without an Update.exe file for your patch, and the end user runs your .msp file without passing any command-line parameters, Windows Installer behaves as if the end user selected the Patch all of the existing instances option in the patch version of the instance selection dialog: Windows Installer applies the patch to each instance separately, until all instances are updated. The instances are updated in order from the lowest InstanceId property value to the highest.

To apply an .msp patch to a specific instance, pass the /p option, as well as the /n option. The /n option must specify the product code of the installed instance to which the patch should be applied. For example:

msiexec /p mypatch.msp /n {00000001-0002-0000-0000-624474736554}

See Also
Configuring and Building a Release that Includes Multiple-Instance Support
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)
Installing Multiple Instances of Products and Patches (Windows Installer Help Library)
Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
Detecting Conditions on the Target System

InstallShield 2020

When you are creating an installation, you may need to make sure that certain conditions exist on the target system. For example, if your product requires a particular operating system, your installation may need to check the target system to ensure that this requirement is met. If the requirement is not met, your installation might display an error to inform the end user about the requirement.

InstallShield includes support for detecting various conditions on a target system. For more information, see this section of the documentation.

Building Conditional Statements

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

A conditional statement is an expression that the Windows Installer can evaluate as True or False. Typically, conditional statements are used to perform some action or enable a component’s installation based on the value or existence of a property.

You can use operators similar to those in Visual Basic for comparative and logical operations. For more information, see Conditional Statement Syntax.

Tip • In the Components, Dialogs, Custom Actions and Sequences, and Custom Actions views of InstallShield, you can access the Condition Builder dialog box when you click the ellipsis button in the condition property to help you build conditional statements.

Important • When you click the OK button on this dialog box, InstallShield performs basic condition validation; however, you should still double-check that your condition statements evaluate to the expected outcome. For more information and example conditions, see Conditional Statement Syntax.
### Examples

The following table provides examples of some conditional statements and explanations of how they can be used. Consult the Windows Installer Help Library for more information on Windows Installer properties and conditional expression operators.

#### Table 9-1 • Examples of Conditional Statements

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Syntax</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>To install a component only on machines that have the client version of Windows 7 and later, specify this expression for its Condition setting.</td>
<td>VersionNT&gt;=601 And MsiNTProductType=1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To install a component only on Windows Server 2008 R2 and later domain controllers and servers, specify this expression for its Condition setting.</td>
<td>VersionNT&gt;=601 And MsiNTProductType&gt;1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To install a component only on Windows XP, specify the expression for its Condition setting.</td>
<td>VersionNT=501</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note • You can also use the ServicePackLevel and WindowsBuild properties to distinguish between different operating systems. For a list of values, see Operating System Property Values in the Windows Installer Help Library.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To install a component only on machines running Windows 7 or later, specify this expression for its Condition setting.</td>
<td>VersionNT&gt;=601</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To execute a custom action only if the product has not been installed, check the value of the Installed property with this condition.</td>
<td>Not Installed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To install a component only if the target system is using U.S. English as the default language, compare the value of the SystemLanguageID property to the language ID for U.S. English by using this component condition.</td>
<td>SystemLanguageID=1033</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note • Related properties include UserLanguageID (the default language for the current user) and ProductLanguage (the language being used for the setup program’s user interface).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To allow your product to be installed only if the screen resolution is a minimum of 1024 X 768, add this condition to the Install Condition setting in the General Information view.</td>
<td>ScreenX &gt;= 1024 AND ScreenY &gt;= 768</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To allow your product to be installed only if the target system has at least 2 GB of RAM, add this condition to the Install Condition setting in the General Information view.</td>
<td>PhysicalMemory &gt;= 2048</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Conditional Statement Syntax

Conditional statements have a strictly governed syntax that uses properties, Windows Installer table keys, literals, and evaluative operators.

Functionality

A conditional statement performs some action in an installation—such as launching a custom action or installing a component—based on whether the expression evaluates to True, which has the numeric value of 1. False returns have the numeric value of 0. The simplest of expressions, specifying a property name, is True if the property is defined. For example, the simple conditional statement `Version9X` evaluates to True when the installation is running under Windows 95 or Windows 98.

You can build more complex conditional statements using the operators and values described in the tables below.

Values

The following table describes how to use values in your conditional statements. All values except for environment variables are case sensitive.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Windows Installer property</td>
<td>The name of the property. Nonexistent properties are evaluated as empty strings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Integer</td>
<td>Any integer value from -32,767 to +32,767. You cannot use a floating point value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Operators

The tables below list all of the conditional statement operators by type. Note the following:

- The operators follow the same precedence as those in Visual Basic.
- Use parentheses to override precedence.
- Operators are not case sensitive.
- Unlike in Visual Basic, there are no arithmetic operators.
- Precede the operator with a tilde (~) if you do not want the comparison to be case sensitive.
- The result is always False when you compare a string with an integer, unless you use the <> operator.

Table 9-3 • Descriptions of Logical Operators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Logical Operator</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Not</td>
<td>Performs logical negation. The result is True if the value is False, and vice versa.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>And</td>
<td>The result is True if both values are True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Or</td>
<td>The result is True if either value is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Xor</td>
<td>The result is True if only one of the values is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eqv</td>
<td>The result is True if both values are True or both values are False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Imp</td>
<td>Performs a logical implication. The result is True if the first term is False or the second is True.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 9-4 • Descriptions of Comparative Operators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Comparative Operator</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>=</td>
<td>The result is True if the first value is equal to the second.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;&gt;</td>
<td>The result is True if the first value is not equal to the second.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&gt;</td>
<td>The result is True if the first value is greater than the second.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Detecting Administrator and Elevated Privileges

Basic MSI Projects

On systems with Windows XP and earlier or Windows Server 2003 and earlier, two properties for detecting user privileges are AdminUser and Privileged. The AdminUser property is set if the end user has Administrator privileges. The Privileged property is set if the installation is running with elevated privileges (that is, if the end user has administrative privileges, if the installation has been assigned by a system administrator, or if both the user and machine AlwaysInstallElevated policies are set to true). In most cases, the Privileged property is more appropriate.

On Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later, the AdminUser property is by default assigned the same value as the Privileged property. To restore the distinction between AdminUser and Privileged on these systems, you can set the MSIUSEREALADMINDETECTION property to 1 in the Property Manager view.
Note that for Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later, AdminUser and Privileged are always set during the User Interface sequence; therefore, they cannot detect whether an installation is actually running with elevated privileges during the User Interface sequence. However, custom actions running as deferred in system context have the correct value for Privileged and for AdminUser, if MSIUSEREALADMINDETECTION is also set. Because only actions running as deferred in system context should modify the system, distinguishing privileged from non-privileged installations is significant only for that type of action. One consequence of this behavior is that AdminUser and Privileged should not be used in a project’s install conditions for targeting Windows Vista and later or Windows Server 2008 and later.

**InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects**

The following InstallScript expression returns TRUE if the end user has Administrator privileges, except for some cases on Windows Vista or later systems and Windows Server 2008 or later systems:

```plaintext
Is(USER_ADMINISTRATOR, "")
```

On Windows Vista and later systems and Windows Server 2008 and later systems, `Is` returns TRUE if the SE_GROUP_USE_FOR_DENY_ONLY security identifier (SID) attribute is not set for the group. That is, if the current user is in the Administrators group but that user is running the installation with a standard access token on Windows Vista, `Is` returns FALSE.

### Detecting First-Time Installations, Maintenance Mode, and Uninstallation

**InstallShield 2020**

Your installation can determine whether the installation is being run for the first time on a target system.

**Windows Installer-Based Projects**

In the Windows Installer sequences, the following conditions detect certain types of installation:

- First-time installation: Not Installed
- Maintenance: Installed
- Uninstallation: REMOVE="ALL" (after the InstallValidate action)

You can use these conditions in any of the Condition settings of a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project.

**InstallScript-Based Projects**

In InstallScript, the MAINTENANCE variable is FALSE for a first-time installation, and TRUE for maintenance mode or uninstallation. Therefore, you can use an if-statement like the following for any code you want to run only for a first-time installation.

```plaintext
if (!MAINTENANCE) then
    // code to run for first-time installation
endif;
```

You can use that sort of code in event-driven InstallScript code of InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects.

**See Also**

Triggering Behavior Only During a First-Time Installation
Triggering Behavior Only During a First-Time Installation

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There may be times when you want certain behavior to occur only during a first-time installation, but not during uninstallation.

**Basic MSI Projects**

At run time for Basic MSI projects, the same sequences are used for first-time installations and maintenance installations (including uninstallation). There is no separate uninstallation sequence. Therefore, any custom actions that you schedule in the Installation sequences will, by default, run for both installation and uninstallation.

To specify that an action should run only for a first-time installation, you can use the Not Installed condition. The Not Installed condition is appropriate, for example, for a custom action that launches a Readme file for the application being installed.

**InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects**

In InstallScript and InstallScript MSI installations, you can use the MAINTENANCE system variable to determine whether the installation is running in maintenance mode or if it is a first-time installation. The following code sample shows how to use it in your script:

```csharp
if (!MAINTENANCE) then
    // it is a first-time install
endif;
```

And for reinstall/modify/repair, it's:

```csharp
if (MAINTENANCE) then
    // ...not first-time
endif;
```

**See Also**

Detecting First-Time Installations, Maintenance Mode, and Uninstallation

Detecting If the End User Has Selected a Specific Feature

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Your installation can determine whether the end user has selected to install a specific feature. The method depends on which project type you are using.

**Basic MSI Projects**

Windows Installer defines conditions of the form &FeatureName=n to detect a feature’s action state. For example, to determine if a feature called ProgramFiles is selected to be installed locally, and it was not already installed, use the condition &ProgramFiles=3.

**InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects**

The InstallScript function `FeatureIsItemSelected` returns TRUE if a feature is currently selected in one the feature-selection dialogs (such as `SdFeatureTree`).
Detecting If the End User Is Running a Particular Operating System

Your installation can determine which operating system is on a target system.

**Using Windows Installer Properties to Detect the Operating System**

The Windows Installer properties `VersionNT`, `Version9X`, `ServicePackLevel`, and `WindowsBuild` describe the target operating system.

**Project** • You can use these Windows Installer properties in conditions for items such as features, components, and custom actions in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

**Note** • Property names are case-sensitive, so `Version9X` and `Version9x` are considered different properties.

**Using an InstallScript Structure Variable to Detect the Operating System**

The InstallScript structure `SYSINFO` is automatically initialized to describe the operating system on the target system. You can use this structure in your InstallScript code to trigger specific behavior on certain platforms. For specific values to check, see `SYSINFO`.

**Project** • You can use the `SYSINFO` structure in event-driven InstallScript code in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

You can also use this structure in InstallScript custom actions in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
Detecting Whether the Installation Is Being Run on a Virtual Machine

InstallShield lets you determine whether an installation is running on any of the following types of virtual machines:

- Microsoft Hyper-V
- A VMware product such as VMware Player, VMware Workstation, or VMware Server
- Microsoft Virtual PC

To check for virtual machines, you can either use Windows Installer properties, or you can use an InstallScript structure or function.

Note • Emulators such as Bochs and QEMU are not detected.

Using Windows Installer Properties to Detect a Virtual Machine

Project • You can use Windows Installer properties in conditions for items such as features, components, and custom actions in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

To use Windows Installer properties to detect the presence of a virtual machine and determine the type of virtual machine, you first need to create a custom action that calls the ISDetectVM function in the SetAllUsers.dll file.

Task To add a custom action that checks for a virtual machine:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or Custom Actions (in DIM and Merge Module projects).
2. In the center pane, right-click the Custom Actions explorer, point to New MSI DLL, and click Stored in Binary table. InstallShield adds a new custom action.
3. Change the name of the action to something like ISDetectVM.
4. Configure the custom action’s settings in the right pane:
   - In the DLL Filename setting, select the SetAllUsers.dll file. The typical path is: `<ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder>\SetAllUsers.dll`
   - In the Function Name setting, enter the following name:
     ISDetectVM
   - In the In-Script Execution setting, select Immediate Execution.
Detecting Conditions on the Target System

Schedule the custom action as needed by selecting the appropriate option in one or more sequence settings.

The custom action sets the following Windows Installer properties at run time:

**Table 9-7 • Windows Installer Properties for Detecting Virtual Machines**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IS_VM_DETECTED</td>
<td>If the value of this property is 1, the installation is running on one of the following virtual machine environments:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Microsoft Hyper-V</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• A VMware product such as VMware Player, VMware Workstation, or VMware Server</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Microsoft Virtual PC</td>
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<td>If the value is not set, no virtual machine has been detected.</td>
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<tr>
<th>IS_VM_TYPE</th>
<th>This property indicates the type of virtual machine that is running the installation. Available values are:</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Undefined</strong>—No virtual machine has been detected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 1—The installation is running on a VMware product such as VMware Player, VMware Workstation, or VMware Server</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• 2—The installation is running on a Microsoft Hyper-V machine.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• 3—The installation is running on a Microsoft Virtual PC machine.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 4—The type of virtual machine is not known.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can use the aforementioned properties in conditional statements. For example, if your product cannot be used on virtual machines, enter the following conditional statement in the Install Condition setting of the General Information view:

**Not IS_VM_DETECTED**

If you have a component that should be installed only on VMware images, enter the following conditional statement in the Condition setting of the Components view:

**IS_VM_TYPE=1**

**Using an InstallScript Structure and Variable to Detect a Virtual Machine**

**Project** • You can use an InstallScript structure and variable in event-driven InstallScript code in the following project types:

- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **InstallScript Object**

You can also use the structure and variable in InstallScript custom actions that are in the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
You can use the SYSINFO.bIsVirtualMachine structure in your InstallScript code to determine whether the installation is being run on a virtual machine. In addition, you can use the VIRTUAL_MACHINE_TYPE constant with the GetSystemInfo function to determine which type of virtual machine is present.

For example, in an InstallScript event handler such as OnFirstUIBefore or in an InstallScript custom action, you can use code such as the following snippet:

```plaintext
if (SYSINFO.bIsVirtualMachine) then
    SprintfBox (0, "VM", "This is a virtual machine. Type: %d",
               GetSystemInfo (VIRTUAL_MACHINE_TYPE, nNumber, szString));
else
    MessageBox ("This is not a virtual machine.", 0);
endif;
```

At run time, a message box is displayed. If the target system is a Microsoft Hyper-V image, a VMware image, or Microsoft Virtual PC, the message box says, “This is a virtual machine,” and it also lists the type of virtual machine. If the target system is not one of those virtual machines, the message box says, “This is not a virtual machine.”

See Also
Building Conditional Statements
SYSINFO
GetSystemInfo

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

How Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Use Conditions

The Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI project types in InstallShield have support for building conditional statements that control different areas of the run time:

- Exit conditions—The Exit Condition setting in the General Information view lets you specify one or more exit error messages that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to display under various conditions before ending the installation. If the condition that you define is true when an end user launches the Advanced UI or Suite/
Advanced UI installation, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays the error message. When end users dismiss the error message, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation ends.

- **Detection conditions**—The Detection Condition setting for a package in the Packages view lets you specify the condition that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the package is already installed on target systems. If this does not change from false to true (or from true to false) at run time, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation assumes that the package failed to install (or remove) its payload. In addition, subsequent maintenance and remove operations (or subsequent maintenance and install operations) may not behave as expected.

- **Eligibility conditions**—The Eligibility Condition setting for a package in the Packages view lets you specify the condition that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to determine whether the target system meets the requirements that are necessary for the package to be run. For example, if the package should be run only on 64-bit systems, you could set up an x64 platform requirement in a condition; the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation would launch the package only on 64-bit systems. You may also want to set up an eligibility condition to prevent end users from being able to install the current package version over a future newer version.

- **Feature conditions**—The Condition setting in the Features view lets you build conditional statements to evaluate whether the feature should be selected for installation by default on the InstallationFeatures wizard page.

- **Action conditions**—The Condition setting for an action that is scheduled for an event in the Events view lets you build conditional statements that evaluate whether the installation should run the action.

In addition, the settings in the Events area for a package in the Packages view let you build conditional statements that evaluate whether the installation should run an action for the selected package.

**Project** • *Action conditions are available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.*

- **Wizard interface conditions**—The condition settings for wizard pages and controls in the Wizard Interface view let you build conditional statements that evaluate behavior such as whether the installation should invoke an action, validate an end user’s response, enable a control, show a page or control.

- **Mode conditions**—InstallShield creates two types of mode conditions automatically: install mode conditions and maintenance mode conditions. The mode conditions are shown only in the project file (.issuite); this type of condition is not available for edit within InstallShield. These mode conditions determine whether an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in first-time installation mode or in maintenance mode. For more details, see Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

### Condition Operators

Each condition that you define in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project begins with one of the following operators:

- **Any**—An Any condition group operates like a logical OR operation. If any of the conditions that are in the Any group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to true. If none of the conditions that are in the Any group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to false.

- **All**—An All condition group operates like a logical AND operation. All of the conditions that are in the All group must evaluate to true in order for the condition group to evaluate to true.

- **None**—A None condition group operates like a logical NOR operation. If none of the conditions that are in the None group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to true. If any of the conditions that are in the None condition group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to false. Note that if the None condition group consists of only one conditional statement, it operates like a logical NOT operation.
Types of Condition Checks

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, feature, or wizard interface condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can select from a number of different types of checks that you want to be evaluated on target systems. Examples are operating system version, presence of a file or registry entry, and presence of an already installed product.

For detailed information about each of the types of condition checks that are supported, as well as each of the subsettings that are displayed under a condition, see Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Syntax for Building Conditions

Building a conditional statement involves using one or more of the condition settings to add operators and condition checks.

To add a conditional statement to a condition setting, click the setting’s New Condition button:

When you do that, InstallShield adds an operator row under the condition setting; the default operator is Any. To change the operator for the condition, click the drop-down arrow in the operator setting and then click the appropriate option.

Figure 9-1: Changing the Default Operator

Once you have added an operator, click the New Condition button in the operator setting and then click the appropriate condition check type. At this point, InstallShield adds a subsetting (or more subsettings, depending on which condition check type you selected) under the operator setting.

Whenever a conditional statement is invalid (for example, if an entry is required in a setting but it is left blank), InstallShield shows a warning icon in that setting. To find out why the condition is invalid, move the pointer over an icon; InstallShield displays a tooltip that explains the issue.

To nest another condition within a condition, click the New Condition button in an operator setting and then click the appropriate operator for the nested condition. One of the Any/All/None meta-conditions is referred to as a condition group. All of the nested condition groups and conditions under a condition setting together form a condition tree.
Detecting Conditions on the Target System

<table>
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<th>(Condition)</th>
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<tr>
<td>All</td>
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<tr>
<td>File Comparison Path: [ProgramFilesFolder]MyDLL.dll; Convert: Version; Comp.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Exists Path</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ProgramFilesFolder]MyOldDLL.dll</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Figure 9-2:** Nesting a Condition Within a Condition

To move a condition or a condition group within a condition tree, point to the Move Condition button in the setting of the item that you want to move, and then click the appropriate direction (Move Up, Move Down, Move Left, or Move Right).

![Move Condition button](image)

You can use an asterisk as a placeholder for the current package’s product code, package code, and product version when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI package conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package.

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<tr>
<td>Any</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSI Package</td>
<td>ProductCode: *; PackageCode: *</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSI Package</td>
<td>ProductCode: *; ProductVersion: *; Compare: GreaterThan</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Figure 9-3:** Default Eligibility Condition for an .msi Package

You can also use an asterisk as a placeholder for the current package’s upgrade code and either the minimum or maximum version number when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI upgrade conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package.

See Also

- Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Referring to Feature States and Other Feature Data in the UI of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

**Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

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**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition**  •  The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, feature, or wizard interface condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can select from a number of different types of checks that you want to be evaluated on target systems.

Each type of condition has one or more subsettings that are associated with it. The following types of conditions are available:

Table 9-8 • Types of Condition Checks

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<th>Type of Condition Check</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Platform</td>
<td>Check target systems for one or more characteristics such as the operating system version, the architecture, and other platform details on target systems. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Platform Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Exists</td>
<td>Check target systems for the presence of a particular file. For the description of the setting that is displayed for this type of condition check, see File Exists Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Comparison</td>
<td>Check target systems for specific information—date, version number, or content—for a particular file. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see File Comparison Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registry Exists</td>
<td>Check target systems for the presence of a particular registry key, and optionally a specific value name. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Registry Exists Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registry Comparison</td>
<td>Check target systems for specific information—DWORD, QWORD, string, multistring, file version, or product version—for a particular registry entry. If you do not specify a value name, the default value for the key that you specify is used for the comparison. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Registry Comparison Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property Comparison</td>
<td>Check the value of a particular built-in Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property, or a property that is defined in the Property Manager view. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Property Comparison Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSI Package</td>
<td>Check target systems for the presence of a product that was installed by a particular .msi package. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see MSI Package Condition Settings.</td>
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<th>Type of Condition Check</th>
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| **MSI Upgrade**          | Check target systems for the presence of a version of a product that you want to update, or for the presence of future versions of a product that you do not want to downgrade. In either case, the product whose presence is being checked is installed by an .msi package.  
  For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see **MSI Upgrade Condition Settings**. |
| **Eligible Package**     | Check whether a different package or a feature in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is eligible for installation on a target system. For example, if a patch package is eligible for installation only if the base package is eligible for installation, you can create an Eligible Package condition to tie the patch’s eligibility to the base package’s eligibility. In this scenario, you would select the patch package in the Packages view, create the condition, and specify the package GUID of the base package in that condition.  
  For a description of the setting that is displayed for this type of condition check, see **Eligible Package Condition Setting**. |
| **InstallScript Package**| Check target systems for the presence of a product that was installed by a particular InstallScript package.  
  For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see **InstallScript Package Condition Settings**. |
| **Locale**               | Match one or more locale-related settings on target systems.  
  For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see **Locale Condition Settings**. |
| **Suite Installed**      | Check whether a particular version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is already installed on a target system.  
  For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see **Suite Installed Condition Settings**. |
| **Windows App Package**  | Check target systems for the presence of a particular Windows App.  
  For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see **Windows App Package Condition Settings**. |
### Table 9-8 • Types of Condition Checks (cont.)

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| Windows App Package Eligible | Check target systems for the run-time dependencies of the Windows App package to prevent any attempts to install a Windows App package onto a version of Windows or Windows Server that does not support it. This condition is available only for the eligibility condition of a Windows App package. If it is used in any other package type, it will not function correctly.  

**Tip**  •  
Sideloading must be enabled for a Windows App package to be successfully sideloaded. Sideloading works on Windows 10 or newer. For more information about sideloading, refer to the Enable your device for deployment MSDN article. |
| UWP Type Present             | Check target systems for the presence of UWP functionality. For example, to create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of the Desktop Bridge, check for the type Windows.ApplicationModel.FullTrustProcessLauncher. This can be used to conditionally block installation, or to choose between installing .msi and Windows App package (.appx).  
For descriptions of each of the setting that is displayed for this type of condition check, see UWP Type Present Condition Settings. |
| Package Operation            | **Project**  •  This type of condition is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.  
Check the target state of a particular package in the Suite/Advanced UI installation. This type of condition is available only for actions that are associated with an event in the Events view or Packages view.  
For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Package Operation Condition Settings. |
| Feature Operation            | **Project**  •  This type of condition is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.  
Check the target state of a particular feature in the Suite/Advanced UI installation. This type of condition is available only for actions that are associated with an event in the Events view or Packages view.  
For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Feature Operation Condition Settings. |
| Extension Condition DLL      | Use a C/C++ DLL that you created to implement your own custom condition that checks target systems for factors that the other types of condition checks do not evaluate.  
For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Extension Condition Settings. |
### Table 9-8 • Types of Condition Checks (cont.)

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<th>Type of Condition Check</th>
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| **Mode**                | Check the mode in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running.  
This type of condition check is available for various settings of wizard interface elements in the Wizard Interface view.  
For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Mode Condition Settings. |

**See Also**

Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project  
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects  
Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

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**Platform Condition Settings**

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- **Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
  - Advanced UI  
  - Suite/Advanced UI

- **Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a platform condition.

The Platform setting shows the platform-related conditions that are configured in the Platform subsettings. To define a condition that evaluates the operating system version, the architecture, and other platform details on target systems, configure one or more of the platform-related subsettings as needed.
The following subsettings are available for this condition.

**Table 9-9 • Platform Condition Settings**

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<tr>
<td><strong>OS Version</strong></td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that evaluates the version of Windows on target systems, do one of the following:</td>
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<td>• To check for an exact match, enter the version number of Windows in the format <code>major.minor</code>.</td>
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<td>• To specify the minimum and maximum version numbers, enter a range separated by a dash. For example, to test for version 5.0 through 6.1 of Windows, enter the following: <code>5.0-6.1</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td>• To check for a minimum version number, enter the minimum version number followed by a dash. For example, to test for version 5.0 and later versions, enter the following: <code>5.0-</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To check for a maximum version number, enter a dash followed by the maximum version number. For example, to test for version 6.0 and earlier versions, enter the following: <code>-6.0</code></td>
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</table>

For a list of valid versions, see the `dwMajorVersion` and `dwMinorVersion` members of the `OSVERSIONINFOEX` structure that is documented on the MSDN Web site.

**Important** • If you specify a range of operating system versions in the OS Version setting, as well as a range of service pack numbers in the Service Pack setting, ensure that the conditions evaluate as expected at run time.
To create a conditional statement that evaluates the service pack number of Windows on target systems, do one of the following:

- To check for an exact match, enter the specific service pack number of Windows. For example, to test for SP2, enter the number 2.
- To specify the minimum and maximum service pack numbers, enter a range separated by a dash. For example, to test for SP1 through SP3 of Windows, enter the following:
  1-3
- To check for a minimum service pack number, enter the minimum service pack number followed by a dash. For example, to test for SP2 and later versions, enter the following:
  2-
- To check for a maximum service pack number, enter a dash followed by the maximum service pack number. For example, to test for SP2 and earlier versions, enter the following:
  -2

For a list of valid service pack numbers, see the wServicePackMajor and wServicePackMinor members of the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure that is documented on the MSDN Web site.

Important • If you specify a range of operating system versions in the OS Version setting, as well as a range of service pack numbers in the Service Pack setting, ensure that the conditions evaluate as expected at run time.

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<td>• To check for an exact match, enter the specific service pack number of Windows. For example, to test for SP2, enter the number 2.</td>
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<td>• To specify the minimum and maximum service pack numbers, enter a range separated by a dash. For example, to test for SP1 through SP3 of Windows, enter the following: 1-3</td>
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<td>• To check for a minimum service pack number, enter the minimum service pack number followed by a dash. For example, to test for SP2 and later versions, enter the following: 2-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To check for a maximum service pack number, enter a dash followed by the maximum service pack number. For example, to test for SP2 and earlier versions, enter the following: -2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CSD Version</th>
<th>To create a conditional statement that evaluates the CSD version of Windows on target systems, enter the specific CSD version. Service Pack 2 is an example of a CSD version.</th>
</tr>
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</table>

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<tr>
<th>Build Number</th>
<th>To create a conditional statement that evaluates the minimum build number version of Windows on target systems, enter the specific build number.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Product Type</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that evaluates whether the target system is a domain controller, a server, or a workstation, select the appropriate option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Architecture</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that evaluates the architecture (x86, x64, or IA64) of target systems, select the appropriate option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

File Exists Condition Settings

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a File Exists condition.

The File Exists setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for the presence of a particular file. To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the File Exists setting as needed.

The following subsettings are available for this condition.

Table 9-10 • File Exists Condition Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Path</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a particular file, do one of the following:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Enter the path and name for the file. To include a predefined folder in the path, select the appropriate property in the list. If you select one of the 64-bit folder locations, the installation checks the 64-bit folder location on 64-bit target systems and the 32-bit folder location on 32-bit target systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Enter only the file name in this Path setting; use the Search Path setting to specify one or more paths that you want the installation to check at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If you specified a path and file name in the Path setting, leave the Search Path setting blank.

If you specified only a file name in the Path setting, use the Search Path setting to specify a list of the paths for the locations on target systems in which you want to check for that file. Separate multiple paths with a semicolon (;). To include a predefined folder in the path, use the appropriate property. The following sample value for the Search Path setting uses directory properties to search two different paths:

```[CommonFilesFolder\Microsoft Shared\Office15;[CommonFilesFolder\Microsoft Shared\Office14]
```

It is strongly recommended that you try to narrow the search path as much as possible. In general, the more broad you make your search path, the longer it will take for the installation to check the target system.

Note that if any path that you enter in this setting includes the property [System64Folder], the installation disables file system redirection on 64-bit target systems when checking the system folder for any of the specified paths. If you do not enter [System64Folder] in this setting for any paths, the installation leaves file system redirection enabled.

Thus, if you enter a value of `System64Folder`;[SystemFolder] in this setting, the installation checks `C:\Windows\System32` on both 32-bit and 64-bit target systems. If you enter a value of `[SystemFolder]`, the installation checks `C:\Windows\System32` on 32-bit target systems and `C:\Windows\SysWOW64` on 64-bit target systems.

When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

For example, to search for the file that is specified in the Path setting in all directories that are defined for the PATH environment variable on a target system, enter the following value in the Search Path setting:

```
[%PATH%]
```

See Also

- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Table 9-10 • File Exists Condition Settings (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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| Search Path | If you specified a path and file name in the Path setting, leave the Search Path setting blank. If you specified only a file name in the Path setting, use the Search Path setting to specify a list of the paths for the locations on target systems in which you want to check for that file. Separate multiple paths with a semicolon (;). To include a predefined folder in the path, use the appropriate property. The following sample value for the Search Path setting uses directory properties to search two different paths: `[CommonFilesFolder\Microsoft Shared\Office15;[CommonFilesFolder\Microsoft Shared\Office14]` It is strongly recommended that you try to narrow the search path as much as possible. In general, the more broad you make your search path, the longer it will take for the installation to check the target system. Note that if any path that you enter in this setting includes the property [System64Folder], the installation disables file system redirection on 64-bit target systems when checking the system folder for any of the specified paths. If you do not enter [System64Folder] in this setting for any paths, the installation leaves file system redirection enabled. Thus, if you enter a value of `System64Folder`;[SystemFolder] in this setting, the installation checks `C:\Windows\System32` on both 32-bit and 64-bit target systems. If you enter a value of `[SystemFolder]`, the installation checks `C:\Windows\System32` on 32-bit target systems and `C:\Windows\SysWOW64` on 64-bit target systems. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. For example, to search for the file that is specified in the Path setting in all directories that are defined for the PATH environment variable on a target system, enter the following value in the Search Path setting: `[PATH]`
File Comparison Condition Settings

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a File Comparison condition.

The File Comparison setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for specific information—date, version number, or content—for a particular file. To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the File Comparison setting as needed.

The following subsettings are available for this condition.

**Table 9-11 • File Comparison Condition Settings**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Path</strong></td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for specific information for a particular file, do one of the following:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Enter the path and name for the file. To include a predefined folder in the path, select the appropriate property in the list. If you select one of the 64-bit folder locations, the installation checks the 64-bit folder location on 64-bit target systems and the 32-bit folder location on 32-bit target systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Enter only the file name in this Path setting; use the Search Path setting to specify one or more paths that you want the installation to check at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If you specified a path and file name in the Path setting, leave the Search Path setting blank.

If you specified only a file name in the Path setting, use the Search Path setting to specify a list of the paths for the locations on target systems in which you want to check for that file. Separate multiple paths with a semicolon (;). To include a predefined folder in the path, use the appropriate property. The following sample value for the Search Path setting uses directory properties to search two different paths:

```
[CommonFilesFolder]Microsoft Shared\Office15;[CommonFilesFolder]Microsoft Shared\Office14
```

It is strongly recommended that you try to narrow the search path as much as possible. In general, the more broad you make your search path, the longer it will take for the installation to check the target system.

Note that if any path that you enter in this setting includes the property [System64Folder], the installation disables file system redirection on 64-bit target systems when checking the system folder for any of the specified paths. If you do not enter [System64Folder] in this setting for any paths, the installation leaves file system redirection enabled.

Thus, if you enter a value of `[System64Folder];[SystemFolder]` in this setting, the installation checks `C:\Windows\System32` on both 32-bit and 64-bit target systems. If you enter a value of `[SystemFolder]`, the installation checks `C:\Windows\System32` on 32-bit target systems and `C:\Windows\SysWOW64` on 64-bit target systems.

When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

For example, to search for the file that is specified in the Path setting in all directories that are defined for the PATH environment variable on a target system, enter the following value in the Search Path setting:

```
[%PATH]
```

### Conversion

Select the type of data that you want to compare. Available options are:

- **Content**—The data that you want to compare is a string.
- **Version**—The data that you want to compare is a file version in the format `nn.nn.nn.nn`.
- **Local Date and Time**—The data that you want to compare is the local date and time on the target system that is running the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation—for example, `4/26/2004 3:57:46 PM`.

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**Table 9-11 • File Comparison Condition Settings (cont.)**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Search Path</td>
<td>If you specified a path and file name in the Path setting, leave the Search Path setting blank. If you specified only a file name in the Path setting, use the Search Path setting to specify a list of the paths for the locations on target systems in which you want to check for that file. Separate multiple paths with a semicolon (;). To include a predefined folder in the path, use the appropriate property. The following sample value for the Search Path setting uses directory properties to search two different paths: <code>[CommonFilesFolder]Microsoft Shared\Office15;[CommonFilesFolder]Microsoft Shared\Office14</code> It is strongly recommended that you try to narrow the search path as much as possible. In general, the more broad you make your search path, the longer it will take for the installation to check the target system. Note that if any path that you enter in this setting includes the property [System64Folder], the installation disables file system redirection on 64-bit target systems when checking the system folder for any of the specified paths. If you do not enter [System64Folder] in this setting for any paths, the installation leaves file system redirection enabled. Thus, if you enter a value of <code>[System64Folder];[SystemFolder]</code> in this setting, the installation checks <code>C:\Windows\System32</code> on both 32-bit and 64-bit target systems. If you enter a value of <code>[SystemFolder]</code>, the installation checks <code>C:\Windows\System32</code> on 32-bit target systems and <code>C:\Windows\SysWOW64</code> on 64-bit target systems. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. For example, to search for the file that is specified in the Path setting in all directories that are defined for the PATH environment variable on a target system, enter the following value in the Search Path setting: <code>[%PATH]</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Detecting Conditions on the Target System

See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Table 9-11 • File Comparison Condition Settings (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Comparison</strong></td>
<td>Select the option that describes how you want to compare the value on the target system with the value that you specify in the Compare To setting. For example, consider a file version condition in which the value of the Comparison setting is Less Than or Equal To, and the value of the Compare To setting is 4.1. At run time, this condition evaluates as true if the file version on the target system is 4.0 or 4.1; it evaluates as false if the file version on the target system is 4.2.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Compare To** | Specify the value that you want to compare with the value on the target system. The value that you enter depends on the option that is selected for the Conversion setting:  
  - If Content is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the file string that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.  
  - If Version is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the file version in the format nn.nn.nn.nn.  
  - If Local Date and Time is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the date and time that is used locally on target systems that are running the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation—for example, 4/26/2004 3:57:46 PM.  
  
  When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.  
  
  The Comparison setting is where you indicate how you want to compare the value on the target system with the value that you specify in the Compare To setting. For example, consider a file version condition in which the value of the Comparison setting is Less Than or Equal To, and the value of the Compare To setting is 4.1. At run time, this condition evaluates as true if the file version on the target system is 4.0 or 4.1; it evaluates as false if the file version on the target system is 4.2. |
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Registry Exists Condition Settings

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When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Registry Exists condition.

The Registry Exists setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for the presence of a particular registry key, and optionally a specific value name. To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the Registry Exists setting as needed.

The following subsettings are available for this condition.

Table 9-12 • Registry Exists Condition Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Registry Key</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a particular registry key, select the appropriate root key in this setting, and then enter the rest of the registry path. Available root keys are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- HKLM—HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- HKCU—HKEY_CURRENT_USER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- HKCR—HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- HKU—HKEY_USERS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Registry Comparison Condition Settings

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
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When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Registry Comparison condition.

The Registry Comparison setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for specific information—DWORD, QWORD, string, multistring, file version, or product version—for a particular registry entry. If you do not specify a value name, the default value for the key that you specify is used for the comparison. To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the Registry Comparison setting as needed.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Value Name</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a particular registry value for the specified registry key, enter the appropriate registry value. If you do not want to check for the presence of a specific registry value—that is, you want to check only for the presence of a registry key—leave this setting blank. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| 64-Bit Key  | Specify whether you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to check the 64-bit portion of the registry on 64-bit systems. If you select True, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation ignores this conditional statement on 32-bit target systems.
The following subsettings are available for this condition.

**Table 9-13 • Registry Comparison Condition Settings**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Registry Key</strong></td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for specific information for a particular value name of a registry key, select the appropriate root key in this setting, and then enter the rest of the registry path. Available root keys are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• HKLM—HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• HKCU—HKEY_CURRENT_USER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• HKCR—HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• HKU—HKEY_USERS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value Name</strong></td>
<td>Enter the registry value that you want to check for the registry comparison condition. If you want to check the registry key’s default value, leave this setting blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>64-Bit Key</strong></td>
<td>Specify whether you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to check the 64-bit portion of the registry on 64-bit systems. If you select True, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation ignores this conditional statement on 32-bit target systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Conversion</strong></td>
<td>Select the type of value that you want to compare. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• DWORD—The value that you want to compare is a DWORD (32-bit) value.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• QWORD—The value that you want to compare is a QWORD (64-bit) value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• String—The value that you want to compare is a string value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Multistring—The value that you want to compare is a multistring value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• File Version—The value that you want to compare is a file version value in the format nn.nn.nn.nn.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Product Version—The value that you want to compare is a product version value. The typical format for the version number is aabbbb. ccccc or aabbbb. ccccc. ddddd, where aabbb represents the major version number, bbbb represents the minor version number, ccccc represents the build number, and ddddd represents the revision number. Note that although you can include the fourth field (ddddd) when you specify the product version, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Comparison
Select the option that describes how you want to compare the value on the target system with the value that you specify in the Compare To setting. For example, consider a registry condition in which the value of the Comparison setting is Less Than or Equal To, and the value of the Compare To setting is 4.1. At run time, this condition evaluates as true if the number in the specified registry value data on the target system is 4.0 or 4.1; it evaluates as false if the version on the target system is 4.2.

Compare To
Specify the value that you want to compare with the value on the target system. The value that you enter depends on the option that is selected for the Conversion setting:

- If DWORD is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the DWORD value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
- If QWORD is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the QWORD value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
- If String is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the string value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
- If MultiString is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the multistring value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
- If File Version is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the file version value (in the format nn.nn.nn.nn) that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
Table 9-13 • Registry Comparison Condition Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Compare To (continued)</td>
<td>If Product Version is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the product version value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting. The typical format for the version number is <code>aaa.bbb.ccccc</code> or <code>aaa.bbb.ccccc.ddddd</code>, where <code>aaa</code> represents the major version number, <code>bbb</code> represents the minor version number, <code>cccc</code> represents the build number, and <code>ddddd</code> represents the revision number. Note that although you can include the fourth field (<code>ddddd</code>) when you specify the product version, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. The Comparison setting is where you indicate how you want to compare the value on the target system with the value that you specify in the Compare To setting. For example, consider a registry condition in which the value of the Comparison setting is Less Than or Equal To, and the value of the Compare To setting is 4.1. At run time, this condition evaluates as true if the version on the target system is 4.0 or 4.1; it evaluates as false if the version on the target system is 4.2.</td>
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See Also

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Property Comparison Condition Settings

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, feature, or wizard interface condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Property Comparison condition. The Property Comparison setting shows the condition that is configured for checking the value of a particular built-in Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property, or a property that is defined in the Property Manager view. To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the Property Comparison setting as needed.

The following subsettings are available for this condition.

Table 9-14 • Property Comparison Condition Settings

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<th>Setting</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks the value of a particular Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property, enter the name of the property in this setting. For a list of built-in conditions, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conversion</td>
<td>Select the type of value that you want to compare. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>DWORD</strong>—The value that you want to compare is a DWORD (32-bit) value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>QWORD</strong>—The value that you want to compare is a QWORD (64-bit) value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>String</strong>—The value that you want to compare is a string value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>FileVersion</strong>—The value that you want to compare is a file version value in the format <code>nn.nn.nn.nn</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Product Version</strong>—The value that you want to compare is a product version value. The typical format for the version number is <code>aaa.bbb.ccccc</code> or <code>aaa.bbb.ccccc.ddddddd</code>, where <code>aaa</code> represents the major version number, <code>bbb</code> represents the minor version number, <code>cccc</code> represents the build number, and <code>ddddddd</code> represents the revision number. Note that although you can include the fourth field (<code>ddddddd</code>) when you specify the product version, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Local Date Time</strong>—The value that you want to compare is a date or a date and time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comparison</td>
<td>Select the option that describes how you want to compare the value of the property at run time on the target system with the value that you specify in the Compare To setting. For example, consider a property comparison condition in which the value of the Conversion setting is String, the value of the Comparison setting is Equal, and the value of the Compare To setting is MyValue. At run time, this condition evaluates as true if the property value at run time is MyValue; it evaluates as false if the property value is not set or is any other value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Detecting Conditions on the Target System

Compare To

Specify the value that you want to compare with the value of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property on the target system at run time. The value that you enter depends on the option that is selected for the Conversion setting:

- If DWORD is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the DWORD value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
- If QWORD is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the QWORD value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
- If String is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the string value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
- If File Version is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the file version value (in the format \nn.nn.nn.nn) that you want to compare in the Compare To setting.
- If Product Version is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the product version value that you want to compare in the Compare To setting. The typical format for the version number is \aaa.bbb.ccccc or \aaa.bbb.ccccc.ddddd, where \aaa represents the major version number, \bbb represents the minor version number, \cccc represents the build number, and \dddd represents the revision number. Note that although you can include the fourth field (\dddd) when you specify the product version, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions.
- If Local Date Time is selected in the Conversion setting, enter the date and time that you want to compare in the Compare To setting—for example, 4/26/2004 3:57:46 PM.

When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

The Comparison setting is where you indicate how you want to compare the value of the property at run time on the target system with the value that you specify in the Compare To setting. For example, consider a property comparison condition in which the value of the Conversion setting is String, the value of the Comparison setting is Equal, and the value of the Compare To setting is MyValue. At run time, this condition evaluates as true if the property value at run time is MyValue; it evaluates as false if the property value is not set or is any other value.
MSI Package Condition Settings

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create an MSI Package condition.

The MSI Package setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for the presence of a product that was installed by a particular .msi package. To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the MSI Package setting as needed.

The following subsettings are available for this condition.

Table 9-15 • MSI Package Condition Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Product Code</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a product that was installed by an .msi package with a particular product code, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the package and have InstallShield enter the product code for you. As an alternative, you can manually enter the product code. A sample entry is {5D607F6A-AF48-4003-AFA8-69E019A4496F}.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tip • You can use an asterisk as a placeholder for the current package’s product code, package code, and product version when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI package conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package.

You can also use Suite property to configure this field. Instead of GUID, specify the property within the square bracket, for example, [MSIProductCode].
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#### Chapter 9

**Table 9-15 • MSI Package Condition Settings (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Package Code</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a product that was installed by an .msi package with a particular package code, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to browse to the package and have InstallShield enter the package code for you. As an alternative, you can manually enter the package code. A sample entry is {5D607F6A-AF48-4003-AFA8-69E019A4496F}.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Tip</strong> • You can use an asterisk as a placeholder for the current package’s product code, package code, and product version when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI package conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can also use Suite property to configure this field. Instead of GUID, specify the property within the square bracket, for example, [MSIPackageCode].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Version</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a product with a particular product version that was installed by an .msi package, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to browse to the package and have InstallShield enter the product version for you. As an alternative, you can manually enter the product version. Then use the Comparison setting to specify whether you want the product version to be less than, greater than, or equal to the value that you are specifying. The typical format for the version number is <code>aaa.bbb.cccccc</code> or <code>aaa.bbb.cccccc.ddddd</code>, where <code>aaa</code> represents the major version number, <code>bbb</code> represents the minor version number, <code>ccccc</code> represents the build number, and <code>ddddd</code> represents the revision number. The maximum value for the <code>aaa</code> and <code>bbb</code> portions is 255. The maximum value for <code>ccccc</code> and <code>ddddd</code> is 65,535. Note that although you can include the fourth field (<code>ddddd</code>) when you specify the product version, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Tip</strong> • You can use an asterisk as a placeholder for the current package’s product code, package code, and product version when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI package conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can also use Suite property to configure this field. Instead of version, specify the property within the square bracket, for example, [MSIVersion].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comparison</td>
<td>If you specify a version number in the Product Version setting, select the appropriate option to indicate how you want to compare the version number on the target system with the one that you enter. For example, if you want the condition to be true if the version on the target system is less than or equal to 4.0.0, enter 4.0.0 in the Product Version setting, and select Less Than or Equal To in the Comparison setting.</td>
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Detecting Conditions on the Target System

Table 9-15 • MSI Package Condition Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Patch Code</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a product that was installed by an .msi package with a particular patch code for a specific product code, enter the patch code in this setting, and enter the product code in the Product Code setting. A sample entry is {5D607F6A-AF48-4003-AFA8-69E019A4496F}. If you enter a value in this setting, any value that is entered in the Package Code and Product Version settings are ignored. You can also use Suite property to configure this field. Instead of GUID, specify the property within the square bracket, for example, [PatchCode].</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

MSI Upgrade Condition Settings

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create an MSI Upgrade condition.

The MSI Upgrade setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for the presence of a version of a product that you want to update, or for the presence of future versions of a product that you do not want to downgrade. In either case, the product whose presence is being checked is installed by an .msi package. To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the MSI Upgrade setting as needed.
The following subsettings are available for this condition.

**Table 9-16 • MSI Upgrade Condition Settings**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Upgrade Code</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a product that was installed by an .msi package with a particular upgrade code, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the package and have InstallShield enter the upgrade code for you. As an alternative, you can manually enter the upgrade code. A sample entry is {5D607F6A-AF48-4003-AFA8-69E019A4496F}.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tip</strong></td>
<td>You can use an asterisk (*) as a placeholder for the current package’s upgrade code and either the minimum or maximum version number when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI upgrade conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package. You can also use Suite property to configure this field. Instead of GUID, specify the property within the square bracket, for example, [UpgradeCode].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Version</td>
<td>Enter the minimum product version that the conditional statement should evaluate when determining whether to run the upgrade package, or click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the package and have InstallShield enter the minimum version. Version numbers should be in the format xxxx.xxxx.xxxx.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tip</strong></td>
<td>You can use an asterisk (*) as a placeholder for the current package’s upgrade code and either the minimum or maximum version number when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI upgrade conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package. You can also use Suite property to configure this field. Instead of version, specify the property within the square bracket, for example, [MinimumVersion].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include Minimum Version</td>
<td>Indicate whether you want to include the minimum version value in the range of product versions that you want to include in the conditional statement. This setting helps you specify whether you are using the lower bounds for a range of product versions that your upgrade package will or will not support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 9-16 • MSI Upgrade Condition Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| Maximum Version    | Enter the maximum product version that the conditional statement should evaluate when determining whether to run the upgrade package, or click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to browse to the package and have InstallShield enter the maximum version. Version numbers should be in the format xxxx.xxxx.xxxx.  

Tip • You can use an asterisk as a placeholder for the current package’s upgrade code and either the minimum or maximum version number when you are defining eligibility and detection MSI upgrade conditions, as long as the package that you are configuring is an .msi package.  

You can also use Suite property to configure this field. Instead of version, specify the property within the square bracket, for example, [MaximumVersion].

Include Maximum Version | Indicate whether you want to include the maximum version value in the range of product versions that you want to include in the conditional statement. This setting helps you specify whether you are using the upper bounds for a range of product versions that your upgrade package will or will not support.

See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Eligible Package Condition Setting

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create an Eligible Package condition.
The Eligible Package setting shows the condition that is configured for checking whether a different package or a feature in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is eligible for installation on a target system. For example, if a patch package is eligible for installation only if the base package is eligible for installation, you can create an Eligible Package condition to tie the patch’s eligibility to the base package’s eligibility. In this scenario, you would select the patch package in the Packages view, create the condition, and specify the package GUID of the base package in that condition.

To define this type of condition, configure the subsetting under the Eligible Package setting as needed.

The following subsetting is available for this condition.

### Table 9-17 • Eligible Package Condition Setting

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Package GUID</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that is based on whether a different package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is eligible for installation on a target system, select the other required package in the list in this setting. The list contains all of the packages in the project. As an alternative, you can enter the package GUID of that other required package. A sample entry is {5D607F6A-AF48-4003-AFA8-69E019A4496F}. For example, if a patch package is eligible for installation only if the base product is eligible for installation, you can create an Eligible Package condition to tie the patch’s eligibility to the base product’s eligibility. In this scenario, you would select the patch package in the Packages view, create the condition, and select the base package in that condition. The package GUID is identified in the Package GUID setting in the Packages view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### InstallScript Package Condition Settings

#### Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Advanced UI**
- **Suite/Advanced UI**

#### Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](https://example.com).

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See Also

Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create an InstallScript Package condition.

The InstallScript Package setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for the presence of a product that was installed by a particular InstallScript package. To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the InstallScript Package setting as needed.

The following subsettings are available for this condition.

Table 9-18 • InstallScript Package Condition Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Product Code</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a product that was installed by a particular InstallScript package with a particular product code, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the data1.hdr file of the uncompressed InstallScript package and have InstallShield enter the product code for you. As an alternative, you can manually enter the product code. A sample entry is {5D607F6A-AF48-4003-AFA8-69E019A4496F}.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Product Version  | To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a product with a particular product version that was installed by an InstallScript package, enter the product version. Then use the Comparison setting to specify whether you want the product version to be less than, greater than, or equal to the value that you are specifying.

The typical format for the version number is aaa.bbb.ccccc or aaa.bbb.ccccc.dddd, where aaa represents the major version number, bbb represents the minor version number, ccccc represents the build number, and dddd represents the revision number. The maximum value for the aaa and bbb portions is 255. The maximum value for ccccc and dddd is 65,535. Note that although you can include the fourth field (ddddd) when you specify the product version, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions. |
| Verify Log Exists| Select the option that describes whether you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to verify that the uninstallation log file that is registered for the product is present on target systems. If you leave this setting blank, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation behaves as if you selected Yes in this setting. |
### Locale Condition Settings

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Locale condition.

The Locale setting shows the condition that is configured for matching one or more locale-related settings on target systems. To define this type of condition, configure one or more of the subsettings under the Locale setting as needed.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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| **Check Per-User Registration** | Select the option that describes whether you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to check HKEY_CURRENT_USER for uninstallation information on target systems. Available options are:  
  - Yes—The installation checks both HKEY_CURRENT_USER and HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE for uninstallation information.  
  - No—The installation checks only HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE for uninstallation information.  
  
If you leave this setting blank, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation behaves as if you selected Yes in this setting. |
| **Comparison**                | If you specify a version number in the Product Version setting, select the appropriate option to indicate how you want to compare the version number on the target system with the one that you enter. For example, if you want the condition to be true if the version on the target system is less than or equal to 4.0.0, enter 4.0.0 in the Product Version setting, and select Less Than or Equal To in the Comparison setting. |

See Also

- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
The following subsettings are available for this condition.

### Table 9-19 • Locale Condition Settings

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<tr>
<td><strong>User Interface</strong></td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the locale of the user interface on target systems, enter the locale identifier (LCID) in any of the following formats:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Decimal LCID; for example: <strong>1033</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Hexadecimal LCID preceded with 0x; for example: <strong>0x409</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Locale name, which is checked only on Windows Vista and later systems, and ignored on earlier systems; for example: <strong>en-us, en, zh-CN</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For a list of LCIDs, see <a href="https://msdn.microsoft.com">Locale IDs Assigned by Microsoft</a> on MSDN.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more details on entering values in this setting, see <a href="https://msdn.microsoft.com">Using Locale Conditions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Operating System</strong></td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the language of the operating system on target systems, enter the locale identifier (LCID) in either of the following formats:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Decimal LCID; for example: <strong>1033</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Hexadecimal LCID preceded with 0x; for example: <strong>0x409</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For a list of LCIDs, see <a href="https://msdn.microsoft.com">Locale IDs Assigned by Microsoft</a> on MSDN.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more details on entering values in this setting, see <a href="https://msdn.microsoft.com">Using Locale Conditions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ANSI Code Page</strong></td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for a ANSI code page on target systems, enter the code page identifier.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>For a list of code page identifiers, see <a href="https://msdn.microsoft.com">Code Page Identifiers</a> on MSDN.</td>
</tr>
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<td>For more details on entering values in this setting, see <a href="https://msdn.microsoft.com">Using Locale Conditions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects</a>.</td>
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**See Also**

- [Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects](https://msdn.microsoft.com)
- [Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project](https://msdn.microsoft.com)
- [Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects](https://msdn.microsoft.com)

### Suite Installed Condition Settings

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Advanced UI**
## Suite/Advanced UI Edition

The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Suite Installed condition.

The Suite Installed setting shows the condition that is configured for checking whether a particular version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is already installed on a target system. To define this type of condition, configure one or more of the subsettings under the Suite Installed setting as needed.

The following subsettings are available for this condition.

### Table 9-20 • Suite Installed Condition Settings

<table>
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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Suite GUID</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks whether a particular version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is already installed on a target system, enter the Suite GUID of that installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip** • When you create an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically creates a Suite Installed exit condition for the installation, and uses an asterisk (*) in the condition's Suite GUID and Version settings as placeholders for the project’s own Suite GUID and version. InstallShield adds this built-in condition to prevent the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from installing over a future newer version of the installation. In general, this built-in condition should not be overridden, except in advanced scenarios in which changing the default behavior is appropriate.

To learn more, see [Detecting Whether a Specific Version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation Is Already Installed](#).
To create a conditional statement that checks whether a particular version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is already installed on a target system, enter the version number. Then use the Comparison setting to specify whether you want the product version to be less than, greater than, or equal to the value that you are specifying.

The typical format for the version number is `aaa.bbb.ccccc` or `aaa.bbb.ccccc.ddddd`, where `aaa` represents the major version number, `bbb` represents the minor version number, `cccc` represents the build number, and `dddd` represents the revision number. The maximum value for the `aaa` and `bbb` portions is 255. The maximum value for `cccc` and `dddd` is 65,535. Note that although you can include the fourth field (`dddd`) when you specify the product version, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions.

**Tip** • When you create an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically creates a Suite Installed exit condition for the installation, and uses an asterisk (*) in the condition’s Suite GUID and Version settings as placeholders for the project’s own Suite GUID and version. InstallShield adds this built-in condition to prevent the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from installing over a future newer version of the installation. In general, this built-in condition should not be overridden, except in advanced scenarios in which changing the default behavior is appropriate.

To learn more, see Detecting Whether a Specific Version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation Is Already Installed.

**Compare**

Select the appropriate option to indicate how you want to compare the version number on the target system with the one that you enter. For example, if you want the condition to be true if the version on the target system is less than or equal to 4.0.0, enter 4.0.0 in the Product Version setting, and select Less Than or Equal To in the Comparison setting.

**Tip** • When you create an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically creates a Suite Installed exit condition for the installation, and uses an asterisk (*) in the condition’s Suite GUID and Version settings as placeholders for the project’s own Suite GUID and version. InstallShield adds this built-in condition to prevent the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from installing over a future newer version of the installation. In general, this built-in condition should not be overridden, except in advanced scenarios in which changing the default behavior is appropriate.

To learn more, see Detecting Whether a Specific Version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation Is Already Installed.
See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Windows App Package Condition Settings

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Windows App Package condition.

The Windows App Package setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for the presence of a particular Windows App. To define this type of condition, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Windows App Package setting to browse to the package and have InstallShield enter the appropriate information in the subsettings for you. As an alternative, you can manually configure the subsettings under the Windows App Package setting as needed.

Note • Support for browsing to the Windows App package (.appx) by using the ellipsis button in the Windows App Package setting requires Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later on the machine that has InstallShield or the Standalone Build.

The following subsettings are available for this condition.

Table 9-21 • Windows App Package Condition Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Name      | To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a particular Windows App, enter the name that is used to identify the Windows App to the operating system.  
To browse to the appropriate Windows App package (.appx) and have InstallShield enter the value in this setting for you, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Windows App Package setting. |
Table 9-21 • Windows App Package Condition Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Publisher</td>
<td>This setting specifies the publisher that is specified in the subject field of the certificate that was used to sign the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To browse to the appropriate Windows App package (.appx) and have InstallShield enter the value in this setting for you, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Windows App Package setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>This setting specifies the version number of the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To browse to the appropriate Windows App package (.appx) and have InstallShield enter the value in this setting for you, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Windows App Package setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comparison</td>
<td>If you specify a version number in the Version setting, select the appropriate option to indicate how you want to compare the version number on the target system with the one that you enter. For example, if you want the condition to be true if the version on the target system is less than or equal to 4.0.0, enter 4.0.0 in the Version setting, and select Less Than or Equal To in the Comparison setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Processor Architecture</td>
<td>This setting identifies the architecture (x86, x64, or neutral) that must be present on target systems for this package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To browse to the appropriate Windows App package (.appx) and have InstallShield enter the value in this setting for you, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Windows App Package setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

UWP Type Present Condition Settings

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
Important • This condition always evaluates as false on operating systems before Windows 10. Use of the Type Name subsetting Windows.ApplicationModel.FullTrustProcessLauncher requires Windows 10 Anniversary Update or newer.

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit or eligibility condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a UWP Type Present condition.

The UWP Type Present setting shows the condition that is configured for checking target systems for the presence of UWP functionality. For example, to create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of the Desktop Bridge, check for the type Windows.ApplicationModel.FullTrustProcessLauncher. This can be used to conditionally block installation, or to choose between installing .msi and Windows App package (.appx) packages.

Table 9-22 • UWP Type Present Condition Setting

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type Name</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks for the presence of a particular UWP type, choose Windows.ApplicationModel.FullTrustProcessLauncher from the drop-down list or enter a name that is used to identify a UWP type to the operating system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Package Operation Condition Settings

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Package Operation condition.

The Package Operation setting shows the condition that is configured for checking the target state of a particular package in a Suite/Advanced UI installation. This type of condition is available only for actions that are associated with an event in the Events view or Packages view. If you associate the action with an event in the Events view, the earliest event for which you can schedule the action is OnStaging.

To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the Package Operation setting as needed.
The following subsettings are available for this condition.

### Table 9-23 • Package Operation Condition Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Package</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks the target operation of a particular package in the Suite/Advanced UI installation, select the name of the package in this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operation</td>
<td>Select the type of operation that you want to check for the package operation condition. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• No Action—The package is not set to be installed, removed, modified, or repaired.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Install—The package is set to be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Remove—The package is set to be removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Modify—The package is set to be modified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Repair—The package is set to be repaired.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

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### Feature Operation Condition Settings

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Feature Operation condition.

The Feature Operation setting shows the condition that is configured for checking the target state of a particular feature in a Suite/Advanced UI installation. This type of condition is available only for actions that are associated with an event in the Events view or Packages view. If you associate the action with an event in the Events view, the earliest event for which you can schedule the action is OnStaging; feature states are not available before the OnStaging event.

To define this type of condition, configure the subsettings under the Feature Operation setting as needed.
The following subsettings are available for this condition.

Table 9-24 • Feature Operation Condition Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feature</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks the target operation of a particular feature in the Suite/Advanced UI installation, select the name of the feature in this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operation</td>
<td>Select the type of operation that you want to check for the feature operation condition. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• No Action—The feature is not set to be installed or removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Install—The feature is set to be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Remove—The feature is set to be removed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

Extension Condition Settings
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create an extension condition that calls a C/C++ DLL that you have created to implement your own custom condition. The custom condition could check target systems for factors that the built-in types of condition checks do not evaluate. For instructions on how to create the DLL and add it to your project, see Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

When you add an extension condition DLL, InstallShield adds a row for the condition. The row consists of two fields. The left field of this row uses the following syntax to describe your condition:

ExtensionDLLName:Condition

where ExtensionDLLName is the name of the DLL file, but without the .dll part of the name.
The right field of this row is a read-only field that shows the parameter-and-value pairs that you have defined for the condition. This setting also contains an **Add Parameter** button, which lets you define parameters and their values, as well as a **Delete this condition** button, which lets you delete the extension condition.

To add a parameter and value, click the **Add Parameter** button in the right field of the extension condition row. The **Configure Extension Condition** dialog box opens, enabling you to enter the name of the parameter. InstallShield adds a new row for the parameter. Configure the value of the parameter in the field on the right.

**See Also**
- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

### Mode Condition Settings

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

When you are building a conditional statement for a wizard interface condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a Mode condition. The Mode setting shows the condition that is configured for checking the mode in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running. To define this type of condition, configure the subsetting under the Mode setting as needed.
The following subsetting is available for this condition.

**Table 9-25 • Mode Condition Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>To create a conditional statement that checks the mode in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running, select the appropriate mode in this setting. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Installing</strong>—The installation is running in first-time installation mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Staging</strong>—The installation is being staged; that is, it is being uncompressed and copied to a specified location. Note that none of the packages in the installation are run in this mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Removing</strong>—The product is being removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Modifying</strong>—The product is being modified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Repairing</strong>—The product is being repaired.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Maintenance (remove, modify, repair)</strong>—The installation is running in maintenance mode (modify, remove, or repair).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

**Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project**

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*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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Following are some guidelines on defining conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

**Define an Eligibility Condition for Each .exe Package to Prevent Downgrades**

InstallShield automatically handles an empty eligibility condition as a request to ensure that a later version of the package is not already present on target systems. You can augment this, for example with a Platform condition to prevent installation on unsupported platforms, without losing the automatic behavior.
For .exe packages, create an appropriate eligibility condition to ensure that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not downgrade your product by allowing an earlier version to install over a later version.

Note that if your product supports side-by-side versions of, for example, version 3 with version 4 on the same system, ensure that your conditions support this. If your product does not support these versions on the same system, ensure that your conditions block this scenario.

**Consider Defining an Eligibility Condition for Each Package to Check for Requirements and Dependencies**

A package may fail to install or the product may not run as expected on target systems that do not meet its requirements (such as the minimum operating system version) or that do not have its dependencies (such as the .NET Framework, Microsoft SQL Server, or a third-party library). To prevent the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package from attempting to download (if applicable) and launch packages on a target system on which they will fail, define an eligibility condition that checks for requirements and dependencies. And whenever you have a package that contains one or more launch conditions, ensure that you add corresponding eligibility conditions to the package.

Because .msp packages require their target .msi package to be present, create an eligibility condition that checks target systems for the presence of the product that you want to update.

**Review the Default Exit Condition for Relevance**

By default, when you create a new Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield automatically creates an exit condition that aborts the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation if none of the primary packages are eligible for installation. The exit condition has an Eligible Package type of condition check, and it uses an asterisk (*) in the condition's package ID setting as a placeholder for each primary package’s ID.

You can indirectly control this default exit condition by modifying the eligibility condition of each package.

The default exit message assumes that your eligibility conditions only prevent downgrades. If any of the primary packages in your project have an eligibility condition that checks for something else, you may need to edit the default message to properly reflect the reason for the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation aborting.

For example, if your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project includes one 64-bit primary package, this package may have an eligibility condition that checks for an x64 architecture. In this case, you may need to edit the exit message and condition to account for the fact that the package is not eligible on a 32-bit target system. However, if your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package includes one 64-bit primary package and one 32-bit primary package, and you configure the eligibility conditions for these packages so that the appropriate one is launched on target systems that have the corresponding architecture, the default exit message and condition may be suitable as is.

**Define a Detection Condition for Each .exe Package**

Every .exe package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project must have at least one defined detection condition. The detection condition should evaluate whether the package is already installed on target systems. At build time, InstallShield combines the detection conditions from all of the primary packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project to form part of the mode conditions of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file can determine whether .msi packages and InstallScript packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation have already been installed on target systems. It can also determine whether an .msp package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation has already been applied to an earlier version of the product. Similarly, it can determine whether a Windows App package (.appx) in the Suite/Advanced UI installation have already been installed on target systems. Therefore, manually defining a detection condition for these three types of packages is not a requirement.
Be Very Explicit

Make sure that you are creating conditions for all of the possible results; that way, you have full control over the appropriate behavior. For example, if you are checking for a specific version of a file or for a particular registry value, make sure to also check for the existence of the file or registry entry. Sometimes a missing file is fine but a given version number of a file is bad; sometimes a missing file is bad.

Test, Test Some More, and Then Test Again

Test your conditions on various target systems and under different scenarios to make sure that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation behaves as expected. Use clean machines, machines that have earlier versions of your products, and machines that have the current version. Also consider building a future version of your product to test that your current installation does not downgrade future versions.

See Also

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Detecting Whether a Specific Version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation Is Already Installed

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- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects include support for determining whether a particular version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is already installed on target systems. This type of condition check is called a Suite Installed condition, and it checks the target system’s registry for the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s Uninstall key.

When an end user successfully installs a product through an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, the installation creates an Uninstall registry key in the following 32-bit location in the registry:

SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\{Suite GUID\}

The Uninstall key contains uninstallation information for the installation. The name that is used for the registry key is the Suite GUID of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. One of the registry values that this registry key contains is a DisplayVersion value; the data for this value is the version number of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. Both the Suite GUID and the version number are defined in the General Information view of the project.
InstallShield includes two Suite Installed conditions in each Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project by default. You can also add your own Suite Installed conditions to a project as needed.

**Default Suite Installed Conditions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects**

When you create an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, InstallShield creates two Suite Installed conditions in your project by default:

- **An exit condition**—This default exit condition is shown in the General Information view of the project. The Suite Installed exit condition prevents end users from being able to install the current version of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation over a future newer version of the same Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. That is, the installation compares the version number that is stored in the DisplayVersion value of the Uninstall key on the target system with the value that is configured in the project. If the version in the target system's registry is greater than the version that is configured in the project, the installation displays an error message. When the end user dismisses the message, the installation exists. This default Suite Installed exit condition prevents downgrades of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

- **An install mode condition**—The install mode condition is shown only in the project file (.issuite). This type of condition is not available for edit within InstallShield. The Suite Installed mode condition causes the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to run in first-time installation mode if end users install a new version of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation over an older version of the same Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. Furthermore, the Suite Installed mode condition may prevent the installation from running in first-time installation mode if the same version of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is already installed.

The default install mode condition compares the DisplayVersion value of the Uninstall key on the target system with the value that is configured in the project. If these values are not the same, the Suite Installed part of the install mode condition evaluates as true.

Note that an install mode condition also evaluates the detection conditions of all of the primary packages in the installation. Thus, even though the Suite Installed part of the install mode condition may evaluate as false (meaning that it appears that the target system has the same version that is configured in the project), the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation may run in first-time installation mode. This may occur if none of the detection conditions for the primary packages in the installation evaluate as true.

In general, these built-in Suite Installed conditions should not be overridden, except in advanced scenarios in which changing the default behavior is appropriate.

Note that InstallShield uses an asterisk (*) in the default Suite Installed condition’s Suite GUID and Version settings as placeholders for the project's own Suite GUID and version. At build time, InstallShield replaces the asterisks with the appropriate values in the resulting build.

**Using the Suite Installed Condition Check in Your Own Conditions**

If you want your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to check target systems for the presence of a particular version of the installation, you can add your own Suite Installed condition check for an exit condition, a detection condition, or other any other condition.

**See Also**

- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Using Locale Conditions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The locale type of condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project has several subsettings. The following table describes the formats that you can use for specifying the languages in each of these subsettings.

**Table 9-26 • Subsettings Under the Locale Condition Setting**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Format for Values in This Setting</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>User Interface</td>
<td>Enter locale identifiers (LCIDs) in any of the following formats:</td>
<td>At run time, the installation uses the following functions to check the user interface on target systems:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Decimal LCID; for example: <strong>1033</strong></td>
<td>- GetUserDefaultLCID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Hexadecimal LCID preceded with 0x; for example: <strong>0x409</strong></td>
<td>- GetSystemDefaultLCID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Locale name, which is checked only on Windows Vista and later systems, and ignored on earlier systems; for example: <strong>en-us, en, zh-CN</strong></td>
<td>- GetUserDefaultLocaleName (only on Windows Vista and later systems)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can optionally precede an LCID or name with a tilde (~) to check for a language-only match, ignoring the country or region.</td>
<td>- GetSystemDefaultLocaleName (only on Windows Vista and later systems)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For example, an entry of ~1033—for English (United States)—results in a match on a target system that uses Australian English, UK English, U.S. English, or other regional variants of English.</td>
<td>For a list of LCIDs, see <strong>Locale IDs Assigned by Microsoft</strong> on MSDN.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If you want to check the user interface, operating system, or ANSI code page on target systems for any one of two or more languages, you can specify multiple values and separate them with a comma (,). Any spaces that are included in the setting are ignored. For example, to check for either a U.S. English or Japanese user interface, you could enter the following value in the User Interface setting:

\[0x409, \ 0x411\]

In this scenario, the User Interface condition is met if the target system’s UI is U.S. English or Japanese.

Note that if you specify values in two or more locale settings, each of those locale settings must have a match in order for the condition to be met. For example, if you specify languages in the User Interface and ANSI Code Page settings, the condition evaluates as true whenever one of the User Interface languages are a match and also one of the ANSI Code Page languages are a match.

**See Also**

*Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects*
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

When you are building a conditional statement for an exit, detection, eligibility, or feature condition in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, or for an action condition in a Suite/Advanced UI project, you can select from a number of different built-in types of checks that you want to be evaluated on target systems. Examples are operating system version, presence of a file or registry entry, and presence of an already installed product.

The built-in types of condition checks may not cover all of the scenarios that you want your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to evaluate on target systems. Therefore, InstallShield lets you create your own type of custom condition called an extension condition. An extension condition calls a C/C++ DLL that you have created.

For example, if you want to check for the existence of an IIS Web site, you can create a DLL that checks target systems and then include this DLL in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

For guidance on how to create the extension condition DLL, see Creating an Extension Condition DLL for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

For instructions on how to incorporate the extension condition DLL in your project, see Adding an Extension Condition DLL to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

Creating an Extension Condition DLL for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Note • Revenera does not provide technical support for Windows programming or DLL debugging. You are responsible for correctly writing any DLL functions. Prototype your custom DLL functions as explained below. Any variation in return type can cause the extension condition DLL to fail.

The first step in creating an extension condition is to create the DLL. You can create an extension condition DLL with any recent version of Visual C++ or any tool or language that supports COM and DLL exports.

The Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI engine requires two entry points per condition—one to validate the condition and one to evaluate the condition. Both entry points must be based on the name of the extension condition. For example, for a condition called **MyCondition**, the DLL that tests the condition must export the following entry points:

- **MyCondition_Validate**
- **MyCondition_Evaluate**

These functions should be defined as follows:

```
HRESULT __stdcall MyCondition_Validate(IDispatch *pCondition);
HRESULT __stdcall MyCondition_Evaluate(IDispatch *pCondition, VARIANT_BOOL *pbResult);
```

To be able to call these functions from the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, you must include a definition file (.def) when you build the DLL to export the function properly. The following is the contents of a sample .def file. The name after LIBRARY should be the name that you are using for the DLL.

```
LIBRARY "MyConditionLibrary"
EXPTS
   MyCondition_Validate
   MyCondition_Evaluate
```

The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation calls the validation entry point while parsing the conditions that were defined in the project. This enables the extension condition to ensure that the condition parameters that were defined in the project are suitable for the condition to evaluate in a predictable manner. This entry point is called any time an extension condition of this type is found for an exit condition, a detection condition, or any other type of condition.

Returning S_OK from this entry point indicates to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation that the condition is valid. Returning a failed HRESULT status causes the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to abort with an error for the condition that was last validated.

The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation calls the evaluation entry point any time that an extension condition of this type is referenced by a condition that was configured in the project. The evaluation is allowed to perform any action that is necessary to evaluate the condition to a true or false result. The result is returned in the form of a VARIANT_BOOL in the pbEvalResult parameter. A result of VARIANT_TRUE is treated as a true result and a result of VARIANT_FALSE is treated as a false result. A success status (S_OK) should be returned from an evaluation function. A failure status aborts the evaluation of the current condition block being evaluated, but it does not cause the installation to abort.
Note that although the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation allows any action to be performed, extension conditions run with the privileges of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from which they are called. Some actions may require administrator privileges (such as reading IIS 7.x configuration data). In such cases, in order for the condition to access the required data successfully, the installation would need to be run with administrator privileges, or it would need to include an administrator manifest.

The IDispatch interface that is passed to the validation and evaluation entry points implements the ISuiteExtension interface. To obtain a pointer to an ISuiteExtension, call the QueryInterface method on the IDispatch interface. The ISuiteExtension interface allows the condition functions to access the attribute parameters that are defined for the extension condition in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. Note that each condition in the project receives a different interface pointer that is specific to each condition instance. Therefore, the interface pointer that is passed to the entry point function should always be used and should not be saved across calls to the extension DLL.

The interface is defined as follows:

```csharp
interface ISuiteExtension : IDispatch {
    [propget, id(1), helpstring("Attribute")]
    HRESULT Attribute([in]BSTR bstrName, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrValue);

    [id(2), helpstring("method LogInfo")]
    HRESULT LogInfo([in]BSTR bstr);

    [propget, id(3), helpstring("Property")]
    HRESULT Property([in]BSTR bstrName, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrValue);

    [propput, id(3), helpstring("Property")]
    HRESULT Property([in]BSTR bstrName, [in]BSTR bstrValue);

    [id(4), helpstring("FormatProperty")]
    HRESULT FormatProperty([in]BSTR bstrValue, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrReturnValue);

    [id(5), helpstring("ResolveString")]
    HRESULT ResolveString([in]BSTR bstrStringId, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrReturnValue);
};
```

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects use the function prototype to pass the ISuiteExtension COM interface pointer to an extension condition DLL, which enables you to access the following functions:

- **get_Attribute**

  ```csharp
  HRESULT get_Attribute([in]BSTR bstrName, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrValue);
  ```

  This method retrieves the value of an attribute for the current condition instance. The attribute name is passed in bstrName, and its corresponding value is returned in bstrValue.

- **LogInfo**

  ```csharp
  HRESULT LogInfo([in]BSTR bstr);
  ```

  This method writes any information that is needed to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI debug log, making it available for debugging or other informational purposes. The bstr parameter contains the string to be written to the log.

- **get_Property**

  ```csharp
  HRESULT get_Property([in]BSTR bstrName, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrValue);
  ```
This method retrieves the value of any property that is currently defined in the running Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. Properties that are not defined return an empty value. The bstrName parameter specifies the name of the property whose value is being obtained. The value for the property is returned in the bstrValue parameter.

- **put_Property**

  HRESULT put_Property([in]BSTR bstrName, [in]BSTR bstrValue);

  This method sets the value of a new property or changes the value of an existing property in the currently running Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. Passing an empty value effectively deletes the property. The bstrName parameter specifies the name of the property to set. The bstrValue parameter specifies the value to set for the specified property.

- **FormatProperty**

  HRESULT FormatProperty([in]BSTR bstrValue, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrReturnValue);

  This method resolves embedded formatted expressions in the string that is provided in the bstrValue parameter. The formatted value is returned in the bstrReturnValue parameter. To learn about the syntax that is available for formatted expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

- **ResolveString**

  HRESULT ResolveString([in]BSTR bstrStringId, [out, retval]BSTR *bstrReturnValue);

  This method resolves an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI string identifier into the corresponding string value for the currently running Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation in the currently selected UI language. The bstrStringId parameter specifies the string identifier to resolve, and the resolved string is returned in bstrReturnValue. If no such string identifier exists, the returned string is empty.

To access the ISuiteExtension interface from your DLL, you can use #import to incorporate the type library information from the SetupSuite.exe file that is installed with InstallShield. The path is:

```
InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist\Language Independent\i386\SetupSuite.exe```

For example, to import the type library in a VC++ project (such as in stdafx.h), use the following statement:

```
#import "C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Redist\Language Independent\i386\SetupSuite.exe"
```

Note that if InstallShield is installed to a different location, adjust the path in the #import statement accordingly.

Once you have created your extension condition DLL, you can add it to your project. To learn how, see Adding an Extension Condition DLL to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

**See Also**

Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Referring to Feature States and Other Feature Data in the UI of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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**Adding an Extension Condition DLL to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project**

InstallShield 2020

**Project • This information applies to the following project types:**
Once you have created an extension condition DLL, you can add it to your project.

**Task**  
**To add an extension condition DLL to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project:**

1. Find the setting for the detection condition, eligibility condition, or other condition in your project that you want to use your extension condition DLL.

   To learn more about setting up these conditions, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

2. If necessary, add an **Any**, **All**, or **None** operator to the condition group.

3. In the **Any**, **All**, or **None** setting, click the **New Condition** button and then click **Browse for an Extension Condition DLL**. The **Open** dialog box opens.

4. Select the extension condition DLL that you created, and then click **Open**. The **Configure Extension Condition** dialog box opens.

   Note that the DLL must be written according to the instructions in Creating an Extension Condition DLL for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

5. Click the condition that you want to use. InstallShield adds the DLL to your project as a support file. InstallShield also adds a new row for the condition. The row consists of two fields. The left field of this row uses the following syntax to describe your condition:

   
   \[ \text{ExtensionDLLName}:\text{Condition} \]

   where \( \text{ExtensionDLLName} \) is the name of the DLL file, but without the .dll part of the name.

   The right field of this row is a read-only field that shows the parameter-and-value pairs that you have defined for the condition. This setting also contains an **Add Parameter** button, which lets you define parameters and their values, as well as a **Delete this condition** button, which lets you delete the extension condition.

6. To add a parameter and value, click the **Add Parameter** button in the right field of the extension condition row. The **Configure Extension Condition** dialog box opens.

7. Enter the name of the parameter, and then click **OK**. InstallShield adds a new row for the parameter. Configure the value of the parameter in the field on the right.

**See Also**

Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

Extension Condition Settings
Searching for Installed Data

InstallShield provides support for the Windows Installer capability of searching for installed data on a target system at run time. Depending on the results of the search, the installation can store a value in a property and even use the property in an installation condition. Examples of system searches that your installation can perform include:

- Search for a file or folder on the target system at run time and store the full path to the file or folder, if found, in a property. This includes support for XML files.
- Read data from the registry or from an .ini file located in the target system’s WindowsFolder directory and store the data in a property. Then use the property in an installation condition.

InstallShield includes several predefined system searches that you can add to your project. In addition, system searches that have been defined in one project and published to a repository can be reused in other projects. Use the System Search view to add a predefined system search—whether it is a search that is included with InstallShield or one that is stored in a repository—to your project. You can also use the System Search view to customize any predefined searches or define your own system searches for your installation.

See Also
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

Adding a Predefined System Search

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
Use the System Search view to add a predefined system search—whether it is a search that is included with InstallShield or one that is stored in a repository—to your project.

**Task**  
**To add a predefined system search:**

1. Open the **System Search** view.
2. Right-click the grid and then click **Add predefined search**. The **Add Predefined Search Dialog Box** opens.
3. If you want system searches that have been published to a repository to be displayed, select the **Show Searches in Repository** check box.
4. Select the value for the system search that you would like to add.
5. Click **OK**.

InstallShield adds the search to the grid in the System Search view. If you need to make changes to the predefined search after you have added it to your project, see **Modifying a System Search** to learn how.

**See Also**  
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

### Adding a System Search

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**  
*This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Your installation can include system searches for different types of installed data on a target system. To add to your project one of the predefined system searches available in InstallShield or a system search that is stored in a repository, see **Adding a Predefined System Search**. To define your own custom system search, follow the steps below.

**Task**  
**To add a system search:**

1. Open the **System Search** view.
2. Right-click the grid and then click **Add**. The **System Search Wizard** opens.
3. Complete the panels in the **System Search Wizard**.

InstallShield adds the search to the grid in the **System Search** view.
Modifying a System Search

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

**Task**

**To modify a system search:**

1. Open the **System Search** view.
2. Right-click the grid entry for the system search that you want to modify and then click **Modify**. The **System Search Wizard** opens.
3. Complete the panels in the **System Search Wizard**.

Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The System Search Wizard and the System Search view enable you to configure the following types of registry-related system searches:
- File path, as specified by a registry entry
Folder path, as specified by a registry entry

Registry entry

Note the following details about these types of system searches.

**Searching for the Presence of a Registry Key**

Windows Installer does not have built-in support for searching target systems for the presence or absence of a specific registry key. However, you can create a system search that looks for the default value of a specific registry key. If the default value is present, Windows Installer writes it to the system search’s associated property. If the system search fails to find the default value, Windows Installer leaves the property undefined.

**Storing Registry Entry Types in a System Search’s Property**

At run time, Windows Installer sets the value of the property that you specified for your registry-related system search to the location that is found on the target system. In addition, Windows Installer adds a prefix to the property value to indicate the type of registry entry (such as REG_DWORD or REG_BINARY). If you then use the property to configure the registry, or if you create a condition that reads this property, you must understand the syntax that Windows Installer uses to set the property.

The following table lists each of the types of registry entries, along with the associated prefix that Windows Installer uses when setting the system search property.

**Table 9-1 • Prefixes or Other Notation that Windows Installer Uses for a System Search Property’s Value**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Prefix/Notation</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;No prefix&gt;</td>
<td>The property value contains a string value (REG_SZ).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#</td>
<td>The property value contains an integer value (REG_DWORD).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#+</td>
<td>The property value contains an expandable string value (REG_EXPAND_SZ).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#</td>
<td>The property value contains a list of strings (REG_MULTI_SZ). This value starts and ends with null.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#x</td>
<td>The property value contains a hexadecimal value (REG_BINARY). Windows Installer converts each hexadecimal digit as an ASCII character for this property value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

System Search View
System Search Wizard
Searching for Existing Applications, Files, Registry Entries or .ini File Entries (Windows Installer Help Library)
Searching for Existing Applications, Files, Registry Entries or .ini File Entries (Windows Installer Help Library)
Detecting Conditions on the Target System
Publishing a System Search to a Repository

If your project contains a system search that you would like to reuse in other projects or share with other users, you can publish it to a repository.

**Task**

To publish a system search to a repository:

1. Open the **System Search** view.
2. In the grid, right-click the system search and then click **Publish Wizard**. The **Publish Wizard** opens.
3. Complete the panels in the **Publish Wizard**.

After you have imported a system search from a repository into a project, there is no link between the current system search and the existing repository system search. If you make a change to the system search and then republish it to the repository, it does not affect the system search in the project to which it was imported. However, you can reimport the system search from the repository into your project.

**See Also**

*Adding a Predefined System Search*
*Using a Repository to Share Project Elements*

Removing a System Search

**Task**

To remove a system search:

1. Open the **System Search** view.
2. Right-click the grid entry for the system search that you want to remove and then click **Delete**.

The deleted system search will no longer be included in your installation.
Searching for XML Data

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Application and configuration settings are sometimes stored in XML files. Use the System Search view to define a search for data in an XML file that may exist on the target system at run time. You can search for a specific attribute, a specific element, or a specific element content string. The results are stored in a property; you can use that property in an installation condition, as the destination for a component in your installation, or in other areas of your installation.

Example

This section presents an example that shows how to search for XML data on target systems at run time. For this example, the product called MyProduct has an executable file called MyProduct.exe. The path for this .exe file is written to a file called Configuration.xml at run time.

Tip • For information on how to use properties to change XML files at run time, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify XML Files.

Following is sample code from the Configuration.xml file:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<configuration>
  <startup>
    <requiredRuntime version="1.0.0" safemode="true" />
  </startup>
  <appSettings>
    <add value="MyProduct" path="C:\Program Files\MyCompany\MyProduct\MyProduct.exe"/>
  </appSettings>
</configuration>
```

The value of the path attribute in the above XML code depends on where end users install MyProduct.

The main objective of this example is to find the value of the path attribute and store that value in a property.

Task • To configure the system search for the XML data:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click System Search.
2. Right-click the grid and then click Add. The System Search Wizard opens.
3. Complete each of the wizard panels as follows:
   a. On the **What do you want to find?** panel: In the list, select **XML file value**.
   b. On the **Specify the file details** panel:
      - In the **File Name** box, type the following:
        
        Configuration.xml
      - In the **Look In** area, select **A full path**, and type the following path:
        
        [ProgramFilesFolder]\MyCompany\MyProduct
   c. On the **Specify the data** panel:
      - In the **XPath to XML Element** box, type the following XPath expression:
        
        /configuration/appSettings/add[@value='MyProduct']
      - In the **Look For** area, select **Value of Attribute in this Element**, and type the following in the **Attribute Name** box:
        
        path
   d. On the **What do you want to do with the value?** panel:
      - In the **Store the value in this property** box, type the following:
        
        PATH_IN_XML_FILE
      - In the **Additional Options** area, select **Just store the value in the property**.

You can use the value of the search property in another area of your project. For example, to display the value of the property in a dialog in your installation, add a text control to the dialog, and set the Text value of the control to something like this:

**PATH_IN_XML_FILE = [PATH_IN_XML_FILE]**

If the value of the path attribute in the XML file is **C:\Program Files\MyCompany\MyProduct\MyProduct.exe**, the dialog displays the following text:

**PATH_IN_XML_FILE = C:\Program Files\MyCompany\MyProduct\MyProduct.exe**

**See Also**
- Modifying XML Files
- System Search Wizard
- System Search View
Editing Installation and Project Tables

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

**Important** • Editing the installation and project tables directly, rather than using the dedicated views in InstallShield, is for advanced users who are very familiar with the Windows Installer database format.

The Windows Installer databases that are built with InstallShield consist of tables. InstallShield project files (.ism files) use the Windows Installer table format. In addition to providing a graphical user interface for working with the content of the Windows Installer and .ism tables, InstallShield also lets you manipulate the tables directly through the Direct Editor view.

The Direct Editor supports different types of tables:
- **Standard tables**, which are defined by Windows Installer
- **InstallShield tables**, which InstallShield creates to add functionality to your installation
- **Custom tables**, which you create and which you can read from or write to with a custom action

The Direct Editor can run in two different modes:
- **Project edit mode**—This mode lets you edit tables in the project file (.ism). The changes that are made in the Direct Editor are incorporated into the Windows Installer package that InstallShield creates at build time.

  When you are working in any of the following Windows Installer–based project types, you are working in project edit mode: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and QuickPatch.

- **Direct edit mode**—This mode lets you edit tables in the Windows Installer database (.msi, .msm, or .mst file). When you save the changes that you have made in the Direct Editor, InstallShield updates the Windows Installer database.

  When you are working in any of the following Windows Installer–based project types, you are working in direct edit mode: MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

**See Also**
- Editing Project Tables
- Editing .msi and .msm Databases in Direct Edit Mode
- Adding Records to a Table
- Editing Fields in a Table
- Adding New Tables Through the Direct Editor
Editing Project Tables

InstallShield 2020

**Project** - The Direct Editor in the following project types lets you view and edit the tables in your project file (.ism):

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch

The Direct Editor in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects lets you see all of the tables in your .ism file; however, it is recommended that you use the other views in InstallShield to modify these types of projects.

InstallShield project files (.ism files) use the Windows Installer table format. The Direct Editor is a view in InstallShield that lets you review all of the tables in your project file (.ism). This view also offers functionality for advanced users who are very familiar with the Windows Installer database format. For example, you can use the Direct Editor to perform the following tasks:

- View all of the tables in the project file (.ism).
- Add and remove records from tables.
- Cut, copy, and paste records or fields.
- Edit individual fields in the tables.
- Add custom tables.
- Filter the table records that are shown to hide ones that do not contain a specific string.
- Search one table or all tables for a specific string and replace it if necessary.
- Resize and reorder the columns in a table.

**See Also**

Directly Editing .msi and .msm Databases
Editing Installation and Project Tables
Direct Editor

Adding New Tables Through the Direct Editor

InstallShield 2020

**Project** - This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
InstallShield lets you add tables to your project file (.ism) or Windows Installer database (.msi, .msm, or .mst).

Task  To add a new table through the Direct Editor:
1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. Right-click the Tables explorer and then click Add Table. The Create Table Wizard opens.
3. Complete all of the panels in the wizard.

Windows Logo  • The Windows logo program requires that you avoid naming a custom table with the MSI (in uppercase, lowercase, or mixed-case letters). The MSI prefix is reserved for future use in new standard properties and tables.

See Also
Create Table Wizard
Direct Editor

Adding Records to a Table

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

The Direct Editor view lets you add records (or rows) to a table in your project or database.

Task  To add a record (row) to a table:
1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. Select the table to which you want to add a record.
3. Click the New Record button. The Add Record to Table dialog box opens.
4. Complete each of the fields as needed.

5. Click OK.

See Also
Direct Editor

Finding and Replacing in the Direct Editor

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

The Direct Editor includes support for standard find-and-replace functionality. This functionality may be useful if you want to search for specific data or strings in your project or database and replace them with revised data or strings.

Finding Data in the Direct Editor

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<th>To find data in the Direct Editor:</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the Tables explorer, select one of the tables that you want to search.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Click the Find String button. The Find dialog box opens.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>In the Find what box, type the string that you want to find.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>Select any other options that you want.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To search only the selected table, select the Search in current table only check box. To search all tables in the Direct Editor, clear this check box.

6. Click Find Next.

InstallShield finds the first instance of the string that you specified.
Finding and Replacing Data in the Direct Editor

**Task**  
To find and replace data in the Direct Editor:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. In the Tables explorer, select the table in which you want to find and replace data.
3. Click the Find and Replace button. The Replace dialog box opens.
4. In the Find what box, type the string that you want to replace.
5. In the Replace with box, type the new string.
6. Select any other options that you want.
7. Click Find Next, Replace, or Replace All.

InstallShield replaces strings as needed.

See Also
Direct Editor

Editing a Table Record

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

The Direct Editor view lets you edit a record—or row—in a table of your project or database.

**Task**  
To edit a record in a table through the Direct Editor:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. In the Tables explorer, select the table that contains the record that you want to edit, and then select the row.
3. Click the Edit Selected Record button. InstallShield displays the Edit Record in Table dialog box. This dialog box lets you edit any of the data in the selected row.
4. Edit the record as needed.
5. Click OK.

**Note** • The Direct Editor performs field-level validation to help you avoid using an improper data type.

To maintain referential integrity when editing tables in the Direct Editor, select the **Maintain referential integrity** check box on the Preferences tab of the Options dialog box. You can access this dialog box by clicking Options on the Tools menu. The check box is selected by default.

**See Also**
Direct Editor

### Editing Fields in a Table

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

The Direct Editor view contains spreadsheetlike tables that let you modify strings and other data in your project or database.

**Task** • To edit fields in a table through the Direct Editor:

1. In the View List under **Additional Tools**, click **Direct Editor**.
2. Select the table that contains the field that you want to edit.
3. Do any of the following:
   - To overwrite all of the text in a table cell, click the table cell and then type the new value.
   - To place the cursor at a particular place within a table cell, double-click that place. Then type your change.
   - If a field takes a foreign key into another table, you can select the appropriate foreign key from the list in the cell.

**Tip** • The parenthetical note in each column heading indicates the type and size of data that you can enter in the column. For example, S255 indicates a string with up to 255 characters; I2 indicates a 2-byte integer.
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**See Also**

Direct Editor

### Exporting Tables from the Direct Editor

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

The Direct Editor lets you export one or more tables as .idt files. You can then import the .idt files into another project or database through the Direct Editor.

**Task**  •  To export one or more tables from the Direct Editor:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click **Direct Editor**.
2. In the Tables explorer, right-click one of the tables that you want to export, and then click **Export Table(s)**. The **Export Table(s)** dialog box opens.
3. In the Output Directory box, specify the directory where you want InstallShield to save the .idt files, or click the **Browse** button to navigate to the location.
4. In the Tables box, select the check boxes of the tables that you want to export.
5. Click **OK**.

InstallShield creates a separate .idt file for each table that you selected to export.
Importing Tables with the Direct Editor

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• QuickPatch
• Transform

You can use the Direct Editor to import a table (.idt file) into your InstallShield project file (.ism) or Windows Installer database (.msi, .msm, or .mst).

Task To import a table (.idt file) using the Direct Editor:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. Right-click the Tables explorer and click Import Table.
3. Select the table that you want to import.
4. Click Open.

InstallShield imports the table into your project or database.

Deleting Records from a Table

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• QuickPatch
• Transform

You can use the Direct Editor to delete a record in your InstallShield project file (.ism) or Windows Installer database (.msi, .msm, or .mst).
Task  

To delete a record (row) from a table:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. In the Tables explorer, select the table that contains the record that you want to delete.
3. In the table grid, select the record that you want to delete.
4. Click the Delete Selected Records button or press DELETE.

See Also
Direct Editor

Removing Tables Through the Direct Editor

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

You can use the Direct Editor to delete a custom table in your InstallShield project file (.ism) or Windows Installer database (.msi, .msm, or .mst).

Task  

To remove a custom table:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. In the Tables explorer, right-click the custom table that you want to delete, and then click Drop Table.

Note • You can remove (drop) only user-defined tables. InstallShield tables and standard tables cannot be removed.
In-Place Windows Installer Database and Project File Differencing

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

InstallShield provides .msi file differencing functionality, which allows you to have two .msi packages open in the Direct Editor for comparison purposes. When you are editing a transform (.mst file), the differences between the base package and the applied transform are highlighted in the Direct Editor.

The base package is the current file that you have open in the InstallShield interface. The compared file is any package you have on your system that you want to compare with the base package. Therefore, if you see a red X icon in front of a table in the Direct Editor after you initiate a difference, then that suggests that the table exists in the base file and not the compared file.

In-place differencing is not just limited to .msi packages and transforms. You can also compare other files such as .msm, .ism, and .pcp files.

In the Direct Editor, you can undo or accept the difference. Icons in the first column of the Direct Editor tables indicate whether the row is a deletion or an addition, or if the row contains a change. The comparison file also displays added or removed columns in a table.

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<td>Row has been changed.</td>
</tr>
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<td>🔄</td>
<td>Row has been added.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✗</td>
<td>Row has been deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To see the specific change that has been made, move your mouse over a column to see a tooltip that describes the difference.
Task To compare two projects or databases:

1. Open the base project file (.ism) or database (.msi, .msm, .mst, or .pcp).
2. On the Tools menu, point to Difference, and then click Compare to File. The Select Compare File dialog box opens.
3. In the Files of type box, select the type of file that you want to compare with your base file, and then browse to select it.
4. Click Open.

InstallShield indicates any differences between the two files in the Direct Editor.

Task To end the compare session:

On the Tools menu, point to Difference, and then click End Compare.

InstallShield removes all of the in-place differencing from the Direct Editor.

See Also
Determining the Changes that a Transform (.mst File) Makes
Determining Whether a Patch Is Valid for an .msi Package
Determining the Run-Time Effects of a Patch
Determining the Differences Between Two .msi Packages
Determining the Differences Between Two InstallShield Projects
Direct Editor

Entering Binary Data in a Table

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

When you are working in any of the following Windows Installer–based project types, you are working in project edit mode: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and QuickPatch. In project edit mode, tables such as the Binary, Icon, and Patch tables do not store binary data; they store links to build-source paths. Therefore, if you use the Direct Editor to edit these tables, ensure that you include the fully qualified path and file name. Otherwise, InstallShield cannot include the file in the release that it builds.
When you are working in any of the following Windows Installer–based project types, you are working in direct edit mode: MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform. In these project types, tables such as the Binary, Icon, and Patch tables store binary data. If you use the Direct Editor to edit these tables, InstallShield enables you to browse to select the file that should be streamed into the table.

**See Also**

Direct Editor

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## Orphaned Directory Entries

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

Directory entries are orphaned when they are improperly or inappropriately modified—possibly in the Direct Editor. This happens when the path is broken in the Directory table.

For example, INSTALLDIR is built by combining the three records that make up the full path:

```
ProgramFilesFolder\ISYourCompanyDir\ISYourProductDir
```

This typically resolves to:

```
C:\Program Files\Your Company Name\Your Product Name
```

If any record of `ProgramFilesFolder\ISYourCompanyDir\ISYourProductDir` is modified to be invalid, INSTALLDIR or any other directory path that contains the invalid record will not be resolved correctly. In this example, if you rename the Directory record ISYourCompanyDir to MyCompany (in the Directory column), but do not update the Directory_Parent of the ISYourProductDir record to MyCompany, the INSTALLDIR path is broken.

**See Also**

Direct Editor
Using InstallShield Tools

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield includes various tools to help you troubleshoot complex issues with Windows Installer packages and InstallScript installations. To find out more, refer to this section of the documentation.

InstallShield MSI Tools

InstallShield 2020

Edition • The InstallShield MSI tools are included with the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield. The Premier edition also includes a separate installation and extra licenses that let you install just the tools, without InstallShield, on separate machines. For specific terms, see the End-User License Agreement for the InstallShield MSI tools.

InstallShield includes tools that help you troubleshoot complex issues with Windows Installer packages:

- **InstallShield MSI Diff** enables you to quickly compare two .msi, .msm, or .pcp files. It lets you apply one or more .msp and .mst files to an .msi file and see the changes in the resulting .msi database. You can also use this tool to compare two InstallShield project files (.ism or .ise) that are saved in binary format. This tool uses color coding to show additions, modifications, deletions, and schema differences. You can easily integrate InstallShield MSI Diff with most source code control systems.

- **InstallShield MSI Query** lets you test SQL statements using the Windows Installer version of SQL before you run them in your build script. You can quickly see if a SQL statement is formatted correctly and view the results that it generates.

- **InstallShield MSI Sleuth** is a diagnostic tool that lets you view the current installed state of a target system. InstallShield MSI Sleuth displays a list of all of the .msi packages that are installed. You can click any .msi package in the list to see the status of its features and components, its known source locations, as well as tables and binary streams within the database. This tool also helps you identify the installed product or products whose packages contain a specific component code.

- **InstallShield MSI Grep** searches a collection of .msi and .msm packages for specific text. You can narrow the search to show results for only certain tables or columns.

You can launch any of these tools from the InstallShield Tools subfolder on the Windows Start menu.

Note • All of these tools require .NET Framework 2.0 to be installed.

InstallShield MSI Diff

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield MSI Diff enables you to quickly compare two .msi, .msm, or .pcp files. It lets you apply one or more .msp and .mst files to an .msi file and see the changes in the resulting .msi database. You can also use this tool to compare two InstallShield project files (.ism or .ise) that are saved in binary format. You can easily integrate it with most source code control systems.

This tool uses color coding to show additions, modifications, deletions, and schema differences. The color code in the lower-right corner of InstallShield MSI Diff shows the legend that identifies which colors indicate each type of difference.
You can launch InstallShield MSI Diff from the InstallShield Tools subfolder on the Windows Start menu. You can also launch this tool from within InstallShield: On the Tools menu, point to Difference, and then click InstallShield MSI Diff.

**Tip** • To show or hide unchanged rows in the various database tables: On the View menu, click Unchanged Rows. This menu command has a check mark if the unchanged rows are displayed; it does not have a check mark if the unchanged rows are hidden.

To show or hide unchanged database tables: On the View menu, click Unchanged Tables. This menu command has a check mark if the unchanged tables are displayed; it does not have a check mark if the unchanged tables are hidden.

**See Also**
- Determining the Changes that a Transform (.mst File) Makes
- Determining Whether a Patch Is Valid for an .msi Package
- Determining the Run-Time Effects of a Patch
- Determining the Differences Between Two .msi Packages
- Determining the Differences Between Two InstallShield Projects
- Running InstallShield MSI Diff from the Command Line to Generate a Log File of Differences
- InstallShield MSI Tools

## Determining the Changes that a Transform (.mst File) Makes

**InstallShield 2020**

You can use InstallShield MSI Diff to see how an .msi package changes when a transform (.mst file) is applied to it.

**Task**

To determine the changes that a transform makes:

1. Open InstallShield MSI Diff.
2. On the **File** menu, click **Open**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
3. Select the .msi package, and then click **Open**. InstallShield MSI Diff opens the .msi database.
4. On the **File** menu, point to **Transforms**, and then click **Apply Transform**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
5. Select the .mst transform, and then click **Open**. InstallShield MSI Diff applies the transform to the .msi database that is open.
6. Examine the changes.

If you want to apply a series of transforms to an .msi package, you can repeat steps 4 and 5 for each transform.

**Tip** • Note that InstallShield MSI Diff also lets you apply a series of multiple transforms and patches to an .msi package, and see the changes in the resulting .msi database.

To learn how to apply a patch to an .msi package, see Determining the Run-Time Effects of a Patch.

**See Also**
- InstallShield MSI Diff
Determining Whether a Patch Is Valid for an .msi Package

To determine whether a patch is valid for an .msi package:

1. Open InstallShield MSI Diff.
2. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select the .msi package, and then click Open. InstallShield MSI Diff opens the .msi database.
4. On the File menu, point to Patches, and then click Apply Patch. The Open dialog box opens.
5. Select the patch (.msp file), and then click Open.

If the patch applies to the selected .msi database, InstallShield MSI Diff applies the patch to the database that is open. If the patch is not applicable, InstallShield MSI Diff displays a message box to inform you that the patch is not valid for the selected database.

See Also
InstallShield MSI Diff

Determining the Run-Time Effects of a Patch

To determine the run-time effects of a patch:

1. Open InstallShield MSI Diff.
2. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select the .msi package, and then click Open. InstallShield MSI Diff opens the .msi database.
4. On the File menu, point to Patches, and then click Apply Patch. The Open dialog box opens.
5. Select the patch (.msp file), and then click Open. InstallShield MSI Diff applies the patch to the database that is open.
6. Examine the changes.

If you want to apply a series of patches to an .msi package, you can repeat steps 4 and 5 for each patch.

Tip • Note that InstallShield MSI Diff also lets you apply a series of multiple transforms and patches to an .msi package, and see the changes in the resulting .msi database.

To learn how to apply a transform to an .msi package, see Determining the Changes that a Transform (.mst File) Makes.
Determining the Differences Between Two .msi Packages

You can use InstallShield MSI Diff to determine the differences between two .msi packages.

Task

To determine the differences between two .msi packages:

1. Open InstallShield MSI Diff.
2. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select the base .msi package, and then click Open. InstallShield MSI Diff opens the .msi database.
4. On the File menu, click Compare To. The Open dialog box opens.
5. Select the second .msi package, and then click Open.

InstallShield MSI Diff compares the data from the second .msi package with the data in the base .msi package, and displays the results.

See Also

InstallShield MSI Diff

Running InstallShield MSI Diff from the Command Line to Generate a Log File of Differences

You can run InstallShield MSI Diff from the command line to generate a log file that identifies the differences between two .msi, .msm, or .pcp files, or that shows the differences that are applied to a Windows Installer database by a transform (.mst) or patch file (.msp). You can also use this tool from the command line to generate a log file that identifies the differences between two InstallShield project files (.ism or .ise) that are saved in binary format.

InstallShield MSI Diff is installed to the following location:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\System\MsiDiff.exe

To generate a log file that shows the differences, use the following syntax when you launch InstallShield MSI Diff from the command line:

msidiff.exe <BaseFile> <ComparisonFile> /out <diff.xml>

Following is a sample command line:

"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\System\MsiDiff.exe" "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\MyProject1.ism" "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\MyProject2.ism" /out "C:\Log File.xml"

See Also

InstallShield MSI Diff
Determining the Differences Between Two InstallShield Projects

You can use InstallShield MSI Diff to determine the differences between two InstallShield projects (.ism or .ise files) that are saved in binary format.

**Task**

To determine the differences between two InstallShield projects:

1. Open InstallShield MSI Diff.
2. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select one of the InstallShield project files, and then click Open. InstallShield MSI Diff opens the project file.
4. On the File menu, click Compare To. The Open dialog box opens.
5. Select the second InstallShield project file, and then click Open.

InstallShield MSI Diff compares the data from the second project with the data in the first project, and displays the results.

See Also

InstallShield MSI Diff

InstallShield MSI Query

InstallShield MSI Query lets you test SQL statements using the Windows Installer version of SQL before you run them in your build script. You can quickly see if a SQL statement is formatted correctly and view the results that it generates.

You can launch InstallShield MSI Query from the InstallShield Tools subfolder on the Windows Start menu.

To learn about valid SQL query strings for Windows Installer, see SQL Syntax in the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also

Running a SQL Query for a Specific Windows Installer Database

Running a SQL Query for a Specific Windows Installer Database

You can use InstallShield MSI Query to test SQL statements using the Windows Installer version of SQL before you run them in your build script. You can quickly see if a SQL statement is formatted correctly and view the results that it generates.

**Task**

To run a query:

1. Open InstallShield MSI Query.
2. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
3. Select the database (.msi or .msm file) that you want to use for your test, and then click **OK**. InstallShield MSI Query lists the name of the file in its title bar.

4. In the **Query** box, enter the query that you want to run. InstallShield MSI Query lets you enter one or more parameter values as question marks (?). If you include question marks in your query, InstallShield MSI Query displays an Arguments row below the Query box. Each question mark corresponds with a different Arguments box. Use the Arguments boxes to specify the replacement values.

   To learn about valid SQL query strings for Windows Installer, see **SQL Syntax** in the Windows Installer Help Library.

5. Click the **Execute** button. InstallShield MSI Query runs the specified query for the selected database. If you would like to save any changes that occurred as a result of the query, click **Save** on the **File** menu.

**See Also**

*InstallShield MSI Query*

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**InstallShield MSI Sleuth**

**InstallShield 2020**

InstallShield MSI Sleuth is a diagnostic tool that lets you view the current installed state of a target system. InstallShield MSI Sleuth displays a list of all of the .msi packages that are installed. You can click any .msi package in the list to see the tables in that database and all of the streamed files that are embedded within the database. This tool also helps you identify the installed product or products whose packages contain a specific component code.

You can launch InstallShield MSI Sleuth from the InstallShield Tools subfolder on the Windows Start menu.

**See Also**

*Viewing Details about an .msi Package that Was Run on a Target System*
*Searching for All Installed Packages that Include a Specific Component*
*InstallShield MSI Tools*

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**Viewing Details about an .msi Package that Was Run on a Target System**

**InstallShield 2020**

You can use InstallShield MSI Sleuth to view details about an .msi package that was run a target system.

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<td>Open InstallShield MSI Sleuth.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>On the <strong>File</strong> menu, click <strong>Open Package</strong>. The <strong>Installed Packages</strong> dialog box opens. It contains a list of all of the packages that have been installed on the target system.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Select the package that you want to analyze, and then click <strong>OK</strong>. InstallShield MSI Sleuth displays details about the selected .msi package</td>
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</table>
Tip • You can save the details in a .sleuth.xml and then reopen the file within MSI Sleuth. To save the details: On the File menu, click Save Package Details, and then specify a file name.

To later open the .sleuth.xml file: On the File menu, click Open Package Summary. Select the file that you want to open.

See Also
InstallShield MSI Sleuth

Searching for All Installed Packages that Include a Specific Component

You can use InstallShield MSI Sleuth to identify all of the packages that have installed a component with a specified component code to resolve issues with files not being uninstalled. You can also determine whether a component was installed by multiple products.

Task

To search for all installed packages that include a specific component:

1. Open InstallShield MSI Sleuth.

2. On the File menu, point to Open by Component Code, and then point to Component Code. InstallShield MSI Sleuth changes this menu command to an edit field.

3. Enter the component code, and then press ENTER. Note that if you have the component code saved in the Clipboard, you can press CTRL+V to paste it in the menu command field. The Installed Packages dialog box opens.

The Installed Packages dialog box lists all of the installed packages that contain the specified component code. If you want to view a package, select it, and then click OK.

See Also
InstallShield MSI Sleuth

InstallShield MSI Grep

InstallShield MSI Grep searches a collection of .msi and .msm packages for specific text. You can narrow the search to show results for only certain tables or columns.

You can launch InstallShield MSI Grep from the InstallShield Tools subfolder on the Windows Start menu.

See Also
Searching .msi Packages for Specific Text
InstallShield MSI Tools
Searching .msi Packages for Specific Text

You can use InstallShield MSI Grep to search a collection of .msi and .msm packages for specific text. You can narrow the search to show results for only certain tables or columns.

**Task**

To search one or more .msi and .msm packages for specific text:

1. Open InstallShield MSI Grep.
2. In the Find box, enter the string for which you want to search.
3. To narrow your search, do one or more of the following:
   - In the Table box, specify the name of the database table that you want InstallShield MSI Grep to search through.
   - In the Column box, specify the name of the database column that you want InstallShield MSI Grep to search through.
   - To modify the list of folders that InstallShield MSI Grep should search through, click the ellipsis button, and then select one or more folders.
   - To search in all of the subfolders of the specified directories, select the Recurse check box.
   - To limit the search to certain database types or file names, enter the file names in the Files box. Use an asterisk (*) as a wild-card character. If you specify multiple file names or patterns, separate each with a semicolon (;).
4. Click the Search button.

InstallShield MSI Grep displays the search results. You can click a search result, and then click a table from that search results to see details.

**See Also**

InstallShield MSI Grep

InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer

Use the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer to do the following:

- View an InstallScript cabinet file (.cab) or InstallScript header file (.hdr), as well as their compressed files, registry entries, components, features, and other data. This tool also lets you extract files from the .cab file. This functionality applies to InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects.
- View InstallScript log files (.ilg) that are created by InstallScript installations. This tool enables you to see what your installation has recorded in the log file, which contains important uninstallation information in a binary format. This functionality applies to the following project types: InstallScript and InstallScript MSI.

**Task**

To launch the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer from within InstallShield:

On the Tools menu, point to InstallScript, and then point to Cabinet/Log File Viewer.
Tip • You can also launch this tool from the InstallShield Tools subfolder on the Windows Start menu.

To learn more, see the following sections of the documentation:

- Viewing InstallScript Cabinet Files (.cab) and Header Files (.hdr)
- Viewing InstallScript Log Files (.ilg)

Viewing InstallScript Cabinet Files (.cab) and Header Files (.hdr)

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer lets you open the data1.cab (the InstallScript cabinet file) and data1.hdr (the InstallScript header file that InstallShield creates for InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects). The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer also lets you extract files from those files.

When a data1.cab or data1.hdr file is open, the interface of the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer is divided into two panes. The left pane shows the data1.cab file or data1.hdr file as a directory structure, similar to Windows Explorer; the right pane shows information that is associated with the item that is selected in the left pane.

The folders in the right pane represent information that is used by your installation. In most cases, the folders do not contain files; when you select those types of folders, the viewer shows a grid of corresponding settings in the right pane. Click a folder to see the settings that are associated with that folder.

You cannot edit or alter data1.cab and data1.hdr files through the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer. However, you can save information about a data1.cab file or data1.hdr file and edit the resulting text file. For more information, see Generating a Report about an InstallScript .cab or .hdr File.

The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer includes an export mode that you can enable or disable, depending on how much information you want to see in the data1.cab or data1.hdr file:

- If you disable expert mode, the viewer shows only the files, registry entries, and other information that you added to your installation project.
- If you enable expert mode, the viewer shows all of the files, registry entries, and other information that you added to your installation project. The viewer also shows the files that InstallShield added to the data1.cab file; this includes files such as the InstallScript engine and the compiled script file (Setup.inx). In addition, the viewer shows InstallScript Objects that you included in the installation project.

Task • To enable or disable expert mode in the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer:

On the View menu, click Expert Mode.

Expert mode is enabled if the Expert Mode command has a check mark; this mode is disabled if the command does not have a check mark.
Overview of InstallScript .cab and .hdr Files

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript Object**

When you build an InstallScript installation, InstallShield may create an InstallScript cabinet file (.cab) called data1.cab, plus additional .cab files if necessary. InstallShield also creates an InstallScript header file called data1.hdr. Depending on your project’s release settings, these files may be left uncompressed, or they may be or streamed into the Setup.exe file.

An InstallScript .cab file is a compressed file that contains the files that your installation installs on an end user’s system. Cabinet files serve as a container for files that you directed your installation to install, either through InstallShield or through your script. Cabinet files also contain information and files about language and system dependencies. In addition, they store other files—such as the InstallScript engine—that InstallShield adds to your installation at build time.

The data1.hdr file is an InstallScript header file (.hdr) is a file that references the corresponding data1.cab file. It contains general information that you entered in your installation project. It also includes information about each of the files, components, features, and other data in your installation.

**Important** • You can open data1.cab and data1.hdr files in the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer. Although InstallShield may create other .cab files such as data2.cab for your installation, the viewer can open only the data1.cab and data1.hdr files. Note that the data1.cab file, the data1.hdr file, and all other .cab files that are part of an InstallScript installation must be in the same folder when you are using the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer.

See Also

Opening InstallScript .cab and .hdr Files

Opening InstallScript .cab and .hdr Files

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript Object**

**Important** • You can open data1.cab and data1.hdr files in the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer. Although InstallShield may create other .cab files such as data2.cab for your installation, the viewer can open only the data1.cab and data1.hdr files. Note that the data1.cab file, the data1.hdr file, and all other .cab files that are part of an InstallScript installation must be in the same folder when you are using the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer.
Task  To open a data1.cab or data1.hdr file in the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer:

1. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
2. Browse to the location that contains the file that you want to open, and then select that file.
3. Click the Open button.

The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer shows the following information for a data1.hdr or data1.cab file:

- **Features**—The viewer shows the settings that are configured for each feature in the installation. It also shows the components that are associated with each feature.
- **Components**—The viewer shows the settings that are configured for each component in the installation. Expand a component to see the files that are included in that component. You can extract any of the files.
- **Setup Types**—The viewer displays the settings that are configured for each setup type in the installation. This area of the viewer also shows the features that are associated with each setup type.
- **Explorer Shell**—The viewer lists each of the shell objects that you added to your project in InstallShield. For example, if you included any shortcuts or program folders in your installation, they are displayed in this area of the viewer.
- **Registry Entries**—The viewer lists all of the entries that are to be installed to the target system’s registry.
- **Media Settings**—The viewer shows project settings that were configured in the General Information view. It also includes information about the version of InstallShield that created the file.

To view any of that information for a data1.hdr or data1.cab file, expand that node in the left pane of the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer, and click any of the nodes or subnodes.

See Also
Overview of InstallScript .cab and .hdr Files

Extracting a File from an InstallScript .cab or .hdr File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

When a data1.cab or data1.hdr file is open in the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer, you can extract any of the files that are compressed into your installation’s cab files and save them elsewhere.

Task  To extract a file:

1. In the left pane, expand the Components node, expand the component that contains the file that you want to extract, and then click the Files node under that component.
2. In the right pane, select the record for the file that you want to extract.

4. Browse to the location where you want the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer to extract the file, and then click the Save button.

Note • Media files and components may be password protected. If the entire media are password protected, you must enter the correct password before you can open the cabinet files that are associated with that media. If individual components are password protected, you must enter the correct password before you can extract the compressed files that are associated with that component.

See Also
Overview of InstallScript .cab and .hdr Files

Generating a Report about an InstallScript .cab or .hdr File

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript Object

You can use the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer to generate a text-file report that contains summary information about the files, components, features, and other data in the open data1.cab or data1.hdr file.

Task To generate a report about the open data1.cab or data1.hdr file:

On the Tools menu, click Report.

The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer generates a report (.txt file) and opens it in a text editor such as Notepad.

See Also
Overview of InstallScript .cab and .hdr Files

Viewing InstallScript Log Files (.ilg)

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer enables you to view the log files that are created by your InstallScript or InstallScript MSI installations. The viewer lets you see what your installation has recorded in the log file, which contains important uninstallation information in a binary format.
When an InstallScript log file (.ilg) is open in the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer, the interface of the viewer is divided into two panes. The left pane shows log file entries divided into folders. When you select an item in the left pane, the right pane shows information about that item. For example, if you select a feature in the left pane, the right pane shows the State property, which indicates whether the feature is installed. If you select a File Operations item in the left pane, the right pane shows the information such as the files that were transferred to the target system, and whether those files were marked as permanent.

The <Support> folder and its subitems provide information about setup file operations. The <Data> folder and its subitems provide information about application file operations. The Disk<1> folder and its subitems provide information about the installation files that enable maintenance mode and uninstallation.

See Also
Overview of InstallScript Log Files

Overview of InstallScript Log Files
InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Usually, an InstallScript log file is accessed only when your product is uninstalled or when an installation is aborted. Log files record the procedures that your installation performs when logging is enabled. These procedures may include the following:

- General information on the product being installed, such as the product name.
- The locations and values of an installed product’s registry keys.
- Changes made to the system’s file structure, including the files that were transferred, the folders that were created, and shortcuts or icons that were created.
- Information about the files that you added to your InstallShield project.

The name of the log file is setup.ilg. The installation creates it automatically at run time on a target system during normal file transfer. The default location for the log file is:

<PROGRAMFILES>\InstallShield Installation Information\{Product Code}

However, you can change the location by changing the value of the DISK1TARGET system variable before the Move Data event.

The InstallScript log file is a binary file. You can use the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer to see the contents of the log file.

Tip • Logging of procedures is enabled by default. You can disable and re-enable logging by calling the Disable( LOGGING ) and Enable( LOGGING ) functions in your InstallScript code. For more information, see Disable and Enable.
Opening InstallScript Log Files

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Use the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer to see the contents of an InstallScript log file (.ilg).

Task To open an InstallScript log file in the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer:

1. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
2. Browse to the location that contains the file that you want to open, and then select that file.
3. Click the Open button.

See Also
Overview of InstallScript Log Files

Searching InstallScript Log Files

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer lets you search for text in an InstallScript log file (.ilg).

Task To search for text in a log file:

2. In the Find What box, type the text to be found.
3. Click Find Next. The first log entry (if any) that matches your search criteria is selected in the right pane.
4. To find the next item (if any) that matches your criteria, press the F3 key. Repeat this step as necessary.

See Also
Overview of InstallScript Log Files
Convert an InstallScript Log File to a Text File

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Use the InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer to create a text file (.txt) version of an InstallScript log file (.ilg).

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**Task**

To create a .txt file version of a log file:

On the **Tools** menu, click **Report**.

The InstallShield Cabinet and Log File Viewer creates a .txt file version of the log file and opens it in a text editor such as Notepad.

**See Also**

Overview of InstallScript Log Files

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InstallShield MSIX Bundle Utility

InstallShield 2020

**Edition** • The InstallShield MSIX Bundle Utility is included with the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield.

**Note** • The ability to build MSIX bundle requires Windows 10 or Windows Server 2019 or later on the machine that has InstallShield.

InstallShield MSIX Bundle Utility helps you to create the MSIX Bundle package, it lets you specify the payload MSIX packages and the signing information through the graphical interface, and creates the MSIX bundle package from the configured MSIX packages.

MSIX Bundle package is a bundle of MSIX packages targeting different system architectures, language-specific assets, varying image-scale assets, or resources that apply to specific devices. MSIX Bundle helps you to pack the MSIX packages for different architectures, and the related assets packages to one entity. During the .msixbundle installation, it only installs the packages that are applicable to a device's architecture.

InstallShield lets you to build MSIX packages by using InstallShield MSIX Projects, MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard, or Appx/MSIX Tab for a Release (Basic MSI Project). These MSIX packages can be configured to build the MSIX bundle using the MSIX bundle utility.

In order to build MSIX Bundles, the MSIX packages should be built with Universal and Desktop extensions and the minimum Windows 10 version should be set to 10.0.17763.0.
The MSIX packages targeting different platforms are ready to create the MSIX Bundle. You can launch InstallShield MSIX Bundle Utility from the InstallShield folder on the Windows Start menu, or you can also launch this tool by clicking the MSIX Bundle Utility option in the InstallShield Tools menu or ribbon.

## Configuring the MSIX Bundle

**Task**

**To configuring the MSIX bundle, perform the following steps:**

1. Add the MSIX payload packages by clicking the **Add** button.
2. Provide the signing certificate information to sign the MSIX Bundle package, if necessary.
3. Provide the output file name for the generated MSIX Bundle Package.
4. Click the **Next** button to build the MSIX Bundle Package.

Build progress and the generated bundle information is displayed in the **Progress** window.

Once the MSIX packages and the signing information are configured, MSIX Bundle Utility validates the MSIX packages for the MSIX bundle requirements. Then, creates the MSIX bundle package and sign the MSIX bundle using the sign information provided.

InstallShield also includes support for including MSIX Bundle as packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

## Building MSIX Bundle

After configuring the MSIX packages and the signing information, the MSIX bundle build is started when the **Next** button is clicked. During the build, it validates MSIX packages for their consistency across the Package identity, which is the name, publisher, and version is consistent across the MSIX packages. If any mismatch found during the MSIX bundle build, then the build ends with the appropriate error information.

Apart from the Package identity, it also validates the package architecture such as:

- whether only one MSIX package belongs to one architecture or not
- whether the MSIX package with architecture **Neutral** is configured with the other architecture packages. If the **Neutral** package is configured, you cannot bundle the MSIX package with the other architecture packages. If there is any conflict, then the MSIX bundle build ends with the appropriate error information.

Once the validation is completed, the MSIX bundle will be created based on the configured MSIX package payloads. The MSIX bundle creation may fail if any payload packages targeting older platforms in the target device family. Ensure to configure the MSIX package target device family versions appropriately to build the bundle. Once the MSIX bundle is built successfully, then the details of the bundle will be updated in the progress window along with the path.

The MSIX bundle is digitally signed with the signing information provided, and the status of the signing is updated in the progress window. You must provide the same signing information configured for the payload MSIX packages to sign the MSIX bundle successfully.

Once the successful MSIX bundle build, the progress window will be updated with the MSIX bundle path.
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

*Note that some differences between properties in Windows Installer–based projects and that in Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects exist; these differences are noted where appropriate.*

The Windows Installer, Advanced UI, and Suite/Advanced UI engines maintain global information using properties. The Property Manager view displays a list of installation properties that are used by the Windows Installer engine or the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine at run time. You can modify, create, and delete installer properties in the Property Manager view. At build time, InstallShield writes the properties in the Property Manager view to installation that it creates.

For background information on property support in Windows Installer–based projects, see:

- Overview of Windows Installer Properties
- Windows Installer Property Reference

For background information on property support in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.

**See Also**
- Getting or Setting Windows Installer Properties in InstallScript
- Property Manager View

Overview of Windows Installer Properties

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The built-in InstallShield properties are outlined in the Windows Installer Property Reference.

**Property Types**

There are four general types of Windows Installer properties:

- Public
- Private
• Restricted public
• Required

\textit{Note} • Some of these categories overlap. For example, the ProductCode property is a required private property.

\textbf{Public Properties}

Public properties have names that contain only uppercase letters. For example, INSTALLDIR is a public property. Public properties can be specified at the command line used to launch the installation or chosen by using an authored user interface. If you are \textit{creating your own properties}, use all uppercase letters if you want end users to have access to these properties.

In order to allow the end user or administrator to change the destination via the user interface or from the command line, the Directory Identifier for the component’s destination must be a public property.

\textit{Note} • Only public properties have their values preserved from an installation’s user interface to the point where the installation is changing the target system. If you set the value of a property in a dialog box displayed to the end user, use a public property (for example, MY_PUBLIC_PROPERTY) if you want its value written to a file or to the registry.

\textbf{Private Properties}

Private properties have at least one lowercase letter in their name and cannot be changed from the user interface. For example, ProgramFilesFolder is a private property. End users have no control over the values of private properties, as they cannot be set from the command line.

\textbf{Restricted Public Properties}

Restricted public properties allow network administrators to define public properties that can be changed only by a system administrator. This way, the administrator can change settings quickly without having to worry that other users on the network may tamper with the setup. Refer to \textit{Specifying that a Public Property Should Be a Restricted Public Property} for more information.

\textbf{Required Properties}

The Windows Installer service relies on five properties that are required in every Windows Installer setup. By default, these properties are included in every installation you create using InstallShield. If you delete any of the following properties from your project, you need to reinsert them for your installation to function correctly.

• ProductCode
• ProductLanguage
• Manufacturer
• ProductVersion
• ProductName
Conditions

Many properties are not set until the installation is launched. These properties are populated with information from the target system. For example, the VersionNT property is not set until the installation is launched. This property is set to the version of Windows that the target machine is running, if the operating system is a Windows NT–based system. For example, the value of VersionNT is 600 on a Windows Vista system.

Properties set at run time can be used to create conditional installations. If you want your product to be installed only on Windows Vista, you can use conditional logic to check the end user’s system, and install the product if all conditions are met.

See Also
Windows Installer Property Reference
Getting or Setting Windows Installer Properties in InstallScript
Property Manager View

Windows Installer Property Reference

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Many properties can be set during an installation. The following tables list most of them with their functions and, in many cases, the syntax needed to put these properties into action. Many of the properties can be set from within InstallShield, while others are initialized by the Windows Installer service at run time.

Note • By default, Windows Installer writes the final value of every Windows Installer property contained in your project to a log file generated by launching MsiExec with the /L argument. Starting with Windows Installer version 2.0, you can prevent certain properties (such as those containing passwords) from being written to the log file by creating a property called MsiHiddenProperties in the Property Manager and setting its value to a semicolon-delimited list of property names. For more information about this property, see MsiHiddenProperties in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Any of the properties that are with all-uppercase names can be set at the command line. Properties with all-uppercase names are called public properties. The following lists are organized according to the functions of the properties. Each table has a brief description of the kinds of properties it contains.

The following categories of Windows Installer properties are described in this topic. Click a link to go directly to a category.

- Special Folder and File Properties
- Feature Installation Properties
- Other Configurable Properties
- User-Supplied Information
- Properties for Creating Predetermined User Accounts
- Product-Specific Properties
- System Folders Set by the Installer
- Operating System Properties Set by the Installer
- Hardware Properties Set by the Installer
- PowerShell Properties
Note • Do not confuse installer properties with path variables, which are surrounded by angle brackets (<>). While they both represent directories, you can use Windows Installer properties at run time, but path variables are used to point to source files only during setup design and at build time.

Special Folder and File Properties

Special folder properties are those properties that define where files are stored or installed on the target system. File properties refer to specific files.

To use a folder property in your installation, enclose it in square brackets: []. For example, to install a component to a Bin folder under the default destination folder, enter [INSTALLDIR]Bin in the component’s Destination Folder setting.

Table 9-1 • Folder Properties

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<th>Property Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>INSTALLDIR</td>
<td>This property contains the default destination folder for the files in your features and components. For more information, see Setting the Default Product Destination Folder (INSTALLDIR). INSTALLDIR is available directly as a variable in your InstallScript code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISDEBUGLOG</td>
<td>To generate a log file for the feature prerequisites in the installation, set this property to the full path and file name for the log file. You can use directory properties and environment variables in the path. This property is used for troubleshooting feature prerequisites, and it is typically set through the command line when the /debuglog command-line parameter is used, as follows: Setup.exe /debuglog&quot;C:\Path\setup.log&quot; /v&quot;ISDEBUGLOG=prereq.log&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISPREREQDIR</td>
<td>This property identifies the path to the running InstallShield prerequisite. The path includes the final slash. You can use this property to refer to files within the InstallShield prerequisite—for example: [ISPREREQDIR]MyConfigFile.ini For more information, see Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Feature Installation Properties

The following section provides information on feature installation properties, with which the end user can specify how features should be installed.

Table 9-2 • Feature Installation Properties

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ADDDEFAULT</td>
<td>The ADDDEFAULT property stores a list of features, separated by commas, that are to be installed in their default configuration. Users can install all features in their default configuration by setting the value of this property to ALL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADDLOCAL</td>
<td>This property stores a list of features, separated by commas, that are to be installed locally. Each feature has a Remote Installation property that determines whether features selected for installation are to be installed locally or run from the source medium.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADDSOURCE</td>
<td>This property stores a list of features, separated by commas, that are to be run from the source medium. If this property is set to ALL, all the features will run from the source medium.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADVERTISE</td>
<td>This property stores a list of features, separated by commas, that are to be advertised.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Other Configurable Properties

The following section contains information on various other configurable properties.

Table 9-3 • Additional Configurable Properties

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<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ACTION</td>
<td>This property specifies which sequence to perform (installation, advertisement, or administration). Possible values are INSTALL, ADVERTISE, and ADMIN. The ACTION property is automatically set based on the command line used to launch the installation.</td>
</tr>
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Table 9-3 • Additional Configurable Properties (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>ALLUSERS</td>
<td>Specifies whether Windows Installer should attempt to perform a per-machine or per-user installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the value of ALLUSERS is set to 1, Windows Installer attempts a per-machine installation. For per-machine installations, configuration information such as shortcuts and registry entries are stored in the All Users profile:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• On Windows Vista and later systems, if User Account Control is enabled and the user does not have administrative privileges, the user must be able to provide administrative credentials in order to install the product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• On other systems, if the user does not have administrative privileges, the installation displays an error message and exits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Project • This property is set to 1 by default in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. To learn more, see Per-User vs. Per-Machine Installations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the value of ALLUSERS is not set or it is an empty string (&quot;&quot;), Windows Installer performs a per-user installation, and the configuration information is stored in the user’s personal profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the value of ALLUSERS is set to 2, Windows Installer attempts to perform a per-machine installation on Windows Vista and later systems. On earlier platforms, if the user has administrative privileges, Windows Installer attempts to perform a per-machine installation; otherwise, Windows Installer performs a per-user installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Project • This property is set to 1 in InstallScript MSI projects to help avoid ALLUSERS-related issues when the installation is run silently. The property can be overridden with the SdCustomerInformation or SdCustomerInformationEx dialog functions in InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note • ALLUSERS has no effect on InstallScript variables like FOLDER_PROGRAMS. ALLUSERS has no effect until the Execute sequence runs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPAUTHORIZEDCDFPREFIX</td>
<td>This property stores the URL for the update channel of the application.</td>
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<td>ARPCOMMENTS</td>
<td>This property contains the comments about this product that are displayed in Add or Remove Programs. This value is set in the ARP Comments setting in the General Information view. You should provide a string entry to facilitate globalizing your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPCONTACT</td>
<td>This property contains support contact information, such as an email address or a telephone number. This value is set in the Support Contact setting in the General Information view. You should provide a string entry to facilitate globalizing your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPINSTALLLOCATION</td>
<td>This property stores the fully qualified path to the application’s primary folder. You can set ARPINSTALLLOCATION to the value of INSTALLDIR with a custom action of type “Set a property”.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPNOREPAIR</td>
<td>If this property is set to 1, no Repair button will be displayed in the Programs Wizard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPREADME</td>
<td>Holds the fully qualified path or the URL for the product’s Readme file. This value is set in the Read Me setting in the General Information view. You should provide a string entry to facilitate globalizing your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPSIZE</td>
<td>This property stores the estimated size, in kilobytes, of the application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPSYSTEMCOMPONENT</td>
<td>Set this property to 1 to keep your program from appearing in Add or Remove Programs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPURLINFOABOUT</td>
<td>This property stores the URL for the application’s home page or the publisher’s home page. This value is set in the Publisher/Product URL setting in the General Information view. You should provide a string entry to facilitate globalizing your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPURLUPDATEINFO</td>
<td>This property stores the URL for update information on your application. This value is set in the Product Update URL setting in the General Information view. You should provide a string entry to facilitate globalizing your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPNOMODIFY</td>
<td>Setting this property prevents the product from being modified from Add or Remove Programs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ARPNOREMOVE</td>
<td>Setting this property prevents the product from being removed through Add or Remove Programs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AVAILABLEFREEREG</td>
<td>This property allows you to set the amount of additional free registry space, in kilobytes, required by your application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CCP_DRIVE</td>
<td>This property holds the root path on the installation disk for any of the qualifying products for a competitive upgrade.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISABLEADVTSHORTCUTS</td>
<td>Setting this property disables the creation of advertised shortcuts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISABLEMEDIA</td>
<td>This setting prevents the installer from adding media information to the source list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISABLEROLLBACK</td>
<td>Set this property to 1 to stop the installer from creating a rollback script that will save copies of changed or deleted files during the installation process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXECUTEACTION</td>
<td>This property sets the top-level action initiated by the ExecuteAction action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXECUTEMODE</td>
<td>This property sets the mode of execution performed by the installer. The value None means that no changes are made to the system. The default value, Script, means that all changes made to the system are run through a script execution.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INSTALLLEVEL</td>
<td>This property holds a value that corresponds to the values of the features. If the level of features to be installed is less than or equal to the INSTALLLEVEL property, then a feature is installed. This is primarily used for different setup types, such as Typical or Custom.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOGACTION</td>
<td>List of action names, separated by semicolons, that will be logged.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
This property indicates that the Windows Installer should install the package for only the current user:

- If the `ALLUSERS` property is set to 2 and `MSIINSTALLPERUSER` is set to an empty string (""), the Windows Installer performs a per-machine installation.
- If the `ALLUSERS` property is set to 2 and `MSIINSTALLPERUSER` is set to 1, the Windows Installer performs a per-user installation.

This property is available with Windows Installer 5 and on Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2. Earlier versions of Windows Installer and Windows ignore this property.

For more information, see the following:
- Per-User vs. Per-Machine Installations
- `MSIINSTALLPERUSER` Property on the MSDN Web site

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<td><code>MSIINSTALLPERUSER</code></td>
<td>This property indicates that the Windows Installer should install the package for only the current user:</td>
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<td>• If the <code>ALLUSERS</code> property is set to 2 and <code>MSIINSTALLPERUSER</code> is set to an empty string (&quot;&quot;), the Windows Installer performs a per-machine installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If the <code>ALLUSERS</code> property is set to 2 and <code>MSIINSTALLPERUSER</code> is set to 1, the Windows Installer performs a per-user installation.</td>
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<td>This property is available with Windows Installer 5 and on Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2. Earlier versions of Windows Installer and Windows ignore this property.</td>
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<td>Privileged</td>
<td>This property will run an installation with elevated privileges if the user is an administrator or if the application is an administrator-assigned application.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>PROMPTROLLBACKCOST</code></td>
<td>This property specifies what will happen if there is insufficient disk space to continue the installation. Depending on the user interface level, the rollback could happen automatically, without any input from the user, or it could ask the user to continue with rollback disabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>PRIMARYFOLDER</code></td>
<td>The folder that you specify with this property will be the “primary” folder for the installation. The path to this folder will be used to determine the values for the <code>PrimaryVolumePath</code> property, the <code>PrimaryVolumeSpaceAvailable</code> property, the <code>PrimaryVolumeSpaceRequired</code> property, and the <code>PrimaryVolumeSpaceRemaining</code> property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>REBOOT</code></td>
<td>This property allows you to force or suppress a reboot after the installation completes. Possible values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>• F—To force a reboot when your installation is complete.</td>
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<td>• S—To suppress any reboot except one caused by the ForceReboot action.</td>
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<td>• R—To suppress any reboot caused by Windows Installer actions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>ROOTDRIVE</code></td>
<td>In Administration mode this property sets the default drive to the first writable network drive found. In all other modes, this property sets the default drive to the writable local drive with the most disk space available.</td>
</tr>
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User-Supplied Information

The following section contains information about input taken from the end user. Such input can include the end user’s name, company, or language.

Table 9-4 • User-Supplied Information

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AdminProperties</td>
<td>AdminProperties holds a list of properties set during an administration installation. These properties can be external (user name) or they can be internal (other properties on this page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COMPANYNAME</td>
<td>This property stores the organization name for the end user performing the installation. This information is taken from the Customer Information dialog box (for Basic MSI projects), or from the SdCustomerInformation or SdCustomerInformationEx dialogs (for InstallScript MSI projects).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Properties for Creating Predetermined User Accounts

The following table describes the properties that let you create one or more Windows user accounts without using logon dialogs.

Table 9-5 • Properties for Creating Predetermined User Accounts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISNetApiLogonUsername</td>
<td>Set the value of this property to the user account that you want the installation to create. Use either of the following formats:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• MachineName\UserName</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• DomainName\UserName</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Creating Predetermined User Accounts at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISNetApiLogonGroup</td>
<td>Set the value of this property to the group to which you want the user account to belong.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Creating Predetermined User Accounts at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISNetApiLogonPassword</td>
<td>ISNetApiLogonPassword—Set the value of this property to the password that you want to be configured for the user account.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Creating Predetermined User Accounts at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Product-Specific Properties

Information on product-specific properties that can be set in the Property table is listed below. Examples of these types of properties include technical support numbers, product name, and serial number.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ARPHELPLINK</td>
<td>This property retains the Internet address for technical support. This value is set in the Support URL setting in the General Information view. You should provide a string entry to facilitate globalizing your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARPHELPELEPHONE</td>
<td>This property retains your technical support telephone numbers. This value is set in the Support Phone Number setting in the General Information view. You should provide a string entry to facilitate globalizing your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductCode</td>
<td>The ProductCode is the GUID for this particular version of the product. This ID must be different for different language versions and different release versions. This property is set in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductName</td>
<td>This property stores the name of the product—for example, InstallShield. This property is set in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| ProductState           | The installer sets this property to the installed state of the product. This property can hold one of four numeric values:  
                          -1—The product has not been installed or advertised.  
                          1—The product has been advertised, but not installed.  
                          2—The product has been installed for another user.  
                          5—The product has been installed and is available to the current user.                                                                    |
| ProductVersion         | The ProductVersion property stores the major, minor, and build version numbers in the format AA.BB.CCCC. This property is set in the General Information view.                                                      |
| Manufacturer           | Stores the name of the product manufacturer. This value is set in the Publisher setting in the General Information view. You should provide a string entry to facilitate globalizing your project.               |
| DiskPrompt             | This property holds a string which is displayed by a message box prompting for a disk. You should also include empty text for additional information printed on the disk label, as in “Disk 1.”                                                                 |
Table 9-7 • System Folder Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AppDataFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the current user’s Application Data folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommonAppDataFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the All Users Application Data folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommonFilesFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the 32-bit Common Files folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommonFiles64Folder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the 64-bit Common Files folder. This property requires Windows Installer version 2.0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DesktopFolder</td>
<td>This property is used to hold the full path to the Desktop folder for the current user. If the ALLUSERS property is set, the DesktopFolder property should hold the full path to the All Users desktop folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FavoritesFolder</td>
<td>The FavoritesFolder property retains the full path to the Favorites folder for the current user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FontsFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the Fonts folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PersonalFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the current user’s Personal folder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Operating System Properties Set by the Installer

The following properties are set by the installer at run time. They refer to environment variables on the target system.

### Table 9-8 • Operating System Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AdminUser</td>
<td>This property is set by the installer at installation and is only set if the user has administrative privileges.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ComputerName</td>
<td>This property stores the name of the computer that the installation is running on. It is set by a call to the Windows API <code>GetComputerName</code> at the initialization of the installer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LogonUser</td>
<td>This property stores the name of the user performing the installation. It is set by a call to the Windows API <code>GetUserName</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OLEAdvtSupport</td>
<td>This property is set by the installer during initialization.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ServicePackLevel</td>
<td>If an operating system service pack is installed, this property stores the numeric value for that update.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SharedWindows</td>
<td>This property is set when Shared Windows is being used on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ShellAdvtSupport</td>
<td>This property is set by the installer during initialization if the target system supports feature advertisement. This property is automatically set on Windows 98 or later, or on earlier systems if Internet Explorer 4.01 is installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SystemLanguageID</td>
<td>This property stores the default language identifier for the target system. The value is defined by the installer by calling <code>GetSystemDefaultLangID</code> at initialization.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TerminalServer</td>
<td>This property is set by the installer at initialization if the target system is a server with Windows Terminal Server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TTCSupport</td>
<td>This property is set by the installer at initialization if the target system supports true type font collections (TTC). The following systems support TTC: JPN - 932, Taiwan - 950, China - 936, Korea - 949, Hong Kong - 950.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version9X</td>
<td>This property stores the version number of Windows 95 and 98 operating systems as an integer. The following formula is used to determine this integer: <code>(MajorVersion * 100) + MinorVersion</code>. On Windows 95, <code>Version9X</code> is set to 400, on Windows 98 it is set to 410, and on Windows Millennium Edition it is set to 490. <code>Version9X</code> is not set on Windows NT-based systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VersionDatabase</td>
<td>This property stores a version number of the database used during the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VersionNT</td>
<td>This property stores the version number of Windows NT-based operating systems as an integer. The following formula is used to determine this integer: <code>(MajorVersion * 100) + MinorVersion</code>. Refer to the Windows Installer Help Library to learn the <code>VersionNT</code> property for a specific operating system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VersionNT64</td>
<td>This property stores the version number of a Windows NT-based operating system as an integer on 64-bit systems only. The following formula is used to determine this integer: ((\text{MajorVersion} \times 100) + \text{MinorVersion}). This property requires Windows Installer version 2.0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WindowsBuild</td>
<td>This property stores the build number for the operating system being run.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNTProductType</td>
<td>This property stores the type of NT operating system being run on the target machine. This property requires Windows Installer version 2.0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNTSuiteBackOffice</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 if Microsoft BackOffice components are installed. In all other cases this property is not set. This property requires Windows Installer version 2.0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNTSuiteDataCenter</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 if Windows 2000 Datacenter Server is installed. In all other cases this property is not set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNTSuiteEnterprise</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 if Windows 2000 Advanced Server is installed. In all other cases this property is not set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNTSuiteEnterprise</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 if Windows 2000 Advanced Server is installed. In all other cases this property is not set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNTSuiteSmallBusiness</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 if Microsoft Small Business Server is installed. In all other cases this property is not set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNTSuiteSmallBusinessRestricted</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 if Microsoft Small Business Server is installed with the restrictive client license. In all other cases this property is not set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNTSuitePersonal</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 if the operating system is Workstation Personal. In all other cases this property is not set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiNetAssemblySupport</td>
<td>This property is set if the operating system supports .NET Framework assemblies. In all other cases this property is not set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiWin32AssemblySupport</td>
<td>This property is set if the operating system supports Win32 assemblies. In all other cases this property is not set.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Hardware Properties Set by the Installer

The following properties are set by the installer at run time and store settings on certain hardware profiles for the end user’s system.

### Table 9-9 • Hardware Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Alpha</strong></td>
<td>This property stores the numeric value of the processor level, and it is only defined if the setup is running on an Alpha processor. (This property is supported only with Windows Installer version 1.0.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>BorderSide</strong></td>
<td>This property sets the pixel width of the side window borders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>BorderTop</strong></td>
<td>This property sets the pixel width of the top window border.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CaptionHeight</strong></td>
<td>This property sets the pixel height of the caption area.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ColorBits</strong></td>
<td>This property stores the number of adjacent color bits for each pixel (that is, the color depth of the user’s monitor). For example, if the user’s monitor is using 256 colors, ColorBits is set to 8.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Intel</strong></td>
<td>This property stores the numeric value of the processor level, and it is defined only if the setup is running on an Intel 32-bit processor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Intel64</strong></td>
<td>This property stores the numeric value of the processor level, and it is defined only if the setup is running on an Intel 64-bit processor. This property requires Windows Installer version 2.0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PhysicalMemory</strong></td>
<td>This property stores the installed amount of physical memory, in megabytes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ScreenX</strong></td>
<td>This property defines the width of the screen, in pixels.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ScreenY</strong></td>
<td>This property defines the height of the screen, in pixels.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TextHeight</strong></td>
<td>This property sets the height of text characters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>VirtualMemory</strong></td>
<td>The amount of available page file space, in megabytes, is stored in this property.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**PowerShell Properties**

The following PowerShell-related properties are available at run time:

**Table 9-10 • PowerShell Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **IS_CLR_VERSION** | This property identifies a semicolon-delimited list of .NET Framework versions that a custom action should attempt to load to run your managed code and PowerShell scripts. In most scenarios, this property is not set in the installation package. It is set at the command line. To specify that version 1.1 is required, use the following command-line parameter:  

```
IS_CLR_VERSION=v1.1.4322
```

Note that the complete version number of the .NET Framework should be specified for the property value. If more than one version is acceptable, you can specify a semicolon-delimited list of versions. The first one that can be loaded is used. For the following example command-line parameter, the action attempts to load version 2.0. If that version is not present, the action attempts to load version 1.1. If version 1.1 is not present, the action fails.  

```
IS_CLR_VERSION=v2.0.50727;v1.1.4322
```

To specify that the action should attempt to load whatever is the latest version of the .NET Framework that is installed if none of the specified versions are installed, add a semicolon to the end of the property value, as shown in the following example:  

```
IS_CLR_VERSION=v2.0.50727;v1.1.4322;
```

The semicolon at the end of the property value also indicates that if none of the specified versions are present but a version of the .NET Framework is already loaded, the action uses the currently loaded version, even if it is not the latest version that is installed.

If issues with the action occur at run time because of .NET Framework version mismatches, you may want to instruct end users to set the **IS_CLR_VERSION** property at the command line when they run your installation.

To learn more, see:

- Calling a PowerShell Custom Action
- Run-Time Requirements for Managed-Code Custom Actions

| **POWERSHELLVERSION** | The predefined PowerShell system search sets the value of this property if PowerShell is installed. |

**Virtual Machine Properties**

To use Windows Installer properties to detect the presence of a virtual machine and determine the type of virtual machine, you first need to create a custom action that calls the ISDetectVM function in the SetAllUsers.d11 file. For instructions, see Detecting Whether the Installation Is Being Run on a Virtual Machine.
The custom action sets the following Windows Installer properties at run time:

**Table 9-11 • Virtual Machine Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| IS_VM_DETECTED      | If the value of this property is 1, one of the following virtual machine environments is present:  
  - Microsoft Hyper-V  
  - A VMware product such as VMware Player, VMware Workstation, or VMware Server  
  - Microsoft Virtual PC  
  If the value is not set, no virtual machine has been detected.                                                                                                          |
| IS_VM_TYPE          | This property indicates the type of virtual machine that is present on a target system. Available values are:  
  - 0—No virtual machine has been detected.  
  - 1—The installation is running on a VMware product such as VMware Player, VMware Workstation, or VMware Server.  
  - 2—The installation is running on a Microsoft Hyper-V machine.  
  - 3—The installation is running on a Microsoft Virtual PC machine.  
  - 4—The type of virtual machine is not known.                                                                                                                          |

**Status Properties Updated by the Installer**

The following properties are set by the installer at run time. These properties identify the status of the installation.

**Table 9-12 • Status Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AFTERREBOOT</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 by the installer after a reboot triggered by the ForceReboot action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CostingComplete</td>
<td>This property is set to 1 as soon as costing has begun and is set to 0 when costing is complete.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RollbackDisabled</td>
<td>The installer sets the RollbackDisabled property whenever rollback has been disabled. This property is not set by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Installed</td>
<td>This property determines if the product is already installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OutOfDiskSpace</td>
<td>This property is set to True if any of the drives that are targets for the install do not have enough disk space. Otherwise, it is set to False.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 9-12 • Status Properties (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OutOfNoRbDiskSpace</td>
<td>This property is set to True if any disk targeted during an installation does not have enough free disk space and if rollback capability is turned off. It is set to False if all of the target disks have sufficient space.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preselected</td>
<td>This property determines if features have been preselected, and if so, does not display the selection dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PrimaryVolumePath</td>
<td>The installer sets this property to the path specified in the PRIMARYFOLDER property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PrimaryVolumeSpaceAvailable</td>
<td>This installer sets this property to a string representing the total number of bytes, in units of 512, available on the volume specified by the PRIMARYFOLDER property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PrimaryVolumeSpaceRequired</td>
<td>This property stores a string representing the total amount of disk space required, in bytes (expressed in units of 512 bytes), by the currently selected features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PrimaryVolumeSpaceRemaining</td>
<td>The installer sets this property to a string representing the number of remaining bytes available on the system, in units of 512, if all selected features were to be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resume</td>
<td>This property stores the text string displayed to the user when an installation is resumed from a suspended setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UpdateStarted</td>
<td>This property is set once changes to the system have taken place as a result of the installation process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReplacedInUseFiles</td>
<td>This property is set if a file that is currently in use is overwritten. Custom actions that check to see if a reboot is required will use this property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOUSERNAME</td>
<td>Setting this property to 1 stops the installer from setting the USERNAME property. By default, this property is not set and the USERNAME property is set from the registry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOCOMPANYNAME</td>
<td>Setting this property to 1 stops the installer from setting the COMPANYNAME property. By default, this property is not set and the COMPANYNAME property is set from the registry.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Date and Time Properties**

Table 9-13 • Date and Time Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>This property holds the current date.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time</td>
<td>This property holds the current time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**InstallScript Engine-Related Properties**

These properties contain information related to the InstallScript engine.

Table 9-14 • InstallScript Engine-Related Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STANDARD_USE_SETUPEXE</td>
<td>This property applies to InstallScript MSI projects. InstallScript MSI projects must be run by launching Setup.exe. This localizable property holds the message that is displayed to an end user who launches your .msi database directly, instead of launching Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SQL-Related Properties**

These properties contain data related to SQL connections and SQL scripts that are configured in the SQL Scripts view.

Table 9-15 • SQL-Related Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_ALIAS_ONLY</td>
<td>Specify to show only the SQL Server aliases in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls. To learn more, see Overriding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_AUTHENTICATION</td>
<td>This property identifies the type of authentication that you want to use to connect to the specified catalog. The default property is IS_SQLSERVER_AUTHENTICATION. The following numbers are valid property values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>0—Windows authentication credential of the current user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1—Server authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties for SQL Login Settings.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 9-15 • InstallScript Engine-Related Properties (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_CONNECTIONS_TO_VALIDATE</td>
<td>Overrides the connections that will be tested when clicking the Next button on the SQLLogin dialog. To learn more, see Overridding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_CXNS_ABSENT_FROM_INSTALL</td>
<td>Specifies one or more SQL connections that should be skipped during installation or uninstallation. To learn more, see Overridding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE</td>
<td>This property identifies the name of the SQL catalog to which you want to create a connection during the installation. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties for SQL Login Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_DO_NOT_USE_REG</td>
<td>Specifies not to use the stored SQL Server login information written in the registry. To learn more, see Overridding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_LOCAL_ONLY</td>
<td>Specifies to show only the local SQL Server in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls. To learn more, see Overridding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_PASSWORD</td>
<td>This property identifies the password that should be used for server authentication. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties for SQL Login Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_REMOTE_ONLY</td>
<td>Specifies to show only the remote SQL Servers in the SQL Server browse combo box and list box controls. To learn more, see Overridding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_SERVER</td>
<td>This property identifies the name of the target server instance (for Microsoft SQL Server and MySQL) or the connect URL string or local net service name (for Oracle). To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties for SQL Login Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_SQLSERVER_USERNAME</td>
<td>This property identifies the login ID that should be used for server authentication. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties for SQL Login Settings.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**MDAC Properties**

These properties apply to version checking for MDAC.

**Table 9-16 • MDAC Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISINSTALL_MDAC_BYVERSION</td>
<td>Create and set this property to Yes if you want InstallShield to perform default version checking.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISINSTALL_MDAC_SKIP</td>
<td>Create and set this property in the Project Manager if you are performing your own version checking and do not want InstallShield to install MDAC.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SETUPEXEDIR**

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Project • The following project types support the SETUPEXEDIR property:

- InstallScript MSI
- Basic MSI

To determine the location from which an InstallScript installation was run, use SRCDIR or PACKAGE_LOCATION.

SETUPEXEDIR is a property that contains the path to Setup.exe. For example, if the path to Setup.exe is C:\MySetups\MyApp\Setup.exe, the value of SETUPEXEDIR is C:\MySetups\MyApp.

**Using SETUPEXEDIR**

SETUPEXEDIR is an alternative to the directory identifier SourceDir. A potential problem with using SourceDir is that it points to the location of the running .msi package. In the case of a compressed installation, the .msi package is streamed to a temporary location and run from there. Because of this, the value of SourceDir will be some temporary location on the end user’s machine, which might not be the value that you want.

**Limitations of SETUPEXEDIR**

There are two limitations to using SETUPEXEDIR:

- SETUPEXEDIR is set by Setup.exe. If the end user runs the .msi package directly, SETUPEXEDIR is not set. To account for this, you could have a dual implementation in your installation—one that uses SETUPEXEDIR and one that uses SourceDir. You could test for the existence of SETUPEXEDIR and, if it does not exist, you could conditionally use your SourceDir implementation.

- SETUPEXEDIR might not be set at uninstallation. If the end user triggers the uninstallation by running Setup.exe, SETUPEXEDIR is set. If they run the uninstallation from Add or Remove Programs, SETUPEXEDIR is not set.

**Note • In an uncompressed installation, SourceDir and SETUPEXEDIR have the same value.**
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

A number of properties are set during Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations. You can set the values of some of the properties from within InstallShield, while others are initialized by the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI engine at runtime.

Unlike Basic MSI projects, Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects do not distinguish between public properties and private properties. However, capitalization must be maintained; if you use mixed uppercase and lowercase for the name of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property, ensure that you use the same capitalization every time that you refer to that property in your project.

Note that if a property that you define in the Property Manager view is set to a value that references a second property, and if you want the second property to be resolved in the first property’s value, you may need to select the Formatted check box for the first property. To learn more, see Property Manager View.

The following categories of built-in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI properties are available:

- Special Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Properties
- Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Folder Properties
- System Folder Properties

**Note** • Do not confuse Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI properties with path variables, which are surrounded by angle brackets (<>). While they both may represent directories, Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI properties are evaluated at run time, but path variables are used to point to source files only during installation authoring and at build time.
Special Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Properties

The following properties indicate various miscellaneous information for the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installation.

Table 9-17 • Special Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>IS_CLR_VERSION</strong></td>
<td>This property identifies a semicolon-delimited list of .NET Framework versions that a Suite/Advanced UI action should attempt to load to run your managed code and PowerShell scripts. In most scenarios, this property is not set in the installation package. It is set at the command line. To specify that version 1.1 is required, use the following command-line parameter: IS_CLR_VERSION=v1.1.4322. Note that the complete version number of the .NET Framework should be specified for the property value. If more than one version is acceptable, you can specify a semicolon-delimited list of versions. The first one that can be loaded is used. For the following example command-line parameter, the action attempts to load version 2.0. If that version is not present, the action attempts to load version 1.1. If version 1.1 is not present, the action fails. IS_CLR_VERSION=v2.0.50727;v1.1.4322. To specify that the action should attempt to load whatever is the latest version of the .NET Framework that is installed if none of the specified versions are installed, add a semicolon to the end of the property value, as shown in the following example: IS_CLR_VERSION=v2.0.50727;v1.1.4322; The semicolon at the end of the property value also indicates that if none of the specified versions are present but a version of the .NET Framework is already loaded, the action uses the currently loaded version, even if it is not the latest version that is installed. If issues with the action occur at run time because of .NET Framework version mismatches, you may want to instruct end users to set the IS_CLR_VERSION property at the command line when they run your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISFeatureInstall</strong></td>
<td>This property stores a comma-delimited list of feature names that are defined in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.xml file for command-line feature selection that will be selected for installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISFeatureRemove</strong></td>
<td>This property stores a comma-delimited list of feature names that are defined in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.xml file for command-line feature selection that will be selected for removal.</td>
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Table 9-17 • Special Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Properties (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| ISHiddenProperties  | This property stores a semicolon-delimited list of case-sensitive property names whose values you do not want to be written to the debug log files. This property enables you to prevent properties that contain passwords and other sensitive information from being logged. Note that ISHiddenProperties is useful for prevention of logging for values in the following scenarios:  
  * The value of the property changes.  
  * The end user sets the value of the property through command line when launching the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file.  
  * The property is configured through a command line that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation passes to a package. This is configurable in the Packages view, on the Common tab, in the Operation area.  
  If the property is logged through ISuiteExtension::LogInfo, the Suite engine cannot prevent the logging. Therefore, any code that you create to write a property value to the log file should read ISHiddenProperties to see whether the property value should be logged. |
| ISInstallMode       | This read-only property stores a value that indicates the mode in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running. Possible values are:  
  * 0—First-time installation  
  * 1—Maintenance/UI maintenance mode selection  
  * 2—Maintenance/modify  
  * 3—Maintenance/remove  
  * 4—Maintenance/repair  
  * 5—Stage only (The installation is run in stage mode, in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is staged—or uncompressed and copied to a specified location. Note that none of the packages in the installation are run in this mode.) |
| ISInstallProgress   | This property stores the percentage of how much of the entire Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation has been completed. It is typically used for a progress circle control on the InstallationProgress wizard page. |
| ISInstallStatus     | This property stores progress messages from the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. |
| ISOnRebooted        | If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is resuming after a reboot, this property is set to True. |
### Table 9-17 • Special Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Properties (cont.)

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td><strong>ISParcelProgress</strong></td>
<td>This property stores the percentage of how much of the currently running package installation has been completed. It is typically used for the Interior Property setting of the progress circle control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISPassword</strong></td>
<td>If you configure your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI release to be password protected, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI user interface sets the ISPassword property. When the password is set and a password is populated in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.xml file, the value of this property is validated against the password from Setup.xml. To learn more, see Password-Protecting an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISPerformDelayedReboot</strong></td>
<td>This property is set to True by the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI user interface if the target system should be restarted when the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation exits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISParcelStatus</strong></td>
<td>This property stores progress messages from the currently running package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISRootStagePath</strong></td>
<td>This property is used when the installation is run in stage mode. The property stores the path to the location where the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is staged—or uncompressed and copied to a specified location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISSelectedLanguage</strong></td>
<td>This property stores a string that contains the decimal language identifier of the language that the installation is currently displaying. Changing this property at run time, such as in the InstallationLanguage wizard page, changes the current language of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. You can use this property to set the language of the packages in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISSilentInstall</strong></td>
<td>If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running silently (without a user interface), this property is set to True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISUpdateAvailable</strong></td>
<td>This property indicates whether an update for the currently running Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is available for download. If an update is available, this property is set to 1. To learn more, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISUpdateVersion</strong></td>
<td>This property indicates the version of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation that is available for download. To learn more, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Folder Properties**

The following properties define where files are stored or installed on the target system.

**Table 9-18 • Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Folder Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISLogDir</td>
<td>If logging is enabled and configured for one or more of the packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, and if an end user launches the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from the command line with the /log parameter, this property stores path to the directory that contains the package log files. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISPREREQDIR</td>
<td>This property stores the path to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package's files when the package is staged, or copied to the target system for use temporarily during run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORIGINALSETUPEXEDIR</td>
<td>This property stores the path to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation's Setup.exe file. For example, if the path to Setup.exe is C:\MySetups\MyApp\Setup.exe, the value of ORIGINALSETUPEXEDIR is C:\MySetups\MyApp.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORIGINALSETUPEXENAME</td>
<td>This property identifies the name of the setup launcher file that was created when the project was built. The installation updates the value of this property at run time if the setup launcher file was renamed. The following path identifies the full path to this file: [ORIGINALSETUPEXEDIR][ORIGINALSETUPEXENAME]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SETUPEXEDIR</td>
<td>This property stores the path to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s Setup.exe file, typically a temporary location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SETUPEXENAME</td>
<td>The installation updates the value of this property at run time if the setup launcher file was renamed. The following path identifies the full path to this file: [SETUPEXEDIR][SETUPEXENAME]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SETUPSUPPORTDIR</td>
<td>This property stores the path to the folder that contains the support folders and files that are used temporarily by the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation at run time and then removed. This location is sometimes referred to as the default staging path. To refer to a file that is in the Language Independent node in the Support Files view, use the following syntax: [SETUPSUPPORTDIR]\MyLanguageIndependentFile.txt. To refer to a file that is in one of the language-specific nodes in the Support Files view, include the language identifier in the path. For example, the language identifier for English is 1033: [SETUPSUPPORTDIR]\1033\MyEnglishFile.txt</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### System Folder Properties

The following properties define paths to various folders on end users’ systems.

**Table 9-19 • System Folder Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AdminToolsFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the end user’s folder that contains administrative tools.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AppDataFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the end user’s Application Data folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommonAppDataFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the All Users Application Data folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommonDocuments</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the folder that contains documents that are common to all users.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommonFilesFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the 32-bit Common Files folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommonFiles64Folder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the 64-bit Common Files folder on 64-bit systems. This property is undefined on 32-bit systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LocalAppDataFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the folder that contains data files for local (non-roaming) applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PersonalFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the end user’s Personal folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProgramFilesFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the end user’s Program Files folder. On 64-bit systems, this property refers to the 32-bit location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProgramFiles64Folder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the end user’s 64-bit Program Files folder. This property is undefined on 32-bit systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SystemFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the 32-bit system folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System64Folder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the 64-bit native system folder on 64-bit systems. This property is undefined on 32-bit systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WindowsFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the end user’s Windows folder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Creating Properties in Windows Installer–Based Projects

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Project-specific differences are noted where applicable.

For instructions on creating properties in Advanced UI and Suite Advanced UI projects, see Creating Properties in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

You can create your own project-wide properties through the Property Manager. These properties allow you to set a value in one place and use it throughout your project.

Task To create a property:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.
2. Click the New Property button. InstallShield adds a new row at the bottom of the view.
3. In the Name column, enter a name for the new property.
4. In the Value column, enter a value for the property.
5. In the Comments column, optionally enter comments about the property.

Tip • Use the following guidelines when entering values in the Property Manager view:

- To overwrite all of the text in a table cell, click the table cell and then type your new property name, value, or comments.
- To place the cursor at a particular place within a table cell, double-click that place. Then type your change.

Tips for Creating Windows Installer Properties in Windows Installer–Based Projects

If you want to create a property that can be changed at the command line, use all uppercase letters in the property’s name. For example, INSTALLDIR is a property that can be set or changed from the command line. For more information, see Overview of Windows Installer Properties.
Windows Logo • InstallShield does not verify whether the information that you enter in the Property Manager view is valid. For example, if you change the value of the ARPHELPLNK property to MyCompany instead of http://www.mycompany.com, the link fails when an end user clicks it. InstallShield does not display an error message when you enter the data in the Property Manager or at build time. To check whether you have the correct information and syntax for a built-in Windows Installer property, see the Windows Installer Property Reference.

See Also
Windows Installer Property Reference

Creating Properties in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

You can create your own project-wide properties through the Property Manager. These properties allow you to set a value in one place and use it throughout your project.

Task • To create a property:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.
2. Click the New Property button. InstallShield adds a new row at the bottom of the view.
3. In the Name column, enter a name for the new property.
4. In the Value column, enter a value for the property.
5. In the Formatted column, select or clear the check box, which lets you indicate whether the text that you entered in the Value column is formatted.
   - To leave the property value (including square brackets and the content within them) as is, clear the Formatted check box.
   - If the value in the Value column contains one or more formatted expressions with property names, environment variable references, or other special strings that you want to be resolved at run time, select the Formatted check box. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.
Tip • Use the following guidelines when entering values in the Property Manager view:

• To overwrite all of the text in a table cell, click the table cell and then type your new property name, value, or comments.
• To place the cursor at a particular place within a table cell, double-click that place. Then type your change.

See Also
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference

Changing an Existing Property

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• Suite/Advanced UI
• Transform

Task • To change an existing property in your project:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.
2. Do one of the following:
   • To overwrite all of the text in a table cell, click the table cell and then type your new property name, value, or comments.
   • To place the cursor at a particular place within a table cell, double-click that place. Then type your change.

See Also
Windows Installer Property Reference
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference
Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time
Creating a Localizable Property

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

If you want a property that can have different values based on the language that your installation uses, you can create a localizable property.

**Task** To create a localizable property:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Property Manager**.
2. Click the arrow next to the **New Property** button, and then click **Localizable Property**. InstallShield adds a new row at the bottom of the view. A new string identifier is listed in the Value column for that property.
3. In the **Name** column, enter a name for the new property.

**Tip** • You can use the String Editor view to set a different property value for each language that your project supports.

To learn how string identifiers and values are used in projects, see **Using String Entries in InstallShield**.

**See Also**

Editing a String Entry

Making an Existing Property Localizable

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

If you want a property that can have different values based on the language that your installation uses, you can make that property localizable.
Task To make a property localizable:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.
2. Select one or more properties that you want to localize.
   - To select multiple consecutive properties, select the first property, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last property.
   - To select multiple nonconsecutive properties, select the first property, press and hold CTRL, and select each additional property.
3. Click the Make Selected Properties Localizable button.

InstallShield adds a new string identifier in the Value column for that property.

Tip You can use the String Editor view to set a different property value for each language that your project supports.

To learn how string identifiers and values are used in projects, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

See Also Editing a String Entry

Preventing a Property Value from Being Written in Windows Installer Log Files

InstallShield 2020

Project This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

By default, Windows Installer writes the final value of every Windows Installer property contained in your installation to a log file generated by launching MsiExec with the /L argument. Starting with Windows Installer version 2.0, you can prevent certain properties (such as those containing passwords) from being written in the log file.

Task To prevent a property from being written in the log file:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.
2. In the Name column, find the MsiHiddenProperties property.
If this property is not listed, click the New Property button to create this property, and in the Name column, enter MsiHiddenProperties.

3. In the Value column, enter the name of the property that you want to be hidden. To list more than one property, separate each with a semicolon (;).

For more information about this property, see MsiHiddenProperties in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Preventing a Property Value from Being Written in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Debug Log Files

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

If you launch an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file with the /debuglog parameter, the Suite engine generates a debuglog file. By default, the debug log file includes the values of changed Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI properties.

In some cases, you may want to prevent the Suite engine from writing the values of specific properties to the debug log file. For example, you may want to prevent properties that contain passwords and other sensitive information from being logged.

Task To prevent a property from being written in the log file:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.

2. In the Name column, find the ISHiddenProperties property.

   If this property is not listed, click the New Property button to create this property, and in the Name column, enter ISHiddenProperties.

3. In the Value column, enter the name of the property whose value you do not want to be logged; ensure that you use the same capitalization. To list more than one property, separate each with a semicolon (;).

Note that ISHiddenProperties is useful for prevention of logging for values in the following scenarios:

• The value of the property changes.

• The end user sets the value of the property through command line when launching the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file.

• The property is configured through a command line that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation passes to a package. This is configurable in the Packages view, on the Common tab, in the Operation area.

If the property is logged through ISuiteExtension::LogInfo, the Suite engine cannot prevent the logging. Therefore, any code that you create to write a property value to the log file should read ISHiddenProperties to see whether the property value should be logged.
Specifying that a Public Property Should Be a Restricted Public Property

InstallShield 2020

**Project** - This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Restricted public properties allow network administrators to define public properties that can be changed only by a system administrator or by someone who has elevated privileges. This way, the administrator can change settings quickly without having to worry that unauthorized users on the network may tamper with the installation.

Windows Installer considers a number of public properties to be restricted public properties. For the full list of restricted public properties, see Restricted Public Properties in the Windows Installer Help Library.

To include additional public properties, add them to the SecureCustomProperties property.

If you perform tasks such as the following ones, InstallShield automatically adds the applicable property to the SecureCustomProperties property:

- When you use a public property in a system search, InstallShield adds the public property to the SecureCustomProperties property.
- When you add or import a dialog to a Basic MSI or Merge Module project, and the dialog contains a control that is set through a property, InstallShield adds that property to the SecureCustomProperties property.
- When you add a major upgrade item to your project, InstallShield adds the value of the Detect Property setting on the Advanced tab for that upgrade item to the SecureCustomProperties property.

This enables the custom public properties to be set in the user interface sequence and then be passed to the execute sequence.

**Task**

To manually specify that a custom public property should be a restricted property:

1. In the View List under Behavior and Logic, click Property Manager.
2. In the Name column, find the SecureCustomProperties property.
   
   If this property is not listed, click the New Property button to create this property, and in the Name column, enter SecureCustomProperties.
3. In the Value column, enter the public properties that you would like to restrict. Separate multiple entries with a semicolon (;).
Getting or Setting Windows Installer Properties in InstallScript

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The `MsiGetProperty` and `MsiSetProperty` functions get and set Windows Installer properties. For an example, see *Getting and Setting Properties*.

You must include the statement `#include "iswi.h"` or `#include "ifx.h"` in order for the Windows Installer APIs to be available to your script.

Removing a Value from a Property

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

*Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects do not have support for localizable properties.*

You can clear a property’s value without deleting the property from the Property Manager. This functionality works for localizable and non-localizable properties. For example, you might want to clear a localizable property such as `ARPCOMMENTS`. 
**Task**

To clear a property value:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Property Manager**.
2. Select one or more properties whose values you want to clear.

   To select multiple consecutive properties, select the first property, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last property.
   To select multiple nonconsecutive properties, select the first property, press and hold CTRL, and select each additional property.
3. Click the **Clear Selected Properties** button.

**Note** • Clearing a property makes the property non-localizable because it does not have a string identifier.

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**Deleting a Property**

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DiM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

If you no longer need a property in your project, you can delete it from the Property Manager view.

**Task**

To delete a property from your project:

1. In the View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Property Manager**.
2. Select one or more properties that you want to delete.

   To select multiple consecutive properties, select the first property, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last property.
   To select multiple nonconsecutive properties, select the first property, press and hold CTRL, and select each additional property.
3. Click the **Delete Selected Properties** button.

InstallShield displays a message box that lets you specify whether you want to delete just the selected properties, or the selected properties plus any associated string entries.
Directly Editing .msi and .msm Databases

The MSI Database and MSM Database project types let you edit Windows Installer installation databases and merge module databases directly, rather than working through an intermediate project format (.ism file). These project types extend the Direct Editor functionality to include different views that are supported in standard installation projects. The views that are supported in these project types are intended to function as they do for an .ism project.

- **Project** • There is no string entry or path variable support in an MSI Database or MSM Database project.

You can directly edit an existing .msi file or .msm file, or directly create a new database by opening a new MSI Database or MSM Database project.

See Also
Direct Editor
Adding Files in Direct Edit Mode
Adding Merge Modules in Direct Edit Mode

Opening Windows Installer Packages

InstallShield provides the option to either edit .msi packages directly in InstallShield by using direct edit mode or convert it to an InstallShield project (.ism), and then edit it as a Basic MSI project in InstallShield.

- **Note** • Some functionality is limited when editing an .msi package in direct edit mode.

Task

To open an .msi package in direct edit mode of InstallShield:

1. On the File menu, click Open. The Open dialog box opens.
2. In the Files of Type list, select Windows Installer Packages (*.msi).
3. Select the .msi package that you want to open.
4. In the Open as box, ensure that Auto is selected.
5. Click Open.

- **Note** • By default, InstallShield opens an .msi package in direct edit mode.

The Open MSI/MSM Wizard can convert an existing Windows installer (.msi) package to an InstallShield project (.ism) file, and open the new project to modify in InstallShield.

- **Note** • You can also open patch creation project files (.pcp files) in InstallShield and edit them in the Direct Editor.
Editing .msi and .msm Databases in Direct Edit Mode

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If you want to directly edit a Windows Installer package (.msi file) or merge module (.msm file), you can open it in InstallShield in direct edit mode and then make the required changes.

### Task

**To open an .msi or .msm file:**

1. On the **File** menu, click **Open**.
2. In the **Files of Type** list, select **Windows Installer Packages (*.msi)** or **Windows Installer Modules (*.msm)**.
3. Browse to the Windows Installer package or merge module that you want to open.
4. Click **Open**.

The selected package or merge module opens in a limited view of the InstallShield interface. Any changes made in the direct edit mode are made directly to the .msi or .msm file when you save your changes.

**See Also**

Direct Editor

### Adding Files in Direct Edit Mode

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When adding files in direct edit mode, you have the option to add files to the media in an uncompressed, a compressed, or a compressed and streamed state into the MSI format (MSI package or MSI database). These options appear in the Select Media Location dialog box when you drag and drop new files in the Files and Folders view in direct edit mode. You also have the option to extract COM information in that dialog box. However, this option is enabled only when dragging files to a folder or when adding a single file to a component that does not already have any existing files. As a result, the COM file is the only file in that particular component.

Deleting files removes the entry from the File table. Files on the media are not deleted, and files that have yet to be added to the media are not added until you save.

**Note** • In direct edit mode, file and media tables are updated during the save process.

When a file is added, a record is created with a default sequence value. No Media table entry is made at this time. When the media or project is saved, the sequence for the newly added files is updated to correctly reflect the media, and media entries are created in the Media table.

**See Also**

Select Media Location Dialog Box
Adding Merge Modules in Direct Edit Mode

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When you add a configurable merge module or object in the Redistributables view to an .msi database in direct edit mode, the Merge Module Properties dialog box opens. You can review or configure the merge module’s properties through that dialog box. However, you can do this only when the merge module is initially merged with your installation database. That is when this dialog box is first opened. You should also note that a merge occurs as soon as you select a merge module in direct edit mode.

**Note** • You cannot configure or set the destination of dependent merge modules.

You cannot un-merge modules that are not found in the merge module catalog. For example, a file is not found in the Modules\i386 folder. In that case, the check box next to the respective merge module is selected but disabled.

Once you add, configure, and merge the merge modules, any files included in the merged modules will be copied to the source media upon saving the database in InstallShield.
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Directly Editing .msi and .msm Databases
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An important aspect of InstallShield is how it coexists and integrates with other software development tools such as Visual Studio as well as source code control software that complies with the Microsoft Source Control Interface.

Consult the help topics in this section for specific details on the extent of external application support in InstallShield.

See Also
Using Source Code Control
Integrating with Microsoft Visual Studio

Using Source Code Control

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InstallShield enables you to manage different versions of your project file in source code control software. InstallShield is capable of interacting with any source control system that complies with the Microsoft Source Control Interface and uses the default program on the development system. If none is installed, the source control options are not available.

Tip • InstallShield also includes support for integrating with Team Foundation source control. To learn more, see Integrating with Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server.

When you add an installation project to source control, InstallShield automatically converts the project file format to text (XML format) and maintains it in the source control system by default. If you choose not to check in your file in XML format, then the file will be checked in as a binary file.

Note • When a project file format is converted to either XML or binary format, the project file extension remains .ism.
Script File Support

InstallShield also supports the addition of any InstallScript files and SQL scripts, regardless of whether you insert, import, or add new files. It also supports all path variable types that you define in the Path Variables view to define the location of these script files. However, it is important to be aware that a corresponding folder structure exists in your source code database so that your source code control software can resolve paths.

See Also
Using Source Code Control Integration

Using Source Code Control Integration

A typical scenario for using InstallShield’s source code control integration is outlined below:

1. Create an InstallShield installation project.
2. Add the setup project to your source control program.
3. Check the project out of source control.
4. Edit the project.
5. Save the project.
6. Check the project back in to source control.

Tip • You can streamline this process by having InstallShield automatically add new projects to source control or check out edited projects. For more information, see the Source Control tab of the Options dialog box; InstallShield displays this dialog box when you click Options on the Tools menu.

Adding Projects to Source Control

InstallShield lets you add an InstallShield project to your source code control system after you have created your InstallShield project.

Tip • You can omit steps 1 and 2 if you selected the Add new projects to source control check box on the Source Control tab of the Options dialog box; InstallShield displays this dialog box when you click Options on the Tools menu. As soon as you create the project, InstallShield adds it to your source code control system.
Task: To add a project to your source control system after you have created the project:

1. Open the project in InstallShield.
2. On the **Project** menu, point to **Source Control**, and click **Add to Source Control**. The Add to Source Control dialog box opens.
3. Add comments (if applicable) and indicate whether you want to keep the project checked out.
4. Click **OK**. A log-on dialog box for your organization’s source control system opens.
5. Enter your log-on information.
6. Browse to the location in your source control database where you want to add the project file.

**Note** • Linked files are not added to source control.

When you add a file to source control, most programs make the local copy read only. If this is the case with your source control software, you need to check out the project file before making any changes.

Checking Projects out of Source Control

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InstallShield lets you check out an InstallShield project from your source code control system.

**Tip** • You can omit steps 1 and 2 if you selected the **Check out the project when edited** check box on the Source Control tab of the Options dialog box; InstallShield displays this dialog box when you click Options on the Tools menu. As soon as you make a change to the project (anything that enables the Save button on the toolbar), InstallShield adds it to your source code control system.

Task: To check a project out of your source code control program:

1. Open the project in InstallShield.
2. On the **Project** menu, point to **Source Control**, and click **Check Out**.
3. If you selected the **Use dialog for checkout** check box on the Source Control tab of the Options dialog box, you are prompted for your comments in the Check Out dialog box.
4. Enter comments as appropriate, and then click **OK**.

Your project is now checked out of your source control program, and you can edit the local copy before checking it in.

**Note** • The project is not automatically checked in to source control when you close the project in InstallShield. Check your project in (from within InstallShield) before closing it.
Checking Projects in to Source Control

**Task**

*To check a project in to your source control program from within InstallShield:*

1. Open the project in InstallShield.
2. On the **Project** menu, point to **Source Control**, and click **Check In**.
3. The **Check In** dialog box prompts you for options for checking in the file. Click **OK**.

Your project is now checked into your source control program, which typically means that your project file is set to read only until you check it out of source control.

**Note** • *The project is not automatically checked in to source control when you close the project in InstallShield. Check your project in (from within InstallShield) before closing it.*

**See Also**

Check Out Dialog Box
Using Source Code Control Integration

Unlinking Projects from Source Control

**Task**

*To break the link between the project on your local machine and the one in your source control application:*

On the **Project** menu, select **Source Control**, and point to **Unlink from Source Control**.

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**Task**

With InstallShield, you can create your installation projects directly in Microsoft Visual Studio. InstallShield enables you to create, modify, or build your installation from within Microsoft Visual Studio.

**Integration Features**

InstallShield is fully integrated within the Visual Studio shell. Some of the unique features of the integration include:

- All InstallShield navigation is presented within the Solution Explorer.
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• Each InstallShield view is presented in a separate window so no scrolling is necessary and side-by-side viewing options are available.
• You can run InstallShield external to Visual Studio.
• InstallShield dynamically links your installation project to other Visual Studio project outputs, automatically updating your installation with your latest source files every time your product is built.
• Items identified by the InstallShield Debugger can be moved directly into the Visual Studio task list.

Integration Benefits

Some additional benefits of using InstallShield’s integrated installation authoring solution are:
• You can create and customize your installation without leaving the Visual Studio user interface, enabling use of familiar navigation and layout options.
• Your installation is automatically updated with your latest source files every time your solution is built, always staying current.
• The installation reflects the Build Configuration for the solution—for example, Debug, Release, automatically included source files from the proper build directory.
• .NET properties and dependencies can be scanned and included in an installation automatically.

Note • If you want to create, edit, and build your InstallShield projects directly within Visual Studio, you must use Visual Studio 2005 or later. InstallShield cannot be integrated with Visual Studio 2003 or earlier.

Visual Studio can be integrated with only one version of InstallShield at a time. The last version of InstallShield that is installed or repaired on a system is the one that is used for Visual Studio integration.

See Also
Creating InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects

Creating InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio

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InstallShield is integrated with Microsoft Visual Studio. From within the Visual Studio workspace, you can create InstallShield installations for solutions.

Task  To create an InstallShield project from within Microsoft Visual Studio:

1. On the File menu, point to New and click Project. The New Project dialog box opens.
2. Beginning with Visual Studio 2010: In the Installed Templates box, click InstallShield Projects. Then select the appropriate project type.
   For earlier versions of Visual Studio: In the Project Types box, click InstallShield Projects. Then in the Templates box, select the appropriate project type.
3. Configure the settings for the name and project location as needed.
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4. Click OK.

See Also
Opening InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio
Adding References to Visual Studio Solutions
Using the Toolbox to Add Dialog Controls
Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio
Adding InstallShield Toolbars or Commands to the Visual Studio Toolbar
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects

Opening InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield is integrated with Microsoft Visual Studio. From within the Visual Studio workspace, you can open InstallShield installations for solutions.

Task

To open an InstallShield project from within Microsoft Visual Studio:

1. On the File menu, point to Open, and choose Project to display the Open Project dialog.
2. Browse to the InstallShield file you want to open, and select it.
3. Click Open.

Note • From within Microsoft Visual Studio, you can open only .ism files created with InstallShield X or later, InstallShield DevStudio, InstallShield Developer, InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition, or InstallShield Express, version 3.x or later. Files created in InstallShield Professional or pre-3.x versions of InstallShield Express cannot be opened.

See Also
Adding References to Visual Studio Solutions
Using the Toolbox to Add Dialog Controls
Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio

Using the VSSolutionFolder Path Variable with Visual Studio Solutions

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
• Suite/Advanced UI

A predefined path variable called VSSolutionFolder is available in projects to reference a higher-level base directory. This support enables you to have in your InstallShield projects static links to files in sibling projects that are within the Visual Studio solution folder; if you work on the projects on a different machine, the static links that use the VSSolutionFolder path variable can reference the correct paths for the files in sibling projects.

The VSSolutionFolder path variable is defined automatically whenever an InstallShield project is opened from within a Visual Studio solution. It is also defined automatically if you are using MSBuild to build a solution that contains an InstallShield project. However, in other scenarios, when the InstallShield project is opened without the Visual Studio solution, VSSolutionFolder cannot be defined automatically. For example, if you open the InstallShield project in InstallShield directly, without having Visual Studio open, VSSolutionFolder is not defined. Similarly, if you use the command-line tool IsCmdBld.exe, or if you use MSBuild with an .isproj file, VSSolutionFolder is not defined. If you are using IsCmdBld.exe to build a release in InstallShield project, use the -L command-line parameter to set the value of VSSolutionFolder. If you are using MSBuild, use the PathVariables parameter to set the value of VSSolutionFolder. This parameter is exposed as the ItemGroup InstallShieldPathVariableOverrides when the default targets file is used.

If you include in your InstallShield project a source file whose path includes the VSSolutionFolder path variable and build it in an environment that does not support the VSSolutionFolder path variable, build errors such as the following ones may occur:

• -6103: Could not find file <VSSolutionFolder>\MyFile.exe
• -6271: File <VSSolutionFolder>\MyFile.exe not found. An error occurred building the MsiFileHash table record for this file. Verify that the file exists in the specified location.

See Also
Predefined Path Variables

Adding References to Visual Studio Solutions

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Use the Files and Folders view to add Visual Studio references to your installation project.

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<td>In the Solution Explorer under Application Data, double-click Files and Folders.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>The Visual Studio Solution node in the Source computer’s folders pane contains sub-nodes for all projects contained in the current solution. Click a project to display the output groups for the project. The output groups are displayed in the Source computer’s files pane.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>To add a reference to an output to your installation project, drag and drop the output to the target folder in the Destination computer’s folders pane.</td>
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Note • To view a reference for a project, right-click the project and select Resolve Project Output. The Outputs dialog is displayed to show what files the output group resolves to.
Using the Toolbox to Add Dialog Controls

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To add dialog controls when your setup project is open in Microsoft Visual Studio, use the Toolbox.

Accessing the Toolbox

**Task**

To access the InstallShield Dialogs Toolbox:

1. Do one of the following:
   - On the **View** menu, click **Toolbox**.
   - Press **CTRL+ALT+X**.
2. Click the **InstallShield Dialogs** tab, if it is not already expanded.

Adding Controls

**Task**

To add controls to a dialog:

1. Click on the type of control you want to add to the dialog.
2. Click on the dialog, hold the mouse button down, and drag the mouse to draw the dimensions of the control. You can adjust the control’s size by setting the height and width properties.
   As soon as you release the mouse button, the cursor changes to the Select Tool, which you can use to resize the new control.
3. Set the control’s properties. For more information, see Editing Dialog Layout in Basic MSI Projects or Editing the Layout of a Dialog in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project.

Using Sticky-State Mode

The toolbox control also has a **sticky-state** mode that allows you to create additional controls of the same type without returning to the Toolbox. To enable sticky-state mode, press the CTRL key while you drag the cursor from the toolbox to the dialog.

Using Auto Hide

The Dialog Toolbox has an auto-hide feature that allows you to hide the toolbox when it is not in use. To enable Auto Hide, click the Auto Hide button in the top-right corner of the toolbox. The toolbox is hidden on the side of the screen when you are not using it.

Adding InstallShield Toolbars or Commands to the Visual Studio Toolbar

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You can add InstallShield toolbars and individual toolbar command buttons to the Microsoft Visual Studio workspace.
Adding InstallShield Toolbars

**Task**

To add an InstallShield toolbar:

1. Right-click anywhere in the toolbar to display the toolbar options.

2. Select a toolbar to add it to the top of the Visual Studio workspace. The available InstallShield toolbars are Install Shield, InstallScript, Install Shield Layout, and MSI Debugger.

Adding InstallShield Toolbar Command Buttons

**Task**

To add an individual command button to the toolbar:

1. Right-click anywhere in the toolbar to display the toolbar options.

2. Select **Customize** from the bottom of the list. The **Customize** dialog is displayed.

3. Click the **Commands** tab.

4. Select a category from the **Categories** list to display the commands available within that particular category.

5. From the **Commands** list, click a command button and drag it to the toolbar.

**Note** • **InstallShield Layout** and **MSI Debugger** toolbar commands are not available as individual toolbar buttons.

Building Releases in Microsoft Visual Studio

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**Project** • Some of the following information is project specific, as noted where applicable.

Building a release of an InstallShield project in Visual Studio is different than building a release in InstallShield. When you are building in Visual Studio, you have the option to either build your entire solution, including the installation project, or build only the installation project.

When you create an InstallShield installation project in Visual Studio, the project has two releases by default—Debug and Release. You can use these default releases, or you can create new release. Before you can build a release, the release must be associated with a solution configuration. The Configuration Manager in Visual Studio is where you associate a release with a solution configuration.

**Project** • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, every release is a member of a product configuration. A product configuration provides a means for grouping together releases that share similar settings, such as the product name, product code, and package code. When you build a release for any of these project types, the default product configuration is always used. If you want to build releases in a different product configuration, make that product configuration the default.
Selecting the Default Product Configuration (Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module Projects Only)

If you want to build a release in a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, it must be under the default or active product configuration. This is indicated by a red check box icon in the Releases view:

Task  To make a product configuration the default configuration in your InstallShield project:

1. In the Solution Explorer under Media, double-click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, right-click the product configuration that contains the release that you want to build, and then click Default Product Configuration.

Tip  To create a new product configuration, right-click the Releases explorer and then click New Product Configuration. Once you have created it, you can make it the default product configuration.

Building a Release

Visual Studio enables you to build your entire solution, including the installation project, or only the installation project.

Task  To build a release from within Visual Studio:

1. Use the Configuration Manager in Visual Studio to map a project configuration to the appropriate solution configuration.
   a. On the Build menu, click Configuration Manager.
      As an alternative: On the Standard toolbar, in the Solution Configurations list, select Configuration Manager.
   b. In the Active solution configuration list, select a configuration.
   c. In the Project contexts box, map the project configuration to the appropriate release in the Configuration column.
      Note  If the Build check box is cleared and you build the solution, the deselected project configuration is not built.
   d. Click the Close button.
2. On the Build menu, select the appropriate command:

Table 10-1 • Build Menu Commands

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<td>Build the entire solution, according to what is mapped in the Configuration Manager for each project that is included in the solution.</td>
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Adding .NET Assemblies to Installation Projects

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InstallShield allows you to add a .NET assembly to your installation project by adding the .NET assembly file to a component.

Task  The recommended way to add a .NET assembly to your installation project is as follows:

1. In the Setup Design view, create a component to hold the .NET assembly.
2. (Windows Installer based projects only) Make the file the key file of a component by right-clicking on the file and selecting Set Key File from the context menu.
3. Set the project to scan for dependencies by doing one of the following:
   - Set the .NET Scan at Build component property to Dependencies and Properties. In this case, the .NET assembly’s Manifest, Application, and related entries are not populated in your project file. Instead, they are added to the .msi file at build time.
   - Run the Static Scanning Wizard. In this case, the .NET assembly’s values are added during the scan. You can edit these values in the Assembly node under the component’s Advanced Settings.

See Also
Creating InstallShield Projects in Microsoft Visual Studio
Adding Project Output from a Web Service or Web Application Project

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InstallShield provides enhanced Web services support. If you add a project output (any project output) from a Web Service or Web Application project, InstallShield will prompt you to add the project as a Web Service. If you choose No, the project output that you have selected is added normally. If you select Yes, InstallShield performs the following:

1. Creates a Destination Folder called IISROOTFOLDER.
2. Deploys the following Visual Studio Project Outputs into the IISROOTFOLDER:
   - [Content Files] goes to the [IISROOTFOLDER]\[VSIPProjectName]
   - [Primary Output] goes to the [IISROOTFOLDER]\[VSIPProjectName]\bin
3. Creates an IISVirtualDirectory with a target of [IISROOTFOLDER]\[VSIPProjectName].

See Also
Managing Internet Information Services
Internet Information Services View
Creating a Web Site and Adding an Application or a Virtual Directory
Removing Applications and Virtual Directories from the Internet Information Services View
Configuring Advanced IIS Settings
Deploying Web Services on a Target Machine
Adding IISROOTFOLDER Support
Determining Which Version of IIS Is Installed

Integrating with Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server

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Microsoft Visual Studio Team Foundation Server (TFS) is a set of tools and technologies that enable a team to collaborate and coordinate the tasks for developing a product. InstallShield has support for integrating with Team Foundation Server. Some highlights of this integration are:

- **Source control**—Use the Source Control Explorer to integrate your InstallShield project with Team Foundation version control and manage changes to your InstallShield projects and your Visual Studio solutions.

- **Automated builds**—Use Team Foundation Build to compile, test, and deploy your InstallShield projects and your Visual Studio solutions on a regular basis. Your installation is automatically updated with your latest source files every time your solution is built, always staying current.

- **Project management**—Track work items such as bugs, tasks, and project documentation for your InstallShield projects and your Visual Studio solutions. The project status is available to your entire team from within Team System Web Access, and from within Team Explorer.
Integration Requirements

To integrate InstallShield with Team Foundation Server, install InstallShield on each machine that you want to be able to create, update, or build InstallShield projects. Thus, InstallShield should be installed on each machine on which you want to create and update InstallShield projects. It should also be installed on a machine that is designated as a build agent for InstallShield projects that are stored in Team Foundation Server. For InstallShield licensing details, refer to the InstallShield End-User License Agreement (EULA).

Note • The Standalone Build is a build engine that enables you to build InstallShield projects without installing the full version of InstallShield on a build machine. If you have the Standalone Build, you can install it on a machine that is designated as a build agent for Team Foundation Server.

In order for a build agent to build some types of projects and solutions, you may need to install additional software on the build machine. For example, to build a C++ project, which requires the C++ compiler and possibly other dependencies, install Visual Studio on the build machine.

If you are using multiple build agents to build your Team Foundation Server projects, you may want to assign a particular build tag to any agents that have InstallShield; you could also apply that special build tag to each build definition that is created for an InstallShield project. That way, only build machines that have InstallShield installed would be used to build InstallShield installations. For more information about creating build tags and assigning them to agents and build definitions, see the Visual Studio Team Foundation Server documentation.

If you are queuing a build on a 64-bit build machine, ensure that you have configured the build definition for your InstallShield project so that the 32-bit version of MSBuild is used to load the InstallShield.Tasks.dll file (which is a 32-bit file); otherwise, you will encounter a build error informing you that the InstallShield.Tasks.dll file could not be loaded. To select the 32-bit version of MSBuild, click the Process tab of your build definition in Team Explorer. Then, under the Advanced node, find the MSBuild Platform setting, and select x86. Note that if you are using a 32-bit build machine, you can select either Auto or x86 for the MSBuild Platform setting.

If you install Team Explorer on the same machine that has InstallShield and Visual Studio, you can use Team Explorer from within your InstallShield projects that are open in Visual Studio. This enables you to perform tasks such as the following:

• Use Source Control Explorer when you are working on your InstallShield projects.
• Configure builds for your InstallShield projects and Visual Studio solutions.
• Queue new builds.

Note that when you queue a build for a solution that includes an InstallShield project, the installation that is built is copied to an Install subfolder within the drop folder. When the InstallShield build detects that it is running under Team Foundation Build, it copies the installation to the final output location for the solution (OutDir)—namely, the binaries directory, which in turn is copied to the drop folder at the end of the Team Foundation Build process.

If you want to use Team Foundation source control when you are working on your InstallShield projects directly from within InstallShield (without Visual Studio integration), you can do so. To use this functionality, you need to install the Team Foundation Server MSSCCI Provider, which you can obtain from the Visual Studio Gallery on the MSDN Web site. Once the Team Foundation Server MSSCCI Provider is installed, you can add InstallShield projects to Team Foundation source control, check out InstallShield projects from Team Foundation source control, and check in projects to Team Foundation source control—all from within InstallShield. To learn more about source control integration within InstallShield, see Using Source Code Control.

See Also
Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild)
Adding InstallShield Projects to Team Explorer

**InstallShield 2020**

If you have Team Explorer installed on the same machine that has InstallShield and Visual Studio, you can add your InstallShield projects (.ism and .isproj files, as well as any corresponding InstallScript files and SQL scripts) to the Team Foundation Server through Team Explorer.

If you want to add an InstallShield project to Source Control Explorer when you create the project from within Visual Studio, select the **Add to source control** check box on the New Project dialog box. Note that if you do this, you may later need to add InstallScript files and SQL script files to source control using the same method that you use for adding other files.

To add an existing InstallShield project to Source Control Explorer, add it using the same method that you use for adding other projects. (In the Solution Explorer, right-click your InstallShield project and then click Add Solution to Source Control.)
Automating Installation Development and Build Processes

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An automation interface is loosely defined as a programming interface that can be accessed by any programming language that supports COM—most importantly, usability from the late binding scripting languages like VBScript and JScript. The InstallShield automation interface is an automation interface to the InstallShield project file.

InstallShield enables you to automate development and build processes through the automation interface without having to directly open the InstallShield interface and make changes in different views. By calling methods, setting properties, accessing collections, and so on, through the automation interface, you can open a project and modify its features and component data in many of the same ways that you would in the InstallShield interface. In addition, you can build a release using the Build method of the InstallShield automation interface.

Read more about the automation interface as well as other aspects of automating build processes in this section of the documentation.

See Also
Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System
Automation Interface
Automation Objects
Automation Collections

Linking Subfolders to Features Using VBScript

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The VBScript example simulates dynamically linking to subfolders. By editing .ini files, you tell the script which folders and subfolders to link to, how to create the components for the files, and with which features to associate the new components.

The following are requirements for using the VBScript example:

- You must have Windows Scripting Host to run a .vbs file.
- InstallShield must be installed on the system before you can use the automation interface and .ini file reader.
- The script expects two command-line arguments:
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- The fully qualified path to an existing setup project (.ism file).
- The fully qualified path to an .ini file (Links.ini in this example) that describes each feature that you want a given folder’s files and subfolders added to. Furthermore, each feature can point to a different .ini file (Template.ini) that describes the properties of the components that will be created for the files in each folder and subfolder.

The source files for this example are found in the following directory:

```
 InstallShield Program Files Folder\Samples\WindowsInstaller\Automation Interface\Add Files and Components
```

Each of the files is described below.

**LinkToFeature.vbs**

The script in the LinkToFeature.vbs file is designed to read the associated Links.ini file and add the files from the specified folders and subfolders to the specified features. It organizes them into components based on the model you construct in Template.ini. To start the script, pass it the path to your setup project and the path to Links.ini, respectively, at the command line:

```
LinkToFeature.vbs "C:\MySetups\Malaprop.ism" "C:\Automation Interface\Links.ini"
```

You can examine some of the relevant sections of LinkToFeature.vbs to see exactly how it works. After opening the .ism file specified at the command line, the script creates a collection of every feature in the project starting at line 53. This collection is later used to make sure that the features listed in Links.ini are present in the project.

```vbs
' The scripting dictionary is defined in Scrrun.dll
Dim pFeatCol
Set pFeatCol = CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")

' Create a collection of all of the feature names in the project
For Each ISWIFeature In ISWIProject.ISWIFeatures
    pFeatCol.Add ISWIFeature, ISWIFeature.Name
    DoSubFeature ISWIFeature, pFeatCol
Next
```

Next, LinkToFeature.vbs opens Links.ini using the InstallShield IniReader. As the comment on line 70 explains, you can use this utility if it serves your needs or otherwise substitute your own. Once Links.ini is open, the rest of the script is controlled by the For loop beginning at line 80 and ending at line 202:

```vbs
For Each pLinksSection In LinksIniFile.Sections
    The purpose of this loop is to read each section in Links.ini. Each section contains the name of a feature that you want to add the new components to and the folder where the files and subfolders can be found. After getting each key's value, there is a nested For loop, stretching from line 102 to 201, which loops through every feature in the collection pFeatCol and compares it to the name of the feature in Links.ini:

```vbs
    For Each ISWIFeature In pFeatCol
        ' See if the feature in Links.ini matches one in the setup project.
        If (ISWIFeature.Name = linksFeature) Then
```

Since this loop is used for almost the remainder of the script, you can assume that everything that is done acts on the current feature. Next, it checks if the Action key in this Links.ini section is set to Delete and deletes all of the feature’s components if so:

```vbs
    If (linksAction = "Delete") Then
```

```vbs
For Each ISWIComponent In ISWIFeature.ISWiComponents
    ISWIProject.DeleteComponent ISWIComponent
Next
```
At line 27, the script creates a collection of the specified folder and each subfolder:

```vbs
Set pFolders = CreateObject("Scripting.Dictionary")
pFolders.Add folder, folder.Path
GetSubFolders pFolders, folder
```

From line 136 to 163, the script opens the `Template.ini` file that contains the template for all of the components that will be added to the current feature:

```vbs
Set iniFile = CreateObject("IniReader.IniFile")
iniFile.Load (linksTemplateFile)
```

LinkToFeature.vbs does its real work in the `For` loop that begins on line 169 and ends on 199:

```vbs
' Create a component for the root folder and all of its subfolders.
For Each folder In pFolders

Based on the description in Template.ini, it forms the component's name, adds it to the project, associates it with the current feature, sets the component's properties, and then adds the files in the current folder to the component.

Finally, the .vbs file saves and closes the setup project.

### Links.ini

Each section of this .ini file contains the following keys, which LinkToFeature.vbs reads to determine which folders and subfolders to add to each feature in your project:

**Table 11-1 • .ini File Keys in Sample File**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>[LinkN]</td>
<td>;Unique section name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feature=FeatureName</td>
<td>;Name of existing feature in the project</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source=C:\Data Files\Executables</td>
<td>;Path to the root folder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TemplateFile=Template.ini</td>
<td>;Path to the component template .ini file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ComponentTemplate=Template1</td>
<td>;Section name in Template.ini for this feature's components</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action=Delete</td>
<td>;Delete tells LinkToFeature.vbs to permanently delete all of this feature's components before recreating them. Leave this value blank if you do not want the components destroyed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Template.ini

Each section in Template.ini contains information for creating all of the components that will be associated with a feature. Each section in Links.ini must point to a specific component template file and section. The template file and sections are described below:

Table 11-2 • Template.ini File Sections

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[TemplateName]</td>
<td>;Unique section name that identifies a particular template</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name=DefaultName</td>
<td>;This value is used to build the component’s name in the format DLS_DefaultName_N</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination=[ProgramFilesFolder]</td>
<td>;This is the root destination folder for the components. The names of the subfolders are then added to the root so that the files are installed to the correct relative folders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Languages=1033</td>
<td>;List the decimal value of all of the component’s languages, separated by a comma</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition=VersionNT</td>
<td>;Author any condition you want to attach to each component</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Automating Installation Development and Build Processes
Dynamic File Linking

Exporting and Importing String Entries Using the Automation Interface

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InstallShield stores string entries in the ISString table of the main project file (.ism file). InstallShield lets you export the string entries of a language to a text file, which you can send out for translation. After the strings have been translated, you can import the text files into the InstallShield project file.

The String Editor view in InstallShield enables you to manually export and import string entries for a particular language. To automate this process, you can use the InstallShield automation interface.

One of the functions of the automation interface is to provide you with a mechanism for exporting string entries from and importing string entries into a project. What follows is an example of how to achieve this.

Running the Sample VBScript File

To run this sample, you must first copy the sample code shown below into a file called ImportExportStrings.vbs. Then use the command line to export or import the string entries.

Exporting a Language’s String Entries

To export string entries using the code sample, type the following at the command line.
Importing a Language's String Entries

To import string entries using the code sample, type the following at the command line.

wscript.exe ImportExportStrings.vbs "C:\MyProject.ism" "C:\1033.txt" "1033" "I"

Sample ImportExportStrings.vbs Code

'////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
'BEGIN ImportExportStrings.vbs
'
' This utility was designed to assist in the exporting and importing of string entries
'
' File Name: ImportExportStrings.vbs
'
' Description: Sample VBScript file exports or imports string entries in a text file
'
' Usage: To use the objects in this script, make sure you have the
' following items in place on your system:
' 1. InstallShield must be installed so that
'    the end-user automation is available.
' 2. You must have Windows Scripting Host (Wscript.exe) installed.
' 3. The script expects the following command-line arguments,
'    in this order:
'    a. The fully qualified path to an existing .ism file.
'    b. The fully qualified path to a text file that contains the string entries
'    c. Decimal language identifier
'    d. Import or Export
'
'////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

If Wscript.Arguments.Count < 1 Then
    Wscript.Echo "InstallShield Subfolder Utility" & _
    vbNewLine & "1st argument is the full path to the .ism file" & _
    vbNewLine & "2nd argument is the full path to the string text file" & _
    vbNewLine & "3rd argument is the decimal language identifier" & _
    vbNewLine & "4th argument is either E or I for Export or Import"
    Wscript.Quit 1
End If

' Create the end-user automation object
Dim ISWIProject
Set ISWIProject = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject") : CheckError

' Open the project specified at the command line
ISWIProject.OpenProject Wscript.Arguments(0) : CheckError

if(Wscript.Arguments(3)="E")then
    StringsExport ISWIProject,Wscript.Arguments(1),Wscript.Arguments(2)
elseif(Wscript.Arguments(3)="I")then
    StringsImport ISWIProject,Wscript.Arguments(1),Wscript.Arguments(2)
end if
Running Project Reports Using the Automation Interface

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This VBScript example below accesses objects in a setup project to display a report of the total number of features, components, files, and various types of files. The output is displayed in a message box, but you could also write this information to a text file.

Requirements

The following requirements should be met:

- You must have Windows Scripting Host to run a .vbs file. (It would be very simple to modify this script to run in a Visual Basic program.)
- InstallShield must be installed on the system before you can use the automation interface.
Before running the script, assign the fully qualified path of an existing setup project (.ism file) to the string variable sProj.

**Example Script**

```vbscript
Option Explicit

' Create automation object
Dim pProj
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")

' Open a setup project--make sure it is not already open in the IDE
Dim sProj
sProj = "C:\MySetups\TestProject.ism"
pProj.OpenProject sProj

' Start building string that lists features, components, and files
Dim sItems
sItems = "Project Report" & vbCrLf
sItems = sItems & "For project: " & sProj & vbCrLf
sItems = sItems & "Number of features: " & pProj.ISWiFeatures.Count & vbCrLf
sItems = sItems & "Number of components: " & pProj.ISWiComponents.Count & vbCrLf

' Declare and initialize counters for files and file types
Dim i, nEXE, nDLL, nOCX
i = 0
nEXE = 0: nDLL = 0: nOCX = 0

' Loop through components to get the number of files and individual file names
Dim sFileName
Dim pComp, pFile
For Each pComp In pProj.ISWiComponents
    For Each pFile In pComp.ISWiFiles
        i = i + 1
        sFileName = pFile.DisplayName
        If Instr (1, sFileName, ".exe", vbTextCompare) > 0 Then
            nEXE = nEXE + 1
        ElseIf Instr (1, sFileName, ".dll", vbTextCompare) > 0 Then
            nDLL = nDLL + 1
        ElseIf Instr (1, sFileName, ".ocx", vbTextCompare) > 0 Then
            nOCX = nOCX + 1
        End If
    Next
sItems = sItems & "Number of files: " & i & vbCrLf
sItems = sItems & vbTab & "EXEs: " & nEXE & vbCrLf
sItems = sItems & vbTab & "DLLs: " & nDLL & vbCrLf
sItems = sItems & vbTab & "OCXs: " & nOCX & vbCrLf

' Display report
Wscript.Echo sItems

' Close project
pProj.CloseProject
```
Using Source Code Control at the Command Line

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Access to installation projects stored in a source control system can be achieved through a combination of command-line calls to your source control application and limited use of the InstallShield Automation Interface—which gives you command-line-type access to much of InstallShield’s functionality. Checking in, checking out, and getting the latest version of the project is handled through your source control’s command-line support, if any.

Below are two examples of how you might use this functionality. Both examples use Microsoft Visual SourceSafe as the source control application and are written using VBScript.

You can copy and paste either example into a .vbs file, change the paths so that they are valid for your environment, and run them.

Note • With earlier versions of InstallShield products, you were required to convert the source control (.isv) files to InstallShield project (.ism) files, and then back to .isv files. However, with the latest versions of InstallShield products, this is no longer necessary because you can save .ism files as text files for your source control application.

Getting the Latest Version and Building Your Installation

Const VSSFLAG_USERRONO  = 1
Const VSSFLAG_TIMEMOD  = 8
Const VSSFLAG_REPREPLACE  = 128

Const PROJECT_SCC_INI_LOC = "\\Server\srcsafe.ini"
Const PROJECT_SCC_FOLDER = "$/MyFiles/"
Const PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME = "MyProject"
Const PROJECT_SCC_LOCAL_FOLDER = "C:\Project"

' Create a ref to Microsoft Visual SourceSafe
Set VSS = CreateObject("SourceSafe")
' Point to the VSS database
VSS.open PROJECT_SCC_INI_LOC

' Get the project file
Set VSSISVFile = VSS.VSSItem (PROJECT_SCC_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME + ".ism")
VSSISVFile.Get PROJECT_SCC_LOCAL_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME + ".ism", SSFLAG_TIMEMOD +
VSSFLAG_USERRONO + VSSFLAG_REPREPLACE

' Get all remaining files
Set VSSIDTFolder = VSS.VSSItem (PROJECT_SCC_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME)
VSSIDTFolder.LocalSpec = PROJECT_SCC_LOCAL_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME
For Each VSSObj In VSSIDTFolder.Items(False)
    VSSObj.Get , VSSFLAG_TIMEMOD + VSSFLAG_USERRONO + VSSFLAG_REPREPLACE
Next

strFileBasePath = PROJECT_SCC_LOCAL_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME + ".ism"
strCmdLine = "ISCmdBld.exe -p " + strFileBasePath + ".ism"
' Build your installation
Set wshshell = CreateObject("Wscript.Shell")
RunCmdLine = wshshell.Run(strCmdLine, 1, True)

Checking Out, Making Changes, and Checking In

Const VSSFLAG_USER_NOPRO = 1
Const VSSITEM_FILE = 1

Const PROJECT_SCC_INI_LOC = "\Server\srcsafe.ini"
Const PROJECT_SCC_FOLDER = "/MyFiles/
Const PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME = "MyProject"
Const PROJECT_SCC_LOCAL_FOLDER = "C:\Project"

' Create a ref to Microsoft Visual SourceSafe
Set VSS = CreateObject("SourceSafe")
' Point to the VSS database
VSS.open PROJECT_SCC_INI_LOC

' Check out the project file
Set VSSISVFile = VSS.VSSItem (PROJECT_SCC_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME + ".ism")
VSSISVFile.CheckOut , PROJECT_SCC_LOCAL_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME + ".ism" , VSSFLAG_USER_NOPRO

' Check out all remaining files
Set VSSIDTFolder = VSS.VSSItem (PROJECT_SCC_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME)
VSSIDTFolder.LocalSpec = PROJECT_SCC_LOCAL_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME
For Each VSSObj In VSSIDTFolder.Items(False)
    If VSSObj.Type = VSSITEM_FILE Then
        VSSObj.CheckOut , , VSSFLAG_USER_NOPRO
    End If
Next

' Create a reference to the InstallShield Automation Interface
Set m_ISWiProject = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
strFileBasePath = PROJECT_SCC_LOCAL_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME + ".ism"

' Open your project
m_ISWiProject.OpenProject strFileBasePath
' Add a feature
m_ISWiProject.AddFeature "Robofeature1"
' Save the project
m_ISWiProject.SaveProject
' Close the project
m_ISWiProject.CloseProject

' Check in the project file
Set VSSISVFile = VSS.VSSItem (PROJECT_SCC_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME + ".ism")
VSSISVFile.CheckIn

' Check in all remaining files
Set VSSIDTFolder = VSS.VSSItem (PROJECT_SCC_FOLDER + PROJECT_SCC_BASE_NAME)
For Each VSSObj In VSSIDTFolder.Items(False)
    If VSSObj.Type = VSSITEM_FILE Then
        VSSObj.CheckIn "Check In Comment"
    End If
Next
Using Build Status Events

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The automation interface includes build status events—ProgressIncrement, ProgressMax, and StatusMessage—that you can use to show the progress of the build and see status updates.

Example for Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI Projects

The following Visual Basic 6 code demonstrates how to use these events in a build script in Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

Public WithEvents pISWiRelease As ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiRelease

Private Sub Foo()
    Dim pISWiProject As ISwiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject
    Set pISWiProject = CreateObject("ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
    pISWiProject.OpenProject "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My Project Name-1.ism", False
    Set pISWiRelease = pISWiProject.ISWiProductConfigs("Product Configuration 1").ISWiReleases("Release 1")
    pISWiRelease.Build
    pISWiProject.CloseProject
    Set pISWiRelease = Nothing
    Set pISWiProject = Nothing
End Sub

Private Sub pISWiRelease_ProgressIncrement(ByVal lIncrement As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
    ' Place your code here
End Sub

Private Sub pISWiRelease_ProgressMax(ByVal lMax As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
    ' Place your code here
End Sub

Private Sub pISWiRelease_StatusMessage(ByVal sMessage As String, pbCancel As Boolean)
    ' Place your code here
End Sub

Example for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

The following Visual Basic 6 code demonstrates how to use these events in a build script in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Public WithEvents pISWiSuiteRelease As ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiSuiteRelease

Private Sub Foo()
    Dim pISWiProject As ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject
    Set pISWiProject = CreateObject("ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
    pISWiProject.OpenProject "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My Project Name-1.issuite", False
    Set pISWiRelease = pISWiProject.ISWiSuiteReleases("Release 1")
    pISWiSuiteRelease.Build
    pISWiProject.CloseProject
    Set pISWiSuiteRelease = Nothing
    Set pISWiProject = Nothing
End Sub
Private Sub pISWiSuiteRelease_ProgressIncrement(ByVal lIncrement As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
    ' Place your code here
End Sub

Private Sub pISWiSuiteRelease_ProgressMax(ByVal lMax As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
    ' Place your code here
End Sub

Private Sub pISWiSuiteRelease_StatusMessage(ByVal sMessage As String, pbCancel As Boolean)
    ' Place your code here
End Sub

Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System

The automation interface is a 32-bit interface; therefore, it must be loaded from a 32-bit process. If you are using the automation interface on a 64-bit machine, you may need to load the automation interface through a 32-bit executable file.

For example, if you are using VBScript with the automation interface, you may need to launch cscript.exe from the 32-bit system folder (SysWow64). Otherwise, the 64-bit scripting host may encounter an error such as the following one when creating the automation object:

Microsoft VBScript runtime error: ActiveX component can't create object: 'ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject'
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InstallShield supports building the InstallShield projects in DevOps. InstallShield provides the following to build the InstallShield projects:

- **Azure DevOps Build Extension**
- **InstallShield StandAlone Build with Docker**

### See Also

- [Azure DevOps Build Extension](#)
- [InstallShield StandAlone Build with Docker](#)

## Azure DevOps Build Extension

InstallShield supports the Azure DevOps Build Extension. By using this extension, InstallShield projects can be built in the Azure DevOps pipelines.

### Task

**To build the Install the InstallShield project in Azure DevOps pipelines,**

1. Add and install the InstallShield Build Extension to your Azure DevOps organization. The Install InstallShield SAB Task and InstallShield Build Task are available to your Build Pipeline tasks.
2. Configure the tasks.
3. Build the InstallShield projects stored in the repository.

### Install InstallShield SAB Task

The Install InstallShield SAB task installs the InstallShield Standalone Build setup on the Microsoft hosted machine, based on the InstallShield version configured in the task, and configures the license server with the license server details provided in the task.

To configure the Install InstallShield SAB Task, see Install InstallShield SAB Task KB article.
InstallShield Build Task

The InstallShield Build task checks the InstallShield SAB is installed on the agent or not, if not, it installs the InstallShield SAB and triggers the InstallShield project build.

To configure the InstallShield Build Task, see InstallShield Build Task KB article.

InstallShield StandAlone Build with Docker

InstallShield project can also be built via Docker Container. To build InstallShield project via Docker Container, download Docker Image and build the Docker image. For more detail, see InstallShield StandAlone Build with Docker KB article.
Reference information for InstallShield is organized into the following sections:

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<td>Contains reference information on each of the dialog boxes that are displayed in InstallShield.</td>
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<td><strong>Wizard Reference</strong></td>
<td>Provides details about each of the wizards that are available in InstallShield.</td>
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<td>Describes each of the views that are displayed in InstallShield.</td>
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<td><strong>InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference</strong></td>
<td>Introduces you to the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, which is available with InstallShield. Use this tool to create InstallShield prerequisites that you can include in your projects, or to edit existing ones.</td>
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<td><strong>Errors and Warnings</strong></td>
<td>Provides information about error codes and warnings that might occur when you create, compile, build, or run your installation. This section also includes reference information about errors and warnings that may occur when you migrate a project from an earlier version of an InstallShield product to the latest version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Automation Interface</strong></td>
<td>Contains reference material that describes the objects, methods, properties, and collections that you can use to create, modify, and build a project through the automation interface.</td>
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<td><strong>Object Reference for Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects</strong></td>
<td>Explains each of the objects that you can use to embed object expressions in various settings of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. Object expressions enable you to search target systems for information about a file, registry entry, or other item. At run time, the installation expands the value of the expression and searches the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>InstallShield Custom Action Reference</strong></td>
<td>Explains each of the custom actions that are available in InstallShield.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Command-Line Tools</strong></td>
<td>Introduces tools that you can use from the command line to perform tasks such as building a release and running an installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>InstallScript Language Reference</strong></td>
<td>Provides in-depth information about functions, data types, event handlers, operators, and other aspects of InstallScript, a simple but powerful programming language that you can use to design your installations. This section also contains sample code that you can use in your script file.</td>
</tr>
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Menu, Toolbar, and Window Reference

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This section describes the various components of the InstallShield user interface, including menus, toolbars, and windows.

- Menus
- Toolbars
- Output Window

Menus

The Installation Information view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform
- MSIX

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The menus in InstallShield are located on the menu bar, which is at the top of the InstallShield user interface. Each menu contains a list of commands. Some of these commands have icons next to them so that you can quickly associate the command with the icon.

Each of the menus in InstallShield is described in this section:

- File Menu
- Home Menu
- Edit Menu
- View Menu
- Go Menu
- Project Menu
- Build Menu
- Tools Menu
File Menu

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The following table lists the File menu commands, as well as associated keyboard shortcuts and icons.

Table 13-1 • File Menu Commands

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<th>Command</th>
<th>Shortcut</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>New</td>
<td>Ctrl+N</td>
<td></td>
<td>Creates a new installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open</td>
<td>Ctrl+O</td>
<td></td>
<td>Opens an existing installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Close</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Closes the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Save</td>
<td>Ctrl+S</td>
<td></td>
<td>Saves the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Save As</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to save the current project file with a new name and location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Print</td>
<td>Ctrl+P</td>
<td></td>
<td>Prints the script file that is displayed in the active script window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recent</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Opens one of the most recently accessed projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exit</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Closes the current project and closes InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
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# Home Menu

InstallShield 2020

The following table lists the Home menu commands, as well as associated keyboard shortcuts and icons.

**Table 13-2 • Home Menu Commands**

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<td>New</td>
<td>Ctrl+N</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Creates a new installation project.</td>
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<td>Open</td>
<td>Ctrl+O</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Opens an existing installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Save</td>
<td>Ctrl+S</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Saves the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traditional View</td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Switch to the Traditional View</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compile</td>
<td>Ctrl+F7</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Complies Installscript</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build</td>
<td>F7</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Build the active release</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stop Build</td>
<td>Ctrl+Break</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Stop building the active release</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test User Interface</td>
<td>Ctrl+T</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Tests the active Windows Installer-based release's user interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run</td>
<td>Ctrl+F5</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Run MSIX Release - Run or registers the active release</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uninstall</td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Uninstall MSIX Release - Uninstalls the active Windows Installer-based release</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Debug</td>
<td>F5</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Debugs the active release</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open Release Folder</td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="image" alt="icon" /></td>
<td>Open the release folder in the Windows Explorer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build MSIX</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run MSIX</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uninstall MSIX</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>
Edit Menu

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The following table lists the Edit menu commands, as well as associated keyboard shortcuts and icons.

Table 13-3 • Edit Menu Commands

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Shortcut</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Undo</td>
<td>Ctrl+Z</td>
<td></td>
<td>Undoes the last action performed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Redo</td>
<td>Ctrl+Y</td>
<td></td>
<td>Reverses the last action that was performed with the Undo command.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cut</td>
<td>Ctrl+X</td>
<td></td>
<td>Removes the currently selected text and places it on the Clipboard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copy</td>
<td>Ctrl+C</td>
<td></td>
<td>Copies the currently selected text to the Clipboard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paste</td>
<td>Ctrl+V</td>
<td></td>
<td>Inserts the contents of the Clipboard at the insertion point, and replaces any selected text.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-3 • Edit Menu Commands (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Shortcut</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Find</td>
<td>Ctrl+F</td>
<td><img src="search.png" alt="Search Icon" /></td>
<td>Searches for the specified text, file, or folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replace</td>
<td>Ctrl+H</td>
<td><img src="replace.png" alt="Replace Icon" /></td>
<td>Searches for and replaces the specified text.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find Next Match</td>
<td>F3</td>
<td><img src="next.png" alt="Find Next Icon" /></td>
<td>Searches for the next occurrence of the specified text.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Go To</td>
<td>Ctrl+G</td>
<td><img src="goto.png" alt="Go To Icon" /></td>
<td>Moves the insertion point to the specified line number in the active script window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find String ID</td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="stringid.png" alt="Find String ID Icon" /></td>
<td>Searches the entire installation project for occurrences of a specified string entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insert InstallScript Function</td>
<td>Ctrl+I</td>
<td><img src="insert.png" alt="Insert Icon" /></td>
<td>Launches the Function wizard to add an InstallScript Function to the script</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insert String Entry</td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="stringentry.png" alt="Insert String Entry Icon" /></td>
<td>Inserts a string entry into the script</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toggle Bookmark</td>
<td>Alt+K</td>
<td><img src="bookmark.png" alt="Bookmark Icon" /></td>
<td>Toggle bookmark to this line</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Previous Bookmark</td>
<td>Ctrl+Shift+K</td>
<td><img src="previous.png" alt="Previous Bookmark Icon" /></td>
<td>Jump to the previous bookmark</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Next Bookmark</td>
<td>Ctrl+K</td>
<td><img src="next.png" alt="Next Bookmark Icon" /></td>
<td>Jump to the next bookmark</td>
</tr>
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![Menu Toolbar and Window Reference](menu_toolbar.png)
View Menu

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The following table lists the View menu commands, as well as associated keyboard shortcuts and icons.

**Table 13-4 • View Menu Commands**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Shortcut</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>View List</td>
<td>F4</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the View List.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>View Bar</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the View Bar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Header Bar</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the header bar, which has the tabs for the Start Page, the Project Assistant, and the Installation Designer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Status Bar</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the status bar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Variable</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the Variable window in the InstallScript Debugger.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSI Debugger</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the <strong>MSI Debugger toolbar</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Layout</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the <strong>Layout toolbar</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Controls</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the <strong>Controls toolbar</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Assistant</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Displays the Project Assistant.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Microsoft App-V</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Displays the <strong>Microsoft App-V tab</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Output Window</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the <strong>Output window</strong>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Go Menu

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Note • The Go menu is not available in the Modern View.

The following table lists the Go menu commands, as well as associated keyboard shortcuts and icons. Some of the view-related commands are not available from the Go menu, depending on which project type you have open in InstallShield.

Table 13-5 • Go Menu Commands

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Shortcut</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Previous View</td>
<td>ALT+UP ARROW</td>
<td></td>
<td>Takes you to the view directly above the current view as shown in the View List.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Next View</td>
<td>ALT+DOWN ARROW</td>
<td></td>
<td>Takes you to the view directly below the current view as shown in the View List.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Back</td>
<td>ALT+LEFT ARROW</td>
<td></td>
<td>Takes you to the view that you last visited in the history of your view selections. You can use this multiple times, as long as there are multiple entries in your view history.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Forward</td>
<td>ALT+RIGHT ARROW</td>
<td></td>
<td>Takes you to the next view in the history of your view selections. You can continue until you reach the view you were at when you first clicked Back.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Takes you to the Start Page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Help</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Takes you to the Help view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Assistant</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Displays the Project Assistant.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Microsoft App-V</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Displays the Microsoft App-V tab.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VMware ThinApp</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Displays the VMware ThinApp tab.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Installation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to open the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Information</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Organization</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the Setup Design, Features, Components, and Setup Types.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Data</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the Files and Folders, Redistributables (or Objects in InstallScript projects), and Prerequisites views.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System Configuration</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the Shortcuts, Registry, ODBC Resources, INI File Changes, Environment Variables, XML File Changes, and Text File Changes views.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-5 • Go Menu Commands (cont.)

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Server Configuration</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the Internet Information Services, Component Services, and SQL Scripts views.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Behavior and Logic</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the InstallScript, Custom Actions and Sequences (or Custom Actions), Support Files (or Support Files/Billboards in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects), System Search, and Property Manager views.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Interface</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the Dialogs, Billboards, and String Editor views.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Media</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the Path Variables, Upgrades, Releases, and Patch Design views.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional Tools</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the Dependency Scanners, MSI Debugger, and Direct Editor views.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Patch Settings</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enables you to display the General Information, Files, Registry, and Patch Variables views.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Project Menu**

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**Note** • *The Project menu is not available for MSIX project type.*

The following table lists the Project menu commands, as well as associated icons.

**Table 13-6 • Project Menu Commands**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard</td>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td>Launches the wizard that lets you import a Visual Studio setup or merge module project into an InstallShield project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Export Components Wizard</td>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td>Opens the Export Components Wizard, which simplifies the process of exporting a component from a file to a new or existing project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Device Driver Wizard</td>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td>Opens the Device Driver Wizard, which guides you through the process of adding a device driver to your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reg-Free COM Wizard</td>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td>Opens the Reg-Free COM Wizard, which guides you through the process of adding a COM manifest file to your project or configuring an existing manifest file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Static Scan</td>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td>Opens the Static Scanning Wizard, which scans the files already added to your project for any dependencies that they require.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dynamic Scan</td>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td>Opens the Dynamic Scanning Wizard, which monitors a running executable for all .dll and .ocx dependencies files and automatically adds them to your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source Paths Converter</td>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td>Opens the Convert Source Paths Wizard, which lets you convert existing hard-coded paths with path variables, thereby enhancing the portability of your installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Converters</td>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td>Provides several commands:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>•  <strong>Convert to InstallScript MSI Project</strong>—Converts your Basic MSI project to an InstallScript MSI project. For more information, see Converting a Basic MSI Project to an InstallScript MSI Project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>•  <strong>Convert to InstallScript Project</strong>—Opens the Convert InstallScript MSI Dialog Box to help you convert your InstallScript MSI project to an InstallScript project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>•  <strong>Convert Compact Project to Basic MSI Project</strong>—Helps you to convert your compact project to Basic MSI project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-6 • Project Menu Commands (cont.)

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<th>Command</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Source Control</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Icon" /></td>
<td>Provides several commands:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Get Latest Version</strong> — Copies the most recent version of the current project into your project folder. The project placed in your project folder is read-only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Check Out</strong> — Places a writable copy of the project into your project folder, enabling you to modify it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Check In</strong> — Stores your changes to the current project in your source control application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Undo Check Out</strong> — Undoes your checkout, canceling your changes both in the source control application and in your project folder. Your project reverts to the way it was before you checked it out.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Add to Source Control</strong> — Adds the current project to your source control application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Unlink from Source Control</strong> — Breaks the link between the current project and your source control application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Show History</strong> — Displays a record of changes to your project since it was initially added to your source control application. While viewing the history, you can return to any point in your project’s history and recover the file as it existed at that point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Show Differences</strong> — Compares two files, then shows you the differences, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Refresh Status</strong> — Refreshes the source control status.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Launch Source Control Program</strong> — Opens your source code control application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Settings</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Icon" /></td>
<td>Opens the <a href="#">Project Settings Dialog Box</a>.</td>
</tr>
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Build Menu

The following table lists the Build menu commands, as well as associated keyboard shortcuts and icons.

Table 13-7 • Build Menu Commands

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<th>Command</th>
<th>Shortcut</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Release Wizard</td>
<td></td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>Opens the <strong>Release Wizard</strong>, which lets you specify the settings for a release and build it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compile</td>
<td>Ctrl+F7</td>
<td>📝</td>
<td>Compiles your script file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build</td>
<td>F7</td>
<td>⬇️</td>
<td>Builds your release with default settings, or—if you have already built your release—rebuilds your release with your most recently saved settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build Tables Only</td>
<td>SHIFT+F7</td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>Rebuilds only the .msi file tables of your installation to enable you to see your changes take effect more quickly than with a complete rebuild.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build Tables &amp; Refresh Files</td>
<td>ALT+F7</td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refresh Build</td>
<td>ALT+F7</td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>Rebuilds the active media. This command regenerates only those items that you changed since the media was last built.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Batch Build</td>
<td></td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>Lets you rebuild multiple releases with different configurations simultaneously.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stop Build</td>
<td>Ctrl+Break</td>
<td>⬇️</td>
<td>Cancels the current build process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test User Interface</td>
<td>Ctrl+T</td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>Enables you to run through the user interface portion of your installation without making any changes to your system. All custom actions are executed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Debug</td>
<td>F5</td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>Starts debugging.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run</td>
<td>Ctrl+F5</td>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>Enables you to run your completed installation without leaving InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Uninstall

Uninstalls the most recently run release.

**Project** • This command is available for the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSIX

Run Package

Enables you to run the installation package. This command is available only for InstallScript projects with the Network Image media type and with all files compressed into an .exe file.

Debug Package

Enables you to debug the installation package. This command is available only for InstallScript projects with the Network Image media type and with all files compressed into an .exe file.

Run from Web

Displays the One-Click Install Web page, which lets you run your completed installation without leaving InstallShield.

**MSI Debugger**

Provides several commands:
- **Start MSI Debugging** — Starts debugging in the MSI Debugger view.
- **Toggle Breakpoint** — F9 or F11 — Sets or removes the breakpoint in the line that has the insertion point.
- **Remove All Breakpoints** — SHIFT+F9 or F5 — Removes all breakpoints set in the debugger.
- **Step Over** — F10 or F5 — Steps through the current action or dialog and continues the execution in the debugger.
- **Step Into** — F11 or F6 — Steps into the current custom action in the debugger.
- **Stop MSI Debugging** — SHIFT+F5 or F2 — Stops debugging in the MSI Debugger view.
Table 13-7 • Build Menu Commands (cont.)

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Validate</td>
<td></td>
<td>![Checkmark]</td>
<td>Provides several commands:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Upgrade Validation Wizard</strong>—Opens the Upgrade Validation Wizard, which performs a set of tests to determine if your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation will properly upgrade earlier versions of your product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Browse for a New Validation Module (.cub)</strong>—Lets you browse to select a new or custom validation (.cub) file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>InstallShield Validation Suite for Windows 8</strong>—This suite consists of a number of InstallShield internal consistency evaluators (ISICEs) that help you identify issues that may make your installation behave unexpectedly on Windows 8 systems. This suite checks for issues that may not be revealed in the Full MSI Validation Suite.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>InstallShield Merge Module Validation Suite for Windows 8 or InstallShield Merge Module Validation Suite for Windows 7</strong>—These suites consist of a number of InstallShield internal consistency evaluators (ISICEs) that help you identify issues that may make your merge module behave unexpectedly on Windows 8 (or Windows 7) systems. This suite checks for issues that may not be revealed in the Merge Module Validation Suite.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>InstallShield Certified for Windows Vista Validation Suite</strong>—This suite consists of a number of InstallShield internal consistency evaluators (ISICEs) that help you identify issues that may make your installation behave unexpectedly on Windows Vista systems. This suite checks for issues that may not be revealed in the Full MSI Validation Suite.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>InstallShield Certified for Windows Vista Merge Module Validation Suite</strong>—This suite consists of a number of InstallShield internal consistency evaluators (ISICEs) that help you identify issues that may make your merge module behave unexpectedly on Windows Vista systems. This suite checks for issues that may not be revealed in the Merge Module Validation Suite.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Validate</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- InstallShield Best Practice Suite — Scans your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation to determine whether it meets best-practice guidelines.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(cont.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Edition</strong> • The InstallShield Best Practice Suite is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- Full MSI Validation Suite — Scans your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation to determine whether it is valid. Your built .msi package is compared against the ICE rules.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<tr>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>- Windows 2000 Logo Validation Suite — Scans your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation to determine whether it meets the Designed for Windows 2000 logo requirements.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>- Windows XP Logo Validation Suite — Scans your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation to determine whether it meets the Designed for Windows XP logo requirements.</td>
</tr>
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<td>- Windows Vista Logo Validation Suite — Scans your Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation to determine whether it meets the Certified for Windows Vista logo requirements.</td>
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<td>- Merge Module Validation Suite — Scans your merge module package. The Merge Module Validation tool is the merge module version of the Full MSI Validation Suite. Your built merge module is compared against ICE rules to help you determine whether it will function properly.</td>
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<td>- InstallShield Virtualization Suitability Suite — Scans an .msi package running all tests related to virtualization suitability. Any tests that found issues are listed in a report, and for each issue, an associated column in the report indicates applicability to known virtualization formats (App-V v5, Server App-V, App-V-v4, ThinApp, or XenApp).</td>
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<td>- InstallShield MSIX/UWP App Suitability Suite — Scans an .msi package for signs of items that are unsuitable for the Windows App package (.appx) format. Any tests that found issues are listed in a report and for each issue, an associated column in the report indicates applicability to the known Windows App variants (UWA, Desktop, Store, WSA, or Nano).</td>
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<td>- Recent Validation Modules — Displays a list of recently used validation (.cub) files.</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>To learn more, see Validating Projects and Viewing Validation Results.</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Settings                         | ALT+F6   |      | Opens the Settings dialog box, which enables you to set preferences for how InstallShield builds your installation. |
Tools Menu

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The following table lists the Tools menu commands, as well as associated icons.

**Table 13-8 • Tools Menu Commands**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Open Release Folder</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Folder Icon" /></td>
<td>Launches Windows Explorer, open in the DISK1 folder of the current release. If there is no release or if a release has not been built, Windows Explorer opens to your default project location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add New Language Wizard</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Wizard Icon" /></td>
<td>Opens the New Language Wizard, which enables you to add support for almost any language to one or more projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transform Wizard</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Wizard Icon" /></td>
<td>Opens the Transform Wizard, which walks you through the steps of creating and applying transforms for your installation projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSI Log Analyzer</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Log Analyzer Icon" /></td>
<td>Launches the InstallShield MSI Log Analyzer, a utility that enables you to generate reports based on an analysis of Windows Installer log files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSI Command-Line Builder</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Builder Icon" /></td>
<td>Launches the InstallShield MSI Command-Line Builder. This tool enables you to quickly build complex command-line strings for executing Windows Installer–related tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Difference</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Difference Icon" /></td>
<td>Provides several commands:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Compare to File</strong>—Opens a dialog box that lets you specify which project should be compared with the currently open project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>End Compare</strong>—Ends the previously started compare session.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>InstallShield MSI Diff</strong>—Opens InstallShield MSI Diff, a tool that enables you to compare Windows Installer tables in two different Windows Installer databases. It also enables you to apply transforms and patches to Windows Installer packages and then see how the database tables are affected. To learn more, see <a href="#">InstallShield MSI Diff</a>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
InstallScript

Provides several commands:

- **Standard Dialog Sampler** — Opens the Standard Dialog Sampler, which enables you to view examples of end-user dialogs. The sample dialogs are displayed without a skin.

- **Skinned Dialog Sampler** — Opens the Skinned Dialog Sampler, which enables you to view examples of end-user dialogs. The sample dialogs are displayed with the skin that is selected in the Dialogs view.

- **Cabinet File Viewer** — Opens the Cabinet File Viewer, a tool that lets you select a cabinet (.cab) file and view its compressed files, file groups, components, and setup types, as well as the properties of those items. It also lets you extract files from the cabinet file.

- **Log File Viewer** — Opens the Log File Viewer, a tool that enables you to view the installation log file. The log file is created when your installation is first run and it is maintained when your installation is running in maintenance mode. You can use the log file to determine the current state of each component in the installation.

**Check for Updates**

Checks for service packs and other updates to InstallShield. If updates are available, you can choose to download and install.

**Redistributable Downloader**

Launches the Redistributable Downloader Wizard to quickly download third-party redistributables, merge modules, prerequisites, and other files to your local machine.

**Prerequisite Editor**

Opens the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, which enables you to create or modify InstallShield prerequisites that you can include in your installation project.

**MSIX Bundle Utility**

Helps to create the MSIX Bundle package, it lets you specify the payload MSIX packages, the signing information through the graphical interface, and creates the MSIX bundle package from the configured MSIX packages.

**Customize**

Displays the Customize dialog box, which enables you to customize the toolbars displayed in the InstallShield user interface.

**Options**

Displays the Options dialog box, which enables you to specify preferences for creating projects and working in InstallShield.
Window Menu

The Window menu is not available for MSIX project type.

The following table lists the Window menu commands, as well as associated keyboard shortcuts and icons.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Shortcut</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Next Script</td>
<td>Ctrl+Tab</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Next Script Icon" /></td>
<td>Opens the InstallScript view and displays the next script file in your project as shown at the bottom of the Window menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Previous Script</td>
<td>Ctrl+Shift+Tab</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Previous Script Icon" /></td>
<td>Opens the InstallScript view and displays the previous script file in your project as shown at the bottom of the Window menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script File List</td>
<td></td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Script File List Icon" /></td>
<td>Opens the InstallScript view and displays the list of script files included in your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Help Menu

The following table lists the Help menu commands, as well as associated icons.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Support Central</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Support Central Icon" /></td>
<td>Displays Support Central on the Web.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Community Icon" /></td>
<td>Displays the Community on the Web.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contents</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Contents Icon" /></td>
<td>Displays the Contents tab of the online help library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Release Notes</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Release Notes Icon" /></td>
<td>Displays InstallShield release notes.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Toolbars

### InstallShield 2020

The InstallShield user interface offers several toolbars that give you quick access to frequently used menu items and provide graphical tools for use in the Dialog Editor.

### Built-in Toolbars

The following toolbars are available in the InstallShield interface. When you open InstallShield, only the Standard toolbar is displayed near the top of the user interface. The Control and Dialog Layout toolbars open when you work in the Dialogs view and disappear when you leave that view.

All toolbars can be resized and repositioned, and docked and undocked.

- Standard Toolbar
- Controls Toolbar
- Layout Toolbar
- MSI Debugger Toolbar

### See Also

Working with the InstallShield Interface
# Standard Toolbar

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Below is a description of all the buttons on the Standard toolbar.

**Table 13-11 • Standard Toolbar Buttons**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Button</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>New Project</td>
<td>Launches the New Project dialog box, which enables you to select a project type and begin a new project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>Open</td>
<td>Enables you to open project files or convert installation package (.msi) files to an InstallShield installation project (.ism) file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>Save</td>
<td>Saves changes to the project file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>Undo</td>
<td>Click the Undo button in the Dialog Editor or the Script Editor to reverse the last change you made.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>Redo</td>
<td>Click the Redo button in the Dialog Editor or the Script Editor to restore the last action you reversed by clicking the Undo button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>Viewbar</td>
<td>Hides or shows the viewbar, which appears on the left side of the interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>View List</td>
<td>Hides or shows the View List, which shows all the views available in the InstallShield interface.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note • You can also press F4 to hide or show the View List.**

| Previous View | Displays the view directly above the current view, as shown in the View List. |
| Next View    | Displays the view directly below the current view, as shown in the View List. |
| Back         | Displays the view that you last visited in the history of your view selections. You can click this button multiple times, if there are multiple entries in your view history. |
| Forward      | Displays the next view in the history of your view selections. You can continue clicking this button until you reach the view in which you first clicked the Back button. |
| ![Image] | Insert InstallScript Function | Launches the Function Wizard, which eases the process of writing built-in InstallScript functions. |
| ![Image] | Release Wizard            | Launches the Release Wizard, which turns a project into either a shippable Windows Installer setup package or completed merge module. The options you select in the wizard determine the layout and contents of your release. |
### Table 13-11 • Standard Toolbar Buttons (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Button</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Compile" /></td>
<td>Compile</td>
<td>Compiles the InstallScript files in your project without building the entire setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Build" /></td>
<td>Build</td>
<td>Builds your release with default settings, or—if you have already built your release—rebuilds your release with your most recently saved settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Stop Build" /></td>
<td>Stop Build</td>
<td>Cancels the current build process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Test User Interface" /></td>
<td>Test User Interface</td>
<td>Runs through the user interface portion of your installation project without making any changes to your system. All custom actions are executed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Run" /></td>
<td>Run</td>
<td>Runs your completed installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Uninstall" /></td>
<td>Uninstall</td>
<td>Uninstalls the most recently run release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Debug" /></td>
<td>Debug</td>
<td>Runs the appropriate debugger, depending on the type of installation you are creating. If your project is InstallScript or InstallScript MSI, clicking Debug launches the InstallScript Debugger. If your project is Basic MSI or a Transform, clicking Debug launches the MSI Debugger.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Project** • *The Test button is available for the following project types:*
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

**Project** • *For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects—If you selected the Uninstall the product automatically before installing or debugging check box, InstallShield uninstalls your product before rerunning the installation or before starting the debugger. This check box is available on the Preferences tab of the Options dialog box.*
The Controls toolbar provides every standard control that is available in a run-time dialog. This toolbar is displayed when you edit a dialog’s layout in the Dialog Editor.

**Controls Toolbar**

**Task**

**To draw a control on a dialog:**

Click the control’s button, click anywhere on the face of the dialog, drag the mouse pointer while continuing to press the mouse button, and then release the button when you have reached the intended dimensions of the control.

**Table 13-12 • Controls Toolbar Buttons**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Button</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Select Tool</td>
<td>Lets you give focus to a control on a dialog. You can then move, resize, delete, or align the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Check Box</td>
<td>Lets you draw a check box control on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Push Button</td>
<td>Lets you draw a push button control on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Edit Field</td>
<td>Lets you draw an edit field control on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Combo Box</td>
<td>Lets you draw a combo box control on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Text Area</td>
<td>Lets you draw a text area control on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>List Box</td>
<td>Lets you draw a list box control on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Radio Button</td>
<td>Lets you draw a radio button control on a dialog. A radio button must be added to a radio button group control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bitmap</td>
<td>Lets you draw a bitmap control on a dialog.</td>
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</table>
### Table 13-12 • Controls Toolbar Buttons (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>![Group Box]</td>
<td>Group Box</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">group box control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Billboard]</td>
<td>Billboard</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">billboard control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Line]</td>
<td>Line</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">line control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Selection Tree]</td>
<td>Selection Tree</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">selection tree control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Progress Bar]</td>
<td>Progress Bar</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">progress bar control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![List View]</td>
<td>List View</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">list view control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Scrollable Text]</td>
<td>Scrollable Text</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">scrollable text control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Icon</td>
<td>Lets you draw an <a href="#">icon control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Directory List]</td>
<td>Directory List</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">directory list control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Directory Combo]</td>
<td>Directory Combo</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">directory combo control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Volume Cost List]</td>
<td>Volume Cost List</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">volume cost list control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Volume Select Combo]</td>
<td>Volume Select Combo</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">volume select combo control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Masked Edit]</td>
<td>Masked Edit</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">masked edit control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Path Edit]</td>
<td>Path Edit</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">path edit control</a> on a dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Hyperlink]</td>
<td>Hyperlink</td>
<td>Lets you draw a <a href="#">hyperlink control</a>. This control displays an HTML link to an address; when the end user clicks the link, the page opens in the default browser.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

[Dialog Controls](#)
Layout Toolbar

The Layout toolbar provides several tools for aligning and resizing controls in a dialog. This toolbar is displayed when you edit a dialog’s layout in the Dialog Editor.

Most buttons on this toolbar are enabled only when you have selected more than one control. To select multiple controls, select one, press the SHIFT key, and select the other; or hold the mouse button down and drag the cursor across several controls. The Layout toolbar contains the following buttons:

Table 13-13 • Layout Toolbar Buttons

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Button</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt=".Align Left Button" /></td>
<td>Align Left</td>
<td>Select two or more controls and click the Align Left button to align all of the selected controls with the left edge of the leftmost control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Align Right Button" /></td>
<td>Align Right</td>
<td>Select two or more controls and click the Align Right button to align all of the selected controls with the right edge of the rightmost control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Align Top Button" /></td>
<td>Align Top</td>
<td>Select two or more controls and click the Align Top button to align all of the selected controls with the top edge of the uppermost control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Align Bottom Button" /></td>
<td>Align Bottom</td>
<td>Select two or more controls and click the Align Bottom button to align all of the selected controls with the bottom edge of the lowermost control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Center Vertical Button" /></td>
<td>Center Vertical</td>
<td>Select a control and click the Center Vertical button to reposition the element in the vertical (x-axis) center of the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Center Horizontal Button" /></td>
<td>Center Horizontal</td>
<td>Select a control and click the Center Horizontal button to reposition the element in the horizontal (y-axis) center of the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Space Across Button" /></td>
<td>Space Across</td>
<td>Select three or more controls on the dialog and click the Space Across button to have them evenly distributed horizontally across the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Space Down Button" /></td>
<td>Space Down</td>
<td>Select three or more controls on the dialog and click the Space Down button to have them evenly distributed vertically along the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Make Same Width Button" /></td>
<td>Make Same Width</td>
<td>Select two or more controls and click the Make Same Width button to resize the width of the smaller controls to the width of the largest control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Make Same Height Button" /></td>
<td>Make Same Height</td>
<td>Select two or more controls and click the Make Same Height button to resize the height of the smaller controls to the height of the largest control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Make Same Size Button" /></td>
<td>Make Same Size</td>
<td>Select two or more controls and click the Make Same Size button to make the smaller controls the exact size of the largest control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Bring to Front Button" /></td>
<td>Bring to Front</td>
<td>Select a control and click the Bring to Front button to place it on top of any overlapping controls. See note below.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Note • The Bring to Front and Send to Back actions are not saved when you close and reopen your project. These actions are for use during design only. For example, you might have a dialog that displays different controls based on a condition. You can use the Bring to Front and Send to Back actions to work on these different controls while you are designing your dialog.

### MSI Debugger Toolbar

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Below is a description of all the buttons in the MSI Debugger toolbar.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Button</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Send to Back</td>
<td>Select a control and click the Send to Back button to place it behind any overlapping controls. See note below.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Show Grid</td>
<td>Click the Show Grid button to place design-time grid lines on the dialog, or to remove the grid if it is present.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 13-13 • Layout Toolbar Buttons (cont.)**

**Output Window**

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When you build a release for your project, the Output window opens if it is not already open, and it displays build information. It also provides other task-specific information. For example, if you validate your project, InstallShield displays validation results in the Output window. If you open a project that was created with an earlier version of InstallShield, the Output window shows upgrade information.
The following tabs appear in the Output window:

**Table 13-15 • Output Window Tabs**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tab</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Build</td>
<td>Stores distribution output information and displays build output; a link to the output file saved as a text file is included.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Validate</td>
<td>Displays validation results.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Results</td>
<td>Displays project conversion information or details about testing changes to XML files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compile</td>
<td>Displays InstallScript information when you click Compile on the Build menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tasks</td>
<td>Provides descriptions of error and warning codes when you build, compile, or validate your project; each error or warning code is a link to a Knowledge Base article.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Tip* • You can right-click a code for an error or warning and select Direct Editor. The affected area associated with the error or warning will be highlighted in the Direct Editor.

| Distribute | Displays information about distributing a release to a virtual machine. To learn more, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand. |

**See Also**

Docking or Undocking the Output Window
Dialog Box Reference

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Each of the dialog boxes available in the user interface of InstallShield is described in this section:

- .NET Installer Class Arguments Dialog Box
- Add an Argument/Value Pair Dialog Box
- Add Existing Media Dialog Box
- Add Files for This Package Dialog Box
- Add MIME Type Dialog Box
- Add New Method Dialog Box
- Add New Property Dialog Box
- Add Predefined Search Dialog Box
- Add to Source Control Dialog Box
- Application Extension Mapping Dialog Box
- Application Mappings Dialog Box
- Associate Components Dialog Box
- Associate DIMs Dialog Box
- Batch Build Dialog Box
- Browse for Directory Dialog Box
- Browse for Directory/Shortcut Target Dialog Box
- Browse for File Dialog Box
- Browse for File to Run Dialog Box
- Browse for Shortcut Icon Dialog Box
- Browse for Tile Target Dialog Box
- Certificate Selection Dialog Box
- Check In Dialog Box
- Check Out Dialog Box
- Component Properties Dialog Box
- Condition Builder Dialog Box
- Content Source Path Dialog Box
- Convert InstallScript MSI Dialog Box
- Create a New Component Dialog Box
- Create a New Feature Dialog Box
• Custom Error Handling Dialog Box
• Custom Errors Dialog Box
• Customize Validation Settings Dialog Box
• Data Languages Dialog Box
• Delete Property Dialog Box
• Dependencies Dialog Box
• Dialog Images Dialog Box
• Digitally Sign Setup Dialog Box
• Differences Dialog Box
• Dynamic File Link Settings Dialog Box
• Edit Data Dialog Box
• Edit List Options Dialog Box
• Edit Registry Data Dialog Box
• Edit Virtual Machine Configurations Dialog Box
• Error Mapping Properties Dialog Box
• Exclusion Languages Dialog Box
• Export Tables Dialog Box
• Feature Condition Builder Dialog Box
• File Details Dialog Box
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• File Properties Dialog Box (InstallScript Installation Projects)
• File Removal Properties Dialog Box
• Find and Replace Dialog Box
• Find String ID in Project Dialog Box
• Folder Properties Dialog Box
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• General Options - Advanced Dialog Box
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• History Dialog Box
• Import Dialog Dialog Box
• Import InstallScript Files Dialog Box
• Import SQL Script Files Dialog Box
• Insert Action Dialog Box
• InstallShield Prerequisite Properties Dialog Box
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• Link Type Dialog Box
• Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later Dialog Box
• Lowercase Component Directory Warning
• Media File Properties Dialog Box
• Merge Module Configurable Values Dialog Box
• Merge Module Properties Dialog Box
• Method Browser Dialog Box
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• MIME Types Dialog Box
• Modify Dynamic Links Dialog Box
• Modify Property Dialog Box/Release Wizard—Platforms Panel
• Module Dependencies Dialog Box
• Module Exclusions Dialog Box
• MSI Log File Tab
• MSI Value Dialog Box
• MST SIS Settings Dialog Box
• Multi-Line String Value Dialog Box
• New Dependency Dialog Box
• New File Dialog Box
• New Project Dialog Box
• Operating Systems Dialog Box
• Options Dialog Box
• Other IIS Properties Dialog Box
• Other Window Styles Dialog Box
• Outputs Dialog Box
• Overwrite Dialog Box
• Patch Sequence Dialog Box
• Path Variable Overrides Dialog Box
• Path Variable Recommendation Dialog Box
• Permissions Dialog Boxes for Files and Directories
• Permissions Dialog Boxes for Registry Keys
• Platform Suites Dialog Box
• Platforms Dialog Box
• Postbuild Event Dialog Box
• Prebuild Event Dialog Box
• Precompression Event Dialog Box
• Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box
• Privileges Dialog Box
• Product Condition Builder Dialog Box
• Project Settings Dialog Box
• Rename Key Dialog Box
• Required Features Dialog Box
• Resolve Conflict Dialog Box
• Save As Dialog Box
• Script Conversion Dialog Box
• Script Editor Properties Dialog Box
• SCM Pre-shutdown Delay Dialog Box
• Security Descriptor Dialog Box
• Select File Dialog Box
• Select Media Location Dialog Box
• Select String Dialog Box
• Serial Number Violation Dialog Box
• Server Locations Dialog Box
• Service Options Dialog Box for a Time Delay of an Auto-Start Service
• Service Options Dialog Box for Running Recovery Actions
• Service SID Dialog Box
• Set File(s) URL Dialog Box
• Settings Dialog Box
• Setup Languages Dialog Box
• SQL Server Requirement Dialog Box
• Supersedence Dialog Box
• UI Languages Dialog Box
• Update Merge Module Search Path Dialog Box
.NET Installer Class Arguments Dialog Box

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The .NET Installer Class Arguments dialog box displays the arguments that you want to pass to the .NET Installer class. To launch the dialog box, click the ellipsis button (…) for the .NET Installer Class Arguments component setting. Click the Add Argument button beneath the argument that you want to add to launch the Add an Argument/Value Pair dialog box.

There are four methods on the Installer class that are called at various points during the installation: Install, Commit, Uninstall, and Rollback. You use this dialog to specify additional argument lists for the Installer class for each of the execution contexts.

**Note** • Install custom actions are run when the component containing the Installer class custom action is installed. Uninstall custom actions are run when the component containing the Installer class custom action is uninstalled. These two types are run in the Execute sequence, right after StartServices and before RegisterUser.

**Using Arguments**

For all methods, 

```
/LogFile=
```

is the default argument. This results in no log being generated when these methods are run. You can complete this argument by using Windows Installer properties in [brackets]. To add arguments, type in the appropriate edit field or use the Add Argument button.

**Syntax Rules**

When you click OK, InstallShield validates what is in the edit fields and displays a warning if the syntax is incorrect. The syntax rules include the following:

- All quotes must be matched.
- Escape characters are valid. If you use " in your argument, it is not counted it when checking the quote matching.
- Every space-separated argument token must consist of a name preceded by a slash and followed by an equal sign (=). A value to the right of the equal sign is optional.
- Spaces inside quotes do not count when determining what is and is not part of an argument token. For example, in the argument /arg="hi there", “hi there” is all part of the argument token beginning with /arg. In the argument /arg=hi there, there is its own argument token and an invalid one.

**See Also**

Reading Properties Passed to the .NET Installer Class
Add an Argument/Value Pair Dialog Box

Add an Argument/Value Pair Dialog Box

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This dialog is displayed when you click one of the Add Argument buttons in the .NET Installer Class Arguments dialog box. When you are finished creating an argument, click OK to add the argument.
Dialog Options

Argument Name
Provide a name for the argument in the edit field.

Argument Value
Select one of the values from the option button list to create an argument. To create a custom argument, select the Custom option.

Property
Select a property from the menu to reference a property that exists in your installation project.

Directory
Use the drop-down menu to add a reference to a directory that exists in your installation project.

Custom
To create a custom argument, type an argument value in the edit field.

See Also
.NET Installer Class Arguments Dialog Box

Add Existing Media Dialog Box

Add Existing Media dialog box opens when you click the Add button in the Release Wizard’s Update panel. This dialog box lets you select a release that is in the current project from a list of releases (excluding the current release).

Add Files for This Package Dialog Box

The Add Files for This Package dialog box opens when you add a package—for example, an .msi package or an .exe patch—in the Packages view of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.
This dialog box lets you specify whether the package file that you are adding requires other files and folders that are near the package that you are adding. For example, if you are adding an uncompressed .msi package to your project, you may need to include folders and other files that contain the files that the .msi package installs on target systems. These folders and other files are typically in the same folder that contains the .msi package.

The Add Files for This Package dialog box also lets you specify whether you want to use dynamic file linking for the additional files.

The options that are available on the Add Files for This Package dialog box are:

Table 13-1 • Add Files for This Package Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Add Nothing</td>
<td>InstallShield includes only the package file in your project. If the package that you are adding to the project does not require any additional files, select this option. You may want to select this option if the package is compressed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add Adjacent Files</td>
<td>InstallShield includes the files that are in the same folder as the package file. InstallShield does not include any subfolders that are in the same folder as the package file, or any files that are in the subfolders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add Files in Subfolders</td>
<td>InstallShield includes the files that are in the subfolders of the folder that contains the package file that you are adding. InstallShield does not include any files that are in the same folder as the package file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add adjacent Files and Files in Subfolders</td>
<td>InstallShield includes the files that are in the same folder as the package file. InstallShield also includes the files that are in the subfolders of the folder that contains the package file that you are adding.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Add MIME Type Dialog Box

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Use the Add MIME Type dialog box to add or modify the mapping between a file extension and the program or interpreter that processes those files. This dialog box opens when you click Add or Edit on the MIME Types dialog box.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File Name Extension</td>
<td>Type the file name extension (for example, .abc). This is a static file name extension. To use a wild-card application mapping for an executable file, enter an asterisk (*).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIME Type</td>
<td>Type the MIME type (for example, application/octet-stream).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Add New Method Dialog Box

This dialog box lets you specify the name, return type, and parameter types of a new method and automatically paste corresponding code into your object script. This dialog box opens when you right-click the InstallScript view’s Methods folder and select Add New Method.
Properties

Table 13-3 • Methods Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter the name for your method.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Return Type</td>
<td>Select the data type that your method returns. You can choose from String, Number, Boolean, and Array.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parameter List</td>
<td>Enter the parameter types that can be passed to your method.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Add New Property Dialog Box

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The Add New Property dialog box lets you specify the name and attributes of a new property and automatically paste corresponding code into your script. This dialog box opens when you right-click the InstallScript view's Properties folder and then click Add New Property.

Table 13-4 • Add New Property Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Property Name</td>
<td>This is the global name of this property. Therefore, when trying to read from or write to this property from script, you will need to use this name. The name you enter in this box will be appended to the local variable name property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Type</td>
<td>Select String, Number, or Boolean, depending on the type of data that your property requires. The local variable name will change depending on the selection that you make.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Access Method</td>
<td>Select the appropriate level of access for the property. Available options are Read/Write, Read Only, and Write Only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Array</td>
<td>If your property is an array, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • If you plan on using the InstallShield stock wizard for your object’s design-time interface, you cannot use array properties. You can create a custom wizard that accepts array properties or you can redesign the property without using an array.
Add Predefined Search Dialog Box

The Add Predefined Search dialog box opens when you right-click the grid in the System Search view and then click Add predefined search.

Select a predefined value from the list in this dialog box and then click OK to add the search to the grid in the System Search view.

If you want system searches that have been published to a repository to be displayed in this dialog box, select the Show Searches in Repository check box.

See Also
Searching for Installed Data
Adding a Predefined System Search
Modifying a System Search
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements

Add to Source Control Dialog Box

This dialog is displayed when you add a project to your source control program through InstallShield.

Dialog Options

Comments
Enter the comments describing the file. These comments are stored in your source control program.

Keep checked out
Select this option to add the .ism file (in text format), but keep it checked out in your working directory.
**Convert to XML**

This option causes the .ism file to use the XML representation, which is better suited for source control. If you add a project in Binary format to source control, this option is available and is selected by default. It is recommended that you leave this option selected.

*Note* • *When a project file format is converted to either XML or binary format, the project file extension remains *.ism.

### Application Extension Mapping Dialog Box

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Use the Application Extension Mapping dialog box to add or modify the mapping between a file extension and the program or interpreter that processes those files. This dialog box is launched when you click Add on the Application Mappings dialog box.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Extension</strong></td>
<td>Type the file name extension that is associated with your application (for example, <em>.abc). To use a wild-card application mapping for an executable file, enter an asterisk (</em>).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
<td>Type the path, or click Browse to launch the Select Executable dialog box. This enables you to specify the executable in your project to which you want to map. Type the name of the executable file (.exe or .dll) or use the Browse button to search for the file. The executable file must be located on your Web server’s local hard drive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Verbs</strong></td>
<td>The Verbs section enables you to specify which HTTP verbs should be passed to the application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>All verbs</strong>—Select this option to include all verbs. This option passes all requests to an application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Limit to</strong>—Select this option to specify the HTTP verbs that should be passed to an application. Separate verbs with a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Script Engine (IIS 6 and earlier only)</strong></td>
<td>If you want the application to run in a directory without Execute permissions, select this check box. This setting is intended primarily for script-based applications, such as ASP and IDC, that are mapped to an interpreter. For a script-mapped application to run, either the Scripts Only or Scripts and Executables option must be selected for the Execute Permissions property. To allow only script-mapped applications to run, select the Scripts Only option. To allow both script-mapped applications and executable files (.exe and .dll) to run, select Scripts and Executables. This setting applies to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Application Mappings dialog box lets you add, edit, and delete a mapping between a file name extension and the application that processes those files.

The Application Mappings dialog box is available from within the Internet Information Services view. To open this dialog box, click a Web site, application, or virtual directory in the explorer. Then click the ellipsis button (...) in the Application Mappings setting.

**Note** • If an asterisk (*) appears in the Verbs column, all verbs will be used for the specified extension.

This setting applies to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores this setting.

### Application Mappings Dialog Box

#### Table 13-6 • Application Mappings Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Add</td>
<td>To add an entry for mapping a file name extension and the program or interpreter that processes those files, click this button. This opens the Application Extension Mapping dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edit</td>
<td>To edit an existing application mapping, select the mapping and click this button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>To delete an existing application mapping, select the extension and click this button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

- Internet Information Services View
- Application Extension Mapping Dialog Box
Associate Components Dialog Box

**InstallShield 2020**

The Associate Components dialog box enables you to associate components with features in the Setup Design view. Select the component or components that you want to associate with the current feature and click OK.

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*Note* • *Components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon.*

For more information on component-feature relationships, see *Associating New Components with Features*.

Associate DIMs Dialog Box

**InstallShield 2020**

The Associate DIMs dialog box enables you to associate DIMs with features in the Setup Design view. Select the DIM or DIMs that you want to associate with the current feature and click OK.

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*Note* • *DIMs that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon.*

For more information on DIM-feature relationships, see *Associating a DIM Reference with a Feature*.

Batch Build Dialog Box

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This dialog displays a tree control containing all the product configurations and releases you have defined in the current project. Select the releases that you want to include in your batch build.

**Dialog Options**

**Tree Control**

Select the releases that you would like to build by checking the appropriate boxes. Selecting a product configuration icon selects all the releases associated with that product configuration.

**Select All**

Click this button to select all the releases in the tree.

**Unselect All**

Click this button to deselect all the releases in the tree.

**Build**

Click this button to build all the selected releases.
Browse for Directory Dialog Box

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Use the Browse for Directory dialog box to browse to a directory, create a new directory, rename a directory, or delete a directory.

**Dialog Box Options**

**Destination Directories**
This field lists all of the currently available destination directories. You can select, create, rename, or delete directories in this field.

**Selecting a Directory**

<table>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Task</strong></th>
<th><strong>To select a directory:</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1. Click on a directory to select it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Click <strong>OK</strong>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Creating a New Directory**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Task</strong></th>
<th><strong>To create a new directory:</strong></th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1. Select a directory or the Destination Computer and press the <strong>Insert</strong> key, or right-click and select <strong>New</strong> from the context menu. This creates a directory beneath the selected folder or beneath the Destination Computer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Type the directory name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3. Provide a directory identifier, if necessary.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Renaming a Directory**

<table>
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<th><strong>Task</strong></th>
<th><strong>To rename a directory:</strong></th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1. Select a directory or the Destination Computer and press F2, or right-click and select <strong>Rename</strong> from the context menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Type the new directory name. Note that you cannot rename predefined directories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3. Rename the directory identifier, if necessary, to be consistent with the directory’s new name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Deleting a Directory**

<table>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Task</strong></th>
<th><strong>To delete a directory:</strong></th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Select a directory and press the <strong>Delete</strong> key, or right-click and select <strong>Delete</strong> from the context menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that you cannot delete predefined directories.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Note • When you delete a directory, any subdirectories beneath the selected directory are also deleted.

Directory Identifier

You can use the Directory Identifier field to provide a user-friendly name for a directory. For example, if you have a directory—ProgramFilesFolder\MyProgram\Graphics\Jpg—you can use just JPG to identify the directory path. The Component Destination field in the IDE displays the path as {JPG} [ProgramFilesFolder\MyProgram\Graphics\Jpg].

Note • The directory identifier must be a valid Windows Installer identifier. For features, the directory identifier must contain all capital letters.

Browse for Directory/Shortcut Target Dialog Box

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Use the Browse for Directory dialog box to browse to a directory, create a new directory, rename a directory, or delete a directory. Use the Browse for Shortcut Target dialog box to browse to a directory or file, create a new directory, rename a directory, delete a directory.

Dialog Box Options

Destination Directories

This field lists all of the currently available destination directories. You can select, create, rename, or delete directories in this field.

Selecting a Directory

Task To select a directory:

1. Click on a directory to select it.
2. Click OK.

Creating a New Directory

Task To create a new directory:

1. Select a directory or the Destination Computer and press the Insert key, or right-click and select New from the context menu. This creates a directory beneath the selected folder or beneath the Destination Computer.
2. Type the directory name.
3. Provide a directory identifier, if necessary.
**Renaming a Directory**

**Task**  
To rename a directory:

1. Select a directory or the Destination Computer and press F2, or right-click and select Rename from the context menu.
2. Type the new directory name. Note that you cannot rename predefined directories.
3. Rename the directory identifier, if necessary, to be consistent with the directory’s new name.

**Deleting a Directory**

**Task**  
To delete a directory:

Select a directory and press the Delete key, or right-click and select Delete from the context menu. Note that you cannot delete predefined directories.

*Note • When you delete a directory, any subdirectories beneath the selected directory are also deleted.*

**Hard-Coding a Shortcut**

**Task**  
To hard code a shortcut to a path such as C:\Winnt\Notepad.exe:

First create two folders — "C:" and "Winnt." Then enter "Notepad.exe" in the filename field of the Browse for Directory dialog or select the root node, and enter "C:\Winnt\Notepad.exe" in the filename field.

**Directory Identifier**

You can use the Directory Identifier field to provide a user-friendly name for a directory. For example, if you have a directory—\ProgramFilesFolder\MyProgram\Graphics\Jpg—you can use just JPG to identify the directory path. The Component Destination field in the InstallShield interface displays the path as {JPG}\[ProgramFilesFolder]MyProgram\Graphics\Jpg.

*Note • The directory identifier must be a valid MSI identifier. For features, the directory identifier must contain all uppercase letters.*

You can enter the file name in the File name edit box, which means that you are entering the selected directory\filename as the target of the shortcut.
Browse for File Dialog Box

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The Browse for File dialog box is displayed when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Include Patterns and Files setting or the Exclude Patterns and Files setting on the Signing tab for a release in the Releases view. The Browse for File dialog box lets you specify which static files in your project should or should not be signed. It also lets you use an asterisk (*) as a wildcard character. This is especially helpful if you include dynamically linked files in your project and you want to sign all files that match a certain pattern.

Table 13-7 • Settings on the Browse for File Dialog Box

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Select files to sign</td>
<td>This box is displayed if you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Include Patterns and Files setting. This box lists all of the statically included files in your project that match the file types that are selected in the Show files of type list. It also lists some default file patterns, such as *.dll. Select the check boxes for the files and file patterns that correspond with the types of files in your project that you want InstallShield to sign at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Select files to skip signing</td>
<td>This box is displayed if you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Exclude Patterns and Files setting. This box lists all of the statically included files in your project that match the file types that are selected in the Show files of type list. It also lists some default file patterns, such as *.dll. If you want to prevent certain files or file patterns from being signed by InstallShield at build time, select the check boxes for the appropriate files and file patterns.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show files of type</td>
<td>Use this list to filter the types of files that are displayed in the Select files to sign box or the Select files to skip signing box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Windows Logo • All executable files (including .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .cpl, .drv, and .scr files) in an installation must be digitally signed for the Windows logo program.

When you click OK on this dialog box, InstallShield adds new Include settings under the Include Patterns and Files setting or new Exclude settings under the Exclude Patterns and Files setting.

Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify *.exe in an Include setting and in an Exclude setting, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files.

See Also
Signing Tab for a Release
Digital Signing and Security
Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time
Chapter 13
Dialog Box Reference

### Browse for File to Run Dialog Box

**InstallShield 2020**

The Browse for File to Run dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Target setting in the Scheduled Task view. This dialog box lets you specify the file name and location on the target system for the file that you want the scheduled task to run.

**Table 13-8 • Settings on the Browse for File to Run Dialog Box**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Destination Directories</td>
<td>Select the directory on the target system that will contain the file that you want to be run as a scheduled task. To specify a new directory, right-click the location that you want to contain the new directory, and then click New Directory. To hide or show empty predefined directories in this box, right-click in this box and then click Show Empty Predefined Directories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Directory Identifier</td>
<td>If you select a destination directory that you created in the Destination Directories box, you can use this setting to enter a user-friendly name for the directory. For example, if you have a directory such as <code>{ProgramFilesFolder}\MyProgram\Graphics\JPG</code>, you can use just JPG to identify the directory path. The Component Destination field in InstallShield displays the path as <code>{JPG}\{ProgramFilesFolder}\MyProgram\Graphics\JPG</code>. If you select a predefined directory in the Destination Directories box, this setting is read-only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of the file that you want the scheduled task to launch.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

*Scheduled Tasks View*

### Browse for Shortcut Icon Dialog Box

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project • This applies to InstallScript projects.*

Use the Browse for Shortcut Icon dialog box to specify to the location on the target system of the icon file (.ico) or the .exe or .dll file that contains the icon resource. This dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Icon setting in the Shortcuts view.

**Table 13-9 • Browse for Shortcut Icon Dialog Box Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Destination Directories</td>
<td>Select the directory on the target system that contains the icon file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Tip • To use a hard-coded path for a file, enter the path in the Icon File setting manually, instead of using the Browse for Shortcut Icon dialog box to use system variables for directories. The Icon File setting is under the Icon setting in the Shortcuts view.

### Browse for Tile Target Dialog Box

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*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **InstallScript Object**
- **Merge Module**

InstallShield supports configuring the appearance of a desktop app's tile on the Start screen. Use the Browse for Tile Target dialog box to navigate to and select the .exe file for the app whose tile appearance you want to configure.

#### Table 13-10 • Browse for Tile Target Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Look in</strong></td>
<td>Browse to the directory that contains the .exe file of the app whose tile appearance you want to configure. Selecting a folder from this list displays the contents of the folder in the primary pane. In the primary pane, click an .exe file to select it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>File Name</strong></td>
<td>After you have selected an .exe file in the primary pane, its file name is displayed here.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Certificate Selection Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Edition • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI
- QuickPatch

When you are configuring digital signature information for a release, a patch, or a QuickPatch package, use the Certificate Selection dialog box to specify which certificate you want to use to sign your files. InstallShield lets you choose between the following options:

- You can specify the .pfx certificate file on your machine that you want to use for signing.
- You can reference a certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use for signing.

Accessing the Certificate Selection Dialog Box

Instructions on how to access the Certificate Selection dialog box depend on whether you are specifying certificate information for a release, a patch, or a QuickPatch package.

Task To access the Certificate Selection dialog box for a release:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
3. Click the Signing tab.
4. In the Digital Certificate Information setting, click the ellipsis button (...).

Task To access the Certificate Selection dialog box for a patch:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Media, click Patch Design.
2. In the Patch Design explorer, select the patch configure that you want to modify.
3. Click the Digital Signature tab.
4. Next to the Digital Certificate Information setting, click the Browse button.
Task  To access the Certificate Selection dialog box in a QuickPatch project:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Patch Settings, click General Information.
2. In the General Information explorer, click Build Settings.
3. Click the Digital Signature tab.
4. Next to the Digital Certificate Information setting, click the Browse button.
## Certificate Selection Dialog Box Settings

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Use a file (.pfx)</strong></td>
<td>To use a .pfx file to digitally sign your release at build time, select this option. Then specify the location of your .pfx. You can type the path to the file or use the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Use a certificate store</strong></td>
<td>To reference a certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use to digitally sign your release at build time, select this option and then enter values in the subsettings under this option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Certificate Store Name** | Select the name of the certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use. Available options are:  
  - Personal  
  - Trusted Root Certification Authorities  
  - Enterprise Trust  
  - Intermediate Certification Authorities  
  This setting is available if you select the **Use a certificate store** option. |
| **Certificate Store Location** | Select the location of the certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use. Available options are:  
  - User  
  - Machine  
  This setting is available if you select the **Use a certificate store** option. |
| **Certificate Subject** | Enter the subject of the certificate that you want to use, or select from the list of certificates that are available on your machine.  
  This setting is available if you select the **Use a certificate store** option. |
| **View Details** | The details of the certificate like the general information of the certificate, security details and certification path is listed on the **View Details** option. |
| **Signature Digest** | Choose the signature digest hashing algorithm (or choose to let InstallShield specify it automatically based on the certificate hash). Available options are:  
  - Based on certificate hash  
  - SHA-1  
  - SHA-256  
  - Dual (SHA-1 & SHA-256) |

### See Also
- Digital Signing and Security
Check In Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

When you check an InstallShield project in to your source code control application through InstallShield, the Check In dialog box opens.

Table 13-12 • Check In Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Enter comments that describe the changes that you made to the file. These comments are stored in your source code control application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keep checked out</td>
<td>To check in the changed version of the .isv file, but keep it checked out in your working directory, select this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Differences</td>
<td>To view a line-by-line comparison between the .ism file (in text format) that you are checking in with the previous version of the file, click this button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check Out Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

If you select the **Use dialog for checkout** check box on the Source Control tab of the Options dialog box, the Check Out dialog box opens when you check out an InstallShield project from your source code control application through InstallShield.

Table 13-13 • Check Out Dialog Box Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Type comments about your reasons for checking out the .ism file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advanced</td>
<td>To configure all of your source code control application's settings for checking out the project file, click this button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Using Source Code Control
Options Dialog Box

Component Properties Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
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Dialog Box Reference

- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Component Properties dialog box lets you set some component properties—including dynamic file link settings and associated features—from the Files and Folders view.

**Task**

To launch the dialog box:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Application Data, click Files and Folders.
2. Ensure that components are displayed in the Destination computer’s folders pane.

   If components are not displayed: In the Destination computer’s folders pane, right-click Destination Computer and click Show Components (in Windows Installer–based projects) or Show Components and Subfolders (in InstallScript projects).
3. Right-click a component and then click Properties. The Component Properties dialog box opens.

The following tabs are available on this dialog box:

- General tab
- File Linking tab
- Features tab

**General Tab**

InstallShield 2020 » Component Properties Dialog Box

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
The General tab on the Component Properties dialog box is where you set the properties for the selected component.

**Table 13-14 • Settings on the General Tab of the Component Properties Dialog Box**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Shared</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI, Database, MSM, Transform</td>
<td>If the files that are contained within this component are shared files, select this check box.</td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="#">Managing Reference Counts for Shared Files</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Never Overwrite</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI, Database, MSM, Transform</td>
<td>If you do not want to replace an existing version of the same file that is already present on the target machine, select this check box.</td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="#">Checking File Versions Before Installing</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Permanent</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI, Database, MSM, Transform</td>
<td>If the files in this component should not be removed from the system during uninstallation, select this check box. For example, validation rule ICE09 requires any component with a destination of [SystemFolder] to be marked as Permanent.</td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="#">Specifying Whether a Component’s Files and Other Associated Data Are Uninstalled During Uninstallation</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Uninstall</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>If the files in this component should be removed when the application is uninstalled, select this check box.</td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="#">Specifying Whether a Component’s Files and Other Associated Data Are Uninstalled During Uninstallation</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>64-bit</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI, Database, MSM, Transform</td>
<td>To mark this component as 64 bit, select this check box. If a 64-bit component is included in your installation, the installation cannot be run on 32-bit machines.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Extract COM Info At Build</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want InstallShield to extract the COM information each time you build a release, select this check box. If your COM interfaces are subject to change, this option is preferable to maintaining statically acquired or provided data in the COM Registration advanced setting.</td>
<td>If you have marked the component’s COM server file as Self-Registering, you should not select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
File Linking Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Component Properties Dialog Box

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**

The File Linking tab on the Component Properties dialog box shows all of the settings for your dynamic link.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source</strong></td>
<td>This column shows where the source files are stored. A path variable is typically used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Include Subfolders</strong></td>
<td>This column indicates whether InstallShield should dynamically link the files in each subfolder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For information on how InstallShield creates components for the dynamically linked files in subfolders, see *Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.*
Tip • Note the following guidelines for working with the File Linking tab:

- To add a new dynamic link, click the New Link button. InstallShield displays the Dynamic File Link Settings dialog box.
- To modify the settings for an existing link, select the link and then click the Modify button. InstallShield displays the Dynamic File Link Settings dialog box.
- To remove a link and its associated dynamically linked files, select the link and then click the Delete button.

See Also
Dynamic File Linking
Component Properties Dialog Box
Dynamic File Link Settings Dialog Box

Features Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Component Properties Dialog Box

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Transform
The Features tab on the Component Properties dialog box is where you specify the features with which the component is associated. Select the check box next to the feature or features with which you want the component to be associated.

See Also
Component Properties Dialog Box

Condition Builder Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Condition Builder dialog box simplifies the process of creating a condition for a component, a dialog, a custom action, a SQL script, a system search, or other installation element by providing a selection of valid Windows Installer properties and conditional expression operators.

The Condition Builder dialog box contains the following settings.

Table 13-16 • Condition Builder Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Conditions</td>
<td>This box is where you define the condition for your component, dialog, custom action, or other installation element. You can type a condition directly in this box, or you can use the Properties list, the Operators list, and the Add buttons to build a condition statement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Important</strong> • When you click the OK button on this dialog box, InstallShield performs basic condition validation; however, you should still double-check that your condition statements evaluate to the expected outcome. For more information and example conditions, see Building Conditional Statements.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Properties | This list contains common Windows Installer properties, as well as any properties that have been added in the Property Manager view. Select the property that you want to evaluate, and then click the Add button next to this list. If the list does not contain the property that you want to evaluate, you can type the appropriate property name in the Conditions box. |
**Table 13-16 • Condition Builder Dialog Box Settings (cont.)**

<table>
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<tr>
<td>Operators</td>
<td>This list contains all of the valid operators that are recognized by the Windows Installer. If your conditional statement should contain an operator, select the operator that you want to use and then click the <strong>Add</strong> button. InstallShield adds the operator to the conditional statement. If you add an operator, type the appropriate value after the operator.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Conditional Statement Syntax (Windows Installer Help Library)
Conditional Statement Syntax (Windows Installer Help Library)
Configuring Component Conditions

**Content Source Path Dialog Box**

InstallShield 2020

The Content Source Path dialog box opens when you click the UNC button in the Content Source Path (Local or UNC) setting for a Web site in the Internet Information Services view. This dialog box contains the following setting.

**Table 13-17 • Content Source Path Dialog Box Setting**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Universal Naming Convention</td>
<td>Specify the UNC path for the IIS Web site’s files. For example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>content source path</td>
<td>\server\share</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Internet Information Services View

**Convert InstallScript MSI Dialog Box**

InstallShield 2020

The Convert InstallScript MSI dialog box lets you convert an InstallScript MSI project to an InstallScript project. An InstallScript project offers the advantages of InstallScript MSI—such as dialog box skins, a flexible end-user interface, and a powerful scripting model—without any of the limitations or overhead of Windows Installer.

This dialog box is displayed when you select the Project menu’s Convert to InstallScript Project command.

If you click Yes, most project elements are converted, many with no change. The following changes take place (the conversion process issues many messages to let you know what is happening):

- INSTALLDIR is changed to TARGETDIR in the following IDE elements:
  - Component destinations
  - Path specifications in the Files and Folders view
• Target specifications in the Shortcuts view

Note that the value of TARGETDIR must be set in your script, as it is in the following default code in the OnFirstUIBefore event handler function:

```plaintext
if ( ALLUSERS ) then
    TARGETDIR = PROGRAMFILES ^ IFX_COMPANY_NAME ^ IFX_PRODUCT_NAME;
else
    TARGETDIR = FOLDER_APPDATA ^ IFX_COMPANY_NAME ^ IFX_PRODUCT_NAME;
endif;
```

• A new product code is generated.

• A registry set is created for each component that had registry data associated with it.

• Each component with multiple dynamic file links is split into multiple components with one dynamic file link in each.

• The script file Setup.rul is renamed OldSetup.rul and is displayed in the InstallScript view. Note that no changes are made to this script file.

• Warnings are issued for the following unsupported items:
  • Unsupported folder specifiers in path specifications in the Files and Folders view, or destinations or target specifications in the Shortcuts view
  • Win32 assemblies that are associated with components
  • Global assembly caches that are associated with components
  • Registry value names that contain a hyphen (-) or asterisk (*)
  • Advertised shortcuts
  • Folders under the Support Files view’s Disk1 folder
  • Merge modules (you can re-include these in the converted project from the Objects view)
  • Unsupported MSI tables that contain data

Releases and your scripts are not converted. At a minimum, you need to modify your scripts to set TARGETDIR, as mentioned above, change all INSTALLDIR references to TARGETDIR, and remove calls to Windows Installer API functions (whose names begin with Msi). Furthermore, the obsolete string entry PRODUCT_NAME is not converted; IFX_PRODUCT_NAME can be used instead.

Note that setting SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER in OnFirstUIBefore is not necessary and the default script line SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER = @PRODUCT_NAME; should be deleted.

The following Windows Installer folder specifiers are not supported in InstallScript projects:

• ALLUSERSPROFILE
• AdminToolsFolder
• AppDataFolder
• CommonAppDataFolder
• CommonFiles64Folder
• FavoritesFolder
• FontsFolder
Create a New Component Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Some aspects of your installation project must be associated with a component. For example, if no component exists when a shortcut or an .ini file change is created, InstallShield prompts you to create a new component.

**Dialog Options**

**New component name**

InstallShield provides a default name for the component. Type a meaningful name into this field. The name you provide is for your reference only and is never displayed to end users.

**Select the features to associate this component with**

**Project**  •  This property applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
Select from the list the feature or features with which you want to associate the new component. If no features appear in this field, you can add one by clicking New Feature. You are not required to associate your new component with a feature; however, if you do not, this component will not be installed.

**New Feature**

*Project* • *This property applies to the following project types:*

- *Basic MSI*
- *InstallScript*

Click New Feature to add a feature to your setup project. When you have created a feature, you can associate your new component with it by clicking the box next to the feature name.

**Do not show this dialog again**

Select this option if you want InstallShield to automatically create any necessary components in the future.

**Create a New Feature Dialog Box**

InstallShield 2020

Some aspects of your installation project must be associated with a feature. For example, if no feature exists when a merge module is added, or an ODBC resource is configured, InstallShield prompts you to create a feature.

**Dialog Options**

**New feature name**

InstallShield creates a default feature name for you. Provide a meaningful name for the feature. The name you enter here is for your reference only and is never displayed to end users.

**Do not show this dialog again**

Select this check box if you want InstallShield to automatically create components and features when required.

**Custom Error Handling Dialog Box**

InstallShield 2020

Specify how to handle specific SQL errors in the Custom Error Handling dialog box. Any error you define will override the script’s default error handling. You can define how to handle an error for all scripts in your project or simply for this script.

**Error Number**

Enter the SQL error number for which you want to customize error handling.

**Behavior**

Override the default behavior by choosing one of the following options:
• On Error, Abort Installation
• On Error, Go to Next Script
• On Error, Go to Next Statement

**Project Wide**
To apply the customized error handling to all scripts in your project, select Yes. To apply it to only this script, select No.

**Custom Errors Dialog Box**

*InstallShield 2020*

The Custom Errors dialog box lists all of the HTTP errors that can be customized for a Web site, application, or virtual directory. A custom error can be a URL or a pointer to a file on the server.

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<tr>
<td><strong>To configure error messages:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>In the Custom Errors dialog box, select one or more errors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Click <strong>Edit</strong>. The Error Mapping Properties dialog box opens.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Select a message type and specify a file or URL as appropriate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Click <strong>OK</strong>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can click the Set to Default button to restore default settings for the selected error.

**See Also**
Configuring Custom Error Messages for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory
Error Mapping Properties Dialog Box

**Customize Validation Settings Dialog Box**

*InstallShield 2020*

The Customize Validation Settings dialog box lets you specify which internal consistency evaluators (ICEs) should be used for a specific validation suite. This dialog box opens when you click Customize on the Validation tab of the Options dialog box.

To customize the list of ICEs that are performed during a particular type of validation, select the validation suite in the CUB file list. Then select the check boxes for each of the ICEs that should be performed, and clear the check boxes for each of the ICEs that should be ignored.

To learn about specific ICEs, see ICE Reference in the Windows Installer Help Library.

For information about each of the InstallShield ICEs that were added to the InstallShield validation suites, see ISICEs.

**See Also**
Specifying Which ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs and ISBPs Should Be Run During Validation Options Dialog Box
Data Languages Dialog Box

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Data Languages dialog box lets you include certain components and exclude others based on the language that is selected for each component. If the language specified for a component does not match one of the languages that is selected in this dialog box, InstallShield does not include the component in the release.

To open the Data Languages dialog box, open the Releases view and select a release. Then click the ellipsis button (...) in the Data Languages setting on the Build tab.

By default, releases are language independent; that is, none of the project’s components are excluded from the release.

See Also
- Installing Components Based on Language
- Including Languages in the Release
- Settings for Languages

Delete Property Dialog Box

The Delete Property dialog box is displayed when you delete a system search associated with a property in your installation project. The goal of the dialog box is to determine whether or not you want to delete that property along with the search.

Note • Deleting the property may affect other areas of your setup.

Select Yes if you are certain that your project will not be affected in the absence of that property. Select No if you are uncertain whether it will affect your installation.

Dependencies Dialog Box

The Dependencies dialog box displays the list of dependencies for a selected file. To access this dialog box, right-click a file in the Destination computer’s files pane of the Files and Folders view, and then click Dependencies from scan at build.

The dialog box provides results for assembly DLLs. If you launch the dialog box from Microsoft Visual Studio, the dialog box shows results for project outputs. If launched from InstallShield outside of Visual Studio, scan at build dependencies is disabled for project outputs.
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Dialog Box Reference

Note • This is enabled only for key files and when the .NET Scan at Build property is set to Dependencies and Properties. If the dependency or one of its dependencies cannot be located, a red icon is displayed.

Dialog Box Options

Dependency
This section lists all of the dependencies with a check box next to each. To exclude a dependency from the build, clear the check box next to the dependency. To close the dialog, click OK.

Note • Any new dependencies detected at build time—for files added after closing the Dependencies dialog box—are added to the build.

Dialog Images Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020
Use the Dialog Images dialog box to add an image (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, or .ibd) that you want to display on your installation’s dialogs.

Full Screen Image
Browse to a graphic file that will serve as the full-screen background for your exterior dialogs. Exterior dialogs are dialogs that appear at the beginning or end of the installation, including InstallWelcome and SetupCompleteSuccess (the final dialog upon successful installation). The full-screen image should measure 499 by 312 pixels.

Banner Image
Browse to a graphic file that will run across the top of interior dialogs. Interior dialogs, which appear between the first and last installation dialogs, include the LicenseAgreement and CustomSetup dialogs. The banner image should be 499 by 58 pixels.

Digitally Sign Setup Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020
The Digitally Sign Setup dialog box is displayed when you click Digitally Sign Setup on the Build Installation page of the Project Assistant. This dialog box enables you to assure your end users that the code within your application has not been modified or corrupted since publication.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Digitally sign setup</td>
<td>To digitally sign your installation, select this check box</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The other settings on this dialog box are enabled when you select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-18 • Digitally Sign Setup Dialog Box Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Certificate URL</td>
<td>Type a fully qualified URL—for example, <a href="http://www.mydomain.com">http://www.mydomain.com</a>. This URL is used in your digital signature to link to a site that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Digital certificate</td>
<td>To specify the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release, click the ellipsis button (…) next to this setting. The Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify either the location of the .pfx file or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see Certificate Selection Dialog Box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>If the .pfx file that you are using has a password, enter it. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that if you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tip • The Signing tab in the Releases view lets you specify which portions of your installation should be digitally signed at build time. InstallShield enables you to sign any and all of the following files in a release, depending on what type of project you are using:

- Windows Installer package (.msi file) for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects
- Merge module package (.msm file) for Merge Module projects
- Setup.exe file for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects
- Media header file for InstallScript projects
- Package (self-extracting single-executable file) for InstallScript projects
- Any files in your release, including your application files

To learn more, see Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time.

Windows Logo • All executable files (including .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .cpl, .drv, and .scr files) in an installation must be digitally signed for the Windows logo program.

See Also
Digital Signing and Security
Differences Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Differences dialog box is displayed when you click the Show Differences command, which is available from the Project menu's Source Control menu. The dialog box has a list that contains all of the Windows Installer tables in your installation project.

Task

To view the table’s differences in your source control program:

Select a table from the list and click OK.

Dynamic File Link Settings Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Dynamic File Link Settings dialog box enables you to specify the source folder for your dynamic link. You can then choose to include all the files in that folder or only specified file types.

The Dynamic Link Settings dialog box is available from the File Linking tab of the Component Properties dialog box, as well as the Modify Dynamic Links dialog box.

Table 13-19 • Settings on the Dynamic File Link Settings Dialog Box

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Source folder</td>
<td>Enter the full path to the folder that you want to have dynamically linked, or click the Browse button to navigate to it. You can identify the source folder with any of the following methods:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Enter an absolute path to the folder, such as C:\Build\MySourceFolder\Bitmaps.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Enter a path variable. Follow the path variable with a backslash to specify a subfolder—for example, &lt;CommonFilesFolder&gt;\InstallShield\IScript.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Click the Browse button to navigate to a folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include subfolders</td>
<td>To dynamically link the files in each subfolder, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For information on how InstallShield creates components for the dynamically linked files in subfolders, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Self-register all files</td>
<td>To self-register every file in the dynamic link, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the files are part of a 64-bit component and you select this check box, the installation performs 64-bit self-registration on the target system. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
To specify that InstallShield should adhere to best practices when creating the components for dynamically linked files, select this check box. When best practices for component creation are followed, InstallShield performs the following tasks at build time for all of the files that meet the include and exclude filter criteria:

- InstallShield creates a separate component for each portable executable (PE) file in the dynamically linked folder. Each PE file is the key file of its component.
- InstallShield adds all non-PE files at the root level of the dynamic link to the component that contains the link.
- If the dynamic link includes a subfolder, InstallShield creates a new component for all of the non-PE files in that subfolder. If the dynamic link includes more than one subfolder, InstallShield creates a separate component for all of the non-PE files in each subfolder.

To specify that InstallShield should not follow best practices when creating the components for dynamically linked files, clear this check box. For this component creation method, InstallShield performs the following tasks at build time for all of the files that meet the include and exclude filter criteria:

- InstallShield creates one component for all of the files that are in the root-level dynamically linked folder, regardless of the file types.
- If the dynamic link includes one or more subfolders, InstallShield creates a separate component for all of the files in each subfolder, regardless of the file types. The first dynamically linked file in a subfolder’s component is the key file of that component.

This check box is selected by default for all new dynamic links.

For more information, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.

### Table 13-19 • Settings on the Dynamic File Link Settings Dialog Box (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Create best practice components</strong></td>
<td>To specify that InstallShield should adhere to best practices when creating the components for dynamically linked files, select this check box. When best practices for component creation are followed, InstallShield performs the following tasks at build time for all of the files that meet the include and exclude filter criteria:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- InstallShield creates a separate component for each portable executable (PE) file in the dynamically linked folder. Each PE file is the key file of its component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- InstallShield adds all non-PE files at the root level of the dynamic link to the component that contains the link.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- If the dynamic link includes a subfolder, InstallShield creates a new component for all of the non-PE files in that subfolder. If the dynamic link includes more than one subfolder, InstallShield creates a separate component for all of the non-PE files in each subfolder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To specify that InstallShield should not follow best practices when creating the components for dynamically linked files, clear this check box. For this component creation method, InstallShield performs the following tasks at build time for all of the files that meet the include and exclude filter criteria:

- InstallShield creates one component for all of the files that are in the root-level dynamically linked folder, regardless of the file types.
- If the dynamic link includes one or more subfolders, InstallShield creates a separate component for all of the files in each subfolder, regardless of the file types. The first dynamically linked file in a subfolder’s component is the key file of that component.

This check box is selected by default for all new dynamic links.

For more information, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Include all files</strong></td>
<td>To include the entire contents of your linked directory in your installation, select this option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Include/exclude files based on the following wild-card patterns** | To include or exclude file types, select this option. Enter the file extension in the include or exclude field, preceded by an asterisk (*). Separate multiple entries with a comma.  

For example, if all of your image files are in one folder along with sound files and you want to dynamically link only the image files, you could specify that you would like to include only .bmp and .ico files in the dynamically linked folder. To do so, you would use an asterisk (*) in your include pattern, as in the following example:

`.bmp, *.ico`

To include or exclude a specific file, you would enter the full file name in the include or exclude pattern box. |
Edit Data Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Edit Data dialog is available from within the Application Registry panel in the Project Assistant. To access the dialog, double-click on a registry value in the Destination computer’s registry data pane. The Multi-Line String Value dialog box is displayed for multi-string values.

**Dialog Options**

**Value name**

The name of the registry value as it appears in the Destination computer’s registry data pane. To change the value name, right-click on the value and select Rename.

**Value data**

Contains the information that should be stored in the registry value. To change or edit the data, type in the edit field.

See Also
Multi-Line String Value Dialog Box

Edit IIS Metabase Value Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield displays the Edit IIS Metabase Value dialog box if you click the Change Value button on the Other IIS Properties dialog box. The Other IIS Properties dialog box is displayed if you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Other IIS Properties setting for a selected Web site, application, or virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view.

The Edit IIS Metabase Value dialog box is where you specify the value for an IIS setting that is not displayed in the other areas of the Internet Information Services view.

If you change the default value for any advanced property, InstallShield adds the property, the value that you specify, and the additional required information to the ISIISProperty table.

**Table 13-20 • Edit IIS Metabase Value Dialog Box Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Property Name</strong></td>
<td>This read-only setting shows the property that you selected to configure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>Specify the value that you want to use for the selected IIS property.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Internet Information Services View
Chapter 13
Dialog Box Reference

Edit List Options Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Edit List Options dialog box

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Use the Edit List Options dialog box to define the list of options that you want to display in a combo box control or the list box control of your installation’s user interface. To learn more, see Populating Combo Box and List Box Controls in the Wizard Interface.

Task To access the Edit List Options dialog box:

1. In the View Bar / View List under User Interface, click Wizard Interface.
2. In the Wizard Interface explorer, expand the wizard page or secondary window that contains the combo box control or list box control that you want to configure.
3. In the Content Property setting, click the ellipses button (…).

Table 13-21 • Settings on the Edit List Options Dialog Box

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New</td>
<td>To add a new row to the table, click this button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete</td>
<td>To remove one or more selected rows, click this button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Up</td>
<td>To move one or more selected rows up, click this button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The installation displays the list options in the order that you list them on this dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To select multiple consecutive rows, click the first row, press and hold Shift, and then click the last row. To select multiple non-consecutive rows, click one of the rows, press and hold down CTRL, and then click each additional row.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Down</td>
<td>To move one or more selected rows down, click this button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The installation displays the list options in the order that you list them on this dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To select multiple consecutive rows, click the first row, press and hold Shift, and then click the last row. To select multiple non-consecutive rows, click one of the rows, press and hold down CTRL, and then click each additional row.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-21 • Settings on the Edit List Options Dialog Box (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Text</strong></td>
<td>This column contains the list of options that you want to display in the control. When you type a value for this column, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>Each row in this column contains a value that corresponds with a list option for the selected wizard interface control. This is the property value that is stored in the property that is specified in the Property setting for the selected control.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Wizard Interface View

Edit Registry Data Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Edit Registry dialog box enables you to edit the registry data within your project. To launch this dialog box, right-click a value in the Registry view and click Modify.

Table 13-22 • Edit Registry Data Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value name</strong></td>
<td>This read-only setting shows the name of the registry value. To change the name of a value, close the Edit Registry Data dialog box, select the value that you want to rename, press F2, and type the new name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value data</strong></td>
<td>Enter the data for this registry value as you would like it to appear on the target system. Tip • To write the value of a Windows Installer property called PropertyName to the registry, use the expression “[PropertyName]” in the value data.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Edit Virtual Machine Configurations Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Edition • Support for distributing releases to virtual machines is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
Use the Edit Virtual Machine Configurations dialog box to configure virtual machine (VM) settings that you want to use when distributing successfully built releases to VMs at build time or on demand.

**Tip** • When you specify VM configuration settings in the Edit Virtual Machine Configurations dialog box, InstallShield writes the data that you specify to a file called `VMConfigurations.xml`. This `VMConfigurations.xml` file is a machine-wide file that you can configure once and then use it in other InstallShield projects, as well as share it with other team members. You can also use this file on your build machine. To learn more, see Sharing Virtual Machine Settings for Distribution of Releases.

When you configure VM details in the subsettings under the Configuration setting on the Events tab in the Releases view, you overriding some of the machine-wide values that were entered on the Edit Virtual Machine Configurations dialog box.

### Task

To access the Edit Virtual Machine Configurations dialog box:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, select the release that you want to configure.
3. Click the Events tab, and then find the Virtual Machine area.
4. In the Configuration setting, click the ellipsis button (...).

The Edit Virtual Machine Configurations dialog box opens. The left part of this dialog box is where you manage the list of VM configurations that you want to available for selection. To add a new configuration, click the New button. To delete an existing configuration, select it and then click the Delete button.

When you select a specific configuration in the Configurations box, you can configure its settings on the right. The settings are organized into the following main categories:

- **General**
- **Server**
- **Virtual Machine**

### General Settings

Use the General area to specify the name of the selected VM configuration.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for the group of VM configuration settings that you want to use when distributing the selected release to a VM.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Server Settings**

Use the Server area to specify details about the server that hosts the VM to which you want to distribute releases.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Server Type** | Select the type of server that hosts the VM to which you want to distribute releases. Available options are:  
  - Microsoft Hyper-V Server  
  - VMware ESX or ESXi Server  
  - VMware Workstation       |
| **Server Name** | This setting is available for the following server types: Microsoft Hyper-V Server and VMware ESX or ESXi Server.  
Specify the name of the server that hosts the VM to which you want to distribute releases. |
| **Authentication** | This setting is available for the following server types: Microsoft Hyper-V Server and VMware ESX or ESXi Server.  
Select the type of authentication that you want to use to connect to the server that hosts the VM to which you want to distribute releases. |
| **User Name** | This setting is available for the following server types: Microsoft Hyper-V Server and VMware ESX or ESXi Server; it is applicable to server authentication.  
Enter the user name for the account that you want to use to connect to the server that hosts the VM to which you want to distribute releases. |
| **Password** | This setting is available for the following server types: Microsoft Hyper-V Server and VMware ESX or ESXi Server; it is applicable to server authentication.  
Enter the password for the account that you want to use to connect to the server that hosts the VM to which you want to distribute releases. |

**Virtual Machine Settings**

Use the Virtual Machine area to specify details about the server that hosts the VM to which you want to distribute releases.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Machine Name</strong></td>
<td>Specify the name of the VM to which you want to distribute releases.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-25 • Virtual Machine Settings on the Edit Virtual Machine Configurations Dialog Box (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Snapshot</td>
<td>Optionally specify the name of the snapshot that you want to use for distributing releases. Note that you can override the snapshot for an individual release. If no snapshot is specified for the VM configuration, InstallShield does not revert to a specific snapshot. InstallShield powers on the VM without reverting it to a specific snapshot, and copies your installation to the VM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Authentication</td>
<td>Optionally select the type of authentication that you want to use to connect to the VM to which you want to distribute releases. Note that you can override the authentication for an individual release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Name</td>
<td>This setting is applicable to server authentication. Optionally enter the user name for the account that you want to use to connect to the VM to which you want to distribute releases. Note that you can override the user name for an individual release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>This setting is applicable to server authentication. Optionally enter the password for the account that you want to use to connect to the VM to which you want to distribute releases. Note that you can override the password for an individual release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination Path</td>
<td>Optionally specify the path on the VM to which you want InstallShield to stage the built release. The last subfolder in the path can be a path that InstallShield creates on the VM; the other folders in the path must already exist. Note that you can override the destination path for an individual release.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand
Sharing Virtual Machine Settings for Distribution of Releases

Error Mapping Properties Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Error Mapping Properties dialog box displays an IIS error code and its default properties. Use the Message Type list to set the message to a URL or a pointer to a file on the server. When you set the error message to a URL, you must specify the full URL. When you set the error message to a file pointer, you can browse for the file that you want to use as the error message or you can type the full path of the file to be used. This can include files that are not in your project but are pre-existing on the system.

See Also
Configuring Custom Error Messages for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory
Exclusion Languages Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- **Merge Module**
- **MSM Database**

The Exclusion Languages dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (…) in the Language setting for a merge module exclusion in the General Information view. This dialog box lets you specify the language requirements for the merge module that is not compatible with the merge module that you are creating.

To specify language requirements for the merge module exclusion, do one of the following:

- To exclude a merge module if its language is a particular language, select the language in the language list, and then select the **matches** option.
- To exclude a merge module if its language is not a particular language, select the language in the language list, and then select the **does not match** option.
- If the language should not be used to exclude a merge module, select Language Independent in the language list.

*See Also*

Adding Exclusions to Merge Modules

Export Tables Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Export Tables dialog box provides a way to export one or more tables through the Direct Editor as .idt files.

*Table 13-26 • Export Tables Dialog Box Settings*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Output Directory</strong></td>
<td>Specify the directory where the tables are to be exported. You can also click Browse to navigate to the directory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tables</strong></td>
<td>This box lists check boxes for all of the tables in your project. Select the check boxes of the tables that you want to export.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Select All</strong></td>
<td>Selects all tables for export.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Clear All</strong></td>
<td>Deselects all tables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Invert</strong></td>
<td>Simultaneously deselects any selected tables and selects any deselected tables.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*See Also*

Exporting Tables from the Direct Editor
Importing Tables with the Direct Editor
Feature Condition Builder Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Feature Condition Builder dialog box simplifies the process of creating feature conditions by providing a selection of valid Windows Installer properties and conditional expression operators.

You can create as many conditions as required for a feature. For information on creating the conditions, see Setting Feature Conditions.

The Feature Condition Builder dialog box contains the following settings.

Table 13-27 • Feature Condition Builder Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Conditions</td>
<td>This box displays a grid with the following columns:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Level—This column is where you assign the install level that should be used for the feature if the condition evaluates as true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Condition—This column is where you define the condition. You can type a condition directly in this column, or you can use the Properties list, the Operators list, and the Add buttons to build a condition statement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To add a new condition to this box, click the New Condition button, and then enter the appropriate information in the Level and Condition columns.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To delete a condition in this box, select the condition, and then click the Delete Conditions button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Important</strong> • When you click the OK button on this dialog box, InstallShield performs basic condition validation; however, you should still double-check that your condition statements evaluate to the expected outcome. For more information and example conditions, see Building Conditional Statements.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Properties</td>
<td>This list contains common Windows Installer properties, as well as any properties that have been added in the Property Manager view. Select the property that you want to evaluate, and then click the Add button next to this list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the list does not contain the property that you want to evaluate, you can type the appropriate property name in the Condition column.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operators</td>
<td>This list contains all of the valid operators that are recognized by the Windows Installer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If your conditional statement should contain an operator, select the operator that you want to use and then click the Add button. InstallShield adds the operator to the conditional statement.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Conditional Statement Syntax (Windows Installer Help Library)
Conditional Statement Syntax (Windows Installer Help Library)
File Details Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Access this dialog by clicking the Details button in the System Search Wizard. This button becomes active after you define a search method and specify the file you are locating. In this dialog, you have the ability to enhance a search by specifying the following details:

Table 13-28 • File Details Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Version</td>
<td>The search is successful if the file exists on the target system and the version is equal to or higher than the version entered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Version</td>
<td>The search is successful if the file exists on the target system and the version is equal to or lower than what is entered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Date</td>
<td>Select the check box to search by a minimum date. The search is successful if the file exists on the target system and the date is equal to or later than the date entered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Date</td>
<td>Select the check box to search by a maximum date. The search is successful if the file exists on the target system and the date is earlier or equal to the date entered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Size</td>
<td>The search is successful if the file exists on the target system and is equal to or larger than the size indicated (in bytes).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Size</td>
<td>The search is successful if the file exists on the target system and is smaller than or equal to the size indicated (in bytes).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Languages</td>
<td>Click the Browse (...) button to display the Languages dialog. You can select multiple languages as a condition of your search. The search is successful if at least one of the languages listed is a match.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • The information you provide in the edit fields is optional. You can leave any field blank.

File Properties Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
The Properties dialog box lets you override various properties for a file when it is installed on the target system.

**Task**

**To open the File Properties dialog box:**

1. In the View Bar / View List under *Application Data*, click *Files and Folders*.
2. Right-click a file and click *Properties*.

**Important** • *File properties cannot be set for dynamically linked files.*

**Table 13-29 • Properties Dialog Box Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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</table>
| Location    | This read-only setting displays the directory in which this file will be installed on a target system, based on the destination of the component that contains the file.  
To modify the destination, change the destination of the component that contains the file. |
| Font title  | If you are installing a font, you can specify the font title in this box using the format *FontTitle (FontType)*—for example, *Roman (All res)*. InstallShield provides the name of the font if it is registered on your system.  
You should not specify a font title for .ttf or .ttc fonts because Windows Installer reads the embedded font name and registers it for you. Thus, for .ttf or .ttc files, InstallShield sets the value of this setting to *[Title read from file]*.  
For more information, see ICE07 in the Windows Installer Help Library. |
| Self Register | To self-register the file during installation, select this check box. The Self Register setting is valid for .dll, .ocx, .exe, .tlb, and .olb files.  
If the file is part of a 64-bit component, the installation performs 64-bit self-registration on the target system. For more information, see *Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems*. |

**Note** • *It is recommended that you extract COM information from your self-registering files, instead of using self-registration. For more information, see *Registering COM Servers*.**
Override system attributes

To install this file using the same system properties that are currently set for this file on the development system, clear this check box.

To override one or more of the file’s properties, select the **Override system attributes** check box and then select one or more of the following check boxes.

- **Read-only**—If you want the file to be read-only when Windows Installer installs it, select this check box.
- **Hidden**—If you want the file to be hidden when Windows Installer installs it, select this check box.
- **Use File Hash**—This option is applicable for unversioned files only. Windows Installer can use file hashing to detect and avoid unnecessary copying of unversioned files. If you want Windows Installer to compare the hash of the file in your installation with the hash of the corresponding file on the target system when deciding whether to upgrade an existing file, select this check box.
- **System**—If you want Windows Installer to install the file as a system file, select this check box.
- **Vital**—To indicate that this file is vital to the operation of its component, select this check box. A vital file’s component is not installed if the file cannot be installed for any reason. If a vital file cannot be installed, the end user sees an error message with Retry and Cancel buttons, instead of the usual Abort, Retry, and Ignore buttons (which enable the end user to complete the installation successfully without installing that file).

**Note** • If No is selected for the Generate File Hash Values setting on the Build tab for a release in the Releases view, no file hash entries are created for any files, regardless of whether an individual file’s Use File Hash check box is selected.

Override system size

The Size setting shows the file’s size when the **Override system size** setting is cleared.

If you want Windows Installer to ignore the actual size of the selected file when it is calculating the required disk space requirements for your installation, and instead consider the size to be a value that you specify, select this check box and enter the appropriate value (in bytes) in the Size setting.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Override system attributes</td>
<td>To install this file using the same system properties that are currently set for this file on the development system, clear this check box. To override one or more of the file’s properties, select the <strong>Override system attributes</strong> check box and then select one or more of the following check boxes. • <strong>Read-only</strong>—If you want the file to be read-only when Windows Installer installs it, select this check box. • <strong>Hidden</strong>—If you want the file to be hidden when Windows Installer installs it, select this check box. • <strong>Use File Hash</strong>—This option is applicable for unversioned files only. Windows Installer can use file hashing to detect and avoid unnecessary copying of unversioned files. If you want Windows Installer to compare the hash of the file in your installation with the hash of the corresponding file on the target system when deciding whether to upgrade an existing file, select this check box. • <strong>System</strong>—If you want Windows Installer to install the file as a system file, select this check box. • <strong>Vital</strong>—To indicate that this file is vital to the operation of its component, select this check box. A vital file’s component is not installed if the file cannot be installed for any reason. If a vital file cannot be installed, the end user sees an error message with Retry and Cancel buttons, instead of the usual Abort, Retry, and Ignore buttons (which enable the end user to complete the installation successfully without installing that file).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Override system size</td>
<td>The Size setting shows the file’s size when the <strong>Override system size</strong> setting is cleared. If you want Windows Installer to ignore the actual size of the selected file when it is calculating the required disk space requirements for your installation, and instead consider the size to be a value that you specify, select this check box and enter the appropriate value (in bytes) in the Size setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-29 • Properties Dialog Box Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Always Overwrite</strong></td>
<td>If you want Windows Installer to ignore the actual version number of the selected file, and instead always try to overwrite the file if it is already present on the target system, select this check box. At run time, if this file has the same name and target location as one on the target system, Windows Installer considers the version of the file in your installation to be 65535.0.0.0 when it is determining whether to update the target system’s file with the version in your current installation, or to leave the file as is. For more details about how Windows Installer determines whether to overwrite an existing file, see Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System. The maximum version number for a file is 65535.65535.65535.65535.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Override system version</strong></td>
<td>If the file is a versioned file, the Version setting shows the file’s version when the Override system version setting is cleared. If you want Windows Installer to ignore the actual version number of the selected file, and instead consider the version to be a number that you specify, select this check box and enter the appropriate version number in the Version setting. At run time, if this file has the same name and target location as one on the target system, Windows Installer uses the version number that you specify when it is determining whether to update the target system’s file with the version in your current installation, or to leave the file as is. For example, if the file in your project is version 2.0.0.0, and you enter an override version of 3.0.0.0, Windows Installer may replace the file on the target system if it is version 3.0.0.1 or later, but not if it is earlier than 3.0.0.0. For more details about how Windows Installer determines whether to overwrite an existing file, see Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System. The maximum version number for a file is 65535.65535.65535.65535.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Override system language</strong></td>
<td>If you want Windows Installer to ignore the language of the selected file and instead consider the language to be one that you specify, select this check box and type the decimal value for the language identifier code in the Language box. At run time, if this file has the same name and target location as one on the target system, Windows Installer considers the language of the file in your installation to be the one that you specified when it is determining whether to update the file with the version in your current installation, or to leave the file as is. For more details about how Windows Installer determines whether to overwrite an existing file, see Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System. Font files should not be authored with a language ID because fonts do not have an embedded language ID resource. Leave this entry blank for font files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Permissions</strong></td>
<td>To set permissions for the file, click this button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System
Permissions Dialog Boxes for Files and Directories

File Properties Dialog Box (InstallScript Installation Projects)

Task
To open the File Properties dialog box:
Right-click a file and click Properties. This option is disabled for files in components whose Link Type property is set to Dynamic.

In InstallScript projects, the File Properties dialog box displays information about the selected file. The information in the dialog box is taken directly from the file system and the dialog box is read only except for the following controls:

Register Font File
If this box is checked, the file is marked internally to be registered on the target machine if you have enabled global font registration. If this box is unchecked, the file is not registered on the target machine.

Font title
For a .fon file, this text specifies the font title that the installation registers for the font. By default, the InstallShield user interface reads the font title from the registry of the source system and enters that font title in this edit box. For a TrueType file (.ttf or .ttc file), by default no text is displayed in this edit box and the installation reads the font title from the file at run time. For all three types of files, if you enter non-default text in this edit box, the installation registers that text as the font title.

See Also
Installing Fonts Through InstallScript and InstallScript Object Projects

File Removal Properties Dialog Box

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
The file removal Properties dialog box indicates information about a selected file or folder that you want to be removed from target systems. This file and folder removal capability is useful for scenarios such as removing application-created files that your installation does not otherwise track.

You can access the file removal Properties dialog box from within the Files and Folders view, or within the Setup Design view (for installation projects) or the Components view.

**Task**

To access the file removal Properties dialog box from within the Files and Folders view:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Application Data, click Files and Folders.
2. In the Destination computer’s folders pane, click the folder that contains the file removal item that you want to configure.
3. In the Designation computer’s files pane, right-click the file removal item that you want to configure, and then click Properties.

InstallShield uses an icon that has a red X through it for identifying files and folders that are configured to be removed.

**Task**

To access the file removal Properties dialog box from within the Setup Design view (for installation projects) or the Components view:

1. In the View List under Organization, click Setup Design (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or MSI Database projects only) or Components.
2. In the explorer, expand the component that contains the file removal item that you want to configure, and then click its Files node. In Files pane on the right, InstallShield displays the files and removal items that are associated with the selected component.
3. In the Files pane, right-click the file removal item that you want to configure, and then click Properties.

InstallShield uses an icon that has a red X through it for identifying files and folders that are configured to be removed.

To learn how to add file and folder removal items to your project, see Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems.

**Table 13-30 • Settings in the Properties Dialog Box**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>This setting indicates the location of the selected item that is configured to be removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove the folder if it is empty</td>
<td>If the selected removal item is a folder that you want to be removed from target systems when it is empty, select this option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Find and Replace Dialog Box

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Find and Replace dialog box lets you search for strings in your SQL script file and replace them with different strings at run time. The Find and Replace dialog box opens when you click the Add button on the Text Replacement tab for a SQL script that is selected in the SQL Scripts view.

In Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects, you can replace a string with a Windows Installer property; at run time, Windows Installer writes the value of the property in your SQL script file.
In InstallScript projects, you can use text substitution to replace a string variable with the appropriate value.

⚠️ **Caution** • You should only replace text that is unique and will not cause script syntax errors.

The following settings are available on the Find and Replace dialog box.

**Table 13-31 • Find and Replace Dialog Box Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Find What</td>
<td>Enter the string that you want to replace in your SQL script at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Project</em> • In Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects—you can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the replacement strings. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Replace Strings in SQL Scripts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In InstallScript projects—You can use InstallScript text substitution to specify the replacement strings. To learn more, see Using InstallScript Text Substitution to Dynamically Replace Strings in SQL Scripts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Specifying Windows Installer properties or InstallScript text substitution enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s SQL script is modified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replace With</td>
<td>Enter the new string that should replace the existing string that is found in your SQL script at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Project</em> • In Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects—you can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the replacement strings. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Replace Strings in SQL Scripts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In InstallScript projects—You can use InstallScript text substitution to specify the replacement strings. To learn more, see Using InstallScript Text Substitution to Dynamically Replace Strings in SQL Scripts.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Specifying Windows Installer properties or InstallScript text substitution enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s SQL script is modified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Match case</td>
<td>This check box lets you indicate whether you want to restrict your search to strings with the same capitalization that you use in the Find What setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For example, if you select this check box and enter install for the Find What setting, the installation searches only for all-lowercase instances of that string. If you clear this check box, the installation searches for install, as well as INSTALL, Install, and other mixed-case instances.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-31 • Find and Replace Dialog Box Settings (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Match whole word only</td>
<td>This check box lets you indicate whether you want to find only whole-word instances of the value that you have entered for the Find What setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For example, if you select this check box and enter install for the Find What setting, the installation searches only for instances of install; it does not search for other forms of the word, such as installs, installation, or uninstall.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For another example, you may have something like the following line in your SQL script:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PASSWORD = N’%PASSWORD%’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select this check box, enter %PASSWORD% in the Find What setting, and enter 1234 in the Replace With setting, the installation replaces the string. The resulting SQL script shows the following:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PASSWORD = N’1234’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preserve case</td>
<td>This check box lets you indicate whether you want the replacement string to use the same capitalization that is used in the Find What string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For example, if you select this check box and enter databasedir for the Find What setting and mydatabasedir for the Replace With setting, the installation replaces Databasedir with Mydatabasedir. It also replaces databasedir with mydatabasedir.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replace once only</td>
<td>This check box lets you indicate whether you want the installation to replace only the first occurrence of the search string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you clear this check box, the installation replaces all instances of the search string.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Text Replacement Tab
SQL Scripts View

Find String ID in Project Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Find String ID dialog box lets you search your entire project for occurrences of a particular string entry. Select from the list the string entry you would like to find and click OK. The results of your search are displayed in the Output window at the bottom of the screen.

Folder Properties Dialog Box

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A folder’s Properties dialog box determines the properties that are set for a folder when it is installed on the target system. To access this dialog box, right-click a folder in the Files and Folders view, and then click Properties.

The Properties dialog box is organized into the following tabs:
General Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Folder Properties Dialog Box

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The General tab on a folder's Properties dialog box lets you configure basic properties about a folder.

Table 13-32 • General Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Directory Identifier</td>
<td>This setting identifies the current directory identifier for the selected folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source Location</td>
<td>This setting identifies from where files will be copied to the disk image folders when you build an uncompressed release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>This setting identifies the location to which the folder will be installed on target systems.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Permissions button lets you configure permissions for the folder. To learn more, see Permissions Dialog Boxes for Files and Directories.

See Also
Folder Properties Dialog Box

Sharing Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Folder Properties Dialog Box

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
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Dialog Box Reference

- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

The General tab on a folder’s Properties dialog box lets you configure basic properties about a folder.

Table 13-33 • General Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Share this folder on the network</td>
<td>To share this folder on the network, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Share name</td>
<td>If you are enabling sharing for this folder, specify the name that users need to use to connect to the shared folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Limit the number of simultaneous users to</td>
<td>If you are enabling sharing for this folder, specify the maximum number of users who can connect to the shared folder at one time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • Windows imposes limits for the maximum number of simultaneous users. These limits vary, depending on the version and edition of Windows. An installation cannot override this Windows-imposed limit. Thus, if you specify a larger number than a target system can support, the installation sets the limit at the maximum that is allowed by that target system’s operating system.

To determine the limit for a specific version and edition of Windows, use the following command-line statement on that version and edition of Windows:

```
Net Config Server
```

The Maximum Logged On Users value that the Command Prompt window displays indicates the maximum that the operating system supports.

You can also find the maximum number in the “Device Connections” section of a Windows end-user license agreement.

| Allow network users to change my files | If you are enabling sharing for this folder and you want to allow network users to change the files in this folder, select this check box. |
| Component                           | Select the component in this folder that should include this network share. |

See Also
Folder Properties Dialog Box

Function Signature Dialog Box

*InstallShield 2020*

The Function Signature dialog box is where you specify the parameters for the entry-point function in your standard .dll file.
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**Task**  
To access the Function Signature dialog box:

1. In the View Bar / View List under **Behavior and Logic**, click **Custom Actions and Sequences** (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or **Custom Actions** (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).

2. In the **Custom Actions** explorer, select the custom action whose parameters you would like to specify.

3. In the **Function Signature** property, click the ellipsis button (...).

**Dialog Box Options**

**Name**
Specify the name of the function that you want to call. The .dll file can have a single entry point for each custom action.

**Arguments**
Build the list of arguments—in order—that you want to pass to the function.

First, click the last row of the Arguments list to add a new argument. Next, complete the Type, Source, and Value columns for each argument.

**Type**
In this list, select the data type of the parameter. Note that there are two special cases for argument types, and these cases are identified below.

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**Task**  
To initialize a pointer to null:

1. In the **Type** list, select **POINTER**.

2. In the **Source** list, select **Constant**.

3. In the **Value** list, select **NULL**. Do not enter 0 (zero) instead of **NULL**, because it is interpreted as a pointer pointing to the number 0.

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**Task**  
To set a handle to the .msi database or the Windows Installer window:

1. In the **Type** list, select **HANDLE**.

2. In the **Source** list, select **Constant**.

3. In the **Value** list, select **MsiHandle** or **MsiWindowHandle**, depending whether you want a handle to the .msi database or the Windows Installer window.
Source

Indicate how you want to pass the data to the function. The following options are available in this list.

Table 13-34 • Function Signature Dialog Box Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Constant</td>
<td>The value that you want to pass is stored as a literal in your installation project. After you select <strong>Constant</strong> for the argument’s source, enter its definition in the Value column. This constant does not require a name or identifier. Do not enclose string literals in quotation marks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>in Property</td>
<td>Select <strong>in Property</strong> for the source to specify the name of a Windows Installer property whose value will be passed to the function. This type of argument is suitable for a ByVal parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>inout Property</td>
<td>This source type is similar to a ByRef parameter. Select <strong>inout Property</strong> for the source to specify the name of a Windows Installer property whose value will be passed to the function and can be modified by the function.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>out Property</td>
<td>An <strong>out property</strong> serves as a placeholder for a value that can be set by the function. No value is passed to the function, but the function requires the name of a property whose value it can modify.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When you select a property for the argument’s source, you must specify the name of the property in the Value column.

Value

The value can be one of two types:

- A number or string literal that you enter when the argument’s source is a constant
- A Windows Installer property when the argument’s source is a property

**Note** • When you set the Type list to HANDLE and the Source list to Constant, the Value column contains two options: MsiHandle and MsiWindowHandle. These constants can be used to get a handle to either the .msi database or the Windows Installer window.

When the source is a property, the Value list provides the name of every property in the Property Manager. You can select an existing property or enter a new name, in which case the new property is added to the Property Manager.

Remember that a property is merely a container for a value. If your parameter stores its value in an in property or inout property, ensure that you specify a value for the property in the Property Manager.
(Context Menu)

The context menu provides you with options for working with your arguments. To access the context menu, right-click an argument in the Arguments grid. The context menu options are described below.

Table 13-35 • Context Menu Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Add</td>
<td>Click Add to add an argument to the Arguments grid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>Click Remove to delete the argument.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move Up</td>
<td>The arguments must be in the precise order in which the function expects to receive them. Click Move Up to place the argument higher in the list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move Down</td>
<td>Click Move Down to place the argument lower in the list.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return Type

Select the data type of the function’s return value. If you do not need to check the return value, you can accept void.

Return Property

Select the name of a property whose value will be set to the function’s return value. If you are going to check the return value elsewhere in your installation, you may want to initialize the return property’s value.

**Note** • The property cannot be set to the function’s return value unless the action is configured for immediate execution. Thus, if the action is scheduled for deferred, rollback, or commit execution, the Return Property setting is ignored at run time.

See Also
Calling Functions in Standard DLL Files
Calling MessageBoxA in an Installation

General Options - Advanced Dialog Box

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The General Options - Advanced dialog box opens when you click the Advanced button on the General Options panel of the Release Wizard. This dialog box allows you to specify a custom location for the built files, (in installation projects only) the space that is reserved in the disk images folders, whether the installation performs MD5 checking, and (in object projects only) how InstallShield handles subobjects contained in the object project during the build of the object.

Panel Options

Build the media to the custom folder location

If unchecked, the release’s Disk Images, Log Files, and Report Files folders are created in the default location: `<project folder>\Media\<release name>`
Check this box to specify another location by typing in the combo box, selecting and completing one of the list items, which are defined relative to path variables, or clicking the browse button and selecting a folder.

**Reserved Space**

*Project • This option is available in installation projects. If you are building an object project, this setting is not displayed.*

Disabled if the current release’s media type produces a single disk image—which is true for Network Image. Lets you reserve (leave empty) specified amounts of space in particular disk image folders. Select a disk image folder number in the Disk list box (for example, a value of 1 specifies disk image folder Disk1) and enter the space (in kilobytes) to be reserved in that folder in the Reserved Space edit box.

**Verify MD5 signature**

*Project • This option is available in installation projects. If you are building an object project, this setting is not displayed.*

If this check box is checked, the setup compares each installed file’s MD5 hash value to the value stored in the .cab file. This setting is stored in the CheckMD5 key of the [Startup] section in the Setup.ini file.

*Tip • MD5 checking can detect corrupted files, which is useful during Internet setups; not doing MD5 checking can make file transfer proceed faster.*

**Object Inclusion - Embedded**

*Project • This option is available in object projects.*

If the object project includes any subobjects, the release includes those subobjects themselves rather than references to the subobjects. A release built with this option can be used by InstallShield users who do not have the subobjects registered on their systems.

**Object Inclusion - Reference**

*Project • This option is available in object projects.*

If the object project includes any subobjects, the release includes references to those subobjects rather than the subobjects themselves. A release built with this option cannot be used by InstallShield users who do not have the subobjects registered on their systems.

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**General Options - Other Disk Files Dialog Box**

InstallShield 2020

The General Options - Other Disk Files dialog box opens when you click the Other Disk Files button on the General Options panel of the Release Wizard. This dialog box allows you to specify a location in the disk image folders for each file that is in the Other folder under Advanced Files in the Support Files/Billboards view.
Panel Options

File name
Select the file for which you want to specify a disk image folder number.

Disk
Select the desired disk image folder for the selected file (for example, selecting 3 places the selected file in disk image folder Disk3).

History Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020
The History dialog is displayed when you select Show History from the Project/Source Control menu. The dialog contains a drop-down list box that contains all of the Windows Installer tables in your setup project.

Task To display view the table’s history in your source control program:
Select a table from the list and click OK.

Import Dialog Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020
The Import Dialog dialog box lets you select a dialog that you want to import into your installation project. The file for the dialog (.isd file) can be stored in a repository, or it can be stored in some other location.

Task To access the Import Dialog dialog box:
1. Open the Dialogs view.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click All Dialogs and then click Import Dialog. The Import Dialog dialog box opens.

Dialog Box Options

Repository Items
This box lists all of the dialogs that are available in the repository. Select the dialog that you want to add to your project.

If the file for the dialog box (.isd file) that you want to import is not stored in the repository, click the Browse button to select it.
Import InstallScript Files Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Import InstallScript Files dialog box lets you select one or more InstallScript (.rul) or InstallScript header (.h) files that you want to import into your installation project. The files can be stored in a repository, or they can be stored in some other location.

**Task**

To access the Import InstallScript Files dialog box:

1. Open the InstallScript view.
2. In the InstallScript explorer, right-click Files and then click Import Script File. The Import InstallScript Files dialog box opens.

**Dialog Box Options**

**Repository Items**

This box lists all of the InstallScript files that are available in the repository. Select one or more InstallScript files that you want to add to your project.

If the InstallScript file that you want to import is not stored in the repository, click the Browse button to select it.

Import SQL Script Files Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Import SQL Script Files dialog box lets you select one or more SQL script files that you want to import into your installation project. The SQL script (.sql) file can be stored in a repository, or it can be stored in some other location.

**Task**

To access the Import SQL Script Files dialog box:

1. Open the SQL Scripts view.
2. In the SQL Scripts explorer, right-click Files and then click Import Script File. The Import SQL Script Files dialog box opens.

**Dialog Box Options**

**Repository Items**

This box lists all of the SQL script files that are available in the repository. Select one or more SQL script files that you want to add to your project.

If the SQL script file that you want to import is not stored in the repository, click the Browse button to select it.
Insert Action Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project • The Insert Action dialog box is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Insert Action dialog box enables you to insert a standard action, custom action, or dialog into one of your project’s sequences.

Task To launch the Insert Action dialog box:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Behavior and Logic, click Custom Actions and Sequences.

2. Right-click a sequence, dialog, custom action, or standard action, and then click Insert.

Tip • You can also launch this dialog box from the DIM References view in a Basic MSI project: In this view, click a DIM reference, and then click the Sequences tab. Right-click a sequence, dialog, custom action, or standard action, and then click Insert.
#### Dialog Options

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<td>Action Type</td>
<td>Select the type of action to insert:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Custom Actions</td>
<td>You can create custom actions with the Custom Action Wizard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Dialogs</td>
<td>You can insert dialogs into the User Interface sequence. To create custom dialogs, use the Dialogs view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• DIM Custom Actions</td>
<td>These custom actions are stored within one or more DIM references that you have added to your installation project. The GUID for that DIM is appended to the name of the custom action. For example, if you have a LaunchUtility action called LaunchUtility stored within a DIM, it appears as LaunchNotepad.xxxxxxxx_xxxx_xxxx_xxxx_xxxxxxxx, where x is the GUID for that DIM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• DIM Dialogs</td>
<td>These dialogs are stored within one or more DIM references that you have added to your installation project. The GUID for that DIM is appended to the name of the dialog. For example, if you have a dialog called CustomerInfo stored within a DIM, it appears as CustomerInfo.xxxxxxxx_xxxx_xxxx_xxxx_xxxxxxxx, where x is the GUID for that DIM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Merge Module Custom Actions</td>
<td>These custom actions are stored within one or more merge modules that you have associated with your installation project. The GUID for that merge module is appended to the name of the custom action. For example, if you have a custom action called LaunchNotepad stored within a merge module, it appears as LaunchNotepad.xxxxxxxx_xxxx_xxxx_xxxx_xxxxxxxx, where x is the GUID for that module.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Merge Module Dialogs</td>
<td>These dialogs are stored within one or more merge modules that you have associated with your installation project. The GUID for that merge module is appended to the name of the dialog. For example, if you have a dialog called CustomerInfo stored within a merge module, it appears as CustomerInfo.xxxxxxxx_xxxx_xxxx_xxxx_xxxxxxxx, where x is the GUID for that module.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Standard Actions</td>
<td>These actions are built into Windows Installer.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • *When you delete a merge module from your project that contains custom actions or dialogs inserted within one of your sequences, InstallShield removes those actions and dialogs automatically from the sequence. The same is true for DIM references.*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Select an Action</th>
<th>After you have selected the action type, you need to select the specific action. To do this, highlight the action you want to insert.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>You can set a condition upon this action. If the condition does not evaluate to true, the action does not execute. For more information on conditions, see Conditional Statement Syntax.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-36 • Insert Action Dialog Box Options (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Enter comments in this field. These comments are for internal use only and are not displayed to the end user.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

InstallShield Prerequisite Properties Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The InstallShield Prerequisites Properties dialog box opens when you right-click a selected InstallShield prerequisite in the Redistributables view or in the Prerequisites view and then click Properties. This dialog box enables you to specify a location for the selected InstallShield prerequisite. To learn more, see Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level.

Project • In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, the InstallShield Prerequisite Properties dialog box also enables you to set release flags for InstallShield prerequisites that you want to exclude from certain builds. For example, if you have an
InstallShield prerequisite that should be included only in a special edition of your product that contains a special add-on that requires the prerequisite, you can flag that prerequisite and include it only when it is needed.

Table 13-37 • InstallShield Prerequisite Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Build Location</td>
<td>When you package an installation that includes InstallShield prerequisites, you can use any one several methods for supplying the prerequisite files to end users:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Download From The Web — Download the InstallShield prerequisite files (if necessary) from the URL that is specified for this InstallShield prerequisite.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This option is recommended if your installation will be downloaded from the Internet and you want to minimize the package size and download time. An InstallShield prerequisite will not be downloaded if the correct version is already present on the target machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This option is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Extract From Setup.exe — Compress the InstallShield prerequisite files into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Select this option if the entire installation must be self-contained in Setup.exe. Note that the Download From The Web option results in smaller installations and shorter download time; however, the Extract From Setup.exe option provides for a completely self-contained installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This option is available for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Copy From Source Media — Store the InstallShield prerequisite files on the source media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Use this option if the installation will be run uncompressed from fixed media—CD, DVD, or local network.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This option is available for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Include with Media — Store the InstallShield prerequisite files on the source media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This option is available for InstallScript projects.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that the option that you select in the Build Location setting may be overridden in the Releases view. For more information, see Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level.

Note • Note that if an InstallShield prerequisite is added to a project as a dependency of another prerequisite, the location for the prerequisite dependency follows the location setting of the prerequisite that requires it.

Release Flags

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Project</td>
<td>This setting is available in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type a string. The string can be any combination of letters or numbers. To have more than one flag on an InstallShield prerequisite, use a comma to separate the flags</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Languages Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The Languages dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) for the Languages setting in the Components view. This dialog box enables you to specify the languages for which the component is intended, for use in build-time filtering. By default, components are language independent, meaning that none of the component’s data (such as files and registry entries) are specific to a particular language.

To designate that the component is intended for only certain languages, select the check boxes for the appropriate languages.

Project  •  In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, if a language is not selected in the General Information view of a project, it is not listed as one of the available languages for the project’s components.

See Also
Marking Components as Language Dependent
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield

Link Type Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The Link Type dialog box opens when you click the browse button in the Link Type setting in the Components and Setup Design views. It also opens when you right-click a component in the Destination computer’s folders pane in the Files and Folders view and then click File Linking.

The Link Type dialog box lets you specify whether the file links of the selected component are static or dynamic and, if the latter, how the links are determined at the time of the media build.
Dialog Box Settings

Static Links
The component contains file links to files specified by explicit fully qualified file names.

Dynamic Links
The component contains file links to files whose names can be specified by wild cards (for example, *.* or *.exe) and whose folder can be specified by an explicit path or by a build variable.

Note • The following settings are enabled only if the Dynamic Links option is selected.

Specify the folder which contains the files to include
This setting specifies the folder that contains the linked files. Type an explicit path, select or type a build variable, or select and optionally append to a predefined path variable.

Caution • Entering a relative path (for example, ..\MyFolder) will give unpredictable results.

Browse
Clicking this button opens the Browse for Folder dialog box, in which you can specify an explicit path.

Include subfolders
If you select this check box, InstallShield dynamically links the files that are included in any subfolders of the folder that you identified for the Specify the folder which contains the files to include setting.

Tip • The InstallScript engine does not support the concept of subcomponents. When you include subfolders in a dynamic file link, InstallShield creates separate components for each subfolder.

Wildcard(s)
The file list is constructed by first including all files that match the specification you enter in the Inclusion combo box, and then excluding from those files all the ones that match the specification you enter in the Exclusion combo box.

Inclusion
Specify the names of the files to which the component contains file links. By typing an entry or selecting a path variable, you can enter the name of a single file or use wild cards in this filename specification, for example *.* or *.exe. To specify multiple wild cards, separate them with semicolons and no spaces, for example,

*.txt;*.doc

Exclusion
Specify the names of the files to which the component does not contain file links. By typing an entry or selecting a path variable, you can enter the name of a single file or use wild cards in this filename specification, for example *.* or *.exe. To specify multiple wild cards, separate them with semicolons and no spaces, for example,
In the above example, no .exe or DLL files are included in the component.

See Also
Dynamic File Linking
Creating a Dynamic Link

Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020
InstallShield displays the Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later dialog box when you click the ellipsis button (…) for the Create MSI Logs setting in the General Information view. This dialog box enables you to specify on a project-wide basis—without having to use the command line or configure log parameters through the registry—whether Windows Installer should log your installation. You can also use this dialog box to customize the types of messages that are logged.

Table 13-38 • Options for the Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later Dialog Box

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>Installations are not logged. This is the default value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Yes (MsiLogging set to default value of voicewarmup) | InstallShield populates the MsiLogging property with the default value of voicewarmup. If the installation is run on a target system that has Windows Installer 4.0 or later, as well as Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later, the following occurs:  
- The installer creates a log file according to the default logging mode of voicewarmup.  
- The installer populates the MsiLogFileLocation property with the log file’s path.  
- A Show the Windows Installer log check box is added to the SetupCompleteSuccess, SetupCompleteError, and SetupInterrupted dialogs. If the end user selects that check box and then clicks Finish, the log file is opened in a text file viewer or editor.  
This setting applies to installations that are run with Windows Installer 4.0 or later on Windows Vista and later systems or Windows Server 2008 and later systems. The Show the Windows Installer log check box is not visible in run-time dialogs that are displayed on earlier systems that are running earlier versions of Windows Installer. |
### Important

The `MsiLogFileLocation` property is read-only; it cannot be used to set or change the log file location.

### See Also

*Specifying Whether Windows Installer Installations Should Be Logged*

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#### Lowercase Component Directory Warning

InstallShield 2020

This dialog appears when you declare a Directory Identifier in lowercase or in mixed-case letters when setting a component’s destination.

Declaring a Directory Identifier in uppercase letters makes that value a public property that can be set from the user interface. Using mixed-case or lowercase letters for the Directory Identifier defines the directory entry as a private property. Private properties cannot be changed from the user interface.

**Note** • To suppress this warning, select the **Do not show this dialog again** option.

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#### Media File Properties Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Opens when you click the Import or Modify button in the Release Wizard’s Update panel. Lets you specify a release that is not in the current project and the method for determining its version information.
**Media Header File**

Type, or select and complete, the fully qualified name of the desired release’s header file (such files have extension .hdr and are typically named Data1.hdr), or click the browse button to browse for the header file.

**Read the version information ...**

Specifies that the version information is automatically read from the release’s header file.

**Specify the version information below**

Specifies that the version information is what you type or select in the combo box.

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**Merge Module Configurable Values Dialog Box**

*InstallShield 2020*

A configurable redistributable is a merge module or an object that has at least one row in the `ModuleConfiguration` table that is referenced by at least one row in the `ModuleSubstitution` table. This allows you to change a value in the redistributable.

**Displaying the Merge Modules Configurable Values Dialog Box**

The Merge Module Configurable Values dialog box opens when you select a configurable merge module or object whose check box is selected in the Redistributables view. If the redistributable selected is an object, the Merge Module Configurable Values dialog box is displayed when the object wizard finishes.

You can also right-click a configurable merge module or object and select Configure Merge Module.

**Dialog Box Settings**

The Merge Module Configurable Values dialog box contains a grid in which you can modify the configurable values. The left column contains the name of the configurable value. The right column contains the value options. You can select a new value from the drop-down menu. Refer to the redistributable vendor’s documentation for information about the values.

After you specify the values that you want, click OK to save the new values. When you build your project, these values are used to build the .msi package.

**Restore Defaults**

Click this button to restore the redistributable’s default settings. All of the configurable values in the redistributable are returned to their defaults.

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**Merge Module Properties Dialog Box**

*InstallShield 2020*

The Merge Module Properties dialog opens when you right-click a selected merge module or object in the Redistributables view and then click Properties. The following tabs are associated with this dialog box:

- **Media**
- **Destination**
Media Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Merge Module Properties Dialog Box

File Location

Use the Media tab to specify the destination and format of your output.

On the source media (uncompressed)
Choose this option to copy the files uncompressed to the media.

In a new .CAB file
When you choose this option, InstallShield puts the source media in the same location as the .msi package. However, you can choose to stream the .cab into the .msi package.

Stream the new .CAB file into the Windows Installer Package
Choose this option to stream the .cab into the .msi package.

Note • For transform (*.mst) project types, the option to stream the .cab into the .msi package is disabled because the transform project cannot store the .cab file internally. It can only add uncompressed files or files stored in an external cab.

See Also
Merge Module Properties Dialog Box

Destination Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Merge Module Properties Dialog Box

Use the Destination tab on the Merge Module Properties dialog box to configure destination information.

Settings

GUID
Displays the merge module’s unique GUID.

Author
Displays the merge module’s author.

Version
Displays the merge module version.
Destination

Specifies the destination of the merge module’s files. It is recommended you use the default setting “(Use merge module’s default destination)”.

See Also
Merge Module Properties Dialog Box

Method Browser Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Method Browser dialog box is where you specify the class and method in your managed assembly that your custom action should invoke. The Custom Action Wizard displays this dialog box when you click the Browse button on the Managed Method Definition panel. In addition, this dialog box is also displayed if you click the Browse button on the Method Signature dialog box.

Note • Only public methods of public classes are available for selection. In addition, overloaded methods cannot be selected.

The browse functionality is available only if the .NET Framework is installed. In addition, it is available only if the location of the managed assembly is set to the Binary table or installed with the product—not if the assembly’s path references a property or a directory in the Directory table.

Also note that the browse functionality is available for only 32-bit assemblies and for Microsoft intermediate language (MSIL) files. It is not available for 64-bit assemblies.

See Also
Calling a Public Method in a Managed Assembly
Custom Action Wizard

Method Signature Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield displays the Method Signature dialog box when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Method Signature setting for a managed custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view). This dialog box lets you specify the public class method that you want your custom action to invoke.
The Method Signature dialog box has the following settings.

### Table 13-39 • Settings on the Method Signature Panel

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Class                        | Enter the name of the public class—including the full namespace—with which the method is associated. Use the following format:  

```
MyNamespace.MyClass
```

As an alternative, click the Browse button to display the Method Browser dialog box. This dialog box lets you select the public method from the list of public classes that are available in the managed assembly that you selected on the Action Parameters panel.

*Note* • The browse functionality is available only if the .NET Framework is installed. In addition, it is available only if the location of the managed assembly is set to the Binary table or installed with the product—not if the assembly’s path references a property or a directory in the Directory table.

Also note that the browse functionality is available for only 32-bit assemblies and for Microsoft intermediate language (MSIL) files. It is not available for 64-bit assemblies.

| Method                       | Enter the public method that you want your installation to call. As an alternative, click the Browse button to display the Method Browser dialog box. This dialog box lets you select the public method from the list of public classes that are available in the managed assembly that you selected on the Action Parameters panel.

*Note* • The browse functionality is available only if the .NET Framework is installed. In addition, it is available only if the location of the managed assembly is set to the Binary table or installed with the product—not if the assembly’s path references a property or a directory in the Directory table.

Also note that the browse functionality is available for only 32-bit assemblies and for Microsoft intermediate language (MSIL) files. It is not available for 64-bit assemblies.

| Use custom method signature | To use the default method signature, clear this check box. For the default method signature, the installation calls the method with an MsiHandle parameter if the signature has one or more void parameters, or if it has a single MsiHandle parameter.

To use a custom method signature, select this check box. Then specify the arguments and return property as needed.

If you specified a class and a method by clicking the Browse button, InstallShield automatically adds any associated parameters. Specify the value for each parameter that you want to pass to the method.

For detailed information about specifying the method’s signature, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action. |
Table 13-39 • Settings on the Method Signature Panel (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Arguments</td>
<td>If you are using a custom method signature, specify the list of arguments that you want to pass to the selected method.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you specified a class and a method by clicking the Browse button, InstallShield automatically adds any associated parameters to the grid in this area.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To use a property as an argument, click the value field for the parameter, and then select the property from the list. You can also use a property that is not included in the list by typing the name of the property. The property must be defined at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The context menu provides you with options for working with arguments. To access the context menu, right-click an argument in the Arguments grid. The available context menu commands are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Add—Add an argument to the grid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Remove—Delete an argument from the grid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This grid is available only if the Use custom method signature check box is selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information about specifying the arguments, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Return Property</td>
<td>Select or type the name of the property whose value will be set to the method’s return value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This list is available only if the Use custom method signature check box is selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information about specifying the return property, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Calling a Public Method in a Managed Assembly Custom Action Wizard

MIME Types Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

The MIME Types dialog box lets you add, edit, and delete mappings between file name extensions and the corresponding content types that are served as static files by the Web server to a browser or mail client.
The MIME Types dialog box is available from within the Internet Information Services view. To open this dialog box, click a Web site, application, or virtual directory in the explorer. Then click the ellipsis button (...) in the MIME Types setting.

### Table 13-40 • MIME Types Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Add</td>
<td>To add an entry for mapping a file name extension and the corresponding content type that is served as a static file by the Web server to a browser or mail client, click this button. This opens the Add MIME Types dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edit</td>
<td>To edit an existing MIME type, select the MIME type and click this button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete</td>
<td>To delete an existing MIME type, select the MIME type and click this button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also
- Internet Information Services View

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## Modify Dynamic Links Dialog Box

### InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Modify Dynamic Links dialog box shows all of the settings for your dynamic link.

### Task

**To launch the dialog box:**

1. Open the **Components** view or the **Setup Design** view.
2. In the explorer, expand the component whose dynamic link you would like to modify and then click Files.
3. Right-click in the Files pane and then click **Dynamic File Linking**. The Modify Dynamic Links dialog box opens.

### Table 13-41 • Settings on the File Linking Tab of the Component Properties Dialog Box

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Source</td>
<td>This column shows where the source files are stored. A path variable is typically used.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Tip
Note the following guidelines for working with the File Linking tab:

- To add a new dynamic link, click the New Link button. InstallShield displays the Dynamic File Link Settings dialog box.
- To modify the settings for an existing link, select the link and then click the Modify button. InstallShield displays the Dynamic File Link Settings dialog box.
- To remove a link and its associated dynamically linked files, select the link and then click the Delete button.

### See Also
- Dynamic File Linking
- Dynamic File Link Settings Dialog Box

## Modify Property Dialog Box/Release Wizard—Platforms Panel

**InstallShield 2020**

### Project
The following information applies to InstallScript projects.

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### Table 13-41 • Settings on the File Linking Tab of the Component Properties Dialog Box (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include SubFolders</td>
<td>This column indicates whether InstallShield should dynamically link the files in each subfolder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For information on how InstallShield creates components for the dynamically linked files in subfolders, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Self-Register</td>
<td>This column indicates whether you want InstallShield to self-register every file in the dynamic link.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the file are part of a 64-bit component and the Self-Register column indicates Yes for a dynamic link, the installation performs 64-bit self-registration on the target system. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create Components</td>
<td>This column indicates how you want InstallShield to create the components when it adds the dynamic files to your release at build time. The valid options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Best Practice</strong>—InstallShield adheres to best practices when creating components for the dynamically linked files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>By Directory</strong>—InstallShield creates one component for each folder and subfolder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn about these two methods, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Details</td>
<td>This column indicates the filter criteria for including files in and excluding files from the dynamic link.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Modify property dialog box and the Platforms panel in the Release Wizard let you specify whether a release is specific to one or more platforms. If the platform specified for a component does not match one of the platforms that is selected for the release, the component is not included in the release.

**Task**  
**To access the Modify Property dialog box:**

1. In the View Bar / View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, click the release that you want to configure.
3. Click the Build tab.
4. Click the value of the Platform(s) setting, and then click the ellipsis button (...).

**Task**  
**To access the Platforms Panel in the Release Wizard:**

1. In the View Bar / View List under Media, click Releases.
2. In the Releases explorer, right-click the release that you want to configure, and then click Release Wizard.
3. Complete each of the panels in the wizard until you reach the Platforms panel.

The following table shows the settings that are displayed on the Modify Property dialog box and the Platforms panel in the Release Wizard.

**Table 13-42 • Settings on the Modify Property Dialog Box and the Platforms Panel in the Release Wizard**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Use platforms specified by the Platform Filtering setting</td>
<td>If the selected release supports all of the platforms that are specified for the Platform Filtering setting in the General Information view, select this option. If you select this option, none of the components are excluded from the release at build time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-42 • Settings on the Modify Property Dialog Box and the Platforms Panel in the Release Wizard (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Specify the platforms to support below</td>
<td>If the selected release is specific to one or more operating systems, select this option and then select the appropriate operating systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the platform specified for a component does not match one of the platforms that is selected for this setting, InstallShield does not include the component in the release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tip</td>
<td>To select multiple consecutive operating systems, select the first file, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last operating systems. To select multiple nonconsecutive operating systems, select the first operating systems, press and hold CTRL, and select each additional operating systems.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Project** • For InstallScript projects, the list of operating systems that are displayed in this dialog box excludes any of the operating systems whose check box is cleared at the project level.

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See Also

Settings for Platforms and Platform Suites

**Module Dependencies Dialog Box**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Merge Module
- MSM Database

The Module Dependencies dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Module Dependencies setting of the General Information view. This dialog box lets you select the merge modules that are required for the merge module that you are creating.

**Tip** • The dialog box lists the merge modules that are found in the directories that are specified on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box. If you want to add a dependency that is not present on your machine, you can do so by clicking the **Add a new module dependency** button in the Module Dependencies setting of the General Information view.
Module Exclusions Dialog Box

**InstallShield 2020**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Merge Module
- MSM Database

Some merge modules do not operate correctly in the presence of certain other merge modules. This may occur because an earlier version of a module might not be compatible with your new module. As a result, you need to ensure that the incompatible module is excluded from any installation that will contain your new module.

The Module Exclusions dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (…) in the Module Exclusions setting of the General Information view. This dialog box lets you select the merge modules that are compatible with the merge module that you are creating.

If you add a merge module that has exclusions to an installation project, and those excluded modules have already been added to your installation project, InstallShield silently removes any reference to the exclusions from your project.

**Caution** • Any excluded modules that are added to the installation project after the excluding module has been added will not be removed; in addition, you will not receive any warning that they are incompatible.

**Tip** • The dialog box lists the merge modules that are found in the directories that are specified on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog box. If you want to add an exclusion that is not present on your machine, you can do so by clicking the Add a new module dependency button in the Module Exclusions setting of the General Information view.

MSI Value Dialog Box

**InstallShield 2020**

The MSI Value dialog box enables you to create or modify a primary key for an entry in the resulting Windows Installer package’s Registry table. For more information, see Specifying a Primary Key for the Registry Table.

MST SIS Settings Dialog Box

**InstallShield 2020**

This dialog allows you suppress errors and specify validation options for the transform and base MSI package. For more information, see Database.CreateTransformSummaryInfo in the Windows Installer Help Library.
**Dialog Options**

**Suppress Errors Options**
Select the check boxes next to the error conditions that you want to suppress.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Add existing row</td>
<td>Adds a row that already exists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add existing table</td>
<td>Adds a table that already exists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete missing row</td>
<td>Deletes a row that does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete missing table</td>
<td>Deletes a table that does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modify missing row</td>
<td>Updates or modifies a row that does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change codepage</td>
<td>The transform and .msi code pages do not match and neither code page is neutral.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Validation Options**
In this section, you can indicate the information that you want the transform package to validate on the base MSI package before the transform is applied.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Validation Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Match languages</td>
<td>Validates the languages in both the base MSI and the transform. The transform is not applied if the languages do not match.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Match Upgrade Code</td>
<td>Validates the Upgrade Codes in both the base MSI and the transform. The transform is not applied if the Upgrade Codes do not match.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Match Product Code</td>
<td>Validates the Product Codes in both the base MSI and the transform. The transform is not applied if the Product Codes do not match.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Version comparison**
Select the type of comparison you want to make.

**Version level**
Select whether you want only the major versions compared or both the major and minor versions.
Multi-Line String Value Dialog Box

The Multi-Line String Value dialog box lets you enter a multi-line registry value. This dialog box opens when you are adding or editing a multi-line string value for a registry key in the Registry view.

(Multi-line edit field)

In the multi-line edit field, enter a line for each null-delimited string or modify it. Right-click the grid to display the context menu or press the following keys in the grid below associated with the following actions.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Shortcut Keys</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Add String</td>
<td>INSERT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rename String</td>
<td>F2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete String</td>
<td>DELETE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move Up</td>
<td>UP ARROW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move Down</td>
<td>DOWN ARROW</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Click OK when you are finished entering a line for each null-delimited string. The strings are automatically concatenated.

Note • Strings that contain only spaces are allowed, but strings cannot be empty or “[-]”, which is the separator for the strings as they are stored in the project and displayed in the Destination computer’s registry data pane. This separator is not included when the registry value is created on the target system.

Select how you want to modify the registry value

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
For Windows Installer–based projects, you can choose from the following options to indicate where you want to add the value.

**Table 13-46 • Options for Modifying the Registry Value**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Append</td>
<td>Add to the end of the existing registry value string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepend</td>
<td>Add to the front of the existing registry value string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replace</td>
<td>Replace the existing registry value string.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
New Dependency Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The New Dependency dialog box opens when you click the Add or Modify button on the Dependencies tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. This dialog box lets you specify other InstallShield prerequisites (.prq files) on which this prerequisite depends.

Table 13-1 • New Dependency Dialog Box Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dialog Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| File          | Type the path and name of the .prq file that is required for the current InstallShield prerequisite. To find the .prq file by browsing, click the ellipsis (...) button. InstallShield prerequisite files are stored in the following location by default: 

`InstallShield Program Files Folder\SetupPrerequisites`

For more information about the locations where InstallShield prerequisites are stored, see Specifying the Directories that Contain InstallShield Prerequisites. |

See Also
Specifying Dependencies for an InstallShield Prerequisite
Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

New File Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The New File dialog box opens when you click the Add button on the Files to Include tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. This dialog box lets you specify a file for your InstallShield prerequisite.

Table 13-2 • New File Dialog Box Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File</td>
<td>Type the path and name of the file. To find the file by browsing, click the ellipsis (...) button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**URL to file**

If end users should be able to download the file from the Web, specify the uniform resource locator (URL) in this box. This URL is the same one that InstallShield uses when installation authors use the Redistributables view to download an InstallShield prerequisite from the Internet to their local machines.

For example, if the URL for the file is http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1/Notepad.exe, enter the following in this box: http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1

See Also
Specifying Dependencies for an InstallShield Prerequisite
Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
New Project Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

This dialog box is displayed when you create a new project in InstallShield. In the dialog box, you can select a project type, name your project, and provide a location for the project’s files. After you select a project type and click OK, your project opens in InstallShield.

Project • If you select an installation project such as InstallScript, Basic MSI, MSIX, or InstallScript MSI, the Project Assistant launches to help you create your project.
Dialog Box Tabs

Table 13-3 • New Project Dialog Box Tabs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tab</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common</td>
<td>This tab displays some of the most-often-used project types.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>This tab displays all of the project types that use the InstallShield installation engine, including the InstallScript installation project. If you previously used InstallShield Professional, you will be familiar with these project types.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows Installer</td>
<td>This tab includes projects that use the Microsoft Windows Installer engine, including the Basic MSI installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>This tab includes projects that use Windows app package format that provides a modern packaging experience of the Windows apps.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All Types</td>
<td>This tab displays all of the project types available in InstallShield. It also includes any project templates that you previously saved, as well as any templates that are available in your repository.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Dialog Box Options

Table 13-4 • New Project Dialog Box Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Project Name</td>
<td>Type a name for your project in this box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • When you create a Merge Module project, the name that you specify in this box should have 35 characters or fewer. This is because the name that you enter is used with the GUID in the ModuleID field of the ModuleSignature table of your object or module file, and the limit for the name portion of the ModuleID field is a maximum of 35 characters. When you create a DIM project, the name that you specify in this box should have 35 characters or fewer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Type a location or click Browse to navigate to a project location. To change the default project location displayed, change the Project Location path, which is specified on the File Locations tab of the Options dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create the project in Project Name subfolder</td>
<td>Select this check box if you want InstallShield to create a subfolder with your project’s name in your Projects location.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Operating Systems Dialog Box

This dialog lets you specify the operating systems with which a component (in an InstallScript MSI project) is associated.

Dialog Options

Operating Systems
Select the operating systems on which the component should be installed. Leaving all operating systems unselected causes the component to be installed regardless of the target operating system.

Options Dialog Box

The Options dialog box enables you to specify preferences for creating projects and working in InstallShield.

Task To access the Options dialog box:

On the Tools menu, click Options button.

The Options dialog box is organized into multiple task-related tabs:

- General tab
- File Locations tab
- Path Variables tab
- User Interface tab
- Preferences tab
- .NET tab
- Files View tab
- File Extensions tab
- Prerequisites tab
- Source Control tab
- Directory tab
- Resource tab
- Validation tab
- Repository tab
- SQL Scripts tab
- Merge Modules tab
General Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

The General tab on the Options dialog box enables you to set general project options.

Table 13-5 • General Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Types</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enforce Setup Best Practices</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Select this check box to indicate that you want InstallShield to monitor your installation design to help you comply with Setup Best Practices.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Help window on top</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Select this check box to have the help window remain on top of the InstallShield interface. If you want the help window to fall to the background when focus is given to InstallShield, clear this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stop build process when first error is encountered</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Select this check box to abort the build process when a build error occurs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatically create ISSetAllUsers action</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Select this check box to add the ISSetAllUsers action to your sequences when your project contains one or more records in the Upgrade table.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Options Dialog Box
File Locations Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

The File Locations tab on the Options dialog box enables you to set the default directories for where your project files are located and where all of your merge modules can be found.

Table 13-6 • File Locations Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Project Location</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>The project location becomes your Favorite folder for new installation projects. All of your source and release files, such as your project (.ism) file, installation package (.msi file), and disk image files, are stored in subfolders of your Favorites location, currently [unknown]. You can enter a complete path or click the Browse button to navigate to the folder. By default, your project is stored in the following location: C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tip</td>
<td></td>
<td>Changing the project location does not move existing folders and files in the previous project location. You must build a release with a new name or manually move the folders to change their location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dialogs Location</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Enter the path where the Dialog Wizard should search for dialogs. Dialogs in this location appear in the list presented in the Dialog Wizard’s Dialog Template panel. Separate additional paths with a comma.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Options Dialog Box
Path Variables Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

The Path Variables tab enables you to set user-level path variables options.

Table 13-7 • Path Variable Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Types</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Always recommend path variables</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, QuickPatch, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Select this option if you want InstallShield to automatically assign existing path variables to your files. For example, if you are adding a file to your installation project that is stored in your Program Files folder, InstallShield uses &lt;ProgramFilesFolder&gt; rather than a hard-coded path. Select the check box below this option to have InstallShield automatically create a path variable for you. When a new variable is created, it is titled &lt;MYVAR#&gt; (where # is a successive number). You can change the name of this variable in the Path Variables editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Don't recommend path variables</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, QuickPatch, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Select this option if you want to use hard-coded paths for all of your file links. InstallShield does not suggest path variables for you if this option is selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always display the Path Variable Recommendation dialog to me</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, QuickPatch, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Select this option if you want the Path Variable Recommendation dialog box to be displayed every time you associate a file with your installation project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Options Dialog Box
**User Interface Tab**

**InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box**

The User Interface tab on the Options dialog box sets your user interface preferences. These settings are maintained across all projects that you create on this system.

**Table 13-8 • User Interface Tab Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Always create new components and features</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>If you want InstallShield to automatically create components and features when needed, select this check box. If you do not select this check box, InstallShield prompts you to create components and features when necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always confirm feature, component, and release deletion</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>If you want InstallShield to display a confirmation dialog box each time that you delete a feature, component, or release, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always confirm script terminology conversion</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>If you want InstallShield to display a confirmation dialog box when you open a project that was created in InstallShield Professional, select this check box. The dialog box asks if you want to convert your script to use the InstallScript lexicon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatically determine best feature or component</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>If you want InstallShield to automatically determine the feature or component that should contain the registry data that you configure in the Registry view, select this check box. If this check box is cleared, InstallShield displays a dialog box that you can use to specify the appropriate feature or component name when you create registry data for the All Application data option or a Feature option in the View Filter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Welcome panel for IDE wizards</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>If you want InstallShield to display a Welcome panel every time you run a wizard, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warn about Web site deletion</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want InstallShield to display a confirmation dialog box when you delete a Web site in the Internet Information Services view and the Web site contains one or more IIS applications or virtual directories, select this check box. The confirmation dialog box alerts you that the Web site’s applications and virtual directories will be deleted from your project if you proceed with deleting the Web site.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show InstallScript project types</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>This check box is available in the version of InstallShield that is included with AdminStudio. By default, this check box is cleared. If you want InstallShield to hide the InstallScript and InstallScript MSI project types on the New dialog box, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Options Dialog Box

Preferences Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

The Preferences tab on the Options dialog box sets your program preferences. These settings are maintained across all installation projects you create on this system.

Table 13-9 • Preferences Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Self-Registration  | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | This section enables you to select the self-registration method that InstallShield should use when you indicate that a file is self-registering. Changing this setting applies only to future self-registration settings and does not affect files that were previously designated as self-registering.  
  - **InstallShield Self-Registration Table (ISSelfReg)**—Select this option to use the InstallShield Self-Registration table for all files designated as self registering.  
  - **Windows Installer Self-Registration Table (SelfReg)**—Select this option to use the Windows Installer Self-Registration table for all files designated as self registering.  
  This section also enables you to select the default timing for COM extraction of self-registering files. This is the default setting used if a self-registering file is added via the Files and Folders view or through the Component Wizard.  
  - **COM Extraction will occur during the build**—Select this option to perform extraction during the build. COM information will appear in the build log file.  
  - **COM Extraction will occur immediately when the file is added**—Select this option to extract COM data right after you add a COM file. When you select this option, InstallShield populates the component’s COM Registration Advanced Settings view. |
| Run Commands       | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | If you want InstallShield to automatically uninstall your product before you debug your installation or before you rerun it by relaunching it from the Build menu, select the **Uninstall the product automatically before installing or debugging** check box. |
| Referential Integrity | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Select the **Maintain referential integrity** check box if you want InstallShield to automatically maintain referential integrity when you are working in the Direct Editor. For example, the Control table has a Dialog_ column, meaning that the column is a foreign key to the Dialog table. If you rename the key in the Dialog table, the key in the Control table is also renamed. Also, if you delete the entire dialog, all of the controls should be deleted. This is true for any tables with this type of foreign key relationship. |
Options Dialog Box

The .NET tab on the Options dialog box is where you specify preferences for .NET projects. It is also where you specify the location of the Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll files, which are utilities that are included with the .NET Framework. These utilities are used for COM interop and .NET custom actions.

Table 13-10 • .NET Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default .NET Scan at Build</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>In this list, select how the .NET Scan at Build setting should be configured for new components. This applies to components that are automatically created when you add files to your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Component Setting</td>
<td></td>
<td>Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll are utilities that are included with each version of the .NET Framework. Specify the path for the directory that contains the version of these files that you want to use at build time for releases that include .NET installer classes and COM interop.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.NET Framework File Locations</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>In order to configure these options, you must be running InstallShield with administrative privileges. If you do not have administrative privileges, these options are disabled. To learn more, see Launching InstallShield with vs. Without Administrative Privileges.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note: In order to configure these options, you must be running InstallShield with administrative privileges. If you do not have administrative privileges, these options are disabled. To learn more, see Launching InstallShield with vs. Without Administrative Privileges.

See Also
Options Dialog Box
Files View Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

In the Files View tab on the Options dialog box, you can indicate preferences such as which columns you want to be displayed in several areas of InstallShield.

If you make any changes on this tab, close and reopen your project to see the changes take effect.

Table 13-11 • Files View Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Size</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To include a Size column in the following areas of InstallShield, select this check box:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Files and Folders view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Files subview in the Components view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Application Files page of the Project Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Link To</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To include a Link To column in the following areas of InstallShield, select this check box:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Files and Folders view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Files subview in the Components view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Application Files page of the Project Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modified Date</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To include a Modified Date column in the following areas of InstallShield, select this check box:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Files and Folders view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Files subview in the Components view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Application Files page of the Project Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To include a Destination column in the Application Files page of the Project Assistant, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To include a Version column in the following areas of InstallShield, select this check box:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Files and Folders view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Files subview in the Components view</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Important** • Selecting the Version check box will slow the performance of the aforementioned views.
### Options Dialog Box

#### File Extensions Tab

**InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box**

![Project](image)

**Project**  • *The File Extensions tab is applicable to the following project types:*

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**Table 13-11 • Files View Tab Settings (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File Key</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To include a Key column in the Files subview in the Components view, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Maximum files to display | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Specify the maximum number of files that you want to be displayed for a dynamic file link in the following areas of InstallShield:  
  - Files and Folders view  
  - Files subview in the Components view  
  - Application Files page of the Project Assistant  
  
  The default value is 1000. If the dynamic file link includes more than the specified number of files, the top entry in the list of files is called "List Truncated". |
| Clean up unused components | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | If you want InstallShield to remove unused components from your project automatically, select this check box.  

  When this check box is selected, you delete all of the files in a component, and that component is not required elsewhere, that component is deleted automatically.  

  Examples of scenarios in which a component is still required and will not be deleted from the project automatically are:  
  - The component is selected in the **Destination computer’s folders** pane in the Files and Folders view.  
  - A folder would no longer be displayed in the Files and Folders view if the component were removed.  
  - The component is selected for an item in another area of the product (for example, for XML file changes that are configured in the XML File Changes view).  
  - In InstallScript projects, **DefaultComponent** under the Application Target Folder is never deleted automatically. |

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**See Also**

Options Dialog Box
Chapter 13

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

The File Extensions tab on the Options dialog box is where you specify preferences for Portable Executable (PE) files. InstallShield refers to this list of PE files on several different occasions. For example:

• When you add a PE file to a folder in the Destination computer’s folders pane in the Files and Folders view, InstallShield creates a new component for it and sets it as the component’s key file.
• When you create components by using the best practice option in the Component Wizard, InstallShield creates a new component for PE files and sets each PE file as the key file of its component.
• When you use the best practice method of component creation for dynamic file links, InstallShield creates at build time a separate component for each PE file in the dynamically linked folder. Each PE file is the key file of its component.

The following setting is available on this tab:

**Table 13-12 • File Extensions Tab Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Portable Executable File Extensions</td>
<td>In this box, type the file extensions that you would like InstallShield to consider to be PE files. Separate extensions with a comma. The default entry for this box is the following: EXE, DLL, OCX, VXD, CHM, HLP, TLB, AX</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Modifying the List of Portable Executable Files for the Standalone Build Options Dialog Box
Prerequisites Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

The Prerequisites tab on the Options dialog box enables you to set preferences for InstallShield prerequisites.

Table 13-13 • Prerequisites Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prerequisite File Locations (Current User)</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the paths for the folders where you store InstallShield prerequisite files (.prq files). To specify more than one location, separate each path with a comma, as in the following example: C:\Prerequisites,C:\My Files\Prerequisites. Note that you can use path variables in the path, as in the following example: &lt;ISProductFolder&gt;\SetupPrerequisites,&lt;ISProjectFolder&gt;\My CustomPrerequisites. The All Users option is available if you want to run a command-line build under a system account for which you cannot easily update the user settings. InstallShield provides additional ways for specifying the folders that contain InstallShield prerequisite files. For more information, see Specifying the Directories that Contain InstallShield Prerequisites.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • In order to configure the All Users option, you must be running InstallShield with administrative privileges. If you do not have administrative privileges, this option is disabled. To learn more, see Launching InstallShield with vs. Without Administrative Privileges.

See Also
Options Dialog Box

Source Control Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

Edit the settings on the Source Control tab of the Options dialog box to control how InstallShield interacts with your source code control program. All of the settings on this tab apply to every project the current user opens on this system.

Project • The following options apply to both Windows Installer—based and InstallScript-based projects unless otherwise noted.

• Use dialog for checkout—When this check box is selected, a checkout dialog box is displayed when you check out a project through InstallShield. If this check box is cleared, InstallShield automatically checks out the file without a
comment when you select the Check out project when edited check box or if, on the Project menu, you point to Source Control and then click Check Out.

- **Get latest version when opening the project**—Select this check box to retrieve the latest version of your project from your source control program when you open the project in InstallShield. If you do not get the latest version, you might edit an older version in your working directory—if someone else modified the project file that exists in source control in the interim.

- **Check out project when edited**—Select this check box to have InstallShield automatically check your project file out of your source control program whenever you modify it in InstallShield. If your project file is not checked out, it is likely read only and you cannot save changes to it until you check it out.

- **Add new projects to source control**—Select this check box if you want new projects automatically added to source control upon creating them in InstallShield.

- **Use XML format when creating new Windows Installer-based projects**—When this check box is selected, XML is the default file format for Windows Installer projects that you create using the New Project dialog box. If this check box is cleared, binary is the default file format setting for Windows Installer projects. You can change the project’s file format at any time by changing the value for the Project File Format setting in the General Information view.

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**Note** • When a project file format is converted to either XML or binary format, the project file extension remains .ism.

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**Project** • The Use XML Format when creating new Windows Installer-based projects option applies only to Windows Installer-based projects.

**User name**

Specify the name you use to log on to the source control project.

**Advanced**

Click this button to view the source control program’s Properties dialog box and make advanced modifications.

**See Also**

Options Dialog Box
Directory Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

On the Directory tab of the Options dialog box, you can set various design-time directory options for Windows Installer and InstallScript MSI projects.

Table 13-14 • Directory Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Show INSTALLDIR</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Select this check box to display INSTALLDIR as a predefined folder at the root level of the folder structure. If the check box not cleared,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>INSTALLDIR appears in its location relative to other folders. In the Files and Folders view, it appears as a subfolder beneath the ProgramFilesFolder and the “Your Company Name” folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always show directory nodes with different IDs separately</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>In the Files and Folders view, the default behavior for displaying two directory identifiers with the same path is to display them as a single directory. To show different directory identifiers with the same path as two separate directories in the Files and Folders view, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clean up unused directories</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Select this check box to remove unused user-defined directories from your installation project. For example, if you set a component’s destination to [MYDIR][INSTALLDIR]MYDIR1 and subsequently change the destination to [INSTALLDIR], MYDIR1 is automatically deleted from your project if it is not used elsewhere in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Options Dialog Box

Resource Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

On the Resource tab of the Options dialog box, you can specify the location of the resource compiler and resource linker programs on your system. These programs are required in order to display modified dialogs in an InstallScript MSI installation project.
These fields are automatically populated with the default file locations and command-line options for each program, but you can edit them if necessary.

**Table 13-15 • Resource Tab Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Resource Compiler Settings | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | In this section, you can specify the location of a resource compiler and provide command line options.  
  - **Resource compiler location**—The default resource compiler (rc.exe) location appears in this field. To edit the resource compiler location, type or browse to the location of a resource compiler that is currently installed on your system.  
  - **Resource compiler command line options**—To edit the resource compiler command line options, type over the existing command line options in the field. The default command line option string is /r "%1". |
| Resource Linker Settings  | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | In this section, you can specify the location of a resource linker and provide command line options.  
  - **Resource linker location**—The default resource linker (link.exe) location appears in this field. To edit the resource linker location, type or browse to the location of a resource linker that is currently installed on your system.  
  - **Resource linker command line option**—To edit the resource linker command line options, type over the existing command line options in the field. The default command line option string is "%1" /DLL /NOENTRY /NODEFAULTLIB /MACHINE:iX86 /OUT:"%2". |

**See Also**
Options Dialog Box

**Validation Tab**

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

On the Validation tab of the Options dialog box, you can specify the type of validation you want InstallShield to perform after a successful build.

**Table 13-16 • Validation Tab Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Perform Patching &amp; Upgrading validation</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Select this check box to perform validation on both patches and upgrades.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Click the Customize button to specify which internal consistency evaluators (ICEs) should be used for a specific validation suite. For more information, see Specifying Which ICEs, ISICEs, ISVICEs and ISBPs Should Be Run During Validation.

See Also
Specifying Whether Validation Should Be Performed at Build Time
Requirements for the Windows Logo Program
Options Dialog Box

Repository Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

Edition • The boxes on the Repository tab are available in the Premier edition of InstallShield only.

If you want to set up a network repository or change its location, name, or description, you can do so through the Repository tab on the Options dialog box.

Table 13-17 • Repository Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Network Repository XML File</td>
<td></td>
<td>This is the path and file name of the .xml file that InstallShield creates for the network repository. InstallShield also automatically creates subfolders in the same directory as the .xml file; these subfolders contain items that are published to the network repository.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td></td>
<td>This is the name of the network repository.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td></td>
<td>This is a description of the network repository.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
Options Dialog Box
SQL Scripts Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI

On the SQL Scripts tab of the Options dialog box, you can set one option for SQL script support.

Table 13-18 • SQL Script Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Generate unique Windows Installer properties for new connections | To share Windows Installer properties between any new database connections that you add to your project, clear this check box.  
To use different Windows Installer properties for any new connections that you add, select this check box.  
This check box is cleared by default.  
For more information, see Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties. |

See Also

Configuring SQL Support
Options Dialog Box
Merge Modules Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Options Dialog Box

The Merge Modules tab on the Options dialog box enables you to set preferences for merge modules and merge module projects.

Table 13-19 • Merge Module Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Merge Module Locations (Current User) and Merge Module Locations (All Users)</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript</td>
<td>Enter the paths where you store merge modules (.msm files). Separate additional paths with a comma, as in the following example: C:\MergeModules,C:\My Files\MergeModules. Note that you can use path variables in the path, as in the following example: &lt;ISProductFolder&gt;\Modules\i386,&lt;ISProjectFolder&gt;\MyCustom Modules. You can also use environment variables in the path. The All Users option is available if you want to run a command-line build under a system account for which you cannot easily update the user settings. The first path that you list is where InstallShield should copy a merge module after it is built. The file is copied only if you select Copy to Modules folder in the Merge Module Options panel of the Release Wizard, if you select the Copy to Merge Modules folder option in the Publish Merge Module setting on the Events tab in the Releases view, or if you run ISCmdBld.exe with the -e command-line option. InstallShield creates the folder if it does not exist. InstallShield provides additional ways for specifying the folders that contain merge modules. For more information, see Specifying the Directories that Contain Merge Modules.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Merge Module File Search Behavior</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>When you add a file to your project via the Best Practices Component Wizard or the Files view (with Best Practices active), InstallShield searches the merge modules to see if there is a module that contains that file and notifies you of any matches. In this section, you can select options that InstallShield uses to determine whether the files match.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • In order to configure the All Users option, you must be running InstallShield with administrative privileges. If you do not have administrative privileges, this option is disabled. To learn more, see Launching InstallShield with vs. Without Administrative Privileges.
Other IIS Properties Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

When you select a Web site, application, or virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view, InstallShield displays a grid that contains many settings. The Other IIS Properties dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Other IIS Properties setting in the Advanced area of the grid. This dialog box is where you specify values for IIS settings that are not displayed in the other areas of this view.

To customize the value of a property, click the property name, and then click the Change Value button. The Edit ISIISMetaData Value dialog box opens, enabling you to set the value as needed.

Note • The other IIS property settings apply to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores these settings.

For help on specific settings, see “Metabase Property Reference” on the MSDN Web site.

See Also
Configuring Advanced IIS Settings

Other Window Styles Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The Other Window Styles dialog box provides additional window style options for the dialog or control that is in the Dialogs view. This dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Other Window Styles setting. The Other Window Styles setting is displayed when you click a dialog or a certain type of control in the Dialogs view.

The options that are available depend on the type of dialog control that is active when you open the Other Windows Style dialog box.

- Dialogs
- Bitmap, icon, and text area controls
- Button controls (check box, radio button group, push button, and group box)
- Combo box controls
- List view controls
- Edit field and list box controls
- Line controls
• Progress bar controls
• Selection tree controls

For more information about the values, refer to the MSDN Library.

Other Window Styles for Dialogs

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object

The following window style options are available for a dialog. For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

Table 13-20 • Window Styles for Dialogs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WS_POPUP</td>
<td>Creates a pop-up window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_NOIDLEMSG</td>
<td>Suppresses WM_ENTERIDLE messages that the system sends to the owner of a dialog box while the dialog box is displayed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_CONTROL</td>
<td>Creates a dialog box that can function as a child window of another dialog box. This allows the user to tab among the control windows of a child dialog box and use its accelerator keys.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_SYSMODAL</td>
<td>This style is obsolete and is included for compatibility with 16-bit versions of Windows. If you specify this style, the system creates the dialog box with the WS_EX_TOPMOST style. This style does not prevent the user from accessing other windows on the desktop. Do not combine with the DS_CONTROL style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_3DLOOK</td>
<td>Displays text in the dialog box in non-bold font and draws three-dimensional borders around control windows in the dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_CENTER</td>
<td>Centers the dialog box in the working area of the end user’s screen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_LOCALEEDIT</td>
<td>Specifies that edit controls in the dialog box use memory in the applications data section. By default, all edit controls in dialog boxes use memory outside the applications data section.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_FIXEDSYS</td>
<td>Causes the dialog box to use the SYSTEM_FIXED_FONT instead of the default SYSTEM_FONT. This is a monospaced font compatible with the System font in 16-bit versions of Windows operating systems earlier than 3.0.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-20 • Window Styles for Dialogs (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DS_CENTERMOUSE</td>
<td>Centers the cursor in the dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_SETFONT</td>
<td>Indicates that the header of the dialog box template contains additional data specifying the font to use for text in the client area and controls of the dialog box. The font data begins on the WORD boundary that follows the title array. It specifies a 16-bit point size value and a Unicode font name string. If this style is not specified, the dialog box template does not include the font data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_ABSALIGN</td>
<td>Indicates that the coordinates of the dialog box are screen coordinates.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_CONTEXTHELP</td>
<td>Displays a question mark in the title bar of the dialog box. When the end user clicks the question mark, the cursor changes to a question mark with a pointer. If the end user then clicks a control in the dialog box, the control receives a WM_HELP message. The control should pass the message to the dialog box procedure. The help application displays a pop-up window that typically contains help for the control. DS_CONTEXTHELP is only a placeholder. When the dialog box is created, the system checks for DS_CONTEXTHELP and—if it is there—adds WS_EX_CONTEXTHELP to the extended style of the dialog box. WS_EX_CONTEXTHELP cannot be used with the WS_MAXIMIZEBOX or WS_MINIMIZEBOX styles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_MODALFRAME</td>
<td>Creates a dialog box with a modal dialog box frame that can be combined with a title bar and window menu by specifying the WS_CAPTION and WS_SYSMENU styles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_NOFAILCREATE</td>
<td>Creates the dialog box even if errors occur—for example, if a child window cannot be created or if the system cannot create a special data segment for an edit control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DS_SETFOREGROUND</td>
<td>Causes the system to use the SetForegroundWindow function to bring the dialog box to the foreground.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Other Window Styles Dialog Box
Dialog Controls

Other Window Styles for Bitmap, Icon, and Text Area Controls

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
The following window style options are available for bitmap, icon, and text area controls. For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

**Table 13-21 • Window Style Options for Bitmap, Icon, and Text Area Controls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WS_GROUP</td>
<td>Specifies the first control in a group of controls. All controls defined with this style after the first control belong to the same group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_CENTERIMAGE</td>
<td>Specifies that, if the bitmap or icon is smaller than the client area of the static control, the rest of the client area is filled with the color of the pixel in the top left corner of the bitmap or icon. If the static control contains a single line of text, the text is centered vertically in the client area of the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_NOTIFY</td>
<td>Sends the parent window STN_CLICKED, STN_DBLCLK, STN_DISABLE, and STN_ENABLE notification messages when the user clicks or double-clicks the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_RIGHTJUST</td>
<td>Specifies that the lower right corner of a static control with the SS_BITMAP or SS_ICON style is to remain fixed when the control is resized. Only the top and left sides are adjusted to accommodate a new bitmap or icon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WS_VSCROLL</td>
<td>Creates a window with a vertical scroll bar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_REALSIZECONTROL</td>
<td>Adjusts the bitmap to fit the size of the static control. Certain display settings on a target machine can affect the size of the control area used to render an image, such as the system font or DPI scaling. This style bit automatically resizes bitmaps to fit their controls. This style is recommended instead of SS_REALSIZEIMAGE to support high DPI machines. Otherwise, the image may be clipped or not fill the entire control at runtime on some machines.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_REALSIZEIMAGE</td>
<td>Prevents a static icon or bitmap control (that is, static controls that have the SS_ICON or SS_BITMAP style) from being resized as it is loaded or drawn. If the icon or bitmap is larger than the destination area, the image is clipped.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_ENDELLIPSIS</td>
<td>If the end of a string does not fit in the rectangle, it is truncated and ellipses are added. If a word that is not at the end of the string goes beyond the limits of the rectangle, it is truncated without ellipses. Compare with SS_PATHELLIPSIS and SS_WORDELLIPSIS.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • SS_ENDELLIPSIS, SS_PATHELLIPSIS, and SS_WORDELLIPSIS are mutually exclusive.
Other Window Styles for Button Controls

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The following window style options are available for button controls (check box, radio button group, push button, and group box controls). For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

Table 13-22 • Window Styles for Button Controls

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WS_GROUP</td>
<td>Specifies the first control in a group of controls. All controls defined with this style after the first control belong to the same group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BS_LEFTTEXT</td>
<td>Places text on the left side of the radio button or check box when combined with a radio button or check box style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BS_CENTER</td>
<td>Centers text horizontally in the button rectangle.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Other Window Styles for Push Button Controls

The following values apply only to push button controls. They are mutually exclusive.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BS_OWNERDRAW</td>
<td>Creates an owner-drawn button. The owner window receives a WM_DRAWITEM message when a visual aspect of the button has changed. Do not combine the BS_OWNERDRAW style with any other button styles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BS_USERBUTTON</td>
<td>Obsolete, but provided for compatibility with 16-bit versions of Windows. Win32-based applications should use BS_OWNERDRAW instead.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Other Window Styles for Check Box Controls

The following values apply only to check box controls. They are mutually exclusive.

**Table 13-24 • Window Styles for Check Box Controls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BS_AUTOCHECKBOX</td>
<td>Creates a button that is the same as a check box, except that the check state automatically toggles between checked and cleared each time the user selects the check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BS_3STATE</td>
<td>Creates a button that is the same as a check box, except that the box can be grayed as well as checked or cleared. Use the grayed state to show that the state of the check box is not determined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BS_AUTO3STATE</td>
<td>Creates a button that is the same as a three-state check box, except that the box changes its state when the user selects it. The state cycles through checked, grayed, and cleared.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Other Window Styles Dialog Box
Dialog Controls

Other Window Styles for Combo Box Controls

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The following window style options are available for combo box controls. For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

**Table 13-25 • Window Styles for Combo Box Controls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WS_GROUP</td>
<td>Specifies the first control in a group of controls. All controls defined with this style after the first control belong to the same group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WS_VSCROLL</td>
<td>Creates a window with a vertical scroll bar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_SIMPLE</td>
<td>Displays the list box at all times. The current selection in the list box is displayed in the edit control.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-25 • Window Styles for Combo Box Controls (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CBS_DROPDOWN</td>
<td>Similar to CBS_SIMPLE, except that the list box is not displayed unless the user selects an icon next to the edit control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_OEMCONVERT</td>
<td>Converts text entered in the combo box edit control from the Windows character set to the OEM character set and then back to the Windows set. This results in proper character conversion when the application calls the CharToOem function to convert a Windows string in the combo box to OEM characters. This style is useful for combo boxes that contain file names and applies only to combo boxes created with the CBS_SIMPLE or CBS_DROPDOWN style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_HASSTRINGS</td>
<td>Specifies that an owner-drawn combo box contains items consisting of strings. The combo box maintains the memory and address for the strings so the application can use the CB_GETLBTEXT message to retrieve the text for a particular item.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_UPPERCASE</td>
<td>Converts to uppercase all text in both the selection field and the list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_AUTOHSCROLL</td>
<td>Automatically scrolls the text in an edit control to the right when the user types a character at the end of the line. If this style is not set, only text that fits within the rectangular boundary is allowed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_DISABLENOSCROLL</td>
<td>Shows a disabled vertical scroll bar in the list box when the box does not contain enough items to scroll. Without this style, the scroll bar is hidden when the list box does not contain enough items.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_NOINTEGRALHEIGHT</td>
<td>Specifies that the size of the combo box is exactly the size specified by the application when it created the combo box. Normally, the system sizes a combo box so that it does not display partial items.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_OWNERDRAWFIXED</td>
<td>Specifies that the owner of the list box is responsible for drawing its contents and that the items in the list box are all the same height. The owner window receives a WM_MEASUREITEM message when the combo box is created and a WM_DRAWITEM message when a visual aspect of the combo box has changed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CBS_OWNERDRAWVARIABLE</td>
<td>Specifies that the owner of the list box is responsible for drawing its contents and that the items in the list box are variable in height. The owner window receives a WM_MEASUREITEM message for each item in the combo box when you create the combo box and a WM_DRAWITEM message when a visual aspect of the combo box has changed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
- Other Window Styles Dialog Box
- Dialog Controls
Other Window Styles for List View Controls

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The following window style options are available for list view controls. For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

Table 13-26 • Window Styles for List View Controls

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<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WS_GROUP</td>
<td>Specifies the first control in a group of controls. All controls defined with this style after the first control belong to the same group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_SINGLESEL</td>
<td>Enables only one item to be selected at a time. By default, multiple items can be selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_NOLABELWRAP</td>
<td>Displays item text on a single line in icon view. By default, item text might wrap in icon view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_AUTOARRANGE</td>
<td>Specifies that icons automatically remain arranged in icon view and small icon view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_SHOWSELALWAYS</td>
<td>Always shows the selection highlighted, even if the control is not activated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_SORTASCENDING</td>
<td>Sorts items based on item text in ascending order.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_SORTDESCENDING</td>
<td>Sorts items based on item text in descending order.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_EDITLABELS</td>
<td>Enables item text to be edited in place. The parent window must process the LVN_ENDLABELEDIT notification message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_OWNERDATA</td>
<td>Creates a virtual list view control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_NOSCROLL</td>
<td>Disables scrolling, so all items must be displayed within the client area.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_NOSORTHEADER</td>
<td>Specifies that column headers do not work like buttons. This style is useful if clicking a column header in report view does not carry out any action, such as sorting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_OWNERDRAWFIXED</td>
<td>Enables the owner window to paint items in report view. The list view control sends a WM_DRAWITEM message to paint each item; it does not send separate messages for each subitem. The itemData member of the DRAWITEMSTRUCT structure contains the item data for the specified list view item.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_NOCOLUMNHEADER</td>
<td>Specifies that no column header is displayed in report view, which is the default view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-26 • Window Styles for List View Controls (cont.)

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>LVS_SHAREIMAGELISTS</td>
<td>Specifies that the control does not destroy the image lists assigned to it when it is destroyed. This style enables the same image lists to be used with multiple list view controls.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Types

*Note • The following values are mutually exclusive.*

Table 13-27 • Type Values

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<tr>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>LVS_ICON</td>
<td>Specifies icon view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_REPORT</td>
<td>Specifies report view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_LIST</td>
<td>Specifies list view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_SMALLICON</td>
<td>Specifies small icon view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Align

*Note • The following values are mutually exclusive.*

Table 13-28 • Alignment Values

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<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LVS_ALIGNTOP</td>
<td>Specifies that items are aligned with the top of the list view control in icon view and small icon view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVS_ALIGNLEFT</td>
<td>Specifies that items are left-aligned in icon view and small icon view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Other Window Styles Dialog Box
Dialog Controls
Other Window Styles for Edit Field and List Box Controls

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The following window style options are available for edit field and list box controls. For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

**Table 13-29 • Window Styles for Edit Field and List Box Controls**

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WS_GROUP</td>
<td>Specifies the first control in a group of controls. All controls defined with this style after the first control belong to the same group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WS_VSCROLL</td>
<td>Creates a window with a vertical scroll bar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_STANDARD</td>
<td>Creates a bordered list box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_NOTIFY</td>
<td>The parent window receives an input message whenever the end user clicks or double-clicks a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_NODATA</td>
<td>Specifies a no-data list box. Specify this style when the count of items in the list box will exceed one thousand. A no-data list box must also have the LBS_OWNERDRAWFIXED style, but must not have the LBS_SORT or LBS_HASSTRINGS style. A no-data list box resembles an owner-drawn list box except that it contains no string or bitmap data for an item. Commands to add, insert, or delete an item always ignore any specified item data; requests to find a string within the list box always fail. The system sends the WM_DRAWITEM message to the owner window when an item must be drawn. The itemID member of the DRAWITEMSTRUCT structure passed with the WM_DRAWITEM message specifies the line number of the item to be drawn. A no-data list box does not send a WM_DELETEITEM message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_NOINTEGRALHEIGHT</td>
<td>Creates a list box that is precisely the size specified by the application when it created the list box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_NOREDRAW</td>
<td>List box is not updated when changes are made.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_MULTIPLESEL</td>
<td>Toggles string selection each time the end user clicks or double-clicks the string.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-29 • Window Styles for Edit Field and List Box Controls (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LBS_HASSTRINGS</td>
<td>Specifies that a list box contains items consisting of strings. The list box maintains the memory and addresses for the strings so that the application can use the LB_GETTEXT message to retrieve the text for a particular item. By default, all list boxes except owner-drawn list boxes have this style. You can create an owner-drawn list box either with or without this style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_USETABSTOPS</td>
<td>Allows a list box to recognize and expand tab characters when drawing strings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_MULTICOLUMN</td>
<td>Creates a multicolumn list box that scrolls horizontally.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_EXTENDEDSEL</td>
<td>Allows the end user to select multiple items using the SHIFT key and the mouse, or key combinations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_DISABLENOSCROLL</td>
<td>Displays a disabled vertical scroll bar when the list box does not contain enough items to scroll.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_WANTKEYBOARDINPUT</td>
<td>Passes WM_VKEYTOITEM or WM_CHARTOITEM messages when the end user presses a key while the list box has focus. This allows an application to perform special processing on the keyboard input.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_OWNERDRAWFIXED</td>
<td>Indicates that the owner of the list box is responsible for drawing the list box’s contents. Items in the list box are the same height.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBS_OWNERDRAWVARIABLE</td>
<td>Indicates that the owner of the list box is responsible for drawing the list box’s contents. Items in the list box are of variable height.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Other Window Styles Dialog Box
Dialog Controls

Other Window Styles for Line Controls

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
The following window style options are available for line controls. For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

**Table 13-30 • Window Styles for Line Controls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SS_SIMPLE</td>
<td>Specifies a simple rectangle and displays a single line of left-aligned text in the rectangle. The text line cannot be shortened or altered in any way. Also, if the control is disabled, the control does not gray its text.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSETCHEDVERT</td>
<td>Draws the left and right edges of the static control using the EDGE_ETCHED edge style. For more information, see the <strong>DrawEdge</strong> Windows API function in the MSDN Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSETCHEDFRAME</td>
<td>Draws the frame of the static control using the EDGE_ETCHED edge style. For more information, see the <strong>DrawEdge</strong> Windows API function in the MSDN Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSETCHEDHORZ</td>
<td>Draws the top and bottom edges of the static control using the EDGE_ETCHED edge style. For more information, see the <strong>DrawEdge</strong> Windows API function in the MSDN Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSBLEACKRECT</td>
<td>Specifies a rectangle filled with the current window frame color. This color is black in the default color scheme.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSBLEACKFRAME</td>
<td>Specifies a box with a frame drawn in the same color as the window frames. This color is black in the default color scheme.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSWHITERECT</td>
<td>Specifies a rectangle filled with the current window background color. This color is white in the default color scheme.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSWHITEFRAME</td>
<td>Specifies a box with a frame drawn with the same color as the window background. This color is white in the default color scheme.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSGRAYRECT</td>
<td>Specifies a rectangle filled with the current screen background color. This color is gray in the default color scheme.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSGRAYFRAME</td>
<td>Specifies a box with a frame drawn with the same color as the screen background (desktop). This color is gray in the default color scheme.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WSGROUP</td>
<td>Specifies the first control in a group of controls. All controls defined with this style after the first control belong to the same group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WSVGSCROLL</td>
<td>Creates a window with a vertical scroll bar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSNOTIFY</td>
<td>Sends the parent window STN.CLICKED, STN.DBLCCLK, STN.DISABLE, and STN.ENABLE notification messages when the user clicks or double-clicks the control.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-30 • Window Styles for Line Controls (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SS_REALSIZECONTROL</td>
<td>Adjusts the bitmap to fit the size of the static control. Certain display settings on a target machine can affect the size of the control area used to render an image, such as the system font or DPI scaling. This style bit automatically resizes bitmaps to fit their controls. This style is recommended instead of SS_REALSIZEIMAGE to support high DPI machines. Otherwise, the image may be clipped or not fill the entire control at runtime on some machines.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_RIGHTJUST</td>
<td>Specifies that the lower right corner of a static control with the SS_BITMAP or SS_ICON style is to remain fixed when the control is resized. Only the top and left sides are adjusted to accommodate a new bitmap or icon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_CENTERIMAGE</td>
<td>Specifies that, if the bitmap or icon is smaller than the client area of the static control, the rest of the client area is filled with the color of the pixel in the top left corner of the bitmap or icon. If the static control contains a single line of text, the text is centered vertically in the client area of the control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_REALSIZEIMAGE</td>
<td>Prevents a static icon or bitmap control (that is, static controls that have the SS_ICON or SS_BITMAP style) from being resized as it is loaded or drawn. If the icon or bitmap is larger than the destination area, the image is clipped.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_ENDELLIPSIS</td>
<td>If the end of a string does not fit in the rectangle, it is truncated and ellipses are added. If a word that is not at the end of the string goes beyond the limits of the rectangle, it is truncated without ellipses. Compare with SS_PATHELLIPSIS and SS_WORDELLIPSIS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note</td>
<td>SS_ENDELLIPSIS, SS_PATHELLIPSIS, and SS_WORDELLIPSIS are mutually exclusive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_PATHELLIPSIS</td>
<td>Replaces characters in the middle of the string with ellipses so that the result fits in the specified rectangle. If the string contains backslash () characters, SS_PATHELLIPSIS preserves as much as possible of the text after the last backslash. Compare with SS_ENDELLIPSIS and SS_WORDELLIPSIS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note</td>
<td>SS_ENDELLIPSIS, SS_PATHELLIPSIS, and SS_WORDELLIPSIS are mutually exclusive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS_WORDELLIPSIS</td>
<td>Truncates any word that does not fit in the rectangle and adds ellipses. Compare with SS_ENDELLIPSIS and SS_PATHELLIPSIS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note</td>
<td>SS_ENDELLIPSIS, SS_PATHELLIPSIS, and SS_WORDELLIPSIS are mutually exclusive.</td>
</tr>
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Other Window Styles for Progress Bar Controls

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object

The following window style options are available for progress bar controls. For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

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<tr>
<td>WS_GROUP</td>
<td>Specifies the first control in a group of controls. All controls defined with this style after the first control belong to the same group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PBS_VERTICAL</td>
<td>The progress bar displays progress status vertically, from bottom to top.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Other Window Styles Dialog Box
Dialog Controls

Other Window Styles for Selection Tree Controls

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
The following window style options are available for selection tree controls. For additional information, see the MSDN Library.

**Table 13-32 • Window Styles for Selection Tree Controls**

<table>
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<tr>
<td>WS_GROUP</td>
<td>Specifies the first control in a group of controls. All controls defined with this style after the first control belong to the same group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_EDITLABELS</td>
<td>Enables the user to edit the labels of tree view items.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_HASBUTTONS</td>
<td>Displays plus (+) and minus (-) buttons next to parent items. The user taps the buttons to expand or collapse a parent items list of child items. To include buttons with items at the root of the tree view, you must also specify the TVS_LINESATROOT style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_DISABLEDRAWDROP</td>
<td>Prevents the tree view control from sending TVN_BEGINDRAG notification messages.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_SHOWSELAWAYS</td>
<td>Uses the system highlight colors to draw the selected item.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_FULLROWSELECT</td>
<td>Enables full-row selection in the tree view. The entire row of the selected item is highlighted, and clicking anywhere on an item's row causes it to be selected. This style cannot be used in conjunction with the TVS_HASLINES style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_HASLINES</td>
<td>Uses lines to show the hierarchy of items.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_LINESATROOT</td>
<td>Uses lines to link items at the root of the tree view control. This value is ignored if the TVS.HasLines control is not also specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_RTLREADING</td>
<td>Causes text to be displayed from right-to-left (RTL). Usually, windows display text left-to-right (LTR). Windows can be mirrored to display languages such as Hebrew or Arabic that read RTL. Typically, tree-view text is displayed in the same direction as the text in its parent window. If TVS_RTLREADING is set, tree-view text reads in the opposite direction from the text in the parent window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_NOTOOLTIPS</td>
<td>Disables ToolTips.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_CHECKBOXES</td>
<td>Enables items in a tree view control to be displayed as check boxes. This style uses item state images to produce the check box effect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_TRACKSELECT</td>
<td>Enables hot tracking in a tree-view control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_SINGLEEXPAND</td>
<td>Causes the item being selected to expand and the item being unselected to collapse upon selection in the tree view. If the mouse is used to single-click the selected item and that item is closed, it will be expanded. If the user holds down the Ctrl key while selecting an item, the item being unselected will not be collapsed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_INFOTIP</td>
<td>Obtains ToolTip information by sending the TVN_GETINFOTIP notification.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TVS_NOSCROLL</td>
<td>Disables horizontal scrolling in the control. The control will not display any horizontal scroll bars.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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Outputs Dialog Box

The Outputs dialog displays information about a project output group in the File System Editor. This dialog is available for InstallShield projects created in Microsoft Visual Studio.

Task

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<tr>
<td>To access the Outputs dialog, do one of the following:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Select the Outputs property in the Properties window when a project output group is selected in the File System Editor.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. In the Files and Folders view, right-click an item in the Source computer’s files pane and click Resolve Project Output.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. In the Files and Folders view, right-click an item in the Destination computer’s files pane and click Resolve Project Output.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • If multiple project output groups are selected, information is displayed only for the first group selected.

Dialog Options

Target Name

Displays the file name for the selected project output group as it will be displayed on a target computer. This field is read only.

Source Path

Displays the path to the project output group files on the development computer. This field is read only.

Overwrite Dialog Box

This dialog box lets you specify whether the files of the active component (the component selected in the Setup Design or Components view) overwrite already-existing versions on the target system always, never, or conditionally based on date/time stamp or version number.
Dialog Options

list box

Select whether files on the target system are always overwritten, never overwritten, or conditionally overwritten based on date/time stamp or version number.

The following controls are enabled only if "Overwrite files BY VERSION" or "Overwrite files BY VERSION THEN DATE (if necessary)" is selected in the list box.

Note • If a file on the target system has a version number and the file on your distribution media does not, or vice versa, the file with no version number is treated as if it had a lower version number.

Version: Newer

A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a higher version number.

If the file on your distribution media and the file on the target system have the same version number, or if neither file has a version number, and you selected Overwrite files BY VERSION THEN DATE (if necessary) from the list box, then whether the file on the target system is overwritten is determined by which Date/Time option you select.

If neither file has a version number and you selected Overwrite files BY VERSION from the list box, then the file on the target system is not overwritten.

Version: Newer or Same

A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a higher or the same version number.

If neither file has a version number and you selected Overwrite files BY VERSION THEN DATE (if necessary) from the list box, then whether the file on the target system is overwritten is determined by which Date/Time option you select.

If neither file has a version number and you selected Overwrite files BY VERSION from the list box, then the file on the target system is not overwritten.

Version: Older

A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a lower version number.

If the file on your distribution media and the file on the target system have the same version number, or if neither file has a version number, and you selected Overwrite files BY VERSION THEN DATE (if necessary) from the list box, then whether the file on the target system is overwritten is determined by which Date/Time option you select.

If neither file has a version number and you selected Overwrite files BY VERSION from the list box, then the file on the target system is not overwritten.

The following controls are enabled only if Overwrite files BY DATE or Overwrite files BY VERSION THEN DATE (if necessary) is selected in the list box.

Date/Time: Newer

A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a more recent date and time stamp.
Date/Time: Newer or Same
A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a more recent or the same date and time stamp.

Date/Time: Older
A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a less recent date and time stamp.

Patch Sequence Dialog Box
InstallShield 2020
The Patch Sequence dialog box opens when you are creating a patch sequence in the Patch Design view.

Table 13-33 • Patch Sequence Dialog Box Options

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Family Name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the family of patches to which this patch belongs. Windows Installer 3.0 and later uses the patch family to compare small-update patches with all of the other patches within the same family and determine the order in which each of the patches should be applied to the target machine. To identify that a patch configuration belongs to multiple families, create a separate row on the Sequence tab for every patch family. You may want a patch to belong to multiple families, for example, if the patch can update more than one product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>Type the product code GUID in this box if you want to associate the patch configuration with a specific product. Entry in this box is not required. To identify that a patch configuration should target multiple GUIDs, create a separate row on the Sequence tab for every GUID and family combination.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sequence Number</td>
<td>Specify the sequence number for the patch configuration. This value indicates the placement of the patch configuration within sequence of patches that belong to the same patch family and the same target GUID (if identified).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supersede previous versions</td>
<td>If you want the patch to be used instead of all of the patches that have a lower sequence value and that are in the same patch family, select this check box. Selecting this check box does not guarantee that the patch will always supersede all earlier patches, since the earlier patches might belong to multiple patch families. Note that a small-update patch cannot supersede a minor upgrade patch or a major upgrade patch, regardless of whether this check box is selected.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

See Also
Patch Sequencing
Path Variable Overrides Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

**Path Variable Overrides Dialog Box**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Path Variable Overrides dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (…) in the Path Variable Overrides setting. The Path Variable Overrides setting is on the Build tab for a release in the Releases view. Use this setting to override one or more path variables in your project at build time for the selected release.

The Path Variable Overrides dialog box shows a check box for the path variables, environment variables, and registry variables that are configured in the Path Variables view. Note that it does not include check boxes for any predefined path variables, or for path variables that are already overridden for the same release in the Releases view.

Select the check box for each path variable that you would like to override. Then click the OK button. Under the Path Variable Overrides setting, InstallShield adds a new setting for each path variable that you selected. Use those settings to specify the new values for the path variables.

At build time, InstallShield overrides the values that are set in the Path Variables view with the values that are configured for the release in the Releases view.

**See Also**

- Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release
- Build Tab for a Release

Path Variable Recommendation Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

If you have selected the **Always display the Path Variable Recommendation dialog to me** option on the Path Variables tab of the Options dialog box, InstallShield displays the Path Variable Recommendation dialog box every time you associate a new source folder with your installation project.

The dialog box is also displayed if you selected the **Always recommend path variables** option on the Path Variables tab of the Options dialog box and one of the following is true:

- InstallShield can recommend more than one path variable for a particular source folder.
- InstallShield cannot recommend a path variable based on an existing path variable and you have not selected the auto-create check box on the Path Variables tab.
Dialog Options

Use the following path variable-based folder representation for the source folder

This option provides suggested path variables or path variable combinations for you to use instead of an absolute path. For example, if you have a path variable called <MyFiles> that points to C:\Work\Files and you add a file to your installation from C:\Work\Files\Images, it is recommended that you use <MyFiles>\Images rather than the full hard-coded path C:\Work\Files\Images.

This option is available only if InstallShield can recommend a path variable for the source folder.

Create a new path variable

To create a path variable for the source folder in which your files are located, select the Create a new path variable option. Selecting this option creates a standard path variable that is mapped to the folder in which your new files are located. Enter the new variable path name in the Path Variable Name box.

⚠️ Caution • Do not enclose the path variable’s name in angle brackets. InstallShield automatically adds the angle brackets when you click OK.

Use the following absolute path

If you do not want to use a path variable to represent a particular link, select the Use the following absolute path option. The absolute path to your source folder appears below this button.

See Also
Using Path Variables
Path Variables View

Permissions Dialog Boxes for Files and Directories

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
Permissions Dialog Box

The Permissions dialog box lets you configure settings for securing files and folders for end users who run your product in a locked-down environment. You can assign permissions for a file or folder to specific groups and users. For example, you may assign Read, Write, and Delete permissions for a particular file to the Administrators group, but only Read permissions for all of the users in a different group.

Depending on what is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view of your project, InstallShield adds permissions data to either the ISLockPermissions table or the LockPermissions table. To learn more, see Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment.

The following table describes the different areas on the Permissions dialog box.

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<tr>
<td>Name(s)</td>
<td>In this grid, you can enter any combination of domain and user names. To add an entry, right-click the grid and click New. You can modify or delete entries using the same context menu. To specify the current user’s domain, select [%USERDOMAIN] in the Domain field. To specify the user that is currently running the installation, select [LogonUser] in the User field. To set permissions for user accounts on a local system, leave the Domain field blank. Note that you can enter in the Domain or User fields any Windows Installer property that is set at run time—for example, [MYPROPERTY]. If the custom InstallShield handling option is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view, the User field contains a list of well-known security identifiers (SIDs). Most of the SIDs are not supported by the traditional Windows Installer handling option. The custom InstallShield handling option supports localized names for all of the SIDs that are listed in the User field. With the traditional option, if you try to use a localized name to set permissions on a non-English system, the installation may fail.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Permissions</td>
<td>Select a name in the Name(s) area, and then select or clear the check boxes in the Permissions box to configure the corresponding permissions for the file or folder. Once you have selected a permission, you can click the Advanced button to specify other associated permissions and advanced settings.</td>
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<td>Deny Access</td>
<td>If you want to explicitly deny the permissions that you are selecting in the Permissions box, select this check box.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>This check box is available only if the custom InstallShield handling option is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view. The traditional Windows Installer handling option does not include support for this behavior.</td>
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**Tip** • For more information on the custom InstallShield handling option and the traditional Windows Installer handling option, see Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment.

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<td>In this box, select the check boxes for the permissions that you want to set.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Apply these permissions to child objects</td>
<td>If you are configuring permissions for a folder and you want the permissions to be applied to all of the folder’s subfolders and files, select this check box.</td>
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### See Also

- Configuring Permissions for Files and Folders
- Configuring Permissions for Registry Keys
Permissions Dialog Boxes for Registry Keys

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
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Permissions Dialog Box

The Permissions dialog box lets you configure settings for securing registry keys for end users who run your product in a locked-down environment. You can assign permissions for a registry key to specific groups and users. For example, you may assign Read, Write, and Delete permissions for a particular registry key to the Administrators group, but only Read permissions for all of the users in a different group.

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To specify the current user’s domain, select [%USERDOMAIN] in the Domain field. To specify the user that is currently running the installation, select [LogonUser] in the User field. To set permissions for user accounts on a local system, leave the Domain field blank. Note that you can enter in the Domain or User fields any Windows Installer property that is set at run time—for example, [MYPROPERTY].  
If the custom InstallShield handling option is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view, the User field contains a list of well-known security identifiers (SIDs). Most of the SIDs are not supported by the traditional Windows Installer handling option.  
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Tip • For more information on the custom InstallShield handling option and the traditional Windows Installer handling option, see Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment. |
| Permissions   | Select a name in the Name(s) area, and then select or clear the check boxes in the Permissions box to configure the corresponding permissions for the registry key. Once you have selected a permission, you can click the Advanced button to specify other associated permissions and advanced settings. |
| Deny Access   | If you want to explicitly deny the permissions that you are selecting in the Permissions box, select this check box.  
This check box is available only if the custom InstallShield handling option is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view. The traditional Windows Installer handling option does not include support for this behavior.  
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See Also
Configuring Permissions for Registry Keys
Configuring Permissions for Files and Folders

Platform Suites Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The Platform Suites dialog box lets you specify the platform suites with which the selected component is associated. To access this dialog box, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Platform Suite(s) setting for a component in the Components view or the Setup Design view.

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<tr>
<td>Install without performing platform suite verification on the target system</td>
<td>The installation of the component’s files does not depend on the target system’s suite.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Platform Support at the Project Level (InstallScript Projects)

If you access the Platforms dialog box at the project level, you can specify the platforms that you want to be available when you select the operating system for components or releases in your project.

Note • Specifying platforms at the project level does not create target for running the installation. To create target in an InstallScript project, you can use the SYSINFO structure to identify the operating platform of the target system.

Task • To access the Platforms dialog box at the project level:

1. In the View List under Installation Information, click General Information.
2. In the Platform Filtering setting, click the ellipsis button (…).
The following table shows the settings that are displayed on the Platforms dialog box when you are accessing it at the project level.

### Table 13-39 • Platforms Dialog Box Settings for a Project

<table>
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</table>
| The project supports all platforms that InstallShield supports | Select this option if you want InstallShield to list all of the supported run-time platforms for the following settings:  
- Operating Systems setting at the component level (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects)  
- Platform(s) setting at the release level (InstallScript projects)  
If you select this option, you can designate that a particular component or release in your project is targeted for any one or more supported platforms. |
| The project supports only the platforms that are selected below | Select this option if you want InstallShield to list only some platforms that are displayed for the following settings:  
- Operating Systems setting at the component level (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects)  
- Platform(s) setting at the release level (InstallScript projects)  
Then select the platforms that should be displayed. |

**Tip** • To select multiple consecutive operating systems, select the first file, press and hold SHIFT, and select the last operating systems. To select multiple nonconsecutive operating systems, select the first operating systems, press and hold CTRL, and select each additional operating systems.

In general, if a platform is not listed for this setting at the project level, you cannot designate that a particular component or release in your project is targeted for that platform.

### Platform Support at the Component Level (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects)

If you access the Platforms dialog box at the component level, you can specify which platforms are supported by the selected component.

**Task**  
_to access the Platforms dialog box at the component level:_

1. In the View List under Organization, click Components.
2. In the Components explorer, click the component whose platform requirements you want to configure.
3. Click the value of the Operating Systems setting, and then click the ellipsis button (...).
The following table shows the settings that are displayed on the Platforms dialog box when you are accessing it at the component level.

**Table 13-40 • Platforms Dialog Box Settings for a Component**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The files in this component should be installed when the setup is running on any platform</td>
<td>If the selected component is operating system independent—that is, if none of the component’s data are specific to certain operating systems—select this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The files in this component should be installed only when the setup is running on one of the platforms checked below</td>
<td>If the selected component is specific to one or more operating systems, select this option and then select the appropriate operating systems. If the target machine’s operating system does not match one of the operating systems that are specified for this setting, the component is not installed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip** To select multiple consecutive operating systems, select the first file, press and hold **SHIFT**, and select the last operating systems. To select multiple nonconsecutive operating systems, select the first operating systems, press and hold **CTRL**, and select each additional operating systems.

**Project** For InstallScript projects, the list of operating systems that are displayed in this dialog box excludes any of the operating systems whose check box is cleared at the project level.

*Note that if the selected component supports platforms that are not supported by a release, InstallShield does not include the component in the release at build time.*

**See Also**

Settings for Platforms and Platform Suites

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**Postbuild Event Dialog Box**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Edition** This information applies to the Premier edition of InstallShield.

The Postbuild Event dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Postbuild Event setting. The Postbuild Event setting is on the Events tab for a release in the Releases view.

Use the Postbuild Event dialog box to specify one or more commands that you want to be run after InstallShield has built and signed the release.

To specify more than one command, enter each command on a separate line. At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one.
When you are entering a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands.

For more information, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds.

See Also
Events Tab for a Release

Prebuild Event Dialog Box

The Prebuild Event dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Prebuild Event setting. The Prebuild Event setting is on the Events tab for a release in the Releases view.

Use the Prebuild Event dialog box to specify one or more commands that you want to be run before InstallShield starts building the release. This event runs after InstallShield creates the release folder and log file, but before InstallShield starts building the release.

To specify more than one command, enter each command on a separate line. At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one.

When you are entering a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands.

For more information, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds.

See Also
Events Tab for a Release

Precompression Event Dialog Box

The Precompression Event dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Precompression Event setting. The Precompression Event setting is on the Events tab for a release in the Releases view.

Use the Precompression Event dialog box to specify one or more commands that you want to be run after InstallShield has built the .msi package and the .cab files (if your product’s data files are to be stored in .cab files). Note that this event occurs after .cab files are streamed into the .msi package, but before the .msi package has been digitally signed and streamed into the Setup.exe file.

To specify more than one command, enter each command on a separate line. At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one.
When you are entering a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands.

For more information, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds.

See Also
Events Tab for a Release

Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box

The Prerequisite Condition dialog box opens when you click the Add button on the Conditions tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. It also opens when you select an existing condition on this tab and then click the Modify button.

The Prerequisite Condition dialog box lets you define installation conditions that determine whether an InstallShield prerequisite is already installed on the target machine. Failure to do so causes problems because the target system behaves as if the prerequisite was not properly installed. You can also create installation conditions that specify operating system, registry, or file requirements.

Table 13-41 • Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box Options

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<td>A registry key does or does not exist</td>
<td>If you select this option, type the name of the registry key and select the appropriate registry location to check on a 64-bit system: 32-bit or 64-bit. The Default radio button indicates you have not made a selection and 32-bit is used. If target machines that have this registry key should meet this installation condition, select <strong>If the specified registry key exists</strong>. If target machines that do not have this registry key should meet this installation condition, select <strong>If the specified registry key does not exist</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A registry entry has a specified value</td>
<td>If you select this option, type the name of the registry key, the name of the value, and the value data. Also, select the appropriate registry location to check on a 64-bit system: 32-bit or 64-bit. The Default radio button indicates you have not made a selection and 32-bit is used. In addition, select the option that should be used to compare the registry entry specified in this dialog box with the registry entry on the target machine. For example, if you specify <strong>1.4.2</strong> in the Value data box and select is greater than, target machines that have a value greater than 1.4.2 for this registry entry meet this installation condition.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
A registry entry has a specified version value

If you select this option, type the name of the registry key, the name of the value, and the value data. The value data should be a version number.

Note that all leading zeros for every field of the version number are ignored. For example, 3.5.3.0010 is greater than 3.5.3.009, and 3.5.3.009 is greater than 3.5.3.01.

In addition, select the option that should be used to compare the registry entry specified in this dialog box with the registry entry on the target machine.

Lastly, select the appropriate registry location to check on a 64-bit system: 32-bit or 64-bit. The Default radio button indicates you have not made a selection and 32-bit is used.

A file does or does not exist

If you select this option, do one of the following:

- Specify the path and name for the file. To specify a predefined folder, select the appropriate property in the list. The available properties are \[CommonFiles64Folder\], \[CommonFilesFolder\], \[ProgramFiles64Folder\], \[ProgramFilesFolder\], \[System64Folder\], \[SystemFolder\], and \[WindowsFolder\].

  If you select one of the 64-bit folder locations, the installation checks the 64-folder location on 64-bit target systems and the 32-folder location on 32-bit target systems.

- Specify just the file name—without the path or a property. The installation will search for the specified file in all directories defined for the PATH environment variable on the target machine.

- Specify a registry key as a property. If you do this, the installation will resolve the registry key with the registry value. Note that the last element of the registry path is treated as a value name. If a backslash is the last character of the path, the value of the default registry entry for that registry key is used.

  For example, if you type the following as the value, the installation checks if the path specified as the value for the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\ORACLE_HOME registry entry contains a bin directory with a file named \oci.dll:

  \[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\ORACLE_HOME\bin\oci.dll\]

  If target machines that have this file should meet this installation condition, select If the specified file is found in the location specified above. If target machines that do not have this file should meet this installation condition, select If the specified file is not found in the location specified above.
If you select this option, do one of the following:

- Specify the path and name for the file. To specify a predefined folder, select the appropriate property in the list. The available properties are [CommonFiles64Folder], [CommonFilesFolder], [ProgramFiles64Folder], [ProgramFilesFolder], [System64Folder], [SystemFolder], and [WindowsFolder].

  If you select one of the 64-bit folder locations, the installation checks the 64-folder location on 64-bit target systems and the 32-folder location on 32-bit target systems.

- Specify just the file name—without the path or a property. The installation will search for the specified file in all directories defined for the PATH environment variable on the target machine.

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  For example, if you type the following as the value, the installation checks if the path specified as the value for the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\ORACLE_HOME registry entry contains a bin directory with a file named oci.dll:

  \HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\ORACLE_HOME\bin\oci.dll

  In addition, type the date and—if appropriate—the time. For example:

  4/26/2004 3:57:46 PM

  Then select the appropriate match option to indicate when to run the InstallShield prerequisite.

### Table 13-41 • Prerequisite Condition Dialog Box Options (cont.)

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<td>A file with a certain date exists</td>
<td>If you select this option, do one of the following:</td>
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<td>• Specify the path and name for the file. To specify a predefined folder, select the appropriate property in the list. The available properties are [CommonFiles64Folder], [CommonFilesFolder], [ProgramFiles64Folder], [ProgramFilesFolder], [System64Folder], [SystemFolder], and [WindowsFolder]. If you select one of the 64-bit folder locations, the installation checks the 64-folder location on 64-bit target systems and the 32-folder location on 32-bit target systems. • Specify just the file name—without the path or a property. The installation will search for the specified file in all directories defined for the PATH environment variable on the target machine. • Specify a registry key as a property. If you do this, the installation will resolve the registry key with the registry value. Note that the last element of the registry path is treated as a value name. If a backslash is the last character of the path, the value of the default registry entry for that registry key is used. For example, if you type the following as the value, the installation checks if the path specified as the value for the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\ORACLE_HOME registry entry contains a bin directory with a file named oci.dll: \HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\ORACLE_HOME\bin\oci.dll In addition, type the date and—if appropriate—the time. For example: 4/26/2004 3:57:46 PM Then select the appropriate match option to indicate when to run the InstallShield prerequisite.</td>
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A file with a certain version exists

If you select this option, do one of the following:

- Specify the path and name for the file. To specify a predefined folder, select the appropriate property in the list. The available properties are [CommonFiles64Folder], [CommonFilesFolder], [ProgramFiles64Folder], [ProgramFilesFolder], [System64Folder], [SystemFolder], and [WindowsFolder].

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- Specify just the file name—without the path or a property. The installation will search for the specified file in all directories defined for the PATH environment variable on the target machine.

- Specify a registry key as a property. If you do this, the installation will resolve the registry key with the registry value. Note that the last element of the registry path is treated as a value name. If a backslash is the last character of the path, the value of the default registry entry for that registry key is used.

  For example, if you type the following as the value, the installation checks if the path specified as the value for the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\ORACLE_HOME registry entry contains a bin directory with a file named oci.dll:

      [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\ORACLE_HOME]bin\oci.dll

  In addition, type the version number of the file. For example:

      6.7.8.9

  Then select the appropriate match option to indicate when to run the InstallShield prerequisite.
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<td><strong>Setup is running on a specified platform</strong></td>
<td>If you select this option, click one of the predefined platforms in the Select which platform the prerequisite should be run on box, or select Custom to define your own platform requirements.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>To specify a range of service pack numbers for which this prerequisite condition is true, use the Service Packs boxes. For example, if target system must have service pack 2, 3, or 4, enter 2 in the first box and 4 in the second box. To target all future service packs, leave the second box blank. To target only service pack 3, enter 3 in both boxes.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>If you select Custom to define your own operating system, you can configure any one or more of the following settings in the Custom area:</td>
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<td>• <strong>Platform ID</strong>—Select the required platform.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>If the value that you select matches the dwPlatformId member of the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure of the target system’s operating system, this part of the operating system condition evaluates as true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Major Version</strong>—Specify the required major version of the operating system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the value that you specify matches the dwMajorVersion member of the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure of the target system’s operating system, this part of the operating system condition evaluates as true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you type 0 in this box, the operating system condition that InstallShield creates does not include any major version or minor version requirements; the behavior is the same if you leave the Major Version and Minor Version boxes blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Minor Version</strong>—Specify the required minor version of the operating system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the value that you specify matches the dwMinorVersion member of the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure of the target system’s operating system, this part of the operating system condition evaluates as true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that 0 is a valid value for this box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Setup is running on a specified platform (cont.)

- **Product (OS) Type**—Select the required operating system type.
  
  If the value that you select matches the wProductType member of the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure of the target system’s operating system, this part of the condition evaluates as true.
  
  Note that if the InstallShield prerequisite supports both servers and domain controllers, you can select the **Server or Domain Controller** option.

- **Processor Architecture**—Select the required processor architecture (for example, 32-bit or 64-bit Windows).
  
  If the architecture that you select matches the architecture of the target system’s operating system, this part of the operating system condition evaluates as true.

- **Minimum CSD Version**—Specify the minimum required service pack or other version information for the operating system.
  
  Note that this setting is provided for compatibility with InstallShield prerequisites that were created with earlier versions of InstallShield, and to enable subversions of Windows 9x platforms to be distinguished. Using this setting to specify a particular service pack is not recommended; if you need to specify a particular service pack, use the Minimum Service Pack box.
  
  If the value that you specify is the same version as or an earlier version than the szCSDVersion member of the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure of the target system’s operating system, this part of the operating system condition evaluates as true.
  
  For example, if you specify “A” and the szCSDVersion value on the target machine is “B”, this part of the operating system condition evaluates as true. It evaluates as false if you specify “B” but the value on the target machine is “A”.
  
  Similarly, if you specify “Service Pack 1” and the value on the target machine is “Service Pack 2”, this part of the operating system condition evaluates as true. It evaluates as false if you specify “Service Pack 2” but the value on the target machine is “Service Pack 1”.
  
  Note that to prevent comparison problems, any leading and trailing spaces in the version that you specify and in the value of the szCSDVersion member on the target system are ignored.

- **Minimum Build No**—Specify the minimum required build number of the operating system.
  
  If the value that you specify is the same version as or an earlier version than the dwBuildNumber member of the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure of the target system’s operating system, this part of the operating system condition evaluates as true.
  
  For more information on specifying an operating system condition, see Adding an Operating System Condition for an InstallShield Prerequisite.
  
  For details about the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure, see OSVERSIONINFOEX structure on the MSDN Web site.
Privileges Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Privileges dialog box lets you specify one or more privileges that are required by the service that you are configuring. This dialog box opens in the following scenario:

- You are configuring a service in the Services view, or in the Advanced Settings area for a component in the Setup Design view (installation projects only) or the Components view.

- The **Change list of required privileges** option is selected in the Configuration Type setting for an event in the Configure Settings category of settings in the right pane, and you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting for that event.

Select one or more check boxes.

The change takes effect the next time that the system is started.

See Also

Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services

Product Condition Builder Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform
The Product Condition Builder dialog box simplifies the process of creating install conditions by providing a selection of valid Windows Installer properties and conditional expression operators.

For example, if your product requires 64 MB of RAM in order to run properly, you can use the Product Condition Builder dialog box to create a condition. At run time, the Windows Installer checks the target system to determine how much RAM is installed. If it is less than 64 MB, the Windows Installer displays an error message and exits the installation.

Table 13-42 • Product Condition Builder Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Conditions</strong></td>
<td>This box displays a grid with the following columns:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Condition</strong>—This column is where you define the conditions. You can type a condition directly in this column, or you can use the Properties list, the Operators list, and the Add buttons to build a condition statement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Message</strong>—This column is where you specify the error message that should be displayed if the condition evaluates to false.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this column, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To add a new condition to this box, click the New Condition button, and then enter the appropriate information in the Condition and Message columns.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To delete a condition in this box, select the condition, and then click the Delete Conditions button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Important</strong> • When you click the OK button on this dialog box, InstallShield performs basic condition validation; however, you should still double-check that your condition statements evaluate to the expected outcome. For more information and example conditions, see Building Conditional Statements.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Windows Installer dialogs, which display the text that you specify in the Message column, do not recognize the escape sequences \r (carriage return), \n (new line), or \t (tab).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Properties</strong></td>
<td>This list contains common Windows Installer properties, as well as any properties that have been added in the Property Manager view. Select the property that you want to evaluate, and then click the <strong>Add</strong> button next to this list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the list does not contain the property that you want to evaluate, you can type the appropriate property name in the Condition column.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Operators</strong></td>
<td>This list contains all of the valid operators that are recognized by the Windows Installer. Select the operator that you want to use and then click the Add button next to this list. InstallShield appends the operator to the conditional statement in the Conditions box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Setting Product Conditions
Conditional Statement Syntax (Windows Installer Help Library)
Conditional Statement Syntax (Windows Installer Help Library)
Building Conditional Statements

Project Settings Dialog Box

The Project Settings dialog box lets you modify information about the open project.

This dialog box is displayed with the following tabs when you select the Project menu’s Settings command. This dialog box is displayed with only the last two of the following tabs when you right-click an item in the Objects view’s “InstallShield Objects/Merge Modules” pane and select Register new object or Properties. In the last case, all properties are uneditable.

- **Project Tab**
- **Application Tab (in InstallScript Projects)** (in Windows Installer–based projects)
- **Application Tab (in InstallScript Projects)** (in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects)
- **Platforms Tab** (in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects)
- **Languages Tab**
- **Maintenance Tab** (in InstallScript projects)
- **Language-Independent Object Properties Tab** (in InstallScript Object projects)
- **Language-Specific Object Properties Tab** (in InstallScript Object projects)

**Project Tab**

The Project tab on the Settings dialog box displays basic information about the open project. This dialog box opens when you select the Project menu’s Settings command.

**Author**

(Optional) Enter the name of the project author.

**Comments**

(Optional) Enter any comments about the project.

See Also
Project Settings Dialog Box
Application Tab (in Windows Installer–Based Projects)

InstallShield 2020 » Project Settings Dialog Box

- This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - InstallScript MSI

The Application tab on the Settings dialog box lets you view and modify information about the product that is installed by the open project. This dialog box opens when you click the Settings command on the Project menu.

Table 13-43 • Application Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Product Code</td>
<td>This setting displays a GUID that uniquely identifies this product. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Change button next to this setting. Since this code uniquely identifies your product, changing the product code after you have already distributed your release is not recommended. For more information, see Setting the Product Code in a Windows Installer–Based Project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upgrade Code</td>
<td>This setting displays the GUID that can be used for your product’s upgrade code. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button (…) in this setting. The upgrade code is a GUID that identifies a related set of products. The Windows Installer uses a product’s upgrade code when performing major upgrades of an installed product. The upgrade code, stored in the UpgradeCode property, should remain the same for all versions of a product. For more information, see Setting the Upgrade Code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of the product. For information on how the product name is used, see Specifying a Product Name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Version</td>
<td>Enter the version number for your product. The version number must contain only numbers, and it must be in the format aaa.bbb.ccccc, where aaa represents the major version number, bbb represents the minor version number, and ccccc represents the build number. The maximum value for the aaa and bbb portions is 255. The maximum value for ccccc is 65,535. For more information, see Specifying the Product Version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Type</td>
<td>Select the type of application from the list or type the name of an application type if it is not listed. This information is stored in the project file and is for your reference only. It is never displayed to the end user.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Application Tab (in InstallScript Projects)**

InstallShield 2020 » Project Settings Dialog Box

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The Application tab on the Settings dialog box lets you view and modify information about the project that is installed by the open project. This dialog box opens when you click the Settings command on the Project menu.

**Table 13-44 • Application Tab Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Product Code** | Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies this product. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button (…) in this setting.  

The product code is used to associate uninstallation or maintenance with the original installation. A new GUID is automatically generated for each new project that you create, including copies of existing projects. Once you have changed a project’s product code, its previous GUID cannot be recovered. For these reasons, changing a project’s product code is typically not necessary and should be approached with caution.  

For more information, see Setting the Product Code in an InstallScript-Based Project. |
| **Product Name** | Enter the name of the product.  

For information on how the product name is used, see Specifying a Product Name.  

**Tip** • Instead of hard-coding a value, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.  

*The product name is stored in the InstallScript system variable IFX_PRODUCT_NAME.* |
Table 13-44 • Application Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Product Version</strong></td>
<td>Enter the version number for your product. The version number must contain only numbers, and it must be in the format aaa.bbb.cccccc, where aaa represents the major version number, bbb represents the minor version number, and cccccc represents the build number. The maximum value for the aaa and bbb portions is 255. The maximum value for cccccc is 65,535. For more information, see Specifying the Product Version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Company Name</strong></td>
<td>Enter the name of your company. This value is used in the default script to set TARGETDIR (if the string entry COMPANY_NAME does not exist); it can be retrieved at run time by calling the MediaGetData function.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Executable File</strong></td>
<td>Enter the name of the application’s main executable file. This value can be retrieved at run time by calling the MediaGetData function.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Type</strong></td>
<td>Select the type of application from the list or type the name of an application type if it is not listed. This information is stored in the project file and is for your reference only. It is never displayed to the end user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>URL</strong></td>
<td>Enter a product URL. This information is stored in the project file and is for your reference only. It is never displayed to the end user.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip** • You can also configure the aforementioned settings in the General Information view.
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Caution • You must specify a non-null value in the Product Version box; otherwise, build error -7044 occurs.

See Also
Project Settings Dialog Box

Platforms Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Project Settings Dialog Box

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

● InstallScript
● InstallScript Object

The Platforms tab on the Settings dialog box is where you specify the platforms that you want to be available when you select the operating system for components or releases in your project.

Note • Specifying platforms at the project level does not create target for running the installation. To create target in an InstallScript project, you can use the SYSINFO structure to identify the operating platform of the target system.

The following table shows the settings that are displayed in the Platforms tab.

Table 13-45 • Platforms Dialog Box Settings for a Project

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| The project supports all platforms that InstallShield supports | Select this option if you want InstallShield to list all of the supported run-time platforms for the following settings:
  ● Operating Systems setting at the component level (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects)
  ● Platform(s) setting at the release level (InstallScript projects)
If you select this option, you can designate that a particular component or release in your project is targeted for any one or more supported platforms. |
The Languages tab on the Settings dialog box lets you view and modify the list of languages included in the open project. This dialog box opens when you click the Settings command on the Project menu.

**check boxes**

A checked check box next to a language indicates that the language is included in the project; an unchecked check box indicates that the language is not included. To add or remove a language from the project, click its check box to toggle it to the desired state.

Removing a language from the project also removes it from any components or releases that had been using that language.

**See Also**

* Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
* Project Settings Dialog Box
Maintenance Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Project Settings Dialog Box

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

The Maintenance tab on the Settings dialog box lets you select an option for the behavior of your setup when your end user reruns it. This dialog box opens when you click the Settings command on the Project menu.

The Multi-Instance option lets your end users run a setup multiple times as a first setup, rather than a maintenance setup. For more information on these options, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

See Also
Project Settings Dialog Box

Language-Independent Object Properties Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Project Settings Dialog Box

Project • This information applies to InstallScript Object projects.

The Language-Independent Object Properties tab contains basic information about your object, such as the name of the object, the company that created it, and the location of the object. This dialog box opens when you select the Project menu’s Settings command in an InstallScript object project. This dialog box also opens in an InstallScript project when you register an object from within the Objects view, or you right-click an object in the Objects view and click Properties. In the last case, all properties are uneditable.

Object Wizard

This option allows you to specify the type of wizard, if any, that you would like to use for your object’s default language. The following wizard choices are available:

- **No Wizard**—Select this option if your object does not require a wizard.
- **Use InstallShield Object Stock Wizard**—Select this option to have InstallShield create a wizard for you based on the properties you created for your object. All read-only properties will be displayed but will not be editable. All read/write properties will be changeable by the user. Write-only properties will not be displayed.

  Note • The InstallShield stock wizard does not support array properties. If your object’s properties require array properties, you will need to create your own wizard.

- **Use My Custom Wizard**—Select this option to use a wizard you created. InstallShield allows you to use a wizard created with either Visual C++ or Visual Basic. To use a wizard created with one of these two programs, enter the path to the DLL you created, or click the browse (...) button to navigate to that file.

The following controls are not displayed when you select the Project menu’s Settings command.
**Company**

Enter the name of the company responsible for creating this object.

**Version**

Enter the version of this object.

**Media File**

Enter the path to the object’s media file (Data1.hdr file), or click the browse button to navigate to that file.

**See Also**

Project Settings Dialog Box

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**Language-Specific Object Properties Tab**

*InstallShield 2020 ➤ Project Settings Dialog Box*

**Project** • *This information applies to InstallScript Object projects.*

The Language-Specific Object Properties tab contains basic information about your object, such as the name of the object, the company that created it, and the location of the object. This dialog box opens when you select the Project menu’s Settings command in an InstallScript object project. This dialog box also opens in an InstallScript project when you register an object from within the Objects view, or you right-click an object in the Objects view and click Properties. In the last case, all properties are uneditable.

**IDE Language**

Select the language for which you want to specify object information. Available options are English and Japanese.

**Use Default**

Disabled if the default language, English, is selected. Check this box to specify that the object, when displayed in the selected language, use the same information that you specified for the default language.

The following controls are enabled only if the **Use Default** check box is unchecked:

**Display Name**

Enter the name of your object as you would like it to appear in the object gallery.

**Short Name**

Enter a shortened version of your object’s name, if necessary. You can enter the same name as entered in the Display Name field.

**HTML Help**

Enter the path to the help file for this object, or click the browse (...) button to navigate to this file. This help file must consist of a single .htm file.
Icon File

Enter the path to the icon file for your object, or click the browse (...) button to navigate to this file. The icon you choose will be displayed next to your object in the object gallery. The icon you use for your object needs to be sized to 16x16 with a maximum of 16 colors.

See Also
Project Settings Dialog Box

Rename Key Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Rename Key dialog box is displayed if you click Edit after selecting Rename on the Resolve Conflict dialog box. The Rename Key dialog box displays a setting in which you can provide a new key value for the exported dialog, component, or custom action. When you rename the exported item, you avoid the conflict, assuming that no objects with the new name exist in the target project file.

Settings

Table 13-46 • Rename Key Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Key Value</td>
<td>Type a new key value or name for the item in this field and press OK to rename the item.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Resolve Conflict Dialog Box

Required Features Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object

The Required Features dialog box lets you specify features that must be installed if the current feature is installed. This dialog box is launched when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Required Features setting for a feature in the Setup Design view or the Features view.

The Required Features dialog box has a Required Features for SelectedFeatureName box that shows all of the features in your project. Select the check box for each feature that the current feature requires.
Project • The check box for the current feature is automatically selected in InstallScript MSI projects. It is automatically cleared in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects; in either case, the selection status cannot be changed, and it does not affect whether the feature is installed.

See Also
Using the Required Features Setting

Resolve Conflict Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Resolve Conflict dialog box identifies a conflict when you are exporting a dialog, component, or custom action to another project, or when you are importing a DIM into an installation project. A conflict occurs when the target project has an item with the same name as but different values in its settings than the one you are exporting. Resolve the conflict by selecting one of the options and clicking OK, or by renaming the item in a key column.

If you click Cancel, the item is not exported to another project, or the DIM is not imported into the installation project.
Dialog Box Settings

Table 13-47 • Resolve Conflict Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Table</td>
<td>The table shows all of the data that pertains to the dialog, control, component, custom action, or other item. If you are exporting an item to a different project, the Source Data column shows the values of the settings for the item that you are exporting from the current project to a different project. The Target Data column shows the values of the settings of the existing item in the project to which you are exporting. If you are importing a DIM project into an installation project, the Source Data column shows the values of the settings for the item in the DIM project. The Target Data column shows the values of the settings of the setting for the item in the installation project. Key icons identify key columns in the record. If there is a conflict between the values, that row appears in red. Your selection for resolving the conflict determines whether InstallShield overwrites the existing item and its settings.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Resolution

Indicate how you want to resolve the conflict. Available options are:

- **Skip**—Use the value in the Source Data column. If additional conflicts remain, show the next conflict.
- **Skip All**—Use the value in the Source Data column for the current conflict as well as any remaining conflicts.
- **Overwrite**—Use the value in the Target Data column. If additional conflicts remain, show the next conflict.
- **Overwrite All**—Use the value in the Target Data column for the current conflict as well as any remaining conflicts.
- **Rename**—Use a different value for the key column so that there is no conflict for the item. To use this option, first select the row that contains the key that you want to rename, select the Rename option, and then click the Edit button. The Rename Key dialog box opens, letting you specify the new value for the key column.

Save As Dialog Box

On the File menu, click Save As to open the Save As dialog box. This lets you save a copy of the open project as a template or as a new project with a different name and location.
Dialog Box Settings

The Save As dialog box is a standard Windows dialog box. To display detailed help for any control except the following ones, select the control and press F1.

Table 13-48 • InstallShield-Specific Settings on the Save As Dialog Box

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| **Save as type** | ![Icon] The **Save as type** option is available for the following project types:  
- Basic MSI  
- DIM  
- InstallScript  
- InstallScript MSI  
- Merge Module  

The **Save as type** list enables you to specify the type of file that you are saving.  
To create a template from the current project, select InstallShield Template (.ist). |
| **Create ‘Project Name’ subfolder and save the project in the created folder** | This check box controls where the project file is located on your system. To create a `<Project Name>` subfolder in the location specified in the Project Location box (on the File Locations tab of the Options dialog box) and to save the project in that subfolder, select this check box. For projects that contain InstallScript, the Script Files folder is also created in this subfolder.  
To save the .ism project in the location specified in the Project Location box, clear this check box. |
| **Create and assign a new project GUID to the saved project** | If the new project’s GUID should be different than the GUID of the original project, select this check box. If the new project’s GUID should be the same GUID of the original project, clear this check box. |
| **Update the project settings appropriately based on the new project name** | To use the name that you specified in the **File name** box as the value for the Project Name setting in the General Information view of the new project, select this check box. If the value of the new project’s Name setting should be the same as that of the original project, clear this check box. |

See Also  
Project Templates  
Saving Projects  
Saving a Project with a New Name and Location

Script Conversion Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield uses different terminology for InstallScript function names. For example, InstallShield uses the term *feature* where InstallShield Professional uses *component*, and vice versa. See Script Changes: Lexicon Conversion for more information.
When you open an .ipr file in InstallShield, this dialog allows you to indicate whether you want InstallShield to automatically update your script (.rul) file to use the InstallShield lexicon.

Note • The InstallShield Help Library and other documentation uses the InstallShield script terminology.

Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

The Script Editor Properties dialog box is where you specify how script code should be displayed in various views throughout InstallShield. This dialog box is available in views that enable you to edit a script file (for example, the InstallScript, SQL Scripts, and Custom Actions and Sequences views).

To open the Script Editor Properties dialog box, right-click in a script editor pane and then click Properties.

Tip • Note that the script editor properties are global per-user settings that affect all InstallShield script editors. For example, the same font is used for all script editors. If you change the font in the SQL Scripts view, the font is also changed in the InstallScript view the next time that the InstallScript is reloaded in that view.

The settings on the Script Editor Properties dialog box are organized into the following main categories:

• General
• Colors

General Settings

The following settings are available in the General area on the Script Editor Properties dialog box.

Table 13-49 • General Settings on the Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Font</td>
<td>This setting displays the font, style, and size that is used for the content in the script editor. To change the option that is selected, click the ellipsis button in this setting. Doing so opens the Font dialog box, which enables you to view and modify the font, style, and size of script content.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Syntax highlighting</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to InstallShield to use color coding for various script elements that are displayed in all of the script editors. If you select Yes, InstallShield uses color coding according to the selections that are made for the settings in the Colors area of the Script Editor Properties dialog box. For more information, see Changing Colors for Syntax Highlighting in the Script Editors.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Auto completion**
Specify whether you want InstallShield to display a pop-up list of alphabetically ordered functions, keywords, constants, and other script words that begin with the letters that you are typing. Auto completion also displays a list of available string identifiers when you enter the string constant operator (@) in the InstallScript view. The default value is Yes.

Auto completion can increase your efficiency because it can reduce the time that you spend typing code. It can also help you avoid typographical errors in your code.

For more information, see Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors.

**Include local variables**
Specify whether you want InstallShield to include in the pop-up list all of the local variables that are defined in the selected script. The default value is Yes.

Note that if you select No, the Functions, Properties, and Methods folders in the center pane of the InstallScript view does not list any functions, properties, or methods from your script files.

If Yes is selected for this setting and you notice performance issues when you are typing code in the InstallScript view, you might want to change this setting to No.

This setting is ignored if you select No for the Auto completion setting.

For more information, see Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors.

**Show function call tips**
Specify whether you want InstallShield to display a function call tip—a type of tooltip—when you are typing a function call in your script. The function call tip shows the function’s parameter information. It also shows a description of the function, as well as a description of the parameter that you are entering. The default value is Yes.

For more information, see Viewing Function Call Tips for an InstallScript Function in the Script Editor.

**Line numbering**
Specify whether you want the left margin of the script editor to contain line numbers. The default value is No.

For more information, see Going to a Line Number in a Script that Is Displayed in a Script Editor.

**Syntax folding**
Specify whether you want to use syntax folding for your script. If you select Yes, InstallShield adds a plus sign (+) or a minus sign (−) in the margin next to each line of code that starts an expandable or collapsible block of script. Click the plus sign to expand the hidden code. Click the minus sign to hide the code.

The default value is No.

Syntax folding can help you minimize the clutter of large scripts and focus on the code that is relevant to the work that you are currently doing. It can also help you see the overall structure of a script.
Colors Settings

The Colors area on the Script Editor Properties dialog box is where you view and modify the foreground color and—in some cases—the background color for various script elements.

The following settings are available in the Colors area on the Script Editor Properties dialog box.

Table 13-50 • Color Settings on the Script Editor Properties Dialog Box

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>Specify the colors for the text that is not one of the predefined types of script words.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Selection</td>
<td>Specify the colors for text that is selected in the script editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cursor</td>
<td>Specify the colors for the blinking cursor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keywords</td>
<td>Specify the colors for script keywords such as built-in functions, data types, and constants.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Identifiers</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show identifiers. This includes variables.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
To learn more about changing colors in the script editors, see Changing Colors for Syntax Highlighting in the Script Editors.

See Also
Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views
Enabling or Disabling Syntax Highlighting in the Script Editors

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Operators</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show operators. Examples include parentheses, brackets, and braces; arithmetic symbols like plus, minus, asterisk, and slash; and comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Specify the colors for the comments in your code; this includes the comment delimiters such as /*, */ or //.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Strings</td>
<td>Specify the colors for strings; this includes the surrounding quotes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unterminated strings</td>
<td>Specify color overrides for strings that have not been closed with a terminating quote; this helps you find strings that could cause compilation errors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preprocessor directives</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show preprocessor directives; this includes any lines that start with a pound sign (#).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Constants</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show script constants.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Labels</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show labels.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Errors</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show script errors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Line numbers</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show line numbers in the left margin, if line numbering is enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Function call tips</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to call tips for InstallScript functions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matching braces</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show opening and corresponding closing braces—{ }. This is used whenever the insertion point is within parentheses, brackets, or braces. The syntax coloring takes into account nesting (for example, Foo(array[array.GetLength() - 1])).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unmatched braces</td>
<td>Specify the colors that are used to show an opening brace—{—that is missing its corresponding closing brace—}. This is used whenever the insertion point is after the opening parenthesis, bracket, or brace that is missing a closing mark. The syntax coloring takes into account nesting (for example, Foo(array[array.GetLength() - 1])).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
SCM Pre-shutdown Delay Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The SCM Pre-shutdown Delay dialog box lets you specify the length of the time that the Service Control Manager should wait before proceeding with other shutdown tasks. This dialog box opens in the following scenario:

- You are configuring a service in the Services view, or in the Advanced Settings area for a component in the Setup Design view (installation projects only) or the Components view.
- The **Configure SCM pre-shutdown delay** option is selected in the Configuration Type setting for an event in the Configure Settings category of settings in the right pane, and you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting for that event.

Select the appropriate option. To reset the time delay to the default of 3 minutes, select the Default option.

The Service Control Manager waits for the specified period of time after sending the SERVICE_CONTROL_PRESHUTDOWN notification to the service. The change takes effect the next time that the system is started.

**See Also**

*Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services*

Security Descriptor Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Security Descriptor dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Security Descriptor setting; this setting is displayed under the Permissions setting when you are configuring permissions for a service that you have added to the Services view, or to the Services node in the Advanced Settings area for a component in the Setup Design view (in installation projects) or the Components view.

The Security Descriptor dialog box is where you use valid security descriptor definition language (SDDL) to enter a valid SDDL string for service permissions. For more information about SDDL, see the “Access Control” section of the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK).

**Tip** • You can use angle brackets (for example, `<DomainName\UserName>`) or environment variables (for example, `%UserDomain%\%UserName`) to indicate the domain and user name of the user whose account SID is going to be determined at run time.
Note • The permission settings are supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these settings.

An installation should not contain both the MsiLockPermissionsEx table and the LockPermissions table. If you use the Permissions setting for a service, and the settings under it, you are configuring the MsiLockPermissionsEx table of the package. If Traditional Windows Installer handling is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view and you have set permissions for one or more files, folders, or registry keys in your project, you are configuring the LockPermissions table of the package.

See Also
Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment
Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services

Select File Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Use the Select File dialog box to enter a file into the DuplicateFile table in the Direct Editor.

Dialog Options

Component
Select the component that contains the file you want to enter in this table.

Files (*.*)
Select the file that you want to include in this table.

Select Media Location Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

For MSI Databases, choose where you want to place the new file(s) on the source media. If you are creating a .cab file, you can choose to stream the file(s) into the package.

Project • For MSM Databases, the File Location options are disabled since merge modules require you to store your files in a .cab file that is internal to the .msm database.

Note • The option to extract COM information is only enabled when you drag files to a folder or when you add a single file to a component that does not already have any existing files. As a result, the COM file is the only file in the particular component.
Select SQL Server Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Select SQL Server dialog box opens when you are using the Database Import Wizard and you click the Browse button for the server name on the SQL Server panel.

The Select SQL Server dialog box enables you to select the SQL Server whose database you are importing.

See Also
Database Import Wizard
SQL Server Panel
Importing a SQL Server Database and Generating a SQL Script File

Select String Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020 » Script Editor

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The Select String dialog box shows the collection of language-independent identifiers and corresponding language-specific values for the default language of your project. This dialog box lets you select or create a string identifier that you can use in place of a hard-coded text string.

Accessing the Select String Dialog Box

The Select String dialog box is available from within the script editor pane in the InstallScript view. It is also available in other places throughout InstallShield. For example, if you click the ellipsis button (...) in one of the settings that accepts localizable text, the Select String dialog box opens, enabling you to select or create a string entry that you want to use for the selected setting. The Display Name and Description settings for a feature are two examples of a setting that accepts localizable text.

Working with the Select String Dialog Box

The Select String dialog box consists of the following elements:

- A row of buttons and other controls
- A group box area (below the row of buttons)
- A spreadsheet-like table

Each row in the table represents a string entry in your project.
The following table describes all of the buttons and other controls that are displayed in the Select String dialog box.

**Table 13-51 • Controls on the Select String Dialog Box**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New</td>
<td>Displays the String Entry dialog box, which lets you specify a new string identifier, a value, and internal comments.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete</td>
<td>Deletes the selected string entry or string entries.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Search Grid</td>
<td>Filters the strings that are displayed in the Select String dialog box according to the string that you specify in this text box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Drag a column header here to group that column</strong></td>
<td>Use this group box area to group rows in the Select String dialog box. This dialog box supports multiple levels of grouping simply by dragging the column headings and dropping them onto the group box. InstallShield displays the rows in the dialog box hierarchically according to column arrangement in the group box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following table describes each of the columns in the Select String dialog box.

**Table 13-52 • Columns in the Select String Dialog Box**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Identifier</td>
<td>This column contains the language-independent ID for the string. Each string identifier in a project is linked to one or more values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>This column shows the run-time string.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Project** • In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, some of the string values contain Windows Installer properties inside square brackets—for example, `Install [ProductName]`. At run time, the property and brackets are replaced by the property value.

String values in these same project types may also contain font information in curly brackets—for example, `{&MSSansBold8}OK`. The font information indicates style details that should be used to display the strings at run time.

| Comments | This column contains internal note about the string entries. The comments are not displayed at run time. |
| Modified | This column lists the date and time that the string entry was last modified. |

**See Also**

*Using String Entries in InstallShield*
Serial Number Violation Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The Serial Number Violation dialog box opens when InstallShield detects that the serial number entered is already in use. InstallShield will not start for 20 minutes unless a unique, valid serial number is entered.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task</th>
<th>To change the serial number:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Click <strong>Change</strong>. The <strong>Serial Number</strong> dialog box opens.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In the <strong>Serial Number</strong> box, type a unique, valid serial number. Dashes are not required.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Server Locations Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Transform projects.

The Server Locations dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Server Locations setting of the General Information view. The Server Locations dialog box lets you specify network and URL paths to the product’s installation package and related files so that Windows Installer can find them if they are needed. For example, if an end user installs the product from a network server or Web site and one or more of the features were set to be installed on first use, Windows Installer may need access to the .msi package and related files on the server or Web site sometime after the initial installation.

InstallShield adds the paths that you specify to the `SOURCELIST` property. Windows Installer appends this list to the end of an end user’s existing source list for the product at run time.

The validity of the server location that you specify is determined when the installation needs to access the server remotely. That is, if a server is not available, or if you added an invalid server, the entry will be ignored if the resource is needed, and errors might be generated. Each location that is specified must have the complete source for the installation. The entire directory tree at each source location must be the same and must include all of the required source files, including any .cab files. Each location must have an .msi file with the same file name and product code.

**Tip** • Server paths can contain environment variables that are identified with a percent sign (%). For example, the following path uses the Home environment variable:

```
\Server1\%Home%\Office
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table 13-53 • Server Locations Dialog Box Settings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Setting</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source Paths</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>New</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Service Options Dialog Box for a Time Delay of an Auto-Start Service

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Service Options dialog box lets you specify whether the Windows service that you are configuring should be started after other auto-start services plus a time delay have elapsed. This dialog box opens in the following scenario:

- You are configuring a service in the Services view, or in the Advanced Settings area for a component in the Setup Design view (installation projects only) or the Components view.

- The Configure time delay of an auto-start option is selected in the Configuration Type setting for an event in the Configure Settings category of settings in the right pane, and you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting for that event.

Select the appropriate option.

The change takes effect the next time that the system is started.

See Also
Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services
Service Options Dialog Box for Running Recovery Actions

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Service Options dialog box lets you specify when the recovery actions should be run for the service that you are configuring. This dialog box opens in the following scenario:

- You are configuring a service in the Services view, or in the Advanced Settings area for a component in the Setup Design view (installation projects only) or the Components view.
- The Configure when to run recovery actions option is selected in the Configuration Type setting for an event in the Configure Settings category of settings in the right pane, and you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting for that event.

Select the appropriate option.

The change takes effect the next time that the system is started.

See Also
Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services

Service SID Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Service SID dialog box lets you specify the appropriate service security identifier (SID) that you want to add. This dialog box opens in the following scenario:
• You are configuring a service in the Services view, or in the Advanced Settings area for a component in the Setup Design view (installation projects only) or the Components view.

• The **Add a service SID type to the process token** option is selected in the Configuration Type setting for an event in the Configure Settings category of settings in the right pane, and you click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting for that event.

Select the appropriate option.

Note that if multiple services are hosted in the same process and one service has the restricted service SID, all services must have the restricted service SID.

The change takes effect the next time that the system is started.

**See Also**
Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services

## Set File(s) URL Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The **Set File(s) URL** dialog box opens when you click the **Set File(s) URL** button on the Files to Include tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. This dialog box lets you specify a file for your InstallShield prerequisite.

### Table 13-54 • Set File(s) URL Dialog Box Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| URL to file’s parent folder | Type the URL for the parent directory of the selected file or files. This URL is the same one that InstallShield uses when installation authors use the Redistributables view to download an InstallShield prerequisite from the Internet to their local machines.  

For example, if you selected files called Notepad.exe and Paint.exe, and the URLs for these files are http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1/Notepad.exe and http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1/Paint.exe, enter the following in this box:  
http://www.mywebsite.com/Folder1 |

**See Also**
Specifying URLs for Downloading InstallShield Prerequisites  
Defining InstallShield Prerequisites  
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

## Settings Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

The **Settings** dialog box enables you to set preferences for how InstallShield builds the installation for the project that is currently open.
Task To open the Settings dialog box:

On the Build menu, click Build Settings.

The following tabs are associated with this Settings dialog box:

- **Compile/Link tab**
- **Run/Debug tab** (InstallScript projects only)
- **MSI Log File tab** (Windows Installer projects only)

### Compile/Link Tab

The Compile/Link tab on the Settings dialog box lets you specify settings for compiling your script. These settings apply to Setup.rul and any files included in it.

#### Table 13-55 • Compile/Link Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Preprocessor Defines</td>
<td>Specify any preprocessor definitions. Use the following format, with no spaces before or after equal signs or commas:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MYVARIABLE1=123, MYVARIABLE2=456</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can test those types of constants in your script by using #if and #ifdef statements that control the flow of the script. For example, type MYVARIABLE in this box, and the code in the following #ifdef loop will be executed:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
|                          | #ifdef MYVARIABLE
|                          | // Commands
|                          | #endif                                                                                                                                     |
|                          | After you add or change a preprocessor definition in this box, you must compile your script for the addition or change to take effect.       |

**Note** • Many Windows API functions are declared in the header file ISRTWindows.h, which is automatically included when you include Ifx.h in your script. You can prevent the automatic definition of Windows APIs by placing the preprocessor constant

ISINCLUDE_NO_WINAPI_H in the Preprocessor Defines box on the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box.
Include Paths

Specify which directories InstallShield should search for source files that have been included in the main installation’s InstallScript code through #include statements.

Use the following guidelines for this setting:

- To specify multiple paths, separate each one with a comma.
- You can use any valid path variable in a path.
- Do not use quotation marks to specify a path.
- Since the current directory is not necessarily constant, do not use the dot (.) operator in the paths that you specify. Instead, use an explicit path variable such as <ISProjectFolder> to indicate a known folder location.
- When InstallShield passes the values that you have specified in this setting to Compile.exe, InstallShield automatically parses the specified string to determine comma-delimited paths. In addition, InstallShield handles path variable replacement, surrounds the paths with quotation marks, and then passes each path separately to Compile.exe using multiple /i switches. However, if you separate the paths with semicolons instead of commas, InstallShield considers the specified paths as a single path, and it passes the single path string to the compiler as is. In this case, no path variable substitution or quotation mark additions occurs.

Note • InstallShield searches any paths that you specify before it searches the standard InstallShield paths. Thus, if two include files share the same name but one include file is in one of your custom include paths and one is in a standard InstallShield include path, InstallShield links to the include file in the custom include path, not the version in the standard InstallShield include path.

For more information, see #include.

Table 13-55 • Compile/Link Tab Settings (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
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</table>
| Include Paths | Specify which directories InstallShield should search for source files that have been included in the main installation’s InstallScript code through #include statements. Use the following guidelines for this setting:  
- To specify multiple paths, separate each one with a comma.  
- You can use any valid path variable in a path.  
- Do not use quotation marks to specify a path.  
- Since the current directory is not necessarily constant, do not use the dot (.) operator in the paths that you specify. Instead, use an explicit path variable such as <ISProjectFolder> to indicate a known folder location.  
- When InstallShield passes the values that you have specified in this setting to Compile.exe, InstallShield automatically parses the specified string to determine comma-delimited paths. In addition, InstallShield handles path variable replacement, surrounds the paths with quotation marks, and then passes each path separately to Compile.exe using multiple /i switches. However, if you separate the paths with semicolons instead of commas, InstallShield considers the specified paths as a single path, and it passes the single path string to the compiler as is. In this case, no path variable substitution or quotation mark additions occurs.  
  Note • InstallShield searches any paths that you specify before it searches the standard InstallShield paths. Thus, if two include files share the same name but one include file is in one of your custom include paths and one is in a standard InstallShield include path, InstallShield links to the include file in the custom include path, not the version in the standard InstallShield include path.  
  For more information, see #include. |
| Max Warnings  | Specifies the maximum number of warning messages that are displayed.          |
| Maximum Errors| Specifies the maximum number of error messages that are displayed.            |
| Warning Level | Specifies the types of warnings that are displayed in the Output window.     |
  - None—Displays no warning messages.  
  - Level 1—Displays any system warning message that InstallShield is unable to handle.  
  - Level 2—Displays Level 1 messages, plus a message if string length exceeds the limit.  
  - Level 3 (Default)—Displays all warning messages.  
  For more information, see Defining Constants Through the Compiler. |
Compile before build

To compile your InstallScript automatically every time that you build a release, select this check box. Note the following behavior that occurs if you select this check box:

- If you select the Refresh Build command on the Build menu, your script is recompiled only if changes have been made to it since the last compile.
- If you select the Build <name of release> command on the Build menu, your script is recompiled, even if no changes have been made to it since the last compile.

**Note** • The compiled script is not copied to the disk images folder before the build begins because the build process automatically copies the compiled script to the folder during the build. If the script fails to compile because of compiler errors, the build does not continue.

Generate inline debugging information

If this check box is selected, debugging information is included in the compiled script file so a debugging information file is not needed.

If you want to debug an installation that includes an object that you have created, and you want to obtain debugging information from the object, you must have compiled the object’s script with this check box selected.

**Caution** • Selecting this check box makes the compiled script larger and the installation slower, and it makes it easier for others to reverse engineer your code. Therefore, in most cases, it should not be used when you are creating your final installation for distribution to end users.

Warnings as errors

If warnings should be treated as errors (that is, if the installation should not be run if there were any compile warnings when the InstallScript was compiled), select this check box.

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**Table 13-55 • Compile/Link Tab Settings (cont.)**

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<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Compile before build</td>
<td>To compile your InstallScript automatically every time that you build a release, select this check box. Note the following behavior that occurs if you select this check box:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Generate inline debugging information</td>
<td>If this check box is selected, debugging information is included in the compiled script file so a debugging information file is not needed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warnings as errors</td>
<td>If warnings should be treated as errors (that is, if the installation should not be run if there were any compile warnings when the InstallScript was compiled), select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Additional Library Paths

**Project** • For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, InstallShield automatically searches for script libraries in the following directories at compile time:

- `<ISProductFolder>\Script\Ifx\Lib`
- `<ISProductFolder>\Script\Isrt\Lib`

For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, InstallShield automatically searches for script libraries in the following directories at compile time:

- `<ISProductFolder>\Script\Iswi\Lib`
- `<ISProductFolder>\Script\Isrt\Lib`

The aforementioned directories contain the libraries that define the built-in InstallScript functions and that are listed in the Libraries (.obl) box by default.

If you want InstallShield to search any additional directories that contain your own script libraries, you can specify the directory path in the Additional Library Paths box.

Use the following guidelines for this setting:

- To specify multiple paths, separate each one with a comma.
- You can use any valid path variable in a path.
- Do not use quotation marks to specify a path.
- Since the current directory is not necessarily constant, do not use the dot (.) operator in the paths that you specify. Instead, use an explicit path variable such as `<ISProjectFolder>` to indicate a known folder location.
- When InstallShield passes the values that you have specified in this setting to `Compile.exe`, InstallShield automatically parses the specified string to determine comma-delimited paths. In addition, InstallShield handles path variable replacement, surrounds the paths with quotation marks, and then passes each path separately to `Compile.exe` using multiple `/libpath` switches. However, if you separate the paths with semicolons instead of commas, InstallShield considers the specified paths as a single path, and it passes the single path string to the compiler as is. In this case, no path variable substitution or quotation mark additions occurs.

**Note** • InstallShield searches any paths that you specify before it searches the standard InstallShield paths. Thus, if two libraries share the same name but one library is in one of your custom library paths and one is in a standard InstallShield library path, InstallShield links to the library in the custom library path, not the version in the standard InstallShield library path.
Run/Debug Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Settings Dialog Box

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript Object**

The Run/Debug tab lets you configure settings relevant to the running and debugging of your installation.

**Table 13-56 • Run/Debug Tab Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Settings</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Setup Command Line Arguments</strong></td>
<td>Text placed in this box is written to the system variable CMDLINE when you run the installation from within InstallShield; this variable can be accessed in the script.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-56 • Run/Debug Tab Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Settings</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Generate MIF File</td>
<td>If you select this check box, the installation automatically generates a Management Information Format (.mif) file when you run the installation from within InstallShield. For information on generating .mif files in the installation that you distribute, see The [Mif] Section.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIF Filename</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the .mif file generated by the installation when you run the installation from within InstallShield. If you leave this box blank, the .mif file is named Status.mif.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Serial Number</td>
<td>If you specify a serial number, the installation adds it to the .mif file it generates when you run the installation from within InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Settings Dialog Box

MSI Log File Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Settings Dialog Box

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The MSI Log File tab on the Settings dialog box enables you to create a log file that you can use when you are running your installation from within InstallShield. In addition, this tab lets you select the type of information that you would like written to the log file.

Table 13-57 • MSI Log File Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MSI Log File Options</td>
<td>Select the check boxes for the types of messages that you want to be displayed in your log file. When you select a check box, the corresponding argument is added to the MsiExec.EXE Command-Line Arguments box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiExec.EXE Command-Line Arguments</td>
<td>Enter the command-line arguments that you would like to pass to MsiExec.exe when your installation is run. When check boxes are selected in the MSI Log File Options area, the corresponding command-line parameters are added to this box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-57 • MSI Log File Tab Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Log File</td>
<td>Type the name of the log file that will be created when your installation is run.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Project • For InstallScript MSI projects, you need to type the full path to the log file in this box.

See Also
MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters
Settings Dialog Box

Setup Languages Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The behavior of the Setup Languages dialog box varies, depending on whether the project type is Windows Installer based (a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project) or InstallScript based (an InstallScript or InstallScript Object project).

The Setup Languages dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (…) for the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view.

In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, the Setup Languages dialog box lets you specify the languages that you want to be listed in the UI Languages setting in the Releases view. Therefore, if a language is not listed in this dialog box at the project level, you cannot include that particular UI language in your project’s releases.

In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, the Setup Languages dialog box lets you specify the languages that you want to be listed in the Languages setting in the Components and Releases views in your project. In general, if a language is not listed for this setting at the project level, you cannot designate that a particular component in your project is targeted for that language; in addition, you cannot designate that the components and UI strings for a particular language are included in your project’s releases.
When you add a supported language to your project through this setting, InstallShield adds string entries for that language to your project. The string entries include the built-in user-interface string resources that are already translated.

**Table 13-58 • Settings on the Setup Languages Dialog Box**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Languages</td>
<td>If you want the strings of a particular language to be included in your project, select its check box. To exclude all of the strings for a particular language, clear its check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note* • Language support varies, depending on the edition of InstallShield that you are using, the project type, and the language of the InstallShield interface (English or Japanese). For example, if you are using the English version of InstallShield Professional Edition, only one language is available for selection in this dialog box; if other language check boxes are listed, they are disabled.

For general information about language support, see Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Show only selected languages</td>
<td>If you want the languages box to list only languages whose check boxes are selected, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show only available languages</td>
<td>If you want the languages box to list only languages that are available to you with the edition of InstallShield that you are using, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
String Editor View

### SQL Server Requirement Dialog Box

**InstallShield 2020**

Use the SQL Server Requirement dialog box to define the server requirements for your database.

**Predefined Minimum Database Server Version**

Select a predefined minimum database server version that your application supports. Choose from the list of available options.

*Note* • At runtime, the installation verifies that all database servers that are selected by the end user meet the specified requirements.
Customize

Rarely, you will want to define your own database server version, but in the cases that you must, check the Customize box and any of the following options that apply:

Table 13-59 • Customize Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Major Version</td>
<td>This is the major version returned by a SQL Server. For example, SQL Server version 7 returns 7.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service Pack Level</td>
<td>This is the server pack level number returned by a SQL Server. For example, SQL Server version 7 RTM returns 623.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any Greater than Major Version</td>
<td>Check this option to support future major versions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any Greater than Service Pack Level</td>
<td>Check this option to support future service packs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Supersedence Dialog Box

The Supersedence dialog box opens when you click the ellipsis button (…) in the Supersedence setting of the General Information view. This dialog box lets you specify one or more other .msi packages that you want to be superseded by the installation that you are creating. InstallShield includes the list of .msi packages that you provide in a software identification tag, which provides data that AdminStudio includes when users import packages into the AdminStudio Application Catalog. AdminStudio makes this information available to users for review and tests before publishing to Microsoft System Center 2012 Configuration Manager.

When you are selecting superseded .msi packages, you can specify earlier versions of the current installation. You can also optionally select .msi packages of other tools. For example, if you are working on an installation for an image editing tool, you can have your installation supersede other image editing tools that your enterprise no longer supports.

To specify an .msi package that should be superseded by the current installation, click the Add Superseded .msi File button, and then select the package that you want to include in the list.

See Also
Including Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager Application Model Data About Your Product

UI Languages Dialog Box

The UI Languages dialog box lets you specify the languages that will be used by the user interface of your application. You can choose from the list of supported languages and add or remove languages as needed.

Edition • This information applies to the following project types:
The UI Languages dialog box lets you specify which user interface languages you want to include in the release that is selected in the Releases view. To open this dialog box, open the Releases view and select a release. Then click the ellipsis button (…) in the UI Languages setting on the Build tab.

Note that if a language is not selected in the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view of the project, it is not listed as one of the available languages for the UI Languages setting.

See Also
Including Languages in the Release
Settings for Languages

Update Merge Module Search Path Dialog Box

The Update Merge Module Search Path dialog box opens when you use the Browse for Merge Module option to add a merge module to your installation project. It displays the path that will be added to the merge module search path.

Click OK to approve the action.

To learn more about why this dialog box appears, see What Happens When You Browse for a Merge Module.
Wizard Reference

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield includes many wizards to assist you in creating your installation project.

*Project • Not all wizards are available with all project types.*

The following wizards are available in InstallShield.

- Component Wizard
- Convert Source Paths Wizard
- Create New QuickPatch Wizard
- Create Table Wizard
- Custom Action Wizard
- Database Import Wizard
- Device Driver Wizard
- Dialog Wizard
- DirectX Object Wizard
- Dynamic Scanning Wizard
- Export Components Wizard
- Function Wizard
- Import DIM Wizard
- Import REG File Wizard
- Import XML Settings Wizard
- Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard
- MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard
- New Language Wizard
- Open MSI/MSM Wizard
- Open MSP Wizard
- Open Transform Wizard
- Publish Wizard
- Redistributable Downloader Wizard
- Reg-Free COM Wizard
- Release Wizard
- Setup Best Practices Wizard
Component Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

Although there are several ways to create Windows Installer components and specify advanced settings for them, the Component Wizard simplifies the process. The wizard assists you by organizing your files into components and making settings for files with advanced installation requirements—often by automatically retrieving information about the files.

Task • To launch the Component Wizard, do one of the following:

- For installation projects only: In the Setup Design view, right-click a feature and click Component Wizard.
- For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, and MSM Database projects: In the Components view, right-click the Components explorer and click Component Wizard.

When you launch the Component Wizard, you are presented with the following options on the Welcome panel:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Create components for me using Best Practices</td>
<td>Select this option to specify all of your application’s files and have InstallShield create all of the necessary components for you according to Setup Best Practices.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-1 • Welcome Panel Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Let me select a type and define the component myself</td>
<td>This option creates components containing files that need special treatment upon installation and uninstallation. The wizard can create components for only one of the following file categories at a time. Run the Component Wizard again to build components for another type of file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• COM Server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Install Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Control Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Fonts</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • If you want to create a component that installs, starts, stops, or deletes a service during installation or uninstallation, you can use the Services view. You can also use this view to configure extended service customization options, which are not configurable through the Component Wizard. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.

See Also
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database

Although there are several ways to create Windows Installer components and specify advanced settings for them, the Component Wizard simplifies the process. The wizard assists you by organizing your files into components and making settings for files with advanced installation requirements—often by automatically retrieving information about the files.
Tip • The Component Wizard should not be used to modify existing components. When you have created your components, you can edit their properties, files, and advanced settings in the Setup Design view or the Components view.

Table 13-2 • Welcome Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Create components for me using</td>
<td>Select this option to specify all of your application’s files and have InstallShield create all of the necessary components for you according to Setup Best Practices.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Best Practices</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Let me select a type and define the component myself</td>
<td>This option creates components containing files that need special treatment upon installation and uninstallation. The wizard can create components for only one of the following file categories at a time. Run the Component Wizard again to build components for another type of file.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• COM server</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• Install Service</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Control Service</td>
</tr>
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<td>• Fonts</td>
</tr>
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Note • If you want to create a component that installs, starts, stops, or deletes a service during installation or uninstallation, you can use the Services view. You can also use this view to configure extended service customization options, which are not configurable through the Component Wizard. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Setuup Best Practices

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
This Component Wizard path is the easiest means for organizing all of your application’s files into components. The wizard also handles installing files with special installation requirements, such as COM servers and fonts, if it detects them among the files that you provide. For more information on how the Component Wizard organizes your files according to Best Practices, see Best Practice Rules for Creating Components.

After selecting the Best Practices option in the Component Wizard, the next panel you see is the Best Practices–Destination Panel.

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Destination Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

The first step is to specify the folder where the components’ files will be installed on the target system.

Note • The Destination setting is disabled if you launch the Component Wizard by right-clicking on a destination in the Files and Folders view. The destination that you selected before launching the Component Wizard becomes the destination for the component that you create.

Table 13-3 • Destination Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Destination</td>
<td>The wizard uses the same destination folder for all of the components it creates. The destination you select in this field becomes the Destination Folder setting for every component that is created in this wizard session. Select a Windows Installer folder property, in square brackets, from the drop-down list of standard destination folders. The default value points to the root of INSTALLDIR, which is initialized in the product’s Destination Folder setting. Select Browse, create, or modify a directory entry from the drop-down list to display the Browse for Directory dialog box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components
Files Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Best Practices

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

In the Files panel, specify the files that should be grouped into components.

**Table 13-4 • Files Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Files</td>
<td>The Files list displays information about each file associated with this component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Add files to the list in either of the following ways:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Drag and drop files from Windows Explorer onto the file list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Click Add Files and browse to your application’s files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • The path to each file is a hard-coded link. If the file is moved or renamed, the Link To value reads *** File Not Found ***, and the Release Wizard will be unable to resolve the file link when you build your setup package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extract COM Info Immediately</td>
<td>If this option is selected, the component’s COM Extract at Build setting is set to No and the COM data is extracted immediately. If you clear this check box, the COM data is extracted at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add Files</td>
<td>Click Add Files to browse to the files you want to add to the list. In the resulting dialog you can select as many files as you want from a single folder by pressing the SHIFT or CTRL key and clicking on the files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can also use the Insert key to add files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add Folder</td>
<td>Click Add Folder to browse to a folder that you would like to add to the list. All the files under this folder, including any files in subfolders, will be added to your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove Files</td>
<td>Select one or more files and click Remove Files to permanently delete them from the list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can also use the Delete key to delete files.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Summary Panel

The Summary panel displays the components’ settings. Review the summary, and click Finish to complete the component creation process and organize the files into components.

If you launched the wizard by right-clicking a feature, the new components are associated with that feature. Otherwise, you must open the Setup Design view, right-click one or more features, and select Insert Components to associate your new components with features.

The Component Wizard provides smart defaults for most of your component settings and any necessary advanced settings. To edit them, select a component in the Components view and modify the component’s settings.

Note Components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon.

Component Type Panel

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
The Component Type panel enables you to create components of a single type. Since these components all have unique installation and uninstallation requirements, subsequent panels of the Component Wizard differ, depending on the type of component that you are installing.

### Table 13-5 • Component Type Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Component Name</strong></td>
<td>When you click a component type, the wizard suggests a unique name for your new component in the Component Name field. To change the name, type a new name over the suggested name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Component Types</strong></td>
<td>Select the type of component that you want to create.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• COM Server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Install Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Control Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Fonts</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • Although you can specify a single component type for multiple font files or multiple services in one file, these are all placed into a single component and require only one component name.

This setting is disabled if you are creating the font type of component. InstallShield uses the font file name as the name of font components.

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI

### COM Server Component Type

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components
The COM server component type in the Component Wizard accepts a single COM server (.exe, .dll, or .ocx) file and creates a component for it in your installation project.

Since these files require special registration so that they can operate on the target system, the wizard attempts to extract the information for you. If the wizard fails to extract the file's registry settings, it prompts you for the CLSID, progID, and so on.

All of the registration information that maps to the COM Registration advanced setting is written there. The wizard creates any additional entries, such as the InProcServer32 ThreadingModel value, in the component's registry data.

**Tip** • If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system, InstallShield can extract COM data from a 64-bit COM server. In order to install the data to the correct locations, the component must be marked as 64 bit. To learn more about 64-bit support, see **Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems**.

Using the component's data, the installer registers the file during installation and unregisters it during uninstallation instead of calling self-registration functions, which would be a violation of Setup Best Practices.

**Note** • The PATH system variable on the build machine must be set to include the directories of all of the .dll files to which the COM server links; otherwise, the file will fail to register and COM information will not be extracted.

The wizard asks if your COM server runs as a service, so you can specify installation parameters for the service.

**See Also**
Registering COM Servers
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

**COM Server File Panel**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **MSM Database**
The COM Server File panel is where you identify basic information about your COM server’s executable file.

**Table 13-6 • COM Server File Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>COM Server File</strong></td>
<td>Enter the path and file name of your COM server (.exe, .dll, or .ocx) file, or click the Browse button to navigate to the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can specify only one portable executable file per component according to Setup Best Practices. Launch the wizard again to install additional COM servers, or create the components using the Component Wizard’s Best Practices option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Extract registration information</strong></td>
<td>Select this check box to have the wizard scan your file to extract all of the file’s registration information. If the extraction is successful, the next panel displayed is the Summary confirmation dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>This file also runs as a service</strong></td>
<td>This check box is enabled only if your COM server is an .exe file. If you select this option, the wizard displays panels that enable you to specify installation parameters for services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select this check box and specify the service information, InstallShield enters the information in the Services area under the Advanced Settings node of your component in the Components view. You do not have to launch the wizard again to create a service component for this COM server.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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**Project** • *If you are working on a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, an alternative to extracting the COM information through the wizard and maintaining it in the COM Registration advanced setting is to have the data dynamically extracted at build time. If you are working in Direct Edit Mode, COM information cannot be extracted at build time; it is extracted at design time.*

If you do not select this check box or if the wizard cannot read the file’s registration, the Classes panel is displayed next.

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**Tip** • *If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system, InstallShield can extract COM data from a 64-bit COM server. In order to install the data to the correct locations, the component must be marked as 64 bit. To learn more about 64-bit support, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.*
If the COM server is part of a 64-bit component and you are running InstallShield on a 64-bit machine, InstallShield performs 64-bit COM extraction. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Classes Panel

This panel is where you begin providing registration information for your COM server—including your file’s classes, identified by their progIDs and CLSIDs.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Custom EXE Command Line</td>
<td>This check box is enabled only if your COM server is an .exe file. Once it is enabled, you can enter a command line argument. The command line argument overrides the default /regserver command line to an .exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select the service option and specify parameters in the Custom EXE Command Line box, /service is passed as the command line. By default, the /service command line does everything that the /regserver command line does but it also adds registry values for service support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select all the options on this panel, the command line that you enter in this box is the command line that is passed to the .exe file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If the COM server is part of a 64-bit component and you are running InstallShield on a 64-bit machine, InstallShield performs 64-bit COM extraction. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.
This panel and the next few registration information panels are displayed only if you elected not to have the wizard extract the information, or if the wizard failed for any reason (for example, if the .exe, .dll, or .ocx file does not indeed contain a COM server). Otherwise, the wizard would continue with the Service Executable panel—if the COM server is a service, or the Summary panel—if the COM server is not a service.

Table 13-7 • Classes Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ProgID</td>
<td>Enter the COM server’s programmatic identifier, or progID in this panel. Each progID corresponds to a COM class in your file. To add a new progID in the format Program.Component.N, click the Add button or press the Insert key. Enter the same value in both the ProgID and Version-Independent ProgID fields if the progID is version independent (in the format Program.Component). All of the other information in this panel corresponds to the class you named in this field with a progID. Click on each progID to set its class ID and version-independent progID and to check whether it is DCOM/COM+ enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add</td>
<td>Click Add to register a new class for this COM server. To rename the service, type the new name immediately after clicking the Add button, or press F2 and then type the new name. You can also use the Insert key to add a new service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>Click Remove to permanently delete a progID from the list. You can also use the Delete key to remove a service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class ID</td>
<td>Click on a progID to provide the corresponding class ID. Enter a string GUID for the CLSID that Windows Installer will register for this class.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version-IndependentProgID</td>
<td>Click on a progID to provide the corresponding version-independent progID, if any, in the format Program.Component. If the progID itself is version independent, enter the same progID in this field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>This COM server is DCOM/COM+ enabled</td>
<td>If the COM class is enabled for DCOM or COM+, and therefore requires additional registry entries, check this box. The wizard prompts you for this information in the AppID General Information and AppID Advanced Information panels.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Context Types Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » COM Server

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database

Indicate the type of file in which your COM server resides. The available context types are:

• InprocServer—16-bit DLL or OCX
• InprocServer32—32-bit DLL or OCX
• LocalServer—16-bit EXE
• LocalServer32—32-bit EXE

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Type Library Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » COM Server

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database

Specify the type library, if any, referenced by this COM server.

Table 13-8 • Type Library Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Type Library Description</strong></td>
<td>Provide a brief description of the type library. This value is used in the component’s COM Registration advanced setting as the type library’s name in the COM Registration Explorer. The description is registered as the default value under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\TypeLib\LibID\version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Type Library GUID</strong></td>
<td>Enter the GUID (LibID) that identifies this type library. You can paste (Ctrl+V) your COM server’s LibID into this field.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
AppID General Information Panel

**InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » COM Server**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

In this panel, you provide basic information about your DCOM or COM+ file’s AppID. An AppID is a GUID registered under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\AppID used for grouping all of the security and configuration options of distributed COM objects. The information you provide in this panel and in the AppID Advanced Information panel are registered under this key.

This panel is not displayed unless you selected the This COM server is DCOM/COM+ enabled check box on the Classes panel.

**Table 13-9 • AppID Information Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AppID GUID</td>
<td>Enter the string GUID (AppID) for this COM+ or DCOM component. You can paste (Ctrl+V) the AppID into this field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remote Server Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of the computer on which this component should run.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components
AppID Advanced Information Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » COM Server

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

In this panel, you provide more advanced information about your DCOM or COM+ file’s AppID than you provided in the AppID General Information panel.

This panel is not displayed unless you selected the **This COM server is DCOM/COM+ enabled** check box on the Classes panel.

**Table 13-10 • AppID Advanced Information Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Activate at Storage</strong></td>
<td>Select this check box to indicate that the distributed COM server resides on the same machine as its data. When a DCOM file is activated at storage, its objects are instantiated on the same machine as the data it uses, thereby reducing network traffic. Note that calling applications can override this default behavior with DCOM API functions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run as Interactive User</strong></td>
<td>Select this check box to have the COM server run under the same account as the user currently logged onto the system. This option allows the server to be connected with the interactive desktop. Since COM servers that also run as services are not designed to run as the interactive user, this check box is disabled if you select the Run as a Win32 Service check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run as a Win32 Service</strong></td>
<td>Select this option if the distributed COM .exe file is intended to run as a service. When this option is selected, you should provide the name of the service and any parameters it takes.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • If you indicated—in the COM Server Executable panel—that this file runs as a service, the next panel displayed is the Service Executable panel, in which you must enter information about this file’s services.

**Service Name** | Enter the name of the service.
See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » COM Server

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

Review the component’s description and click Finish to have the wizard create the described components. Click Back if you need to change any of the information you provided.

All of the registration information that maps to the COM Registration advanced setting is written there. The wizard creates any additional entries, such as the InProcServer32 ThreadingModel value, in the component’s registry data.

If the wizard lists Please enter this information in the IDE, go to the component’s COM Registration (or Install Services for components that also run as a service) advanced setting and provide the values.

If you launched the wizard by right-clicking a feature, the new components are associated with that feature. Otherwise, you must open the Setup Design view, right-click one or more features, and select Insert Components to associate your new components with features.

Note • Components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon.

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Control Service Component Type

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:


- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **MSM Database**

**Note** • If you want to create a component that installs, starts, stops, or deletes a service during installation or uninstallation, you can use the Services view. You can also use this view to configure extended service customization options, which are not configurable through the Component Wizard. For more information, see *Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services*.

The Control Service component type is used to start or stop a single service during installation or uninstallation. For example, you might need to delete a running service before updating it in your setup.

The wizard takes you through a series of panels prompting you for information about the service you want to control. Once you have completed the wizard, you have a new component consisting only of default properties and the advanced settings necessary for controlling a service. Later you can add data such as files, shortcuts, and registry entries to your component through the Setup Design or Components view.

**Task**

**To control another service:**

Launch the wizard again or modify the component’s Control Service advanced setting.

**Task**

**To install a service:**

Launch the wizard again and select the Install Services component type or add the service's file to the Control Service component you have created in the wizard and edit its Services node in the Advanced Setting area of the Components view.

**See Also**

- Component Wizard
- Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

**Specify Service Panel**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
The first step is to specify which service you want to install. Everything else you do in the wizard refers to this service.

You can use the Component Wizard to control a single service at installation and uninstallation. To control another service in a new component, launch this wizard again.

**Note** • To control more than one service in the same component, you must modify the component’s Services node under the Advanced Settings area of the Components view.

**Table 13-11 • Specify Service Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Service is present on target system</td>
<td>Select this option to control a service that you are certain will be installed on the target system when your setup runs or that will be when your product is uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of the service. This is the name that InstallShield, Windows Installer, and the Service Control Manager (which maintains the system’s database of services and exposes an interface for controlling these services) use to identify a service—not its display name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service is included in this setup</td>
<td>Select this option to choose from among the services you have created in your setup project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • This option is disabled if none of your components has a service in its Services node under the Advanced Settings area in the Components view.

**See Also**

- Component Wizard
- Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

**Installation Events Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Control Service

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
This panel offers you standard options for controlling the service during your product’s installation.

Table 13-12 • Installation Events Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Trigger the following events when the component is installed</td>
<td>Click this option to enable the installation control events.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start the service</td>
<td>This event starts the service when the component is installed. Specifically, it is started by the Start Services action in your setup’s Installation sequence. Specify any command-line parameters to be used for launching the service in the Arguments field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arguments</td>
<td>Specify any arguments that you want passed to the service when it is started. Separate each argument with a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stop the service</td>
<td>This event stops the service when the component is installed. It is stopped by the Stop Services action in your setup’s Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete the service</td>
<td>This event deletes the service when the component is installed. It is deleted by the Delete Services action in your setup’s Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No event (do nothing)</td>
<td>Select this option if you do not need to control this service during your product’s setup. This option cancels any of the above events.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Uninstallation Events Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Control Service

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
This panel is prompting you for the same control events that were available for the product’s installation, except that they will be triggered only when this component is uninstalled.

**Table 13-13 • Uninstallation Events Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Trigger the following events when the component is uninstalled</strong></td>
<td>Click this option to enable the uninstallation control events.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start the service</strong></td>
<td>This event starts the service when the component is uninstalled. Specifically, it is started by the Start Services action in your setup’s Installation sequence. Specify any command-line parameters to be used for launching the service in the Arguments field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Arguments</strong></td>
<td>Specify any arguments that you want passed to the service when it is started. Separate each argument with a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Stop the service</strong></td>
<td>This event stops the service when the component is uninstalled. It is stopped by the Stop Services action in your setup’s Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Delete the service</strong></td>
<td>This event deletes the service when the component is uninstalled. It is deleted by the Delete Services action in your setup’s Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>No event (do nothing)</strong></td>
<td>Select this option if you do not need to control this service during your product’s setup. This option cancels any of the above events. If you selected the <strong>No event (do nothing)</strong> option on the Installation Events panel, it is disabled in this panel. You must select a control event at either installation or uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

**Wait Type Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Control Service

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DiM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
In this panel, you can set the wait option for all events in your product’s installation and uninstallation. Windows Installer proceeds as specified in this panel, following the control event.

Select **Wait for the service to complete the event before continuing** if the event is critical to the installation or uninstallation.

If you selected the **No event (do nothing)** option in the Installation Events or Uninstallation Events panel, the corresponding wait settings are disabled in this panel.

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

**Summary Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Control Service

- **Project** - This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - DIM
  - InstallScript MSI
  - Merge Module
  - MSI Database
  - MSM Database

Review the information the wizard has collected, and click Finish to create your Control Service component.

You can review and edit the new component’s settings in the Components view or the Setup Design view.

If you launched the wizard by right-clicking a feature, the new components are associated with that feature. Otherwise, you must open the Setup Design view, right-click one or more features, and select Insert Components to associate your new components with features.

**Note** - Components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon.

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

**Install Service Component Type**

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard

- **Project** - This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database

**Note** • If you want to create a component that installs, starts, stops, or deletes a service during installation or uninstallation, you can use the Services view. You can also use this view to configure extended service customization options, which are not configurable through the Component Wizard. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.

The Install Service component type is used to create a component that contains the information necessary to install all of the Win32 services that are present in a single .exe file.

**Tip** • If the file also runs as a COM server, a better way to create the component is to select the COM Server component type and specify that it contains a service. Once you have provided all the COM registration data, the Component Wizard will prompt you for the same information about the service that you must provide for the Install Services component type.

The wizard takes you through a series of panels prompting you for information about the services you want to install. Once you have completed the wizard, you have a new component consisting of your file, the default component properties, and the advanced settings necessary for installing and uninstalling the services.

You can edit the services' installation information in the Services node under the Advanced Setting area of the Components view. Windows Installer will pass these values to the Windows API function CreateService() to install each service onto the target system and register it with the Service Control Manager (which maintains the system's database of services and exposes an interface for controlling these services).

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

### Service Executable Panel

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
Provide the fully qualified path for your file and list all of its services. Only .exe files are allowed. Driver services (.sys files) are not supported in the wizard.

Table 13-14 • Service Executable Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Service Executable</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the executable file for the services in this component or click the Browse button to navigate to the service’s executable file. In compliance with Setup Best Practices, the component can contain only one executable file. Launch the wizard again later to add another file to a new component. If you have arrived at this wizard panel as the result of having a COM Server component that contains services, the Service Executable box is disabled. The wizard uses the same executable that you entered in the COM Server Executable panel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Services</td>
<td>This list contains all of the services found in the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add</td>
<td>Click Add to add a new service. To rename the service, type the new name immediately after clicking the Add button, or press F2 and then type the new name. This is the name that InstallShield, Windows Installer, CreateService(), and the Service Control Manager (which maintains the system’s database of services and exposes an interface for controlling these services) use to identify the service—not its display name. You can also use the Insert key to add a new service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>Select a service and click Remove to permanently delete it from the Services list. You can also use the Delete key to remove a service.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Service Type Information Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Install Services

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
Select each service in the drop-down list and provide the necessary details.

**Table 13-15 • Service Type Information Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Service</td>
<td>Select the services that you entered in the Services list of the Service Executable panel and then specify the Display Name and Service Type installation properties for each.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Enter a display name for the service. This is the name that is displayed to users in the SCM. If you leave the Display Name field blank, the name you gave the service is used as the display name. Note • Other service properties, such as the service description to display on target systems, are available in the component’s advanced settings.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Service Type       | Specify whether the service runs in its own process or shares a process with others. Select the Service shares a process with others option only if there is more than one service in the component.  
If you are familiar with the source code for the service, select This service runs in its own process if it is of type SERVICE_WIN32_OWN_PROCESS, and Service shares a process with others if it is of type SERVICE_WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS. Note • You are limited to the options provided under Service Type. The Component Wizard does not support driver services. |
| Arguments          | Enter command-line arguments to pass to the service when it runs. Expressions of the form [PropertyName] will be expanded to the value of the Windows Installer property called PropertyName. |

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Service Start Type Information Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Install Services

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
Select each service in the drop-down list and indicate the way in which you want the service started—or if you want the service disabled.

**Start Type**

Select the service’s start type from the list.

- Automatically when the system starts up
- On demand through the Service Control Manager
- Not started (Disabled)

**See Also**

Component Wizard

Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

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**Service Load Order Panel**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

Select each service in this file and enter its load-ordering group and dependency information. Having dependencies and membership in a load-ordering group means that the service requires other services to be running before it can be started. (Service load-ordering groups are listed under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\ServiceGroupOrder. The service’s Start Type property determines when it loads within its group.)

**Table 13-16 • Service Load Order Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Service</td>
<td>Select each of the services that you entered in the Services list of the Service Executable panel and then specify its load-ordering and dependency information.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-16 • Service Load Order Panel Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Load-Ordering Group</td>
<td>Enter the name of the load-ordering group of which this service is a member. Leave this field blank if the service does not belong to a group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dependencies</td>
<td>List the service’s dependencies in the edit field. A service’s dependency can be another service—in which case enter the service’s name, or it can be a load-ordering group—in which case precede the name of the load-ordering group with a plus sign (+) so that the SCM can distinguish it from a service. Separate each dependency with a comma.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Error Control Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Install Services

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

Select each of the services that you entered in the Services list of the Service Executable panel and—for each service—specify which action you would like the Service Control Manager to take if it receives an error while attempting to start the service.
- Log the error and continue starting the service.
- Log the error, display a message box, and continue starting the service.
- Log the error and, if possible, restart the system with the last known good configuration.

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components
Service Logon Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Install Services

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

Select each service in the list and specify the type of account you want the service to log on as when it starts up.

⚠️ **Caution** • Because of potential password conflicts, Microsoft recommends that all services log on under the local system account.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table 13-17 • Service Logon Panel Settings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Setting</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local system account</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow service to interact with the desktop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>This account</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Domain/UserName</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components
Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Install Services

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

Review the information the wizard has collected, and click Finish to create your service component.

The wizard provides smart defaults for all of your component’s properties. You can review the property sheet in the Setup Design views. Of particular importance for a service is the Remote Installation setting, since Windows Installer cannot install a service that does not reside on the local system.

If you launched the wizard by right-clicking on a feature, the new component is associated with that feature. Otherwise, you must open the Setup Design view, right-click on one or more features, and select Insert Components to associate your new component with a feature.

Note • Components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon.

After the wizard finishes, you can modify any of the installation options for the component’s Services node under the Advanced Setting area of the Components view.

InstallShield provides functionality for controlling this service or others on the target system. For more information, see Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services.

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Font Component Type

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
Although you can create a component in one of several ways, the easiest way to install a font (a .ttf, .fon, or .ttc file) in a setup is to create a Fonts component in the Component Wizard.

Unlike the other component types offered in the wizard, there is no corresponding advanced setting for Fonts components. The setting that distinguishes a Fonts component and tells Windows Installer to install it differently is the file’s Font Title property.

An alternative to creating a Fonts component is to select the Setup Best Practices option in the Component Wizard and let InstallShield create a Fonts component for you from your font files.

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**Note** • If you want a font to remain on the system after the application has been uninstalled, set its component’s Permanent property to Yes.

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

**Add Installed Fonts Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Fonts

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

The wizard searches for all fonts that are registered on the development system. You can create a component containing any of these fonts by selecting them in the list.

**Table 13-18 • Add Installed Fonts Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fonts</td>
<td>Select the fonts you want to include in your Fonts component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I also want to add fonts not installed on this system</td>
<td>Click this option to be able to browse to additional fonts in the Add New Fonts panel. If you do not select this option, the wizard displays the Summary panel next.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components
Add New Fonts Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Fonts

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database

This panel lets you add any .ttf, .fon, or .ttc file to your Fonts component.

Note • This panel is designed to allow you to add fonts to your installation that are not installed on your machine. For example, you might have a font file that is stored on a network drive. As a result, you cannot select fonts from your Fonts folder since those fonts are already installed on your local machine. If you want to add a font that is installed on your machine to your installation, click Back and select the appropriate font from the list.

Table 13-19 • New Fonts Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fonts</td>
<td>Drag and drop files into the list, or click Add Fonts to browse to and add new fonts to your component. InstallShield reads the font title from the font file. If no title is specified within the font file, click on the font title to specify a title in the format FontTitle (FontType)—for example, Marlett (TrueType).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add Fonts</td>
<td>Click Add Fonts to browse to new font files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove Fonts</td>
<td>Select a font in the list and click Remove Fonts to permanently remove the selected font from the component.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Component Wizard » Fonts

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
If you launched the wizard by right-clicking on a feature, the new component is associated with that feature. Otherwise, you must open the Setup Design view, right-click on one or more features, and select Insert Components to associate your new Font component with a feature.

**Note** • Components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon.

When the font’s feature is selected for installation, it is automatically registered by Windows Installer.

All Font components are installed by default to the location stored in the FontsFolder property. You can edit the component’s Destination Folder or set additional properties by editing the component’s property sheet.

**Note** • If you would like a font to remain on the system even after the program has been uninstalled, be sure to set the Font component’s Permanent property to Yes.

Unlike the other component types offered in the wizard, there is no corresponding advanced setting for Fonts components. The setting that distinguishes a Fonts component and tells Windows Installer to install it differently is the file’s Font Title property.

**See Also**
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

## Component Wizard General Summary Panel

This panel appears at the end of the wizard’s component creation process. For help with a specific component type, see the following information.

- Setup Best Practices Option
- COM Server Component Type
• Install Services Component Type
• Control Service Component Type
• Fonts Component Type

Note: Components that are not associated with a feature are displayed with the orphaned component icon.

See Also
Component Wizard
Best Practice Rules for Creating Components

Convert Source Paths Wizard

InstallShield 2020

With the Convert Source Paths Wizard, you can convert existing hard-coded paths to path variables, thereby enhancing the portability of your setup project.

Task
To launch the Convert Source Paths Wizard:

On the Project menu, click Source Paths button.

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Convert Source Paths Wizard

The Convert Source Paths Wizard allows you to convert your setup’s hard-coded paths to path variables. The wizard scans your project for any use of hard-coded paths and then replaces the paths with standard path variables.

If you have files that evaluate to existing path variables, the wizard automatically converts these paths without providing the option of selecting a new variable. For example, if you have a file in the Program Files folder, this path is automatically converted to the predefined path variable <ProgramFilesFolder>.

Search Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Convert Source Paths Wizard

The Search panel displays the search status. At this time the wizard is scanning the current project for any absolute paths. If your files evaluate to existing path variables, these files are converted automatically.

Search Results and Recommendations Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Convert Source Paths Wizard

The Search Results and Recommendations panel lists all the path variable options for the files and links in your project that are not located in directories that already have path variables. For example, if your file is C:\App Files\Executable\App.exe, you are given the option of creating a path variable called Executable that equates to that path.
**Panel Options**

**PathVariable Recommendation**
Indicate the variables that you want to create by selecting the corresponding boxes. If you do not want to create one of the suggested variables, clear the check box next to it.

**Rename**
Select the variable that you want to rename and click the Rename button. Type the new variable name in the Path Variable Recommendation column.

**Deselect All**
Click the Deselect All button to clear the check boxes next to all the corresponding suggested path variables.

**Select All**
Click the Select All button to select all the path variable suggestions. When you click Apply, these variables are created and added to your project.

**Updating Your Project Panel**
InstallShield 2020 » Convert Source Paths Wizard
This panel displays the wizard’s progress in updating the hard-coded paths in your project to path variables.

**Update Completed Panel**
InstallShield 2020 » Convert Source Paths Wizard
This panel signifies the end of the Convert Source Paths Wizard. Click the Finish button to return to the IDE.

**Create New QuickPatch Wizard**
InstallShield 2020

*Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.*

A QuickPatch project is recommended for installation authors who want to ship small, single updates to their users. QuickPatch authoring provides a simple alternative to creating a patch in the Patch Design view, even though it provides less customization. Fundamentally, both patch creation methods produce the same deliverable types: .msp and .exe files.

To create a QuickPatch project for an existing .msi file or an existing QuickPatch, use the Create New QuickPatch Wizard.

*Caution • Creating a QuickPatch project for an earlier QuickPatch without first building the earlier QuickPatch project may cause unexpected behavior.*
**Task**

**To open the Create New QuickPatch Wizard:**

Create a new project in InstallShield and select QuickPatch Project as the project type.

The QuickPatch you create using this method can be used to patch an existing .msi file or an existing QuickPatch.

**Tip** • You can use the Create New QuickPatch Wizard to create a QuickPatch project for an existing QuickPatch. As an alternative, you can open the latest QuickPatch project in InstallShield and specify that you want to create a QuickPatch project for the current QuickPatch. For more information, see Creating a QuickPatch Project for an Existing QuickPatch.

**Welcome Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Create New QuickPatch Wizard

**Project** • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

A QuickPatch project is recommended for installation authors who want to ship small, single updates to their users. QuickPatch authoring provides an alternative to creating a patch in the Patch Design view, even though it provides less customization. Fundamentally, both patch creation methods produce the same deliverable types: .msp and .exe files.

To create a QuickPatch project for an existing .msi file or an existing QuickPatch, use the Create New QuickPatch Wizard.

**Note** • If you click Cancel or Exit in the wizard, QuickPatch project creation will be incomplete, and the QuickPatch project will not open in InstallShield.

**See Also**

Create New QuickPatch Wizard

**QuickPatch Project Base Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Create New QuickPatch Wizard

**Project** • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

The QuickPatch Project Base panel is where you specify whether you would like to base your new QuickPatch project on an existing .msi file or on an existing QuickPatch project.
Panel Options

Table 13-20 • QuickPatch Project Base Panel Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Based on an MSI package</td>
<td>Select this option to build a QuickPatch project for an existing .msi file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Based an existing QuickPatch project</td>
<td>Select this option to build a QuickPatch project for an existing QuickPatch.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • Attempting to create a QuickPatch of an already existing QuickPatch project without first building the existing QuickPatch causes unexpected behavior.

If you select the Based on an MSI package option and click Next, the Original Setup Package panel opens. If you select the Based an existing QuickPatch project option and click Next, the Location of Existing QuickPatch panel opens.

See Also
Create New QuickPatch Wizard

Original Setup Package Panel

If you are building a QuickPatch project for an existing Windows Installer installation, use the Original Setup Package panel to specify the location of the .msi file. The original installation is the base installation for the new patch. The Create New QuickPatch Wizard creates a patch that can update this installation.

If the original installation is compressed, InstallShield creates an uncompressed image of that installation. The Original Setup Package panel enables you to specify the path for the uncompressed base image.

Note • Once your project has been created and opened in InstallShield, there is no way to change the path to the base installation. Therefore, if you want to patch a different installation, you must run through the Create New QuickPatch Wizard again to create a new QuickPatch project.
Panel Options

Table 13-21 • Original Setup Package Panel Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Original Setup</td>
<td>Specify the location of the original/base installation or click the Browse button. The Create New QuickPatch Wizard creates a project that can validate this installation. If your original installation is uncompressed, click Finish to open your QuickPatch project in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Caution • You cannot decompress installations that span multiple disks from a local or network drive. You will need to find an alternate method of decompressing the installation.

Decompress Path

Note • This option is not available if the original installation is uncompressed. Specify a path that should contain the decompressed image. If you do not specify a path, the following location is used as the default: <ISProjectDataFolder>\BaseImage.

Click Finish to close the Create New QuickPatch Wizard and open your new QuickPatch project in InstallShield.

See Also
Create New QuickPatch Wizard

Location of Existing QuickPatch Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Create New QuickPatch Wizard

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

If you are building a QuickPatch project for an existing QuickPatch, use the Location of Existing QuickPatch panel to specify its location. The QuickPatch that is created can be used to update the original installation, the existing QuickPatch project that you specified, and any selected intermediate QuickPatch projects.

Note • Once your project has been created and opened in InstallShield, there is no way to change the path to the existing QuickPatch project. Therefore, if you want to patch a different QuickPatch project, you must run through the Create New QuickPatch Wizard again to create a new QuickPatch project.

Panel Options

Existing QuickPatch Project

Specify the location of the QuickPatch project (.ism file) that you would like to patch or click the Browse button.
Create Table Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

The Create Table Wizard is launched when you are adding a table through the Direct Editor. This wizard collects information about your custom table, and then adds it to the table list.

Task

To launch the Create Table Wizard:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Additional Tools, click Direct Editor.
2. Right-click the Table explorer and click Add Table.

The Create Table Wizard consists of the following panels:

- Welcome
- Column Properties
- Summary

See Also

Adding New Tables Through the Direct Editor
Editing Installation and Project Tables

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Create Table Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
Task | To begin creating a table:
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1. In the table name box, enter a name.

*Windows Logo Guideline* • The Windows logo program requires that you avoid naming a custom table with the MSI (in uppercase, lowercase, or mixed-case letters). The MSI prefix is reserved for future use in new standard properties and tables.

2. Click the **Add Column** button to proceed to next panel in the wizard.

See Also
Create Table Wizard

**Column Properties Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Create Table Wizard

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

On the Column Properties panel, you configure information for your custom table columns. The following properties are configurable:

**Table 13-22 • Column Properties Panel Options**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Column Name</td>
<td>Provide a name for the column.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Column Description</td>
<td>Type a description for the column.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Click Add Another Column to define additional columns, or click Done with Columns to proceed to the Summary panel.

**See Also**
Create Table Wizard

### Summary Panel

This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **MSM Database**
- **QuickPatch**
- **Transform**

In the Summary panel, you can review your new table’s settings before you add it to your project. If you need to change any of the settings, click Back until you see the appropriate panel, and make the necessary changes.

Click Finish to add the custom table.
See Also
Create Table Wizard

Custom Action Wizard

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The Custom Action Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Custom Action Wizard enables you to add custom actions to your installation. These actions can call a .dll file function; launch an executable file (.exe); call a public method in a managed assembly; run VBScript, JScript, or InstallScript code; display an error message; set a directory or a property; and more.

**Task** • To launch the Custom Action Wizard:

1. In the View Bar / View List under *Behavior and Logic*, click *Custom Actions and Sequences* (in Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or *Custom Actions* (in DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects).

2. Right-click the *Custom Actions* explorer and click *Custom Action Wizard*.

The Custom Action Wizard consists of the following panels:

- Welcome
- Basic Information
- Action Type
- Function Definition
- Action Parameters
- Managed Method Definition
- In-Sequence Scripts
- Additional Options
- Respond Options
- Insert into Sequence
- Summary
**Welcome Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Custom Action Wizard

- **Project** • The Custom Action Wizard is available in the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - DIM
  - InstallScript MSI
  - Merge Module
  - MSI Database
  - MSM Database
  - Transform

The Welcome panel provides a brief introduction to the Custom Action Wizard. The wizard helps you build a custom action that will perform tasks not inherently supported by Windows Installer.

**See Also**
- Custom Action Wizard
- Using Custom Actions

**Basic Information Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Custom Action Wizard

- **Project** • The Custom Action Wizard is available in the following project types:
  - Basic MSI

**Windows Logo** • If you are applying for the Windows logo, any custom actions in your installation must follow best practices guidelines for custom action creation. You can use the InstallShield validation suites and the Full MSI Validation Suite to verify whether your installation package meets most of the custom action–related logo requirements. However, some of the requirements cannot be verified through the validation suite. To learn more, see Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program.

**See Also**
- Using Custom Actions
- InstallShield Custom Action Reference

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The Basic Information panel lets you enter the name of your custom action and a description. This information is used only for your reference and is not displayed to the end user. The following settings are available on this panel.

**Table 13-23 • Basic Information Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of your custom action. The name can contain only letters, numbers, underscores, or periods, and it must begin with a letter or an underscore.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>Optionally enter comments about your action in this box. This information is for your reference only and is not displayed to the end user.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Custom Action Wizard

### Action Type Panel

*InstallShield 2020 » Custom Action Wizard*

**Project • The Custom Action Wizard is available in the following project types:**

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Action Type panel lets you specify the type of custom action that you want to create and where the code for that action is stored.
Panel Options

Type
The Type list provides options for several different ways of executing your custom action. For example, your custom action can call an executable file, run VBScript code, or call a function from a .dll file. The following options are available in this list:

Table 13-24 • Available Types of Custom Actions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Call a function in a standard dynamic-link library</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This custom action calls a function in a .dll file. Specify the function name, parameters, and return value in the Function Definition panel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • If you call a function in a standard .dll file that is stored in the Binary table, you cannot use deferred or rollback execution for the action’s In-Script Execution setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If you call a function in a standard .dll file that is installed with the product and the action is scheduled as deferred (for the In-Script Execution setting), the .dll file that you are calling must be the component’s key file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Call a function in a Windows Installer dynamic-link library</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This custom action calls a function from a .dll file written specifically for Windows Installer. The .dll file’s entry point must have a predefined parameter and return value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Call a public method in a managed assembly</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This custom action calls a public method in a managed assembly that is written in managed code such as Visual Basic .NET or C#. For more information, see <a href="#">Calling a Public Method in a Managed Assembly</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display error message and abort</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This custom action displays a specified error message, returns failure, and ends the installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-24 • Available Types of Custom Actions (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Launch an executable</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This custom action launches an executable file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Launch another .msi package</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, Transform</td>
<td>Also known as a nested installation, this type of custom action launches a second .msi package during your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Important</strong> Nested installations is a deprecated feature of the Windows Installer. Applications installed with nested installations sometimes fail because they are difficult for end users to service correctly. Microsoft Corporation recommends that you avoid using nested installations and nested-installation custom actions to install products that are intended to be released to the public. To learn more, see Concurrent Installations in the Windows Installer Help Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run 64-bit JScript code</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This custom action runs 64-bit JScript code instead of a compiled language such as C or Visual Basic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run PowerShell code</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This custom action runs a PowerShell script (.ps1). For target, as well as other information about this type of custom action, see Calling a PowerShell Custom Action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run 64-bit VBScript code</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This custom action runs 64-bit VBScript code instead of a compiled language such as C or Visual Basic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run InstallScript code</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This custom action calls a function from your InstallScript code.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-24 • Available Types of Custom Actions (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Run JScript code</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This custom action runs JScript code instead of a compiled language such as C or Visual Basic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run VBScript code</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This custom action runs VBScript code instead of a compiled language such as C or Visual Basic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set a property</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This custom action sets a property in the Property table. This is useful if you need to get information from the end user and store it so that it can be used later in your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set a directory</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This custom action sets a directory in the Directory table at run time. For example, if you want to create a temp directory that is a subdirectory of the installation directory selected by the end user, you can use this option to set that new temp directory for use later in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Terminate a process by identifier</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This custom action kills a process that has a specific process identifier (PID).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Important** • When you create this type of custom action, you also need to define a property that identifies the PID that you want to stop. To learn more see Calling a Kill-Process Custom Action.
The code that your custom action calls can be stored in one of several places. Select the location where the installer should look for that code. Note that some custom action types do not support some of the locations. In addition, the Location setting is not applicable for the error custom action.

### Table 13-25 • Possible Locations for Storing Custom Actions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Custom Action Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>An application that is advertised or already installed</td>
<td>Launch another .msi package</td>
<td>Select this location to uninstall any Windows Installer applications that are currently installed on the target system—for example, applications that you previously installed with a custom action. You should have this custom action launch only on uninstallation of your main installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination machine search path</td>
<td>Standard DLL</td>
<td>When you call a function in a standard .dll file, the file can be present in the target system’s search path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Included within your main setup</td>
<td>Launch another .msi package</td>
<td>Select this location if the .msi file that you want to launch is stored within your main installation package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Installed with the product</td>
<td>Standard DLL, MSI DLL, Managed code, Executable file, PowerShell code, VBScript, 64-bit VBScript, JScript, 64-bit JScript</td>
<td>Select this location to call code from a file or executable file that is going to be installed on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stored directly in the custom action</td>
<td>VBScript, 64-bit VBScript, JScript, 64-bit JScript</td>
<td>Select this location to enter code directly into the wizard, without having to associate a file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Function Definition Panel

The Function Definition panel is where you specify the parameters for the entry-point function in your standard .dll file.

This panel is displayed only if you selected Call a function in a standard dynamic-link library in the Action Type panel of the Custom Action Wizard.

Note • The function must use the额头__stdcall calling convention. Functions with more than one parameter will not work properly if this convention is not used.
Panel Options

Name
Specify the name of the function that you want to call. The .dll file can have a single entry point for each custom action.

Arguments
Build the list of arguments—in order—that you want to pass to the function.

First, click the last row of the Arguments list to add a new argument. Next, complete the Type, Source, and Value columns for each argument.

Type
In this list, select the data type of the parameter. Note that there are two special cases for argument types, and these cases are identified below.

Task To initialize a pointer to null:
1. In the Type list, select POINTER.
2. In the Source list, select Constant.
3. In the Value list, select NULL. Do not enter 0 (zero) instead of NULL, because it is interpreted as a pointer pointing to the number 0.

Task To set a handle to the .msi database or the Windows Installer window:
1. In the Type list, select HANDLE.
2. In the Source list, select Constant.
3. In the Value list, select MsiHandle or MsiWindowHandle, depending whether you want a handle to the .msi database or the Windows Installer window.

Source
Indicate how you want to pass the data to the function. The following options are available in this list.

Table 13-26 • Options for Passing Data to a Function

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Constant</td>
<td>The value that you want to pass is stored as a literal in your installation project. After you select Constant for the argument’s source, enter its definition in the Value column. This “constant” does not require a name or identifier. Do not enclose string literals in quotation marks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>in Property</td>
<td>Select in Property for the source to specify the name of a Windows Installer property whose value will be passed to the function. This type of argument is suitable for a ByVal parameter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
When you select a property for the argument’s source, you must specify the name of the property in the Value column.

**Value**

The value can be one of two types:

- A number or string literal that you enter when the argument’s source is a constant
- A Windows Installer property when the argument’s source is a property

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**Note** - When you set the Type list to HANDLE and the Source list to Constant, the Value column contains two options: MsiHandle and MsiWindowHandle. These constants can be used to get a handle to either the .msi database or the Windows Installer window.

When the source is a property, the Value list provides the name of every property in the Property Manager. You can select an existing property or enter a new name, in which case the new property is added to the Property Manager.

Remember that a property is merely a container for a value. If your parameter stores its value in an in property or inout property, ensure that you specify a value for the property in the Property Manager.

**Context Menu**

The context menu provides you with options for working with your arguments. To access the context menu, right-click an argument in the Arguments grid. The context menu options are described below.

**Table 13-27 • Context Menu Options**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Add</td>
<td>Click Add to add an argument to the Arguments grid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>Click Remove to delete the argument.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move Up</td>
<td>The arguments must be in the precise order in which the function expects to receive them. Click Move Up to place the argument higher in the list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move Down</td>
<td>Click Move Down to place the argument lower in the list.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Return Type**

Select the data type of the function’s return value. If you do not need to check the return value, you can accept void.

**Return Property**

Select the name of a property whose value will be set to the function’s return value. If you are going to check the return value elsewhere in your installation, you may want to initialize the return property’s value.

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*Note* • *The property cannot be set to the function’s return value unless the action is configured for immediate execution. Thus, if the action is scheduled for deferred, rollback, or commit execution, the Return Property setting is ignored at run time.*

**Silent mode**

If you want the installation to suppress a warning message whenever the custom action fails to load the .dll file and call the function, select this check box.

**See Also**

- Calling Functions in Standard DLL Files
- Calling MessageBoxA in an Installation
- Custom Action Wizard

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**Action Parameters Panel**

**InstallShield 2020 » Custom Action Wizard**

The Action Parameters panel is where you specify the actual file that you call in your custom action. For example, if you call an executable file, you can browse to that file and add any command-line options.

This panel is not displayed if your custom action is running JScript or VBScript code that is stored directly within the action.
### Panel Options

#### Source

This box behaves differently depending on the options you selected for the Type and Location lists on the Action Type panel. The Source field is disabled if it does not apply to the type of custom action you are adding (such as a New Kill Process custom action). The following table shows the source values that you can use, depending on the type and location of each custom action.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table 13-28 • Source Values for Custom Actions</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Custom Action Type</strong></td>
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<td>Call a function in a standard DLL</td>
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<td>Display error message and abort</td>
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Table 13-28 • Source Values for Custom Actions (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Custom Action Type</th>
<th>Instructions for Setting the Source</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Launch an executable</td>
<td>Set the source for this custom action type according to its location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Installed with the product</strong>—Click Browse to open the Browse for File dialog box. In the list of destination folders, select the folder in which the executable file is located. Then, in the list of files, select the executable file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored in the Binary table</strong>—Browse to the location of the .exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored in the Property table</strong>—Select a Windows Installer property in the list. If you specify the name of a new property, you must later open the Property Manager, enter the property, and specify a value that points to the .exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored in the Directory table</strong>—Select one of the standard folders in the list, or enter the name of a new entry into the Directory table—which you can later edit in the Direct Editor. The directory that you specify is the working directory for the target that you specify in the Target box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch another .msi package</td>
<td>Set the source for this custom action type according to its location. (For more information about custom actions that launch another .msi package, see Nested Installations.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Included within your main setup</strong>—Browse to the location of the “child” .msi file. The Custom Action Wizard automatically creates the appropriate entries in the Binary table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored on the source media</strong>—Browse to the location of the “child” .msi file. The Custom Action Wizard automatically adds this file to the Disk1 folder in the Support Files view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• When you build a release, InstallShield copies the .msi file (but not its uncompressed application and support files) to the release location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>An application that is advertised or already installed</strong>—Browse to the location of the “child” .msi file. The Custom Action Wizard extracts the product code from the .msi package that you select.</td>
</tr>
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### Table 13-28 • Source Values for Custom Actions (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Custom Action Type</th>
<th>Instructions for Setting the Source</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Run JScript or 64-bit JScript code</strong></td>
<td>Set the source for this custom action type according to its location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Installed with the product</strong>—Click Browse to open the Browse for File dialog box. In the list of destination folders, select the folder in which the .js file is located. Then, in the list of files, select the .js file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored in the Binary table</strong>—Browse to the location of the JScript source file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored in the Property table</strong>—Select one of the properties in the list. If you specify a new property, you must later open the Property Manager, enter the property name, and add the JScript code as the value of the property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored directly in the custom action</strong>—You can use the In-Sequence Scripts panel, which provides a text editor for your JScript code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • The In-Sequence Scripts panel is provided for backward compatibility only. A superior script editor is available in the Script tab of the Custom Actions and Sequences view (and the Custom Actions view).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run PowerShell code</strong></td>
<td>Set the source for this custom action type according to its location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Installed with the product</strong>—Click Browse to open the Browse for File dialog box. In the list of destination folders, select the folder in which the .ps1 file is located. Then, in the list of files, select the .ps1 file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored in the Binary table</strong>—Browse to the location of the PowerShell file (.ps1).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run VBScript or 64-bit VBScript code</strong></td>
<td>Set the source for this custom action type according to its location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Installed with the product</strong>—Click Browse to open the Browse for File dialog box. In the list of destination folders, select the folder in which the .vbs file is located. Then, in the list of files, select the .vbs file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored in the Binary table</strong>—Browse to the location of the VBScript source file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored in the Property table</strong>—Select one of the properties in the list. If you specify a new property, you must later open the Property Manager, enter the property name, and add the VBScript code as the value of the property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Stored directly in the custom action</strong>—You can use the In-Sequence Scripts panel, which provides a text editor for your VBScript code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • The In-Sequence Scripts panel is provided for backward compatibility only. A superior script editor is available in the Script tab of the Custom Actions and Sequences view (and the Custom Actions view).</td>
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</table>
Table 13-29 • Target Options

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<tr>
<th>Custom Action Type</th>
<th>Instructions for Setting the Target</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Call a function in a standard DLL</td>
<td>For the standard DLL type of custom action, the Target box is read-only. It displays the function definition that is specified on the Function Definition panel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Call a function in a Windows Installer DLL</td>
<td>Use this box to enter the name of the function that you want to call. You do not need brackets or any other special formatting, but note that the function name is case-sensitive. A Windows Installer .dll function has a predefined parameter and return type. For more information, see Passing Parameters to a DLL File Function in a Custom Action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Call a public method in a managed assembly</td>
<td>For a managed assembly type of custom action, the Target box is not applicable. The Managed Method Definition panel, which is the next panel in the wizard for this type of custom action, is where you identify the method that you want to be invoked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display error message and abort</td>
<td>Type the error message text that should be displayed when the custom action’s conditions are met on the target system. As an alternative, you can type a property name whose value contains the error text. The property name must be enclosed within square brackets ([ ]).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch an executable</td>
<td>If you are launching an executable file, you can enter command-line arguments in this box. For example, if you want to launch a readme file that is installed with you installation, you should enter Notepad.exe [INSTALLDIR]\Readme.txt.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch another .msi package</td>
<td>Specify any public properties that you would like to pass to the .msi package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run InstallScript code</td>
<td>The target value is not applicable for InstallScript custom actions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
InstallShield 2020 » Custom Action Wizard

The Managed Method Definition panel is where you specify the public class method in the managed assembly. The Custom Action Wizard displays this panel only if you selected **Call a public method in a managed assembly** in the Action Type panel.

The Managed Method Definition panel has the following settings.

**Table 13-30 • Settings on the Managed Method Definition Panel**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Class</td>
<td>Enter the public class with which the method is associated. As an alternative, click the Browse button to display the Method Browser dialog box. This dialog box lets you select the public method from the list of public classes that are available in the managed assembly that you selected on the Action Parameters panel.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • The browse functionality is available only if the .NET Framework is installed. In addition, it is available only if the location of the managed assembly is set to the Binary table or installed with the product—not if the assembly’s path references a property or a directory in the Directory table.

Also note that the browse functionality is available for only 32-bit assemblies and for Microsoft intermediate language (MSIL) files. It is not available for 64-bit assemblies.
Method

Enter the public method that you want your installation to call. As an alternative, click the Browse button to display the Method Browser dialog box. This dialog box lets you select the public method from the list of public classes that are available in the managed assembly that you selected on the Action Parameters panel.

Note • The browse functionality is available only if the .NET Framework is installed. In addition, it is available only if the location of the managed assembly is set to the Binary table or installed with the product—not if the assembly’s path references a property or a directory in the Directory table.

Also note that the browse functionality is available for only 32-bit assemblies and for Microsoft intermediate language (MSIL) files. It is not available for 64-bit assemblies.

Use custom method signature

To use the default method signature, clear this check box. For the default method signature, the installation calls the method with an MsiHandle parameter if the signature has one or more void parameters, or if it has a single MsiHandle parameter.

To use a custom method signature, select this check box. Then specify the arguments and return property as needed.

If you specified a class and a method by clicking the Browse button, InstallShield automatically adds any associated parameters. Specify the value for each parameter that you want to pass to the method.

For detailed information about specifying the method’s signature, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.

Arguments

If you are using a custom method signature, specify the list of arguments that you want to pass to the selected method.

If you specified a class and a method by clicking the Browse button, InstallShield automatically adds any associated parameters to the grid in this area.

To use a property as an argument, click the value field for the parameter, and then select the property from the list.

The context menu provides you with options for working with arguments. To access the context menu, right-click an argument in the Arguments grid. The available context menu commands are:

- **Add**—Add an argument to the grid.
- **Remove**—Delete an argument from the grid.

This grid is available only if the **Use custom method signature check box** is selected.

For more information about specifying the arguments, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.

### Table 13-30 • Settings on the Managed Method Definition Panel (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Enter the public method that you want your installation to call. As an alternative, click the Browse button to display the Method Browser dialog box. This dialog box lets you select the public method from the list of public classes that are available in the managed assembly that you selected on the Action Parameters panel. Note • The browse functionality is available only if the .NET Framework is installed. In addition, it is available only if the location of the managed assembly is set to the Binary table or installed with the product—not if the assembly’s path references a property or a directory in the Directory table. Also note that the browse functionality is available for only 32-bit assemblies and for Microsoft intermediate language (MSIL) files. It is not available for 64-bit assemblies.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use custom method signature</td>
<td>To use the default method signature, clear this check box. For the default method signature, the installation calls the method with an MsiHandle parameter if the signature has one or more void parameters, or if it has a single MsiHandle parameter. To use a custom method signature, select this check box. Then specify the arguments and return property as needed. If you specified a class and a method by clicking the Browse button, InstallShield automatically adds any associated parameters. Specify the value for each parameter that you want to pass to the method. For detailed information about specifying the method's signature, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arguments</td>
<td>If you are using a custom method signature, specify the list of arguments that you want to pass to the selected method. If you specified a class and a method by clicking the Browse button, InstallShield automatically adds any associated parameters to the grid in this area. To use a property as an argument, click the value field for the parameter, and then select the property from the list. The context menu provides you with options for working with arguments. To access the context menu, right-click an argument in the Arguments grid. The available context menu commands are: <strong>Add</strong>—Add an argument to the grid. <strong>Remove</strong>—Delete an argument from the grid. This grid is available only if the <strong>Use custom method signature check box</strong> is selected. For more information about specifying the arguments, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.</td>
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Table 13-30 • Settings on the Managed Method Definition Panel (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Return Property</td>
<td>Select the name of the property whose value will be set to the method’s return value. This list is available only if the Use custom method signature check box is selected. For more information about specifying the return property, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Custom Action Wizard

In-Sequence Scripts Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Custom Action Wizard

Note • The In-Sequence Scripts panel is provided for backward compatibility only. A superior script editor is available in the Script tab of the Custom Action and Sequences view (and the Custom Actions view).

If your custom action calls JScript or VBScript code that is stored directly in the custom action, you can enter the script in the box that is displayed. Type your code into the text box and click Next to continue. No validation is performed on your code to check syntax.

See Also
Custom Action Wizard

Additional Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Custom Action Wizard

The Additional Options panel lets you specify how the custom action thread should be processed and whether the custom action should be run only during patch uninstallation.
The Additional Options panel has the following settings.

Table 13-31 • Settings on the Additional Options Panel

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Return Processing</strong></td>
<td>Specify how the custom action thread should be processed. Valid options for the Return Processing list are:</td>
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<td>• Asynchronous (No wait for completion)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Asynchronous (Wait for exit code)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Synchronous (Check exit code)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Synchronous (Ignores exit code)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>These flags are used to specify that the main and custom action threads run synchronously (the installer waits for the custom action thread to complete before resuming the main installation thread) or asynchronously (the installer runs the custom action simultaneously as the main installation continues).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that some options are not applicable to some types of custom actions. Only options that pertain to the selected type of custom action are available in this list.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Run During Patch Uninstall**

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*Project* • *If you are working on a project in Direct Edit mode, this setting is not applicable unless the database schema is a minimum of 405 (for Windows Installer 4.5 or later).*

This check box lets you specify whether Windows Installer should run the custom action only when a patch is being uninstalled. You can select this check box for a custom action in an .msi package. You can also select this check box for a new custom action that is added by a patch. However, this check box should not be selected for a custom action that is being added or removed by a patch to an existing custom action. This check box is cleared by default.

When Windows Installer 4.5 runs the patch uninstall custom action, it uses the custom action in the patch that is being uninstalled.

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*Note* • *Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for this setting, but Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier do not. Therefore, if you select Yes for this setting and some target systems may have Windows Installer 4.0 or earlier, add a condition to this custom action to prevent Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier from running it. Otherwise, Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier would call the custom action during the installation, repair, or update of the package.*

For the condition, use the MSIPATCHREMOVE property. For more information, see MSIPATCHREMOVE in the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also

Custom Action Wizard
Respond Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Custom Action Wizard

The Respond Options panel lets you specify how your custom action will respond to the rest of the installation.

Table 13-32 • Respond Options Panel Options

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>In-Script Execution</strong></td>
<td>Specify when you would like your action to execute.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Immediate execution</strong>—Select this option to have the action execute when it is encountered in the sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Immediate execution (Terminal Server Aware)</strong>—Select this option to have the action execute when it is encountered in the sequence. The custom action impersonates the user during per-machine installations on terminal server machines.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Deferred execution</strong>—Select this option to have your action wait until the script begins to run.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Rollback execution</strong>—Select this option to set your action to execute only during rollback. If you changed something to the system during the execute sequence using a custom action, you need to undo that change with a rollback custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Rollback execution (Terminal Server Aware)</strong>—Select this option to set your action to execute only during rollback. If you changed something to the system during the execute sequence using a custom action, you need to undo that change with a rollback custom action. The custom action impersonates the user during per-machine installations on terminal server machines.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Commit execution</strong>—Select this option to have your action delayed until the installation has successfully completed the installation script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Commit execution (Terminal Server Aware)</strong>—Select this option to have your action delayed until the installation has successfully completed the installation script. The custom action impersonates the user during per-machine installations on terminal server machines.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Deferred execution in system context</strong>—Select this option if your action needs elevated system privileges for performing tasks such as editing the registry. The action is deferred until the script begins to run. When the action does run, it runs with elevated system privileges. For more information on this property, see In-Script Execution.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • *If you are calling a function in a standard dynamic-link library that is stored in the Binary table, you cannot use deferred or rollback execution for the action’s In-Script Execution property.*
Insert into Sequence Panel

In the Insert into Sequence panel, you specify where in the installation sequence you want to insert the custom action that the wizard is creating. You can insert your custom action into one sequence or into multiple sequences.

Panel Options

Sequences
Select where in the Installation User Interface or Installation Execute sequence you want to insert your custom action.

Conditions
Click the Browse button to launch the Condition Builder dialog box, where you can create a condition that will be used to determine whether your custom action is launched.
Summary Panel

In the Summary panel, you can review your custom action's settings before you add it to your installation. If you need to change any of the settings, click Back until you see the appropriate panel, and make the necessary changes.

When your action is complete, click Finish.

You can now insert this custom action into a sequence or specify it as the argument for a dialog's control event.

See Also
Custom Action Wizard

Database Import Wizard

The Database Import Wizard helps you import your Microsoft SQL Server Database and generate a SQL script file from the database based on options you, the installation author, determine. The wizard can be launched from the following nodes of the SQL Scripts explorer when you right-click in the SQL Scripts view:

- SQL Servers
- New Connection
- New Script

The following wizard panels are associated with the Database Import Wizard:

- Welcome
- SQL Server
- SQL Database
- Database Tables
- Objects to Script
- Scripting Options
- Advanced Scripting Options
- Summary

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database. Oracle users should refer to the Oracle Web page on Oracle Database Utilities for information on utilities that may work in conjunction with InstallShield.

Note • InstallShield supports SQL Server 7.0 and later.
Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Database Import Wizard

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.

The Database Import Wizard helps you import your Microsoft SQL Server Database and generate a SQL script file from the database based on options you, the installation author, determine.

The second paragraph of this wizard panel indicates what the wizard will create.

See Also
Database Import Wizard
Importing a SQL Server Database and Generating a SQL Script File

SQL Server Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Database Import Wizard

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.

Server Name

Specify a SQL Server from the list of servers below or click Browse to select the location of a server on your network.

Note • InstallShield supports SQL Server 7.0 and later.

Importing a database and browsing for a SQL Server requires ODBC driver version 3.80 or later.

With Windows NT authentication using the network login ID

This is the recommended authentication method. SQL Servers must be set up to work with this method. The currently logged in user and the user’s credentials will be used.

With Server authentication using the login ID and password below

If you select this option, you will have to enter the login ID and set the password for a particular SQL Server.

See Also
Database Import Wizard
SQL Database Panel

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.

Database Name

Choose a database found on the SQL Server you selected in the SQL Server panel. A script file will be generated for the database you select in the Database Name drop down list.

Script Display Name

Type a valid identifier for the script file which will be generated from the SQL database you selected in the Database Name drop down list. The script display name is what is displayed in the explorer in the SQL Scripts view.

Note • When the generated script is executed on a target machine, this database will be automatically created if not found on the target server.

See Also
Database Import Wizard

Database Tables Panel

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.

In this panel, determine which tables in the database you want to include or exclude in the generated script file. If you choose to include or exclude certain tables, then from the Available Tables list, click the table(s) you want, and then click the “->” button to mark the tables.

Note • Selecting the Include All Tables option guarantees that new tables added to the database are imported every time you reimport the database.

See Also
Database Import Wizard

Objects to Script Panel

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.
The Objects to Script panel is where you select the objects that you want to import from the database.

**Objects**

Determine which objects to import from your SQL Database. Many of these objects represent and expose attributes of a single Microsoft SQL Server database object.

*Note* • The Records option is unavailable if no tables are selected to be imported in the Database Tables wizard panel.

**See Also**

Database Import Wizard

**Scripting Options Panel**

*InstallShield 2020 » Database Import Wizard*

*Note* • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.

The Scripting Options panel in the Database Import Wizard is where you specify whether your script should be compatible with Microsoft SQL Server version 7.0. Other options on this panel let you specify whether descriptive headers, extended properties, and other information should be included in your script. Transact-SQL statements are generated as needed.
# General Options

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<tr>
<td><strong>Create Only If Missing</strong></td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that creates a component prefixed by a check for existence, select this check box. When the script is executed, a component is created only if a copy of the named component does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td><em>Currently, this option applies only to tables.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Drop First If Exists</strong></td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that removes a referenced component, select this check box. The script tests for the existence of the component prior to an attempt to remove the component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Include Descriptive Headers</strong></td>
<td>To include explanatory header text before each Transact-SQL statement in the script, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Include Extended Properties</strong></td>
<td>To include extended stored procedures in the SQL scripts that are created, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Only Script 7.0 Compatible</strong></td>
<td>To generate a script that is compatible with Microsoft SQL Server version 7.0, select this check box. If you select this check box, the following SQL Server 2000 options are ignored:</td>
</tr>
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<td>• Column level collation</td>
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<td>• User-defined functions</td>
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<td>• Extended property</td>
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<td>• INSTEAD OF trigger on tables and views</td>
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<td>• Indexes on views (indexed views)</td>
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<td>• Indexes on computed columns</td>
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<td>• Reference permissions on views</td>
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<td>• Descending indexes</td>
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Table Scripting Options

Table 13-34 • Table Scripting Options

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<tr>
<td>Script Indexes</td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that creates indexes that currently exist for any selected tables, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Note • Selecting this check box is useful only if one or more tables are selected on the Database Tables panel.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script Full-Text Indexes</td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that creates full-text indexes, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Selecting this check box is useful only if one or more tables are selected on the Database Tables panel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script Triggers</td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that creates triggers that exist for any selected tables, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Note • Selecting this check box is useful only if one or more tables are selected on the Database Tables panel.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script Check Constraints</td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that creates check constraints that exist for any selected tables, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Note • Selecting this check box is useful only if one or more tables are selected on the Database Tables panel.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script Foreign Keys</td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that creates FOREIGN keys that exist for any selected tables, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Note • Selecting this check box is useful only if one or more tables are selected on the Database Tables panel.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script Primary Keys</td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that creates PRIMARY keys that exist for any selected tables, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Note • Selecting this check box is useful only if one or more tables are selected on the Database Tables panel.</em></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-34 • Table Scripting Options (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Script Defaults</td>
<td>To generate a Transact-SQL statement that creates defaults that exist for any selected tables, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note* • Selecting this check box is useful only if one or more tables are selected on the Database Tables panel.

See Also
Database Import Wizard

Advanced Scripting Options Panel

*Note* • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.

The Advanced Scripting Options panel lets you specify security scripting options, as well as the file format.
Security Scripting Options

Table 13-35 • Security Scripting Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Script database</td>
<td>Generate a Transact-SQL statement to create a script of the existing database schema.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script database users and database roles</td>
<td>Generate a Transact-SQL statement to create all users and roles that have access to the database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script SQL Server logins (Windows NT and SQL Server logins)</td>
<td>Generate a Transact-SQL statement to create all logins that currently have access to the server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Script object-level permissions</td>
<td>Generate a Transact-SQL statement to create all grant, revoke, and deny permissions that currently exist for each object selected on the Objects to Script panel.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

File Format

Table 13-36 • File Format Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Windows Text (ANSI)</td>
<td>This is the default option. If you want the script to be in ANSI format, select this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>International Text (Unicode)</td>
<td>International databases can use the Unicode file format for the script, if necessary. If you select this option, Unicode BOM encoding for your SQL script.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • Consult your SQL-DMO help reference for more detailed information about script formatting and file formats.

See Also
Database Import Wizard

Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Database Import Wizard

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.

The Summary panel provides a summary of all the wizard settings.

Check the Regenerate Script at Build option if you want to regenerate the script file each time you build your installation project.
**Note** • The Regenerate Script at Build option will slow down your build since a connection to the server needs to be established, and the database needs to be reimported every time you rebuild your project.

Click Finish to generate the script file (.sql). Once the script is generated, you can edit it from the script's Script tab in the SQL Scripts view.

**See Also**
Database Import Wizard

## Device Driver Wizard

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The Device Driver Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database

The Device Driver Wizard simplifies the process of installing device drivers from a Windows Installer–based installation using the Driver Installation Frameworks for Applications (DIFxApp) from Microsoft. The wizard creates the necessary table and entries, custom actions, feature, and components.

For the latest available information on the Driver Installation Frameworks, visit Windows Hardware and Driver Central at http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/.

**Task** • To open the Device Driver Wizard, do one of the following:

- In the Setup Design view, right-click a feature and then click Device Driver Wizard. The feature that the wizard creates will be a subfeature of the selected feature.
- On the Project menu, click Device Driver Wizard. The feature that the wizard creates will be a root-level feature.

The following panels are associated with the Device Driver Wizard:

- Welcome
- Device Driver Package
- Device Driver Files
- Device Driver Information
- Project-Wide Device Driver Information
- Summary
Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Device Driver Wizard

The Device Driver Wizard simplifies the process of installing device drivers from a Windows Installer–based installation using Microsoft’s Driver Install Frameworks for Applications (DIFxApp). The wizard creates the necessary table and entries, custom actions, feature, and components.

Tip • You can disable the Welcome panel by choosing the Tools menu’s Options command and clearing the Options dialog box’s User Interface tab’s Show Welcome panel in IDE wizards option.

See Also
Device Driver Wizard

Device Driver Package Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Device Driver Wizard

In the Device Driver Package panel, specify the package file (.inf file) for the device driver that you want to add. Type the fully qualified file name of the package, or click the Browse button to navigate to the file.

Note • Clicking Next displays a warning message if the specified package file does not specify a security catalog, if the specified security catalog is missing, or if the package file has been modified or corrupted since it was signed. For more information, visit http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/winlogo/drvsign/drvsign.mspx.

See Also
Device Driver Wizard

Device Driver Files Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Device Driver Wizard

The Device Driver Files panel displays the files that the wizard has detected as belonging to the device driver.

See Also
Device Driver Wizard

Device Driver Information Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Device Driver Wizard

In the Device Driver Information panel, you can view the device driver type that is specified in your .inf file, and optionally select any of the following runtime options:

Always overwrite any existing device driver

Replace any existing driver for the device with this driver. If this check box is cleared and a driver already exists for the device, your driver is not installed.
Do not show Connect Device to Computer dialog

To prevent the Connect Device to Computer dialog from being displayed during the installation of a device driver if a device matching the driver is not connected to a computer, select this option.

Do not create Add or Remove Programs entry for device driver

If you select this check box, the installation does not create an Add or Remove Programs entry for the device driver. If you clear this check box, the installation does create an Add or Remove Programs entry.

DIFxApp does not support this feature on Windows Vista and later.

Install unsigned driver files and drivers with missing files

By default, DIFxApp does not install unsigned driver packages or driver packages that have missing files. To override this default behavior, select this check box. Selecting this check box enables you to fully test drivers more easily before shipping final signed versions.

Remove binary files associated with driver during uninstall

By default, when DIFxApp uninstalls a driver package, DIFxApp does not remove the binary files that were copied to the system when it installed the driver. To override this default behavior, select this check box.

If you select this check box, DIFxApp removes a binary file from the system only if the binary file is identical to the corresponding binary file in the driver store.

Caution • Select the Remove binary files associated with driver during uninstall check box only if you can verify that the driver’s binary files are not required by any other driver package or application.

See Also
Device Driver Wizard

Device Driver Type

The Device Driver Information panel displays a device driver type, which is determined in the following way:

• If the [Version] section of the package file (.inf file) has a DriverPackageType entry whose value is one of those in the following table, the corresponding driver type is displayed.

• Otherwise, the displayed device driver type is Plug and Play driver.

Table 13-37 • DriverPackageType Values and Corresponding Driver Types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DriverPackageType Value</th>
<th>Corresponding Driver Type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ClassFilter</td>
<td>Class filter driver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileSystem</td>
<td>File system driver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileSystemFilter</td>
<td>File-system filter driver</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
InstallShield uses Microsoft Windows Driver Install Framework (DIFx) to install drivers. When your device driver is installed, DIFx treats it as being a device driver of the type that is displayed in the Device Driver Information panel.

To change the device driver type, change the value of the DriverPackageType entry in the package file’s [Version] section to the desired value from the preceding table, and then re-sign the package file. (For more information on signing package files, visit http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/winlogo/drvsign/drvsign.mspx.

See Also
Device Driver Wizard

Project-Wide Device Driver Information Panel

The settings that you configure on the Device Driver Information panel are applied to all device drivers in this project. The settings are:

Include all localized installation runtime dialogs

When this check box is selected, the installation uses a custom action runtime .dll that includes dialogs and text for the following languages:

- Arabic (Saudi Arabia)
- Chinese (People’s ROC)
- Chinese (Taiwan)
- Czech (Czech Republic)
- Danish (Denmark)
- Dutch (Netherlands)
- English (United States)
- Finnish (Finland)
- French (France)
- German (Germany)
- Greek (Greece)
• Hebrew (Israel)
• Hungarian (Hungary)
• Italian (Italy)
• Japanese (Japan)
• Korean (Korea)
• Norwegian (Bokmål) (Norway)
• Polish (Poland)
• Portuguese (Brazil)
• Portuguese (Portugal)
• Russian (Russia)
• Spanish - Modern Sort (Spain)
• Swedish (Sweden)
• Turkish (Turkey)

If you clear this check box, the installation uses runtime dialogs for English only. The English runtime .dll file is smaller than the localized .dll file, so if space is an issue and you do not need the extra language runtime dialogs, clear this check box.

**Device driver machine architecture**

This area has several options. Select the appropriate option.

• Device driver targets 32 bit machines
• Device driver targets Itanium 64 bit machines
• Device driver targets AMD 64 bit machines

**See Also**
Device Driver Wizard

**Summary Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Device Driver Wizard

The Summary panel displays the options that you have specified in the wizard. Click the Finish button to complete the wizard.

**See Also**
Device Driver Wizard

**Dialog Wizard**

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield provides a Dialog Wizard that enables you to add a new dialog to your installation and configure it by stepping through the wizard panels.
Task
To launch the Dialog Wizard:

1. Open the Dialogs view.
2. In the Dialogs explorer, right-click All Dialogs and then click New Dialog. The Dialog Wizard launches.
3. Follow the wizard panels.

The following panels are associated with the Dialog Wizard:

- Welcome
- Dialog Template
- User Interface Sequence
- Dialog Position and Condition

See Also
Working with Dialogs

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Dialog Wizard

The Welcome panel welcomes you to the wizard and briefly describes the Dialog Wizard’s function. Click Next to begin using the wizard.

Dialog Template Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Dialog Wizard

Use the Dialog Template panel to select a default template or an existing dialog on which to base your new dialog.
Panel Options

List of Dialogs

The box in the Dialog Template panel lists dialogs that are in the directory specified in the Dialog Location box on the File Locations tab of the Options dialog box. It may also include dialogs that are stored in a repository. In addition, several default dialog templates are listed:

Table 13-38 • Dialog Template Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dialog Template</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Blank Dialog</td>
<td>Creates a blank dialog with no dialog controls.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Project* • In InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects, this dialog template does not have a hidden control that has a Control Identifier value of 2; the NewScriptBasedDialog and NewSkinnableDialog templates do include this control. To enable end users to cancel the installation by clicking the close button in the upper-right corner of the InstallScript dialog, a custom dialog must have a button control whose Control Identifier property is set to this value. For more information, see Using InstallScript to Implement Custom Dialogs.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Exterior Wizard Panel</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Project</em> • This dialog template is available for Basic MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Creates a dialog with a large bitmap along the left side of the dialog—similar to the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>formatting of the Welcome dialog.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Interior Wizard Panel</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Project</em> • This dialog template is available for Basic MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Creates a dialog with a small bitmap at the top of the dialog.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Logon Information Panel and Associated Child Dialogs</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>Project</em> • This dialog template is available for Basic MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For information on adding the Login Information dialogs to Basic MSI, InstallScript, or</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI projects, see Adding the Ability to Create or Set an Existing User</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Account.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Creates a set of dialogs that enable the end user to create or browse for an existing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>user account in order to access resources that are restricted to others.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Show Dialogs in Repository

To display dialogs that are stored in a repository, select the Show Dialogs in Repository check box.

Browse

Click the Browse button if you want to select to a dialog (.isd) file that is not listed.

Let me Insert this dialog into a sequence

Select this check box to automatically insert the new dialog in a user interface sequence. This check box is available only for Basic MSI projects and only for Interior and Exterior dialogs. In InstallScript MSI projects, you need to use InstallScript to schedule the dialog’s appearance in the user interface and to process the dialog’s controls.

Note • If this option is not selected in a Basic MSI project, the wizard process ends and the new dialog is added to your project. You need to manually add the dialog to a sequence to display it during installation.

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If you selected an exterior, interior, or login dialog, click Next to move to the next panel. If you selected a blank dialog, a dialog in your repository, or a dialog in a different location, click Finish to add the dialog to your project.
**Note** • You need to manually *insert a blank dialog into a sequence in order to display it during installation.*

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Click Finish to add the new dialog. In order for the new dialog to appear in the user interface, you need to add it to your script and use InstallScript to process the dialog controls. You can edit the dialog controls if necessary.

**See Also**

- Using a Repository to Share Project Elements
- Installation Sequence
- Using InstallScript

### User Interface Sequence Panel

**InstallShield 2020 » Dialog Wizard**

The User Interface panel lets you select the user interface sequence into which you want to insert the new dialog. You can also see which dialogs are currently in the selected sequence and insert the new dialog after a particular existing dialog.

**Panel Options**

**Table 13-39 • User Interface Sequence Panel Options**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>User Interface Sequence</td>
<td>From the menu, select the sequence into which you want to insert the new dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dialogs currently in this sequence</td>
<td>Displays the dialogs that occur in the selected sequence. Select the dialog that you want to appear immediately before your new dialog in the sequence.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Dialog Position and Condition Panel

**InstallShield 2020 » Dialog Wizard**

Use the Dialog Position and Condition panel to indicate where you want the dialog to appear in the sequence. This panel also lets you specify any conditions that you want placed on the dialog.
Panel Options

Table 13-40 • Dialog Position and Condition Panel Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dialog Position</td>
<td>This pane displays the new dialog’s place in the sequence selected in the User Interface Sequence panel. To move the new dialog within the sequence, select it and click Move Up or Move Down.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Set a condition for the new dialog in this field. Click Build to launch the Condition Builder dialog box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Click Finish to exit the wizard. InstallShield adds the new dialog to your project and inserts it in the specified sequence.

See Also
Editing Dialog Layout in Basic MSI Projects

DirectX Object Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Project • The DirectX Object Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The DirectX Object Wizard enables you to include the Microsoft DirectX 9c redistributable files in your installation project and to set several options.

Note • For information about which files are included with the DirectX object, see Including the DirectX 9.0 Object.

The optional ManagedDX component of DirectX 9c requires that the .NET Framework version 1.1 or later be installed on the system.

The following wizard panels are associated with the DirectX Object Wizard:

- Welcome
- Object Settings
- Summary

For more information about DirectX, visit MSDN.
Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » DirectX Object Wizard

Project • The DirectX Object Wizard is available in the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

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Note • For information about which files are included with the DirectX object, see Including the DirectX 9.0 Object.

The optional ManagedDX component of DirectX 9c requires that the .NET Framework version 1.1 or later be installed on the system.

For more information about DirectX, visit MSDN.

See Also
DirectX Object Wizard

Object Settings Panel

InstallShield 2020 » DirectX Object Wizard

Project • The DirectX Object Wizard is available in the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

The Object Settings panel enables you to set the following options:

Table 13-41 • Object Settings Panel Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Place DirectX files in a folder in Disk1</td>
<td>If you select this check box, InstallShield creates a DirectX folder for your installation at build time and places it in the Disk1 folder of your release. If you clear this check box, InstallShield streams the DirectX redistributable files into the .msi file. If you are creating a single-file executable installation, clear this check box so that the files are included in the .msi file. For information on the DirectX files that are included in the object, see Including the DirectX 9.0 Object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-41 • Object Settings Panel Options (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Show the Microsoft DirectX EULA before starting the DirectX 9 installation</td>
<td>By default, the Microsoft DirectX EULA is displayed to the end user before the DirectX 9 installation begins. To prevent the EULA from being displayed, clear this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more information about DirectX, visit MSDN.

**See Also**
DirectX Object Wizard

**Summary Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » DirectX Object Wizard

**Project** • *The DirectX Object Wizard is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The Summary panel enables you to review the options that you configured on the Object Settings panel. Click Finish to accept the settings and add the DirectX 9 redistributable files to your project.

**See Also**
DirectX Object Wizard
Including the DirectX 9.0 Object

**Dynamic Scanning Wizard**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Dynamic Scanning Wizard is an easy-to-use tool that monitors your system while an executable file runs. The wizard displays a list of .dll and .ocx files that may be required by the executable file, and it lets you specify whether you want to include each one in your project. The wizard can scan for an executable file that is already included in your project, or you can use the Specify the Executable panel in the wizard to select a new executable file that you want to scan and add to your project prior to the scanning process.
Task

To launch the Dynamic Scanning Wizard:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Additional Tools, click Dependency Scanners.
2. Click the Perform Dynamic Scanning button.

The following panels are associated with the Dynamic Scanning Wizard:

- Welcome
- Filter Files
- Specify the Executable
- Specify Application File
- Launch the Application
- Your Application is Running
- File Selection
- Scan Results
- Completing the Dynamic Scanning Wizard

See Also

Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Dynamic Scanning Wizard provides you with an easy path to add your application’s dependency files to your project.

Before you begin using the scanner, it is recommended that you add the target executable file to your project.

Click Next to begin using this wizard.

See Also

Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Dynamic Scanning Wizard
Filter Files Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Dynamic Scanning Wizard may list as dependencies certain files that you do not want to add to your installation. For example, common system files that are already present on target machines usually do not need to be reinstalled. To avoid having these files added to your project when you run the scanner, select the Filter files check box on the Filter Files panel.

To learn how to customize the list of files that are excluded from scans, see Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners.

See Also
- Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
- Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
- Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Specify the Executable Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Specify the Executable panel is where you specify whether you want to scan an executable file that is already included in your project, or one that has not yet been added.

Table 13-42 • Specify the Executable Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I would like to select an executable file from my project (recommended)</td>
<td>If the executable file that you would like to scan has already been added to your project, select this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I would like to select a new executable</td>
<td>If the executable you want to scan is not currently included in your project, select this option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
- Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
- Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
- Dynamic Scanning Wizard
Specify Application File Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Specify Application File panel is where you select the specific executable file (.exe) that you would like to scan. Additionally, you can specify command-line parameters for the file and a working folder.

Table 13-43 • Specify Application File Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application</td>
<td>Specify which executable file you would like to scan. If you choose to scan a file that is already included in your project, select it from the list of executable files that present in your project. If you choose to scan a file that is not yet a part of your project, enter the path to that file or click the Browse button to navigate to it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Command Line</td>
<td>Enter the command-line parameters that you would like to pass to the executable file. These parameters are used only during the scanning process; they are not used after the wizard has been dismissed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Working Folder</td>
<td>Enter the path to the working folder for this application, or click the Browse button to navigate to the directory. By default, this directory is set to the same folder in which the application you choose to scan resides.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Launch the Application

InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Before the Dynamic Scanning Wizard begins scanning your application, it must launch the application. After your application is launched by the wizard, you should use as many of the application’s menu items and features as you can. This helps to identify where dependency files are located so that they can be added to your project.
Click Next to launch your application and begin scanning for dependencies.

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Your Application is Running Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Your Application is Running panel is displayed while your application is running. When you have finished using your application, click the Done button to view the results of the scan. No files are added until you have confirmed the findings of the scan.

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Dynamic Scanning Wizard

File Selection Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The File Selection panel displays a list of possible files and merge modules that you may need to add to your project. Use this panel to select the ones that you want to include in your installation. For more information, see Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results.

Table 13-44 • File Selection Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File</td>
<td>Indicate which files and merge modules you want to add to your project by selecting the appropriate check boxes.</td>
</tr>
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### Table 13-44 • File Selection Panel Settings (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Deselect All</td>
<td>If you want to clear all of the check boxes, click this button. You can then manually select each check box that corresponds with a file or merge module that you would like to add to your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Select All</td>
<td>If you want to select all of the check boxes, click this button. You can then manually clear each check box that corresponds with a file or merge module that you do not want to add to your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also
- Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
- Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
- Dynamic Scanning Wizard

### Scan Results Panel

**InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Scan Results panel shows the dependencies that the wizard identified and that you selected to be added to your project.

To add these dependencies to your project, click the Next button. To exit the wizard without adding the dependencies, click the Cancel button. To review the list of potential dependencies again and add or remove any of them, click the Back button.

### Completing the Dynamic Scanning Wizard Panel

**InstallShield 2020 » Dynamic Scanning Wizard**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
When the Dynamic Scanning Wizard shows the Completing the Dynamic Scanning Wizard panel, the wizard has added the executable file’s dependencies to your project. If you chose to scan an executable file that was not already included in your project, that .exe file has been added as well.

Click Finish to close the wizard and return to InstallShield.

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Dynamic Scanning Wizard

Export Components Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Export Components Wizard simplifies the process of exporting a component from certain file types (.ism, .msi, .msm) to any existing project or a new one altogether. A common use of this wizard includes exporting components to merge modules.

Note • The Export Components Wizard does not let you export components from an .msi or .msm file to an .ism file. It also does not let you export from an .ism file to an .msi or .msm file.

When you export components to other projects, a copy of this component is added to the specified project file, along with all of the component’s data, such as its files, shortcuts, registry entries, and advanced settings.

Task To launch the Export Components Wizard:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Organization, click Setup Design (in installation projects only) or Components.

2. Do one of the following:
   - To export a specific component, right-click the component that you want to export, and then click Export Component Wizard.
   - To export more than one component, right-click the main node in this view, and then click Export Component Wizard.
Note • You can also launch the Export Components Wizard from the Project menu.

The following panels are associated with the Export Components Wizard:

- Welcome
- Select Components
- Select Target File Info
- Summary

### Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Export Components Wizard

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Export Components Wizard simplifies the process of exporting components from a file type (.ism, .msi, .msm) to any existing project or a new one altogether. A common use of this wizard includes exporting components to merge modules.

Note • The Export Components Wizard does not let you export components from an .msi or .msm file to an .ism file. It also does not let you export from an .ism file to an .msi or .msm file.

See Also
Export Components Wizard

### Select Components Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Export Components Wizard

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
The Select Components panel lists all of the components in your open project. Select the components that you want to export. You can filter the components list in this panel by feature or component destination.

If you launch the Export Components Wizard by right-clicking a specific component and then clicking Export Components Wizard, the wizard skips the Select Components panel.

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**Note** • When you are exporting from a merge module, the feature filter is not available because there are no features in merge modules.

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**See Also**

Export Components Wizard

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### Select Target File Panel

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

On the Select Target File panel, specify whether you want to export the component to an existing or new project. In either case, browse for the file location.

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**Note** • When the wizard is exporting the component to the target project, the wizard checks for conflicts. If the target project already has a component of the same name with different settings, the Resolve Conflict dialog box opens to offer you options for resolving the conflicts.

There is also an option to export as a Merge Module project. Select this option to export the component to this specific project type.

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**See Also**

Export Components Wizard
Target File Info Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Export Components Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

On the Target File panel, specify information, including the product name, version, and language, for the new project. Indicate whether you want to replace exported components in the current project with the generated merge module. Replacing the component with the exported merge module option removes the component from the currently open project.

See Also
Export Components Wizard

Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Export Components Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Summary panel displays the results of the export process. The summary also lists any errors from exporting. Click Finish to complete the process.

Note • After you have arrived at the Summary panel, you cannot click Back to return to previous panels.

See Also
Export Components Wizard
Function Wizard

The Function Wizard automates the process of adding function calls to your scripts. After you complete two brief wizard panels, your function call is inserted into your script at the caret location.

Launching the Function Wizard

To launch the Function Wizard, do one of the following:
- On the Edit menu, click Insert InstallScript Function.

Function Name Panel

Lets you select an InstallScript function to paste into the active script editor window.

The Function Wizard lets you select from an alphabetic list of all functions or from lists of specific function categories. You can view the description for each function you highlight. Press the Help button to see the complete function description for any highlighted function.

Panel Options

Function Category (list box)
Select a function category. The InstallScript functions belonging to the selected category are displayed in the Function Name list box. Select “All” to display the names of all available InstallScript functions.

Function Name (list box)
Select a function name to display the function parameters and a brief description of the selected function in the bottom portion of this panel.

Click Next to display the Function Parameters panel of the Function Wizard.

Function Parameters Panel

Displays the name of the function selected in the Function Name panel and the parameters for that function. Next to each parameter is either an edit box in which you can enter a variable name or a value, or a drop-down menu from which you can select a parameter value.

To specify function parameters and insert the function into your script:
1. Complete the arguments for each function. When you place the cursor in an edit field, the parameter description appears at the bottom of the panel. If there are predefined options available for a parameter, the edit field contains a
drop-down menu. Note that you can select only one option from a drop-down menu, even when the options are not exclusive.

**Note** • You can enter strings (or string identifiers) and numbers directly in the edit fields, but you must pay careful attention to the purpose of the parameters. One clue is the InstallScript Hungarian notation in the variable name.

You must declare all variable names that you use in all function calls. The Function Wizard does not declare them for you.

2. Click **Finish** to insert the function call into your setup script. If you need further help, place the cursor in the function name and press the **F1** key.

Import DIM Wizard

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

Use the Import DIM Wizard to identify a DIM that you want to statically import into a Basic MSI project. When you complete the wizard, InstallShield incorporates the project data of the DIM into the open Basic MSI project.

Note that statically importing a DIM is a design-time task. If you statically import a DIM into a project, its data becomes part of the Basic MSI project at the time of the import. If you later update the DIM project, the Basic MSI project is not updated with the latest changes in the DIM. In order to remove a statically imported DIM from a Basic MSI project, it would be necessary to identify each file, component, and other element from the DIM and manually remove it from the Basic MSI project.

**Task**

**To launch the Import DIM Wizard:**

1. In the View Bar / View List under **Organization**, click **Setup Design**.

2. In the **Setup Design** explorer, right-click the feature that you want to contain the DIM, and then click **Import DIM Wizard**.

The Import DIM Wizard consists of the following panels:

- **Welcome**
- **Select Source File**
- **Import**

**Welcome Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Import DIM Wizard

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.
Use the Import DIM Wizard to identify a DIM that you want to statically import into a Basic MSI project. When you complete the wizard, InstallShield incorporates the project data of the DIM into the open Basic MSI project.

**See Also**

Import DIM Wizard

### Select Source File Panel

*InstallShield 2020 » Import DIM Wizard*

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

On the Select Source File panel, specify the path and file name for the DIM that you want to statically import into your Basic MSI project. To navigate to the file without having to manually enter the path and file name, click the Browse button.

If you want to back up your Basic MSI project file (.ism) before statically importing the DIM, specify the path and file name for the backup project file. If you specify a path and file name, the wizard saves the backup file when you click the Next button on this panel.

**See Also**

Import DIM Wizard

### Import Panel

*InstallShield 2020 » Import DIM Wizard*

**Project** • This information applies to Basic MSI projects.

The Import panel shows the location and name of the DIM project file that you are importing. If you specified to create a backup copy of your Basic MSI project file (.ism) before statically importing the DIM, the path and file name are also displayed.

To complete the import process, click the Finish button.

**See Also**

Import DIM Wizard

### Import REG File Wizard

*InstallShield 2020*

InstallShield enables you to import existing registry (.reg) files that you have created in other installation projects or outside InstallShield.
**Task**

**To launch the Import REG File Wizard:**

1. In the View Bar / View List under **System Configuration**, click **Registry**.

2. **Windows Installer projects only:** In the **View Filter** list, click the component that should have the .reg file that you are importing.

   **Note** • *If All Application Data is selected, the Registry view is read-only.*

3. **InstallScript projects only:** In the Destination computer’s Registry view pane, open the registry set that should have the .reg file that you are importing.

4. In the **Destination computer’s Registry** view pane, right-click the registry key to which you would like your registry data added, and then click **Import REG File**. The Import Reg File Wizard opens.

When you import an .reg file into a component or registry set, that registry data is added to the component’s or registry set’s registry data and written to the end user’s system if the component or registry set is installed.

The Import REG File Wizard consists of the following panels:

- **Welcome**
- **Import Registry File**
- **Import Conflict Options**
- **Progress**

**See Also**

- Editing the Registry
- Importing Registry Files
- Exporting Registry Files

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### Welcome Panel

**InstallShield 2020 » Import REG File Wizard**

The Import REG File Wizard allows you to import existing registry data (.reg) into your InstallShield project. This registry data is added to the target system’s registry during the setup project.

Click Next to continue to the next wizard panel to begin importing your REG file.

**Note** • *Before you begin importing REG data be sure that you selected the proper feature to which you would like this data added. To specify a feature, cancel the wizard and select the appropriate feature from the Feature list at the top of the Registry view.*

### Import Registry File Panel

**InstallShield 2020 » Import REG File Wizard**

In this panel you can specify the REG file you would like to import.
Chapter 13
Wizard Reference

Panel Options

Registry File
Enter the path to the REG file you would like to import, or click the Browse button to navigate to this file.

Import Conflict Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 > Import REG File Wizard
Because your setup may already contain registry data that could conflict with information stored within the REG file you are importing, you can select how you would like to handle any conflicts.

Panel Options

Overwrite the registry data
Select this option if you would like data stored within the REG file you are importing to overwrite any conflicting data already present in your setup project.

Do not overwrite the registry data
Select this option if you would like to retain the data already present in your setup project when a conflict arises during the import progress. All nonconflicting registry data are still imported.

Log all registry conflicts to a file
Select this option if you want to keep a record of all registry conflicts found by the wizard. You can type a path and folder name in the field or click the folder button to browse to a file.

Import Progress Panel

InstallShield 2020 > Import REG File Wizard
This panel displays the import progress of the REG file. Click Cancel to stop the import or wait until the wizard finishes importing your REG file and click Finish to return to the IDE.

Import XML Settings Wizard

InstallShield 2020
The Import XML Settings Wizard enables you to add a reference for an XML file to the XML File Changes view, where you can configure the changes that you want to be made to the XML file at run time.

Important • The XML File Changes view is not designed to list a node for every node in an XML file. To improve performance, the XML File Changes view should show only the settings that differ from the base XML file:
• If the XML file that you are modifying is part of your installation, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes and node sets that should be added, changed, or deleted after the XML file is installed at run time.
If the XML file that you are modifying is a file that is already present on the target system, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes that need to be added, changed, or deleted at run time.

Therefore, when you use the Import XML Settings Wizard, import only the nodes in the XML file that you want to modify at run time.

Note that the XML File Changes view does not enable you to specify the order in which new elements should be listed in the XML file. Therefore, importing only the nodes that you want to modify at run time helps to avoid issues that may occur if your product requires that the elements be listed in a particular order.

The wizard consists of the following panels:

- **Welcome**
- **XML File**
- **XML Element**
- **XML Import Progress**
- **XML Import Results**

**See Also**
- Modifying XML Files
- Overview of XML File Changes
- Creating an XML File Reference

## Welcome Panel

The Import XML Settings Wizard enables you to add a reference for an XML file to the XML File Changes view, where you can configure the changes that you want to be made to the XML file at run time.

The Welcome panel is the first panel of the Import XML Settings Wizard.

![Important](image)

**Important** • The XML File Changes view is not designed to list a node for every node in an XML file. To improve performance, the XML File Changes view should show only the settings that differ from the base XML file:

- If the XML file that you are modifying is part of your installation, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes and node sets that should be added, changed, or deleted after the XML file is installed at run time.
- If the XML file that you are modifying is a file that is already present on the target system, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes that need to be added, changed, or deleted at run time.

Therefore, when you use the Import XML Settings Wizard, import only the nodes in the XML file that you want to modify at run time.

Note that the XML File Changes view does not enable you to specify the order in which new elements should be listed in the XML file. Therefore, importing only the nodes that you want to modify at run time helps to avoid issues that may occur if your product requires that the elements be listed in a particular order.

**See Also**
- Import XML Settings Wizard
- Modifying XML Files
XML File Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Import XML Settings Wizard

On the XML File panel, specify the XML file that you want to import by clicking Browse to locate it and populate the field. Then click Next to continue.

See Also
Import XML Settings Wizard
Modifying XML Files

XML Element Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Import XML Settings Wizard

On the XML Element panel, specify which elements in the XML file should be imported into the XML File Changes view. Then click Import to begin the process or click Back to return to the previous panel.

Important • The XML File Changes view is not designed to list a node for every node in an XML file. To improve performance, the XML File Changes view should show only the settings that differ from the base XML file:

• If the XML file that you are modifying is part of your installation, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes and node sets that should be added, changed, or deleted after the XML file is installed at run time.
• If the XML file that you are modifying is a file that is already present on the target system, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes that need to be added, changed, or deleted at run time.

Therefore, on the XML Element panel of the Import XML Settings Wizard, select only the nodes in the XML file that you want to modify at run time.

Note that the XML File Changes view does not enable you to specify the order in which new elements should be listed in the XML file. Therefore, importing only the nodes that you want to modify at run time helps to avoid issues that may occur if your product requires that the elements be listed in a particular order.

See Also
Import XML Settings Wizard
Modifying XML Files

XML Progress Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Import XML Settings Wizard

The XML Progress panel appears after you click Import in the Import XML Element panel. It displays the progress of the file import.

See Also
Import XML Settings Wizard
Modifying XML Files
XML Results Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Import XML Settings Wizard

The XML Results panel displays a summary of the imported .xml file and all of its elements. Click Finish to complete the import process and exit the wizard.

Once you click Finish, InstallShield adds a new node for the XML file that you imported. The XML file node contains each of the nodes that you selected in the wizard. Each node represents an XPath query that occurs at run time. InstallShield also adds a new component for the XML file that you have imported through the XML File Changes view. Once you are done importing, you can use the XML File Changes view to configure the XML file’s settings and specify any element, attribute, and content changes for it.

For examples of how to create some basic XPath expressions, see Using XPath Expressions to Find XML Data in an XML File.

See Also
Import XML Settings Wizard
Modifying XML Files

Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Project • The Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard is available in InstallScript projects.

The Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard opens when you add the Microsoft .NET Framework Object to a feature in the Objects view of an InstallScript project. This wizard lets you specify which versions of the .NET Framework and language packs should be included in your project. The language packs contain translated text, such as error messages, for languages other than English.

The Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard consists of the following panels:

• Step 1
• Step 2

Tip • This object is not installed with InstallShield; you need to download it. For more information, see Obtaining Updates for InstallShield.

See Also
Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

Step 1 Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard

Project • The Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard is available in InstallScript projects.
The Step 1 panel of the Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard lets you specify which versions of the .NET Framework and language packs should be included in your project.

### Table 13-45 • Step 1 Panel Settings

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Select the version of .NET to include and install</strong></td>
<td>Select which versions of the .NET Framework should be included in the object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Use Web downloader version of .NET redistributable</strong></td>
<td>If a Web downloader redistributable and a full package redistributable are available for the selected version of .NET, this check box is enabled. Select this check box if you want to use the Web downloader redistributable. The Web downloader redistributable is smaller than the full package redistributable, but it requires that the target system have an Internet connection at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Platforms</strong></td>
<td>Select which platform-specific versions of the .NET Framework should be included in the object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Languages</strong></td>
<td>Specify whether the object should include language packs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• <em>Don’t include any language packs</em></td>
<td>If no language packs should be included, select this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• <em>Include all appropriate language packs</em></td>
<td>If the object should include all of the available language packs that are supported by the project, select this option.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

For more information about this object, see the help pane that is displayed when you click the Microsoft .NET Framework Object in the Objects view.

**Tip** • *This object is not installed with InstallShield; you need to download it. For more information, see Obtaining Updates for InstallShield.*

**See Also**
- Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard
- Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

### Step 2 Panel

*InstallShield 2020 ➔ Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard*

**Project** • *The Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard is available in InstallScript projects.*
If you select the **Include multiple versions of the .NET Framework** option on the Step 1 panel of the Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard, the Step 2 panel is displayed.

**Table 13-46 • Step 2 Panel Settings**

<table>
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| **Select the .NET redists to include in the object** | Select the check box for each version of the .NET Framework that should be included in the project. Note that the object can install only one version of the .NET Framework at run time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |}

**Tip** • *This object is not installed with InstallShield; you need to download it. For more information, see Obtaining Updates for InstallShield.*

**See Also**

Microsoft .NET Framework Object Wizard
Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects

### MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • *This information applies to Basic MSI projects.*

The MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard helps you convert existing Windows Installer files (.msi files) to MSIX package through Basic MSI project.
Task  To launch the MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard:

2. On the Windows Installer tab, click MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard.
3. Click OK. The MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard opens.

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard

The MSI to MSIX Conversion Wizard helps you to convert a MSI to MSIX package.

Task  To convert from MSI to MSIX:

1. On the Welcome panel, click Next.
2. Click Browse and locate to specify the location of the MSI file.
3. Click Next.
4. Enter the Project Name.
5. Click Browse and to store the Data File to a location.
6. Click Finish. The Basic MSI project type opens.

Note  The MSI file is built automatically through the Basic MSI project type.
New Language Wizard

**Edition** • The New Language Wizard is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

**Project** • The New Language Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

The InstallShield Premier edition lets you add unsupported languages, beyond the built-in 35 languages, to projects through the New Language Wizard. An unsupported language is one in which none of the default run-time strings are translated. When you add an unsupported language to a project, that language is made available in various language-related settings throughout InstallShield. In addition, InstallShield uses the strings from your project’s default language as placeholders for the strings in that newly added unsupported language; you can use the String Editor view to provide translated strings for the unsupported languages.

When you use the New Language Wizard to add an unsupported language, InstallShield adds to your machine several files that contain English strings as placeholders:

- **LanguageID.ini**
  
  `LanguageID` is the language identifier for the new language. InstallShield adds this file to the following directory:
  
  `InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support`

- **_isres_LanguageID.dll**

  `LanguageID` is the language identifier for the new language. InstallShield adds this file to the following directories:

  `InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist\Language Independent\1386`
  
  `InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist\Language Independent\1386\Skins`

If you want to add the unsupported language in InstallScript or InstallScript MSI projects, you will need to translate the strings in those files. You can open the `.dll` file in a resource editor to replace the English strings with the appropriate translated strings.

**Task**

To launch the New Language Wizard:

On the **Tools** menu, click **Add New Language**.

**See Also**

- Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
- String Editor View
- New Language Wizard
Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » New Language Wizard

**Edition** • *The New Language Wizard is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.*

**Project** • *The New Language Wizard is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

The InstallShield Premier edition lets you add unsupported languages, beyond the built-in 35 languages, to projects through the New Language Wizard. An unsupported language is one in which none of the default run-time strings are translated. When you add an unsupported language to a project, that language is made available in various language-related settings throughout InstallShield. In addition, InstallShield uses the strings from your project’s default language as placeholders for the strings in that newly added unsupported language; you can use the String Editor view to provide translated strings for the unsupported languages.

**See Also**
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
String Editor View
New Language Wizard

Project Language Panel

InstallShield 2020 » New Language Wizard

**Edition** • *The New Language Wizard is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.*

**Project** • *The New Language Wizard is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Project Language panel lets you specify the languages that you would like to add to your project. Select the box next to each language that you want to add.

**See Also**
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
String Editor View
New Language Wizard
Project Files Panel

InstallShield 2020 » New Language Wizard

Edition • The New Language Wizard is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Project • The New Language Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Project Files panel is where you specify which existing projects should contain the ability to add the new languages. (That is, InstallShield will add the new languages to the list of languages that you can select for the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view.)

This panel also enables you to specify whether you want to be able to include the languages in every new project that you create.

For information on adding a language to a project, see Selecting the Installation Languages.

Panel Settings

Table 13-1 • Project Files Panel Settings

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Project Name</td>
<td>Select the projects that should enable you to select the new languages for the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view. If your project is not stored in the default project location, navigate to it by clicking the Browse button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Update InstallShield</td>
<td>Select this check box if you would like any new project that you create to have optional support for these languages. Selecting this check box does not automatically include the new languages in future projects. Instead, it adds the new languages to the list of languages that you can select for the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

See Also
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
String Editor View
New Language Wizard
Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » New Language Wizard

**Edition** • The New Language Wizard is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

**Project** • The New Language Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Summary panel lists the new languages that will be added to the specified projects. It also indicates whether you want InstallShield to add the new languages to all new projects that you create. Click the Finish button to accept the settings and begin updating projects with the new languages.

When you use the New Language Wizard to add an unsupported language, InstallShield adds to your machine several files that contain English strings as placeholders:

- `LanguageID.ini`
  
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  InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support

- `_isres_LanguageID.dll`
  
  *LanguageID* is the language identifier for the new language. InstallShield adds this file to the following directories:
  
  InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist\Language Independent\1386
  
  InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist\Language Independent\1386\Skins

If you want to add the unsupported language in InstallScript or InstallScript MSI projects, you will need to translate the strings in those files. You can open the `.dll` file in a resource editor to replace the English strings with the appropriate translated strings.

See Also

- Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
- String Editor View
- New Language Wizard

Open MSI/MSM Wizard

InstallShield 2020

The Open MSI/MSM Wizard is a tool that converts existing installation projects (.msi files) and merge modules (.msm files) to InstallShield installation projects (.ism files) that you can modify and build in the InstallShield user interface.
To launch the Open MSI/MSM Wizard:

1. On the Home menu, click Open button. The Open dialog box opens.
2. In the file type list, select either Windows Installer Packages (*.msi) or Windows Installer Modules (*.msm).
3. Browse to the Windows Installer package or merge module that you want to convert.
4. On the Open button, click the arrow, and then click Open with Wizard.

The Open MSI/MSM Wizard opens.

Note • If the wizard encounters errors while opening the package, the errors are displayed in the Output window when the converted project is opened. To solve any problems, see MSI/MSM Conversion Errors.

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Open MSI/MSM Wizard

The Open MSI/MSM Wizard allows you to import setup packages (.msi) and merge modules (.msm) into InstallShield. This functionality is useful for network administrators who need to build custom setups for their users.

Panel Options

Open MSI/MSM in Direct Edit Mode

Select this option to view and edit the database directly, without creating a project file. If you select this option, the selected database will open in the IDE, where you can view and edit its contents with the Direct Editor.

Click Next to open the database in the Direct Editor.

Convert MSI/MSM to an InstallShield Project

Select this option to convert the selected database into an InstallShield project, which you can then edit within the IDE.

Click Next to continue using the wizard for this option.

File Locations Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Open MSI/MSM Wizard

In the File Locations panel, specify the name of the project that the wizard will create and the location of its data files.

Panel Options

Project Name

Type a name for the setup project that will be created when the wizard converts the existing .msi or .msm project to an InstallShield (.ism) project. The .ism project is saved in the default location.
**Note** • Because the project name determines the name of the .ism file and the root for the project's folder structure, use only legal characters for a Windows file name.

**Data File Location**

If the imported application's files are stored in .cab files, those files are automatically extracted and stored in the location specified here.

After specifying the project name and data file location, click Finish to convert the project and open it in the InstallShield IDE.

**Note** • The wizard alerts you of any errors it encountered while creating the project. To resolve any problems, see MSI/MSM Conversion Errors.

### Open MSP Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Before InstallShield can open a patch or MSP file for editing or create a new patch project, it needs the base MSI to which the MSP should be applied. When you first open a patch (.msp) project in InstallShield, the Open MSP Wizard appears.

The Open MSP Wizard gathers the necessary file information, applies the patch to the base MSI, and opens the patch project in the IDE in Direct MSP mode (which is similar to the Direct Edit mode). The data you specify in the Open MSP Wizard is saved so the next time you open the MSP file, the patch project opens in the IDE.

**See Also**

Directly Editing .msi and .msm Databases

### Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Open MSP Wizard

This panel welcomes you to the wizard and briefly describes the Open MSP Wizard’s function. Click Next to begin using the wizard.

### Base MSI Package Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Open MSP Wizard

In the Base MSI Package panel, you specify the base MSI file to which you want to apply this patch.

**Panel Options**

**MSP File Name**

Read-only field that provides the path and file name of the MSP file.
Base MSI File Name

Specify the name of the base MSI file to which this patch (indicated in the MSP File Name edit box) will be applied. Click the browse (ellipsis) button to browse to an .msi file.

Click Finish to close the Open MSP Wizard and create your patch project. The patch is applied to the MSI project that is specified in the Base MSI File Name edit box, and the patch project (.msp file) opens in Direct MSP mode in the IDE.

Open Transform Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Before InstallShield can open a transform (.mst) file for editing or create a new Transform project, it needs the base .msi file to which the .mst should be applied and any additional .mst files that should be applied to the base .msi file.

The first time that you open an .mst file in InstallShield, the Open Transform Wizard launches. This wizard enables you to specify the .mst file, the base .msi file, and any additional transforms to apply before editing. The last panel of this wizard—the Create a Response Transform panel—lets you specify whether or not your transform should be a response transform. A response transform includes default responses for the user interface portion of the installation. If you specify that you want to create a response transform, the user interface elements of the installation are executed, enabling you to customize the options available in each panel of the installation wizard.

When the Open Transform Wizard is finished, the transforms are applied and the .mst file opens in the InstallShield in Direct MST mode (which is similar to Direct Edit mode). The data specified in the wizard is saved so that the next time that you open the .mst file, the transform project opens directly in InstallShield.

Task To launch the Open Transform Wizard when opening a transform for editing:

1. On the Home menu, click Open button. The Open dialog box opens.
2. Select the .mst file that you would like to open.
3. In the Open as box, select Wizard.
4. Click Open. The Open Transform Wizard opens.

Task To launch the Open Transform Wizard when creating a new transform:

2. On the Windows Installer tab, click Transform.
3. In the Project Name box, type a name for your transform project.
4. In the Location box, type the path where your transform project should be stored or click the browse button to find the location.
5. Click OK. The Open Transform Wizard opens.

The following panels are associated with the Open Transform Wizard:

- Welcome
- Transform Information
• Additional Transforms
• Create a Response Transform

See Also
Directly Editing .msi and .msm Databases
Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Response Transforms

Welcome Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Open Transform Wizard
This panel welcomes you to the Open Transform Wizard and briefly describes the wizard’s function. Click Next to begin using the wizard.

See Also
Open Transform Wizard

Transform Information Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Open Transform Wizard
In the Transform Information panel, you specify the base .msi file to which you want to apply this transform.

Panel Options

MST File Name
Read-only field that provides the path and file name of the .mst file.

Base MSI File Name
Specify the name of the base .msi file to which this transform (indicated in the MST File Name box) will be applied. Click the ellipsis (...) button to browse to an .msi file.

Click Next to move to the next panel.

See Also
Open Transform Wizard

Additional Transforms Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Open Transform Wizard
In this panel, you can supply the names of one or more additional transforms that you want applied prior to applying the transform that the Open Transform Wizard is currently creating. For example, you may want to include previous customization or transforms containing language-specific information. The transforms are applied in the order in which they are listed.
Adding a Transform

Task

To add a transform to the list:

1. Click New (Insert) or press Insert.
2. Type the full path and name of the .mst file or click the ellipsis (...) button to browse to it.

Deleting a Transform from the List

Task

To delete a transform from the list:

1. Select the transform in the list that you would like to remove.
2. Click Delete or press Delete.

Changing the Transform Order

Task

To change the order in which the transforms are applied:

Select a transform in the list and click the move up button or the move down button.

The transform that the Open Transform Wizard is creating is applied last.

Caution • When you are using multiple transforms, keep in mind that the order in which they are applied is critical. For example, if you create a transform for a Windows Installer package that creates a new value for a property, and then you create a second transform that changes the value created in the first transform, everything works correctly. However, if you apply the second transform first, that transform is attempting to modify the property’s value, instead of creating it. That will result in an error.

One simple example of where this may be a problem is with the default company name. If the value is not set by default, and you set it in the first transform, a new value for the property is created. If you create a second transform that modifies the combined original package and first transform, and the second transform changes the default company name, it is only changing the property. However, if you try to apply the second transform without the first one, Windows Installer interprets this as trying to change a null value to another value, which will result in an error.

Click Next to move to the next panel.

See Also
Open Transform Wizard

Create a Response Transform Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Open Transform Wizard

In this panel, you can specify that you want to create a response transform.
Panel Options

Table 13-2 • Create a Response Transform Panel Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Create response transform</td>
<td>If you want to create a response transform, select this check box. If you select this option, the user interface elements of the installation are executed when you click Finish. No file transfer takes place, and no changes to your machine occur. Complete this simulated installation, customizing the options available in each panel of the installation wizard as needed. When you reach the end of the installation sequence and click Install, the simulated installation exits. InstallShield saves all of the changes that you made during the simulated installation as default installation values in the response transform.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Command line properties (optional)</td>
<td>If you are using a response transform, you can specify additional command-line properties (in property name/value pairs separated by semicolons) to pass to the response transform. These must be public properties, and they control only how the dialog boxes are displayed during creation of the response transform. They are not persisted outside of the user interface sequence during creation. For example, you can pass the property/value pair ARPHELPLEPHONE=1-111-111-1111 to set the value of the Help Telephone field of Add or Remove Programs in Control Panel. You might pass a property/value pair during the creation of a response transform to display all dialog boxes during an installation that may not be displayed based on your system configuration (for example, to show Windows 9x–only dialog boxes on a Windows NT platform). You can then make appropriate responses and have them included in your transform.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Click Finish to exit the Open Transform Wizard and create your transform project. The transforms are applied to the .msi file specified in the Transform Information panel, and the transform project (.mst file) opens in Direct MST mode in InstallShield.

See Also
Open Transform Wizard
Response Transforms

Publish Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Use the Publish Wizard to save the selected installation element to a repository.

The following panels are associated with the Publish Wizard:

- Welcome
Welcome Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Publish Wizard
This panel welcomes you to the Publish Wizard. Click Next to begin using the wizard.

See Also
Publish Wizard

Repository Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Publish Wizard
The Repository panel of the Publish Wizard is where you specify the repository to which your installation element should be published.

See Also
Publish Wizard

Publishing Information Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Publish Wizard
The Publishing Information panel of the Publish Wizard is where you specify information that identifies the item that you are publishing to the repository. If you are publishing a dialog to the repository, for example, the information that you provide in the Publishing Information panel will be displayed for your dialog when you or other users browse the repository of dialogs.

Panel Options

Name
Specify a name for the dialog, template, script file, or other installation element that you are publishing.

Publisher
Type your name.

Description
Type the description that should be displayed for this installation element.

See Also
Publish Wizard
Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Publish Wizard

Use the Summary panel of the Publish Wizard to review the settings for the item that you are publishing to the repository. If you need to change anything, click Back until you reach the appropriate panel, and then make the necessary changes.

When you are done, click Finish. The Output window opens to inform you whether the installation element was successfully published to the selected repository.

See Also
Publish Wizard

Redistributable Downloader Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The Redistributable Downloader Wizard allows you to quickly download third-party redistributables, merge modules, prerequisites, and other files to your local machine. You can launch the Redistributable Downloader Wizard from the Release Wizard’s .NET Run-Time Options panel and from the Releases view (.NET 1.1/2.0 Core Language and .NET 1.1/2.0 Language Packs settings).

Task To use the Redistributable Downloader Wizard:

1. In the Select Files to Download panel, select the redistributables\prerequisites that you want to download and click Next to move to the Progress panel.
2. When the progress bars complete, click Next.
3. The final panel displays the list of redistributables\prerequisites that the wizard downloaded to your machine. Click Finish to exit the wizard.

Reg-Free COM Wizard

InstallShield 2020 » Reg-Free COM Wizard

Use the Reg-Free COM Wizard to create and modify Reg-Free COM manifest files to be included in your installation.

Note • Before you use the Reg-Free COM Wizard, you should add the COM libraries (.dll and .ocx files) and the executable file that uses them to your InstallShield project. Note that the Reg-Free COM manifest file, the executable file, and the COM libraries should all be installed to the same folder on the target machine.
Task

To launch the Reg-Free COM Wizard:

On the Project menu, click Reg-Free COM Wizard.

The following panels are associated with the Reg-Free COM Wizard:

- Welcome
- Select an EXE File
- Select the Manifest File
- Select Files
- Summary

See Also

Registering COM Servers

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Reg-Free COM Wizard

The Welcome panel provides a brief introduction to the Reg-Free COM Wizard. Click Next to begin using the wizard.

Note • Select the Don’t show the welcome panel again check box if you do not want this panel to appear the next time you open the wizard.

See Also

Reg-Free COM Wizard

Select an EXE File Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Reg-Free COM Wizard

The Select an EXE File panel is where you specify the executable file that uses the manifest file that you are creating or modifying.

Panel Options

Executable FileKey

Select an executable file from the Executable FileKey list and click Next. Note that the file must already be included in your installation project.

See Also

Reg-Free COM Wizard
Select the Manifest File Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Reg-Free COM Wizard

The Select the Manifest File panel is where you either specify that you are creating a new manifest (.manifest) file or that you are modifying an existing one. If you are modifying a manifest file, you need to specify where it is located.

Panel Options

Create a new manifest file that will be added to the project
To create a new manifest file, select this option.

Pre-existing file that will be added to the project
To specify a manifest file that already exists but has not been included in the project yet, select this option, and then click the Browse button to locate the file.

A manifest file that already exists in the project
To specify a manifest file that has already been added to the project, select this option and then select the file from the list.

See Also
Reg-Free COM Wizard

Select Files Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Reg-Free COM Wizard

The Select Files panel is where you specify the required COM library files (.dll or .ocx) that are used by the executable file. You can additionally specify to extract the COM information during each build by selecting the Refresh COM Info during Build check box. If you clear this check box, the COM information is injected into the manifest only once, when you have completed the wizard.

See Also
Reg-Free COM Wizard

Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Reg-Free COM Wizard

Use the Summary panel of the Reg-Free COM Wizard to review the options that you selected. If you need to change anything, click Back until you reach the appropriate panel, and then make the necessary changes.

When you are done, click Finish. The wizard creates a new component with the manifest file set as the key file. The manifest component has the same destination and condition as the associated executable-file component. The following file naming convention is used for manifest files:

ExecutableFileName.exe.manifest

For example, MyFile.exe.manifest is created for an executable file called MyFile.exe.

You can specify additional COM servers by running the wizard again and specifying the existing manifest file.
Release Wizard

The Release Wizard provides an easy way for you to build a release for your product and specify the settings particular to that release.

Task

To launch the Release Wizard and build your setup package, do one of the following:

- On the Build menu, click the Release Wizard button.
- Double-click the Release Wizard item in the Release view.
- Right-click on a product name or a release name in the tree control in the Release view, and select Release Wizard.

Task

You can launch an abbreviated version of the Release Wizard by doing one of the following:

- Click the Build button on the toolbar.
- Select Build from the Build menu.
- Right-click on a release name in the Release explorer, and select Build.

The Build option rebuilds the release that has focus in the Release view or builds the product's first release with default settings. The build feedback—and any build errors—appears in the Output window.

Another alternative to the Release Wizard is building a release at the command line.

Welcome Panel

This panel provides a brief introduction to the Release Wizard. This wizard walks you through all the necessary steps required to build a distributable release of your product.

Click Next to begin using the wizard.

Product Configuration Panel

A product configuration is the highest level of organization in the Release view. By grouping related releases together under a common product configuration, you can change specific settings for each release by editing the properties of the product configuration.
Panel Options

New product configuration
Select this option if you want to build this release under a new product configuration. Specify a name for the new configuration.

Existing product configuration
Select this option to build this release under an existing product configuration. Choosing this option overwrites any existing release.

Specify a Release Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

This panel gives you the option of creating a new release or rebuilding an existing release.

Panel Options

New Release Name
If you would like to build a new release, select the New Release Name option and then enter a new name in the field.

Existing Release Name
If you choose to build an existing release, click the Existing Release Name option and then select a release name from the drop-down list.

Filtering Settings Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • The Filtering Settings panel is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
The Filtering Settings panel prompts you to select which features, components, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages to include in your release.

**Table 13-3 • Filtering Settings Panel Options**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| **Release Flags**                    | To filter features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages, enter the release flags that you would like to include in this release. If you are including more than one flag, separate them with commas.  
You have the option of including a subfeature but not its parent feature. In such a case, the subfeature is built into the release as a top-level feature, and its parent is excluded from the release.  
The release flags that you enter here are combined with the product configuration flags. For more information on the relationship between the two, see Product Configuration Flags vs. Release Flags. |
| **Filter application data based on the following languages** | To filter application data based on each component’s language, select this option, and then select or clear the appropriate language check boxes.  
If you select one or more language check boxes, InstallShield includes in the release all of the components that are marked with a matching language, as well as all of the components that are marked as language independent; InstallShield excludes any components whose languages do not match. |

**See Also**

Release Flags

**Merge Module Options Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

The Merge Module Options panel provides the option to make your new module immediately available to other InstallShield packages by copying it to your local merge module gallery.

**Panel Options**

**Add to local merge module catalog**

Select this option if you would like your new module to be immediately available to other projects. The Merge Modules Locations field is located on the Merge Modules tab of the Options dialog.
Setup Languages Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • The functionality for the Setup Languages panel varies, depending on which project type you are using.

The Setup Languages panel lets you specify language-related settings for your installation’s run time.

Table 13-4 • Setup Languages Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Included Release Languages</td>
<td>The functionality for this box varies, depending on which project type you are using:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• In a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, this setting lets you specify which user interface languages you want to include in a release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that if a language is not selected in the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view of the project, it is not listed as one of the available languages in this box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• In an InstallScript or InstallScript Object project, use this setting if you want to include certain components and exclude others based on the language that is selected for each component. This setting also lets you specify which user interface languages you want to include in a release. If the language specified for a component does not match one of the languages that is selected in this box, InstallShield does not include the component in the release. In addition, if a UI language that is included in the project does not match one of the languages that is selected in this box, InstallShield does not include the UI strings in the release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>By default, releases are language independent; that is, none of the project’s components or UI strings are excluded from the release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that if a language is not selected in the General Information view of a project, it is not listed as one of the available languages in this box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Make Default</td>
<td>To override the release’s default project language that is configured in the General Information view or the String Editor view, select the appropriate default user interface language for your installation, and then click this button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Setting the Default Project Language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display the Setup Languages Dialog</td>
<td>If you want your installation to display the Choose Setup Languages dialog when it is run with a full user interface, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tip • A Setup.exe setup launcher is required if you want the language selection dialog to be displayed. To learn more, see Creating a Setup Launcher.
**Project** • In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, the Setup Languages panel affects only the user interface elements that you include in your project. To include components based on the language of the application data, see the Release Filtering panel.

For information on adding a language to a project, see Selecting the Installation Languages.

**See Also**
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield

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**Media Type Panel**

**InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard**

This panel prompts you to select the type of distribution media for which you want to create a release.

**Panel Options**

**Media type**

Choose the type of media on which you will be distributing your setup program. You can select from the following options:

**Table 13-5 • Media Type Panel Options**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CD-ROM</td>
<td>Select this option if you will be distributing your setup on a CD. The maximum size for this type of media is 650 MB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Custom</td>
<td>Select this option if the media that you are distributing is not in the list of media types. For example, you may be distributing your setup on floppy disks or Zip disks. You will need to set the format size and cluster size for this media, as it will change depending on the media type you are using.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DVD-5</td>
<td>This option allows you to ship your release on a 4.38 GB DVD-ROM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DVD-9</td>
<td>Choose this option if you plan on shipping your setup on a 7.95 GB DVD-ROM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DVD-10</td>
<td>This option allows you to ship your release on an 8.75 GB DVD-ROM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DVD-18</td>
<td>If you have an enormous setup, you can ship your release on 15.83 GB DVD-ROM media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Network image</td>
<td>If your setup is going to be placed on a network, you can choose this option. There is no size limit for this media type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Web</td>
<td>(Windows Installer based projects only) If you want to distribute your release over the Web, choose this option. There is no size limit for this media type.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Project • If your installation requires more than one disk, InstallShield automatically splits it across as many disks as needed. In a Windows Installer–based project, the wizard prompts you for more information about disk spanning later in the sequence.

Format size

If you chose the Custom media type, you will need to specify the capacity of the media in this field. For example, if you are shipping your installation program on a Zip disk, you will want to set the media size to 100 MB. If you chose any other media type, the maximum size allowed for that media is displayed in this field.

Cluster size in bytes (Windows Installer based projects only)

This option defines the minimum amount of space that each file requires. For bigger disks, the cluster size will be larger due to the formatting constraints.

Disk Spanning Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.

If your setup is larger than one disk, you have the option to split the setup into pieces so it can be distributed on multiple disks.

Panel Options

Automatic

Select this option to have the wizard automatically split your setup across as many disks as are necessary. This option is the recommended way to span your setup across disks.

Custom

Select this option to manually define how many disks your setup requires, and set the breakpoints yourself. This option requires you to specify which features will be stored on each disk in the Disk Spanning Advanced Settings panel.

Caution • Multi-disk setups cannot be run from a non-removable media (for example, from a hard drive). If you want to run test a setup that spans disks, you need to put the setup on your target media. If you do not, the setup will fail due to a limitation of the Windows Installer service.

Enforce disk size

Select this option if you want the wizard to verify that none of your disk images exceeds the media size that you selected. If any of the disks exceeds the specified size limit, Build Error -1531 appears when you try to build the project.

See Also

Spanning Installations over Multiple Disks or CDs
Custom Disk Spanning
Disk Spanning Advanced Settings Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.

This panel prompts you to specify the number of disks that your setup requires. In addition, you can choose which features are on each disk. This panel is displayed only if you selected the Custom Disk Spanning option on the Disk Spanning Options panel.

Panel Options

Disk Mapping

This dialog lists all the features included in the release when it was first built. Because a release is designed to be a snapshot of your build settings, features created after a release will not be available for disk mapping nor built into the current release. You must start a new release in order to map the new features.

All features are on Disk 1 by default. To change the name of this disk, click the Rename Disk button and type in the new name of the disk. To add a new disk, click the New Disk button.

Task • To transfer some of your features from one disk to another:

1. Select the feature that you want to move.
2. Click the Move Up or Move Down button. The feature will move through the hierarchy of the current disk until there is nowhere left to go, at which time it will skip to the next disk, provided there is another disk for it to move to.

Tip • Note the following when spanning your setup across multiple disks:

- A single feature cannot be spanned across multiple disks. If you have a feature that is too big to fit on one disk, you need to divide it into smaller features or subfeatures.
- Any merge modules that are included in your setup must be on the first disk, because these files must be available when Windows Installer first processes the database (.msi file).

If you add features to your setup after you have defined how you would like your setup to span across multiple disks, those features are automatically added to the last disk of your setup. You can add new disks to your setup at any time by using the Release Wizard.

Disk Prompt

Task • To indicate the prompt you want displayed to end users when the next disk needs to be inserted:

1. Select a disk in the Disk Mapping section.
2. Do one of the following in the Disk Prompt field.
   - Type the prompt that you want to display to end users.
Click the ellipsis button (…) to display the Select String dialog and select a string to use as the prompt.

Repeat for each disk except the last. The Release Wizard automatically creates a string-table entry for the Disk Prompt value, so you can provide a translated string for each language your setup program supports.

The string that is displayed comes from a number of sources throughout your project, as described below:

1. The complete prompt originates in the Error table (exposed in the Direct Editor) as Error record 1302.
2. This value in turn comes from your project’s string entries, and the default value for English reads “Please insert the disk: [2].”
4. Finally, Windows Installer evaluates [1] to the string you enter into the Disk Prompt field.

In most cases you should enter the same name as the disk volume (below). For example, assuming the defaults are unchanged, a Disk Prompt entry of Disk8 would cause the user to be prompted with “Please enter the disk: Disk8.”

**Disk Volume**

Select a disk and then enter the name for the resulting disk image folder. Repeat for each disk.

When you are building your release image for removable media (such as CD-ROM), be sure to create the media with the same volume names specified here.

If you leave the names as DISK?, the Release Wizard numbers the disks sequentially (for example, DISK1, DISK2, and so on).

*Tip* • Notice that the default name of the volume is in all uppercase letters. It is a good idea to keep the names as uppercase to accommodate media types, such as CD-ROM, which require volume names in that format.

**See Also**
Spanning Installations over Multiple Disks or CDs
Custom Disk Spanning
Disk Spanning Rules

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**Web Type Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

*Project* • This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.

The Web Type panel prompts you to select the configuration of your Web installation package.

**Panel Options**

**One Executable**

Select this option if you want to build this release as a single self-extracting Setup.exe. This Web type is ideal for a package that is to be downloaded from multiple Web or FTP sites, since the installation package is self-contained, and it does not contain any configuration information that ties it to a specific location.
Note, however, that the entire installation package will be downloaded, so the download size and time will be greater than the Install from the Web type described below.

**Downloader**

Select this option to build this release as a combination of Setup.exe and your .msi database. With this option, you can specify where your product’s data files should be stored: they can be streamed into the .msi database or stored externally in cabinet (.cab) files. Any .mst and .ini files are embedded in the Setup.exe file.

With the Downloader option, the end user downloads and runs Setup.exe, which in turn downloads and runs the .msi database. If the .cab files are stored externally, only the .cab files that are required, based on the end user’s setup type and feature selections, are downloaded and installed. This minimizes download size and time.

The URL that you specify in the Downloader Options panel of the Release Wizard is used during product maintenance and repair mode.

**Install from the Web**

Select this option to build this release as a combination of Setup.exe, your .msi database, and external cabinet (.cab) files. Any .mst and .ini files are embedded in the Setup.exe file.

With the Install from the Web option, the end user downloads and runs Setup.exe, which in turn downloads and runs the .msi database; based on the end user’s setup type and feature selections, only the requested .cab files are downloaded and installed, which minimizes download size and time.

The URL that you specify in the Install from the Web Options panel of the Release Wizard is used during product maintenance and repair mode.

### Downloader Options Panel

The Downloader Options panel is where you specify the URL for your installation package. It is also where you specify the location for your product’s data files.

**Table 13-6 • Downloader Options Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>URL for your package</td>
<td>Type the URL for your installation package—for example, <a href="http://www.yourcompany.com/downloads">http://www.yourcompany.com/downloads</a>. (The file name is not necessary.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Create external .cab files | To stream your product’s data files into the .msi package, clear this check box.  
To store your product’s data files outside the .msi package (in external .cab files), select this check box and then select the appropriate .cab Files option. |
Install From The Web Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.

The Install From The Web Options panel is where you specify the URL for your installation package. It is also where you specify how the .cab files should be created.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>URL to install files from the Web</td>
<td>Type the URL for your installation package—for example, <a href="http://www.yourcompany.com/downloads">http://www.yourcompany.com/downloads</a>. The URL must begin with http://.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.cab Files</td>
<td>Specify how the .cab files should be created. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **One .cab per component**—Builds a separate cabinet file for each component. At run time, only the cabinet files that are required by the end user’s setup type and feature selections are downloaded.
- **One .cab per feature**—Builds a separate cabinet file for each feature. At run time, only the cabinet files that are required by the end user’s setup type and feature selections are downloaded.
- **Multiple .cab files based on size**—Enter a specific size, in kilobytes, for each cabinet file.
One-Click Install Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

**Project**  •  This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.

The One-Click Install panel is where you specify whether to generate an HTML page and cabinet file from which an end user can begin installing your project.

**Panel Options**

**Generate a One-Click Install**

Select this option if you would like to create a One-Click Install, which is an installation program whose initial user interface is an HTML page. When an end user visits your Web page and clicks a button on it, the installation files are downloaded to the target system and then launched. The files that are downloaded to the user’s system depends on your setting for the Web Type property for the current release.

**HTML base file name**

Type in the base name of the HTML file to generate, as in `install`. The `.htm` extension will be added to the base name you specify.

**CAB base file name**

Type in the base name of the cabinet (.cab) file to generate, as in `install`.

Local Machine Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

**Project**  •  This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.

The Local Machine panel prompts you to specify whether and where your installation files should be cached on the target system.

**Panel Options**

**Cache installation on local machine**

Check this box if you would like your installation files to be cached on the target system. When the user performs maintenance operations on your product, the cached location you specify here will be used as the default installation source.

**Note**  •  Files cached on the target system using this option will not be automatically removed when the user uninstalls your product.
**Path**

Specify the directory in which files should be cached on the target system. You can enter a hard-coded path, as in C:\Cached Files, but it is recommended you include a destination variable from the drop-down list in the path, as in \[LocalAppDataFolder\]Downloaded Installations.

*Note* • Only the destination variables included in the Path list are available for use as download locations.

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**Release Configuration Panel**

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

*Project* • This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.

The Release Configuration panel enables you to specify the type of compression, if any, that you would like to use in your release.

If you are rebuilding an existing release, the wizard remembers your previous build settings.

Table 13-8 • Settings on the Release Configuration Panel

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Compress all files</td>
<td>Select this option to compress all of your product’s files into either a single executable file (Setup.exe) or a single Windows Installer package (.msi file).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leave files uncompressed and separate from the installation package</td>
<td>Select this option if your product’s files should not be compressed, and if they should be separate from your installation package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Custom</td>
<td>Specify whether the release should be compressed:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Compress all files</td>
<td>Select this option to compress all of your product’s files into either a single executable file (Setup.exe) or a single Windows Installer package (.msi file).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Leave files uncompressed and separate from the installation package</td>
<td>Select this option if your product’s files should not be compressed, and if they should be separate from your installation package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Custom</td>
<td>Select this option to compress only the files that are associated with one or more features into .cab files. If you select this option, the Release Wizard displays the Custom Compression Settings panel when you click Next to enable you to configure how the compression should be done.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Tip* • The output of the build process depends on your media type, compression, and spanning settings.
Note • The output of the build process depends on your media type, compression, and spanning settings.

- If you choose a Network Image media type and the Compress all files option, all your data files are compressed into Setup.exe or your .msi database, depending on whether you include the Setup.exe installation launcher.
- If you choose a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or Custom media type, along with the Compress all files option, each disk image contains a DataN.cab file that contains your data files.
- If you choose a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or Custom media type, along with the Custom option compression, the data files that you choose to compress are placed in cabinet files named ComponentName.cab.
- If you choose a Web media type, the build output is described on the Web Type panel of the Release Wizard.

Custom Compression Settings Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.

This panel prompts you to choose which features you would like to compress.

Panel Options

Features to Compress

All of the features included in this release are displayed here. Select the features that you would like to compress by selecting the check box next to each one.

A component or merge module can be associated with more than one feature. In such a case, the Release Wizard applies the compression settings of the first feature with which the component or module is associated. For example, if ComponentA belongs to both Feature1 (whose files are compressed) and Feature2 (whose files are uncompressed), the compression settings are applied as follows. If Feature1 is the first feature to be built into the release, ComponentA’s files will be compressed into the Windows Installer package or Setup.exe.

Select All

Click this button to select all features for compression.

Clear All

Click this button to deselect all features, meaning that none of the features will be compressed into the installation.

Setup Launcher Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • The Setup Launcher panel is available for the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
The Setup Launcher panel lets you specify whether you want to create a Setup.exe setup launcher. It also lets you specify whether you want to include the redistributable for Windows Installer 3.1 or earlier with your installation. For information about Windows Installer redistributables, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

### Table 13-9 • Settings on the Setup Launcher Panel

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Create installation launcher (Setup.exe)</td>
<td>Use this option to specify whether to create a Setup.exe setup launcher for the current release. The Setup.exe setup launcher is required in some cases. For example, if you want to install the Windows Installer engine on a target system, your release must include a setup launcher. It is also required if you selected the option to display the Language dialog in the Setup Languages panel. To learn more about scenarios that require a setup launcher, see Creating a Setup Launcher. The entire setup package and all of your application’s files are compressed into Setup.exe if you selected the Compressed and included within the installation package option on the Release Configuration panel for a Network Image or Web—One Executable media type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include MSI 3.1 Engine</td>
<td>If you want to include the Windows Installer engine installation so that it can be installed or upgraded on a target system if necessary, select this check box. As an alternative, you can add an InstallShield prerequisite for the Windows Installer to your project. For more information, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Suppress warning if the Windows Installer service cannot be upgraded</td>
<td>To suppress the warning dialog that is displayed if the Windows Installer service cannot be installed or upgraded on the target system, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delay engine reboot until after your setup installation completes</td>
<td>Select the Delay engine reboot until after your setup installation completes option to delay any reboot that may be required by the Windows Installer engine installation until your setup program has completed. Clear this option to allow the system to reboot immediately after installing or updating the Windows Installer engine, if necessary.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also
Creating a Setup Launcher

## Windows Installer Location Panel

This panel specifies where the Windows Installer engine installers (InstMsIA.exe and InstMsIW.exe) are located.
Panel Options

Download engine from the Web
Select this option to download the Windows Installer engine installers (if necessary) from the URL that is specified on the Setup Launcher panel.

Tip • This option is recommended if your installation will be downloaded from the Internet and you want to minimize the package size and download time. The engine will not be downloaded if the correct version is already present on the target machine.

Extract engine from Setup.exe
Select this option to compress the selected Windows Installer engine installers into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, if necessary.

Tip • Use this option if the entire installation must be self-contained in Setup.exe. Note that the Download engine from the Web option results in smaller installations and shorter download time; however, this option provides for a completely self-contained installation.

Copy from source media
Select this option to leave the Windows Installer engine installers on the root of the source media. This option is not available for Web media types or Network Image media types with all of your files compressed into Setup.exe.

Tip • Use this option if the installation will be run uncompressed from fixed media—CD, DVD, or local network.

InstallShield Prerequisites Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard
The InstallShield Prerequisites panel is displayed if your project contains one or more InstallShield prerequisites.

Use this panel to specify where the InstallShield prerequisites are located. Available options are as follows.
Tip • If you want to use the locations that are specified for each individual InstallShield prerequisite, you must select the Following Individual Selections option for the InstallShield Prerequisites Locations setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view. For more information, see Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific InstallShield Prerequisite.

Table 13-10 • Available Options on the InstallShield Prerequisites Panel

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Download prerequisites from the Web</td>
<td>Download all of the InstallShield prerequisite files included in your project (if necessary) from the URL specified in the InstallShield prerequisite (.prq) file for each prerequisite. Tip • This option is recommended if your installation will be downloaded from the Internet and you want to minimize the package size and download time. An InstallShield prerequisite will not be downloaded if the correct version is already present on the target machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extract prerequisites from Setup.exe</td>
<td>Compress the InstallShield prerequisite files into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, if necessary. Tip • Select this option if the entire installation must be self-contained in Setup.exe. Note that the Download prerequisites from the Web option results in smaller installations and shorter download time; however, the Extract engine from Setup.exe option provides for a completely self-contained installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copy prerequisites from source media</td>
<td>Store the InstallShield prerequisite files on the source media. Tip • Use this option if the installation will be run uncompressed from fixed media—CD, DVD, or local network.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Follow individual selections</td>
<td>Use the locations that are specified for each individual setup prerequisite’s properties in the Redistributables or Prerequisites view. For more information, see Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific InstallShield Prerequisite.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • If an InstallShield prerequisite is added to a project as a dependency of another prerequisite, the location for the prerequisite dependency follows the location setting of the prerequisite that requires it.

See Also
- Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer
- Removing InstallShield Prerequisites from a Project
- Specifying URLs for Downloading InstallShield Prerequisites
Digital Signature Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

The Digital Signature panel enables you to specify digital signature information for your package and the files in your package. Digitally signing your application assures your end users that the code within your application has not been modified or corrupted since publication.

**Table 13-11 • Settings on the Digital Signature Panel**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Certificate URL</td>
<td>Type a fully qualified URL—for example, <a href="http://www.mydomain.com">http://www.mydomain.com</a>. This URL is used in your digital signature to link to a site that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Digital certificate information</td>
<td>To specify the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release, click the Browse button next to this setting. The Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify either the location of the .pfx file or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate. To learn more, see Certificate Selection Dialog Box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate password</td>
<td>If the .pfx file that you are using has a password, enter it. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism). At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails. Note that if you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project's files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

- Digital Signing and Security
- Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time
- Digitally Signing a Release After It Has Been Built From the Command Line
- Changing the Timestamp Server for Digital Signatures

Digital Signature Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

The Release Wizard includes the Digital Signature Options panel if you enter digital signature information on the Digital Signature panel.

Use the Digital Signature Options panel to specify which files in your installation should be digitally signed at build time.
Tip • You can also configure digital signature information for a release on the Signing tab in the Releases view.

Table 13-12 • Settings on the Digital Signature Options Dialog Box

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sign Windows Installer Package</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want to sign your Windows Installer package (.msi file), select this check box. Note • You can sign the Windows Installer package only if version 2.0 or later is selected for the MSI Engine Version setting on the Setup.exe tab.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sign Media</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>If you want to digitally sign the media header file (Data1.hdr), select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Sign Setup.exe        | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | If you want to sign your Setup.exe file, select this check box. This setting is applicable only to releases that meet the following criteria:  
  • Single-file Setup.exe  
  • Compressed files  
  • Network image media type |
| Sign files in package | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | If you want to sign any of the files in your release, select this check box and then use the Include patterns and files and Exclude patterns and files boxes to indicate which files should be signed. Windows Logo • All executable files (including .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .cpl, .drv, and .scr files) in an installation must be digitally signed for the Windows logo program. |
Include patterns and files

Specify the files and file patterns that you want to be digitally signed at build time.

Note the following guidelines:

• You can type directly in the box. As an alternative, you can click the Files button, which launches the Browse for file dialog box. This dialog box lists all of the static files that are currently in your project. It also lists file patterns such as *.dll, which you can select.

• To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*).

For example, if you want to sign all .exe files, specify the following: *.exe

Using wild-card characters is especially helpful if you include dynamically linked files in your project and you want to sign all files that match a certain pattern.

• Put each file and each file pattern on its own line, with each separated by a carriage return.

• Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify *.exe in the Include patterns and files box and in the Exclude patterns and files box, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files.

Exclude patterns and files

Specify any files and file patterns that you do not want to be digitally signed at build time.

Note the following guidelines:

• You can type directly in the box. As an alternative, you can click the Files button, which launches the Browse for file dialog box. This dialog box lists all of the static files that are currently in your project. It also lists file patterns such as *.dll, which you can select.

• To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*).

For example, if you do not want to sign any .drv files, specify the following: *.drv

Using wild-card characters is especially helpful if you include dynamically linked files in your project and you want to avoid signing any files that match a certain pattern.

• Put each file and each file pattern on its own line, with each separated by a carriage return.

• Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify *.exe in the Include patterns and files box and in the Exclude patterns and files box, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files.
See Also
Digital Signing and Security
Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time
Digitally Signing a Release After It Has Been Built From the Command Line
Changing the Timestamp Server for Digital Signatures

Table 13-12 • Settings on the Digital Signature Options Dialog Box (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sign files that are already signed</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If any of the files in your project are already digitally signed, determine whether you want InstallShield to replace those existing digital signatures with the digital signature that you specify on the Digital Signature panel. Note that this affects only files that meet the requirements that are specified in the Include patterns and files and Exclude patterns and files boxes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• To use the digital signature information that you provided on the Digital Signature panel to sign a file instead of any existing digital signature information that is already included with the file, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• To leave the existing digital signature information intact for any files that are already signed, clear this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This check box is cleared by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sign files in their original location</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Determine whether you want InstallShield to sign your original files or just the files that are built into the release:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• If you want InstallShield to sign a temporary copy of each file and then use that signed temporary copy to build a release, clear this check box. Note that if you clear this check box, InstallShield will not modify or sign your original files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• If you want InstallShield to sign your original files, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This check box is cleared by default.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tip • The benefit of selecting this check box for a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project is that it helps create one patch that updates both compressed and uncompressed versions of a release that contains originally unsigned files.
Password & Copyright Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

The Password & Copyright panel prompts you to activate password protection for your installation. It also lets you specify whether you want to use default information or custom information for the Version tab on the Properties dialog box, which is displayed when end users right-click Setup.exe and then click Properties.

Table 13-13 • Password & Copyright Panel Settings

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Password Protect Setup.exe</td>
<td>If you want to require that end users enter a password in order for Setup.exe to run, select this check box, and then enter the password in the Password box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>Enter the password that end users must enter in order to run the installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Show Password Dialog Box During Setup Initialization | Project • This setting is available in InstallScript projects.  
If you want to launch the password-checking code in the OnCheckMediaPassword event handler function’s default code, select this check box.  
If you clear this check box, you must enter your own code in the script to request the password from end users and check it by calling FeatureValidate. |
| Use Custom Version Properties        | Project • This setting is available in the following project types:  
- Basic MSI  
- InstallScript MSI  
To override the default information and display your company’s copyright information, as well as other information, select this check box.  
The information is shown on the Properties dialog box, which is displayed when end users right-click Setup.exe and then click Properties. |
| Copyright Notice                     | Project • This setting is available in the following project types:  
- Basic MSI  
- InstallScript MSI  
Enter the copyright information that you want to be displayed on the Properties dialog box, which is displayed when end users right-click Setup.exe and then click Properties. |
.NET Framework Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • This panel is available in the following project types.

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

To include one or more versions of the .NET Framework in an InstallScript or InstallScript Object project, use the Objects view to add the Microsoft .NET Framework object to your installation.

The .NET Framework panel is where you add support for the 32-bit versions of the .NET Framework 1.0, 1.1, or 2.0.

Note • To include .NET Framework 3.5, 3.0 SP1, 3.0, 2.0 SP1 (x86, x64, IA64), or 2.0 (only x64, IA64) redistributables in your project, use the Redistributables view to add the appropriate InstallShield prerequisite for the Microsoft .NET Framework to your project.

For more information, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.

Table 13-14 • .NET Framework Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include or set up .NET Framework</td>
<td>Select this check box to include the .NET Framework with your installation. If it is not available on the target system, you can indicate the location where to find it and specify installation details.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.NET Version</td>
<td>Select the version of .NET Framework that you want to install to the target system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • To include .NET Framework 3.5, 3.0 SP1, 3.0, 2.0 SP1 (x86, x64, IA64), or 2.0 (only x64, IA64) redistributables in your project, use the Redistributables view to add the appropriate InstallShield prerequisite for the Microsoft .NET Framework to your project.

For more information, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Download from the Web</td>
<td>Select this option to download .NET Framework support from the URL that is specified in the Release property sheet’s .NET and J# Framework URL property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extract from Setup.exe</td>
<td>Select this option to extract the .NET Framework from Setup.exe and install it to the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copy from source media</td>
<td>Select this option to leave the .NET Framework on the root of the source media. This option is not available for Web media types or Network Image media types with all of your files compressed into Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### .NET Run-Time Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

**Project**  •  *This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.*

Use this panel to specify additional command line parameters to `DotNetFx.exe` and select the .NET core language.

#### Panel Options

**Command line to pass to `DotNetFx.exe`**

In the edit field, type a command line that you want to pass to `DotNetFx.exe`.

**.NET Core Language**

If you selected .NET version 1.1 in the .NET Framework panel, you can specify one .NET core language you want to distribute. This is the language that is used while the .NET 1.1 core redistributable is installed. If you selected version 2.0, the language options are disabled since they are all included with this version of the redistributable. To launch the Redistributable Downloader Wizard, click [Download more Languages](#).

### .NET Language Pack Run-Time Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

**Project**  •  *This panel is not available for InstallScript projects.*

Use this panel to select the .NET language packs you want to include with your setup. In addition, you can provide a command line to be used with `LangPack.exe`.

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**Table 13-14 • .NET Framework Panel Settings (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Show full user interface when</td>
<td>If you select this check box, the Microsoft .NET Framework (English) Setup wizard appears when dotnetfx.exe installs the .NET Framework on the target system. This wizard shows the progress of the .NET Framework installation. If you clear this check box, the InstallShield Wizard appears when dotnetfx.exe installs the .NET Framework on the target system. This InstallShield Wizard shows the progress of the .NET Framework installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>installing .NET Framework</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delay requested .NET reboots until</td>
<td>Select this check box to delay any prompts to reboot until after the installation is finished. The .NET Framework may not function until after this reboot. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you not select this check box if the .NET Framework is used during the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>after your installation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>
Panel Options

Command line to pass to LangPack.exe
Type a command line to pass to LangPack.exe.

.NET 1.1 Language Packs to Distribute
Select the check boxes next to the language packs that you want to distribute with your setup. The options available depend on the Microsoft language pack redistributables you have on your system. To download more, click Download more languages to launch the Redistributable Downloader Wizard.

Visual J# Run-Time Options Panel

Use this panel to select Visual J# options that will be used if the Visual J# run-time components are not installed on the target system.

Note • The version of Visual J# installed at runtime aligns with the version of the .NET Framework you selected in the .NET Framework panel.

Panel Options

Include Visual J# run-time components
Select this option to include the Visual J# run-time components you select below

Download from the Web
Select this option to have the setup download the components from the URL that is specified in the Release property sheet’s .NET and J# Framework URL property.

Extract from Setup.exe
Select this option to extract the J# run-time components from Setup.exe during the installation process.

Copy from source media
The components are copied from the installation’s source media.

Command line to pass to redist
Type a command line to pass to the J# redistributable. Consult Microsoft for valid command-line parameters.

Make the installation of J# optional
Prets the option to the end user while the installation is running—via a dialog.
If it is optional, and the setup is silent, install J#

If you elect to make J# installation optional and the installation is run silently, the option cannot be presented to the end user. In this case, the J# run-time components are installed without requiring the end user to make a choice.

Advanced Settings Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Advanced Settings panel enables you to set the release location and file name format. For installation projects, you can also specify whether you want to create Autorun and package definition files along with your release. You can optionally specify an earlier release build to optimize patch creation.

If you are rebuilding an existing release, the wizard remembers the build settings you last specified.
## Panel Options

### Release Settings

**Table 13-15 • Release Settings Area on the Advanced Settings Panel**

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
<td>Enter the directory where you would like your release to be saved. You may navigate to this directory by clicking the Browse button. Alternatively, you may enter a path variable for your release location. To use a path variable in this field, you can either navigate to the directory your path variable points to, or you can enter the name of the path variable you would like to use, enclosed in angle brackets—for example, <code>&lt;MyVariable&gt;</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Use long file names</strong></td>
<td>If your release will be stored on media that supports long file names, select this check box. If long file names are not supported, or if you are uncertain what file name format your media supports, clear this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Optimize size**     | If you want InstallShield to use the LZX method of compression when building this release’s cabinet files, select this check box. To use MSZIP compression, clear this check box.  
  The Cab Optimization Type setting on the Build tab for a release in the Releases view also lets you select LZX or MSZIP compression for the .cab files; in addition, this setting also lets you specify that you do not want to use any compression for the .cab files. |
|                       | **Important • Using compression generally decreases the size of your compressed files, but the build process may take more time to complete. Depending on the number and size of the files being compressed, the LZX compression and the build may take hours to complete. Therefore, if you select this check box, it is recommended that your build machine have the latest hardware to minimize the time that it takes for the build to complete.** |
|                       | This setting is used only if your release is configured to compress some or all of its files into .cab files. |
| **Use path variable test values** | If you used test values for any of your path variables, you can set those variables to their actual values at this time. |
Patch optimization (Optional) Area

To make the smallest possible patches, file keys in the File table should be identical in the earlier and later .msi databases. The patch-creation process uses the File table keys to determine if two files are the same file. (The actual file names cannot reliably be used, since a package might contain more than one file with the same name, installed under different conditions.) If the previous package is specified here, InstallShield uses identical File table keys for identical files.

For more information, see Upgrade Considerations.

Previous Windows Installer package

Browse for the earlier release version of the .msi file.

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**Table 13-15 • Release Settings Area on the Advanced Settings Panel (cont.)**

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<tr>
<td>Generate Autorun.inf</td>
<td>Choose this option if you are distributing your installation on a CD-ROM and want to support the AutoPlay feature, a Windows logo requirement. A text file called Autorun.inf containing the instructions to autoplay your installation will be created in the root of your disk images folder. You can edit this file to add additional AutoPlay options or to pass command-line parameters to MsiExec.exe or Setup.exe. AutoPlay will not work in the disk image folders on your development system, because it is enabled only in root drives. Note also that users can turn off AutoPlay on their own systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Generate Package Definition File</td>
<td>To create a package definition file (.pdf) that enables end users to run your installation as an SMS job, select this check box. If you select this check box, InstallShield creates a version 2.0 .pdf.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build UTF-8 Database</td>
<td>If you want the Windows Installer database, along with any instance or language transforms, to be built using the UTF-8 encoding, select this check box. The UTF-8 encoding supports characters from all languages simultaneously, enabling you to mix and match, for example, Japanese and German, or Russian and Polish, both in text shown to end users and in file names and registry keys. These mixed languages work correctly regardless of the current language of the target system. However, some scenarios result in user interface issues. For example, if an end user specifies the /qb command-line option or uninstalls the product from Add or Remove Programs, Windows Installer uses very small fonts to display the user interface text in a UTF-8 database. If you clear this check box, InstallShield creates an ANSI database when you build your release. This option does not let you mix characters from languages in different code pages. This check box is cleared by default.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Patching Considerations

Release Settings Summary Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

If you want to change any settings, click the Back button until you come to the panel that you would like to change. You can then return to the Release Settings Summary panel and start your build.

Panel Options

Build the Release

Select this option to build this release when you click Finish. Progress information for the build is displayed in the Output window.

Note • The Build your Release option does not appear on the Summary panel if the Release Wizard was launched from Microsoft Visual Studio.

General Options Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • The General Options panel is available in the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The General Options panel enables you to do the following:
- Create a self-extracting executable file for distributing your installation.
- Pass command-line options to Setup.exe.
- Pass preprocessor variable definitions to the compiler.
- Select whether to place the compiled script file (.inx file) in a cabinet file.

Project • In an InstallScript object project, the Compiler Preprocessor Defines list and the Advanced button are available; none of the other options on this panel are available.

Create a single file executable

Select this check box to create a self-extracting executable file. The File Name and Icon lists are enabled only if this check box is selected.
**File Name**

Type a file name for the self-extracting executable file or select a path variable whose value defines the password.

**Icon**

Optionally specify the fully qualified name of the file from which the executable file’s icon is taken at build time; if no file is specified, a default icon is used. To specify a file, type an explicit path, select and append to a path variable, or click the browse button to open the Change Icon dialog box, in which you can click the Browse button to select a file. By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the file name. For example, `C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2` indicates the icon with an index of 2, and `C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100` indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100.

**Compress compiled script (.inx) file into media**

If the compiled script file (.inx file) should be placed in a cabinet file, select this check box. If the file should be placed uncompressed in the Disk1 disk image folder, clear this check box.

**Setup Command Line**

Optionally specify any command-line parameters you want to pass to Setup.exe when the installation is launched; type a command line or select a path variable.

**Compiler Preprocessor Defines**

Optionally specify any preprocessor variable definitions; type the definitions or select a user-created build variable. Preprocessor variable definitions that are specified here apply only to the current release; they are not used when compiling the script for other releases. Use the following format, with no spaces before or after equals signs or commas:

MYVARIABLE1=123, MYVARIABLE2

Such variables can be tested in the script by #if and #ifdef statements that control the flow of the script. When you are creating an InstallScript object, enter IFX_OBJECTS.

Entering the name of a preprocessor variable in this box defines the variable. For example, if you enter MYVARIABLE in this box, the script commands in the following #ifdef loop are executed:

```c
#ifdef MYVARIABLE
    // Commands
#endif
```

After you add or change a preprocessor variable definition in this box, you must compile your installation project for the addition or change to take effect. To learn how, see **Compiling Scripts**.

**Other Disk Files**

This button is enabled only if there are files in the Other folder under Advanced Files in the Support Files/Billboards view and you selected a media format that produces multiple disk images—which is true for all formats other than Network Image.

When you click this button, the General Options - Other Disk Files dialog box opens. This dialog box lets you specify a location in the disk image folders for each file that is in the Other folder.
Advanced

When you click this button, the General Options - Advanced dialog box opens. This dialog box lets you specify a custom location for the built files, the space that is reserved in the disk images folders, and whether the installation performs MD5 checking.

Features Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • This panel is not available for the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The Features panel allows you to specify which features are included in the built release.

Panel Options

Use the "Include in Build" property

If this option is selected, each feature whose Include in Build property is set to Yes is included in the built release and each feature whose "Include in Build" property is set to No is not included.

Specify the features

Lets you specify for each feature whether the feature is included in the built release. To toggle a feature’s inclusion, click the check box next to the feature. A checked box indicates that a feature is included in the built release; an unchecked box indicates that a feature is not included.

You cannot toggle the inclusion status of InstallScript objects. Objects will always have the same inclusion status as their parent feature.

A disabled checked box indicates that the feature cannot be excluded because it is required by a feature that is included.

If you toggle a feature to included, all its parent, child, and required features will also become included, as well as all child features of its required features. If you toggle the feature to excluded, then its child features will become excluded as well. If this feature’s parent has no more included features, then the parent will become excluded as well; a parent feature must have at least one child feature included for it to be included. If you exclude all but one of the visible child features of a required feature, the remaining visible child feature of the required feature is automatically included and disabled so that at least one child feature remains included.

Visible features (features whose Visible property is set to Yes) are displayed with a filled icon (_FILL); invisible features are displayed with an unfilled icon (VOID).

Media Layout Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • This panel is not available for Windows Installer-based or InstallScript MSI projects.
This panel allows you to specify, for individual features or for all features, whether the features’ files are stored in cabinet files or placed uncompressed in the disk image.

**Panel Options**

**Cabinet File(s)**
Store all features’ files in cabinet files.

>Note • You can specify in a component’s Compressed property whether the component’s files are compressed or uncompressed when stored in a cabinet file.

**CD-ROM Folder(s)**
Place all features’ files uncompressed in the disk image. Files associated with a given feature are placed in the disk image in the folder specified in the feature’s CD-ROM Folder property. If no folder is specified, that feature’s files are placed in the root of the disk image.

**Custom**
If this option is selected, clicking the panel’s Next button displays the Custom Media Layout panel, which lets you specify for individual features whether the feature’s files are stored in cabinet files or placed uncompressed in the disk image.

### Custom Media Layout Panel

This panel allows you to specify, for individual features or for all features, whether the features’ files are stored in cabinet files or placed uncompressed in the disk image.

**Panel Options**

**Features in cabinets**
Lets you specify for individual components whether the component’s files are stored in cabinet files or placed uncompressed in the disk image. To toggle a component’s storage mode, click the check box next to the component. A checked box signifies that a component’s files are stored in cabinet files. An unchecked box signifies that a component’s files are placed in the disk image in the folder specified by the component’s CD-ROM Folder property. If no folder is specified, that component’s files are placed in the root of the disk image.

**Select All**
Selects all features in the **Features in cabinets** box.
Clear All

Deselects all features in the **Features in cabinets** box.

**User Interface Panel**

*InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard*

**Project** • This panel is not available for the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

This panel allows you to specify the look and feel of your setup’s end user dialog boxes.

**Panel Options**

**Use project’s default**

If this option is selected, the end user dialog boxes are displayed with the skin that is selected in the Dialogs view’s Skins folder, as shown in the Dialog Preview graphic.

**Do not use any skin**

If this option is selected, the end user dialog boxes are displayed in standard Windows style, as shown in the Dialog Preview graphic.

**Use skin specified below**

If this option is selected, the end user dialog boxes are displayed with the skin that you select in the list box, as shown in the Dialog Preview graphic. Note that the BlueTC skin uses GIF files and so under a 16-bit color setting does not look as good as the Blue skin, which uses bitmaps (and so is much larger).

**Dialog Preview**

Displays a sample of how the end user dialog boxes will appear as a result of the selections you made with the option buttons and list box.

**Note** • The dialog boxes that are displayed by the following functions cannot be displayed with a skin; they appear the same regardless of whether you have specified a skin.

- AskYesNo
- EnterDisk
- MessageBox
- MessageBoxEx
- RebootDialog
- SdComponentDialog—the Available Disk Space dialog box
- SdComponentDialog2—the Select Subcomponents dialog box
- SdComponentDialogAdv—the Available Disk Space dialog box
Display small initialization dialog

If checked, the setup initialization dialog box is the small box that was shown by setups created with InstallShield Professional version 6.31 and earlier—unless the setup displays a security, Save And/or Run Setup, Choose Setup Language, or Qualifying Product(s) Detected dialog box, in which case the setup initialization dialog box is larger and is consistent with the rest of the end user dialog boxes, regardless of the state of this check box. If unchecked, the setup initialization dialog box is larger and is consistent with the rest of the end user dialog boxes.

If this check box is unchecked, the setup initialization dialog box (and the Choose Setup Language dialog box, if any) are not displayed until the startup graphic closes. To specify the length of time for which the startup graphic displays, set Setup.ini’s [Startup] section’s SplashTime value.

Internet Options Panel

The Internet Options panel enables you to specify various Internet-related options.

Note • Any release can be run over the Internet, regardless of its media type.

Table 13-16 • Settings on the Internet Options Panel

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Generate One-Click Install</strong></td>
<td>To create a One-Click Install installation that end users can download from the Internet and install, select this check box. If you select this check box, InstallShield includes with your installation an external setup player (Setup. ocx file) that downloads and then launches the Setup. exe file with the appropriate command line. If you select this check box, the other settings on this panel are enabled. To learn more, see One-Click Install Installations in InstallScript Projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create a default Web page for the setup</td>
<td>Select this check box to indicate that you want InstallShield to create a default Web page (.htm file) in the Disk1 folder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Typical Web Installation vs. One-Click Install

### Update Panel

**InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard**

**Project**  
This panel is not available for the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

This panel allows you to specify the release format and the existing releases for which the current release can be run as an update.

**Tip**  
To create a setup that can be run on a system on which no version of your product is currently installed, select the Full option and the Non-version specific option.

### Panel Options

**Full**

Specifies that the current release is a full release.

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**Table 13-16 • Settings on the Internet Options Panel (cont.)**

<table>
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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enter the URL to launch</td>
<td>Do one of the following to indicate what URL should be launched if you click the Run From Web command on the Build menu:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To launch the Setup.htm file that InstallShield creates at build time and places in the Disk1 folder, leave this box blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• To launch a different Web page, type the URL in this box or click the browse button to select the Web file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip**  
If you enter a URL, do not include the name of the page, and do not include an ending forward slash. For example, if the full URL for the Setup.htm file is http://www.mypages.com/setup/Setup.htm, enter the following as the URL to launch: http://www.mypages.com/setup.

When you click the Run from Web command on the Build menu, InstallShield launches the appropriate URL (http://www.mypages.com/setup/Setup.htm, in the aforementioned example).
Non-version specific
Enabled only if the Full option button is selected. Specifies that the current release can update any existing version of your application (as long as it was installed by a setup that was created with InstallShield Professional version 6.0 or later), or can install your application on a system on which no version of your product is currently installed.

Version specific
Enabled only if the Full option button is selected. Specifies that the current release can update only the versions of your application that are specified in the combo box.

combo box
Enabled only if the Version specific option is selected. Lets you specify the versions of your product to which the update can be applied. Type a semicolon-delimited list of version numbers (for example, 1.2.3;1.2.4) or select a list of version numbers from the list box. If you leave this field blank, the update can be applied to all earlier versions of your product.

Differential
Specifies that the current release is a differential release.

list box
Enabled only if the Differential option button is selected. Displays the existing releases to which the current project is compared when creating the new differential release. A file in the current project is excluded from the differential release if the same file (with the same date and time, size, and attributes) exists in each of the specified releases; otherwise the file is included in the differential release. (Files in a component whose Difference property is set to No are always included in the differential release.) You specify these releases by clicking the Import and Add buttons.

Also displays the version information for each release.

Note • If the setup is unable to determine a specified release’s version information, that version of your product cannot be updated by the setup. If no version information is displayed for a release, select the release, click the Modify button, then select the Specify the version information below option and type or select a version number.

Add
Enabled only if the Differential option is selected. Opens the Existing Media dialog box, in which you can specify a release that is in the current project.

Import
Enabled only if the Differential option is selected. Opens the Media File Properties dialog box, in which you can specify a release that is not in the current project.

Modify
Enabled only if the Differential option is selected and a single release is selected in the list box. Opens the Media File Properties dialog box, in which you can change the release selection and the version information that is associated with the release.
Remove
Enabled only if the Differential option is selected and one or more releases are selected in the list box. Removes the selected release from the list.

Objects
Enabled only if the Differential option is selected. Opens the Object Difference dialog box, in which you select the conditions for including InstallScript objects in your differential release.

Object Difference Dialog Box

InstallShield 2020

This dialog box opens when you click the Objects button in the Release Wizard's Update panel. This dialog box allows you to specify the conditions for including InstallScript objects in your differential media.

Dialog Options

Include All
Specifies that the differential build will include all objects that would have been included in a full (non-differential) build. (This excludes, for example, objects that are associated with a feature whose Include In Build property is set to No or that is deselected in the Release Wizard's Features panel.)

Include If Changed
Specifies that the differential build will include only those objects that would have been included in a full build and are absent from, or have an earlier version number in, all the specified comparison media.

Note • If the current project and all specified comparison media include the InstallShield Object Installer object, the media builder compares the files packaged by the InstallShield Object Installer in the current project to the packaged files in the specified media. The media builder includes in the InstallShield Object Installer only those files that are absent from—or have an earlier date and time, different size, or different attributes in—all the specified comparison media.

Exclude All
Specifies that the differential build will include no objects.

Postbuild Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Release Wizard

Project • The Postbuild Options panel is not available for the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
The Postbuild Options panel enables you to copy disk image folders to a folder or FTP site, or execute a batch file, after the release build is complete.

**Table 13-17 • Settings on the Postbuild Options Panel**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Upload release files to the FTP site specified below</strong></td>
<td>To automatically distribute your release to an FTP site, select this check box and enter the FTP location. Also enter the user name and password, if applicable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>❏ <strong>FTP Location</strong></td>
<td>Specify the FTP URL for the location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>❏ <strong>User Name</strong></td>
<td>If a user name is required to upload to the FTP location, enter the user name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>❏ <strong>Password</strong></td>
<td>If a password is required to upload to the FTP location, enter the password.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Copy the built media files to the folder specified below</strong></td>
<td>If you want to be able to automatically distribute your release to a folder, select this check box and specify the FTP URL for the location. Existing folders with the same names as copied folders are overwritten, but no folders are deleted. Specify the folder path by typing the path in the box, or click the browse button to browse to the location. If the media format of the selected release is a network image, which creates only one disk image folder, the contents of the disk image folder, rather than the folder itself, are copied. If you chose to create a self-extracting executable file, the executable file, rather than the disk image folders, is copied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Execute the batch or executable file specified below after building the media files</strong></td>
<td>To launch a batch file (.bat) or executable file (.exe) after the release has been built, select this check box and specify the path in the box. You can either type the path or click the browse button to browse to the file. In addition, you can select a path variable in the list and then type the rest of the path. If you select this check box, InstallShield sets environment variables with the same names (including the angle brackets) and values as the project’s build variables. InstallShield also sets the environment variable &lt;ISMEDIADIR&gt;, whose value is the path to the folder in which the release’s Disk Images, Log Files, and Report Files folders are created. You can refer to the value of an environment variable in a batch file by surrounding the variable name with percent signs (%); for example: set PATH = %&lt;ISPROJECTDIR&gt;%;%PATH% When the file is finished, InstallShield deletes the environment variables that it set.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Setup Best Practices Wizard

InstallShield 2020

This wizard is invoked whenever you violate Setup Best Practices while adding files to a component. The wizard tells you which Best Practices you are not following and gives you the option to correct the action.

The wizard appears only if you have enabled active monitoring of Best Practices in the Options dialog.

Welcome Panel

The wizard is informing you that by adding files to a component you have violated one of the following Setup Best Practices:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Components Should Not Contain Multiple EXEs, DLLs, OCXs, CHMs, or HLPs</td>
<td>Each component should contain only one “portable executable” file (an EXE, DLL, or OCX) or help file (CHM or HLP). Windows Installer components are designed such that all of the advanced settings and component properties, such as the code GUID, refer ideally to a single portable executable or help file. Place other EXEs, DLLs, OCXs, CHMs, or HLPs into new components.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A File Cannot Be Associated with More than One Component</td>
<td>This Best Practice is extremely important for shipping reusable components and facilitating resiliency. Microsoft recommends that no file be shipped in more than one component, “even across products, product versions, and companies.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use Merge Modules</td>
<td>Merge modules contain all of the files, registry entries, and logic necessary to install a distinct piece of functionality. You should not distribute a file for which a merge module is available. Using merge modules also helps you comply with two related requirements—the Best Practice to avoid associating a file with more than one component and the Windows logo guideline not to ship any core components. If the Best Practices monitoring option is enabled, the Setup Best Practices Wizard alerts you whenever you try adding to a component any file that is part of the merge modules that InstallShield provides.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Panel Options

Please do not warn me of other Setup Best Practice conflicts

Selecting this option if you do not want the Setup Best Practices Wizard to notify you of Best Practices violations. You can reverse this action later in the Tools | Options panel.
Compliance Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Setup Best Practices Wizard

This panel tells you which files violate the Setup Best Practices listed in the Welcome panel by placing a warning icon next to the file and citing the specific Best Practice rule violated.

Panel Options

Files
The list contains all of the files you added to the component and tells you which of them violates Best Practices. You can ignore the wizard’s recommendations by clicking Finish (or Cancel to exit the wizard altogether), or you can correct the Best Practices conflict by clicking the Remove button.

Remove
Select a file and click the Remove button to prevent the file from being added to this component.

Static Scanning Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, the value that is selected for a component’s .NET Scan at Build setting affects how the Static Scanning Wizard scans the files in that component. To learn more, see Static Scanning.

The Static Scanning Wizard enables you to scan the files that are in your project for potential dependencies that they may require. This wizard scans all .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .com, .drv, .scr, and .cpl files in your project and lets you add any detected dependencies to your installation.

The new files that added to your project are added to the same feature as the file that depends on them, thereby ensuring they get installed when needed.

Task

To launch the Static Scanning Wizard:

1. In the View List under Additional Tools, click Dependency Scanners.
2. Click the Perform Static Scanning button.

The following panels are associated with the Static Scanning Wizard:

• Welcome
• Filter Files
• Scanning Progress
Chapter 13

- File Selection
- Scan Results
- Completing the Static Scanning Wizard

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Static Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Static Scanning Wizard enables you to scan the files that are in your project for potential dependencies that they may require. This wizard scans all .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .com, .drv, .scr, and .cpl files in your project and lets you add any detected dependencies to your installation.

Click the Next button to begin scanning your project’s files for dependencies.

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Static Scanning Wizard

Filter Files Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Static Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Static Scanning Wizard may list as dependencies certain files that you do not want added to your installation. For example, common system files that are already present on target machines usually do not need to be reinstalled. To avoid having these files added to your installation when you run the scanner, select the Filter files check box on the Filter Files panel.

To learn how to customize the list of files that are excluded from scans, see Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners.
Scanning Progress Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Static Scanning Wizard

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Scanning Progress panel is displayed when the Static Scanning Wizard is scanning all .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .com, .drv, .scr, and .cpl files in your project for dependencies. No files are added until you have confirmed the findings of the scan.

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Static Scanning Wizard

File Selection Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Static Scanning Wizard

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
The File Selection panel displays a list of possible files and merge modules that you may need to add to your project. Use this panel to select the ones that you want to include in your installation. For more information, see Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results.

### Table 13-19 • File Selection Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>File</strong></td>
<td>Indicate which files you want added to your installation by selecting the appropriate check boxes. The meaning of each type of icon is as follows:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• ![Icon] This icon indicates that the file is a system or driver files. They are normally not redistributed as part of an installation, and they can potentially cause target systems to become inoperable. Ensure that these files are necessary before including them.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• ![Icon] This icon indicates a non-system file. To include the file in your project, select the corresponding check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• ![Icon] This icon indicates a merge module. To include the merge module in your project, select the corresponding check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• ![Icon] This is the icon for a .NET assembly in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• ![Icon] This icon indicates a file that the Static Scanning Wizard has detected but is already in the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Deselect All</strong></td>
<td>If you want to clear all of the check boxes, click this button. You can then manually select each check box that corresponds with a file or merge module that you would like to add to your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Select All</strong></td>
<td>If you want to select all of the check boxes, click this button. You can then manually clear each check box that corresponds with a file or merge module that you do not want to add to your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also
- Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
- Static Scanning Wizard

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**Scan Results Panel**

**InstallShield 2020 ➔ Static Scanning Wizard**

**Project • This information applies to the following project types:**

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
The Scan Results panel shows the dependencies that the wizard identified and that you selected to be added to your project.

To add these dependencies to your project, click the Next button. To exit the wizard without adding the dependencies, click the Cancel button. To review the list of potential dependencies again and add or remove any of them, click the Back button.

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Static Scanning Wizard

Completing the Static Scanning Wizard Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Static Scanning Wizard

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

When the Static Scanning Wizard shows the Completing the Static Scanning Wizard panel, the wizard has added the selected dependencies to your project.

Click Finish to close the wizard and return to InstallShield.

See Also
Scanning for 64-Bit Dependencies
Reviewing Dependency Scanner Results
Static Scanning Wizard

System Search Wizard

InstallShield 2020

Project • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The System Search Wizard provides the Windows Installer capability to search for a particular file, folder, registry key, .xml file or .ini value on a target system prior to installation.
Task

To launch the System Search Wizard:

1. In the View Bar / View List under Behavior and Logic, click System Search.

2. Do one of the following:
   - To create a new system search: Right-click in the grid and click Add.
   - To edit an existing system search: Right-click the item that you want to edit and then click Modify.

The System Search Wizard consists of the following panels:

- Welcome
- What do you want to find?
- How do you want to look for it?
- What do you want to do with the value?

See Also
Searching for Installed Data
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard

The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Welcome panel in the System Search Wizard. This wizard enables you to add or modify a system search in your project. Click Next to add or modify a system search.

See Also
System Search Wizard
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time
What do you want to find? Panel

The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The What do you want to find? panel of the System Search Wizard is where you specify the type of item you are searching for and where to conduct that search on the target system. Available options are:

- File path, by searching folders
- Folder path, by searching all drives
- Folder path, by searching in a specific folder
- Folder path, by searching for a specific file
- File path, as specified by a registry entry
- Folder path, as specified by a registry entry
- Registry entry
- File path, as specified by an .ini file value
- Folder path, as specified by an .ini file value
- .ini file value
- File path, as specified by a component’s key file
- Folder path, as specified by a component’s key path
- XML file value

If you are searching for a registry entry that contains a file path or folder, the file or folder must exist on the target system in order for the search to be successful. Otherwise, the value from the search is not set to a property.

If you are searching for a file or folder, the full path to that item is stored in the property. If you are searching for a registry value, the data of that value is stored in the property. The same holds true for .ini files. For components, the key path to the component is in the property.

To get the property using script, see MsiGetProperty in the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also

System Search Wizard
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time
How do you want to look for it? Panel (Defining Your System Search Method)

InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard

**Project** - The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The **How do you want to look for it?** panel contains settings that let you customize your search. The settings in this panel vary, depending on the type of search that you selected in the previous panel.

**Table 13-20 • Customizing Your Search**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Search</th>
<th>Corresponding Settings That Need to Be Configured</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File path, by searching folders</td>
<td>Specify file details and where to search for the file. To learn more, see Specify the file details Panel (File Search Options).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder path, by searching all drives</td>
<td>Specify the name of the folder and how many subfolder levels you want to be searched. To learn more, see How do you want to look for it? Panel (Folder Search Options).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder path, by searching in a specific folder</td>
<td>Specify the name of the folder and where on target systems to look. To learn more, see How do you want to look for it? Panel (Specific Folder Options).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder path, by searching for a specific file</td>
<td>Specify file details and where to search for the file. To learn more, see Specify the file details Panel (File Search Options).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File path, as specified by a registry entry</td>
<td>Specify details about the registry entry. To learn more, see How do you want to look for it? Panel (Registry Search Options).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder path, as specified by a registry entry</td>
<td>Specify details about the registry entry. To learn more, see How do you want to look for it? Panel (Registry Search Options).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registry entry</td>
<td>Specify details about the registry entry. To learn more, see How do you want to look for it? Panel (Registry Search Options).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File path, as specified by an .ini file value</td>
<td>Specify details about the .ini file value. To learn more, see How do you want to look for it? Panel (.ini File Search Options).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Table 13-20 • Customizing Your Search (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Search</th>
<th>Corresponding Settings That Need to Be Configured</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Folder path, as specified by an .ini file value</td>
<td>Specify details about the .ini file value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="https://installshield.com/documentation">How do you want to look for it? Panel (.ini File Search Options)</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.ini file value</td>
<td>Specify details about the .ini file value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="https://installshield.com/documentation">How do you want to look for it? Panel (.ini File Search Options)</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File path, as specified by a component’s key file</td>
<td>Specify the component identifier.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="https://installshield.com/documentation">How do you want to look for it? Panel (Component Search Option)</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Folder path, as specified by a component’s key path</td>
<td>Specify the component identifier.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="https://installshield.com/documentation">How do you want to look for it? Panel (Component Search Option)</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML file value</td>
<td>Specify file details and where to search for the XML file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see <a href="https://installshield.com/documentation">Specify the file details Panel (File Search Options)</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

- [System Search Wizard](https://installshield.com/documentation)
- [Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time](https://installshield.com/documentation)

**Specify the file details Panel (File Search Options)**

*InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard*

**Project** • *The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
If you are configuring the **File path, by searching folders** type of system search, the **Folder path, by searching for a specific file** type of search, or the **XML file value** type of search, the following settings are available on the **Specify the file details and specifically where to search for the file** panel:

**Table 13-21 • Specify the file details and specifically where to search for the file Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>File Name</strong></td>
<td>Enter the full name and extension of the file or application that you want to locate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>When you enter a file name, the wizard enables the Details button. To modify your search to include any particular version, date, size, or language, click this button. To learn more, see <strong>File Details Dialog Box</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Look In</strong></td>
<td>Specify where on target systems you want Windows Installer to search.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Maximum number of subfolders to search</strong></td>
<td>Specify the maximum number of subfolders that you want Windows Installer to search for the file on the target system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
- System Search Wizard

**How do you want to look for it? Panel (Folder Search Options)**

**InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard**

**Project** • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

If you are configuring the **Folder path, by searching all drives** type of system search, the following settings are available on the **How do you want to look for it?** panel:

**Table 13-22 • How do you want to look for it? Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Folder Name</strong></td>
<td>Enter the full name and extension of the folder that you want Windows Installer to find.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Look In</strong></td>
<td>Specify where on target systems you want Windows Installer to search.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-22 • How do you want to look for it? Panel Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of subfolder levels to search</td>
<td>Specify the number of subfolder levels that you want Windows Installer to search on target systems.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
System Search Wizard

How do you want to look for it? Panel (Specific Folder Options)

InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard

Project • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

If you are configuring the Folder path, by searching in a specific folder type of system search, the following settings are available on the How do you want to look for it? panel:

Table 13-23 • How do you want to look for it? Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Folder Name</td>
<td>Enter the full name and extension of the folder you want to locate.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Look In       | Specify where on target systems you want Windows Installer to search. You can either specify a full path or select a path from a previous search.  
If you want to specify a full path, you can click the Browse button to select an existing directory or create a new one.  
If you want to specify a path from a previous search, select it from the drop-down list. Note that the list is empty if your project does not contain any other searches. |
| Number of subfolder levels to search | Specify the number of subfolder levels that you want Windows Installer to search on target systems. |

See Also
System Search Wizard
How do you want to look for it? Panel (Registry Search Options)

InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard

Project • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

If you are configuring the **Folder path, as specified by a registry entry** type of system search, the **Folder path, as specified by a registry entry** type of system search, or the registry entry type of system search, the following settings are available on the **How do you want to look for it?** panel:

**Table 13-24 • How do you want to look for it? Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Registry Root</td>
<td>Select the registry root where you want Windows Installer to search on target systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registry Key</td>
<td>Enter the exact registry key that is associated with the item that you are locating. For example, to locate <code>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Adobe\Acrobat</code> on the target system, you would enter <code>SOFTWARE\Adobe\Acrobat</code> in this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Tip</strong> • Ensure that the syntax is correct by copying the correct key name from the Windows Registry Editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registry Value (Optional)</td>
<td>To search for a specific registry value, enter the registry value exactly as it appears in the Windows Registry Editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • If this setting is blank, the system search looks for the registry key's default value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Search the 64-Bit Portion of the Registry</td>
<td>A 64-bit target system typically has two <code>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software</code> keys:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- HKLM\Software, which is for 64-bit applications</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- HKLM\Software\Wow6432Node, which is for 32-bit applications</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you want Windows Installer to check the 64-bit portion of the registry (HKLM\Software) on 64-bit target systems, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

- Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time
- System Search Wizard
How do you want to look for it? Panel (.ini File Search Options)

InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard

**Project** • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

If you are configuring the **File path, as specified by an .ini file value** type of system search, the **Folder path, as specified by an .ini file value** type of system search, or the **.ini file value** type of system search, the following settings are available on the **How do you want to look for it?** panel:

**Table 13-25 • How do you want to look for it? Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>INI File Name</td>
<td>Specify the .ini file name as it should appear on target systems. The file must exist in the Windows folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INI Section Name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the section in the .ini file that contains the value that you want Windows Installer to find.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INI Key Name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the key that contains the value that you want Windows Installer to find.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Read entire line</td>
<td>If you want Windows Installer to read the entire line in the .ini file, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
System Search Wizard

How do you want to look for it? Panel (Component Search Option)

InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard

**Project** • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
If you are configuring the **File path, as specified by a component’s key file** type of system search or the **Folder path, as specified by a component’s key path** type of system search, the System Search Wizard displays the **How do you want to look for it?** panel. This panel is where you specify the identifier of the component whose key path or key file is to be used for the search. The component ID must be enclosed in curly braces {}.

**See Also**
System Search Wizard

### Specify the data that you wish to find in the XML file Panel (XML File Options)

*InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard*

**Project** • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

If you are configuring the **XML file value** type of system search, the System Search Wizard displays the **Specify the data that you wish to find in the XML file** panel. This panel is where you specify which .xml element you want to search for in the .xml file on the target system.

#### Table 13-26 • Specify the data that you wish to find in the XML file Panel Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>XPath to XML Element</td>
<td>Specify an XPath expression to identify the data in the XML file that you want to find.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Example: Element/SubElement)</td>
<td>For examples of XPath expressions, see <a href="#">Using XPath Expressions to Find XML Data in an XML File</a>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Look For                 | Select the type of XML data that you want to find. You can search for the value of an attribute in the element that you specify, the contents of the element, or the existence of the element. |

**See Also**
System Search Wizard
What do you want to do with the value? Panel

InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard

**Project** • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

In the What do you want to do with the value? panel, specify where you want to store the results of the search. If the search fails, the property is undefined. Available options are:

**Table 13-27 • What do you want to do with the value? Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Store the value in this property</strong></td>
<td>Select the public property that you want to use to store the location that the system search finds on target systems. To store the value in a non-predefined public property, enter the name of the property in this setting. The property must be a public property and therefore have an identifier that consists of uppercase letters.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • You can add a new property to your project through the Property Manager view. Any new properties that you create must be public properties and have an identifier that consists of all uppercase letters.

**Additional Options**

Select the appropriate option:

- **Just store the value in the property**—Store the value in the public property that you identify on this wizard panel.

- **Use the property in an Install Condition**—Store the value in the public property that you identify in this wizard panel and use it in an install condition.

  If you select this option and then click the Finish button, InstallShield displays the Condition Builder, which enables you to specify the conditions that the installation must meet.

**See Also**

Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time
System Search Wizard
What do you want to do with the value? Panel

InstallShield 2020 » System Search Wizard

**Project** • The System Search Wizard is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

In the **What do you want to do with the value?** panel, specify where you want to store the results of the search. If the search fails, the property is undefined. Available options are:

**Table 13-28 • What do you want to do with the value? Panel Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Store the value in this property</strong></td>
<td>Select the public property that you want to use to store the location that the system search finds on target systems. To store the value in a non-predefined public property, enter the name of the property in this setting. The property must be a public property and therefore have an identifier that consists of uppercase letters.</td>
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**Note** • You can add a new property to your project through the Property Manager view. Any new properties that you create must be public properties and have an identifier that consists of all uppercase letters.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Additional Options</th>
<th>Select the appropriate option:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Just store the value in the property</strong>—Store the value in the public property that you identify on this wizard panel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Use the property in an Install Condition</strong>—Store the value in the public property that you identify in this wizard panel and use it in an install condition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select this option and then click the Finish button, InstallShield displays the Condition Builder, which enables you to specify the conditions that the installation must meet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Use the property as the destination for a component</strong>—Store the value in the public property that you identify in this wizard panel and use it as the destination for a component that you identify.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This option is available only when you are searching for a folder path, a registry entry that contains a folder, an .ini file that contains a folder, a component whose key path is a folder, or an XML file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Transform Wizard

InstallShield 2020

The Transform Wizard walks you through the steps of creating and applying transforms for your installation projects. Transforms represent the difference between two similar installation projects. When you apply a transform to one project, you are updating or changing it to incorporate the changes between the two projects.

Task

To launch the Transform Wizard:

On the Tools menu, click Transform Wizard button. It is not necessary to have a project open in InstallShield.

The following panels are associated with the Transform Wizard:

- Welcome
- Specify Files
- Validation Settings
- Suppress Error Conditions
- Specify Output File Name
- Summary
- Completing the Transform Wizard

See Also

Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Applying Transforms

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Transform Wizard

The Transform Wizard walks you through the steps of creating and applying transforms to your setup project. A transform represents the differences between two setup projects. For example, network administrators may want to distribute different configurations of a product to the various departments in the company. As a result, you can create a transform for every configuration of the product, then apply the appropriate transform as needed.

Panel Options

Create a transform

Select this option to compare two similar setup projects and create a transform that represents the differences between them. This transform can then be applied at run time or before the final setup is built.
Apply a transform

Select this option to apply a transform to an existing Windows Installer setup. This may be useful for network administrators who will be customizing a product for everyone.

See Also
Transform Wizard
Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Applying Transforms

Specify Files Panel

If you are creating a transform, select the two MSI files that you would like to compare. If you are applying a transform, select the MSI file that you would like the transform applied to and the transform that will be applied.

Panel Options

Base package
This field will contain the path to the project that is currently open. If you want to change this value, enter the path to a different project or click the Browse button to navigate to one. If you are applying a transform, this field should contain the path to the file that you would like the transform applied to.

Target Package
This option is only available if you are creating a transform. Enter the path to the MSI file that you would like to compare to your base file, or click the Browse button to navigate to this file. The differences between these two files will be compared and a transform will be created that will update the base package to the target package.

Transform
This option is only available if you chose to apply a transform. Enter the path to the transform (*.mst) file that you would like to apply, or click the Browse button to navigate to that file.

See Also
Transform Wizard
Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Applying Transforms

Validation Settings Panel

The Validation Settings panel is displayed if you selected the Create a transform option on the Welcome panel of this wizard.
The Validation Settings panel prompts you for information on how you would like to validate your transform. These validation items must be met in order for the transform to execute.

**Panel Options**

**Do not perform validation prior to applying the transform to the base package**
Select this option if you do not want to perform any validation prior to applying the transform.

**Validate the following prior to applying the transform to the base package**
Select this option to check for certain conditions before the transform is applied. If these conditions are not met, the transform will not be applied.

**Table 13-29 • Conditions for Applying a Transform to a Base Package**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default language must match base package</td>
<td>Select this option if the language of the transform should match the language of the package to which the transform is being applied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product must match base package</td>
<td>Select this option if you want your transform to be applied only to .msi files that have the same product code as the base package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Platform must match base package</td>
<td>Select this option if the platform for which the base package is intended should match the target platform of the transform.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upgrade Code must match base package</td>
<td>Select this option if you want the transform to be applied only if the upgrade code of the .msi file matches that of the transform.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Version</td>
<td>Select the version type that you would like to validate against. You can choose between a combination of major version, minor version, or upgrade version. You can also choose to not validate against the product version.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-29 • Conditions for Applying a Transform to a Base Package (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Version Relationship</td>
<td>Specify how you would like to validate the product version. The choices are</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>outlined below:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>None</strong>—Do not validate against the product version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Applied Version &lt; Base Version</strong>—Apply the transform only if the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>product version of the .msi file to which the transform is being applied</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>is less than the version number of the base .msi file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Applied Version &lt;= Base Version</strong>—Apply the transform if the product</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>version of the .msi file to which the transform is being applied is less</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>than or equal to the version number of the base .msi file.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Applied Version = Base Version</strong>—Apply the transform only if the</td>
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<td>product version of the .msi file to which the transform is being applied</td>
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<td>• <strong>Applied Version &gt;= Base Version</strong>—Apply the transform only if the</td>
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<td>product version of the .msi file to which the transform is being applied</td>
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See Also

Transform Wizard
Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Applying Transforms

Suppress Error Conditions Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Transform Wizard

As your transform is being applied to the target MSI file, certain error codes may be generated. This panel gives you the option of suppressing those error codes so the end user will not see them.

Panel Options

Do not suppress error conditions when the transform is applied to the base package

Select this option if you do not want to hide the errors reported during the application of the transform.
Suppress the following error conditions when the transform is applied to the base package

Select this option to hide certain error codes from your end users. You can choose to suppress the following errors:

Table 13-30 • Suppressible Error Conditions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Error</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Adding an existing row</td>
<td>If your transform tries to add a row to the MSI database that already exists, an error is generated. Select this option to suppress that error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deleting a row that does not exist</td>
<td>Select this option to suppress any errors that occur as a result of your transform trying to delete a row from the MSI database that does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adding an existing table</td>
<td>Select this option to suppress errors caused by your transform trying to add a table to the MSI database that already exists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deleting a table that does not exist</td>
<td>Select this option to suppress any errors that occur as a result of your transform trying to delete a table from the MSI database that does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Updating a row that does not exist</td>
<td>If your transform tries to update a row to the MSI database that does not exist, an error will be generated. Select this option to suppress that error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transform and database code pages do not match</td>
<td>Select this option to suppress error codes caused by code pages in the transform not matching those in the target database.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Transform Wizard
Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Applying Transforms

Specify Output File Name Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Transform Wizard

This panel prompts you for the location and name of the transform (*.mst) file that will be created as a result of the comparison of your two MSI files.

Panel Options

Folder location and file name

If you are creating a transform, enter the path and file name of the transform file that you would like to create. If you are applying a transform, enter the path and file name of the new MSI package that you are creating as a result of applying the transform.
See Also
Transform Wizard
Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Applying Transforms

Summary Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Transform Wizard

The Summary panel displays all of the settings you selected throughout the Transform Wizard. If you need to change any of these settings, click the Back button until you reach the appropriate panel.

See Also
Transform Wizard
Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Applying Transforms

Completing the Transform Wizard Panel
InstallShield 2020 » Transform Wizard

The last panel of the Transform Wizard notifies you of the wizard’s success. When you click the Finish button, you will be taken back to the IDE.

For more information on transforms, see Creating Transforms. This page provides an overview of transforms and links to pages that discuss how to create a transform and the different ways that transforms can be applied.

Tip • For more information about the errors that can occur when a transform is being applied to an .msi database, see the MsiDatabaseApplyTransform topic in the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also
Transform Wizard
Creating Transforms
Creating a Transform by Comparing Two .msi Packages
Creating a Transform Based on a Single .msi Package
Applying Transforms

Upgrade Validation Wizard
InstallShield 2020 » Upgrade Validation Wizard

The Upgrade Validation Wizard performs a set of tests to determine if your installation will properly upgrade older versions of your installation.

Project • This wizard does not apply to the following project types:
To launch the Upgrade Validation Wizard:

On the **Build** menu, click the **Validate** drop-down list, and then click **Upgrade Validation Wizard**.

The following panels are associated with this wizard:

- Welcome
- Settings
- Summary

### Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020» Upgrade Validation Wizard

The Upgrade Validation Wizard performs a set of tests to determine if your setup will properly upgrade older versions of your setup.

Click Next to continue.

### Settings Panel

InstallShield 2020» Upgrade Validation Wizard

Specify the following basic configurations for the upgrade validation:

**Table 13-31 • Settings Panel**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Configuration</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Specify the latest version of your setup</td>
<td>Click the browse button to locate the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Tip</strong> <em>Think of the latest setup as the new image or version that you want to place on the target machine, and think of the previous setup as the existing image or version on the target machine before an upgrade.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify any previous versions of your setup you want to validate against</td>
<td>Click Add to append to the existing list. You can add *.msi or *.exe Windows Installer Setup files. You can also specify multiple previous versions of your setup. To remove an item from the previous versions list, you must first select it in the list control and then click Remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When you click Next, validation begins.
Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Upgrade Validation Wizard

The Summary panel allows you to view the results from validation. You can also view the results externally by opening the corresponding log file stored in `<ISProjectDataFolder>\Upgrade Validation Log\Results.log`.

**Note** • You can run validation again with different settings by clicking the Back button and changing your settings.

The following table describes the icons next to each log file entry.

### Table 13-32 • Icons

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Button</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="i" /></td>
<td>This is the information notice icon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="x" /></td>
<td>This is the error notice icon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="!" /></td>
<td>This is the warning notice icon.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

User Interface Wizard

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

The User Interface Wizard enables you to add various predefined wizard pages to your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. Examples include:

- A page that allows end users choose the installation directory for an `.msi` package
- A page that lets end users enter customer information and serial numbers
- A page that shows a feature tree, as well as feature descriptions and sizes, and allows end users to select which features to install
To launch the User Interface Wizard:

1. In the View Bar / View List, under **User Interface**, click **Wizard Interface**.

2. In the **Wizard Interface** explorer, right-click **Wizard Pages** and then click **Add Predefined Page**.

The User Interface Wizard consists of the following panels:

- Predefined Task Pages Panel
- Task Configuration Panel

**See Also**

Working with the Wizard Interface

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### Predefined Task Pages Panel

InstallShield 2020 » User Interface Wizard

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • *The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.*

The Predefined Task Pages panel is where you select the type of predefined wizard page that you want to add to your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. This panel also lets you specify where in the sequence of wizard pages you want to schedule the new predefined page. You can resequence the wizard page later after adding it to your project.

The following table describes each of the types of available predefined wizard pages:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Wizard Page</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Browse for installation folder</td>
<td>This BrowseFolder wizard page lets end users select the installation directory for an .msi package. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation passes the path to the .msi package through the Windows Installer property INSTALLDIR when launching the package. This type of page is usually sequenced before an InstallationType or InstallationProgress wizard page.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-33 • Types of Predefined Task Pages (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Wizard Page</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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</table>
| **Enter customer information for a Web Deploy package** | *Edition* • Support for Web Deploy packages is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. 

This CustomerInformation wizard page lets end users enter information to publish a Web Deploy package, and pass the values to the package as COMPUTERNAME, USERNAME, PASSWORD, and SITE. 

This type of page is usually sequenced after the LicenseAgreement wizard page. |
| **Enter customer information for an MSI package** | This CustomerInformation wizard page lets end users enter customer information and serial numbers for an .msi package, and pass the values to the package through the Windows Installer properties USERNAME, COMPANYNAME, and SERIALNUMBER. 

This type of page is usually sequenced after the LicenseAgreement wizard page. |
| **Enter installation’s password** | This Password wizard page is where end users enter the installation’s password. If an end user does not enter the correct password, the installation exits. 

This type of page is usually sequenced at the beginning of an installation. |
| **Enter login information for a database server** | *Edition* • SQL Support for suites is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. 

This SQLLogin wizard page lets end users enter database server login information (database server name, authentication credentials, database catalog name, etc.) in order to establish a connection to the database server that is referenced by one or more .msi packages in the suite. 

Values entered through these dialogs (or provided on a Suite command line) are passed to a selected .msi package command line with passwords marked as hidden. |

*Note* • When you add this type of wizard page to your project, you specify the database technology, driver, and the underlying Windows Installer properties and select the .msi package that receives these properties (because a suite may have multiple packages that need different SQL servers or else may need to share the same SQL server.)
### Table 13-33 • Types of Predefined Task Pages (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Wizard Page</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Maintenance welcome with update</td>
<td>The MaintenanceUpdateWelcome wizard page includes an update option to enable end users to download and install the latest available Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI update. To learn more, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>View and accept supplemental license agreement</td>
<td>This LicenseAgreement wizard page requires end users to accept a supplemental end-user license agreement (EULA). The name of each EULA file must be unique; otherwise, the text and properties are linked. This type of page is usually sequenced after another LicenseAgreement wizard page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>View and accept supplemental license agreement (Scrolling required)</td>
<td>This LicenseAgreement wizard page requires end users to scroll through and accept a supplemental end-user license agreement (EULA). The name of each EULA file must be unique; otherwise, the text and properties are linked. This type of page is usually sequenced after another LicenseAgreement wizard page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>View features and their size</td>
<td>This wizard page shows a feature tree, as well as feature descriptions and sizes that you have specified in your project. It allows end users to select which features to install. Note that this wizard page requires that you enter values in the Description and Cost settings of each feature in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. This type of page usually replaces the built-in InstallationFeatures wizard page.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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**See Also**
User Interface Wizard
Working with the Wizard Interface

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### Task Configuration Panel

InstallShield 2020 » User Interface Wizard

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

*Edition* • *The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.*
The Task Configuration panel in the User Interface Wizard is where you specify additional information for the predefined wizard page that you are adding to your project. This panel is displayed for only some of the predefined wizard page types.

**Table 13-34 • Required Information for the Task Configuration Panel**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Wizard Page</th>
<th>Description of the Required Information</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Browse for installation folder</td>
<td>Select the package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project for which you want to allow end users to specify the path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enter customer information for an MSI package</td>
<td>Select the package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project for which you want to allow end users to specify customer information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enter installation's password</td>
<td>If you add this type of wizard page to your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, the Task Configuration panel is not displayed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>View and accept supplemental license agreement</td>
<td>Specify the EULA file (.rtf) that you want to be displayed on the supplemental LicenseAgreement wizard page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>View and accept supplemental license agreement (Scrolling required)</td>
<td>Specify the EULA file (.rtf) that you want to be displayed on the supplemental LicenseAgreement wizard page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>View features and their size</td>
<td>If you add this type of wizard page to your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, the Task Configuration panel is not displayed.</td>
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**See Also**
- User Interface Wizard
- Working with the Wizard Interface

**Visual Studio .NET Wizard for Visual Basic .NET, C# .NET, and Visual C++ .NET**

InstallShield 2020

The Visual Studio .NET Wizard for Visual Basic .NET, C# .NET, and Visual C++ .NET creates a new InstallShield installation project and adds it to a Microsoft Visual Studio solution.

**Note • The Visual Studio .NET Wizard is available only if Microsoft Visual Studio is installed on your system.**

When you are creating the InstallShield installation project, the Visual Studio .NET Wizard does the following:

- Creates a new InstallShield project (with the file name specified on the New Project dialog box) and adds it to the solution (.sln file).
- If you have the Scan at Build option set to Dependencies and Properties (on the .NET tab of the Options dialog box), the wizard adds all dependencies to your project at build time.
• Adds the primary outputs from every project in the solution to the InstallShield project.
• Updates the release settings to deploy the appropriate version of the .NET Framework via download.

To launch the wizard, select the appropriate project type in the New Project dialog box.

The following panels are associated with this wizard:

• Welcome Panel
• Solution Panel

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Visual Studio .NET Wizard

The Visual Studio .NET Wizard enables you to add an InstallShield installation project to a Microsoft Visual Studio .NET solution.

Note • The Visual Studio .NET Wizard is available only if Microsoft Visual Studio is installed on your system.

Click Next to select a solution.

See Also
Visual Studio .NET Wizard for Visual Basic .NET, C# .NET, and Visual C++ .NET

Solution Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Visual Studio .NET Wizard

In this panel, type the path or browse to the Visual Studio solution to which you want to add the InstallShield installation project.

Click Finish to create a new InstallShield project and add it to the selected solution.

See Also
Visual Studio .NET Wizard for Visual Basic .NET, C# .NET, and Visual C++ .NET

Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard

InstallShield 2020

The Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard enables you to import a Visual Studio setup or merge module project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield project (.ism). You can reuse this wizard if you want to import multiple Visual Studio projects into your InstallShield project.

Important • If the Visual Studio setup or merge module project that you want to import into an InstallShield project contains one or more project outputs, the InstallShield project must be in the same Visual Studio solution that contains the Visual Studio setup or merge module project and all of its project dependencies.
Task  

To launch the Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard, do one of the following:

- If you are using InstallShield by itself (without integration with Visual Studio): On the Project menu, click VS Deployment Project Import button.
- If you are using InstallShield from within Visual Studio: On InstallShield toolbar, click the Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard button.

This wizard consists of the following panels:

- Welcome
- Project File
- Options
- Summary

See Also
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects

Welcome Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard

The Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard enables you to import a Visual Studio setup or merge module project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield project (.ism). You can reuse this wizard if you want to import multiple Visual Studio projects into your InstallShield project.

Important • If the Visual Studio setup or merge module project that you want to import into an InstallShield project contains one or more project outputs, the InstallShield project must be in the same Visual Studio solution that contains the Visual Studio setup or merge module project and all of its project dependencies.

Click Next to begin using the wizard.

See Also
Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects

Project File Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard

The Project File panel is where you specify the Visual Studio project (.vdproj) that you want to import. The project can be a setup project or a merge module project.

See Also
Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects
Options Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard

The Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard imports the project outputs, files, registry keys, file extensions, custom actions, target system searches, launch conditions, and prerequisites from your Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project. The Options panel is where you select which, if any, properties you also want InstallShield to import from the Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project.

**Note** • If you select the check box for an option, InstallShield overwrites the existing value in your InstallShield project with the value that is configured in the Visual Studio project. For example, if you select the Product Name check box, InstallShield overwrites the value of the Product Name setting of your InstallShield project with the value that is set in the Visual Studio project.

**Table 13-35 • Available Options for Importing**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| Product Name | If you want your InstallShield project to use the ProductName property that is configured in the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.  
  The product name is configured in the General Information view of InstallShield.  
  **Project** • This option does not apply to merge module projects. |
| Product Version | If you want your InstallShield project to use the value of the ProductVersion property that is configured in the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.  
  The product version is configured in the General Information view of InstallShield. |
### INSTALLDIR

If you want your InstallShield project to use the value of the DefaultLocation property that is configured for the application folder in the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.

If you select this check box, InstallShield updates the value of the INSTALLDIR setting in the General Information view with the path that is configured in the Visual Studio project.

**Note** • Visual Studio lets you specify a directory path that contains multiple formatted properties, such as `[ProgramFilesFolder]\[Manufacturer]\[ProductName]`, for the application folder. Visual Studio projects use a directory custom action to resolve the path at run time. However, InstallShield does not support this type of directory path. Therefore, InstallShield resolves the path during the conversion process and uses the INSTALLDIR property for the path.

### Add or Remove Programs Properties

If you want your InstallShield project to use the Add or Remove Program properties (AddRemoveProgramsIcon, Manufacturer, Description, ManufacturerUrl, Author, SupportUrl, and SupportPhone) that are configured in the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.

If you select this check box, InstallShield updates the values of the following settings in the General Information view with the values that are configured in the Visual Studio project:

- Display Icon (In the Visual Studio project, this is the AddRemoveProgramsIcon property.)
- Publisher (In the Visual Studio project, this is the Manufacturer property.)
- Add or Remove Programs Comments (In the Visual Studio project, this is the Description property.)
- Publisher/Product URL (In the Visual Studio project, this is the ManufacturerUrl property.)
- Support Contact (In the Visual Studio project, this is the Author property.)
- Support URL
- Support Phone Number

**Project** • This option does not apply to merge module projects.
### Table 13-35 • Available Options for Importing (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| **Summary Information Stream Properties** | If you want your InstallShield project to use the Summary Information Stream properties (Title, Subject, Keywords, and TargetPlatform) that are configured in the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.  
If you select this check box, InstallShield updates the values of the following settings in the General Information view with the values that are configured in the Visual Studio project:  
- Title  
- Subject  
- Keywords  
- Processor type in the Template Summary setting (In the Visual Studio project, this is the TargetPlatform property.) |
| **Product Code** | If you want your InstallShield project to use the value of the ProductCode property that is configured in the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.  
The product code is configured in the General Information view of InstallShield. |
| **Upgrade Code** | If you want your InstallShield project to use the value of the UpgradeCode property that is configured in the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.  
The upgrade code is configured in the General Information view of InstallShield. |

*Project • This option does not apply to merge module projects.*
Table 13-35 • Available Options for Importing (cont.)

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<tr>
<td><strong>All Users</strong></td>
<td>If you want your InstallShield project to use the value of the InstallAllUsers property that is configured in the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>If you select this check box, InstallShield updates the value of the ALLUSERS property in the Property Manager view based on the value that is set in the InstallAllUsers property in the Visual Studio project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Project • This option does not apply to merge module projects.*
If you want your InstallShield project to use the language that is selected in the Localization property of the Visual Studio project that you are importing, select this check box.

If you are importing a Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project and the following conditions exist, InstallShield replaces the existing string entry values in your project with default string entry values for the language of your Visual Studio project:

- You select this Project Language check box in the Visual Studio Deployment Project Wizard.
- The language of your Visual Studio project does not match the default language in your InstallShield project. (In Visual Studio, the Localization property indicates the project’s language. In InstallShield, the Default Language setting in the String Editor view indicates the project’s default language.)
- InstallShield has support for the language that is used in your Visual Studio project. (If you are using the Professional edition of InstallShield, you may not have support for the language that is used in your Visual Studio project.)

For example, if you select this Project Language check box, if the language of your InstallShield project is Spanish, if the language of your Visual Studio project is German, and if you are using the Premier edition of InstallShield, InstallShield replaces the Spanish run-time strings in your project with the default German translations. Thus, if you edit a string entry value by revising a setting such as the Publisher setting in the General Information view, and then you indicate in the wizard that you want to import the language of a Visual Studio project, InstallShield overwrites the value of the Publisher setting—as well as values for other settings—with the default German string entry values.

Therefore, if the project language is changed while you are importing your Visual Studio project, review the settings in the General Information view and the String Editor view after the import, and modify the string entry values if appropriate.

Project • This option does not apply to merge module projects.

See Also
Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects
Summary Panel

InstallShield 2020 » Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard

The Summary panel lets you review the settings that you specified in the Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard. To change any of the settings, click the Back button until you reach the appropriate panel. To import the project, click the Finish button.

See Also
Visual Studio Deployment Project Import Wizard
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects
View Reference

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The InstallShield installation development environment (IDE) is organized into views that incorporate various areas of functionality. The View Reference section describes each of those views in the InstallShield interface.

See Also
Displaying the View List
Opening Views in the InstallShield User Interface

Installation Information View

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Project • The Installation Information view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform
- MSIX

The Installation Information view contains links to other views that you can use to configure general settings about your installation.

General Information

Project • The General Information view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
The General Information view contains basic information about your project, your company, and your product. Some of the information that you enter in this view is for your reference only, some (in Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects) is necessary to comply with Windows logo requirements, and the rest is for setting basic project settings.

General Information View

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The General Information view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
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- Transform

The General Information view contains basic information about your project, your company, and your product. Some of the information that you enter in this view is for your reference only, some is necessary to comply with Windows logo requirements, and the rest is for setting basic project settings.

When you create a new installation project, you must configure its General Information view settings. InstallShield creates new projects with default settings, but you should set your own values so that your project includes data that is specific to your needs.

The General Information view consists of the following elements:

- A row of buttons
- A grid of settings

The following table describes the buttons that are displayed in the General Information view.

**Table 13-1** • Controls in the General Information View

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<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
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<td>Categorized</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Sorts the settings according to categories.</td>
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<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Alphabetical</td>
<td></td>
<td>Sorts the settings alphabetically.</td>
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</table>

For descriptions of each of the settings in the General Information view, see General Information View Settings.

See Also
Configuring General Project Settings
Entering Summary Information Stream Data
Configuring Add or Remove Programs Information

General Information View Settings

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**Project** • The General Information view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

The General Information view settings are organized into the following main categories:

- General Settings
- Summary Information Stream
- Add or Remove Programs
- Software Identification Tag
**General Settings**

Use the General area of the General Information view to specify details such as product name and product version. The following settings are available in this area.

**Table 13-2 • General Settings**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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| **Project File Name** | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI, MSIX | This read-only setting displays the path and name of the InstallShield project file. It also shows the type of project. The extension of the project file varies, depending on the project type:  
  - **.ism project file**—InstallShield uses this extension for most project types, including Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSIX, and Merge Module.  
  - **.dim project file**—InstallShield uses this extension for DIM projects.  
  - **.issuite project file**—InstallShield uses this extension for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.  
  To learn more, see [Project Types](#). |
| **Project File Format** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSIX, Merge Module | Select the file format that you want to use for your project file (.ism or .dim). Available options are:  
  - **Binary**—To save the .ism file as a database file, select this option. This format is best for the speed of opening and saving the project file.  
    This is the default format for Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, MSIX, and Merge Module projects. If you select this project file format for these project types, you can modify the .ism file in a Windows Installer database editor. You can also modify the .ism file by using the Windows Installer API or its automation interface.  
  - **XML**—To save the .ism file as a hierarchical text-based format, select this option. This project file format is best for use with source code control systems. It enables you to modify the project file using XML tools.  
    This is the default format for InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects.  
  **Note** • Both project file formats let you build releases from the command line.
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<tr>
<td>Suite GUID</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button (([...]) in this setting. Since this code uniquely identifies your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, changing the Suite GUID after you have already distributed your release is not recommended.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Setup Languages</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Project • The behavior of this setting varies, depending on the project type. In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI projects, the Setup Languages setting lets you specify the languages that you want to be listed in the UI Languages setting in the Releases view. If a language is not listed for this Setup Languages setting at the project level, you cannot include that particular UI language in your project’s releases. Advanced UI projects, which are available in the Professional edition of InstallShield, have support for only one language. Therefore, the Setup Languages setting in this project type is read-only. In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, the Setup Languages setting lets you specify the languages that you want to be listed in the Languages setting in the Components and Releases views in your project. In general, if a language is not listed for this setting at the project level, you cannot designate that a particular component in your project is targeted for that language; in addition, you cannot designate that the components and UI strings for a particular language are included in your project’s releases. When you add a supported language to an Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, or Suite/Advanced UI project through this setting, InstallShield adds string entries for that language to your project. The string entries include the built-in user-interface string resources that are already translated. In DIM projects, the Setup Languages setting lets you specify the languages that you want the project to support. When you add a language to your project through this setting, InstallShield adds string entries for that language to your project. The string entries include string resources that you would need to have translated. For more information, see Selecting the Installation Languages.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Default Language

To override the default project language that is configured in the General Information view or the String Editor view, select the appropriate default user interface language for the selected release.

For more information, see Setting the Default Project Language.

Platform Filtering

This setting lets you specify the platforms that you want to be available when you select operating for components or releases in your project. In general, if a platform is not listed for this setting at the project level, you cannot designate that a particular component or release in your project is targeted for that platform.

To change the platforms for your project, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Platforms dialog box opens, enabling you to select the platforms for your project.

Note • Specifying platforms at the project level does not create target for running the installation. If you want to create target in an InstallScript or InstallScript Object project, use the SYSINFO structure to identify the operating platform of the target system.
### Table 13-2 • General Settings (cont.)

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<td>Maintenance Experience</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Select the behavior that occurs when a target machine already has your product installed and the end user reruns your installation. Valid options are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Standard</strong>—If the maintenance user interface should be displayed when a target machine already has your product installed and the end user reruns your installation, select this option. Only one entry for the product is listed in Add or Remove Programs.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Multi-Instance</strong>—If end users should be able to rerun an installation multiple times as a first-time installation rather than as a maintenance installation, select this option. Each time that an end user runs the installation, a separate entry is added to Add or Remove Programs. By default, this option lets end users install the product to a different location each time that they run the installation. This is useful for a product that an end user may want to install to different locations in order to experiment with different product configurations and then later remove only specific instances. The maintenance user interface is displayed only if an end user reruns the installation from Add or Remove Programs.</td>
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<td>- <strong>No uninstall or maintenance</strong>—If end users should not be able to uninstall the product or run it in maintenance mode, select this option. No entry is created for the product in Add or Remove Programs.</td>
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<td>Enable Maintenance</td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Indicate whether you want to display the full maintenance user interface (UI) or the uninstallation UI when end users rerun the installation on a system on which the product is already present. Available options are:</td>
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<td>- <strong>Yes</strong>—Unless the /removeonly command-line parameter is passed to Setup.exe, the system variable REMOVEONLY is set to FALSE when an end user reruns the installation, and the standard maintenance UI is displayed.</td>
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<td>- <strong>No</strong>—The system variable REMOVEONLY is set to TRUE when an end user reruns the installation, and the uninstallation UI is displayed.</td>
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To learn more, see [Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times](#).
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<td>InstallScript User</td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the type of InstallScript user interface (UI) that you want to use</td>
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<td>Interface Type</td>
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<td>for your installation. Valid options are:</td>
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<td>• <strong>Traditional Style (Requires Setup.exe)</strong>—If you want to use the</td>
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<td>InstallScript engine as an external UI handler for your InstallScript</td>
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<td>MSI installation, select this option. With this style, your installation</td>
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<td>must include a Setup.exe setup launcher. The setup launcher serves as a</td>
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<td>bootstrap application that initiates the InstallScript engine to display</td>
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<td>the UI and run the InstallScript code, and the Windows Installer to run the</td>
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<td>Execute sequence of the .msi package.</td>
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<td>This is the default option for this setting.</td>
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<td>• <strong>New Style (Requires Windows Installer 4.5)</strong>—If you want to use the</td>
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<td>InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler for your InstallScript MSI</td>
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<td>installation, select this option. With this style, InstallShield embeds the</td>
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<td>InstallScript engine within the .msi package. The Windows Installer calls</td>
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<td>the InstallScript engine to display the UI. The Windows Installer also runs</td>
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<td>the Execute sequence of the .msi package.</td>
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<td>This option requires Windows Installer 4.5 on the target machine.</td>
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<td>This option also has some limitations that require careful planning if you</td>
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<td>decide to use this style.</td>
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<td>For detailed information about these two styles, see Using the</td>
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<td>InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript</td>
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<td>MSI Installations.</td>
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| Product Name             | Advanced UI, Basic    | Enter the name of the product, DIM, merge module, or object.                |
|                          | MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform | For information on how the product name is used, see Specifying a Product Name. |

**Project** • For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects—Instead of hard-coding a value, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value. (To use a path variable: On the Project menu, click Settings. Then select the appropriate path variable on the Application tab.)

The product name is stored in the InstallScript system variable IFX_PRODUCT_NAME.

For DIM projects—The value in this setting is not displayed or used at run time. You can use this setting in DIM projects as a reference for internally identifying different versions of the project.
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<td>Product Version</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Suite/ Advanced UI, Transform</td>
<td>Enter the version number for your product. The version must contain only numbers. It is typically in the format <code>aaa.bbb.ccccc</code> or <code>aaa.bbb.ccccc.ddddd</code>, where <code>aaa</code> represents the major version number, <code>bbb</code> represents the minor version number, <code>cccc</code> represents the build number, and <code>ddddd</code> represents the revision number. The maximum value for the <code>aaa</code> and <code>bbb</code> portions is 255. The maximum value for <code>cccc</code> and <code>ddddd</code> is 65,535. Note that although you can include the fourth field (<code>ddddd</code>), the installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions. To learn more, see Specifying the Product Version.</td>
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Project • For Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects—If your release includes a Setup.exe file, the product version that you specify is displayed on the Properties dialog box for Setup.exe. For more information, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.

For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects—Instead of hard-coding a value, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value. (To use a path variable: On the Project menu, click Settings. Then select the appropriate path variable on the Application tab.)

For DIM projects—The value in this setting is not displayed or used at run time. You can use this setting in DIM projects as a reference for internally identifying different versions of the project. The value that you enter is displayed in the DIM References view of the project that contains this DIM.

| Product Code | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Transform | Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies this product. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button ((...)) in this setting. Since this code uniquely identifies your product, changing the product code after you have already distributed your release is not recommended. For more information, see Setting the Product Code in a Windows Installer–Based Project or Setting the Product Code in an InstallScript-Based Project. |
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| Upgrade Code    | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, Transform | Enter a GUID that can be used for your product’s upgrade code. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the **Generate a new GUID** button (…) in this setting.  

The upgrade code is a GUID that uniquely identifies the product family to which the product belongs. The upgrade code should be consistent across different versions and languages of a family of related products so that Windows Installer can use it to search for related versions of the product that are already installed.

For more information, see Setting the Upgrade Code. |
| Install Condition | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, Transform | This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that must be true in order for your installation to run. For example, you can test for a specific operating system or minimum. If the conditions do not evaluate to True at run time, an error message is displayed and the product is not installed.

To specify one or more conditions, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. For more information, see Setting Product Conditions.

When you add a condition, InstallShield adds two new settings under the Install Condition setting:

- **Condition**—This setting displays the conditional statement that you added. To edit the conditional statement, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. To delete the condition and its message, click the **Delete this condition** button in this setting.

- **Message**—This setting displays the run-time error message that is configured to be displayed at run time if the corresponding condition is not met on the target system.

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
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Exit Conditions
This setting lets you specify one or more exit error messages that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to display under various conditions before ending the installation. For example, if your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation requires Windows Vista or later, you could use the Exit Condition setting and its subsettings to specify an error message that you want to be displayed when end users launch your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation on earlier versions of Windows. When end users dismiss the error message, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation ends.

To specify an error message and one or more conditions, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting.

Exit Conditions (continued)
When you add a condition, InstallShield adds two new settings under the Exit Conditions setting:

- **Exit Message**—Use this setting to enter the error message that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to display at run time if the conditions that are defined under this message are true. To delete the message and its conditions, click the Delete this condition button in this setting.

  When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

  When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

- **Any/All/None**—This setting displays the conditional statement that you are defining.

  For more information, see Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

Module Language
Select the language of the DIM or merge module, or select Language Independent.
Specify the value of the Windows Installer property `INSTALLDIR`, which indicates the destination directory where most of the files of the product, DIM, or merge module will be installed at run time.

Instead of hard-coding a path, you can enter a directory property as part of the path. To select a directory property, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. This enables you to select the appropriate directory from a list, or to create a new directory within a predefined directory.

Separate further levels of subdirectories with a backslash—for example, `[ProgramFilesFolder]MyApp\Bin`.

**Windows Logo**  
To comply with the Windows logo program, your product’s default destination should be a subfolder of the Program Files folder ([ProgramFilesFolder]), which can vary depending on the system’s locale and user settings.

**Project**  
In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects, the default value is as follows:

```
[ProgramFilesFolder]My Company Name\My Product Name
```

The value that you enter in this setting is assigned to the property `INSTALLDIR`, which is the default destination folder for all of your product’s features and components. For more information, see Setting the Default Product Destination Folder (INSTALLDIR).

In DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects, the default value is as follows:

```
[TARGETDIR]
```

In DIM, Merge Module, and MSM Database projects, if you would like to let the users of this DIM or module override the default destination directory, leave that default value in this setting. For more information, see Specifying the Default Destination Folder for a Merge Module.

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<td>INSTALLDIR</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Specify the value of the Windows Installer property <code>INSTALLDIR</code>, which indicates the destination directory where most of the files of the product, DIM, or merge module will be installed at run time. Instead of hard-coding a path, you can enter a directory property as part of the path. To select a directory property, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. This enables you to select the appropriate directory from a list, or to create a new directory within a predefined directory. Separate further levels of subdirectories with a backslash—for example, <code>[ProgramFilesFolder]MyApp\Bin</code>.</td>
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<tr>
<td>TARGETDIR</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Specify the default value for the main target directory for your product. Typically this value is set to a value such as the following one: <code>&lt;FOLDER_APPLICATIONS&gt;\&lt;IFX_COMPANY_NAME&gt;\&lt;IFX_PRODUCT_NAME&gt;</code> For more information, see TARGETDIR.</td>
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| Module ID GUID        | Merge Module, MSM Database | This read-only setting displays a GUID that uniquely identifies the merge module. Whenever you create a new merge module, InstallShield generates a new GUID for it.  
  The module ID GUID is appended to all merge module GUID foreign keys. For example, if you create a component in a merge module project, that component is listed in the Direct Editor and in the built .msm file as `ComponentName.MergeModuleGUID`.  
  If you want to change this GUID, you can use the Direct Editor view to edit the ModuleID field of the ModuleSignature table. Note that if you change this value, you must also update the value in all of the tables in your project; you can do this from within the Direct Editor view. |
| Module Dependencies   | Merge Module, MSM Database | This setting lets you specify one or more merge modules that are required for your merge module.  
  To add one or more dependencies that are available in your redistributables gallery, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Module Dependencies dialog box opens, enabling you to select the modules that your merge module requires.  
  To add a dependency that is not present on your machine, click the **Add a new module dependency** button, and then specify its version, language, and module GUID. |
| Name                  | Merge Module, MSM Database | This read-only setting shows one of the following values:  
  • If you selected a dependency that is available in your redistributables gallery, this setting shows the name of that dependency.  
  • If you chose to add a dependency that is not present on your machine, this setting indicates [Merge Module Added by Setup Author].  
  This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module dependency to your project.  
  If you want to remove this dependency from your project, you can click the **Delete this module dependency** button in this setting. |
| Version               | Merge Module, MSM Database | If the merge module that you are creating requires a particular version of the dependency, specify the version number. If any version of the dependency is acceptable, you can leave the Version setting blank.  
  This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module dependency to your project. |
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<td><strong>Language</strong></td>
<td>Merge Module, MSM Database</td>
<td>If the merge module that you are creating requires a dependency of a particular language, specify the language. If any language of the dependency is acceptable, select Language Independent. This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module dependency to your project.</td>
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| **Module ID** | Merge Module, MSM Database    | If you selected a dependency that is available in your redistributables gallery, this setting indicates the module ID of that dependency. If you chose to add a dependency that is not present on your machine, enter the module ID of the dependency. The module ID must be in the following format:  

```
ModuleName.ModuleGUID
```

For example, if the name of the merge module is `MyDependency` and the GUID is `{2560C1ED-E2F7-4FE6-A0E6-15A9DA4CE9B9}`, enter the following in this setting:

```
MyDependency.2560C1ED-E2F7-4FE6-A0E6-15A9DA4CE9B9
```

This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module dependency to your project. |
| **Module Exclusions** | Merge Module, MSM Database | This setting lets you specify one or more merge modules that are incompatible with the merge module that you are creating. This may be necessary, for example, if an earlier version of your merge module is not compatible with your new module. To add one or more exclusions that are available in your redistributables gallery, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. The Module Exclusions dialog box opens, enabling you to select the modules that are incompatible with your merge module. To add an exclusion that is not present on your machine, click the **Add a new module exclusion** button, and then specify the requirements for the version, language, and module GUID. |
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| Name      | Merge Module, MSM Database | This read-only setting shows one of the following values:  
  - If you selected an exclusion that is available in your redistributables gallery, this setting shows the name of that exclusion.  
  - If you chose to add an exclusion that is not present on your machine, this setting indicates [Merge Module Added by Setup Author].  
  
  This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module exclusion to your project.  
  
  If you want to remove this exclusion from your project, you can click the **Delete this module exclusion** button in this setting. |
| Max. Version | Merge Module, MSM Database | Specify the maximum version number of the merge module that should be excluded.  
  
  If you leave this setting blank, all versions after the value that you specify in the Min. Version setting are excluded. If you leave both the Max. Version and Min. Version settings blank, there is no exclusion based on version.  
  
  This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module exclusion to your project. |
| Min. Version | Merge Module, MSM Database | Specify the minimum version number of the merge module that should be excluded.  
  
  If you leave this setting blank, all versions before the value that you specify in the Max. Version setting are excluded. If you leave both the Max. Version and Min. Version settings blank, there is no exclusion based on version.  
  
  This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module exclusion to your project. |
| Language  | Merge Module, MSM Database | If you want to exclude merge modules that have a specific language or change the current value of this setting, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. The Exclusion Languages dialog box opens, enabling you to specify whether you want to exclude a particular language or all of the languages except a particular language. This dialog box also lets you select Language Independent, which indicates that the language should not be used to exclude a merge module.  
  
  This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module exclusion to your project. |
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| Module ID        | Merge Module, MSM Database | If you selected an exclusion that is available in your redistributables gallery, this setting indicates the module ID of that exclusion. If you chose to add an exclusion that is not present on your machine, enter the module ID of the exclusion. The module ID must be in the following format:

ModuleName.ModuleGUID

For example, if the name of the merge module is MyExclusion and the GUID is {2560C1ED-E2F7-4FE6-A0E6-15A9DA4CE9B9}, enter the following in this setting:

MyExclusion.2560C1ED-E2F7-4FE6-A0E6-15A9DA4CE9B9

This setting is displayed only if you have added a merge module exclusion to your project. |
| DIM GUID         | DIM                   | This read-only setting displays a GUID that uniquely identifies the DIM. Whenever you create a new DIM, InstallShield generates a new GUID for it. The DIM GUID is appended to all DIM GUID foreign keys. For example, if you create a component in a DIM project, that component is listed in the Direct Editor as ComponentName.DIM_GUID. If you want to change this GUID, you can use the Direct Editor view to edit the ModuleID field of the ModuleSignature table. Note that if you change this value, you must also update the value in all of the tables in your project; you can do this from within the Direct Editor view. |
| Build Instructions | DIM                 | Enter any special instructions or comments about this project that may be helpful for the release engineers who are responsible for including this DIM in installation projects. These instructions are displayed in the DIM References view of the project that contains this DIM. The build instructions are not displayed to the end user. |
Locked-Down Permissions

Select the type of permissions that you want to use for securing files, folders, and registry keys for end users who run your product in a locked-down environment. Available options are:

- **Custom InstallShield handling**—InstallShield uses a custom ISLockPermissions table and adds custom actions to your project to set permissions on the target system. This option is the default value.

- **Traditional Windows Installer handling**—InstallShield uses the LockPermissions table in the .msi database to store permission information for your product.

It is often more advantageous to use the custom InstallShield handling than the traditional Windows Installer handling. For example:

- The custom option includes support for many well-known security identifiers (SIDs) that are not supported by the traditional option.

- The custom option supports the use of localized user names for many well-known SIDs, unlike the traditional option. With the traditional option, if you try to use a localized name to set permissions on a non-English system, the installation may fail.

- The custom option lets you specify that you want to deny a user or group from having the permissions that you are specifying. The traditional handling does not allow you to do this. That is, with the traditional handling, you can only set specific permissions; you cannot deny permissions.

This is a project-wide setting that affects all new permissions that you set for files, folders, and registry keys in your project. If you have already configured some permissions in your project and then you change the value of this setting, InstallShield lets you specify whether you want to use the alternate handling method for those already-existing permissions.

For more information about configuring this setting, as well as information about InstallScript support for setting permissions, see Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment.

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Show Per-User Option: Basic MSI

Specify whether you want to give end users the option of installing your product for all users or for only the current user. This run-time option is available only on Windows 7 and later systems, and on Windows Server 2008 R2 and later systems. Available options are:

- **No**—Do not include the buttons that let end users specify how they want to install the product.

- **Yes**—If the target system has Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2, InstallShield adds buttons to the ReadyToInstall dialog. The buttons let end users specify how they want to install the product. If elevated privileges are required, the shield icon is included on the all-users button. If an end user selects the per-user button, the ALLUSERS property is set to 2, and the MSIINSTALLPERUSER property is set to 1. If an end user selects the all-users button, the ALLUSERS property is set to 1, and the MSIINSTALLPERUSER property is not set.

If the target system has Windows Vista or earlier, or Windows Server 2008 or earlier, the ReadyToInstall dialog does not show the buttons that let end users specify how they want to install the product.

The default value is No.

**Note**: Selecting No does not prevent end users from setting MSIINSTALLPERUSER from the command line when they run your installation. If your installation does not support this, you may want to add a launch condition or other run-time check to prevent this from occurring.

To learn more, see Per-User vs. Per-Machine Installations.
Create MSI Logs

To specify whether Windows Installer 4.0 or later should log your installation, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting, which launches the Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later dialog box. This dialog box is where you specify whether Windows Installer should log your installation. You can also use this dialog box to customize the types of messages that are logged.

There are three possible values for this setting:

- **No**—Installations are not logged. This is the default value.
- **Yes**—InstallShield populates the MsiLogging property with the default value of `voicewarmup`.
- **Custom**—InstallShield populates the MsiLogging property with the value that you specified on the Logging Options for Windows Installer 4 and Later dialog box.

If the value of this setting is Yes or Custom, and if the installation is run with Windows Installer 4.0 or later, as well as Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later, the following occurs:

- The installer creates a log file according to the appropriate logging mode: either `voicewarmup` (if the Create MSI Logs value is Yes) or whatever custom value you specified on the Logging Options for Windows Installer 4.0 and Later dialog box.
- The installer populates the MsiLogFileLocation property with the log file’s path.
- A **Show the Windows Installer log** check box is added to the SetupCompleteSuccess, SetupCompleteError, and SetupInterrupted dialogs. If the end user selects that check box and then clicks Finish, the log file is opened in a text file viewer or editor.
The Create MSI Logs setting applies to installations that are run with Windows Installer 4.0 or later on Windows Vista and later systems or Windows Server 2008 and later systems. The Show the Windows Installer log check box is not visible in run-time dialogs that are displayed on earlier systems that are running earlier versions of Windows Installer.

**Note** • If the value of this setting is Custom and you change it to Yes, any custom parameters that you defined for the `MsiLogging` property in the Property Manager will be overwritten with the default value. If you change it to No, InstallShield deletes any custom parameters from the `MsiLogging` property.

For more information, including details on how to customize the types of messages that are logged, see Specifying Whether Windows Installer Installations Should Be Logged.

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<td>The Create MSI Logs setting applies to installations that are run with Windows Installer 4.0 or later on Windows Vista and later systems or Windows Server 2008 and later systems. The Show the Windows Installer log check box is not visible in run-time dialogs that are displayed on earlier systems that are running earlier versions of Windows Installer.</td>
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| Fast Install                 | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, Transform | If you want to reduce the time that is required to install a large Windows Installer package, consider selecting the check boxes for one or more of the following options:  
  • No system restore point is saved for this installation  
  • Perform only File Costing and skip checking other costs  
  • Reduce the frequency of progress messages  
  This setting configures the Windows Installer property `MSIFASTINSTALL`, which can be set at the command line.  
  Windows Installer 5 includes support for this setting. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore it. |
| Company Name                 | InstallScript, InstallScript Object   | Enter the name of your company. This value is used in the default script to set TARGETDIR (if the string entry COMPANY_NAME does not exist); it can be retrieved at run time by calling the `MediaGetData` function.                                                                                                                                                     |

**Tip** • Instead of hard-coding a value, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value. (To use a path variable: On the Project menu, click Settings. Then select the appropriate path variable on the Application tab.)
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| Executable File    | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | Enter the name of the application's main executable file. This value can be retrieved at run time by calling the `MediaGetData` function.  

**Tip** • Instead of hard-coding a value, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value. (To use a path variable: On the Project menu, click Settings. Then select the appropriate path variable on the Application tab.)

| URL                | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | Enter a product URL. This information is stored in the project file and is for your reference only. It is never displayed to the end user.  

**Tip** • Instead of hard-coding a value, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value. (To use a path variable: On the Project menu, click Settings. Then select the appropriate path variable on the Application tab.)

| Server Locations   | Transform | If you are storing the installation package and its related files for the product on a network server or Web site, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to specify the server or Web site locations. The locations should have the .msi package, as well as all of the files that might be required to, for example, repair the product or advertise a feature. The validity of the server location that you specify is determined when the installation needs to access the server remotely. That is, if a server is not available, or if you added an invalid server, the entry will be ignored if the resource is needed, and errors might be generated. Each location that is specified must have the complete source for the installation. The entire directory tree at each source location must be the same and must include all of the required source files, including any .cab files. Each location must have an .msi file with the same file name and product code.  

**Tip** • Server paths can contain environment variables that are identified with a percent sign (%). For example, the following path uses the Home environment variable:  

`\Server1\%Home%\Office`  
The paths that you specify are stored in the SOURCELIST property. Windows Installer appends this list to the end of an end user’s existing source list for the product at run time.
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| **Register Object**      | InstallScript Object         | Specify whether you want the InstallScript object to be registered on your machine when you build a release for it. Registering an object on your development machine enables you to include the object in InstallScript projects that you create on that machine.  

*Tip • if the object is not registered when you build it, you can register it from within an InstallScript project. To learn more, see Registering Objects in InstallScript Projects.* |
| **Object Wizard**        | InstallScript Object         | Select the type of wizard, if any, that you would like to use for your object’s default language. Available options are:  

- No Wizard—If your object does not require a wizard, select this option.  
- Use InstallShield Object Stock Wizard—If you want InstallShield to create a wizard based on the properties that you are creating for your object, select this option. With the stock wizard, all read-only properties are displayed but are not editable. All read/write properties can be changeable by the user. Write-only properties are not displayed.  

As an alternative, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting if you want to select a custom wizard that you created for your object.  

To learn more about creating a custom wizard and using the InstallShield stock wizard, see Designing an Object’s Wizard. |
| **Register Custom Wizard** | InstallScript Object         | Specify whether you want InstallShield to register the custom object wizard for this object when you build a release for the object.  

*Note • This setting is applicable only if you specify a custom wizard in the Object Wizard setting.* |
| **Font Registration**    | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | If you want all of the font files in your project to be registered on the target system at run time, select Enabled. Static file links have an individual setting for font registration as well. This setting must be used to set the behavior for dynamically linked font files. |
| **DIFx Support (for 32-bit platforms)** | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | To enable DIFx support in your project for installing device drivers on 32-bit systems, select Enabled. If you select Enabled, InstallShield adds the DIFxAPI libraries to your project when you build a release.  

For more information, see Installing Device Drivers. |
Summary Information Stream

Windows Installer databases are implemented as COM structured storage, and COM structured storage files usually contain a Summary Information Stream. The Summary Information Stream contains information about your company and the product that is being installed.

The following settings are available in the Summary Information Stream area in the General Information view.

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<td>Title</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Specify the type of database that you are creating. For a product installation, the default value is Installation Database, which is the recommended value.</td>
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<td>DIFx Support (for 64-bit Itanium platforms) InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>To enable DIFx support in your project for installing device drivers on 64-bit Itanium systems, select Enabled. If you select Enabled, InstallShield adds the DIFxAPI libraries to your project when you build a release. For more information, see Installing Device Drivers.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DIFx Support (for 64-bit AMD platforms) InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>To enable DIFx support in your project for installing device drivers on 64-bit AMD systems, select Enabled. If you select Enabled, InstallShield adds the DIFxAPI libraries to your project when you build a release. For more information, see Installing Device Drivers.</td>
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| **Subject** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Enter the name of the product.  

**Project** • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—The value that you enter is used on the Summary tab of the Properties dialog box that is displayed if you right-click the Windows Installer database and then click Properties.  

For DIM projects—The value in this setting is not displayed or used at run time. You can use this setting in DIM projects as a reference for internally identifying the project. The value that you enter is displayed in the DIM References view of the project that contains this DIM.  

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| **Author** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Specify your company name.  

**Project** • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—The value that you enter is used on the Summary tab of the Properties dialog box that is displayed if you right-click the Windows Installer database and then click Properties.  

For DIM projects—The value in this setting is not displayed or used at run time. You can use this setting in DIM projects as a reference for internally identifying the project. The value that you enter is displayed in the DIM References view of the project that contains this DIM.  

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
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<td><strong>Keywords</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Specify keywords that describe the Windows Installer database for your product.</td>
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<td></td>
<td><em>Project</em> • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—The value that you enter is used on the Summary tab of the Properties dialog box that is displayed if you right-click the Windows Installer database and then click Properties. For DIM projects—The value in this setting is not displayed or used at run time. You can use this setting in DIM projects as a reference for internally identifying the project.</td>
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| **Package Code** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database                        | This setting identifies the package code, which is the GUID for your installation package, DIM, or merge module. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button ( {... } ) in this setting. |
|                 | *Project* • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, and MSM Database projects—Because Windows Installer requires that any two .msi databases with identical package codes to have identical contents, you should change the package code before releasing a modified package. In the Releases view, you can use the Generate Package Code setting for a product configuration to specify whether you want InstallShield to generate a new package code every time that you build a release. The default value for this setting is Yes. For DIM projects—The value in this setting is not displayed or used at run time. You can use this setting in DIM projects as a reference for internally identifying the project. The value that you enter is displayed in the DIM References view of the project that contains this DIM. |
Specify the processor type and default language that your installation supports. List the processor type first, followed by your installation’s default language, and separate them with a semicolon. If you have multiple entries in the language category, separate them with a comma.

For example, if your installation runs only on Intel processors and English-based systems, enter `Intel;1033`. If your product runs on x64 processors and supports English and German, enter `x64;1033,1031`. For the language portion of this setting, use the number 0 if your installation is language neutral.

Valid processor values include:

- Intel
- Intel64
- x64

Note that you can specify only one processor value.

For more information, see Using the Template Summary Property.

If the target machine does not meet the requirements that you specify for this setting, an error message is displayed and the installation exits.

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<td>Template Summary</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Specify the processor type and default language that your installation supports. List the processor type first, followed by your installation’s default language, and separate them with a semicolon. If you have multiple entries in the language category, separate them with a comma. For example, if your installation runs only on Intel processors and English-based systems, enter <code>Intel;1033</code>. If your product runs on x64 processors and supports English and German, enter <code>x64;1033,1031</code>. For the language portion of this setting, use the number 0 if your installation is language neutral. Valid processor values include: • Intel • Intel64 • x64 Note that you can specify only one processor value. For more information, see Using the Template Summary Property. If the target machine does not meet the requirements that you specify for this setting, an error message is displayed and the installation exits.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
| Summary Information Stream Comments | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Enter any comments about your product. A typical value for this setting is as follows: **This installer database contains the logic and data required to install MyProduct.**

*Project* • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—The value that you enter is used on the Summary tab of the Properties dialog box that is displayed if you right-click the Windows Installer database and then click Properties.

For DIM projects—The value in this setting is not displayed or used at run time. You can use this setting in DIM projects as a reference for internally identifying the project.

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
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<td><strong>Schema</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI, Database, MSM, Database, Transform</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify the integer that identifies the minimum Windows Installer version that is required for your installation package or DIM. For a minimum of Windows Installer 2.0, enter 200. For a minimum of Windows Installer 3.0, enter 300. For a minimum of Windows Installer 3.1, enter 301. For a minimum of Windows Installer 4.5, enter 405. If the end user’s system has a Windows Installer version earlier than the minimum requirement that you specify for the Schema setting—for example, if you specify a schema value of 405 because your installation uses Windows Installer 4.5 features, but an end user has Windows Installer 3.1—the installation displays an error message and exits. The value that you enter for the Schema setting is used for the Page Count Summary property of your Windows Installer database. Note • You can override this value for all of the releases that are associated with a particular product configuration in your project by setting the Schema setting for the product configuration in the Releases view.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Require Administrative Privileges</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, MSI Database</td>
<td>Specify whether your .msi package requires administrative privileges for the execute sequence of your installation. The default is Yes. If you set this to No, InstallShield sets bit 3 in the Word Count Summary property to indicate that elevated privileges are not required to install the .msi package. Note that if you select No but your .msi package tries to perform a task for which it does not have adequate privileges, Windows Installer may display a run-time error. This setting applies to installations that are run with Windows Installer 4.0 or later on Windows Vista and later systems or Windows Server 2008 and later systems. Earlier versions of Windows Installer and Windows ignore this setting. Note that an end user’s installation experience is more secure when installations are run with only the permissions that they need. Unless an application is designed to be run only by system administrators, it should be run with the least privilege. To learn how this setting and other InstallShield settings affect whether Windows Vista and later display a User Account Control prompt to elevate privileges, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation.</td>
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Add or Remove Programs

Add or Remove Programs (which is called Programs in the latest versions of Windows) in the Control Panel provides end users with technical support links and telephone numbers, product update information, and information about a product’s manufacturer. Depending on how the installation is configured, the end user may have the option of removing, repairing, or changing the installation with the click of a button. You can specify this information in your project by configuring the Add or Remove Programs settings in the General Information view.

Project • In a Basic MSI project—To prevent your product from appearing in Add or Remove Programs, you can set the Windows Installer property ARPSYSTEMCOMPONENT to 1 in the Property Manager. Note that setting this property simply suppresses the display of your product in Add or Remove Programs. An end user can still remove your product by running the installation in maintenance mode or from the command line.

In an InstallScript MSI project—To prevent your product from appearing in the Add or Remove Programs, select Yes for the Hide Add/Remove Panel Entry setting in the Releases view.

Table 13-4 • Add or Remove Programs Settings

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| Show Add or Remove Programs Entry | Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI | Indicate whether you want to show your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel. Available options are:  
  • Yes—Your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product’s entry is displayed on the target system in Add or Remove Programs. This is the default value.  
  • No—Your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product’s entry is not displayed on the target system in Add or Remove Programs. The end user cannot use Add or Remove Programs to remove the product, perform maintenance, or view support information. If you select this option, InstallShield disables the other Add or Remove Programs settings. |
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<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display Icon</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td><em>Project</em> • The value that you should enter for this setting depends on what project type you are using.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects: Enter the path on your development system to the .ico, .exe or .dll file that contains the icon resource that you want to be used for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs. Instead of manually typing the path and file name, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the file.</td>
</tr>
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<td>For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects: Enter the path on the target system to the .ico or .exe file that contains the icon resource that you want to be used for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs. You can specify a path relative to a system variable that is enclosed by angle brackets—for example:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;TARGETDIR&gt;\icon.ico</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>In Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects: Enter the path on your development system to the .ico, .exe or .dll file that contains the icon resource that you want to be used for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs. Instead of manually typing the path and file name, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the file. If you want to use the icon in a file that is present on target systems (for example, in a file that is installed by one of the packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation), select a directory property from the list in this setting, and then enter the rest of the path for the icon file. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the icon that is specified in the Setup.exe Icon File setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display Icon Index</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If the icon file that you specify contains more than one icon resource, specify the index in this setting.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• A nonnegative integer refers to the order of the icon resources in the executable file. For example, 0 refers to the first icon in the file, 1 refers to the second icon, and 2 refers to the third icon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Use a negative number to refer to a specific resource ID. For example, the icon index -12 refers to the icon with a resource ID of 12.</td>
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### Table 13-4 • Add or Remove Programs Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Disable Change Button</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/ Advanced UI, Transform</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to disable the Change button for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs. The Change button enables end users to change installation options after the product has been installed. End users can remove or add features as needed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Project • In an InstallScript project, the OnMoveData event handler writes the data for this setting to the target system’s registry.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Also in an InstallScript project, you can specify a combined Change/ Remove button by setting the Disable Change Button and Disable Remove Button settings to Yes and setting the system variable ADDREMOVE_COMBINEDBUTTON to TRUE in your script before the MaintenanceStart function is called. (MaintenanceStart is called by the default code for the OnMoveData event handler.)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable Remove Button</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/ Advanced UI, Transform</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to disable the Remove button for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs. The Remove button enables end users to remove the product by clicking one button, which runs your uninstaller with a reduced user interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Project • For Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects—If the end user clicks the Remove button to remove your product, actions in the User Interface sequence of the project are executed.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In an InstallScript project, the OnMoveData event handler writes the data for this setting to the target system’s registry.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable Repair Button</td>
<td>Basic MSI, MSI Database, Transform</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to disable the Repair button for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs. The Repair button enables end users to run the Windows Installer repair option if any files have been deleted or corrupted.</td>
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Table 13-4 • Add or Remove Programs Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Publisher</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform</td>
<td>Specify the name of the company that created the product. This information is displayed for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs. The value that you enter is stored in the Windows Installer Manufacturer property. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Publisher/Product URL</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform</td>
<td>Enter a general URL for your company or product—for example, <a href="http://www.installshield.com">http://www.installshield.com</a>. On some versions of Windows, the publisher name on the Support Info dialog box is a hyperlink to this URL. The Support Info dialog box is displayed when an end user clicks the support information hyperlink for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Windows Logo • If you want to meet the requirements of the Windows logo program, you must specify the publisher.

Project • In an InstallScript project, the OnMoveData event handler writes the data for this setting to the target system’s registry.
### Table 13-4 • Add or Remove Programs Settings (cont.)

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</table>
| **Support Contact** | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Transform | Enter the name of the person or department that end users should contact for technical support.  
On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| **Support URL**   | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Transform | Enter the URL that you would like end users to visit for technical support information for your product. This URL is displayed for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |

### Project • In an InstallScript project, the OnMoveData event handler writes the data for this setting to the target system’s registry.

### Windows Logo • If you want to meet the requirements of the Windows logo program, you must enter a valid URL.

### Project • In an InstallScript project, the OnMoveData event handler writes the data for this setting to the target system’s registry.
### Table 13-4 • Add or Remove Programs Settings (cont.)

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</table>
| **Support Phone Number** | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform | Enter the technical support phone number for your product.  
On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| **Read Me**           | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform | Enter the name or path of the Readme file for your product. As an alternative, you can link to a Readme file located on the Internet by specifying a valid URL. For more information, see Specifying a Readme File.  
On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |

*Project • In an InstallScript project, the OnMoveData event handler writes the data for this setting to the target system’s registry.
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| **Product Update URL**| Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform | Specify a URL where end users can get information about product updates or download the latest version.  
On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| **Add or Remove Programs Comments** | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform | Enter comments about your product. This information is displayed for your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| **English or Japanese IDE Settings** | InstallScript Object | These areas—English IDE Settings and Japanese IDE Settings—let you specify information that should be available to InstallShield users when they view your object in the Objects view of the English and Japanese versions of InstallShield. |
| **Use Default**       | InstallScript Object | If this setting is for a language other than the default language, specify whether you want to use the default language settings’ values for this language. If you select Yes, the other settings under the Use Default setting become disabled. If you select No, the other settings under the Use Default setting become enabled so that you can specify language-specific values.  
This setting is disabled for the default language. |
| **Display Name**       | InstallScript Object | Enter the name of your object as you would like it to appear in the Objects view. |
Software Identification Tag

Use the Software Identification Tag area of the General Information view to specify whether you want to include an ISO/IEC 19770-2 software identification tag in your installation. If a tag is included, this area also lets you specify the identification information that is not already specified in other areas of the General Information view. For more information, see Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product.

If you include a software identification tag, you can include application model data for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager in the tag. For more information, see Including Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager Application Model Data About Your Product.

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<tr>
<td><strong>Short Name</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Enter a shortened version of your object’s name, if desired. You can enter the same name that you entered for the Display Name setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>HTML Help</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Specify the object’s help file, which must consist of a single Web file; this file is displayed in the right pane when the object is selected in the Objects view. Type an explicit path or path variable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Icon File</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript Object</td>
<td>The icon is displayed next to your object in the Objects view. The icon must be 16 pixels by 16 pixels with a maximum of 16 colors. The icon can be loaded from a DLL, .exe, or .ico file. When the file is a DLL or .exe, the icon index or resource ID can be specified after the path and file name separated by a comma. If a resource ID is specified rather than an index, it must be preceded by a dash (-). If no index is specified, the number 0 is assumed.</td>
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</table>

Table 13-4 • Add or Remove Programs Settings (cont.)

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<th>Project Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Use Software Identification Tag</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to include an ISO/IEC 19770-2 software identification tag in your installation. If you select Yes, use the other tag-related settings in this area of the General Information view to specify the identification information that is not already specified in other areas of the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Require Software Entitlement</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to require your product to have a corresponding software entitlement in order for software reconciliation to be considered successful. In general, if the software must be purchased, Yes should be selected for this setting; if the software is free, No should be selected for this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Unique ID

Enter a unique ID that identifies the specific version of this specific product. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the **Generate a new GUID** button (...) in this setting.

Note that InstallShield uses the value that you enter as part of the name of the tag file (`TagCreatorID_UniqueID.swidtag`). Therefore, the ID that you enter must not contain any characters that are invalid for file names.

Tag Creator

Enter the name of the organization that created the tag.

Tag Creator ID

Enter the registration ID of the organization that created the tag. This ID helps to differentiate between different legal organizations that have the same creator name but are in different countries.

The convention for the registration ID is as follows:

```
regid.YYYY-MM.ReversedDomainName,division
```

The registration ID consists of the following parts:

- **regid.**—The string `regid` indicates that the XML portion is a registration ID for a software identification tag. A period (.) must be included after this string.

- **YYYY-MM.**—This part of the registration ID identifies the first full month (MM) and the year (YYYY) in which the domain name was owned by the tag creator. For example, if you are creating the tag and you purchased the domain name February 15, 1999, you would use *1999-03* in this part of the registration ID, since the first full month the domain name was owned was March (03), and the year was 1999. The year and month must be separated by a dash.

- **ReversedDomainName**—This part identifies the reversed domain name of the organization that is creating the software identification tag. For example, for the `revenera.com` domain name, the reversed domain name is:

  `com.revenera`

- **,division**—This optional part starts with a comma (,), and is followed by an additional string. You can enter a string that helps to distinguish between different divisions or areas of the organization. If you do not want to use this optional distinguishing part of the registration ID, do not include the comma or an additional string in your entry.

Note that InstallShield uses the value that you enter as part of the name of the tag file (`TagCreatorID_UniqueID.swidtag`). Therefore, the ID that you enter must not contain any characters that are invalid for file names.
## Software Identification Tag Settings (cont.)

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<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Software Creator</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Enter the name of the organization that created the software. This setting is optional. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the value of the Tag Creator setting for the name of the software creator.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Software Creator ID** | Basic MSI    | Enter the registration ID of the organization that created the software. This ID helps to differentiate between different legal organizations that have the same creator name but are in different countries. This setting is optional. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the value of the Tag Creator ID setting for the software creator ID. The convention for the registration ID is as follows: `{regid}.YYYY-MM.ReversedDomainName,division` The registration ID consists of the following parts:  
  - `{regid}`—The string `regid` indicates that the XML portion is a registration ID for a software identification tag. A period (.) must be included after this string.  
  - `{YYYY-MM}`—This part of the registration ID identifies the first full month (MM) and the year (YYYY) in which the domain name was owned by the tag creator. For example, if you are creating the tag and you purchased the domain name February 15, 1999, you would use `1999-03` in this part of the registration ID, since the first full month the domain name was owned was March (03), and the year was 1999. The year and month must be separated by a dash.  
  - `{ReversedDomainName}`—This part identifies the reversed domain name of the organization that is creating the software identification tag. For example, for the revenera.com domain name, the reversed domain name is: `com.revenera`  
  - `{division}`—This optional part starts with a comma (,), and is followed by an additional string. You can enter a string that helps to distinguish between different divisions or areas of the organization. If you do not want to use this optional distinguishing part of the registration ID, do not include the comma or an additional string in your entry. |
| **Software Licensor**  | Basic MSI    | Enter the name of the organization that owns the copyright for the software. This setting is optional. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the value of the Tag Creator setting for the name of the software licensor. |
Software Licensor ID

Enter the registration ID of the organization that owns the copyright for the software. This ID helps to differentiate between different legal organizations that have the same licensor name but are in different countries.

This setting is optional. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the value of the Tag Creator ID setting for the software licensor ID.

The convention for the registration ID is as follows:

\[
\text{regid.YYYY-MM.ReversedDomainName,division}
\]

The registration ID consists of the following parts:

- \text{regid.} — The string \text{regid} indicates that the XML portion is a registration ID for a software identification tag. A period (.) must be included after this string.

- \text{YYYY-MM.} — This part of the registration ID identifies the first full month (MM) and the year (YYYY) in which the domain name was owned by the tag creator. For example, if you are creating the tag and you purchased the domain name February 15, 1999, you would use \text{1999-03} in this part of the registration ID, since the first full month the domain name was owned was March (03), and the year was 1999. The year and month must be separated by a dash.

- \text{ReversedDomainName} — This part identifies the reversed domain name of the organization that is creating the software identification tag. For example, for the revenera.com domain name, the reversed domain name is:

\[
\text{com.revenera}
\]

- \text{,division} — This optional part starts with a comma (,), and is followed by an additional string. You can enter a string that helps to distinguish between different divisions or areas of the organization. If you do not want to use this optional distinguishing part of the registration ID, do not include the comma or an additional string in your entry.

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</table>
| Software Licensor ID  | Basic MSI    | Enter the registration ID of the organization that owns the copyright for the software. This ID helps to differentiate between different legal organizations that have the same licensor name but are in different countries. This setting is optional. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the value of the Tag Creator ID setting for the software licensor ID. The convention for the registration ID is as follows: \[
\text{regid.YYYY-MM.ReversedDomainName,division}
\] The registration ID consists of the following parts:  
- \text{regid.} — The string \text{regid} indicates that the XML portion is a registration ID for a software identification tag. A period (.) must be included after this string.  
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- \text{ReversedDomainName} — This part identifies the reversed domain name of the organization that is creating the software identification tag. For example, for the revenera.com domain name, the reversed domain name is: \[
\text{com.revenera}
\]  
- \text{,division} — This optional part starts with a comma (,), and is followed by an additional string. You can enter a string that helps to distinguish between different divisions or areas of the organization. If you do not want to use this optional distinguishing part of the registration ID, do not include the comma or an additional string in your entry. |

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<tr>
<th>Add SCCM App Model Data</th>
<th>Basic MSI</th>
<th>Specify whether you want to include application model data for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager in the software identification tag in your installation. If you select Yes, configure this setting’s subsettings as needed. For more information, see Including Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager Application Model Data About Your Product.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Type</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Select the type of application that your installation installs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Package Information View

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**Project** • The Package Information view is available in the following project types:

- **MSIX**

The Package Information view contains links to other views that you can use to configure general settings about your installation.

- **General Information View**
- **Visual Assets View**
- **Capabilities View**
- **Declarations View**
- **Content URIs View**

### General Information View

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The General Information view is available in the following project types:

- **MSIX**
The General Information view contains basic information about your project, your company, and your product. Some of the information that you enter in this view is for your reference only, some is necessary to comply with Windows logo requirements, and the rest is for setting basic project settings.

When you create a new installation project, you must configure its General Information view settings. InstallShield creates new projects with default settings, but you should set your own values so that your project includes data that is specific to your needs.

The General Information view consists of the following elements:

- A row of buttons
- A grid of settings

The following table describes the buttons that are displayed in the General Information view.

**Table 13-6 • Controls in the General Information View**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Categorized</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Sorts the settings according to categories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alphabetical</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Sorts the settings alphabetically.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For descriptions of each of the settings in the General Information view, see *General Information View Settings*.

**General Information View Settings**

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**Project** • *The General Information view is available in the following project types:*

- MSIX
- MSIX Modification Package

The General Information view settings are organized into the following main categories:

- General
- Base Package Details
- Packaging
- Display Properties
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**General**

Use the General area of the General Information view to specify details such as product name and product version. The following settings are available in this area.

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Project File Name</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX Modification Package</td>
<td>This read-only setting displays the path and name of the InstallShield project file. It also shows the type of project. The extension of the project file varies, depending on the project type:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• .ism project file—InstallShield uses this extension MSIX Module.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see Project Types.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Project File Format</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX Modification Package</td>
<td>Select the file format that you want to use for your project file (.ism or .dim). Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Binary—To save the .ism file as a database file, select this option. This format is best for the speed of opening and saving the project file. This is the default format for MSIX Module projects. If you select this project file format for these project types, you can modify the .ism file in a Windows Installer database editor. You can also modify the .ism file by using the Windows Installer API or its automation interface.</td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>Note</strong> This project file format lets you build releases from the command line.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Base Package Details**

Use the Base Package Details area of the General Information view to define the relationship between a MSIX package and a MSIX modification package. These details will appear in modification package manifest file as below:

```xml
<Dependencies>
  <uap4:MainPackageDependency Name="Main.App" Publisher="CN=Revenera, C=US" />
</Dependencies>
```

The following settings are available in this area:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Base Package Name</strong></td>
<td>MSIX Modification Package</td>
<td>Required. Describes the base package identity name (Refer &lt;Identity Name=&quot;Main.App&quot;). The Name attribute is case-sensitive.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Tip • The publisher name should be same as it appears in the Publisher attribute of the Identity element of the dependency/main package manifest.xml file. This field is optional if both main package and modification packages are using the same signing certificate.

Packaging

The Packaging contains information about the Package Name, Package Version, Package Code and Default Language.

The following settings are available in the Packaging area in the General Information view.

Table 13-9 • Packaging Settings

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<td>Publisher Name</td>
<td>MSIX Modification</td>
<td>To specify the Subject\Publisher name of the certificate that was used to sign the main package. For example, CN=Revenera, O=Revenera, L=Itasca, S=Illinois, and C=US.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Package</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Package Name</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX Modification Package</td>
<td>Describes the contents of the package. The Name attribute is case-sensitive. A string consists of alpha-numeric, period and dash characters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Package Version</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX Modification Package</td>
<td>The version number of the package. A version string in quad notation, &quot;Major.Minor.Build.Revision&quot; where Major cannot be &quot;0&quot;. For Windows 10 (UWP) packages, the last (fourth) section of the version number is reserved for Store use and must be left as 0 when you build your package (although the Store may change the value in this section). The other sections must be set to an integer between 0 and 65535 (except for the first section, which cannot be 0).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Package Code</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies this package. Since this code uniquely identifies your package, changing the package code is not recommended.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default Language</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX Modification Package</td>
<td>The language for the resource contained is in the package. The syntax of this attribute is defined by the IETF's.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Display Properties

The Display Properties contains information about the Display Name and Description.
The following settings are available in the Display Properties area in the General Information view.

**Table 13-10 • Display Properties Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Display Name</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX Modification</td>
<td>A friendly name that can be displayed to the users.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX Modification</td>
<td>A friendly description that can be displayed to the users.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Visual Assets View**

*InstallShield 2020*

- **Project** • *The Visual Assets view is available in the following project types:*
  - MSIX
  - MSIX Modification Package

The MSIX VisualAssets explorer offers an integrated, visual method for describing visual aspects of the MSIX apps.

You can modify its default tile, logo images, text and background colors, initial screen orientation, splash screen and lock screen tile appearance.

The Visual Assets view settings are organized into the following main categories:

- Package Logo Settings
- Default Visual Asset Settings
- User Defined Settings

**Package Logo Settings**

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- **Project** • *The Package Logo view is available in the following project types:*
  - MSIX
  - MSIX Modification Package

Use the Package Logo area of the Visual Assets view to specify details such as display settings, package logo and scaled assets.

- Display Settings

**Display Settings**

Describes the visual aspects of the Windows app package.
The following settings are available in this area.

**Table 13-11 • Package Logo Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Package Logo Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Package Logo</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>A path to a file that contains an image. This image appears in App installer, Partner Center, the “Report an app” option in the Store, the “Write a review” option in the Store.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scaled Assets</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Select 'Yes' if you want to specify multiple versions of the same icon for different display scale factors. The scale factor determines the size of UI elements, such as text. Scale factors range from 100% to 400%. Larger values create larger UI elements, making them easier to see on high-DPI displays.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Default Visual Asset Settings**

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**Project • The Default Visual Asset view is available in the following project types:**

- **MSIX**

Use the Default Visual Asset area of the Visual Assets view to specify details such as display settings, tiles, app icon, splash screen, and notifications.

- **Display Settings**
- **Small Tile**
- **Medium Tile**
- **Wide Tile**
- **Large Tile**
- **App Icon**
- **Splash Screen**
- **Notifications**

**Display Settings**

Describes the visual aspects of the Windows app package like Short Name, Background color, Splash Screen Background, and Show Name on Tiles.
The following settings are available in this area:

**Table 13-12 • Display Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Short Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A short name for the app that is displayed directly on the tile. A string between 1 and 40 characters in length.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Background Color</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the background color of the app tile. A three-byte hexadecimal number preceded by “#” or a named color.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Splash Screen Background</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the background color of the splash screen. A three-byte hexadecimal number preceded by “#” or a named color.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Name on Tiles</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify whether the app name should be shown on a Medium, Large, or Wide sized tiles. The tile sizes, as expressed by their logo size, that should display the app’s display name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Small Tile**

Specify a relative path to a small-sized (71x71) tile background image, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to a .png or .jpg file.

The following settings are available in this area:

**Table 13-13 • Small Tile**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Small Tile Image</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify a relative path to a small-sized (71x71) tile background image, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to a .png or .jpg file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scales Assets</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Select ‘Yes’ if you want to specify multiple versions of the same icon for different display scale factors. The scale factor determines the size of UI elements, such as text. Scale factors range from 100% to 400%. Larger values create larger UI elements, making them easier to see on high-DPI displays.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Medium Tile**

Specify a relative path to a medium-sized (150x150) tile background image, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to a .png or .jpg file.
The following settings are available in this area:

**Table 13-14 • Medium Tile**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Medium Tile Image</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify a relative path to a medium-sized (150x150) tile background image, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to a .png or .jpg file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scaled Assets</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Select ‘Yes’ if you want to specify multiple versions of the same icon for different display scale factors. The scale factor determines the size of UI elements, such as text. Scale factors range from 100% to 400%. Larger values create larger UI elements, making them easier to see on high-DPI displays.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Wide Tile**

Specify a 310x150 image file to be used for a wide tile, only when pinned and resized. This setting is optional. If specified, this will allow the tile to be set to Wide.

The following settings are available in this area:

**Table 13-15 • Wide Tile**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wide Tile Image</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify a 310x150 image file to be used for a wide tile, only when pinned and resized. This setting is optional. If specified, this will allow the tile to be set to Wide.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scaled Assets</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Select ‘Yes’ if you want to specify multiple versions of the same icon for different display scale factors. The scale factor determines the size of UI elements, such as text. Scale factors range from 100% to 400%. Larger values create larger UI elements, making them easier to see on high-DPI displays.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Large Tile**

Specify a 310x310 image file to be used for a large tile, only when pinned and resized. This setting is optional. If specified, this will allow the tile to be set to Large.

The following settings are available in this area:

**Table 13-16 • Large Tile**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Large Tile Image</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify a 310x310 image file to be used for a large tile, only when pinned and resized. This setting is optional. If specified, this will allow the tile to be set to Large.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-16 • Large Tile

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Scales Assets         | MSIX         | Select 'Yes' if you want to specify multiple versions of the same icon for different display scale factors. The scale factor determines the size of UI elements, such as text.  
Scale factors range from 100% to 400%. Larger values create larger UI elements, making them easier to see on high-DPI displays. |

App Icon

Specify a 44x44 image file to use as a small logo icon that is displayed in the left column of the Start Menu’s All Apps list. If an image file is not provided, InstallShield generates a small logo from the target’s tile configuration or the application's icon.

The following settings are available in this area:

Table 13-17 • App Icon

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>App Icon Image</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify a 44x44 image file to use as a small logo icon that is displayed in the left column of the Start Menu’s All Apps list. If an image file is not provided, InstallShield generates a small logo from the target’s tile configuration or the application’s icon.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Scaled Assets         | MSIX         | Select 'Yes' if you want to specify multiple versions of the same icon for different display scale factors. The scale factor determines the size of UI elements, such as text.  
Scale factors range from 100% to 400%. Larger values create larger UI elements, making them easier to see on high-DPI displays. |

Splash Screen

Defines the appearance of the splash screen, which is displayed by the app during launch.

The following settings are available in this area:

Table 13-18 • Splash Screen

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Splash Screen Image</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Defines the appearance of the splash screen, which is displayed by the app during launch.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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View Reference

Table 13-18 • Splash Screen

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Scaled Assets</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Select 'Yes' if you want to specify multiple versions of the same icon for different display scale factors. The scale factor determines the size of UI elements, such as text. Scale factors range from 100% to 400%. Larger values create larger UI elements, making them easier to see on high-DPI displays.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 13-19 • Notifications

Defines the badge and notifications that represent the app on the lock screen, which is shown when the system is locked. The following settings are available in this area:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visual Asset Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Lock Screen Notifications | MSIX         | The type of tile that can be shown for an app on the lock screen. This can either be a Badge or BadgeAndTileText. This attribute can have one of the following values:  
- **Badge** - Displays either a number or a glyph to communicate status.  
- **BadgeAndTileText** - Both badge and text, which can display detailed status. |
| Badge Logo Image | MSIX | A logo image that is shown next to the badge to identify the app. This image must be monochromatic, of type .png, and measure 24 x 24 pixels. |
| Scaled Assets | MSIX | Select 'Yes' if you want to specify multiple versions of the same icon for different display scale factors. The scale factor determines the size of UI elements, such as text. Scale factors range from 100% to 400%. Larger values create larger UI elements, making them easier to see on high-DPI displays. |

User Defined Settings

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*Project* • The User Defined view is available in the following project types:

- MSIX
By default, all shortcut entries created in shortcut view refer to 'Default Visual Asset'. You can as well define custom visual assets using context menu option. These custom defined Visual Assets can be mapped to any existing shortcut from the Application view.

You can create a new tile, logo images, text and background colors, initial screen orientation, splash screen and lock screen tile appearance. These Visual Assets can be mapped to any shortcut in the Application view.

For more information, see Default Visual Asset Settings.

Capabilities View

Project • The Capabilities view is available in the following project types:
• MSIX

There are specific capabilities required to be enabled in app's package manifest to access certain API or resources like pictures, music, or devices such as the camera or the microphone.

The Capabilities view settings are organized into the following main categories:
• Device Capabilities
• General Capabilities
• Restricted Capabilities

Device Capabilities

Project • The Capabilities view is available in the following project types:
• MSIX

The device capabilities allows you to access peripheral and internal devices. It is specified with the Device Capability element in your app package manifest.

Table 13-20 • Device Capabilities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Device Capabilities Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bluetooth</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Allows apps to communicate with already paired bluetooth devices over both Generic Attribute (GATT) or Classic Basic Rate (RFCOMM) protocol.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gaze Input (Eye Tracker)</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Allows apps to detect where the user is looking within the application bounds when a compatible eye tracking device is connected.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-20 • Device Capabilities

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<tr>
<th>Device Capabilities Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Provides access to location functionality that is retrieved from dedicated hardware like a GPS sensor in the PC or derived from available network information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Low Level</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Provides access to GPIO, I2C, SPI, and PWM devices.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Microphone</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Provides access to the microphone’s audio feed, which allows the app to record audio from connected microphones.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Point of Service</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The pointOfService device capability enables access to APIs in the Windows.Devices.PointOfService namespace. This namespace lets your app access Point of Service (POS) barcode scanners and magnetic stripe readers. The namespace provides a vendor-neutral interface for accessing POS devices from various manufacturers from a Windows Store app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proximity</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Provides the capability to connect devices in close proximity to the PC via near field proximity radio or Wi-Fi Direct. Near field proximity may be used to send files or communicate with an app on a nearby device.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Webcam</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Provides access to the video feed of a built-in camera or external webcam, which allows the app to capture photos and videos.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

General Capabilities

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Project • The Capabilities view is available in the following project types:

- MSIX

The general capabilities allows you to access most of the common app scenarios.

Table 13-21 • General Capabilities

<table>
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<tr>
<th>General Capabilities Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3D Objects</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Provides programmatic access to the user’s 3D Objects, allowing the app to enumerate and access all files in the library without user interaction. This capability is typically used in 3D apps and games that need access the entire 3D Objects library.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
AllJoyn

MSIX

Allows AllJoyn-enabled apps and devices on a network to discover and interact with each other.

Appointments (Calendar)

MSIX

Provides access to the user’s appointment store. This capability allows read access to appointments obtained from the synced network accounts and to other apps that write to the appointment store. With this capability, your app can create new calendars and write appointments to calendars that it creates.

Background Media Playback

MSIX

Changes the behavior for media APIs to enable background playback by default. All active audio streams will no longer mute, but will continue to be audible when an app transitions to the background. Additionally, application lifetime will be extended automatically while playback is occurring.

Blocked Chat Messages

MSIX

Allows apps to read SMS and MMS messages that have been blocked by the Spam Filter app.

Chat Message Access

MSIX

Allows app to read and delete Text messages. It also allow apps to store chat messages in the system data store.

Code Generation

MSIX

Allows apps to generate code dynamically.

Contacts

MSIX

Provides ability to enumerate the aggregates on the Phone. With this capability your app can access all linked contacts and provides and uber view of the Person.

Graphics Capture

MSIX

Allows developers to acquire frames of a targeted item returned by the capture picker control.

Internet (Client & Server)

MSIX

Provides inbound and outbound access to the Internet and the networks in Public places like airports and coffee shops. The capability is a superset of Internet(Client). Internet(Client) doesn't need to be enabled if this capability is also enabled.

Inbound access to critical ports is always blocked.

Internet (Client)

MSIX

Provides outbound access to the Internet and networks in Public places like airports and coffee shops. For example, Intranet networks where the user has designated the network as public.

Most apps that require Intranet access should use this capability.

Music Library

MSIX

Provides the capability to add, change, or delete files in the Music Library for the local PC and HomeGroup PCs.

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<td><strong>General Capabilities Settings</strong></td>
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<td>Appointments (Calendar)</td>
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<td>Background Media Playback</td>
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<td>Blocked Chat Messages</td>
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<td>Internet (Client &amp; Server)</td>
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### General Capabilities

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<tr>
<th>General Capabilities Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Offline Maps Management</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Allows apps to access MapControl APIs. This capability is needed in order to download map packages shared between users and apps.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Phone Call                    | MSIX         | Allows apps to access all of the phone lines on the device and perform the following functions:  
|                               |              | - Place a call on the phone line and show the system dialer without prompting the user.  
|                               |              | - Access line-related metadata.  
|                               |              | - Access line-related triggers.  
|                               |              | - Allows the user-selected spam filter app to set and check block list and call origin information. |
| Phone Calls History Public    | MSIX         | Allows apps to read cellular and some VoIP call history information on the device. This capability also allows the app to write VoIP call history entries. |
| Pictures Library              | MSIX         | Provides the capability to add, change, or delete files in the Picture Library for the local PC and HomeGroup PCs. |
| Private Networks (Client & Server) | MSIX     | Provides inbound and outbound access to Intranet networks that have an authenticated domain controller, or that the user has designated as either home or work networks. Inbound access to critical ports is always blocked. |
| Remote System                 | MSIX         | Provides access to devices associated with this user's Microsoft Account. This capability is needed in order to discover and connect to remote devices. |
| Removable Storage             | MSIX         | Provides the capability to add, change, or delete files on removable storage devices. The app can only access file types on removable storage that are defined in the manifest using the File Type Associations declaration. |
| Spatial Perception            | MSIX         | Provides access to the location of a device that's tracked relative to the user's surroundings, such as a HoloLens or other Mixed Reality headset. |
| User Account Information      | MSIX         | Gives apps the ability to access the user's name and picture. |
| User Data Tasks               | MSIX         | Enable apps to select and acquire info about tasks. |
Restricted Capabilities

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**Project** • The Capabilities view is available in the following project types:

- **MSIX**

The restricted capabilities allows you to access special capabilities that are necessary and appropriate.

**Table 13-22 • Restricted Capabilities**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Restricted Capabilities Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Elevation</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Allows apps that are created by Microsoft partners and enterprises to preserve existing desktop functionality that requires auto-elevation on launch or during an app's lifetime.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enterprise Authentication</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>This capability is subject to the Store policy. Provides the capability to connect to enterprise intranet resources that require domain credentials. This capability is not typically needed for most apps.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full Trust Permission Level</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Allows apps to run at the full trust permission level on the user's machine. This capability is also required for any desktop application that is delivered as an appx or msix package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local System Services</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The restricted capability of <code>LocalSystemServices</code> allows applications that are created by Microsoft partners and enterprises to install one or more Local System services along with the app (that is, your application can declare the <code>StartAccount</code> for the services to be <code>LocalSystem</code>). This scenario also requires the <code>packagesServices</code> capability.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Declarations View

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Project • The Declarations View is available in the following project types:

- MSIX

The Declarations View provides a visual tool for creating and managing the application, package level declarations and allows to configure their properties.

There are 2 types of Declarations:

- Application Declaration Sets
- Package Declarations

Application Declaration Sets

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Project • The Application Declaration Sets view is available in the following project type:

- MSIX

Application Declaration Sets allows you to add multiple Declaration Sets which are required for Application shortcut in the Application view to associate the Declarations to the Application.

Each Declaration's settings are displayed in the grid while selecting the Declaration type in the tree.

The Declaration Set consists of the following Declaration types:

Table 13-22 • Restricted Capabilities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Restricted Capabilities Settings</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Shared User Certificates</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>This capability is subject to the Store policy. Provides the capability to access software and hardware certificates, such as a smart card certificates, for validating a user’s identity. This capability is not necessary if your app includes a private certificate via a Certificates declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Packaged Services</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The restricted capability of packagedServices allows applications that are created by Microsoft partners and enterprises to declare the windows.service extension in its package manifest to install one or more services along with the app. These services can be configured to run under the Local Service, Network Service, or Local System accounts. Only the Local Service and Network Service services require the packagedServices capability. Local System services require the packagedServices and localSystemServices capabilities.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
- Account Picture Provider
- Alarm
- App Extension Host
- App Service
- Appointments Provider
- AutoPlay Content
- AutoPlay Device
- Background Tasks
- Cached File Updater
- Camera Settings
- Dial Protocol
- File Open Picker
- File Save Picker
- File Type Associations
- Lock Screen
- Media Playback
- Personal Assistant Launch
- Print 3D Workflow
- Pre-installed Configuration
- Print Task Settings
- Protocol
- Restricted Launch
- Search
- Service
- Share Target
- Update Task
- Web Account Provider
- Windows Shared Fonts

**Account Picture Provider**

You can use this declaration to have Windows list your app in the Account Picture Settings control panel. The users can select this declaration to either replace their existing account picture or capture a new account picture.
**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- **App Settings**

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Account Picture Provider declaration type:

**Table 13-23 • Account Picture Provider**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>• <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
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<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
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<td>Entry Point</td>
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<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
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<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
You can use this declaration to state applications as the System Alarm app. The users can set their System Alarm only to the selected applications that are stated as System Alarm apps.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

### App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Alarm declaration type:

#### Table 13-24 • Alarm

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Settings</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
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<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
You can use this declaration to register the supported HostNames for the app.

Note • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings
- Names

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the App Extension Host declaration type:

**Table 13-25 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Settings</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
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<td>- <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
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<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>EntryPoint</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start Page</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resource Group</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Names**

A setting to register the supported HostNames for App Extension Host.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the App Extension Host declaration type:

Table 13-26 • Names

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Names</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>- Names - Specifies the App Extension Host Name supported by the App. To add a Name, click Add New Name button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Important - Specifying one Name is mandatory.

App Service

This declaration helps you to use agreements to provide or launch the background tasks of an application that communicates with each other.

- App Settings
- Properties

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the App Service declaration type:

Table 13-27 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Executable

A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with ".exe" that cannot contain these characters: 
<, >, ;, %, ", |, ?, or *. 

It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.
Properties

These are the settings for the App Service.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the App Service declaration type:

### Table 13-28 • Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the Name for the App Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Server Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the Server Name for the App Service</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Appointments Provider**

This declaration provides the capability for an application to interact with the calendar APIs and to create appointments.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings
- Launch Actions

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Appointments Provider declaration type:

**Table 13-29 • Appointments Provider**

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<thead>
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<th>Declaration</th>
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<td>• <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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</table>
|                     |              | `<`, `>`, `;`, `%`, `\`, `|`, `?`, or `*`  
It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app. |
| Entry Point          | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:                                                                        |
|                     |              | `<`, `>`, `;`, `%`, `\`, `|`, `?`, or `*`  
representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app. |
| Start Page           | MSIX         | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:                   |
|                     |              | `<`, `>`, `;`, `%`, `\`, `|`, `?`, or `*`  |
| Resource Group       | MSIX         | An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.                                                                                |
|                     |              | A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible. |

**Launch Actions**

Settings to register the Calendar Appointment settings for the app.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Appointments Provider declaration type:

**Table 13-30 • Launch Actions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| Desired View         | MSIX         | Specify the Desired View field to indicate the amount of space the app's window needs when it is launched. This field can have one of the following values:  
  - Default  
  - Use Less  
  - Use Half  
  - Use More  
  - Use Minimum |
| Launch Actions       | MSIX         | Specifies the Appointment Launch Action supported by the App. To add a Launch Action, click **Add New Launch Action** button.  
  **Important** • Specifying at least one Launch Action is mandatory. |
| Verb                 | MSIX         | A unique identifier that is passed when it is launched to the app. This can have one of the following values:  
  - Add Appointment  
  - Remove Appointment  
  - Replace Appointment  
  - Show Timeframe  
  - Show Appointment Details |
| Verb - Entry Point   | MSIX         | Activatable class ID - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: <, >, ;, %, "", |, ?, or *. representing the task handling the extension. |
| Verb - Executable    | MSIX         | Default launch executable - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with ".exe" that cannot contain these characters: <, >, ;, %, |, ?, or *. |
| Verb - Resource Group| MSIX         | An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks. |
| Verb - Runtime Type  | MSIX         | The runtime provider. This field is used typically when there are mixed frameworks in an app. |
| Verb - Start Page    | MSIX         | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: <, >, ;, %, |, ?, or *. |
This declaration helps you to register apps as options for AutoPlay Content events. AutoPlay Content events are raised when a volume device such as a camera memory card, thumb drive, or DVD is inserted into the PC.

- **App Settings**
- **Launch Actions**

### App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the AutoPlay Content declaration type:

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</table>
Launch Actions

To register apps as options for AutoPlay content events. AutoPlay content events are raised when a volume device such as a camera memory card, thumb drive, or DVD is inserted into the PC.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the AutoPlay Content declaration type:

Table 13-32 • Launch Actions

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<th>Project Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>Launch Actions</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the Appointment Launch Action supported by the App. To add a Launch Action, click Add New Launch Action button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch Action Verb</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies an activation string to pass to the App when the event arrives. ‘Launch Action Verb’ required to be unique across AutoPlay Content and AutoPlay Device ‘Launch Action Verb’.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action Display Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the string to display in the AutoPlay UI.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Content Event</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the type of event to recognize on arrival.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
AutoPlay Device

This declaration helps you to register apps as options for AutoPlay Device events. AutoPlay Device events are raised when a device is connected to a PC.

- **App Settings**
- **Launch Actions**

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the AutoPlay Device declaration type:

**Table 13-33 • App Settings**

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<td>- <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
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<tr>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
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<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>EntryPoint</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start Page</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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Launch Actions

To register apps as options for AutoPlay Device events. AutoPlay device events are raised when a device is connected to a PC.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the AutoPlay Device declaration type:

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks. A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch Actions</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>To register apps as options for AutoPlay Device events. AutoPlay device events are raised when a device is connected to a PC.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 13-34 • Launch Actions**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Launch Actions</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the Appointment Launch Action supported by the App. To add a Launch Action, click Add New Launch Action button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Launch Action Verb</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies an activation string to pass to the App when the event arrives. ‘Launch Action Verb’ required to be unique across AutoPlay Content and AutoPlay Device ‘Launch Action Verb’.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action Display Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the string to display in the AutoPlay UI.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Device Event</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the type of event to recognize on arrival.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Important** • Specifying at least one Launch Action is mandatory.

Background Tasks

Even when the app is suspended, you can run the app code using the background tasks.

- **App Settings**
- **Supported Task Types**

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Background Tasks declaration type:

**Table 13-35 • App Settings**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
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<td><strong>Application Settings</strong></td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot; .exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
|                     |              | &lt;, &gt;, %, "", |, ?, or *.
|                     |              | It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.  |
| **EntryPoint**      | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:  |
|                     |              | &lt;, &gt;, %, "", |, ?, or *.
|                     |              | representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.  |
| **Start Page**      | MSIX         | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:  |
|                     |              | &lt;, &gt;, %, "", |, ?, or *.
| **Resource Group**  | MSIX         | An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.  |
|                     |              | A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.  |

**Supported Task Types**

Apps can use background tasks to run code even when the app is suspended. Background tasks are intended for small work items that require no interaction with the user.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Background Tasks declaration types:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bluetooth</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run Background task to handle Bluetooth.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bluetooth Device Connection</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run Background task to handle Bluetooth device connection events.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chat Message Notification</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run Background task to handle the Chat Message Notification.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Channel</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run Background task for real-time apps that maintain open socket connections.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Device Use Trigger</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to access sensors and devices from Background tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>To add a general Background task, such as to invoke from the foreground.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to get the geofence events in the Background tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Media Processing</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run Background task to process media files in the background.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phone Call</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run Background task on Phone Call.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Push Notification</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run a Background task for the Push Notification from the Windows Notification Server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System Event</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run background task to handle system events.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timer</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run Background task on Timer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VPN Client</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies to run background tasks for VPN plug-in applications.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Cached File Updater**

This declaration helps you to provide updates for particular files to help users who want to use the app as a central repository to track and maintain files.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings
App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Cached File Updater declaration type:

**Table 13-37 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Application Settings | MSIX         | Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:

  - **Default Application** - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
  - **Custom Settings** - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.
  - **Start Page** - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.

| Executable           | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with ".exe" that cannot contain these characters:

  `<`, `>`, `:`, `%`, `"`, `|`, `?`, or `*`.

  It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.

| EntryPoint           | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:

  `<`, `>`, `:`, `%`, `"`, `|`, `?`, or `*`.

  representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.

| Start Page           | MSIX         | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:

  `<`, `>`, `:`, `%`, `"`, `|`, `?`, or `*`.

| Resource Group       | MSIX         | An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.

  A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.

Camera Settings

This declaration helps you to customize the flyout that displays more camera options for the UWP device apps.
Note • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

• App Settings

App Settings
Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Camera Settings declaration type:

Table 13-38 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot; ,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot; ,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot; ,</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Dial Protocol

If you are on a network device, you can use the DIAL protocol to launch applications on the Xbox One. If the application you are trying to run is not available, you can even use the DIAL network to install the application before running it.

- **App Settings**
- **Properties**

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Dial Protocol declaration type:

**Table 13-39 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resource Group</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Dial Protocol**

If you are on a network device, you can use the DIAL protocol to launch applications on the Xbox One. If the application you are trying to run is not available, you can even use the DIAL network to install the application before running it.

- **App Settings**
- **Properties**

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Dial Protocol declaration type:

**Table 13-39 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Settings</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
|                      |              | `<`, `>`, `;`, `%`, `", `|`, `?`, or `*`.
|                      |              | It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app. |
Properties

These settings are for the Dial Protocol Name.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Dial Protocol declaration type:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the Name of the Application to launch by the Dial Protocol</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

File Open Picker

This declaration helps users to pick files from the app directly while the user is using another app.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- **App Settings**
- **Supported File Types**

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the File Open Tracker declaration type:

### Table 13-41 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Settings</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot; .exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>EntryPoint</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start Page</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resource Group</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Supported File Types**

Specifies to register the App for the file type operations.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the File Open Tracker declaration type:

**Table 13-42 • Supported File Types**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Supported Any File</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>If Selected:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Yes</strong> - The app recognizes all the file types</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>No</strong> - The app recognizes only the file types declared under the Supported File Type.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Supported File Types**

MSIX Specifies the File Type supported by the App. To add a File Type, click **Add New File Type** button.

***Important*** • Specifying at least one file type is mandatory.

**File Type**

MSIX Specifies the File Type that the App Supports, required to start with '.'

**File Save Picker**

This declaration helps users to save files to the app directly while the user is using another app.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings
- Supported File Types

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the File Save Tracker declaration type:

**Table 13-43 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-43 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters: &lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: &lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: &lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks. A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Supported File Types

Specifies to register the App for the file type operations.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the File Save Tracker declaration type:

Table 13-44 • Supported File Types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Supported Any File Type</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>If Selected:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Yes</strong> - The app recognizes all the file types</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>No</strong> - The app recognizes only the file types declared under the Supported File Type</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
File Type Associations

This declaration helps you to choose an app to register to become the default handler for a certain file type. The user can choose an app as the default handler for a certain file type, the selected app can be activated every time that type of file is launched.

- App Settings
- Edit Flags
- Properties
- Supported File Types

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the File Type Associations declaration type:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File Type</th>
<th>MSIX</th>
<th>Specifies the File Type that the App Supports, required to start with '.'</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

| Supported File Types | MSIX | Specifies the File Type supported by the App. To add a File Type, click Add New File Type button. |

**Important** • Specifying at least one file type is mandatory.
### Table 13-45 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Executable** | MSIX | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with ".exe" that cannot contain these characters: ' <, >, :, %, " , |, ?, or *.
It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app. |
| **Entry Point** | MSIX | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: '<, >, :, %, " , |, ?, or *.
representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app. |
| **Start Page** | MSIX | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: '<, >, :, %, " , |, ?, or *.
| **Resource Group** | MSIX | An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.
A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible. |
| **Desired View** | MSIX | Specify the Desired View field to indicate the amount of space the app’s window needs when it is launched for the file type. This field can have one of the following values:
- Default
- Use Less
- Use Half
- Use More
- Use Minimum |

### Edit Flags

Specify the Edit Flag for a group of file types.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the File Type Associations declaration type:

### Table 13-46 • Edit Flags

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Open is Safe</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Indicates that the word ‘Open’ for the file type can be invoked for any downloaded files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always Unsafe</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Indicates to override automatically when the file type is disabled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Properties

Settings for the File Type Association Properties

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the File Type Associations declaration type:

### Table 13-47 • Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the Display Name for a group of file types.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logo</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the logo that is used to identify the file type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Info Tip</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the Info Tip to appear when the user hovers on the icon for a file of this type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Choose a name for a group of file types that share the same display name, logo, info tip, and edit flags</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Important** • The Name must be in lower case letters.

### Supported File Types

Settings to register the App for the file type operations

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the File Type Associations declaration type:

### Table 13-48 • Supported File Types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Supported File Type</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the File Type supported by the App. To add a File Type, click Add New File Type button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Important** • Specifying at least one file type is mandatory.

| File Type                  | MSIX         | Specifies the File Type that the App Supports, required to start with '"' |
Lock Screen

This declaration helps the user to answer a VoIP phone call without unlocking the screen of the phone.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- **App Settings**

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Lock Screen declaration type:

**Table 13-49 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Application Settings** | MSIX         | Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:  
- **Default Application** - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.  
- **Custom Settings** - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.  
- **Start Page** - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.  
| **Executable**    | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with ".exe" that cannot contain these characters:  
<, >, %, ", |, ?, or *.  
It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.  
|
Table 13-49 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: &lt;, &gt;, :, %, ”,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: &lt;, &gt;, :, %, ”,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks. A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Media Playback

In order to support Windows Store apps, you must indicate those apps to support DVD playback.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings
- Supported Codecs

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Media Playback declaration type:

**Table 13-50 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Settings</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>EntryPoint</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start Page</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resource Group</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Supported Codecs**

Settings to register the supported media codec for Media Play Back.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Media Playback declaration type:

**Table 13-51 • Supported Codecs**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Supported Codec</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the Media Codec supported by the App. To add a File Type, click Add New Codec button.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Important* • Specifying at least one Codec is mandatory.

| Codec             | MSIX         | Specifies the Name of the Codec                                           |

**Personal Assistant Launch**

This declaration helps you to provide deep links from a background app to the foreground app in a specific state or context.

*Note* • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Personal Assistant Launch declaration type:

**Table 13-52 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-52 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters: <code>&lt;</code>, <code>&gt;</code>, <code>;</code>, <code>%</code>, <code>&quot;</code>, `</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: <code>&lt;</code>, <code>&gt;</code>, <code>;</code>, <code>%</code>, <code>&quot;</code>, `</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: <code>&lt;</code>, <code>&gt;</code>, <code>;</code>, <code>%</code>, <code>&quot;</code>, `</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks. A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Print 3D Workflow

This declaration helps you to use a Windows Store device app to provide a unique experience in the 3D print dialog.

Note • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Print 3D Workflow declaration type:

**Table 13-53 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Application Settings** | MSIX         | Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:  
  - Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.  
  - Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.  
  - Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point. |
| **Executable**       | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with " .exe" that cannot contain these characters:  
  <, >, ", %, ", |, ?, or *.
  It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app. |
| **EntryPoint**       | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:  
  <, >, ", %, ", |, ?, or *.
  representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app. |
| **Start Page**       | MSIX         | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:  
  <, >, ", %, ", |, ?, or *. |
| **Resource Group**   | MSIX         | An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.  
  A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible. |

**Pre-installed Configuration**

This declaration allows you to immediately launch an update task without any user interaction to make sure the application is updated immediately.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.
• App Settings

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Pre-installed Configuration declaration type:

Table 13-54 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EntryPoint</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Print Task Settings**

This declaration allows you to use a Windows Store device app to customize the flyout that displays advanced print settings.

*Note* • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- **App Settings**

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Print Task Settings declaration type:

**Table 13-55 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, ”,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, ”,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, ”,</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-55 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks. A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Protocol

This declaration help you to use existing URI schemes, such as mailto, or create a custom URI scheme for the app. The URI activation extension enables you to define a custom URI scheme or register to handle an existing URI scheme.

- App Settings
- Properties

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Protocol declaration type:

Table 13-56 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters: &lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Table 13-56 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Entry Point       | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: <, >, ;, %, “, |, ?, or *.
|                   |              | representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app. |
| Start Page        | MSIX         | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: <, >, ;, %, “, |, ?, or *.
| Resource Group    | MSIX         | An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks. A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible. |

Properties

Setting to register the App for the URL protocol.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Protocol declaration type:

Table 13-57 • Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Logo</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the icon image that appears in the Windows shell for protocols that match the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies an optional display name for this protocol handler.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the Protocol that supports the app.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Restricted Launch

This declaration allows the app to protect itself from the untrusted content. Child app containers provide an extra level of isolation at runtime when untrusted content may be executed by the Windows Store app.

Note • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings
App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Restricted Launch declaration type:

Table 13-58 • App Settings

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Settings</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Executable</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>EntryPoint</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start Page</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resource Group</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Share Target

This declaration allows you to help users share content from your app with another app or service, and vice versa. Apps that support the Share Target can automatically share content to and from any other app that also supports the declaration.

Note • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.

- App Settings
- Properties
- Data Formats
- Supported File Types

App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Share Target declaration type:

Table 13-59 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-59 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Entry Point     | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: 
|                 |              | <, >, :, %, “, ‘, |, ?, or *. |
|                 |              | representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app. |
| Start Page      | MSIX         | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: 
|                 |              | <, >, :, %, “, ‘, |, ?, or *. |
| Resource Group  | MSIX         | An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks. |
|                 |              | A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible. |

Properties

Specify the Share Target properties to register the app to receive the sharable content

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Share Target declaration type:

Table 13-60 • Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Share Description</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the Share Target's description that will appear in Windows</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Data Formats

Settings to specify the data formats supported by the App.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Share Target declaration type:

Table 13-61 • Data Formats

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Date Formats</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>To add a Data Format, click Add New Data Format button</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Supported File Types

Settings to register the App for the file type operations
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Share Target declaration type:

**Table 13-62 • Supported File Types**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Supported Any File Type</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>If Selected:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Yes - The app recognizes all the file types</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• No - The app recognizes only the file types declared under the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Supported File Type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supported File Types</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the File Type supported by the App. To add a File Type, click</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Add New File Type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Type</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies the File Type that the App Supports, required to start with '.'</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Search**

This declaration allows you to add a search pane to the app so the users can search not only the app's content but content from other apps as well. Users can also transfer the search query itself to other apps.

*Note • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.*

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Search declaration type:

**Table 13-63 • App Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-63 • App Settings

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot; .exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Service**

Specifies a service that is installed and registered along with the app. These services can be configured to run under either the Local Service, Network Service, or Local System account. Windows 10, version 2004, introduces support for running an MSIX package that includes services.

- App Settings
- Properties
- Dependencies

**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Update Task declaration type:

### Table 13-64 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Default Application</strong> - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Custom Settings</strong> - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Start Page</strong> - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
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<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Properties

### Table 13-65 • Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the Name for the Service.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 13

View Reference

Dependencies
These are the settings for the windows.service dependencies. Dependency Services outside the package are not currently supported.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the MSIX Service declaration dependencies category:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Startup Type</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The startup type for the service. The following values are supported:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• auto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• manual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start Account</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The type of account in which to run the service. The following values are</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>supported:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• localSystem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• localServices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• networkService</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Arguments</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Optional arguments to pass to the service.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the MSIX Service declaration dependencies category:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Dependent Service</strong></td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specifies one or more dependent services for the current service.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Update Task
This declaration is a background task that is run directly after the user updates the app to a newer version.

*Note* • *You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.*

- App Settings

App Settings
Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Update Task declaration type:

Table 13-67 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, `,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, `,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, `,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Web Account Provider

This declaration helps you to allows user to sign on once and have that logging in action provide account information to multiple applications.

Note • You are restricted to create only one instance per Declaration Set.
**App Settings**

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Web Account Provider declaration type:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Application Settings** | MSIX         | Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:  
  - **Default Application** - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.  
  - **Custom Settings** - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.  
  - **Start Page** - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point. |
| **Executable**      | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with ".exe" that cannot contain these characters:  
  `<, >, :, %, ", |, ?, or *`.  
  It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app. |
| **EntryPoint**      | MSIX         | A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:  
  `<, >, :, %, ", |, ?, or *`.  
  representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app. |
| **Start Page**      | MSIX         | Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:  
  `<, >, :, %, ", |, ?, or *`. |
Properties

Specifies the properties required to register the Web Account Provider.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Web Account Provider declaration type:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Managed URLs

Specifies the additional URL that belongs to the same Web Account Provider.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Web Account Provider declaration type:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Managed URLs</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Allows to create additional URL for the same web account provider.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To add a URL, click Add New Managed URL button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Managed URL</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Additional URL that belongs to the same Web Account Provider, and it must be a valid HTTPS URL.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
App Settings

Application Setting specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Windows Shared Fonts declaration type:

Table 13-71 • App Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Settings</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Application Settings specifies how to configure the Declaration default executable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default Application - Executable defined is used for the App in the Applications view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Custom Settings - Default executable can be specified for the Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Start Page - Web Page that handles can be specified for the extensibility point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with &quot;.exe&quot; that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>It specifies the default executable for the declaration. If not specified, the Executable value is derived from the Application view which is used for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Point</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>representing the task handling the declaration. This is normally the fully namespace-qualified name of a Windows Runtime type. If Executable value is specified, the EntryPoint is mandatory for the app.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Page</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Web page that handles the extensibility point - A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, ;, %, &quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource Group</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>An app-defined name that determines the same host process for multiple tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>A tag that you can use to group extension activations together for resource management purposes (for example, CPU and memory). The value you can set ResourceGroup is free-form and flexible.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Windows Shared Fonts

Specifies one or more fonts to register with the system.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Windows Shared Fonts declaration type:

**Table 13-72 • Windows Shared Fonts**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Windows Shared Fonts</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Allows to register one or more fonts with the system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Package Declarations**

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*Project* • The Package Declarations view is available in the following project type:

- MSIX

This declaration helps you to add package declarations like:

- Certificates
- Enterprise Data Protection
- InProcessServer

**Certificates**

This declaration helps you to declare a package extensibility point of type windows.certificates. The app requires one or more certificates from the specified certificate stores.

*Note* • You are restricted to create only one instance per Package.

- Properties
- Certificates

**Properties**

This view is used to declare and configure package declaration properties of type windows.certificates. Certificates declaration enables the package to install digital certificates, such as trusted root certificates, with the app. These certificates are used during secure connections to the web services over SSL.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Certificates package declarations:

**Table 13-73 • Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Exclusive Trust</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Either select <strong>Yes</strong> or <strong>No</strong> to indicate whether the certificates for the package are exclusive to the package and determines certificate validation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-73 • Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Selection Criteria</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Defines selection criteria for the certificates defined for the package during client authentication.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>AutoSelect</strong> - Select this option if the certificates are selected automatically.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>HardwareOnly</strong> - Select this option if the specified certificates are hardware-specific.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Certificates

Declares a package extensibility point of type windows.certificates. Specifies the certificates that are installed in the application specific certificate store.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Certificates package declarations:

Table 13-74 • Certificates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Certificates</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>• <strong>Certificates</strong> - Declare one or more number of certificates here.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Enterprise Data Protection

This declaration helps you to declare that the app is safe for auto-encryption and allows it to be managed without device enrollment via Windows Information Protection policy.

**Note** • You are restricted to create only one instance per Package.

• Properties

Properties

Declares that the app is safe for auto-encryption and allows it to be managed without device enrollment via Windows Information Protection policy.

Use this extension only if the app is exclusively for work, and/or you provide a mechanism to restore any non-work personal data the app modifies. All files that the app creates or modifies will be encrypted on behalf of the managing organization, and become inaccessible after a selective wipe occurs, when the protection policy is removed from the device.

**Important** • Always use enterpriseDataPolicy capability to safely handle both work and personal data when managed with Windows Information Protection.
The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the Enterprise Data Protection package declarations:

**Table 13-75 • Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Protection Mode</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The mode of data protection:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Auto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Default</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**InProcessServer**

This declaration helps you to declare a package extensibility point of type windows.activatableClass.inProcessServer. The app uses a dynamic link library (DLL) that exposes one or more activatable classes.

- Properties
- Activatable Class

**Properties**

Declares a package extensibility point of type windows.activatableClass.inProcessServer. The app uses a dynamic link library (DLL) that exposes one or more activatable classes.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the InProcessServer package declarations:

**Table 13-76 • Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Path</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The path to the in-process DLL. A string between 1 and 256 characters in length that cannot contain these characters: &lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;, &gt;, :, %, &quot;&quot;,</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Activatable Class**

Declares an activatable runtime class associated with the extensibility point.

The following table describes the settings that are displayed in the InProcessServer package declarations:

**Table 13-77 • Activatable Class**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Declaration</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Class ID</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The identifier of the runtime class in the operating system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Threading Model</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The type of threading model supported by the runtime class. This attribute can have any one of the following values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Both</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Single-threaded Apartments (STA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Multi-threaded Apartments (MTA)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Content URIs View

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**Project**  •  The Content URIs view is available in the following project types:

- MSIX

Use this page to specify the URIs that can use window.external.notify to send a Script-Notify event to the app. URIs can include wild-card characters in sub-domain names (for example, https://*.revenera.com or https://**.revenera.com)

The Content URIs view specifies the pages in the web context that have access to the system's geolocation devices (if the app has permission to access this capability) and access to the clipboard.

If more than one rule is defined, then the order of the rules is important.

To define the Match attribute with an IRI for a web resource, you can specify only secure “https:” sites - unsecure “http:” sites aren’t allowed.

Organization View

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**Project**  •  The Organization view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table 13-77 • Activatable Class</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Declaration</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activatable Class Attributes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activatable Class Attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Activatable Class Attributes | MSIX | Defines one or more activatable class attributes. |
| Activatable Class Attribute | MSIX | Defines an attribute instance of the class that is stored in the Windows Runtime property store. |
| Name | MSIX | An attribute name. An alphanumeric string between 1 and 255 characters in length. Must begin with an alphabetic character. |
| Type | MSIX | An attribute type. This attribute can have one of the following values: |
| Value | MSIX | An attribute value. A string between 1 and 255 characters in length. |
The first step in building anything is to lay a solid foundation. The base of your project is formed by specifying application information through the General Information view and—for installation projects—creating features in the Features view.

**Setup Design**

**Project** • The Setup Design view is available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Transform

The most important step in designing any setup is to lay out the various elements, the “building blocks” of the installation. You need to think both from your user’s perspective as well as your own. The Setup Design view gives you a full look at your setup and all the features, components, and redistributables associated with it.

**Features**

**Project** • The Features view is available in the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

Features are the building blocks of your installation. They represent a distinct piece of your application—such as program files, help files, or clip art—to your end users. You can create features and subfeatures in the Features view.

**Components**

**Project** • The Components view is available in the following project types:
Components are setup-authoring tools that help you organize similar application data, such as files, registry entries, and shortcuts, into logical groups. Unlike features, they constitute the developer’s view of a project.

**Setup Types**

*Project* • The Setup Types view is available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Setup types offer your customers multiple configurations of your applications. Generally, these configurations include Complete and Custom. Setup types allows your users to choose the best configuration for their needs. This view is available only for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI setup projects.

**Packages**

*Project* • The Packages view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

*Edition* • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Use the Packages view to add packages and InstallShield prerequisites that you want to include in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. This view is also where you define conditions for each package, associate each package with one or more Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI features, and configure other settings for each package.

**DIM References**

*Project* • The DIM References view is available in Basic MSI projects.
Use the DIM References view to manage all of the DIM references in your project, view any specific instructions that are required for the referenced DIMs, and associate each referenced DIM with one or more features. This view also lets you schedule the DIM’s custom actions and dialogs in the Basic MSI installation’s sequences.

**See Also**
- Setup Design View
- Features View
- Components View
- Setup Types View
- Packages View
- DIM References View

## Setup Design View

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**Project** • The Setup Design view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Transform

The most important step in designing any installation is to lay out the various elements, the building blocks of the installation. You need to think both from the end user’s perspective, as well as your own.

You can design the entire installation hierarchy for your application visually under the Setup Design view. This is the only view in which you can associate components with features and subfeatures.

### Features

Features are the building blocks of your application from the end user’s perspective. They can be installed or uninstalled based on the end user’s selections. Your entire application should be divided into discrete features that perform a specific purpose. Features can be created in both the Setup Design view and the Features view.

### Components

Components enable you to group your application data together. Unlike features, components constitute the developer’s view of a project—containing data such as files, registry entries, and shortcuts. Components are associated with features in the Setup Design view, and a component may belong to more than one feature. Components can be created in both the Setup Design view and the Components view.

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**Tip** • The Components section contains the Files, Registry Entries, and Shortcuts nodes, in addition to the Advanced Settings for the component. If you do not want to see the subordinate nodes when they do not contain data, right-click Setup Design and select **Show Only Nodes with Data**. When this option is selected, only the nodes that contain data are displayed.
**DIMs**

Developer installation manifest (DIMs) are separate pieces of an installation project that can be incorporated into a Basic MSI project to create a complete product installation. You can divide your product into separate, logical units to foster collaboration, enable distributed installation development, and enable reuse.

**Redistributables**

Redistributables enable you to install distinct, pre-existing pieces of functionality. For example, if your application requires Visual Basic run-time .dll files, you can include the Visual Basic Virtual Machine merge module, rather than add a file to your installation project and trying to determine its installation requirements.

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**Note** • You can add redistributables—including InstallShield prerequisites, merge modules, and objects—to your installation in the Redistributables view (or the Prerequisites view in InstallScript projects and the Objects view in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects).

**Files, Registry Data, and Shortcuts**

Files, registry data, and shortcuts are elements that are added to a component to complete the hierarchy.

**Advanced Settings**

Advanced Component Settings let you handle installation of components with special requirements. By specifying the advanced settings, you can publish your component and register COM servers, file extension servers, MIME types, and so on. You can also use the component’s advanced settings to create an application paths entry in the registry.

**See Also**

- Feature Settings
- Component Settings
- Installation Fundamentals

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**Features View**

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**Project** • The Features view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform
A feature is the smallest installable part of a product, from the end user’s perspective. It represents a specific capability of your product—such as its help files or a part of a product suite that can be installed or uninstalled based on the end user’s selections. Your entire installation should be divided into features, each of which performs a specific purpose.

Subfeatures are further divisions of a feature. Because features should be self-contained elements of a product or product suite that an end user can selectively install, it might make sense for you to organize portions of your installation as subfeatures of a parent feature.

**Tip** • Although you can create many levels of subfeatures, you should keep the design as simple as possible for organizational purposes.

**See Also**
- Feature Settings
- Creating Features
- Installation Fundamentals

### Feature Settings

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**Project** • Feature settings are available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- MSI Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

The settings in the Features view (and the feature settings in the Setup Design view) are organized into the following main categories:

- General
- Feature Events
- Run-Time Settings
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General

When you select a feature in the Features view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available in the General area:

Table 13-78 • General Settings for a Feature

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform</td>
<td>Enter the name that you want to be displayed for this feature on the CustomSetup dialog (or in Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI projects, on the InstallationFeatures wizard page). When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, MSI Database, Suite/Advanced UI, Transform</td>
<td>Enter a brief description of the feature. A feature’s description is displayed on the CustomSetup dialog (or, in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations, on the InstallationFeatures wizard page) when the end user clicks a feature or subfeature. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Project** • In Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects: When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.
Remote Installation  
Indicate the default install state for the feature. Valid options are:

- **Favor Source** — The files in this feature are set to be run directly from the source medium, such as a CD-ROM or a network location, by default.
- **Favor Local** — The files in this feature are set to be installed on the target system by default.
- **Favor Parent** — The subfeature has the same default state as its parent feature. This option is available only if the feature is a subfeature.

For more information, see Setting a Feature’s Remote Installation Setting.

**Caution** • If any of the feature’s components contain a Windows service, select Favor Local. Although an end user could change the installation state through the CustomSetup dialog, the Windows Installer cannot install a service remotely.

Destination  
Select the folder on the target system into which the feature’s files should be installed, or click the ellipsis button (…) to select or create a directory.

**Note** • If you want the destination to be configurable at run time, the destination folder that you select must be a public property (containing all uppercase letters).

For more information, see Setting a Feature’s Destination.

Install Level  
Enter an integer for this feature’s install level. Unless the end user deselects features in the CustomSetup dialog, all features with an install level less than or equal to the value of the package’s INSTALLLEVEL property are installed. You can change the INSTALLLEVEL property for the entire project in the Property Manager.

The Install Level setting for a feature is compared against the INSTALLLEVEL property at run time to determine which features are available for installation. You can use this setting to create specific feature configurations.

**Project** • For InstallScript MSI installations, this setting is used only if no setup types are defined for the project.
Table 13-78 • General Settings for a Feature (cont.)

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<td>Display</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Indicate how you want the feature presented to the end user in</td>
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<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>the CustomSetup dialog (in Basic MSI, MSI Database, and</td>
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<td>MSI Database,</td>
<td>Transform projects) or the feature selection dialog (in</td>
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<td>Transform</td>
<td>InstallScript MSI projects).</td>
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<td>• <strong>Visible and Collapsed</strong>—The feature is displayed in the runtime dialog</td>
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<td>with its subfeatures collapsed by default.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Visible and Expanded</strong>—The feature is displayed in the runtime dialog</td>
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<td>with its subfeatures expanded by default.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Not Visible</strong>—The feature and subfeatures are not displayed in the run-</td>
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<td>time dialog.</td>
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<td>This setting does not have any direct impact on whether a feature</td>
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<td>is installed. A feature is not automatically installed if it is not</td>
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<td>visible—it just cannot be deselected if it would otherwise be</td>
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<td>installed, or selected if it should not be installed.</td>
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<td>For more information, see <a href="#">Displaying Features to End Users</a>.</td>
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<td>Visible</td>
<td>Advanced UI,</td>
<td>Specify whether the feature should be visible on the feature</td>
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<td>InstallScript, Suite/</td>
<td>selection dialog in InstallScript installations or the</td>
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<td>Advanced UI</td>
<td>InstallationFeatures wizard page in Advanced UI and Suite/</td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong> • Since the only way for end users to change the selection</td>
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<td>status of an invisible feature is by selecting or deselecting a visible</td>
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<td>feature that requires the invisible feature, you should make every</td>
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<td>invisible feature a required feature for one or more visible features.</td>
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<td>Otherwise, end users will not be able to select or install features</td>
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<td>that are initially deselected.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advertised</td>
<td>Basic MSI, MSI Database, Transform</td>
<td>Select the appropriate advertisement option for this feature. Available options are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Allow Advertise</strong>—End users have the ability to select the advertisement option for this feature in the CustomSetup dialog. Although advertisement is allowed, it is not the default option when the installation is run.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Favor Advertise</strong>—The feature is advertised by default. End users can change the advertisement option for a feature in the CustomSetup dialog.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Disallow Advertise</strong>—Advertising is not allowed for this feature. End users cannot elect to have the feature advertised in the CustomSetup dialog.</td>
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<tr>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Disable Advertise if Not Supported</strong>—Advertisement works only on systems with Internet Explorer 4.01 or later. If the target system does not meet this criterion, advertising is not allowed. If the target system can support advertisement, advertising is allowed.</td>
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<td>For more information, see Advertising Features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, Transform</td>
<td>Indicate whether the feature is required on the target system; if the feature is required, end users cannot deselect it in the CustomSetup dialog (in Basic MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) or the feature selection dialog (in InstallScript MSI projects).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Project • In InstallScript MSI projects, this setting is applicable to root-level features during a first-time installation. It is also applicable to subfeatures in an upgrade or patch. This setting is ignored for subfeatures during a first-time installation.*
This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the feature should be selected for installation by default on the InstallationFeatures wizard page.

For example, if you want a particular feature to be selected by default on target systems that have a particular version of Windows, you can create a condition that specifies that version of Windows. Depending on how you configure the condition, you can have that Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI feature selected by default on the InstallationFeatures wizard page when an end user runs the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation on that platform. Unless the end users deselects the feature, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation installs it.

To add one or more new feature conditions, click the New Condition button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row under the Condition setting. Select the appropriate option—All, Any, or None—from the list in this row. Then in this row, click the New Condition button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement.

If one or more conditional statements are configured, the Condition setting says (Condition). If none are configured, the Condition setting says (Empty).

For descriptions of each of the condition settings, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

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<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the feature should be selected for installation by default on the InstallationFeatures wizard page. For example, if you want a particular feature to be selected by default on target systems that have a particular version of Windows, you can create a condition that specifies that version of Windows. Depending on how you configure the condition, you can have that Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI feature selected by default on the InstallationFeatures wizard page when an end user runs the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation on that platform. Unless the end users deselects the feature, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation installs it. To add one or more new feature conditions, click the New Condition button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row under the Condition setting. Select the appropriate option—All, Any, or None—from the list in this row. Then in this row, click the New Condition button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement. If one or more conditional statements are configured, the Condition setting says (Condition). If none are configured, the Condition setting says (Empty). For descriptions of each of the condition settings, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Release Flags</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If you want to use release flags to be able to selectively include and exclude this feature from different builds of your installation, enter one or more release flags to identify this feature. Separate multiple flags with a comma. For more information, see Assigning Release Flags to Features.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, Transform</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more conditional install levels. If a condition is true on the target system, the feature is given the corresponding install level. At run time, the feature’s install level value is compared to the value of the global public property INSTALLLEVEL to determine whether the feature should be selected for installation by default. To specify one or more conditions, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. For more information, see Setting Feature Conditions. When you add a condition, InstallShield adds a new row to the grid of feature settings. The new row shows the install level for the feature, as well as the corresponding conditional statement that you added.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Enter comments to help you track the changes you make to a feature, or for any future reference. The feature’s comments are stored only in the project file and are not used in the installation at any time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Required Features</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>If one or more other features must be installed whenever the selected feature is installed, click the ellipsis button (...) and specify the other required features. For more information, see Using the Required Features Setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Allow UI Selection Change| Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI    | Indicate whether end users should be allowed to select or deselect the feature on the InstallationFeatures wizard page. Available options are:  
  • **Yes**—End users should be able to select or deselect the feature through the wizard interface. This is the default option.  
  • **No**—End users should not be able to select or deselect the feature through the wizard interface. If this feature is visible on the InstallationFeatures wizard page, it appears in a read-only state (either selected or deselected, based on other factors, such as the feature’s condition). |
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<tr>
<td>Follow Parent State</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/</td>
<td>This setting is available for subfeatures; it is not available for root-level features.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Advanced UI</td>
<td>Indicate whether you want the subfeature’s state to be determined by its parent feature. Available options are:</td>
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<td>• Yes—The selected subfeature will be installed whenever its parent feature is installed.</td>
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<td>• No—If the selected subfeature’s parent feature is installed, the selected subfeature can be either installed or not installed. This is the default option.</td>
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<td>Note that if the selected subfeature’s parent feature is not installed, the selected subfeature cannot be installed.</td>
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<td>This setting is especially useful if you want the subfeature to be hidden on the InstallationFeatures wizard page, but its parent feature is not hidden.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Status Text</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>Specify the status text for the feature. Your end users will see this text in the uppermost line of the progress indicator during the transfer of this feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object</td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Need</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>Indicate the severity of allowing end users to deselect the feature in a Custom setup type. Available options are:</td>
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<td>InstallScript Object</td>
<td>• Standard—End users should be allowed to deselect the feature; no error messages are displayed.</td>
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<td>• Highly Recommended—End users should be advised that the feature is highly recommended.</td>
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<td>• Critical—End users should be warned that the feature should not be deselected.</td>
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<td>Your script can read this setting using the InstallScript function FeatureGetData with the FEATURE_FIELD_FILENEED constant. Depending on the return value, your script can display a message to alert the end user if a critical or highly recommended feature is deselected.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Include in Build</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Specify whether the feature should be included in your release when you build it. Note that in the Features panel of the Release Wizard, you can override this setting for any of the features in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>If you want to password-protect the feature, enter a password. You can specify a different password for each feature. You can also specify a password for the entire installation (in the Media Password setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view). Note that the default script does not automatically validate a feature’s password. You must modify the script to validate the password by inserting a dialog function (such as AskText) that prompts the end user to enter a password, and then calling the FeatureValidate function from within the script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Encryption</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify whether the files for the feature should be encrypted. Encrypted files can be read only by the InstallScript engine (or by an experienced hacker). If you plan to offer end users the option of running your product directly from the distribution media, do not encrypt the relevant files. InstallShield decrypts files only during installation to the end user’s hard drive. Encryption is not the same as password protection. Encrypting a file scrambles it so that if someone opens it in a text editor, they cannot read strings and other data to get confidential information about your product. Password-protecting a feature prevents it from being installed by someone who does not know the password. You can encrypt a feature’s files or you can password-protect the feature—or, for maximum security, you can do both. If a feature’s files are encrypted but neither the feature nor the release is password-protected, the feature can be installed by anyone who obtains your distribution media (or a copy). If a feature is password-protected but its files are not encrypted, someone can open the files in a text editor and read confidential information—possibly including the feature’s password.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Caution • Experienced hackers may be able to extract this password from your release. If security is a critical issue, it is recommended that you not depend solely on this password protection functionality.
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<tr>
<td>CD-ROM Folder</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Specify the folder in the disk image in which the feature’s files should be placed if the CD_ROM Folder(s) option is selected in the Media Layout panel of the Release Wizard, or if the feature’s check box is selected on the Custom Media Layout panel of the Release Wizard. If either of these conditions are met but no folder is specified, the feature is placed in the root of the disk image or, if it is a subfeature, in the same folder as its parent feature. Folder names on CD-ROMs should conform to ISO 9660 (Level 1) standards. That is, folder names should be no more than eight characters long (with no extensions), and use only the characters A-Z, 0-9, and _ (underscore). By putting a folder structure on your CD-ROM, you can allow your product to be run from the CD-ROM. The folder structure on the CD-ROM does not need to mirror the folder structure that would be installed to a hard drive. All that is necessary is that your product be able to work with either folder structure. This functionality is typically used only for CD-ROM distribution; for other distribution media, you usually want to compress all features into .cab files.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Project • For InstallScript Object projects, the value of this setting has no effect on where the object’s files are placed when the object is included in an installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Included Components</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This read-only setting lists the components that are associated with the feature. It is essential to an installation that components be associated with features; otherwise, no files will be installed. Use the Setup Design view to associate components with features. For more information, see Component-Feature Associations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GUID</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies this feature. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button ({{...}}) in this setting. The feature GUID identifies the feature in the installation’s log file; if you change a feature’s GUID in an upgrade, the InstallScript engine treats it as a new feature rather than an update to an existing feature.</td>
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Feature Events

When you select a feature in the Features view or the Setup Design view of an InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, or InstallScript Object project, the following settings are available in the Feature Events area:

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<td>OnInstalling</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify an InstallScript function to be called before this feature is installed. Select the desired function from the list. Only exported functions appear in the list. Exported functions have this prototype: export prototype FunctionName( );</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OnInstalled</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify an InstallScript function to be called after this feature is installed. Select the desired function from the list. Only exported functions appear in the list. Exported functions have this prototype: export prototype FunctionName( );</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OnUninstalling</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify an InstallScript function to be called before this feature is uninstalled. Select the desired function from the list. Only exported functions appear in the list. Exported functions have this prototype: export prototype FunctionName( );</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OnUninstalled</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify an InstallScript function to be called after this feature is uninstalled. Select the desired function from the list. Only exported functions appear in the list. Exported functions have this prototype: export prototype FunctionName( );</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Run-Time Settings

When you select a feature in the Features view or the Setup Design view of an InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, or InstallScript Object project, the following settings are available in the Run-Time Settings area:

Table 13-80 • Run-Time Settings for a Feature

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<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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| FTP Location  | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object | If you want to associate an FTP location with the feature, enter the FTP address in the following format:  
ftp.domain.com  
The address that you enter can be accessed from within the script using the FeatureGetData function with the FEATURE_FIELD_FTPLOCATION constant. |
| HTTP Location | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object | If you want to associate an HTTP address with the feature, enter the HTTP address in the following format:  
http://www.domain.com  
The address that you enter can be accessed from within the script using the FeatureGetData function with the FEATURE_FIELD_HTTPLOCATION constant. |
| Miscellaneous | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object | If you want to associate a text string with the feature, enter the text string.  
The text string that you enter can be accessed from within the script using the FeatureGetData function with the FEATURE_FIELD_MISC constant. |

See Also
Creating Features
Features View
Setup Design View

Components View

InstallShield 2020

Project • The Components view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
Components are installation-authoring elements that help you organize similar application data, such as files, registry entries, and shortcuts, into logical groups. Unlike features, components constitute the developer’s view of a project.

You can create and modify components in the Setup Design view (for installation projects) or the Components view.

Tip • The Components explorer contains nodes for the files, registry data, and so on for each component. If you do not want to see the subordinate nodes when they do not contain data, right-click the top-level explorer and then click Show Only Nodes with Data. When this command is selected, only the nodes that contain data are displayed.

Note • To improve performance, the list displayed in the Files view truncates when there are more than a predefined number of files in a dynamically linked file with subfolders. **List Truncated** appears as the first item in the file list when this occurs. All files contained in the subfolders are built into your project.

Component-Feature Relationships

Components are associated with features in the Setup Design view. For more information, see Associating New Components with Features.

Component Settings

For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed when you click a component, see Component Settings.

Advanced Settings for a Component

For information about advanced settings that you can configure for a component, see Advanced Settings for a Component.

See Also
Using Components
Separating Applications into Components
Component Creation
Component Key Files
Installation Fundamentals
Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems

Component Settings

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Project • Component settings are available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
The settings in the Components view (and the component settings in the Setup Design view) are organized into the following main categories:

- **General**
- **Target Machine**
- **.NET Settings**
- **Run-Time Settings**
**General**

When you select a component in the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available in the General area:

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| **Destination**  | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Select the folder on the target system into which the component’s files should be installed, or click the ellipsis button (…) to select or create a directory. To install the files to the product’s default destination folder, select the appropriate location, depending on which project type you are using:  
  - [INSTALLDIR]—in a Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, or Transform project  
  - <TARGETDIR>—in an InstallScript or InstallScript Object project  

*Project* • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects, if you want the destination to be configurable at run time, the destination folder that you select must be a public property (containing all uppercase letters).

Note that in some project types (Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform), you can also set the destination folder of a component’s feature. For information on the effects of setting the destination for a feature as well as its components, see Component Destination vs. Feature Destination.

In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, if you are installing files to WINSYSDIR64, you may need to select Yes for the component’s 64-Bit Component setting. Otherwise, files being installed to WINSYSDIR64 may be redirected to SysWOW64, the 32-bit Windows system folder. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with InstallScript Installations.

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<tr>
<th><strong>Destination Permissions</strong></th>
<th>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</th>
<th>To set permissions for the component’s destination folder, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting.</th>
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*Note* • Unless you need to designate specific permissions, it is recommended that you leave this setting undefined so that normal user permissions can apply to the destination folder.
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<td>Component Code</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies this component. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button (⋯) in this setting.</td>
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</table>

**Shared**

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|             | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | **Project** • The behavior of this setting varies slightly, depending on whether the project type is Windows Installer based (Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, or Transform project) or InstallScript based (InstallScript or InstallScript Object project).  

- **For a Windows Installer–based project**—Specify whether you want to mark this component’s key file as shared. If the installation installs the key file and Yes is selected for its component’s Shared setting, a reference count is created in the registry—if it does not already exist—and incremented.  

- **For an InstallScript-based project**—Specify whether you want to mark this component as shared. If the installation installs the component’s files and Yes is selected for the component’s Shared setting, a reference count for each of the component’s files is created in the registry—if it does not already exist—and incremented.  

Note that the installation increments any existing reference count for any file in a component regardless of whether you mark the component as shared. However, if no reference count exists, the installation does not create one unless you select Yes for this Shared setting.  

For more information, see Managing Reference Counts for Shared Files. |

| Permanent    | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Specify whether you want to mark this component as permanent. If you select Yes, none of the component’s data (such as files, registry entries, and shortcuts) are removed from the target system when the component’s feature is uninstalled.  

Validation rules require that you select Yes for any component being installed to [SystemFolder].  

**Note** • If you are installing a font, it is recommended that you select Yes. |
### Uninstall

Specify whether the component’s files, registry entries, and other data should be uninstalled when the component’s feature is uninstalled.

This setting is useful for preventing the uninstallation of files that may be used by other products. If the component’s files are not used by other products, the Uninstall setting should typically be set to Yes.

#### Condition

This setting lets you enter a statement that the installation must evaluate before setting up your component’s data on the target system. The component is not installed if its condition evaluates to false. However, the component is installed or advertised if its condition evaluates to true, assuming that its feature is selected for installation.

To create a condition for the component, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. For more information, see Configuring Component Conditions.

#### Remote Installation

Indicate the default install state for the component. Valid options are:

- **Favor Source** — The files in this component are set to be run directly from the source medium, such as a CD-ROM or a network location, by default.
- **Favor Local** — The files in this component are set to be installed on the target system by default.
- **Optional** — The component uses the Remote Installation setting of its feature.

For more information, see Setting a Component’s Remote Installation Setting.

**Caution** • *If the component contains a Windows service, select the Favor Local option. Although an end user could change the feature’s installation state through the CustomSetup dialog, the Windows Installer cannot install a service remotely.*
COM Extract at Build

Specify whether you want InstallShield to extract COM data from this component’s key file at build time. Available options are:

- **No**—InstallShield does not extract the COM information at build time.
- **Yes**—InstallShield extracts the COM information every time that you build a release. If your COM server’s interfaces are subject to change, this option is preferable to maintaining statically acquired or provided data in the COM Registration area under the component’s Advanced Setting area.

Select the No option if you want InstallShield to register the file according to the information that is statically contained in the COM Registration area under the component’s Advanced Setting area. This advanced setting stores information about the file’s COM classes, ProgIDs, and so on, that were either extracted in the Component Wizard or entered manually in the Advanced Setting area.

**Best Practice** • If you have marked a file for this component as self-registering, you should select No for the COM Extract at Build setting. Note, however, that calling self-registration functions is a violation of setup best practices.

To learn more about COM registration, see Extracting COM Registration Data at Build Time.
Table 13-81 • Component Settings in the General Area (cont.)

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<td>Languages</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>The Languages setting for a component enables you to specify the languages for which the component is intended, for use in build-time filtering. By default, components are language independent, meaning that none of the component’s data (such as files and registry entries) are specific to a particular language.</td>
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<td><strong>Project</strong> • In InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, if a language is not selected in the General Information view of a project, it is not listed as one of the available languages for the project’s components.</td>
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<td>To designate that the component is intended for only certain languages, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Languages dialog box opens, enabling you to select the appropriate languages for the component.</td>
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<td>For more information, see <a href="#">Marking Components as Language Dependent</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Tip</strong> • To learn how to specify which language-dependent components are installed at run time, see <a href="#">Installing Components Based on Language</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reevaluate Condition</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the Windows Installer to reevaluate the component’s condition when the product is reinstalled. This setting is useful for authoring transitive components—components that can replace each other when a product is reinstalled, for example, after an operating system upgrade. For more information, see <a href="#">Reevaluating Component Conditions During Reinstallation</a>.</td>
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| **Never Overwrite** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Specify whether you want your installation to avoid overwriting a file if it already exists on the target system:  
- If you select Yes, the file—if it exists on the target system—is never overwritten, regardless of the file version. Selecting Yes for this setting overrides file versioning rules.  
- If you select No and the file version on the target system is newer than the version being installed, the file on the target system is not overwritten. However, if the version being installed is newer, the file on the target system is overwritten.  

**Important** • The Windows Installer checks for the existence of the component’s key file when determining if it should install the component. If the component’s key file does not exist on the target system, Windows Installer installs the component as if No were selected for the Never Overwrite setting. For more information on how the Windows Installer determines whether a component should be installed, see Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System. |

| 64-Bit Component | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform |  

**Project** • The use of this setting varies, depending on whether the project type is Windows Installer based (Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, or Transform project) or InstallScript based (InstallScript or InstallScript Object project). |
Specify whether you want to mark this component as 64 bit. The component should be marked as 64 bit if any of the following are true:

- The component contains files that need to be installed to a 64-bit location.
- The component contains registry data that needs to be installed to a 64-bit area of the registry.
- The component contains a 64-bit COM server and it needs to be self-registered.

Note the following details:

- If you include a 64-bit component in your installation, the installation cannot be run on 32-bit machines, and the Template Summary property must specify a 64-bit value.
- If the component is 64 bit and it is replacing a 32-bit component, be sure to specify a new GUID for the component in the Component Code setting.

For more information about 64-bit support, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Installations.

**For InstallScript-Based Projects**

Specify whether you want to mark this component as 64 bit.

If you want your installation to install the files and registry data in this component to 64-bit locations on 64-bit systems and 32-bit locations on 32-bit systems, you can mark the component as 64 bit.

For more information about 64-bit support, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems with InstallScript Installations.

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<td>Source Location</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM,</td>
<td>Specify the name of a subfolder where the component’s files should be stored in the source disk images if the component’s files are not compressed. When you build a release, InstallShield copies the component’s files to this subfolder in your disk image. This setting enables you to create unique folders for each component’s files, which is necessary if you have different files with the same name in more than one component. If you do not specify a value for Source Location setting, you run the risk of overwriting files with the same name when you build an uncompressed release. This setting does not require a value, and in most cases, may be left blank. If you do enter a value, it must be a valid Windows folder name. For more information, see Installing Files of the Same Name.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
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<tr>
<td>Disable Registry Reflection</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM,</td>
<td>Registry reflection keeps the 32-bit registry view and the 64-bit registry view in sync on the target machine. To enable registry reflection for all existing and new registry keys that are affected by the selected component, select No, which is the default value. To disable registry reflection on all existing and new registry keys that are affected by this component, select Yes. Windows Installer calls the RegDisableReflectionKey function on each key being accessed by the component. This function disables registry reflection for the specified key. Disabling reflection for a key does not affect reflection of any subkeys.</td>
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<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI</td>
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<td>Database, MSM Database, MSM Transform</td>
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Note • Only 64-bit systems with Windows Installer 4 or later support this setting. In addition, only Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later support it. Other systems ignore this setting.

For more information about registry reflection, see Registry Reflection in the MSDN Library.
To enable shared component patching for the selected component, select Yes; otherwise, select No, which is the default value. If this multiple-package sharing feature were enabled in at least one package that is installed on the target system, Windows Installer 4.5 treats the component as shared among all of those packages. If a patch that shares this component is uninstalled, Windows Installer can continue to share the highest version of the component’s files on the system.

The purpose of this multiple-package component sharing is to prevent files from being downgraded during the uninstallation of a patch that contains a component that is shared with one or more other installed packages. The intent is to keep the highest version of the component’s files present on the machine after uninstallation of that patch.

The following scenario helps to illustrate the behavior:

- Install product A with shared file 1.0.0.0.
- Install product B with shared file 1.1.0.0.
- Apply an uninstallable patch for product A with shared file 1.2.0.0.
- Uninstall the patch for product A.

Either of the following results may occur:

- If the value of the Multiple Package Shared Component setting is Yes for either product A or product B and if Windows Installer 4.5 is present, uninstalling the patch from product A could restore version 1.1.0.0 to the target system.
- If the value of this setting is No for product A and product B, the file would be downgraded to version 1.0.0.0, even though product B used 1.1.0.0. As a result, if product B requires version 1.1.0.0, product B may no longer work properly.

**Note** • *If the DisableSharedComponent policy is set to 1 on a target system, Windows Installer ignores this setting for all packages.*

*Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier ignore this setting.*

To learn more about this setting, see Specifying Whether Shared Component Patching Should Be Enabled for a Component.
This setting determines how Windows Installer handles the selected component during installation of a superseding patch under certain conditions. It is designed to prevent the component’s feature from being changed to an advertised state if a patch that is installed or uninstalled changes the component count for the feature. If the feature state changes to advertised, none of the feature’s remaining components can be maintained.

To specify that this component in the current patch should be flagged for uninstallation in order to avoid leaving this component orphaned on the target system after a superseding patch is applied, select Yes. If a subsequent patch is installed and it is flagged to supersede the first patch (that is, if Yes is selected in the Supersede column for the patch’s family on the Sequence tab for the patch configuration in the Patch Design view), Windows Installer can unregister and uninstall this component if appropriate. If you select No, the superseding patch can leave an orphaned component on the target system. The default value for this setting is No.

If you select No and the superseded patch installs a component for the product but the superseding patch removes that component, the component’s feature state is changed to advertised, and it is not reinstalled. In addition, none of the remaining components associated with that feature can be maintained. If you select Yes, Windows Installer unregisters and uninstalls the component when the superseding patch is applied.

**Note** • Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for this Uninstall Superseded Component setting. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore it.

**Tip** • Setting the `MSIUNINSTALLSUPERSEDEDCOMPONENTS` property has the same effect as selecting Yes for the Uninstall Superseded Component setting of all components in the patch.

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<td><strong>Uninstall Superseded Component</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This setting determines how Windows Installer handles the selected component during installation of a superseding patch under certain conditions. It is designed to prevent the component’s feature from being changed to an advertised state if a patch that is installed or uninstalled changes the component count for the feature. If the feature state changes to advertised, none of the feature’s remaining components can be maintained. To specify that this component in the current patch should be flagged for uninstallation in order to avoid leaving this component orphaned on the target system after a superseding patch is applied, select Yes. If a subsequent patch is installed and it is flagged to supersede the first patch (that is, if Yes is selected in the Supersede column for the patch’s family on the Sequence tab for the patch configuration in the Patch Design view), Windows Installer can unregister and uninstall this component if appropriate. If you select No, the superseding patch can leave an orphaned component on the target system. The default value for this setting is No. If you select No and the superseded patch installs a component for the product but the superseding patch removes that component, the component’s feature state is changed to advertised, and it is not reinstalled. In addition, none of the remaining components associated with that feature can be maintained. If you select Yes, Windows Installer unregisters and uninstalls the component when the superseding patch is applied. <strong>Note</strong> • Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for this Uninstall Superseded Component setting. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore it. <strong>Tip</strong> • Setting the <code>MSIUNINSTALLSUPERSEDEDCOMPONENTS</code> property has the same effect as selecting Yes for the Uninstall Superseded Component setting of all components in the patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>REG File to Merge at Build</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want to merge a .reg file with the component’s registry entries at build time, enter the complete path for the .reg file. As an alternative, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the .reg file.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Self-Register</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>Specify whether the component’s files are self-registering. (A self-registering file is an OLE server that can place information about itself in the registry so that it is seen by other OLE applications. Such a file can also remove this information from the registry when it is uninstalled.)</td>
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<td>InstallScript Object</td>
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**Important** • *If you select Yes but one or more files in the component are not self-registering, an error occurs when the installation runs.*

**Project** • *InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects support self-registration of .dll files, .exe files, and type libraries—that is, .tlb and .olb files.*

*In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, self-registration is set at the file level, rather than the component level.*

| Potentially Locked | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | Specify whether already-installed versions of the component’s files may be locked—that is, in use by another product—during installation. If a file is locked during installation or uninstallation, and that file is in a component whose Potentially Locked setting is set to Yes, the file operation is automatically performed after restart. If a file is locked during installation or uninstallation, and that file is in a component whose Potentially Locked setting is set to No, the **OnFileLocked** event handler function is called. (The default code for this function automatically performs the file operation after restart.) Note that InstallShield always treats shared files as potentially locked files. |

| Compressed       | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | Specify whether you want to compress the files in the component if its files are built into a .cab file at build time. This setting has no effect if you select the check box for the component’s feature in the Custom Media Layout panel of the Release Wizard. |
**Overwrite**

This setting indicates the installation’s behavior when it encounters an existing file with the same name as the one being installed; you can selectively replace each file in a component based on its version number or modification date. To change the behavior, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. The Overwrite dialog box opens, enabling you to specify the appropriate run-time behavior.

*Tip* • If the component consists of files—such as data and configuration files—that end users may have updated, consider selecting the Never Overwrite option.

Files that are associated with a component that has the Never Overwrite option selected for the Overwrite setting are logged for uninstallation; that is, even if such a file is not copied to the target system, because a file with the same name already exists there, that file is removed when the application is uninstalled. To prevent an already existing file from being uninstalled, select Yes for the Shared setting of the file’s component.

**Difference**

Specify whether you want InstallShield to include the component’s files in a release when you are building a differential release. (When you define a differential release, you specify one or more existing releases to which the current project should be compared when the new differential release is built.) Available options are:

- **Include If Appropriate**—InstallShield excludes a file in this component from the differential release if the same file (with the same date, time, size, and attributes) exists in each of the specified comparison releases. This is the default option.

- **Include Always**—InstallShield includes all of the component’s files in the differential release, even if the same file (with the same date, time, size, and attributes) exists in each of the specified comparison releases.

**Link Type**

Specify whether the component’s file links are static or dynamic and, if the latter, how the links are determined at the time of the release build.
**Target Machine**

When you select a component in the Components view or the Setup Design view of an InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, or InstallScript Object project, the following settings are available in the Target Machine area:

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<td>Operating Systems</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>If a component is specific to one or more operating systems, use this setting to indicate those operating systems. If the target machine’s operating system does not match one of the operating systems that are specified for this setting, the component is not installed. By default, components are operating system independent, meaning that none of the component’s data are specific to certain operating systems. To change the value of this setting, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting.</td>
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<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
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Enter comments about this component. Your comments are saved in the project file for your reference and are not used in the installation at any time.
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| Platform Suite(s) | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | If a component is specific to one or more platform suites, use this setting to indicate the suites. If you specify more than one suite, you can indicate whether all or any of the suites must be present on the target machine in order for the component to be installed. By default, components are platform suite independent, meaning that none of the component's data are specific to a particular platform suite. **Tip** - This setting provides an additional layer of filtering beyond the Operating Systems setting. Select platform suites for the Platform Suite(s) setting only if necessary, and be sure to select only those platform suites that are required for the proper functioning of your application. For example, if a component should be installed on both the Home and Professional editions of Windows XP, you can leave Suite Independent as the value for this setting; selecting Windows XP for the Operating Systems setting encompasses both editions.

You can control the platform suites that your installation supports at runtime by calling the `FeatureFilterOS` function. In the `OnFilterComponents` event handler, the framework typically calls this function with the platform suites that match the target system so that only the appropriate components are installed. By calling `FeatureFilterOS`, you can override this default behavior to install or prevent the installation of components based on any platform suite criteria that you specify.
.NET Settings

When you select a component in the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available in the .NET Settings area:

Table 13-83 • Component Settings in the .NET Settings Area

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>.NET COM Interop</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to use COM interoperation (the ability to call .NET objects from COM) for the component. For example, if you have a Visual Basic .NET class library that defines the ComClass attribute and contains at least one public (COM-callable) function, you can select Yes for this setting; InstallShield extracts the COM Interop information at build time and adds it to the Registry table of your .msi database. At run time, registry entries that allow COM objects to call your .NET assembly are created on the target system. Note • This setting is applicable only if the component’s key file is a .NET assembly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.NET Precompile Assembly</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the installation to create a native image from the .NET assembly at run time and install it to the native image cache on the target system. This allows the assembly to load and execute faster, because it restores code and data structures from the native image cache rather than from just-in-time (JIT) compilation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.NET Assembly</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Specify whether the component’s files should be installed as local .NET assemblies. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Local Assembly</strong> — The component contains a .NET assembly. In addition, the installation performs COM interop registration and configures .NET installer class information for the component at run time.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Not a .NET Assembly</strong> — The component does not contain a .NET assembly. This is the default option. If you want InstallShield to scan the assembly in this component for .NET dependencies at run time, Local Assembly must be selected for this setting. To learn more, see Identifying Properties and Dependencies of .NET Assemblies.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### .NET Scan at Build

**Project** • The functionality for this setting depends on whether the project type is Windows Installer based (Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, or Transform project) or InstallScript based (InstallScript or InstallScript Object project).

- **For a Windows Installer-based project**—Indicate whether you want the key file of this component to be scanned for .NET dependencies, properties, or both at build time.
- **For an InstallScript-based project**—Indicate whether you want the files of this component to be scanned for .NET dependencies at build time.

For more information, see Identifying Properties and Dependencies of .NET Assemblies.

### .NET Application File

This setting is used when this component is scanned at build time (based on the .NET Scan at Build setting) or by the Static Scanning Wizard. The scanner uses this setting—along with the component destination—to determine the value of the File Application setting for the assembly.

For optimal advertising and repair, select the .NET executable file that uses the assembly in this component.

The key file of the component is displayed in this setting if the .NET Scan at Build setting is set to Dependencies and Properties or Properties. You can select any other key or portable executable file in the project.

**Note** • This setting is applicable only if the component’s key file is a .NET assembly.

The value for this setting is ignored if the file that is selected is not a .NET assembly file.

### .NET Installer Class

**Note** • This setting is applicable only if the component’s key file is a .NET assembly that contains a class that is derived from System.Configuration.Installer.Installer.

If the assembly’s Install, Commit, Rollback, and Uninstall methods should be called at the appropriate times at run time, select Yes.
Run-Time Settings

When you select a component in the Components view or the Setup Design view of an InstallScript or InstallScript Object project, the following settings are available in the Run-Time Settings area:

**Table 13-84 • Component Settings in the Run-Time Settings Area**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FTP Location</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>If you want to associate an FTP location with the component, enter the FTP address. The location that you enter cannot be accessed from within a script. Note that this same setting is also available for features; however, the location that you specify for the feature setting can be accessed from within a script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HTTP Location</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>If you want to associate an HTTP address with the component, enter the HTTP address. The location that you enter cannot be accessed from within a script. Note that this same setting is also available for features; however, the location that you specify for the feature setting can be accessed from within a script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>If you want to associate a text string with the component, enter the text string. The location that you enter cannot be accessed from within a script. Note that this same setting is also available for features; however, the location that you specify for the feature setting can be accessed from within a script.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Advanced Settings for a Component

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**Project** • The Advanced Settings area for a component is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Advanced Settings area under a component in the Components view (and in the Setup Design view) enables you to fulfill installation requirements for special component types. For example, when you copy an .ocx file to the target system, you must register its classes, ProgIDs, and type libraries so that the file’s methods can be properly accessed. Advanced settings use Windows Installer’s built-in functionality for registering COM servers; setting up ODBC drivers, data sources, and translators; installing or controlling Windows services; and registering a file association.

By specifying the advanced settings, you can publish your component and register COM servers, file extension servers, and MIME types. If the component is selected, an advanced setting is made on the target system when the component is installed or advertised. That way, the file is ready to execute once it is installed. Publishing components—a type of advertising—is accomplished through the Publishing advanced setting.

**Categories of Advanced Settings**

The Advanced Settings area under a component in the Components view (and in the Setup Design view) is organized into the following main categories:

**Table 13-85** • Categories for the Advanced Settings of a Component

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Application Paths** | Use this advanced setting to specify the paths to your component’s files and folders. When you run your installation, it will create an App Paths key for your component under the following registry key:  
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\ProgramName.exe. |
| **Assembly**     | Use this advanced setting to install a Win32 or .NET assembly when its component is installed. |
In the COM Registration area, you can enter or modify registration information for the COM server that you have set as your component’s key file. The COM Registration advanced setting is intended to replace self-registration, which is a violation of Setup Best Practices.

The recommended way to specify file registration is to use the Component Wizard and have it automatically extract the necessary information for you. Use the COM Registration explorer only if you need to make advanced modifications.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COM Registration</td>
<td>In the COM Registration area, you can enter or modify registration information for the COM server that you have set as your component’s key file. The COM Registration advanced setting is intended to replace self-registration, which is a violation of Setup Best Practices. Use the COM Registration explorer only if you need to make advanced modifications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Types</td>
<td>This advanced setting registers information about a file type on the target system when the component is installed or advertised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Services</td>
<td>Use the Services area to install, configure, start, stop, and uninstall Windows services during installation and uninstallation. As an alternative, you can use the Services view to install, configure, start, stop, and uninstall Windows services. If you configure service information in either of these areas, the other area is automatically updated accordingly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Publishing</td>
<td>Use this advanced setting to publish your component. Publishing is a type of advertising (just-in-time installation) in which no user-interface elements are created for the component during installation, but the component can be installed through the Add or Remove Programs or when an installed component requests the published component from the installer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Device Driver</td>
<td>The Device Driver advanced setting enables you to specify whether the current component includes a device driver, the type of driver, and the order in which the project’s device drivers (not just the current component’s device drivers) should be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Data</td>
<td>The Other Data advanced setting lists various Windows Installer tables that are related to the component.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

Advanced Component Settings

**Application Path Settings**

**Project**

*The Application Paths area for a component is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
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View Reference

- Transform

The following columns are available in the Application Paths area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view and the Setup Design view:

Table 13-86 • Assembly Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Check Box</td>
<td>To add an application path for the component, select the check box for the executable file whose application path you want to define.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File</td>
<td>This read-only column shows the executable files that are in the selected component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Path</td>
<td>Enter a sequence of directories that the executable file should use as a search path for its DLLs (whether linked to the executable at build time, or loaded with the LoadLibrary API). Separate multiple directories with a semicolon (;). Do not use hard-coded paths, such as C:\MyDir, for one of your paths. Instead, use Windows Installer folder properties in square brackets, as in [INSTALLDIR]MyDir and [CommonFilesFolder]MyProgram, or the name of the component after a dollar sign, such as [$ComponentName]. The Windows Installer resolves these values and writes the resulting locations to the application path key.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Specifying an Application Path for a Component
Advanced Settings for a Component

Assembly Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Advanced Settings for a Component

Project • The Assembly area for a component is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
The following settings are available in the Assembly area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view and the Setup Design view:

Table 13-87 • Assembly Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Manifest</strong></td>
<td>For a .NET assembly, this setting is automatically set to the first .exe or DLL file in the component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For a Win32 assembly, this setting is automatically set to the first file in the component with the .manifest extension. The file name of the manifest is the application executable name, followed by the .manifest extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting should be left blank if Global Assembly Cache is selected for the assembly's File Application setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The Manifest setting cannot be deleted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>File Application</strong></td>
<td>For a .NET assembly, this setting lets you specify whether to install the assembly in the global assembly cache. Select the appropriate file to install the assembly in your application’s private cache, or select Global Assembly Cache to install the assembly in the global assembly cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For a Win32 assembly, this setting lets you specify whether to install the assembly privately for the selected .exe or to install the assembly to the global assembly cache. If you select Global Assembly Cache, the assembly can be used by any .NET application on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The File Application setting cannot be deleted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The value of this setting affects the component’s Destination setting. If the File Application setting is set to Global Assembly Cache, the component’s Destination setting is also set to Global Assembly Cache. For optimal advertising and repair, select the executable file that uses the assembly in this component.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • To install a .NET assembly to the global assembly cache, the assembly must meet certain criteria. For details, consult Microsoft’s .NET documentation.

To install a Win32 assembly to the global assembly cache, your files must be signed and have catalog (.cat) files. For details, see “Creating Signed Files and Catalogs” in the Platform SDK help.
See Also
Installing Assemblies
Advanced Settings for a Component

COM Registration Settings

Table 13-87 • Assembly Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Properties</td>
<td>Enter the property names and values. To create a new entry, right-click in the grid and click New. For a Win32 assembly, you must enter values for the following properties: type, name, version, language, publicKeyToken, and processorArchitecture. For a private .NET assembly, you must enter values for the following properties: Name, Version, and Culture. For a global .NET assembly, you must enter values for the following properties: Name, Version, Culture, and PublicKeyToken. InstallShield adds the property name and value that you enter to the Ms1AssemblyName table of your Windows Installer database. You can view the records in this table using the Direct Editor.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • The property and values that you enter for your assembly must match the information in the assembly’s manifest file. If they do not match, the assembly might be left on the target system when your product is uninstalled.

See Also
Installing Assemblies
Advanced Settings for a Component

COM Registration Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Advanced Settings for a Component

Project • The COM Registration area for a component is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The COM Registration area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view and the Setup Design view is organized into the following categories:

- COM Classes
- ProgIDs
- Type Libraries
COM Classes

When you select a COM class in the COM Registration area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

Table 13-88 • COM Class Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ProgID</td>
<td>Select a ProgID for this COM class from the list of ProgIDs created for this COM server. You can also create a ProgID by typing a new name; if you do this, InstallShield adds the new ProgID under the ProgIDs node.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| File Type Mask| Enter the file type mask in the following format: \offset, \cb, \mask, \value\n  
  • **\offset**—The position, in bytes, from the beginning of the file, indicating where the byte range begins. Number of bytes from the end of the file if the offset value is a negative integer.  
  • **\cb**—The number of bytes in the file, starting from the offset value, that will be used to perform a logical AND operation with the mask.  
  • **\mask**—A value that is used to perform a logical AND operation with the bits in the file so that the result can be compared with a specified value (the next entry). If you leave this value empty, it is assumed to be all ones.  
  • **\value**—The bytes that will be compared with the result of a logical AND operation between the mask and the byte range in a file in order to determine the file’s class ID.  

A file type mask is part of a pattern registered under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FileTypes\CLSID\pattern. Windows APIs such as OleCreateFromFile and GetClassFile can retrieve a class ID for a file by comparing information in this key to the bytes in the file. For example, 0,4,FFFFFFFF,AABBCCDD would mean that the first four bytes in the file must be AA BB CC DD for the system to use this component’s class ID for a specified file.

You can specify more than one mask that the file has to match. Separate multiple patterns with a semicolon (;). When the installation creates these keys, the subkeys for each pattern are automatically numbered sequentially starting with the number 0.

| Icon File      | Enter the fully qualified path to the file that contains the icon associated with this COM class, or click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the path. You can specify an .ico, .exe, or .dll file. An icon will be extracted from the file for you if you browse for an executable file or DLL and select a specific icon. |
### Table 13-88 • COM Class Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Icon Index</strong></td>
<td>If there is more than one icon resource in the file, enter the index for the appropriate icon. A nonnegative integer refers to the order of the icon resources in the executable file. For example, 0 is for the first icon in the file, 1 for the second, 2 for the third, and so on. Use a negative number to refer to a specific resource ID. For example, the icon index -12 points to the icon with a resource ID of 12.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>AppID</strong></td>
<td>Select an AppID for this DCOM or COM+ class from the list of AppID names that you have already created for this file's registration. An AppID is a GUID that is registered under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\AppID used for grouping all of the security and configuration options of distributed COM objects. To create a new AppID, you need to use the Direct Editor: Navigate to the AppID table and enter the information for your new AppID. Once you have created an AppID, you can select it from the list in this setting. To permanently delete an AppID, delete its row in the AppID from within the Direct Editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Enter a description for this COM class. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Relative Path** | Specify whether you want to register a relative path to the file under its class ID. Available options are:  
  - **No**—The installation registers the fully qualified path to the file under its class ID. Then, when any client application instantiates an object from this class, the system always points to the registered COM server. This is the default option.  
  - **Yes**—The installation registers only the name of the file without any path. Doing so allows you to install side-by-side components, meaning that the operating system uses the copy of the COM server in the current directory and that other applications can maintain separate copies of the file in their respective folders. |

**Note** • If the path is relative and the file is not in the system's path, the operating system will not be able to find the class when a client attempts to create an object outside of the server's current directory.
When you select a LocalServer32, LocalServer, or InprocServer32 context type under a COM class in the COM Registration area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

### Table 13-89 • COM Class Context Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default Inproc Handler</td>
<td>Select the InprocHandler value for this LocalServer or LocalServer32 context type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Argument</td>
<td>Enter the argument that OLE will use when calling this COM server.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### ProgIDs

When you select a ProgID in the COM Registration area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

### Table 13-90 • ProgID Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COM Class</td>
<td>Select the COM class, if any, to which this ProgID refers. If you later change the class ID (CLSID) for the COM class, you will need to select it again from the list to restore the association.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Enter a description of this ProgID. The description is registered as the default value for the ProgID under the registry key HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\class.object when this component is installed. When the user right-clicks a file associated with your file extension and then clicks Properties, the General tab displays the description that you enter here. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Icon File</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the file that contains the icon associated with this ProgID, or click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the path. You can specify an .ico, .exe, or .dll file. An icon will be extracted from the file for you if you browse for an executable file or DLL and select a specific icon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Icon Index</td>
<td>If there is more than one icon resource in the file, enter the index for the appropriate icon. A nonnegative integer refers to the order of the icon resources in the executable file. For example, 0 is for the first icon in the file, 1 for the second, 2 for the third, and so on. Use a negative number to refer to a specific resource ID. For example, the icon index -12 points to the icon with a resource ID of 12.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
When you select a version-independent ProgID in the COM Registration area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

Table 13-91 • Version-Independent ProgID Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Enter a description of this version-independent ProgID. The description is registered as the default value for the version-independent ProgID under its root key (HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\version-independent ProgID) when this component is installed. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Type Libraries

When you select a type library in the COM Registration area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

Table 13-92 • Type Library Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Locale ID</td>
<td>Enter the decimal value of the type library’s locale ID. Since type libraries are usually language-neutral, the number zero is the most common language of type libraries.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>Provide the version number of the type library. If this setting is left blank, Windows Installer automatically determines the version of the type library at run time. Windows Installer requires the type library version to be in the format x, y, where x and y are decimal (base-10) integers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Enter the cost that is associated with registering this type library. Use non-negative numbers only. Enter the number 1 if no specific value is available.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Help Path</td>
<td>Select the destination folder where the help file for this type library will be installed, or click the ellipsis button (...) to select or create a directory. To use the component’s default destination directory, select [INSTALLDIR].</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-92 • Type Library Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Description | Enter a description of this type library.  
  When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |

See Also

Configuring COM Registration Settings Manually  
Advanced Settings for a Component

File Type Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Advanced Settings for a Component

Project • The File Types area for a component is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI  
- DIM  
- InstallScript MSI  
- Merge Module  
- MSI Database  
- MSM Database  
- Transform

The File Types area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view and the Setup Design view is organized into the following categories:

- Extension  
- Verbs  
- MIME Type  
- ProgIDs
Extension

When you select an extension in the File Types area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

Table 13-93 • Extension Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ProgID</td>
<td>Select the ProgID that should be registered for this file extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can also create a ProgID by typing a new name; if you do this, InstallShield adds the new ProgID under the ProgIDs node.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A file type’s ProgID is an arbitrary string, but it should be unique on the target system. One ProgID naming convention is to append the word file to your extension without a dot—the .ext extension might use the ProgID extfile. Another convention is to name a file-type ProgID after the application used to open the file type, as in SampleApp.Document.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIME Type</td>
<td>Select the MIME type, if any, that is associated with this file extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To create a new MIME type for your extension, right-click its icon and click New MIME Type.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Verbs

When you select a verb under a file extension in the File Types area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

Table 13-94 • Verb Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Command Sequence</td>
<td>Enter a sequence number for the command verb. If this file extension has more than one verb associated with it, the sequence numbers determine the order in which the verbs are displayed on the context menu (also known as a right-click menu or pop-up menu).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you do not specify a sequence number, or if more than one verb has the same sequence number, the verbs are listed alphabetically.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The first verb in the command sequence is displayed in bold as the default option on the file type’s context menu.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
When you select a verb under a file extension in the File Types area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

**Display Name**
Enter the text that you want to display for this verb on the context menu that Windows Explorer displays when an end user right-clicks a file with the current extension. For example, to display Open with SampleApp (with an underlined letter O) on the context menu for this file extension, enter &Open with SampleApp.

This setting is optional. If you do not specify a display name, the name of the verb as it appears in the Extensions tree is used on the file-type’s context menu on the target system. Note that if you use one of the canonical verbs—such as open, print, or find, and you do not specify a display name, Windows automatically localizes the verb on each system.

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

**Argument**
Enter the command-line arguments for this verb.

Use %1 in the argument in place of the selected file name. For example, suppose an end user right-clicks C:\File.ext and -p %1 is the argument for the verb, the command-line argument becomes -p C:\File.ext.

In some cases, it may be necessary to place quotation marks around the %1 argument—that is, enter “%1” as the argument—to correctly handle file names that contain spaces.

### MIME Types
When you select a verb under a file extension in the File Types area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, the following settings are available:

**Table 13-95 • Mime Type Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Class ID</td>
<td>Enter the class ID that is associated with this MIME type.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### ProgIDs
When you select a ProgID in the File Types area of the Components view or the Setup Design view, several settings are available. For descriptions of each setting, see ProgIDs.

**See Also**
- Registering a File Extension
- Advanced Settings for a Component
Services Settings

**InstallShield 2020 » Advanced Settings for a Component**

**Project** • The Services area for a component is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

**Note** • A service must be a single executable file (.exe), since the Windows Installer does not support driver services.

The service executable file must be the key file of its component. For more information, see Component Key Files.

For information about the Services settings, see Services View.

**See Also**

Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services
Advanced Settings for a Component

Publishing Settings

**InstallShield 2020 » Advanced Settings for a Component**

**Project** • The Publishing area for a component is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
You can add the following types of items to the Publishing explorer in the Publishing area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view and the Setup Design view:

**Table 13-96 • Publishing Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ComponentID</td>
<td>The componentID, a GUID, is a category identifier that represents the category of components that are being grouped together as a qualified component. Each componentID must have at least one qualifier.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note • Do not confuse the componentID with the GUID that is entered in the Component Code setting for the component; they must be unique values.*

| Qualifier | The qualifier is a string that you can use to distinguish this language or version of the component from any other (for example, to specify a language). It must be unique for the component. |

The following settings are available when you select a qualifier in the Publishing area:

**Table 13-97 • Qualifier Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Data</td>
<td>Enter the application data that corresponds with its qualifier. The application data is a text string that may be displayed to end users. This setting is optional. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
- Publishing Components
- Advanced Settings for a Component

**Device Driver Settings**

**InstallShield 2020 » Advanced Settings for a Component**

*Project • The Device Driver area for a component is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform
The following tabs are available in the Device Driver area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view and the Setup Design view:

- Common tab
- Sequence tab

**Common Tab**

The Common tab contains the following run-time settings for device drivers:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Options</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Always overwrite any existing device driver</td>
<td>Replace any existing driver for the device with this driver. If this check box is cleared and a driver already exists for the device, your driver is not installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Do not show Connect Device to Computer dialog</td>
<td>To prevent the Connect Device to Computer dialog from being displayed during the installation of a device driver if a device matching the driver is not connected to a computer, select this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Do not create Add or Remove Programs entry for device driver</td>
<td>If you select this check box, the installation does not create an Add or Remove Programs entry for the device driver. If you clear this check box, the installation does create an Add or Remove Programs entry. DIFxApp does not support this feature on Windows Vista and later.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install unsigned driver files and drivers with missing files</td>
<td>By default, DIFxApp does not install unsigned driver packages or driver packages that have missing files. To override this default behavior, select this check box. Selecting this check box enables you to fully test drivers more easily before shipping final signed versions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove binary files associated with driver during uninstall</td>
<td>By default, when DIFxApp uninstalls a driver package, DIFxApp does not remove the binary files that were copied to the system when it installed the driver. To override this default behavior, select this check box. If you select this check box, DIFxApp removes a binary file from the system only if the binary file is identical to the corresponding binary file in the driver store.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Caution** • Select the Remove binary files associated with driver during uninstall check box only if you can verify that the driver’s binary files are not required by any other driver package or application.
Table 13-98 • Device Driver Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Options</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include all localized installation runtime dialogs</td>
<td>When this check box is selected, the installation uses a custom action runtime .dll that includes dialogs and text for the following languages:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Arabic (Saudi Arabia)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Chinese (People’s ROC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Chinese (Taiwan)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Czech (Czech Republic)</td>
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<td>• Danish (Denmark)</td>
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<td>• Dutch (Netherlands)</td>
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<td>• English (United States)</td>
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<td>• Russian (Russia)</td>
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<td>• Spanish - Modern Sort (Spain)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Swedish (Sweden)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Turkish (Turkey)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you clear this check box, the installation uses runtime dialogs for English only. The English runtime .dll file is smaller than the localized .dll file, so if space is an issue and you do not need the extra language runtime dialogs, clear this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This check box applies to all of the components in the project that contain device drivers.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Sequence Tab

The Sequence tab enables you to specify the order in which the project's device drivers (not just the current component's device drivers) should be installed.

See Also
Configuring Device Driver Settings

Other Data Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Advanced Settings for a Component

Project • The Other Data area for a component is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Other Data area for a component is available in the Components view and the Setup Design view.

Task • Using the Other Data node:

- Click the Other Data node to view a list of Windows Installer tables that are related to the component. The list also includes the name of any SQL script files associated with a component. In addition, the Other Data node lists the number of records found in the Complus, DuplicateFile, Environment, IniFile, MoveFile, RemoveIniFile, RemoveRegistry, and ReserveCost tables.
- To go to a table in the Direct Editor, click the table name.

Table 13-98 • Device Driver Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Options</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Device driver machine architecture</td>
<td>This area has several options. Select the appropriate option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Device driver targets 32 bit machines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Device driver targets Itanium 64 bit machines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Device driver targets AMD 64 bit machines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting applies to all of the components in the project that contain device drivers.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Setup Types View

Setup Types View

The Setup Types view is available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

To create setup types for a Basic MSI project, use the feature’s Install Level property.

Setup types enable you to provide different versions of your product to your end users. For example, the default setup types are Complete and Custom. The Complete setup type installs all of the files included in your installation. The Custom setup type lets the end user select which features are installed.

Setup types are based on features. You select the features that you would like to associate with each setup type. Then, when an end user selects a certain setup type, only those features that you associated with that setup type are installed.

By default, each project that you create contains predefined setup types. In the Setup Types view, you can add or remove setup types, rename existing setup types, and change which features are associated with each one.

Default Setup Types

Table 13-99 • Default Setup Types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setup Type</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Complete</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>The Complete setup type includes all of your installation program’s features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Custom</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>The Custom setup type lets end users select which features they would like to install. Required features should be marked as such, so that they are always installed. However, features such as the online help may not need to be installed. In these cases, the end user can select which of the optional features to install.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional Setup Types

You can create additional setup types in this view. To learn how to add setup types to your project, see Working with Setup Types.
Setup Type Settings

When you select a setup type in the Setup Types view, the following settings are available:

Table 13-100 • Setup Type Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of the setup type. This is the name that is displayed to end users when they run your installation. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Type a description for the setup type. Note: This description is displayed to end users during the installation process only if you call SdSetupTypeEx in your script. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>Type comments about the setup type. The comments are for your use only and do not appear in the installation. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Adding Setup Types
Editing Setup Types

Packages View

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.
Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Use the Packages view to add one package to an Advanced UI project, or one or more packages to a Suite/Advanced UI project. For information on how to determine which type of package format to include, see Guidelines for Adding Packages to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

This view also lets you import one or more InstallShield prerequisites into your project as .msi packages, .msp packages, or .exe packages, depending on the type of file that is configured to run for the prerequisites.

Use this view to define conditions for each package, associate each package with one or more Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI features, and configure other settings for each package.

At run time, the Setup.exe file launches each package based on the conditions that you have defined and the order in which you listed the packages in the Packages view.

When you select a package in the Packages view, the following tabs are available:

- **Common**
- **Features**

When you select a dynamically linked folder in the Packages view, two settings are available. For more information, see Dynamic Link Settings.

See Also
- Adding an .msi Package, an .msp Patch, or a Transaction to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Adding an InstallScript Package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Adding an InstallShield Project (.ism) as a Package in a Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Adding an Executable Package (.exe) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Adding a Sideload Windows App Package (.appx | .msix) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Configuring Package Operations for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Adding a Sideload Windows App Bundle (.appxbundle | .msixbundle) to a Suite/Advanced UI Project

Common Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Packages View

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The Common tab in the Packages view is organized into the following main categories:

- **General**
- **Operation**
- **Configuration** (This is available for Web Deploy packages.)
- **Events** (This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.)

### General Settings

Use a package's General settings to specify details such as the display name and the conditions under which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should launch the package.

Note that some settings are not applicable to all types of Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package files.

**Table 13-101 • General Settings on the Common Tab**

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<th>Setting</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Package GUID</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Enter a GUID that uniquely identifies this package. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the <strong>Generate a new GUID</strong> button ({...}) in this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Display Name | .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project | Enter the name that you want to be displayed for this package at run time.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.  
When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. |
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Product Configuration</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI project</td>
<td>Select the product configuration that contains the release in the InstallShield project that you want to associate with the selected package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>When you start a build of a release for a Suite/Advanced UI project that includes one or more InstallShield project packages, InstallShield first builds the designated releases in the associated InstallShield projects, and includes them as packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation that it generates.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Release</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Select the release in the InstallShield project that you want to associate with the selected package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>When you start a build of a release for a Suite/Advanced UI project that includes one or more InstallShield project packages, InstallShield first builds the designated releases in the associated InstallShield projects, and includes them as packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation that it generates.</td>
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<th>Type of Package File</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Specify where the package should be located. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Copy From Source Media</strong>—Store the package and its files on the source media.</td>
<td>If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation will be run uncompressed from fixed media—such as CD, DVD, or local network—use this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Extract From Setup.exe</strong>—Compress the package and its files into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, if necessary.</td>
<td>If the entire Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation must be self-contained in Setup.exe, select this option. Note that the Download From The Web option results in smaller installations and shorter download time; however, the Extract From Setup.exe option provides for a completely self-contained installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Download From The Web</strong>—Download the package and its files (if necessary) from the URL that is specified for the package.</td>
<td>This option is recommended if your installation will be downloaded from the Internet and you want to minimize the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package size and download time. An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package is not downloaded if the correct version is already present on the target system. Note that the option that you select in the Location setting may be overridden in the Releases view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| URL       | .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project | Enter the URL for the root folder that will contain the selected package and its folders and files. The package and any accompanying files are downloaded from this location to target systems at run time if the package needs to be launched. This setting is applicable if Download From The Web is selected in the Location setting. |
Table 13-101 • General Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
</table>
| Package Type     | .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project | Project • In Suite/Advanced UI projects, this setting is available for edit. In Advanced UI projects, this setting is read-only, since an Advanced UI project has support for only one primary package.  

In a Suite/Advanced UI project: Select the type of package that identifies whether the presence of this package on the target system should influence whether the Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in first-time-installation mode or maintenance mode.  

Available options for this setting are:  

- **Primary**—The selected package is a main part of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.  

  At run time, if all of the primary packages in the installation are absent from the target system, the installation runs as a first-time installation. If any of the primary packages are present on the target system, the installation runs in maintenance mode.  

- **Dependency**—The selected package should not be a factor in determining which mode is used to run the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.  

For more information, see Primary Packages vs. Dependency Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
Table 13-101 • General Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cache Path</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Specify where the cached package and other package files should be stored on the end user’s system. You can enter a hard-coded value such as C:\CachedFiles, but it is recommended that you use a destination property value in the list for the path. The default value is as follows: [LocalAppDataFolder]Downloaded Installations. The Setup.exe tab in the Releases view lets you specify whether you want to cache the packages on target systems for any packages that are run on target systems and that have a cache path defined. If you are building an uncompressed release, you may want to avoid caching packages on the target system. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate File</td>
<td>.appx</td>
<td>The versions of Windows that support Windows App packages do not install a sideloading package unless they trust the source of the package. If you are using a custom certificate, such as the one that is generated in Visual Studio, the Suite/Advanced UI installation can make Windows trust the source of your package by adding the custom certificate to the certificate store of target systems. The Suite/Advanced UI installation does this if you include the .cer file in your sideloading package, and specify it here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Require Elevated Privileges</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Specify whether the package requires elevation on Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later systems.</td>
</tr>
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Table 13-101 • General Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minor Upgrade Handling</td>
<td>.msi, Basic MSI project</td>
<td>Indicate the appropriate behavior that should occur when an earlier version of the package is present on the target system. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>None</strong>—The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches the package without running it in minor upgrade mode. That is, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not set the <strong>REINSTALL</strong> or <strong>REINSTALLMODE</strong> properties for the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Automatic</strong>—The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches the package in upgrade mode by setting the <strong>REINSTALL</strong> property to <strong>ALL</strong> and the <strong>REINSTALLMODE</strong> property to <strong>vamus</strong>. It does not inform the end user that the product will be upgraded.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Ask the User</strong>—The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays a secondary window that asks the end user whether they want to continue. If the end user chooses to continue, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches the package in upgrade mode. If the end user chooses to not continue, the package does not run.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Status Messages Reported**

Specify what sort of status messages you want to be available for displaying in the user interface of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. Available options are:

- **Action Text**—The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s status messages include the action text from the standard actions and custom actions in the package.

- **Action Text and Action Data**—The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s status messages include the action text as well as action data from the standard actions and custom actions in the package.

At run time, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation updates the ISParcelStatus property with the action text and, if applicable, the action data in the ISParcelStatus property, which is displayed on the InstallationProgress wizard page of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation by default.

For example, when the InstallFiles action in an .msi package is executing, the ISParcelStatus property is updated with the action text “Copying new files” to inform end users about the current progress of the installation. If you choose to include action data in the status messages, the ISParcelStatus property may also be updated with action data such as the name, directory, and size of each file as it is being installed on the target system.

**Shared**

Specify whether you want to mark this package as shared.

The shared package functionality helps to ensure that if two or more Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installations are sharing a package, the package remains on the target system until all of the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI products are removed.

If you select Yes for this setting, ensure that you also use the same package GUID in all Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects that are sharing the package.

To learn more, see **Sharing Common Packages Among Different Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations.**

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<td>.msi, .msp,</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the package to generate a log file if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is launched from the command line with the /log command-line parameter. Note that if a package does not have support for logging, it is recommended that you do not enable logging support for that package. If you select Yes, configure each subsetting under this setting as needed. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td><strong>Log File</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .msp,</td>
<td>This setting is enabled if Yes is selected for the Enable Logging Support setting. Specify a name for the log file. Do not include a path for the file; the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI /log command-line parameter lets end users specify the directory for the package log files. If you leave this setting blank, the name of the log file that the installation creates is PackageGUID.log, where PackageGUID is the GUID that is assigned to the package in the Package GUID setting in the Packages view. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td><strong>Log Options</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .msp,</td>
<td>This setting is enabled if Yes is selected for the Enable Logging Support setting. Specify the Windows Installer log /L flags that you want the package to use when generating the log file. For example, to generate a log file that logs everything verbosely, enter the following in this setting: <em>v For additional valid flags, see the /L description. If you leave this setting blank, the asterisk (</em>) and v flags are used to generate the log file. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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**Logging Command Line**

This setting is enabled if Yes is selected for the Enable Logging Support setting.

Specify the command line that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should pass to the .exe package to enable the logging. Include any appropriate supported flags. If the .exe package that you are configuring supports it, include a path that references the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property `ISLogDir`, enclosed within square brackets, in place of the path to the directory where the log file should be created.

For example, to generate a log file that logs everything verbosely for an .msi package that is run by a Setup.exe file that InstallShield built, enter the following command line:

```
/v"/v"[ISLogDir]FileName.log"
```

The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation replaces `[ISLogDir]` with the path to the folder that will contain the log file. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI `/log` command-line parameter lets end users specify the path to the directory for the package log files.

For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

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| Logging Command Line  | .exe, InstallScript, InstallScript project | This setting is enabled if Yes is selected for the Enable Logging Support setting. Specify the command line that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should pass to the .exe package to enable the logging. Include any appropriate supported flags. If the .exe package that you are configuring supports it, include a path that references the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property `ISLogDir`, enclosed within square brackets, in place of the path to the directory where the log file should be created. For example, to generate a log file that logs everything verbosely for an .msi package that is run by a Setup.exe file that InstallShield built, enter the following command line: `/v"/v"[ISLogDir]FileName.log"

The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation replaces `[ISLogDir]` with the path to the folder that will contain the log file. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI `/log` command-line parameter lets end users specify the path to the directory for the package log files. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation. |

| Detection Condition   | .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project | This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the package is already installed on target systems. For example, if the package installs a specific file or registry entry, you can create a condition that specifies the file or registry key that the installation should search for. To add one or more new detection conditions, click the New Condition button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row under the Detection Condition setting. Select the appropriate option—All, Any, or None—from the list in this row. Then in this row, click the New Condition button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects. If one or more conditional statements are configured, the Detection Condition setting says (Condition). If none are configured, the Detection Condition setting says (Empty). |

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Eligibility Condition

This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to determine whether the target system meets the requirements that are necessary for the package to be run. For example, if the package should be run only on 64-bit systems, you could set up an x64 platform requirement in a condition; the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation would launch the package only on 64-bit systems. You may also want to set up an eligibility condition to prevent end users from being able to install the current package version over a future newer version.

To add one or more new eligibility conditions, click the New Condition button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row under the Eligibility Condition setting. Select the appropriate option—All, Any, or None—from the list in this row. Then in this row, click the New Condition button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement.

For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

If one or more conditional statements are configured, the Eligibility Condition setting says (Condition). If none are configured, the Eligibility Condition setting says (Empty).

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<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to determine whether the target system meets the requirements that are necessary for the package to be run. For example, if the package should be run only on 64-bit systems, you could set up an x64 platform requirement in a condition; the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation would launch the package only on 64-bit systems. You may also want to set up an eligibility condition to prevent end users from being able to install the current package version over a future newer version. To add one or more new eligibility conditions, click the New Condition button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row under the Eligibility Condition setting. Select the appropriate option—All, Any, or None—from the list in this row. Then in this row, click the New Condition button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects. If one or more conditional statements are configured, the Eligibility Condition setting says (Condition). If none are configured, the Eligibility Condition setting says (Empty).</td>
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| Windows Features     | .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project | Project • This setting is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.  
This setting lets you specify one or more Windows roles and features that the selected package requires be enabled on target systems that have Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later. At run time, if this package is eligible to be installed and it requires one or more Windows roles and features that are disabled, the Suite/Advanced UI installation enables them before launching the package.  
To specify a required Windows role or feature, click the Add New Windows Feature button in this setting, and then click one of the available options. The Custom option lets you specify any Windows role or feature that is not listed as an option in this setting.  
When you select an option, InstallShield adds a new Windows Feature row under the Windows Features setting. Configure the Windows Feature setting as needed.  
For more information, see Enabling Windows Roles and Features During a Suite/Advanced UI Installation. |
| Release Flags        | .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project | If you want to use release flags to be able to selectively include and exclude this package from different builds of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, enter one or more release flags to identify this package. Separate multiple flags with a comma. |

Operation Settings

Use a package's Operation settings to specify information such as the behavior that should occur if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is installing, removing, repairing, or modifying the package. This includes information such as the command line that should be used when launching the package and the behavior that should occur if the package requires that the target system be rebooted.
Note that some settings are not applicable to all types of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI package formats.

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<td><strong>Install</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in first-time installation mode, specify whether you want this package to be launched as a first-time installation. The install operation is applicable if the target system meets the package’s eligibility conditions and if this package’s product is not already installed. If you select Yes for this setting, configure the subsettings under this setting as needed. If you select No, the subsettings under this setting are disabled.</td>
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<td><strong>Remove</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in remove mode, specify whether you want the product that this package installed to be removed. The remove operation is applicable if the target system meets the package’s eligibility conditions and if this package’s product is installed. If you select Yes for this setting, configure the subsettings under this setting as needed. If you select No, the subsettings under this setting are disabled.</td>
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<td><strong>Repair</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in repair mode, specify whether you want this package to be launched in repair mode to repair the product that is installed by this package. The repair operation is applicable if the target system meets the package’s eligibility conditions and if this package’s product is installed. If you select Yes for this setting, configure the subsettings under this setting as needed. If you select No, the subsettings under this setting are disabled.</td>
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<td><strong>Modify</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in modify mode, specify whether you want this package to be launched in maintenance mode to enable end users to install, remove, or modify the product that is installed by this package. The modify operation is applicable if the target system meets the package’s eligibility conditions and if this package’s product is installed. If you select Yes for this setting, configure the subsettings under this setting as needed. If you select No, the subsettings under this setting are disabled.</td>
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<td><strong>Target</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript</td>
<td>This setting is a subsetting under the Install setting for .msi, .msp, .exe, and InstallScript packages. It is also under the Remove, Repair, and Modify settings for .exe packages. Select the file in the package—the .msi file, the .msp file, or the executable file setup launcher—that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should invoke.</td>
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<td><strong>EXE Command Line</strong></td>
<td>.exe</td>
<td>This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings. If applicable, specify the command line that should be used to launch the target file (that is, the file that is selected in the Target setting) whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running with a user interface. Do not include the name of the file in this setting. If all of the customization can be done without end-user intervention, consider including the command-line parameter for running the .exe package silently. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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MSI Command Line

This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings.

If applicable, specify the command line that should be used to launch the target file (that is, the file that is selected in the Target setting) whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running with a user interface. Do not include the name of the file in this setting.

If you are configuring the Install and Remove operations for an .msi package, the only type of command-line parameters that you should enter are Windows Installer properties. If you are configuring the Repair and Modify operations for an .msi package, the only type of command-line parameters that you should enter are Windows Installer feature properties.

To enter a Windows Installer property, use the following format:

MYPROPERTYNAME=MyPropertyValue

Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation always launches .msi packages silently. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the .msi package.

When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.
### MSP Command Line

This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings.

If applicable, specify the command line that should be used to launch the target file (that is, the file that is selected in the Target setting) whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running with a user interface. Do not include the name of the file in this setting.

To update all of the features through an .msp package, you would enter command-line properties such as the following:

```cmd
REINSTALLMODE=vomus  REINSTALL=ALL
```

To update only certain features that are included in the .msp package, you would set REINSTALL to a comma-separated list of features that you want to be updated:

```cmd
REINSTALLMODE=vomus
    REINSTALL=Feature1,Feature3,Feature5
```

Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation always launches .msp packages silently. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the .msp package.

When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see *Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time*.

For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see *Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation*.

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<td>MSP Command Line</td>
<td>.msp</td>
<td>This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings. If applicable, specify the command line that should be used to launch the target file (that is, the file that is selected in the Target setting) whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running with a user interface. Do not include the name of the file in this setting. To update all of the features through an .msp package, you would enter command-line properties such as the following: REINSTALLMODE=vomus  REINSTALL=ALL To update only certain features that are included in the .msp package, you would set REINSTALL to a comma-separated list of features that you want to be updated: REINSTALLMODE=vomus    REINSTALL=Feature1,Feature3,Feature5 Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation always launches .msp packages silently. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the .msp package. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see <em>Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time</em>. For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see <em>Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation</em>.</td>
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| **Command Line** | InstallScript, InstallScript project | This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings.  
If applicable, specify the command line that should be used to launch the InstallScript package that is associated with the selected target file (that is, the data1.hdr file that is selected in the Target setting) whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running with a user interface. Do not include the name of the file in this setting.  
If you are configuring the Install and Modify operations for an InstallScript package, you can use the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI properties ISFeatureInstall and ISFeatureRemove in your command line. Set these properties to a comma-delimited list of feature names as follows:  
ISFeatureInstall=Feature1,Feature2  
ISFeatureRemove=Feature3  
In the above example, Feature1 and Feature2 are selected to be installed; Feature3 is selected to be removed, if it is present.  
Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches InstallScript packages silently by default. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the InstallScript package.  
When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.  
For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation. |
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<td>This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings. If applicable, specify the command line that should be used to launch the target file (that is, the file that is selected in the Target setting) whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running silently (that is, without a user interface). Do not include the name of the file in this setting. If all of the customization can be done without end-user intervention, consider including the command-line parameter for running the .exe package silently. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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| MSI Silent Command Line | .msi, Basic MSI project | This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings. If applicable, specify the command line that should be used to launch the target file (that is, the file that is selected in the Target setting) whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running silently (that is, without a user interface). Do not include the name of the file in this setting. If you are configuring the Install and Remove operations for an .msi package, the only type of command-line parameters that you should enter are Windows Installer properties. If you are configuring the Repair and Modify operations for an .msi package, the only type of command-line parameters that you should enter are Windows Installer feature properties. To enter a Windows Installer property, use the following format: 

MYPROPERTYNAME=MyPropertyValue

Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation always launches .msi packages silently. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the .msi package. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation. |

For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.
To update all of the features through an .msp package, you would enter command-line properties such as the following:

REINSTALLMODE=vomus REINSTALL=ALL

To update only certain features that are included in the .msp package, you would set REINSTALL to a comma-separated list of features that you want to be updated:

REINSTALLMODE=vomus
REINSTALL=Feature1,Feature3,Feature5

Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation always launches .msp packages silently. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the .msp package.

When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.
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<td>If applicable, specify the command line that should be used to launch the InstallScript package that is associated with the selected target file (that is, the <code>data1.hdr</code> file that is selected in the Target setting) whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running silently (that is, without a user interface). Do not include the name of the file in this setting.</td>
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If you are configuring the Install and Modify operations for an InstallScript package, you can use the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI properties `ISFeatureInstall` and `ISFeatureRemove` in your command line. Set these properties to a comma-delimited list of feature names as follows:

```
ISFeatureInstall=Feature1,Feature2
ISFeatureRemove=Feature3
```

In the above example, `Feature1` and `Feature2` are selected to be installed; `Feature3` is selected to be removed, if it is present.

Note that an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches InstallScript packages silently by default. Therefore, it is not necessary to pass a command-line parameter that hides the user interface of the InstallScript package.

When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

For more information, including valid types of entries for this setting, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.
Exit Behavior

This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings.

If a detection condition is still not met on a target system after the package has been run, either one of the following may be true:

- The executable file package was not run successfully.
- The detection conditions that were specified for the package were not accurate.

For example, a detection condition may indicate that the executable file needs to be launched if a particular file does not exist on the target system. If the file is still missing even after the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation has run the executable file package, it is possible that the condition was created erroneously.

Specify the behavior that should occur if one or more of the detection conditions still indicate that the package needs to be launched. Available options are:

- **Ask whether to continue the setup**—If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should display a message box that prompts the end user to specify whether the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should continue, select this option.
- **Abort the setup**—If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should end without proceeding further, select this option.
- **Continue the setup**—If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should essentially ignore the executable file’s unmet condition and proceed to the next package in the installation (if one is required), select this option.

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<tr>
<td>Exit Behavior</td>
<td>.exe</td>
<td>This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 13-102 • Operation Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)
This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings.

The installation of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package may require that the target system be restarted, as described in Restarting a Target System for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package.

Specify the behavior that should occur if the package requires that a target system be restarted. Available options are:

- **Allow the machine to reboot**—If the need for a restart is detected, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation exits and lets the package trigger a restart. If the package restarts the target system, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation continues with the next package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI after the restart. If the package does not trigger a restart, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation resumes after the next restart.

- **Ignore the reboot request**—The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation continues without restarting the target system. Thus, if it appears that a restart is required but you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to try to skip it, select this option. If the package restarts the target system, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation then resumes with the next package in the installation.

### Table 13-102 • Operation Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

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</table>
| Reboot Request | .msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project | This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings. The installation of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package may require that the target system be restarted, as described in Restarting a Target System for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package. Specify the behavior that should occur if the package requires that a target system be restarted. Available options are:  

- **Allow the machine to reboot**—If the need for a restart is detected, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation exits and lets the package trigger a restart. If the package restarts the target system, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation continues with the next package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI after the restart. If the package does not trigger a restart, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation resumes after the next restart.  

- **Ignore the reboot request**—The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation continues without restarting the target system. Thus, if it appears that a restart is required but you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to try to skip it, select this option. If the package restarts the target system, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation then resumes with the next package in the installation. |
Reboot Request (cont.)

- Delay the prompt, then exit or reboot the machine—If the package requires that the target system be restarted, the restart is postponed until a subsequent package triggers a restart, or until the end of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, after the last package has completed. If the restart occurs because of a subsequent package, the restart behavior follows the reboot behavior that is configured for that subsequent package. If the restart occurs at the end of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays a message box that asks the end user whether to restart. If the end user chooses not to allow the restart, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation exits instead of restarting the target system.

- Prompt, then exit or reboot the machine—if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation detects that the package requires that the target system be restarted, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays a message box that asks the end user whether to restart. If the end user chooses to allow the restart, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation resumes after the restart. If the end user chooses not to allow the restart, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation exits instead of restarting the target system.

Table 13-102 • Operation Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

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### Reboot Request (cont.)

- **Always prompt, then exit or reboot the machine**—When the package installation is complete, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays a message box that asks the end user whether to proceed with the restart, even if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation has not detected the need for a restart. If the end user chooses to allow the restart, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation resumes after the restart. If the end user chooses not to allow the restart, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation exits instead of restarting the target system.

- **Always reboot the machine**—The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation restarts the target system regardless of whether the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation detects the need for a restart. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation resumes after the restart.

For details on determining the best option to select, see [Specifying the Behavior for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package that Requires a Restart](#).

### Reboot Codes

#### .exe

This setting is a subsetting under the Install, Remove, Repair, and Modify settings.

If the selected package requires that the target system be restarted after the product is installed, type the return code in this setting.

If multiple return codes exist, list each one separated by a comma.

If you do not know the return codes for the file that you are launching as the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package, contact the author of the package.

For more information on Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages that require a restart, see [Restarting a Target System for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package](#).

### Force Application Shutdown

#### .appx

If the selected sideloading app package (or any package that depends on this package) is in use at installation run time, you can require that the processes that are associated with the package are forced to shut down so that registration can proceed. Use this setting to indicate whether you want to force application shutdown in that scenario.
Configuration Settings

Use a Web Deploy package's Configuration settings to specify the values of various Web Deploy settings. For more information, see Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.

Table 13-103 • Operation Settings on the Common Tab

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Computer Name</td>
<td>Web Deploy</td>
<td>Specify the name of the server where the Web Deploy package should be deployed. You can leave the Suite/Advanced UI property that InstallShield assigns to this setting by default when you add the package to your project, or you can specify your own property (enclosed within square brackets). As an alternative, you can specify a hard-coded value. For more information, see Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Name</td>
<td>Web Deploy</td>
<td>Specify the user name of the end user who will be deploying the Web Deploy package. You can leave the Suite/Advanced UI property that InstallShield assigns to this setting by default when you add the package to your project, or you can specify your own property (enclosed within square brackets). As an alternative, you can specify a hard-coded value. For more information, see Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>Web Deploy</td>
<td>Specify the password for the user account that will be used to deploy the Web Deploy package. You can leave the Suite/Advanced UI property that InstallShield assigns to this setting by default when you add the package to your project, or you can specify your own property (enclosed within square brackets). As an alternative, you can specify a hard-coded value. For more information, see Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
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### Table 13-103 • Operation Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Site</td>
<td>Web Deploy</td>
<td>Specify the site where the Web Deploy package should be deployed. You can leave the Suite/Advanced UI property that InstallShield assigns to this setting by default when you add the package to your project, or you can specify your own property (enclosed within square brackets). As an alternative, you can specify a hard-coded value. For more information, see Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parameters</td>
<td>Web Deploy</td>
<td>If the parameters XML file for the Web Deploy package contains various configurable parameters, the Parameters subsettings let you specify values for those parameters. You can leave the Suite/Advanced UI properties that InstallShield assigns to these subsettings by default when you add the package to your project, or you can specify your own properties (enclosed within square brackets). As an alternative, you can specify a hard-coded value. For more information, see Adding a Web Deploy Package to a Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
</tr>
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### Events Settings

**Project** • The Events area is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.
Use a package’s Events settings to schedule run-time actions that you want the Suite/Advanced UI installation to launch when installing, removing, repairing, or modifying the package. For more information, see Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Package Configuring</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more run-time actions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should launch before installing, removing, repairing, or modifying the package. The actions must already be added under the Actions explorer in the Events view. To specify an action, click the Add Events button in this setting, and then click the action. InstallShield adds a new Action setting under the Package Configuring setting, and sets its value to the name of the action that you selected. Use the buttons in the Action setting to specify one or more conditions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the action should be launched.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Package Configured</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more run-time actions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should launch after installing, removing, repairing, or modifying the package. The actions must already be added under the Actions explorer in the Events view. To specify an action, click the Add Events button in this setting, and then click the action. InstallShield adds a new Action setting under the Package Configuring setting, and sets its value to the name of the action that you selected. Use the buttons in the Action setting to specify one or more conditions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the action should be launched.</td>
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<td><strong>Action</strong></td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>This read-only setting shows the name of an action that is associated with the selected package and defined in the Events view. To define a condition that determines whether this action is run for this package, configure the subsettings under the Action setting as needed. If you associate more than one action with the package, list the actions from top to bottom in chronological order, according to when they are launched at run time. To change the order of the actions, point to the Move Condition button in the setting of an action that you want to move, and then click the appropriate direction (Move Up or Move Down).</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### Condition

This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the installation should run an action for the selected package.

To add one or more new action conditions, click the New Condition button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row under the Condition setting. Select the appropriate option—All, Any, or None—from the list in this row. Then in this row, click the New Condition button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement.

For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

If one or more conditional statements are configured, the Condition setting says (Condition). If none are configured, the Condition setting says (Empty).

### Display Text

Enter text that describes the selected action. For example, if the action is running a script that configures the target system, you could enter the following string:

Configuring the system

If the installation launches the action when the InstallationProgress wizard page is displayed, the text that you enter is displayed on the wizard page.

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

### Table 13-104 • Events Settings on the Common Tab (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the installation should run an action for the selected package. To add one or more new action conditions, click the New Condition button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row under the Condition setting. Select the appropriate option—All, Any, or None—from the list in this row. Then in this row, click the New Condition button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects. If one or more conditional statements are configured, the Condition setting says (Condition). If none are configured, the Condition setting says (Empty).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display Text</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Enter text that describes the selected action. For example, if the action is running a script that configures the target system, you could enter the following string: Configuring the system. If the installation launches the action when the InstallationProgress wizard page is displayed, the text that you enter is displayed on the wizard page. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. When you type a value for this setting, you can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</td>
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### See Also

Packages View
Features Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Packages View

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

● Advanced UI
● Suite/Advanced UI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The Features tab in the Packages view displays the feature tree for the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. Use this tab to select the check box of each feature that you want to contain the selected package. Clear the check box of each feature that should not contain the selected package.

See Also
Packages View

Dynamic Link Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Packages View

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

● Advanced UI
● Suite/Advanced UI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
The Dynamic Link pane in the Packages view shows settings for the dynamic link that has been created for a package in the project. The Source and Filter settings are available for all dynamic links. The other settings may be available as subsettings under the Filter setting.

**Table 13-105 • Dynamic Link Settings**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Source</strong></td>
<td>This setting shows the path to the source folder that contains the package that you want to include in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. It also is the source of dynamically included files for the package. Instead of hard-coding a location, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Filter</strong></td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more filters that you want to configure for including and excluding files and folders from the project. To add a filter, click the <strong>New filter</strong> button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row that you can use to define the filter. To remove a filter, click the subsetting of the filter that you want to remove, and in that subsetting, click the <strong>Delete this filter</strong> button. To learn more, see Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Include File</strong></td>
<td>Specify the name of the dynamic file that you want to include in your dynamic link. You can use an asterisk (*) as a wild-card character. You can also include a path that is relative to refer to the source folder. For example, to refer to a ReadMe.txt file in a subfolder called MyDirectory, where MyDirectory is a subfolder of the folder that contains the package, you could use the following filter: .\MyDirectory\ReadMe.txt For more information, including background on how InstallShield determines which files and folders to include in and exclude from the release, see Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exclude File</td>
<td>Specify the name of the dynamic file that you want to exclude from your dynamic link. You can use an asterisk (*) as a wild-card character. You can also include a path that is relative to refer to the source folder. For example, to refer to a <code>ReadMe.txt</code> file in a subfolder called <code>MyDirectory</code>, where <code>MyDirectory</code> is a subfolder of the folder that contains the package, you could use the following filter: <code>.\MyDirectory\ReadMe.txt</code> For more information, including background on how InstallShield determines which files and folders to include in and exclude from the release, see Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Include Folder</td>
<td>Specify the name of the dynamic folder whose files you want to include in your dynamic link. You can use an asterisk (*) as a wild-card character. You can also include a path that is relative to refer to the source folder. For example, to refer to a <code>MyLibrary</code>, where <code>MyLibrary</code> is a subfolder of the folder that contains the package, you could use the following filter: <code>.\MyLibrary</code> For more information, including background on how InstallShield determines which files and folders to include in and exclude from the release, see Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
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<td>Exclude Folder</td>
<td>Specify the name of the dynamic folder whose files you want to exclude in your dynamic link. You can use an asterisk (*) as a wild-card character. You can also include a path that is relative to refer to the source folder. For example, to refer to a <code>MyLibrary</code> folder, where <code>MyLibrary</code> is a subfolder of the folder that contains the package, you could use the following filter: <code>.\MyLibrary</code> For more information, including background on how InstallShield determines which files and folders to include in and exclude from the release, see Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
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See Also
 Packages View
**DIM References View**

*InstallShield 2020*

**Project** • *The DIM References view is available in Basic MSI projects.*

Use the DIM References view to add and manage references to DIM projects in your Basic MSI project. This view also enables you to view any pertinent instructions that the DIM author noted, associate the DIM references with features in the Basic MSI project, override the default destination of the files in the DIM, schedule custom actions, and more.

The DIM support in InstallShield is targeted toward engineering teams who want to foster collaboration, enable distributed installation development, and maximize efficiency in their organizations. A DIM is a feature-sized collection of related items such as product files, shortcuts, registry entries, text file changes, IIS Web sites, and other elements that together make up a discrete, logically separated portion of a product installation. Once you have created a DIM, you can include references to it in one or more Basic MSI installation projects.

When you select a DIM reference in the DIM References view, several tabs are available:

- General tab
- Instructions tab
- Build Options tab
- Features tab
- Sequences tab

**See Also**

- Modularizing Installation Projects to Distribute Development Work and Enable Reuse
- Overriding the Destination for a DIM Reference
- Including DIMs in a Project
- Referencing a DIM in a Project

**General Tab**

*InstallShield 2020 » DIM References View*

**Project** • *The DIM References view is available in Basic MSI projects.*

The General tab in the DIM References view displays the following read-only settings for the selected DIM reference. Note that the values in these settings are not displayed or used at run time. You can use these settings as a reference for internally identifying a project.

**Table 13-106 • Settings on the General Tab in the DIM References View**

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<tr>
<td>File</td>
<td>This setting indicates the name of the selected DIM project file (.dim).</td>
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Table 13-106 • Settings on the General Tab in the DIM References View (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>This setting indicates the name of the feature or unit that this DIM represents. This setting is configured in the Subject setting in the General Information view of the DIM project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIM GUID</td>
<td>This setting displays the GUID that uniquely identifies the DIM. Whenever you create a new DIM, InstallShield generates a new GUID for it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Package Code</td>
<td>This setting identifies the package code, which is the GUID for your DIM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>This setting identifies the version number of the DIM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>This setting indicates a description of the DIM. This setting is configured in the Title setting in the General Information view of the DIM project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Author</td>
<td>This setting is the name of the author of this DIM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Link to</td>
<td>This setting indicates the location of the selected DIM project file (.dim).</td>
</tr>
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See Also
Opening a Referenced DIM Project from Within an Installation Project
Specifying Installation Information for a DIM
DIM References View

Instructions Tab

InstallShield 2020 » DIM References View

Project • The DIM References view is available in Basic MSI projects.

The Instructions tab in the DIM References view displays the guidance, tips, or other comments that the author of the DIM project entered in the Build Instructions setting of the General Information view. These instructions may contain critical information that is necessary to properly configure any Basic MSI project that contains a reference to this DIM.

See Also
DIM References View

Build Options Tab

InstallShield 2020 » DIM References View

Project • The DIM References view is available in Basic MSI projects.
The Build Options tab in the DIM References view displays the following read-only settings for the selected DIM reference:

**Table 13-107 • Settings on the Build Options Tab in the DIM References View**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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| **Destination** | Select the folder on the target system into which the DIM's files should be installed, or click the ellipsis button (...) to select or create a directory. This setting lets you override the destination that was set in the DIM project. The default value of this setting is the value that was set in the DIM project.  
To install the files to the product's default destination folder, select [INSTALLDIR].  
If you want the destination to be configurable at run time, the destination folder that you specify must be a public property (containing all uppercase letters).  
You can also set the destination folder of a component's feature. For information on the effects of setting the destination for a feature as well as its components, see Component Destination vs. Feature Destination. |
| **Conflict Resolution** | Indicate how you want to resolve conflicts between values of settings in the Basic MSI project with those in the selected DIM project. Available options are:  
- **Use Base Project Value**—If InstallShield encounters a conflict when merging the DIM data into the Basic MSI installation at build time, InstallShield uses the value that is in the Basic MSI project instead of the value that is in the DIM project.  
- **Use DIM Project Value**—If InstallShield encounters a conflict when merging the DIM data into the Basic MSI installation at build time, InstallShield uses the value that is in the DIM project instead of the value that is in the Basic MSI project.  
For more information, see Resolving Build-Time Conflicts Between a Basic MSI Project and a DIM Reference. |

**See Also**
DIM References View

**Features Tab**

InstallShield 2020 » DIM References View

*Project • The DIM References view is available in Basic MSI projects.*

The Features tab in the DIM References view displays the feature tree for the Basic MSI project. Use this tab to select the check box of each feature that you want to contain the selected DIM. Clear the check box of each feature that should not contain the selected DIM.

**See Also**
DIM References View
Sequences Tab

InstallShield 2020 » DIM References View

Project • The DIM References view is available in Basic MSI projects.

Sequences direct all of the actions that are performed during the installation process—from file transfer to user interface display. These actions are given a number in the sequence, which then executes from the lowest number to the highest. Use the Sequences tab in the DIM References view to insert DIM actions and dialogs into a sequence, or edit the sequence timeline. To learn more, see Scheduling Custom Actions and Dialogs from a DIM Reference.

See Also
Installation Sequence
Advertisement Sequence
Administration Sequence
User Interface Sequence
Execute Sequence
DIM References View

Application Data View

InstallShield 2020

Project • The Application Data view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Application data includes all of the files that you add to your project.

Files and Folders

Project • The Files and Folders view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
The Files and Folders view lets you add files to your project. This view behaves similarly to Windows Explorer, enabling you to drag and drop files into your project. For installation projects, you can select which feature and component you would like your files associated with and the destination directory for those files.

**Redistributables**

*Project* • The Redistributables view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Redistributables view enables you to add InstallShield objects and merge modules to Windows Installer–based projects. Including redistributables to your project lets you add distinct pieces of functionality to your installation. Examples of these types of functionality include Visual Basic run-time .dll files and the Microsoft C run-time libraries.

You can also use the Redistributables view to add InstallShield prerequisites to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects. An InstallShield prerequisite is an installation for a product or technology framework that is required by your product. You can add any of the existing InstallShield prerequisites to your installation projects and configure many of their settings. You can also create your own InstallShield prerequisites, and add them to your projects.

Including InstallShield prerequisites in your project enables you to chain multiple installations together, bypassing the Windows Installer limitation that permits only one Execute sequence to be run at a time. The Setup.exe setup launcher serves as a bootstrap application that manages the chaining.

**Prerequisites**

*Project* • The Prerequisites view is available in InstallScript projects.

The Prerequisites view enables you to add InstallShield prerequisites to InstallScript projects.

**Objects**

*Project* • The Objects view is available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The Objects view enables you to add objects and merge modules to InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects.
Files and Folders View

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**Project** • The Files and Folders view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- MSIX
- MSIX Modification Package

**Note** • The Files and Folders view from within Microsoft Visual Studio differs from the Files and Folders view in InstallShield. For more information, refer to Adding References to Visual Studio Solutions.

The main purpose of most installations is to transfer files from the source medium to the target destination. With InstallShield, adding files to your project is a simple drag-and-drop process in the Files and Folders view. This view contains a files explorer that enables you to drag and drop files from folders on your source machine to folders on the destination machine. The two left panes in the files explorer contain folders, and the two right panes display the files that are located within those folders.

**Project** • In installation projects (including InstallScript and Basic MSI), the Files and Folders view includes the View Filter list above the files explorer panes. This list contains all of the features in your project. You can use this filter to show and hide files and folders in the destination panes of this view:

- To see in this view only files and folders that belong to a particular feature, select that feature in the View Filter list.
- To add a file or folder to a specific feature, select that feature in the View Filter list. Then add the file or folder to the appropriate location in the Destination computer’s folders pane.
- To see all of the files and folders that are in your project, select the All Application Data option in the View Filter list.
The following four panes are available in the Files and Folders view.

**Table 13-108 • Panes in the Files and Folders View**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pane</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Source computer’s folders (Top Left)</td>
<td>The <strong>Source computer’s folders</strong> pane is similar to the left pane in Windows Explorer. This pane contains folders located either locally or on a network. From here, you can navigate to the folder that contains the files that you want to add to your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source computer’s files (Top Right)</td>
<td>The <strong>Source computer’s files</strong> pane displays the files contained in the currently selected folder of the Source computer’s folders pane. You can drag files from this pane to a destination folder in the Destination computer’s pane. The files you drop into the bottom panes are added to your installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination computer’s folders (Bottom Left)</td>
<td>In the <strong>Destination computer’s folders</strong> pane, you can add files to destination folders or components, create new destination folders, or modify existing components.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination computer’s files (Bottom Right)</td>
<td>The <strong>Destination computer’s files</strong> pane displays all the files you have added to the currently selected destination folder. By right-clicking a file in this pane, you can copy, paste, or delete the file, or edit the file’s properties. For Windows Installer-based projects only, you can also right-click a file to set or clear it as the key file of its component.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can add files to your installation project in one of three different ways:

**Table 13-109 • Methods for Adding Files to a Project**

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<tr>
<td>Dragging and Dropping Files</td>
<td>You can add files to your project using the Files explorer in the Files and Folders view. The top two panes in this view are functionally equivalent to Windows Explorer. The bottom two panes represent the destination for your files. You can drag source files from the top pane to the destination folder in the bottom pane. InstallShield also provides a context menu with additional drag and drop options that allow you to drag folder only and to preserve the source structure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dynamic File Linking</td>
<td>The second way to add files to your project is by linking to the contents of an entire folder, or to specific files in the folder. This method allows you to point to a specific folder, either locally or on a network, that contains files for your installation. Every time you build your installation, the contents of the folder are added to your feature. Additionally, you can use wildcards to filter which files are added to your project. For more information, see <strong>Creating a Dynamic Link</strong>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • To improve performance, the list displayed in the Files and Folders view is truncated when there are more than a predefined number of files in a dynamically linked file with subfolders. **“List Truncated”** appears as the first item in the file list when this occurs. All files contained in the subfolders are built into your project.
**Table 13-109 • Methods for Adding Files to a Project (cont.)**

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<tr>
<td>Dependency Scanning</td>
<td>The final way to add files to your project is accomplished through the Dependency Scanners view. This view contains three wizards that can scan your project, a running application, or a Visual Basic project for possible dependency files and add them to your project. All three of these wizards can also be launched from the Project menu.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

Adding to Your Project Files to Be Installed on Target Systems  
Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems  
Tips for Managing Files and Folders in Your Project  
Setup Best Practices  
Overwriting Files and Components on the Target System

**Destination Folders**

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*Project • Some folders are not available in all project types. Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.*

When you add files to your installation project, you do so by placing them in a destination folder. The following destination folders are provided by default. Each one is dynamic, meaning that they do not use hard-coded paths. Instead, the value for each destination folder is obtained from the operating system of the target machine.

**Folders in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects**

The following folders are available only for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects:

**Table 13-110 • Default Destination Folders for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects**

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<tr>
<th>Folder Name</th>
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</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>AdminToolsFolder</td>
<td>Points to the folder where administrative tools are located.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| ALLUSERSPROFILE          | This is the full path to the folder containing program data for all users. A common path is:  
                          | C:\ProgramData                                                             |
| AppDataFolder            | This property holds the full path to the current user’s Application Data folder. A typical value of this property is:  
                          | C:\Users\UserName\AppData\Roaming                                          |
| CommonAppDataFolder      | This is the full path to the folder containing application data for all users. A common path is:  
                          | C:\ProgramData                                                             |
### Table 13-110 • Default Destination Folders for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects (cont.)

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<th>Folder Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CommonFiles64Folder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the 64-bit Common Files folder. This property requires Windows Installer version 2.0 or later.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CommonFilesFolder</td>
<td>The value of this property is the full path to the 32-bit Common Files folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DesktopFolder</td>
<td>This property is used to hold the full path to the Desktop folder for the current user. If the setup is being run for All Users, and the ALLUSERS property is set, the DesktopFolder property should hold the full path to the All Users desktop folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FavoritesFolder</td>
<td>The FavoritesFolder property contains the full path to the Favorites folder for the current user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FontsFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the Fonts folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IISROOTFOLDER</td>
<td>This property stores the root directory of the Web server on a target system. If you are using IIS functionality in your installation project and you have added a Web site, then IISROOTFOLDER is automatically added. For more information, see Adding IISROOTFOLDER Support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INSTALLDIR</td>
<td>This property stores the default destination folder for your installation program’s files. You can set an initial value for INSTALLDIR in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LocalAppDataFolder</td>
<td>The location of locally stored application data. A typical value of this property is:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>C:\Users\UserName\AppData\Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MyPicturesFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the current user’s My Pictures folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PersonalFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the current user’s Personal folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProgramFiles64Folder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the 64-bit Program Files folder. This property requires Windows Installer version 2.0 or later.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProgramFilesFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the 32-bit Program Files folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProgramMenuFolder</td>
<td>This property is used to hold the full path to the Program menu for the current user. If the installation is being run for All Users, and the ALLUSERS property is set, the ProgramMenuFolder property should hold the full path to the All Users Programs menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PUBLIC</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the Users Public folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SendToFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the current user’s SendTo folder.</td>
</tr>
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Table 13-110 • Default Destination Folders for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects (cont.)

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<td>StartMenuFolder</td>
<td>This property is used to hold the full path the Start menu folder for the current user. If the installation is being run for All Users, and the ALLUSERS property is set, the StartMenuFolder property should hold the fully qualified path to the All Users program menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StartupFolder</td>
<td>This property is used to hold the full path to the Startup folder for the current user. If the setup is being run for All Users, and the ALLUSERS property is set, the StartupFolder property should hold the full path to the All Users program menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System16Folder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the folder containing the system’s 16-bit .dll file. (In Windows Installer version 2.0, this property is no longer used.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SystemFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the 32-bit Windows system folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System64Folder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the 64-bit Windows system folder. This property requires Windows Installer version 2.0 or later.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TempFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the Temp folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TemplateFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the current user’s Templates folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WindowsFolder</td>
<td>This property holds the full path to the Windows folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WindowsVolume</td>
<td>This property holds the volume of the Windows folder. It is set to the drive where Windows is installed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Folders in InstallScript Projects

The following folders are available only for InstallScript projects:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Folder Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Script-Defined Folders</strong></td>
<td>This folder allows you to create folders whose location is determined in your script. Files cannot be added directly to this folder, but only to its subfolders; to create a subfolder, right-click the folder and select New Folder. Specify a folder name that is enclosed in angle brackets, for example, <code>&lt;MYFOLDER&gt;</code>; to assign the folder a location through your script, call FeatureSetTarget.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Target Folder</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is determined by the value of the system variable TARGETDIR.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Program Files</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is the 32-bit Program Files folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Program Files (64-bit)</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is the 64-bit Program Files folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Program Files\Common Files</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is the 32-bit Common Files folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Program Files (64-bit)\Common Files (64-bit)</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is the 64-bit Common Files folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Support Folder</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is determined by the value of the system variable SUPPORTDIR.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Windows</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is the Windows folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Windows\Fonts Folder</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is the Windows Fonts folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Windows\Windows System</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is the 32-bit Windows System folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Windows\Windows System (64-bit)</strong></td>
<td>This folder’s location is the 64-bit Windows System folder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Files and Folders View

Redistributables View

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Project • The Redistributables view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
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- MSI Database
- Transform

Note that you can use the Prerequisites view and the Objects view to add redistributables to InstallScript projects.

The Redistributables view contains all of the InstallShield objects and third-party merge modules that are included with InstallShield. In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this view also contains InstallShield prerequisites that you can add to your project.

InstallShield Prerequisites (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)

An InstallShield prerequisite is an installation for a product or technology framework that is required by your product. You can add any of the existing InstallShield prerequisites to your installation projects and configure many of their settings. You can also create your own InstallShield prerequisites, and add them to your projects.

Including InstallShield prerequisites in your project enables you to chain multiple installations together, bypassing the Windows Installer limitation that permits only one Execute sequence to be run at a time. The Setup.exe setup launcher serves as a bootstrap application that manages the chaining.

InstallShield includes a base set of InstallShield prerequisites. You can also use the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor in InstallShield to define custom InstallShield prerequisites or to edit settings for any existing InstallShield prerequisites.

InstallShield includes support for two types of InstallShield prerequisites:

- **Setup prerequisite**—The installation for this type of prerequisite runs before your installation runs.
- **Feature prerequisite**—This type of prerequisite is associated with one or more features. It is installed if the feature that contains the prerequisite is installed and if the prerequisite is not already installed on the system. Thus, if a feature has a condition that is not met on the target system, or if the end user chooses not to install the feature, the feature is not installed. As a result, none of its associated feature prerequisites are installed, unless the feature prerequisites are also associated with other features that are installed.

Project • Basic MSI projects include support for feature prerequisites.

Merge Modules

A merge module (or .msm file) contains all of the logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality. For example, many applications require Microsoft Visual Basic run-time .dll files. Instead of having to include the file in a component and figure out its installation requirements, you can simply attach the Visual Basic Virtual Machine merge module to one of your project’s features.

Note • Many of the merge modules included in the Redistributables view are authored by Microsoft or another third party. InstallShield distributes these modules as a courtesy to assist you in creating your installation project. However, InstallShield cannot modify or fix any problems that may exist within third party-authored modules. You are encouraged to contact the vendor regarding issues with specific third party-authored modules.
InstallShield Objects
Like merge modules, objects contain logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality. Some objects, such as the DirectX object included with InstallShield, require customization through a wizard. As soon as you add such an object to your installation, its customization wizard opens. You can either customize your object at the time you add it, or cancel the wizard and customize your object later by right-clicking the object and then clicking Change Objects Settings.

Redistributables Gallery
Because the file size of many of the redistributables is so large, some that are available for use in your projects are not added to your computer when you install InstallShield. However, these redistributables are still available for download from the Internet to your computer.

Configurable Merge Modules
A configurable redistributable is a merge module or an object that has at least one row in the ModuleConfiguration table that is referenced by at least one row in the ModuleSubstitution table. This enables you to change a value in the redistributable. When you select a configurable module in the Redistributables view, the Merge Module Configurable Values dialog box is displayed to enable you to configure the module at the time you add it. To customize the merge module later, right-click it and click select Configure merge module.

Working with the Redistributables View
The Redistributables view consists of the following elements:

- A row of buttons and other controls
- A group box area (below the row of buttons)
- A list of redistributables
- A details pane, which shows information about the selected redistributables

The following table describes all of the buttons and other controls that are displayed in the Redistributables view.

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<td>Shows all of the rows in the groups if you are using groups to organize the rows in a hierarchical format.</td>
</tr>
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<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Hides all of the rows in the groups if you are using groups to organize the rows in a hierarchical format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Details</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Shows or hides the right pane in this view, which shows details about the InstallShield prerequisite, merge module, or object that is selected in the list of available redistributables. This details pane provides information such as which files a redistributable installs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Group Box</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Refresh</td>
<td></td>
<td>Refreshes the list of redistributables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Search Grid</td>
<td></td>
<td>Dynamically filters the redistributables that are displayed in the Redistributables view according to the string that you specify in this search box. As you type a string in this box, InstallShield hides all of the rows that do not contain it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Redistributables View Help</td>
<td></td>
<td>Displays the help for the Redistributables view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drag a column header here to group that column</td>
<td></td>
<td>Use this group box area to group rows in the view. The view supports multiple levels of grouping simply by dragging the column headings and dropping them onto the group box. InstallShield displays the rows in the view hierarchically according to column arrangement in the group box. To learn more, see Working with the Group Box Area in Various Views.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Check Box</td>
<td>This column shows a check box for each redistributable. To add a redistributable to your project, select its check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type/Status</td>
<td>This column shows an icon that represents the type of redistributable, as well as its status. For details about each icon, see Managing the Redistributables Gallery.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>This column shows the name of each redistributable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>This column shows the version number of the redistributable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>This column lists the type of redistributable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>This column indicates whether the redistributable is installed locally on your machine or it needs to be downloaded. For more information, see Downloading Redistributables to Your Computer.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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See Also
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
Managing the Redistributables Gallery
Determining the Files in InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects
Prerequisites View

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**Project** • The Prerequisites view is available in InstallScript projects.

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**Project** • Basic MSI projects include support for feature prerequisites.

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<tr>
<td>Check Box</td>
<td>This column shows a check box for each redistributable. To add a redistributable to your project, select its check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type/Status</td>
<td>This column shows an icon that represents the type of redistributable, as well as its status. For details about each icon, see Managing the Redistributables Gallery.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Objects View

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*Project • The Objects view is available in the following project types:*

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

*Note that you can use the Redistributables view to add merge modules to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.*

The Objects view lets you add InstallScript objects and third-party merge modules to your projects.

**Merge Modules**

A merge module (or .msm file) contains all of the logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality. For example, many applications require Microsoft Visual Basic run-time .dll files. Instead of having to include the file in a component and figure out its installation requirements, you can simply attach the Visual Basic Virtual Machine merge module to one of your project’s features.

*Note • Many of the merge modules included in the Objects view are authored by Microsoft or another third party. InstallShield distributes these modules as a courtesy to assist you in creating your installation project. However, InstallShield cannot modify or fix any problems that may exist within third party-authored modules. You are encouraged to contact the vendor regarding issues with specific third party-authored modules.*

**InstallScript Objects**

InstallShield enables you to create your own InstallScript objects that can be used in any of your installation projects or distributed for use by other installation developers.
Redistributables Gallery

Because the file size of many of the redistributables is so large, some that are available for use in your projects are not added to your computer when you install InstallShield. However, these redistributables are still available for download from the Internet to your computer.

See Also
Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects
Managing the Redistributables Gallery
Determining the Files in InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects

System Configuration View

Project • The System Configuration view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Every installation changes the target system in some way. The simplest installations might only copy files. More in-depth installations make registry changes, edit .ini files, or create shortcuts. InstallShield provides the following views for making advanced configurations.

Shortcuts

Project • The Shortcuts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Shortcuts offer quick access to your installed application. You can create shortcuts and program folders on the desktop, the Start menu, and various other locations.
Registry

Project • The Registry view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- QuickPatch

In the Registry view, you can create registry entries or import existing registry data into your setup.

ODBC Resources

Project • The ODBC Resources view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

In the ODBC Resources view, you can add drivers, translators, and data sources to one or more of your application’s features. Select from installed ODBC resources or add new ones to the list, associate them with features, and then customize their attributes.

INI File Changes

Project • The INI File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
The InstallScript language includes several initialization file functions for manipulating .ini files.

Although editing system .ini files is not recommended, you can edit these files in the INI File Changes view. This view enables you to create sections and keywords, or edit an .ini file on the target system.

**Environment Variables**

*Project* • The Environment Variables view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The InstallScript language includes the GetEnvVar function for retrieving the current value of an environment variable, and it enables you to create an environment variable.

If you need to create, modify, or remove environment variables from the target system, you can define their settings in the Environment Variables view.

**XML File Changes**

*Project* • The XML File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

Sometimes you need to modify XML files that store settings related to your product as well as standard configuration files like web.config and machine.config. You can use the XML File Changes view in InstallShield to specify any XML file changes that should be made on the target system.

**Text File Changes**

*Project* • The Text File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
The InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals.

The Text File Changes view is where you configure search-and-replace behavior for content in text files—for example, .txt, .htm, .xml, .config, .ini, and .sql files—that you want to modify at run time on the target system. The text files can be part of your installation, or they can be files that are already present on target systems.

Tip • The Text File Changes view enables you to modify XML files without using MSXML (which is a run-time requirement if you use the XML File Changes view to modify XML files).

Scheduled Tasks

Project • The Scheduled Tasks view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Scheduled Tasks view is where you create and configure automated tasks that you want to be created through the Windows task scheduler at run time on target systems. The files that you want to be launched by the scheduled tasks can be part of your installation, or they can be files that are already present on target systems.

Services

Project • The Services view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Services view is where you specify whether to install, configure, start, stop, and uninstall Windows services during installation and uninstallation.

As an alternative, you can use the Services area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view and the Setup Design view to install, configure, start, stop, and uninstall Windows services. If you configure service information in either of these areas, the other area is automatically updated accordingly.
See Also
Shortcuts View
Registry View
ODBC Resources View
INI File Changes View
Environment Variables View
XML File Changes View
Text File Changes View
Scheduled Tasks View
Services View

Shortcuts View
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**Project** • The Shortcuts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Shortcuts view provides a simple, visual way to create shortcuts to your application on the target system. This view contains a Shortcuts explorer that shows a set of predefined destination folders under which you can create shortcuts and subfolders. InstallShield offers the following standard shortcut destinations.

**Table 13-116 • Standard Shortcut Destinations**

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<tr>
<th>Shortcut Destination</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Programs Menu and Startup</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>The Programs Menu and Startup folders are located on the Start menu. The Programs Menu folder is the industry-standard place for installing product shortcuts. The Startup folder should contain shortcuts to only those items that need to be launched whenever Windows starts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Send To</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>The Send To folder is available when an end user right-clicks a file; the context menu that is displayed contains a command called Send To. If you create a shortcut for your program in this folder, an end user can click any file and send it to your product. For example, you might want your end users to be able to open an HTML page in Notepad. If you created a shortcut to Notepad in the Send To folder in the Shortcuts view, end users could right-click an HTML file and click Notepad from your Send To menu. The source file for that page opens in Notepad.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
When you add a new shortcut, InstallShield adds it as a new node to the Shortcuts explorer in this view. The new shortcut node is displayed with the same icon that is selected in the Icon File setting for the shortcut—which is the icon that is used when the shortcut is added to target systems at run time—unless either of the following conditions is true:

- The project type is InstallScript.
- The shortcut is for a preexisting file on the target system.

For both of the aforementioned conditions, the icon file is not known until run time. Therefore, InstallShield shows the following icon for each shortcut in the Shortcuts explorer, instead of displaying the icon that is used at run time on target systems.

InstallShield also uses this icon for a shortcut in the Shortcuts explorer if the icon file does not contain an icon.

**Note** • You cannot create shortcuts to a dynamically linked file. For more information, see Limitations of Dynamic File Linking.

For details about each of the settings that you can configure for shortcuts, folders, as well as tiles, see:

- Shortcut Settings
- Folder Settings
- Tile Configuration Settings

**See Also**
Types of Shortcuts
Creating Shortcuts and Program Folders
Specifying the Icon for a Shortcut

**Shortcut Settings**

**InstallShield 2020 » Shortcuts View**

**Project** • The Shortcuts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
The settings for a shortcut are organized into the following main categories in the Shortcuts view:

- **Appearance**
- **Behavior**
- **General**
- **Windows App Package Tile Overrides**
- **Package Support Framework**

**Edition** • Windows App Package Tile Overrides settings are available in Basic MSI projects edited with the Premier edition only. InstallScript MSI, direct-mode projects (Windows Installer Databases, Transforms), and Professional or Express editions will not see the Windows App-related options in the **Releases** view or the **Shortcuts** view.

### Appearance

Use a shortcut’s Appearance settings to specify details such as the display name and the icon for the shortcut.

**Table 13-117 • Appearance Settings**

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Enter the name of the shortcut as it should appear on the target system. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Project** • For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—You must enter a value for this setting; otherwise, a build error occurs.

The display name is of the Windows Installer **Filename** data type. If the display name that you enter is not already in the 8.3 format, InstallShield uses the **ShortName|LongName** format for this setting. For example, if you enter **My Product Name** as the value in this setting, InstallShield sets the value to **MyProd~1|My Product Name**, or something similar, so that a short name is available at run time if needed.
If you are preparing an installation for a multilingual application and you are separating language-neutral portable executable files from .mui files for the display name of your shortcut, use the following settings:

- **Display Resource**—Click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting if you want to browse to the DLL file that contains the multilingual user interface (MUI) manifest.

  InstallShield lists the path and file name in this setting if you do either of the following: you select a DLL file by browsing for it, or you manually enter a path and file name in the Display Resource DLL setting. InstallShield also lists the resource index that is specified in the Display Resource Index setting.

  If this setting contains a value, the value for the Display Name setting is ignored. If you leave this setting blank, Windows Installer uses the value for the Display Name setting.

- **Display Resource DLL**—If you want to manually specify the path and file name of the DLL file that contains the MUI manifest, enter it. You can include Windows Installer directory properties—for example, \[INSTALLDIR\]MyResource.dll—instead of hard-coded directory paths.

  If you click the ellipsis button in the Display Resource setting to browse to the DLL file, InstallShield uses the format \[#filekey\] in the Display Resource DLL setting to identify the DLL file.

- **Display Resource Index**—Specify the display name index for the shortcut. This must be a non-negative number.

**Note** • If you specify a DLL, you must also enter a value for the Display Resource Index setting.

These settings enable you to separate language-neutral portable executable files from .mui files, which contain all of the language-dependent resources, and later add resources for additional languages without having to recompile or relink the application.

Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later include support for the display resource. Earlier systems ignore it.
### Table 13-117 • Appearance Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Enter a description of the shortcut. The text that you enter is displayed as a tooltip when the end user places the mouse pointer over the shortcut. It is also displayed in the Description field of the shortcut’s Properties dialog box. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
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If you are preparing an installation for a multilingual application and you are separating language-neutral portable executable files from .mui files for the description of your shortcut, use the following settings:

- **Description Resource**—Click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting if you want to browse to the DLL file that contains the multilingual user interface (MUI) manifest.

  InstallShield lists the path and file name in this setting if you do either of the following: you select a DLL file by browsing for it, or you manually enter a path and file name in the Description Resource DLL setting. InstallShield also lists the resource index that is specified in the Description Resource Index setting.

  If this setting contains a value, the value for the Description setting is ignored. If you leave this setting blank, Windows Installer uses the value for the Description setting.

- **Description Resource DLL**—If you want to manually specify the path and file name of the DLL file that contains the MUI manifest, enter it. You can include Windows Installer directory properties—for example, `[INSTALLDIR]MyResource.dll`—instead of hard-coded directory paths.

  If you click the ellipsis button in the Description Resource setting to browse to the DLL file, InstallShield uses the format `[#filekey]` in the Description Resource DLL setting to identify the DLL file.

- **Description Resource Index**—Specify the description index for the shortcut. This must be a non-negative number.

  **Note** • If you specify a DLL, you must also enter a value for the Description Resource Index setting.

These settings enable you to separate language-neutral portable executable files from .mui files, which contain all of the language-dependent resources, and later add resources for additional languages without having to recompile or relink the application.

Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later include support for the description resource. Earlier systems ignore it.
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<tr>
<td>Icon</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>To specify the icon that you want to be displayed for the shortcut, use the following settings:&lt;br&gt;&lt;ul&gt;&lt;li&gt;Icon—Specify the file that contains the icon for the shortcut that you are creating. You must specify an .ico file or the executable file (.dll or .exe) that contains the icon resource. InstallShield lists the icon path and index in the Icon setting if you do either of the following: you select a file by browsing for it, or you manually enter a path and file name in the Icon File setting.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;Icon File—if you want to manually specify the path and name of the file that contains the icon, enter it.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;li&gt;Icon Index—if the icon file that you specify contains more than one icon resource, enter the index in this setting. A nonnegative integer refers to the order of the icon resources in the executable file. For example, 0 refers to the first icon in the file, 1 refers to the second icon, and 2 refers to the third icon. Use a negative number to refer to a specific resource ID. For example, the icon index -12 points to the icon with a resource ID of 12.&lt;/li&gt;&lt;/ul&gt;Project • For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—Click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting if you want to browse to the .ico file or the .exe or .dll file that contains the icon resource. For InstallScript projects—Click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting if you want to browse to the location on the target system of the .ico file or the .exe or .dll file that contains the icon resource.</td>
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**Behavior**

Use a shortcut’s Behavior settings to specify details such as the target and keyboard shortcut.

**Table 13-118 • Behavior Settings**

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Advertised</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to create an advertised shortcut. If you select Yes and the end user advertises the product or the feature that contains the shortcut, the shortcut is created but the component’s files are not installed until the end user launches the shortcut. The first time that the shortcut is launched, the Windows Installer installs the component’s files and other data, and then the shortcut launches the target file. Every time that the shortcut is used from then on, it behaves like a normal shortcut. <strong>Note</strong> • To create an advertised shortcut, the shortcut’s component must have a key file. The key file is the shortcut’s target.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Target</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Enter the path to the file on the target system that should be launched when end users launch the shortcut. As an alternative to manually entering a value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the shortcut target. <strong>Project</strong> • For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—Use Windows Installer directory properties—for example, <code>[INSTALLDIR]File.exe</code>—instead of hard-coded directory paths. If the shortcut is an advertised shortcut, this setting is read-only. The key file of the shortcut’s component is automatically set as the shortcut’s target. If the shortcut’s component does not have a key file, the shortcut will not function properly on the target system. For InstallScript projects—Use system variables—for example, <code>&lt;TARGETDIR&gt;\File.exe</code>—instead of hard-coded directory paths.</td>
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</table>
| **Arguments** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Enter the command-line arguments for the shortcut. The arguments are added to the Target value on the shortcut’s Properties dialog box on the target system. These arguments work in the same way as any other command-line arguments. For example, you can link a file to an executable file or cause an executable file to run silently by passing command-line arguments.  

**Note** • Verify that the syntax is correct because InstallShield does not do this.  

**Tip** • Use %1 in the argument for the selected file name. For example, if the end user right-clicks the file C:\File.ext and -p %1 is the argument for this shortcut, the command-line argument becomes -p C:\File.ext. In some cases, it is necessary to enclose the %1 argument in quotation marks—as in "%1"—to correctly handle file names that contain spaces. |
| **Working Directory** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform | Enter the working directory for the shortcut target, or click the ellipsis button (...) to select or create a directory.  

The directory that you specify is displayed as the **Start in** field on the shortcut’s Properties dialog box on the target system. The working directory is the default directory that is displayed in standard file-opening and file-saving dialog boxes, as well as the current directory used by the product.  

**Project** • For example, in Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects, if you want your working directory to be set to a subdirectory of INSTALLDIR called Files, select [INSTALLDIR] from the list and add the subdirectory name Files to the end of it. When you are finished, it should read [INSTALLDIR]Files.  

In an InstallScript project, if you want your working directory to be set to a subdirectory of TARGETDIR called Files, select <TARGETDIR> from the list and add the text \\Files to the end of it. When you are finished, it should read <TARGETDIR>\Files. |
Hot Key

This setting contains the decimal value of the keyboard shortcut that is assigned to your shortcut. You can assign a keyboard shortcut to your product’s shortcut so that end users can press the appropriate hot keys to launch the shortcut.

If you want InstallShield to calculate the decimal value of the keyboard shortcut, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting.

For more information, see Specifying a Keyboard Shortcut for Accessing a Shortcut.

Caution • It is recommended that you avoid configuring keyboard shortcuts for your shortcuts because they may conflict with existing keyboard shortcuts on the target system.

Run

Select the style of window that the target file should use when end users launch the shortcut. Available options are:

- **Normal Window**—The file is launched in a standard-sized window.
- **Maximized Window**—The file is launched in full-screen view.
- **Minimized Window**—The file is launched in a minimized window, visible only on the taskbar.

Run As Administrator

Select to set the shortcut to “Run As Administrator”.

Available options are:

- **Yes**—Enables the shortcut to Run As Administrator.
- **No**—To not set the shortcut to Run As Administrator.

Note • An installer should run in an Elevated mode in order to set the shortcut with Run as Administrator.

Run as Administrator will be disabled for Advertised Shortcut and Internet Shortcut.
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</table>
| Prevent Pinning          | InstallScript| Specify whether you want to prevent end users from being able to pin a shortcut to the taskbar and to the Start menu after end users install your product. Available options are:  

  - **Yes**—When the shortcut is installed, the context menu commands for pinning a shortcut to the taskbar and to the Start menu are hidden.  
  - **No**—When the shortcut is installed, the context menu commands for pinning the shortcut to the taskbar and to the Start menu are available, enabling end users to pin the shortcut. This is the default option.  

  Windows 7 introduced support for this setting. Earlier versions of Windows ignore this setting.  

  You may want to disable pinning for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation. Note that if you configure the shortcut to prevent this pinning, the target of the shortcut is ineligible for inclusion in the most frequently used list on the Start menu.  

  For more information, see Specifying Whether End Users Should Be Able to Pin a Shortcut to the Taskbar or Start Menu. |
| Do Not Highlight as New  | InstallScript| Specify whether you want to prevent a shortcut on the Start menu from being highlighted as newly installed after end users install your product. Available options are:  

  - **Yes**—If the installation adds the shortcut to the Start menu, the shortcut is not highlighted as newly installed. This has the same effect as clearing the Highlight newly installed programs check box in the Customize Start Menu dialog box for an individual item on a target system.  
  - **No**—If the installation adds the shortcut to the Start menu, the shortcut is highlighted as newly installed. This is the default option.  

  Windows 7 introduced support for this setting. Earlier versions of Windows ignore this setting.  

  You may want to select Yes for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation.  

  For more information, see Preventing a Shortcut on the Start Menu from Being Highlighted as Newly Installed. |
Use a shortcut’s General settings to specify details such as the component that contains the shortcut.

**Table 13-119 • General Settings**

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Key Name</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM,</td>
<td>Enter a key name for the shortcut. The key name is an internal name; it is</td>
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<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>not displayed to end users.</td>
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<td>Merge Module, MSI</td>
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<td>Database, MSM</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Transform</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Internal Name</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Enter an internal name for the shortcut. The internal name is not displayed to end users.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Component</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM,</td>
<td>This setting indicates the component that contains the shortcut. Click</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>the ellipsis button (...) to display the Browse for a Component dialog box,</td>
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<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>which lets you create new components or select an existing component</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Merge Module, MSI</td>
<td>for the shortcut.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Database, MSM</td>
<td>The shortcut is created on the target system if the selected component is</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Transform</td>
<td>installed.</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • In InstallScript projects, you can select more than one component for the shortcut.</td>
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<td>Uninstall</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify whether the shortcut should be removed when the product is uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replace Existing (If Found)</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify whether the shortcut should overwrite an already existing shortcut with the same display name in the same location on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internet Shortcut</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify whether the shortcut is an Internet shortcut. The default setting is No; if you select Yes, the Target setting for the shortcut should be a valid URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VS .NET Project Output</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify whether the shortcut points to a Visual Studio project output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify how the shortcut should be created. Available options are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Automatic</strong> — The installation automatically determines where the shortcut should appear based on the value of the <code>ALLUSERS</code> system variable.</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>If <code>ALLUSERS</code> is non-zero, the shortcut is created in the All Users profile so that it is available on the target system for all end users. If <code>ALLUSERS</code> is FALSE, the shortcut is created in the current user’s profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Personal</strong> — The shortcut is created in the current user’s profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Common</strong> — The shortcut is created in the All Users profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Enter comments for this shortcut. Comments are saved in the project file for your reference and are not displayed to the end user.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Shell Properties

This setting lets you specify one or more shortcut properties that need to be set by the Windows Shell at run time.

To specify one or more properties, click the Add New Shell Shortcut Property button in this setting, and then click one of the available options:

- **Prevent Pinning** — The context menu commands for pinning the shortcut to the taskbar or the Start menu are not displayed for this shortcut after end users install your product. In addition, this option makes the target of the shortcut ineligible for inclusion in the most frequently used list on the Start menu.

  If you select this option, InstallShield adds a Key Name setting, plus additional rows of subsettings, and configures them as needed.

- **Do Not Highlight as New** — The Start menu entry for the shortcut is not highlighted as newly installed after end users install your product. This has the same effect as clearing the `Highlight newly installed programs` check box in the Customize Start Menu dialog box for an individual item on a target system. You may want to set this property for shortcuts that are for tools and secondary products that are part of your installation. If you select this option, InstallShield adds a Key Name setting, plus additional rows of subsettings, and configures them as needed.

- **Suppress Initial Pin to Windows 8 Start Screen** — If you select this option, InstallShield suppresses the Windows 8 default behavior of pinning a shortcut to the Start screen during initial installation on Windows 8 target systems. The installation sets a Windows Shell property that was introduced in Windows 8. You may want to suppress pinning for shortcuts that are tools and secondary products that are part of your installation.

- **Custom Property** — To specify a custom property and value for shortcut properties that need to be set by the Windows Shell at installation run time, select this option. InstallShield adds a new Key Name setting, plus additional subsettings, that let you configure the appropriate property name and value.

Specify additional properties as needed.

> **Note** • *Windows Installer 5 introduced support for the Shell property settings. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these settings.*

For more information, see [Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut](#).
### Table 13-119 • General Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Key Name</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This setting is displayed if you have used the Shell Properties setting to add one or more Shell properties to your shortcut. Enter a key name for the Shell shortcut property. The key name is an internal name; it is not displayed to end users.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Note • Windows Installer 5 introduced support for the Shell property settings. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these settings. For more information, see Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Property</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This setting is displayed if you have used the Shell Properties setting to add one or more Shell properties to your shortcut. Enter the shortcut property that you want the Windows Shell to set at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Note • Windows Installer 5 introduced support for the Shell property settings. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these settings. For more information, see Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>This setting is displayed if you have used the Shell Properties setting to add one or more Shell properties to your shortcut. Enter the value for the Shell shortcut property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Note • Windows Installer 5 introduced support for the Shell property settings. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these settings. For more information, see Setting Shell Properties for a Shortcut.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Windows App Package Tile Overrides

*Edition* • Windows App Package Tile Overrides settings are available in Basic MSI projects edited with the Premier edition.
Use a shortcut’s Windows App Package Tile Overrides settings to configure tiles created in the Windows App package. Refer to the following table for descriptions of these settings. Refer to the Windows App Logo Considerations subsection for additional information.

**Table 13-120 • Windows App Package Tile Overrides Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include in Windows App Package</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want this shortcut to be included in all Windows App packages created from this project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Yes</strong>—Include this shortcut in all Windows App packages created from this project. The shortcut will be turned into a tile if it points to an .exe installed by the Windows App package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>No</strong>—This shortcut will be excluded from all Windows App packages created from this project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Short Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify a short string to appear on a medium or larger size tile created in the Windows App package. If nothing is specified, the name is copied from the Display Name setting of the shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Background Color</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Select a color to be used as the background color of the tile created in the Windows App package. A drop-down selection provides several predefined colors, or an ellipsis button (...) lets you choose additional colors or specify an RGB hex color. If nothing is specified, the transparency that is set by Windows is used as the default tile background.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Small Logo</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify a 44x44 image file to use as a small logo icon that is displayed in the left column of the Start Menu’s All Apps list. If an image file is not provided, InstallShield generates a small logo from the target’s tile configuration or the shortcut’s icon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medium Logo</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify a 150x150 image file to use as a medium tile when pinned and to use as the scaled-down small tile. A medium-sized logo image is required; if an image file is not provided, InstallShield generates a medium logo from the target’s tile configuration or the shortcut’s icon. The following subsetting is available:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Show Name on Medium Logo</strong>—Specify whether you want to show a name of the application on a medium tile created in the Windows App package. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Yes</strong>—Display the name specified in the Short Name field over the logo image on a medium tile. If nothing is specified for Short Name the name is pulled from the Display Name setting of the shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>No</strong>—No name will be displayed on the medium tile created in the Windows App package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-120 • Windows App Package Tile Overrides Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Large Logo</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify a 310x310 image file to be used for a large tile, only when pinned and resized. This setting is optional. If specified, this will allow the tile to be set to Large. The following subsetting is available:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Show Name on Large Logo—Specify whether you want to show a name of the application on a large tile created in the Windows App package. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Yes—Display the name specified in the Short Name field over the logo image on a large tile. If nothing is specified for Short Name the name is pulled from the Display Name setting of the shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• No—No name is displayed on the large tile created in the Windows App package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wide Logo</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify a 310x150 image file to be used for a wide tile, only when pinned and resized. This setting is optional. If specified, this will allow the tile to be set to Wide. The following subsetting is available:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Show Name on Large Logo—Specify whether you want to show a name of the application on a large tile created in the Windows App package. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Yes—Display the name specified in the Short Name field over the logo image on a wide tile. If nothing is specified for Short Name the name is pulled from the Display Name setting of the shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• No—No name is displayed on the wide tile created in the Windows App package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Windows App Logo Considerations

*Important* • InstallShield must be installed on a Windows 10 machine or a machine with the Windows 10 SDK installed on it in order to utilize Windows App-related image variants described in this section. If the Windows 10 SDK and in particular MakePRI.exe cannot be found on the build machine, image variants are collected anyway, but no resources.pri file can be generated. Without the resources.pri file created by MakePRI, Windows only uses the neutral image variant. The neutral image variant has no qualifiers in its name, and is created as a scale-100 size image.
The following table provides Windows App logo considerations.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Consideration</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Logo Sizes</strong></td>
<td>All logos are expected to be of certain sizes. In addition, multiple contrast variants and scale factors (DPI-based scaling) can be provided in a mix of two ways. For each variant that is found, InstallShield will include the file, converting or resizing it as necessary. The scanning process is similar to that used by InstallShield’s suite High DPI support. Both implementations are inspired by the process Windows uses at run time, described in Globalization and accessibility for tile and toast notifications (Windows Runtime apps):</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Related image files next to a source image will be scanned. For example, if including a file called <code>&lt;images&gt;\Logo.png</code>, InstallShield will look for that file as the unqualified file, and several other qualified variants:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>&lt;images&gt;\contrast-black\scale-nnn\Logo.png</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>&lt;images&gt;\contrast-white\Logo.scale-nnn.png</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>&lt;images&gt;\scale-nnn\Logo.png</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>&lt;images&gt;\Logo.scale-nnn.png</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If the original source is an icon resource of an .exe or .dll, and a more appropriate scale variant is not found per the above naming conventions, InstallShield will use the original as the source for any scale.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scale Factors</strong></td>
<td>Scale factors result in different required sizes. For example, a Large Logo is normally 310x310, but at scale-150, it is 465x465 (310 * 150 / 100 = 465). InstallShield currently scans for and includes scale-100, scale-125, scale-150, scale-200, and scale-400 images. You do not have to have an actual image without the scale-<code>nnn</code> component, but it makes using InstallShield’s file browse a lot simpler.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Source Image Type</strong></td>
<td>If a specified source image is not a .png or .jpg file, or is the wrong size, it will be converted to a .png of the correct size at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • Converting an icon resource at multiple scales may result in different size icon sources being in use for each different scale. For example, a scale-200 Medium Logo is 300x300, which would use a 256x256 icon that the scale-100 Medium Logo likely would not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Logo Image Layout</strong></td>
<td>There are recommendations on logo image layouts from Microsoft with additional detail in Guidelines for tile and icon assets. Microsoft suggests a certain amount of padding around the core portion of a logo. For example, on the Medium tile (150x150), they suggest 45 pixels or 33% padding, resulting in a 60x60 (or 50x50) core area for the logo. InstallShield does nothing to follow or enforce this recommendation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Shortcuts View
Folder Settings

The Shortcuts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The following settings are available for a folder in the Shortcuts view.

Table 13-121 • Folder Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Key Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Enter a key name for the folder. The key name is the internal name that is used for the folder in the Directory column of the Directory table; it is not displayed to end users.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internal Name</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Enter an internal name for the folder. The internal name is not displayed to end users.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


Table 13-121 • Folder Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Enter the name of the folder as it should appear on the target system. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Enter a description of the folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shared</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify whether this file is shared with other installations:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Yes</strong>—If this folder contains any subfolders or files that were not created by the installation, the folder is not removed from the target system when your product is uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>No</strong>—When your product is uninstalled from the target system, this folder is removed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Project** • For Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects—You must enter a value for this setting; otherwise, a build error occurs.

The display name is of the Windows Installer DefaultDir data type. If the display name that you enter has more than eight characters, InstallShield uses the ShortName|LongName format for this setting. For example, if you enter `My Product Name` as the value in this setting, InstallShield sets the value to `MyProd~1|My Product Name`, or something similar, so that a short name is available at run time if needed.

For InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects—You can enter the group name system variable `<SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER>` as the display name for your folder. You can then define the display name of this folder at run time by setting the system variable `SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER` in InstallScript. To use this functionality in an InstallScript MSI installation, any letters that are specified for the Key Name setting of the folder must be all uppercase (for example, NEWFOLDER1). For more information, see `SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER`. 

**See Also**

Shortcuts View
Tile Configuration Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Shortcuts View

Project • Tile Configuration Settings are available within the Shortcuts view for the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The settings for tile configurations are organized into the following main categories:

- General
- Appearance

General

Use the tile configuration’s General setting to view the path of the .exe file that is associated to the tile.

Table 13-122 • General Settings

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Displays the path of the .exe file (for example, [INSTALLDIR]File.exe) that is associated to the tile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Appearance**

Use a tile configuration’s Appearance settings to specify tile customizations such as the background color of the tile.

**Table 13-123 • Appearance Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| **Text Color** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI, Database, MSM Database, Transform | Choose a foreground text color that is used to display the app name on a medium-sized tile. Available drop-down options are:  
  • **Light**—Sets the text color that is displayed on a medium-sized tile to be light (white text).  
  • **Dark**—Sets the text color that is displayed on the medium-sized tile to be dark (black text). |
| **Background Color** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI, Database, MSM Database, Transform | Specify a color to be used as the background color of the tile. This color must be in RGB hex string format #rrggb, or must be a known color. A drop-down selection provides a list of known colors, or an ellipsis button (…) lets you choose a custom color interactively. |

*Note* • Only a medium-sized tile (150x150) has room to display a name on the tile. Also, in order for the Text Color setting to have an effect, the Show Name on Medium Tile setting must be Yes.
**Table 13-123 • Appearance Settings (cont.)**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Small Tile Image</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Specify a relative path to a small-sized (70x70) tile background image, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to a .png or .jpg file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Important** - If you choose to use custom images, refer to the following considerations:

- Custom images must be added to the project manually and you must specify an image for both the Small Tile Image (70x70) and the Medium Tile Image (150x150). If you specify only one, the default Windows styling for the app icon and background is applied to the tile.
- If you provide scaled, high-contrast, or localized images, you need to manually create a resources.pri file and place it in the same directory as the app's .exe file and its .visualelementsmanifest.xml file. For more information about using images or creating a resources.pri file, refer to the following MSDN article: How to customize Start screen tiles for desktop apps (Windows Runtime apps).
- When browsing for a tile image, if you have created or will create a resources.pri file, the specific image selected may include qualifiers that the resources.pri file maps to (such as ISLogo.scale-80.png). In this case, the qualifiers should be removed from the value for Small Tile Image or Medium Tile Image. However if a resources.pri is not being used or doesn’t have a mapping for this particular file, then the qualifiers are part of the file name and should be retained. If qualifiers are detected, a dialog appears to let you choose which path and file name to use.
MSIX Applications View

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The MSIX Applications view is available in the following project types:

- MSIX

The MSIX Applications explorer offers an integrated, visual method for designing windows app properties that comprises part of or all of the functionality delivered in the package.
Application Settings

Project • The MSIX Applications view is available in the following project types:

- MSIX

The settings for an application are organized into the following main categories in the Applications view:

- Appearance
- Behavior
- Tile Update
- Package Support Framework

Appearance

Use MSIX Application’s Appearance settings to specify details such as the Display Name, Description, Visual Asset, Supported Rotations, Content URI, and Declaration Set for the application.

Table 13-124 • Appearance Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Enter the name of the application as it should appear on the target system. This should be a string between 1 and 256 characters in length.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Enter a description of the windows app. This should be a string between 1 and 2048 characters in length that cannot include characters such as tabs, carriage returns and line feeds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visual Asset</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify Visual Asset name to be associated with the application. Visual elements of this application are retrieved from selected visual asset name in Visual Assets view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-124 • Appearance Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Supported Rotations</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Describes the orientations in which the app would prefer to be shown for the best user experience. On a device that can be rotated, such as a tablet, the app will not be redrawn for orientations that are not specified here. For instance, if the app specifies only Landscape and LandscapeFlipped orientations, and the device is rotated to a Portrait orientation, the app will not rotate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Important</strong> • The devices that can’t be rotated, an app might be shown in that device’s default orientation and the app’s preferred orientation will be ignored. However, on a device with a rotation lock activated, your app’s preferred rotation will still be honored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This attribute can have one of the following orientation:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>− Portrait</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>− Landscape</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>− PortraitFlipped</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>− LandscapeFlipped</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Content URI</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify Content URI name to be associated with the application. Content URIs for this application are retrieved from selected Content URI Set in Content URIs view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Declaration Set</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the Declaration Set name to be associated with this application. Declarations for this application are retrieved from the selected Declaration Set defined in the Declaration view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Behavior

Use MSIX Application’s Behavior settings to specify details such as the key name, target and entry point.

Table 13-125 • Behavior Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Key Name      | MSIX         | The unique identifier of the application is within the package. This value is sometimes referred to as the package-relative app identifier (PRAID). The ID is unique within the package but not globally. There may be another package on the system that uses the same ID. The same ID cannot be used for more than once in the same package.
   This string contains alpha-numeric fields separated by periods. Each field must begin with an ASCII alphabetic character.
   You cannot use these as field values:
   Enter a key name for the application.                                                                 |
| Target        | MSIX         | The default launch executable for the app. This file must be present in the package.
   This should be a string between 1 and 256 characters in length that must end with " .exe" and cannot contain these characters: &lt;, &gt;, ;, &quot;, |, ?, or *. It specifies the default executable for the extension. If not specified, the executable defined for the app is used. As an alternative to manually entering a value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the application target. |
| Entry Point   | MSIX         | The activatable class ID, such as "Office.Winword.Class". Default is 'Windows.FullTrustApplication' for Windows applications.                                                                 |
Tile Update

Describes how the app title receives update notifications.

Table 13-126 • Tile Update Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Recurrence</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The recurrence interval for tile update notifications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This attribute can have one of the following values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>● HalfHour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>● Hour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>● SixHours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>URI Template</td>
<td>MSIX</td>
<td>The URI template for tile update notifications.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Package Support Framework

The Package Support Framework is an opensource kit that helps you apply fixes to your existing win32 application when you don’t have access to the source code, so that it can run in an MSIX container.

It helps your application follow the best practices of the modern runtime environment. It contains an executable, a runtime manager DLL, and a set of runtime fixes to a package.

In InstallShield 2019 R2 and later, you can now use the Package Support Framework that contains runtime fixes such as the File Redirection Fixup and Custom Fixup in MSIX.

Describes how to apply runtime fixes to a package.

Table 13-127 • Package Support Framework Settings

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<tr>
<td>Fixup Type</td>
<td>MSIX, Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specifies the supported Package Support Framework types by the application.</td>
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<td>To add a Fixup Type, click <strong>Add Fixup Type</strong> button.</td>
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<td>Supported Fixup Types are:</td>
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<td>● File Redirection Fixup</td>
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<td>● Custom Fixup</td>
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Architecture
MSIX, Basic MSI
Specifies various architecture options for Package Support Framework to apply fixes. Based on this selection, the application will pick up the runtime files.

Select the type of architecture validation that you want to use at the build time. Available options are given below:

- x64
- x86

File Redirection Fixup
MSIX, Basic MSI
You can use the File Redirection Fixup to redirect attempts to write or read data in a directory that isn’t accessible from an application that runs in an MSIX container.

For example, if your application writes to a log file that is in the same directory as your applications executable, then you can use the File Redirection Fixup to create that log file in another location, such as the local app data store.

The sample location path is given below:

C:\Program Files (x86)\InstallShield\2020\Samples\Package Support Framework\File Redirection Fixup

Executable
MSIX, Basic MSI
Enter the name of the redirection fixup parameter executable name. By default, this field is populated with the primary process name.

If the redirection fixup parameter executable has multiple processes, one specific process runs the file redirection, and you can enter a name for that executable in this field.

Important • The executable name is case sensitive.

Only enter a name for this executable if you are certain of the executable name that is responsible for the file-redirection. If you are not certain, you can get the executable name by running the Process Monitor application (procman.exe).

You can enter .*, if you have common file redirection properties to be applied for all the added applications.
### Base

MSIX, Basic MSI

Specifies the path where redirection has to be applied. It can either be a known folder which can be selected from the given list of known folders or path which is relative to package root directory. It can be empty if you want to redirect to any directory relative to package root-level.

For MSIX and Basic MSI:
- If redirection has to occur for INSTALLDIR, you can select [INSTALLDIR].
- If it has to occur for non-known folder cases, you can given only the relative path portion which will be considered as relative to package root level.
- If the created shortcut is under any known folders and redirection has to occur in the current directory, select the known folder as base where the executable resides.

For Basic MSI:
- If files are added under the package root level folder; Add VFS/AppVPackageDrive to the folder structure, i.e VFS/AppVPackageDrive/[SampleFolderName]

### Patterns

MSIX, Basic MSI

File type patterns for which redirection has to be applied. An array whose values are expected to be the values of a type string, each of which gets interpreted as a regular expression for matching the paths relative to the base + relative path.

Examples:
- For log file types - `.*\.log`
- For text file types - `.*\.txt`

### Custom Fixup

MSIX, Basic MSI

Custom redirection fixup will solve application compatibility issues based on the custom fixup details provided by custom json configuration file.

The sample location path is given below:

C:\Program Files (x86)\InstallShield\2020\Samples\Package Support Framework\Custom Fixup
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<td>JSON Path</td>
<td>MSIX, Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specifies custom json configuration file which contains details about custom fixup to be applied on the application including dll details. For MSIX, add custom fixup dlls in the package root level or place them under below directories based on x86 or x64 architecture: For Basic MSI, place custom fixup dlls under below directories based on x86 or x64 architecture:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• Location for x64 fixup dlls:&lt;InstallShield INSTALLDIR&gt;\InstallShield VERSION&gt;\redist\Language Independent\x64\PSF\Fixups</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Location for x86 fixup dlls:&lt;InstallShield INSTALLDIR&gt;\InstallShield VERSION&gt;\redist\Language Independent\i386\PSF\Fixups</td>
</tr>
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</table>

For more information on Package Support Framework, Click here.

For more information on Fixup Authoring, Click here.

Registry View

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*Project* • The Registry view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
- MSIX
- MSIX Modification Package

The Registry view enables you to define registry keys and values to be created by your installation. This view has four different panes. The two top panes show the registry data contained on your development system, and the two bottom panes are where you set up the registry data to be created on the target system.

For Windows Installer projects (Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform), you can use the View Filter list at the top of the view to select the component whose registry data you want to display.
All registry data (except the <Default> registry set in a InstallScript project) must be associated with a component. This way, for installation projects, if the component’s feature is selected for installation, the component’s registry data are set up on the target system.

In InstallScript projects, groups of registry keys and values are called registry sets. There is no limit to the number of registry sets you can create (or the number of keys and values inside a single registry set).

The installer automatically creates certain registry entries based on values you provide in the General Information view. These informational keys are required by Windows logo guidelines. Also, all of a component’s advanced settings are used to register files on the target system.

See Also
Editing the Registry
Creating Registry Keys
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time
Dragging and Dropping Registry Entries to Create Registry Keys
Creating Registry Values
Filtering Registry Entries by Component or Feature
Registry Flags

**ODBC Resources View**

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**Project** • The ODBC Resources view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

One of the more complex areas of system configuration involves setting up ODBC drivers, data source names (DSNs), and translators. The ODBC resource must be properly registered on the system with all of the required attributes and, in the case of drivers and translators, install the necessary files, including any installation .dll files. This process is simplified in the ODBC Resources view, in which you can select the drivers, data sources, and translators installed on your development system.

For details about each of the settings that you can configure for ODBC resources, see ODBC Resource Settings.

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**Project** • For installation projects: The ODBC Resources view is exclusively for installing ODBC-related resources. To install the core ODBC files, select the MDAC 2.5 merge module in the Redistributables view.

*For DIM and Merge Module projects:* The Merged Feature check box in the Associated Feature(s) pane of this view is selected when you add an item and cleared when you remove an item in the ODBC Resources pane. It does not affect your project.
ODBC Resource Settings

Project • The ODBC Resources view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

There is no universal list of ODBC resource attributes and their possible values. Check with the file’s vendor or author if you are unsure about what to specify for its installation. Some attributes are common to each type of ODBC resource, as described below.

Note • You can add your own ODBC attribute by clicking in the last row of the grid in the ODBC Resources view and specifying the property and value.

Drivers

In addition to the required attributes below, the driver must have a name in the tree. This name is registered as the driver’s description. The driver’s name cannot be localized, which means that it does not appear as one of your project’s string entries. Because of this, the same value is used regardless of the system’s language.

Table 13-128 • ODBC Driver Attributes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Expected Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Driver Component</td>
<td>Enter the name of the component that you want to install the selected ODBC driver and its attributes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Driver DLL</td>
<td>Enter the path to the DLL file that is on the development system and that serves as the ODBC driver, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file. This file is included in the component that is identified in the Driver Component setting. It is recommended that you have only one DLL per component; therefore, if you select a different DLL, delete the previous one from the Components view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Setup Component</td>
<td>Enter the name of the component that you want to install the setup DLL for the ODBC driver. Usually, this component is the same one as the component for the driver if the setup code is in the same DLL.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Data Sources

In addition to the required attributes below, the DSN must have a name in the tree. This name is registered as the DSN’s description. The DSN’s name cannot be localized, which means that it does not appear in your project’s list of string entries. Because of this, the same value is used regardless of the system’s language.

Table 13-129 • Required Data Source Attributes

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<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Expected Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Registration</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to use a system data source or a user data source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• System data source—The data source is available to all users on the system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• User data source—The data source is registered only for the current user.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Translators

In addition to the required attributes below, the translator must have a name in the tree. This name is registered as the translator’s description. The translator’s name cannot be localized, which means that it does not appear in your project’s list of string entries. Because of this, the same value is used regardless of the system’s language.

Table 13-130 • ODBC Translator Attributes

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Expected Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Translator Component</td>
<td>Enter the name of the component that you want to install the translator and its attributes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Translator DLL</td>
<td>Enter the path to the DLL file that is on the development system and that serves as the translator, or click the ellipsis button (…) to browse to the file. This file is included in the component that is identified in the Translator Component setting. It is recommended that you have only one DLL per component; therefore, if you select a different DLL, delete the previous one from the Components view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Setup Component</td>
<td>Enter the name of the component that you want to install the setup DLL for the translator. Usually, this component is the same one as the component for the driver if the setup code is in the same DLL.</td>
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Table 13-130 • ODBC Translator Attributes (cont.)

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<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Expected Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Setup DLL</td>
<td>Enter the path to the setup DLL on the development system, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file. This file is included in the component that is identified in the Setup Component setting. If the driver file is also the setup DLL, you can leave this setting blank. It is recommended that you have only one DLL per component; therefore, if you select a different DLL, delete the previous one from the Components view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • You cannot add an attribute to a translator.

See Also
Configuring ODBC Resources
Associating ODBC Resources with Features
Setting ODBC Resource Attributes

**INI File Changes View**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The INI File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

This view is not available in InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes .ini file functions for modifying .ini file data.

The INI File Changes view enables you to specify changes that should be made to initialization (.ini) files on the target system. These types of files serve as a database in which you can store and retrieve information between the uses of your applications. Some .ini files, such as Boot.ini and Wininit.ini, are used by the operating system. Although you can edit any .ini file found on the target system, editing system .ini files is not recommended.

**Task** • Editing an .ini file involves three steps:

2. Add a section to the .ini file.
3. Add a keyword to the .ini file.
Before you can create an .ini file reference, you must have at least one component in your project. If no components exist when your .ini file reference is created, the Create a New Component dialog box is displayed, enabling you to create a component.

**Tip** • InstallShield lets you import an existing .ini file into your project. Once you have imported the .ini file, you can use the INI File Changes view to configure the changes that you want to be made on the target system as needed. To learn more, see Importing an Existing .ini File.

For details about each of the settings that you can configure for .ini file changes, see:

- .ini File Settings
- Section Settings for an .ini File
- Keyword Settings for an .ini File

**See Also**
Reading Data from .ini Files
Reading All Key Names from .ini Files

### .ini File Settings

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*Project* • The INI File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
When you add an .ini file to your project, configure the following settings:

### Table 13-131 • .ini File Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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| **Display Name** | Enter the name of the .ini file, including the file extension, that you would like to edit—for example, INIFile.ini.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| **Component** | Select the component with which you want to associate this .ini file by using one of the following methods:  
- To select from a list of components that are already in your project, click the arrow.  
- To browse to the component that you want to use or to create a new component for the .ini file changes, click the ellipsis button (...).  
If the selected component is installed at run time, the .ini file is changed. The .ini file is not modified if the component is not installed. |
| **Target** | Specify the location of the .ini file on the target system. Instead of entering a hard-coded path, you can select a Windows Installer [folder property](#) from the list.  
**Tip** • Do not separate subfolders from the folder property with a backslash, but separate further levels of subfolders with a backslash—for example, [ProgramFilesFolder]MyCompany\Subdirectory. |

**Note** • The display name is of the Windows Installer [Filename](#) data type. If the display name that you enter is not already in the 8.3 format, InstallShield uses the ShortName|LongName format for this setting. For example, if you enter My File Name.ini as the value in this setting, InstallShield sets the value to MyFile~1.ini|My File Name.ini, or something similar, so that a short name is available at run time if needed.

### Section Settings for an .ini File

**Project** • The INI File Changes view is available in the following project types:  
- Basic MSI  
- DIM
When you select a section in the INI File Changes view, the following setting is displayed.

**Table 13-132 • .ini File Section Settings**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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| **Display Name** | Enter the section name of the .ini file that you would like to edit. Although the section name has square brackets around it in the .ini file, you do not need to include square brackets when you type the section name in this setting. For example, to make a change to the [INISection] section of an .ini file, you could type **INISection** in this setting.  
When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |

**See Also**
INI File Changes View

**Keyword Settings for an .ini File**

**Project** • The INI File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
When you select a keyword in the INI File Changes view, several settings are displayed.

Table 13-133 • .ini File Keyword Settings

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Enter the name of the keyword that you would like to edit, exactly as it should appear in the target .ini file. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Select the action that you would like to perform. Valid options are:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Replace Old Value—The existing value is replaced with the value that you enter in the Data Value setting. If it does not exist, the installation creates it.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Do Not Overwrite—Your value is added to the .ini file if the keyword does not already exist. No changes are made if the keyword is already present in the .ini file.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Append Tag—Select this option if you would like to add an additional tag to an keyword value. Tags are comma separated. If the keyword to which you would like to append a tag does not exist, no changes are made.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Remove Whole Value—The keyword and its value are both removed from the .ini file. If the specified keyword does not exist, no changes are made. If you select this option, leave the Data Value setting blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Remove Tag—Multiple values for a keyword are known as tags. Tags are separated by commas. To remove a tag from a keyword’s value, select this option. In the Data Value setting, enter the tag that you want to be removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Value</td>
<td>Enter the value for the keyword. If you are adding or appending a value, enter the new value. If you are removing a tag, enter the tag that you would like to remove. If you are removing the keyword and value, leave this setting blank. You can use Windows Installer properties in your keyword’s value. To do this, surround the property with square brackets—for example, [INSTALLDIR].</td>
</tr>
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</table>

See Also
INI File Changes View
Using String Entries in InstallShield
Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties

Environment Variables View
InstallShield 2020

Project • The Environment Variables view is available in the following project types:
The InstallScript language includes the GetEnvVar function for retrieving the current value of an environment variable, and it enables you to create an environment variable.

Environment variables are variables that can be accessed by multiple applications on the target system. In the Environment Variables view, you can create new environment variables, modify the values of existing variables, and remove variables. The environment variable creation, modification, or removal takes place on the target system when the component that is associated with the environment variable is installed.

See Also
Setting Environment Variables
Environment Variable Settings
Environment Variables Example

Environment Variable Settings

Project • The Environment Variables view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The InstallScript language includes the GetEnvVar function for retrieving the current value of an environment variable, and it enables you to create an environment variable.
By specifying environment variable settings, you indicate how you want to affect existing variables on the target system and create new variables. Each environment variable property is described below:

**Table 13-134 • Environment Variable Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| **Component** | Select the component with which you want to associate this environment variable by using one of the following methods:  
• To select from a list of components that are already in your project, click the arrow.  
• To browse to the component that you want to use or to create a new component for the environment variable, click the ellipsis button (...).  
The environment variable creation, modification, or removal takes place on the target system when the component that is associated with the environment variable is installed. |
| **Value** | Enter the path or value for this environment variable. You can use a predefined folder as part of this value—such as [INSTALLDIR]Bin.  
To enter multiple paths, separate the paths with a semicolon (;).  
*Note* • If you select Remove for the On Install setting, InstallShield clears any value entered in the Value setting, and the Value setting becomes read-only. |
| **On Install** | Indicate the action that you want to take place when the associated component is installed to the target system. Available options are:  
• **Create**—The installation creates the specified environment variable on the target system—if it does not already exist—and sets its value.  
• **Set**—In conjunction with the Placement setting, this option sets the value of an existing environment variable. If you select this option and the environment variable does not already exist on the target system, the installation creates it and then sets its value. If the environment variable exists on the target system, the installation sets its value.  
• **Remove**—The installation removes the specified environment variable from the target system.  
*Note* • If you select Remove for the On Install setting, any value entered in the Value setting is cleared, and the Value setting becomes read-only. |
Table 13-134 • Environment Variable Settings (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Placement</td>
<td>Select the action that you would like to perform. Available options are:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Append</td>
<td>The installation appends the new value that is entered in the Value setting to the end of the existing value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prefix</td>
<td>The installation adds the new value that is entered in the Value setting to the beginning of the existing value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replace</td>
<td>The installation replaces the value of the specified environment variable with the new value that is entered in the Value setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • If you select Create for the On Install setting and the specified environment variable already exists on the target system, the Placement setting indicates how the new value should be added to the existing environment variable’s value or if it should replace the existing environment variable’s value. However, if—in this scenario—the specified environment variable does not exist on the target system, it is created and the Placement setting is ignored.

On Uninstall | Indicate whether the environment variable should be updated when the associated component is uninstalled. Available options are: |
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>If you select Append or Prefix for the Placement setting and the environment variable value on the target system contains the specified value at uninstallation time, only that value is removed from the existing variable’s value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select Replace for the Placement setting, and if either of the following conditions are true at uninstallation time, the entire environment variable is removed: the value on the target system matches the specified value, or the value on the target system is empty.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In all other cases, the environment variable and its value are left as is on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leave</td>
<td>The environment variable and, if it is available, its value are left as is on the target system.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Type | Indicate whether the environment variable name refers to a system or user environment variable. Available options are: |
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>System</td>
<td>The installation creates, modifies, or removes the specified system environment variable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User</td>
<td>The installation creates, modifies, or removes the environment variable from the end user’s environment. The specified environment variable is available only to the end user who is logged on at the time of installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also Environment Variables View
XML File Changes View

The XML File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

The XML File Changes view is where you add references for nodes and node sets of XML files that you want to change at run time. The XML files can be part of your installation, or they can be files that are already present on target systems.

Two key parts of this view are the View Filter (a list of the project’s features and components) and the XML Files explorer (a tree view):

- The View Filter enables you to filter data by feature or component.
- The XML Files explorer is where you add references to XML files and XML data that you want to create, modify, or remove at run time. Each node represents an XPath expression that your installation carries out at run time to select existing nodes or node sets in an XML file.

Important • The XML File Changes view is not designed to list a node for every node in an XML file. To improve performance, the XML File Changes view should show only the settings that differ from the base XML file:

- If the XML file that you are modifying is part of your installation, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes and node sets that should be added, changed, or deleted after the XML file is installed at run time.
- If the XML file that you are modifying is a file that is already present on the target system, the XML File Changes view should list only the nodes that need to be added, changed, or deleted at run time.

Therefore, when you are importing a file, import only the nodes in the XML file that you want to modify at run time.

Note that the XML File Changes view does not enable you to specify the order in which new elements should be listed in the XML file. Therefore, importing only the nodes that you want to modify at run time helps to avoid issues that may occur if your product requires that the elements be listed in a particular order.

The XML File Changes view also displays different tabs in the right pane, depending on what is selected in the XML Files explorer. For reference information about each of the settings on these tabs, see the following:

- General Tab for an XML File
- Advanced Tab for an XML File
- Namespace Tab for an XML File
- General Tab for an XML Element
- Advanced Tab for an XML Element
To learn more about how to use the XML Files Changes view and configure XML file changes, see Modifying XML Files.

See Also
Import XML Settings Wizard
Creating an XML File Reference
Testing Installation Changes to an XML File
Run-Time Requirements for XML File Changes
Searching for XML Data

General Tab for an XML File

InstallShield 2020 » XML File Changes View » XML File

Project • The XML File Changes view is available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

The General tab exposes the following settings for an XML file in the XML File Changes view:

Table 13-135 • General Tab Settings for a File in the XML File Changes View

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File Name</td>
<td>The file name represents the XML file name as it appears in the explorer. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) next to this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML File Destination</td>
<td>Specify the location of the XML file on the target machine. Click Browse to locate an existing directory or to add or create a new one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Select the Features the</td>
<td>Select or clear the check boxes for one or more features that you want to associate with the XML file. InstallShield automatically associates a feature with an XML file when it is added to the XML File Changes view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML File Belongs to</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Project • For DIM and Merge Module projects—The Merged Feature check box in this pane is selected and disabled when you select an XML file in this view. When you add a DIM or merge module to an installation project, you specify the feature that should contain that DIM or merge module.
Advanced Tab for an XML File

Project • The XML File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Advanced tab exposes the following settings for an XML file in the XML File Changes view.

XML file options

The following file settings are available at run time:

Table 13-136 • XML File Settings Available at Run Time

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Always create XML file if it does not already exist</strong></td>
<td>If an XML file does not exist on the target system at run time, then one will be created based on the specifications for that file in the XML File Changes view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Remove XML file on uninstall</strong></td>
<td>Select this check box if you want to remove the XML file on the target system upon uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Format XML after changes</strong></td>
<td>If you want the XML file to be formatted after the run-time changes are made to the file, select this check box. When formatting the file, the installation adds indentations to the file and replaces empty-element tags with start tags and end tags. Note that the formatting may cause problems for web.config files, so you may want to clear this check box for the XML file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
XPath Query

This read-only grid displays the XPath expressions to be executed on the target machine at run time based on the XML changes you have configured in the XML File Changes view.

Tip • For more information about XPath expressions, consult the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web site as well as the Things to Know and Avoid When Querying XML Documents with XPath article MSDN Library.

See Also
XML File Changes View

Namespace Tab for an XML File

InstallShield 2020 » XML File Changes View » XML File

Project • The XML File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform
The Namespace tab contains a table with the following settings for an XML file in the XML File Changes view.

### Table 13-137 • XML Namespace Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prefix</td>
<td>Specify the prefix that should be added to elements that are associated with this namespace.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>URI</td>
<td>Specify the uniform resource identifier that identifies the Internet resource for the namespace. The URI can be a URL or a string of characters.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • The MSXML parser does not use the URI to look up information about the namespace. The only purpose of the URI is to give the namespace a unique name within the XML file.

### See Also

- Using Namespaces in XML Files
- Adding a Namespace Prefix to an Element
- XML File Changes View

### General Tab for an XML Element

**InstallShield 2020 » XML File Changes » Element**

**Project** • The XML File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

The General tab exposes the following settings for an XML element in the XML File Changes view.

### Element Name

The element name represents the declared element type for the XML file.

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) next to this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.
## Attributes

### Table 13-138 • Settings for XML Element Attributes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Attribute</td>
<td>Enter the name of an XML element attribute to created, updated, or removed at run time. You can add Windows Installer properties for the attribute. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Enter the value for the attribute type. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operation</td>
<td>Select from the following run-time operations:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Create—Adds the attribute to the element at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Remove—Removes the attribute from the element at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Append—Appends the attribute value that you specify to the end of the existing value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scheduling</td>
<td>Specify when to apply the attribute changes by selecting from the following scheduling options: Install, Uninstall, and Both.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip** • You can use dynamic values from Windows Installer properties or text substitution to store different values into the XML file.

**See Also**

XML File Changes View

### Advanced Tab for an XML Element

InstallShield 2020 » XML File Changes » Element

**Project** • The XML File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
The Advanced tab exposes the following settings for an XML element in the XML File Changes view.

**Table 13-139 • XML Element Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Update first matching element only</td>
<td>To modify only the first matching element in the target XML file, select this check box. If you clear this check box, every matching element in the target XML file is changed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always create this element if it does not already exist</td>
<td>To always create this element on the target machine if it does not already exist, select this check box. Note that if this check box is cleared for an element that is not present in the target file, its child elements are not created at run time. Thus, for an XML file such as //A/B/C, C is not created on the target system if B is neither present nor set to be created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove element on uninstall</td>
<td>To remove this element from the XML file when the component containing this XML file change is uninstalled, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Set Element Content              | To add text content to the element, select this check box and enter the text in the Content box. In the following XML example, feature is the content for the element product:  
   <product>feature</product> |
| Content                          | Enter a string with which to update the element. There is a 255-character limitation. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) next to this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |

See Also

XML File Changes View

**Text File Changes View**

InstallShield 2020

*Project • The Text File Changes view is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
• **Transform**

_This view is not available in InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals._

The Text File Changes view is where you configure search-and-replace behavior for content in text files—for example, .txt, .htm, .xml, .config, .ini, and .sql files—that you want to modify at run time on the target system. The text files can be part of your installation, or they can be files that are already present on target systems.

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**Task**

_Configuring text file changes involves the following steps:_

1. **Create a text change set.**
2. **Specify the change** for the text file.

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**Note** • Each text change set must be associated with a component in your project. Therefore, before you can create a text change set, your project must have at least one component. If no components exist when you are creating a text change reference, the **Create a New Component dialog box** is displayed, enabling you to create a component.

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**Tip** • The Text File Changes view enables you to modify XML files without using MSXML (which is a run-time requirement if you use the XML File Changes view to modify XML files).

For details about each of the settings that you can configure for text file changes, see:

- **Change Set Settings**
- **Change Settings**

**See Also**

- Creating a Text Change Set
- Specifying a Change for a Text File
- Changing the Order in Which Text File Changes Are Made
- Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files
- Specifying the Code Page that Should Be Used for Opening ANSI Text Files

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**Change Set Settings**

_InstallShield 2020 » Text File Changes » Change Set_

**Project** • The Text File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- ** DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**
- **MSI Database**
- **Transform**
This view is not available in InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals.

When you select a change set item in the Text File Changes explorer of the Text File Changes view, the following settings are available for you to configure.

Table 13-140 • Change Set Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Target Folder</strong></td>
<td>Specify the location of the text file (that is, any non-binary file, such as a .txt, .htm, .xml, .config, .ini, or .sql file) on the target system. Instead of entering a hard-coded path, you can select a Windows Installer folder property from the list.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Tip* • Do not separate subfolders from the folder property with a backslash, but separate further levels of subfolders with a backslash—for example, `[ProgramFilesFolder]MyCompany\Subdirectory`.

| Include Files | Specify one or more text files that you want to be searched. Separate multiple files with a semicolon (;). To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*). For example, if you want to search all .xml and .config files in the specified directory, enter the following: `*.xml;*.config` |

*Tip* • You can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the names of the text files that you want to include in or exclude from your search. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s text files are modified at run time. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files.

| Exclude Files | Specify the file or files that you want to be excluded from the search. Separate multiple files with a semicolon (;). To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*). For example, if you want to exclude all .htm and .html files in the specified directory, enter the following: `*.htm;*.html` |

*Tip* • You can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the names of the text files that you want to include in or exclude from your search. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s text files are modified at run time. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files.

| Include Subfolders | Specify whether you want the installation to search the subfolders of the location that you specified in the Target Folder setting. |
### Change Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Text File Changes » Change

**Project** • The Text File Changes view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

This view is not available in InstallScript projects; however, the InstallScript language includes string functions for finding and modifying string variables and literals.

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**Table 13-140 • Change Set Settings (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Run on Install</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the search-and-replace behavior to occur when the change set’s component is installed on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run on Uninstall</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the search-and-replace behavior to occur when the change set’s component is removed from the target system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Component        | Select the component with which you want to associate this text file by using one of the following methods:  
|                  |   • To select from a list of components that are already in your project, click the arrow.  
|                  |   • To browse to the component that you want to use or to create a new component for the text file changes, click the ellipsis button (...). |

**See Also**

Creating a Text Change Set  
Specifying the Code Page that Should Be Used for Opening ANSI Text Files  
Text File Changes View
When you select a change item in the Text File Changes explorer of the Text File Changes view, the following settings are available for you to configure.

**Table 13-141 • Change Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Action</strong></td>
<td>Specify the type of change that you want to make in the applicable text file or files on target systems. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Replace—Search for existing text and replace it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert at Beginning of File—Add text to the beginning of the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert at End of File—Add text to the end of the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert Before Text—Search for existing text and add text before it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert After Text—Search for existing text and add text after it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Find What</strong></td>
<td>This setting is available for the following types of text change actions:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Replace</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert Before Text</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert After Text</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Enter the string that you want to change, or select a Windows Installer property from the list. The list consists of all of the properties that are available in the Property Manager view of your project.

**Tip** You can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the search strings and the replacement strings. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s text files are modified at run time. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files.
Table 13-141 • Change Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Replace With</td>
<td>This setting is available for the Replace type of text change action. Enter the new string that should replace the existing string that is found, or select a Windows Installer property from the list. The list consists of all of the properties that are available in the Property Manager view of your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Tip</strong> • You can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the search strings and the replacement strings. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s text files are modified at run time. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Tip</strong> • You can enter escape sequence characters in this field to specify line breaks or tabs. See Parse Escape Sequences for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insert Text</td>
<td>This setting is available for the following types of text change actions: <a href="#">Insert at Beginning of File</a>, <a href="#">Insert at Beginning of File</a>, <a href="#">Insert Before Text</a>, <a href="#">Insert After Text</a> Enter the new string that should be inserted into the text file or files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Tip</strong> • You can use Windows Installer public properties to specify the search strings and the inserted strings. This enables you to use data that end users enter in dialogs, or other configuration information that is determined at run time, when your product’s text files are modified at run time. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify Text Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Match Whole Word Only</td>
<td>This setting is available for the following types of text change actions: <a href="#">Replace</a>, <a href="#">Insert Before Text</a>, <a href="#">Insert After Text</a> Specify whether you want to find only whole-word instances of the value that you have entered for the Find What setting. For example, if you specify Yes and you enter <code>install</code> for the Find What setting, the installation searches only for instances of <code>install</code>; it does not search for other forms of the word, such as <code>installs</code>, <code>installation</code>, or <code>uninstall</code>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-141 • Change Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Match Case</td>
<td>This setting is available for the following types of text change actions:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Replace</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert Before Text</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert After Text</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Specify whether you want to restrict your search to strings with the same capitalization that you use in the Find What setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For example, if you specify Yes and you enter <strong>install</strong> for the Find What setting, the installation searches only for all-lowercase instances of that string. If you select No, the installation searches for <strong>install</strong>, as well as <strong>INSTALL</strong>, <strong>Install</strong>, and other mixed-case instances.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replace Only Once</td>
<td>This setting is available for the Replace type of text change action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Specify whether you want the installation to replace only the first occurrence of the search string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you specify No, the installation replaces all instances of the search string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insert Only Once</td>
<td>This setting is available for the following types of text change actions:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert Before Text</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Insert After Text</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Specify whether you want the installation to insert the text at only the first occurrence of the search string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you specify No, the installation adds the string for all instances of the search string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parse Escape Sequences</td>
<td>Specify <strong>Yes</strong> if you want the installer to parse escape sequence characters in the <strong>Replace With</strong> string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The following escape sequence characters are supported:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• New line (<strong>\r\n</strong>)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Tab (<strong>\t</strong>)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Specifying a Change for a Text File
Text File Changes View

Scheduled Tasks View

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The Scheduled Tasks view is available in the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
The Scheduled Tasks view is where you add to your project automated tasks that you want to be created through the Windows task scheduler at run time on target systems. The scheduled tasks that you create can launch files that are part of your installation, or ones that are already present on target systems.

For details about each of the settings that you can configure for a scheduled task, see Scheduled Tasks Settings.

**Note** • Each scheduled task must be associated with a component in your project. Therefore, before you can add a scheduled task, your project must have at least one component. If no components exist when you are adding a scheduled task, the Create a New Component dialog box is displayed, enabling you to create a component.

**See Also**

Scheduling Tasks

### Scheduled Tasks Settings

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • The Scheduled Tasks view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- Transform

The settings for a scheduled task are organized into the following main categories in the Scheduled Task view.

- General
- Schedule
General

Use a scheduled task’s General settings to specify details such as the name of the task, the component that contains the task, and the file that you want the task to run.

Table 13-142 • General Settings for a Scheduled Task

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Task Name</td>
<td>Enter the name that you want to use for the selected scheduled task. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) next to this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Component   | Select the component that you want to contain this scheduled task by using one of the following methods:  
- To select from a list of components that are already in your project, click the arrow in this setting.  
- To browse to the component that you want to use or to create a new component for the scheduled task, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting.  
If the installation installs this component at run time, the scheduled task is added to the target system. |
| Comments    | Enter the description that you want to be displayed in the Windows task scheduler for this task. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) next to this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
| Target      | Enter the path to the file on the target system that should be launched when the scheduled task is run. Use Windows Installer directory properties—for example, [INSTALLDIR]File.exe—instead of hard-coded directory paths. As an alternative to manually entering a value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the target location and specify the file name. |
| Arguments   | Enter the command-line arguments for the target file. |
| Working Directory | Enter the working directory for the target, or click the ellipsis button (...) to select or create a directory.  
For example, if you want your working directory to be set to a subdirectory of INSTALLDIR called Files, select [INSTALLDIR] from the list and add the subdirectory name Files to the end of it. When you are finished, it should read [INSTALLDIR]Files. |
Schedule

Use a scheduled task's Schedule settings to specify details such as how often you want the task to run. Note that some of the settings are displayed only if you select certain schedule options.

Table 13-143 • Schedule Settings for a Scheduled Task

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Schedule Type</td>
<td>Select the option that describes how often you want the scheduled task to be run.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-143 • Schedule Settings for a Scheduled Task (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Start Time</td>
<td>Enter the time that the task should start to be run in the following format:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>hh:mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>where hh is the number of hours that have passed since midnight, and mm is</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>the number of minutes that have passed since the start of the hour. The time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>that you specify should be from 00:00 to 23:59. For example, for a start time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>of 2:45 PM, enter 14:45.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Date</td>
<td>Enter the date on which the task should start to be run. Use the same date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>format that is configured for the operating system of the machine on which</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>you are using InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interval</td>
<td>Specify how often the scheduled task should be run, starting at the specified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>time and date.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run On</td>
<td>This setting varies, depending on the option that you select in the Schedule</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• For a weekly schedule—To specify the days of the week on which you want the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>weekly scheduled task to be run, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>and then select the check boxes of the appropriate days.</td>
</tr>
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<td>• For a monthly schedule—Specify whether you want the scheduled task to be</td>
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<td>run on a specific day or week of the month.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• For a run-once schedule—Enter the date on which the task should be run.</td>
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<td>Use the same date format that is configured for the operating system of the</td>
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<td>machine on which you are using InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week</td>
<td>Select which week of the month you want the monthly scheduled task to be run.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Day</td>
<td>To specify the days on which you want the monthly scheduled task to be run,</td>
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<td>click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting, and then select the check</td>
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<td>boxes of the appropriate days.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Months</td>
<td>To specify the months of the year in which you want the monthly scheduled</td>
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<td>task to be run, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting, and then</td>
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<td>select the appropriate check boxes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Idle Time</td>
<td>Specify the number of minutes that the target system should be idle before</td>
</tr>
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<td>running the scheduled task.</td>
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See Also
Scheduling Tasks
Scheduled Tasks View

Services View

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Project • The Services view (and the Services area for a component) is available in the following project types:
You can use the Services view to configure a component that installs, starts, stops, or deletes a service during installation or uninstallation. You can also use this view to configure extended service customization options that are available with Windows Installer 5. As an alternative to using the Services view, you can use the Services area under the Advanced Settings node of the Components view or the Setup Design view. If you configure service information in any of these areas, the other areas are automatically updated accordingly.

Note the following details about working with services:

- The name that you enter for the service in the Services node must match the name that is shown on the service’s Properties dialog box. (To access an installed service’s properties: In the Services administrative tool, right-click the service and then click Properties.)
- The service that you are starting, stopping, deleting, or configuring can either be already present on the target system during installation or uninstallation, or it can be installed as part of your installation.
- The service executable file should be the key file of its component. For more information, see Component Key Files.
- The Remote Installation setting for the service’s component must be set to Favor Local. For more information, see Setting a Component’s Remote Installation Setting.

Note • A service must be a single executable file (.exe), since the Windows Installer does not support driver services.

For details about each of the settings that you can configure for a service, see Services View Settings.

See Also
Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services
Services Settings
Tip • The View Filter at the top of the Services view lets you select a component or feature whose service data you want to display in the view. The View Filter lists your project’s hierarchy of features, subfeatures, and components. Selecting a feature shows the services for all of the components in that feature.

The Services settings are organized into the following main categories:

- General Settings
- Install Settings
- Control Settings
- Configure Settings

Tip • You must be familiar with the technical details of your service before you can configure its settings.

**General Settings**

Use the General area to specify the component that you want to contain your service.

**Table 13-144 • General Settings**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Select the component that contains the service executable file, or click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to create or select a component for the service executable file. The service executable file should be the key file of its component. For more information, see Component Key Files. In addition, the Remote Installation setting for the component must be set to Favor Local. For more information, see Setting a Component’s Remote Installation Setting.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Install Settings**

Use the Install Settings area to specify whether you want the installation to install your service. If the service should be installed, also use these settings to specify information such as the display name and description, as well as when the service should be started.

**Table 13-145 • Install Settings**

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Enable Service Install</td>
<td>Specify whether the service should be installed at run time. If you select No for this setting, any values that you entered for the remaining settings in the Install Settings section are deleted from the project. Note that when No is selected for this setting, the remaining settings in the Install Settings section are read-only.</td>
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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Key Name</td>
<td>Enter a key name for the service. The key name is a database key; it is not displayed to end users.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Enter the name that you want to be displayed in the service control manager for this service. If you leave this setting blank, the service’s name (that is, the text that is used for the name of your service’s subnode under the Advanced Settings node) is used. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Enter a description of the service. This description is registered on the target system when the service is installed, and it is displayed in the service control manager’s Description column. It is also displayed in the Description box on the General tab of the service’s Properties dialog box. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service Type</td>
<td>Select the type of service that you are installing. Available options are:</td>
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<td>• Win32 that runs in its own process</td>
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<td>• Win32 that shares a process</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The WIN32_OWN_PROCESS type of service contains the code for only one service. The WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS type of service contains code for more than one service, enabling them to share code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interact with Desktop</td>
<td>Specify whether the service interacts with the desktop. If your service has a user interface, select Yes. If you select Yes, the User Name setting must be left blank, since the service will be installed to run in the built-in LocalSystem account.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Start Type
Specify when to start the service. Available options are:

- **Automatic** — The service starts automatically when the system starts.
- **On Demand** — The service starts when the service is requested through the service control manager.
- **Disabled** — The service cannot be started.

Note that some services may support other start types (that is, during operating system initialization or by the operating system loader). However, these options are not available for the Start Type setting because the Windows Installer does not include support for them.

### Error Control
Select the appropriate action that the service control manager should perform if the service fails to start. Available options are:

- Log the error and continue
- Log the error, display a message, and continue
- Log the error and restart

### Abort Install on Failure
Specify whether the entire installation should fail if the service cannot be installed on the target system. The default value is No.

**Note** • If you select Yes for this setting and end users run the installation in silent or basic UI mode, Windows Installer 3 or later must be present on the target system.

### Load Order Group
Enter the name of the load-ordering group, if any, of which this service is a member.

### Dependencies
Enter any service or load-ordering groups that this service requires. The system attempts to start the required service or at least one member of the load-ordering group before starting this service.

Separate multiple dependencies with a comma (,).

You must precede the name of each load-ordering group with the `SC_GROUP_IDENTIFIER`—which is typically the plus sign (+)—so that the service control manager can distinguish it from a service.

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| User Name     | Enter the account under which the service will be logged on. To install the service under the local system account, leave this setting blank. (Microsoft does not recommend installing services that impersonate the privileges of a single user.) If the service type is **Win32 that runs in its own process**, the value that you enter should use the following format: 

```
DomainName\UserName
```

If the service will be logged on under the built-in domain, you can use the following format:

```
.\UserName
```

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<tr>
<th>Password</th>
<th>Enter a password for this service. Leave this setting blank if the User Name setting is empty—that is, when the service is logged on under the local system account. The password is not used if you have not specified a user name.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Start Parameters</td>
<td>Enter any command-line parameters or properties that are required to run the service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Permissions</td>
<td>This setting lets you set permissions for your service. To configure permissions, click the Add New Service Permissions button. InstallShield adds a new permission setting, plus additional rows of related settings under it. Configure each of the settings as necessary. You may want to add multiple permission items if, for example, you want to pass different arguments during installation and uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • *The permission settings are supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore these settings.*

*An installation should not contain both the MsiLockPermissionsEx table and the LockPermissions table. If you use this Permissions setting, and the settings under it, you are configuring the MsiLockPermissionsEx table of the package.*

*If Traditional Windows Installer handling is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view and you have set permissions for one or more files, folders, or registry keys in your project, you are configuring the LockPermissions table of the package.*
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<td><strong>Key Name</strong></td>
<td>Enter a key name for the permissions. The key name is an internal name; it is not displayed to end users.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

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<tr>
<td><strong>Security Descriptor</strong></td>
<td>Use valid security descriptor definition language (SDDL) to enter a valid SDDL string. For more information about SDDL, see the “Access Control” section of the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Tip* • You can use angle brackets (for example, `<DomainName\UserName>`) or environment variables (for example, [%UserDomain][%UserName]) to indicate the domain and user name of the user whose account SID is going to be determined at run time.

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Control Settings

Use the Control Settings area to specify how you want to control the service when this component is installed or uninstalled. For example, before updating a running service, your installation may need to delete it.

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Events</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more control events that are required for your service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To add an event, click the Add New Service Control Event button. InstallShield adds a new event setting, plus additional rows of related settings under it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Configure each of the settings as necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can place all of your control options in a single event. However, you might need to create additional events if, for example, you want to pass different arguments during installation and uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Key Name</td>
<td>Enter a key name for the control event. The key name is an internal name; it is not displayed to end users.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Configure Settings

Use the Configure Settings area to specify how to customize the service that is included in the selected component.

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<tr>
<td><strong>Operation Time</strong></td>
<td>To specify how you would like to schedule the operation that occurs for the service at run time, select the appropriate option for each of the following settings:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install Start</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to start the service during installation. If you select Yes, the service starts when the installation reaches the StartServices action in the Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install Stop</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to stop the service during installation. If you select Yes, the service stops when the installation reaches the StopServices action in the Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install Delete</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to delete the service during installation. If you select Yes, the service is deleted when the installation reaches the DeleteServices action in the Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uninstall Start</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to start the service during uninstallation. If you select Yes, the service starts when the uninstallation reaches the StartServices action in the Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uninstall Stop</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to stop the service during uninstallation. If you select Yes, the service stops when the uninstallation reaches the StopServices action in the Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uninstall Delete</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to delete the service during uninstallation. If you select Yes, the service is deleted when the uninstallation reaches the DeleteServices action in the Installation sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wait Type</strong></td>
<td>Specify how Windows Installer should proceed after initiating the control event. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wait for the event to complete</td>
<td>Windows Installer waits for the event—starting, stopping, or deleting—to finish, up to a maximum of 30 seconds, before proceeding. Select this option if the event is critical to the installation and you want to allow additional time for the event to return a failure error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wait for the SCM</td>
<td>Windows Installer waits for the service control manager to report that the service is in a pending state. The service control manager maintains the system’s database of services and exposes an interface for controlling these services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Service Argument</strong></td>
<td>Specify the arguments that you want to be passed to the service. Separate multiple arguments with a comma (,).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Events</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more configuration changes that are required for your service. To add an event, click the <strong>Add New Service Configuration Event</strong> button. InstallShield adds a new event setting, plus additional rows of related settings under it. Configure each of the settings as necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Key Name</td>
<td>Enter a key name for the configuration event. The key name is an internal name; it is not displayed to end users.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run Time</td>
<td>To specify when you would like the service configuration event to occur at run time, select the appropriate option for each of the following settings:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>During Install</strong>—Specify whether you want the event to occur during installation.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>During Uninstall</strong>—Specify whether you want the event to occur during uninstallation.</td>
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<td>• <strong>During Reinstall</strong>—Specify whether you want the event to occur during reinstallation.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Configuration Type</strong></td>
<td>Specify what configuration change should be made to the service. The change takes effect the next time that the system is started. Available options are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Configure time delay of an auto-start</strong>—This option is applicable if the service is an installed auto-start service, or if Automatic is selected for the Start Type setting in the Install Settings area. If you select this option, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting to indicate the time delay.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Configure when to run recovery actions</strong>—If you select this option, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting to specify when to run the recovery actions for the selected service.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Add a service SID type to the process token</strong>—If you select this option, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting to indicate the appropriate security identifier (SID) type that you want to add for the service.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Change list of required privileges</strong>—If you select this option, click the ellipsis button (...) in the Arguments setting to select the appropriate privileges.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Configure SCM pre-shutdown delay</strong>—If you select this option, enter the length of the time delay (in milliseconds) in the Arguments setting. To reset the time delay to the default of 3 minutes, leave the Arguments setting blank. The service control manager waits for the specified period of time after sending the SERVICE_CONTROL_PRESHUTDOWN notification to the service. Note that each option has its own set of corresponding values for the Arguments setting. Therefore, if you change the value for the Arguments setting and next change the value for the Configuration Type setting, you may need to change the value for the Arguments setting again.</td>
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*Note • This setting is supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting.*

| **Arguments**                    | To specify the value that corresponds with the configuration change that you selected in the Configuration Type setting, click the ellipsis button (...). |

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<td>Recovery Actions</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more recovery actions that are to be run after the service fails.</td>
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<td>To add a recovery action, click the <strong>Add New Recovery Action</strong> button. InstallShield adds a new recovery action setting, plus additional</td>
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<td>rows of related settings under it. Configure each of the settings as necessary.</td>
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| Key Name              | Enter a key name for the recovery action. The key name is an internal name; it is not displayed to end users.                                |

**Note** • This setting is supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting.

| Run Time              | To specify when the system should run the recovery action after the service has failed, select the appropriate option for each of the       |
|                       | following settings:                                                                                                                        |
|                       | • **During Install**—Run the action when the service’s component is being installed.                                                        |
|                       | • **During Uninstall**—Run the action when the service’s component is being uninstalled.                                                   |
|                       | • **During Reinstall**—Run the action when the service’s component is being reinstalled.                                                   |

**Note** • This setting is supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting.
Reset Period

Specify the amount of time (in seconds) between the reset intervals for the service’s failure count.

The service control manager counts the number of times that the service has failed since the system was last restarted. When this interval has elapsed, the count is reset to the number 0 if the service has not failed during the reset period. When the service fails, the system performs an action that is specified for the SCM Actions setting. The appropriate action is determined by subtracting the number 1 from the number of failures since the last system restart. For example, if the action fails a sixth time, the system performs the fifth action type that is listed in the SCM Actions setting. If actions are not specified in the SCM Actions setting, the Reset Period setting is ignored.

To indicate that the failure count should never be reset, leave this setting blank.

Note • This setting is supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting.

Reboot Message

Specify the message that should be displayed before the computer is restarted in response to a service control manager action of Reboot Computer. Note that Reboot Computer must be listed as one of the action types for the SCM Actions setting; otherwise, the Reboot Message setting is ignored.

When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.

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</table>
| **Run Command** | Specify the command line that should be run in response to a service control manager action of Run Command. Use the absolute path; UNC paths are not supported. For example, enter `C:\myscripts\recovery.cmd`, rather than `\computername\c$\myscripts\recovery.cmd`. Programs or scripts that you specify should not require input from end users. The command line that you specify is used by a new process that runs under the same account as the service. Note that Run Command must be listed as one of the action types for the SCM Actions setting; otherwise, the Run Command setting is ignored. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.  

*Note* • This setting is supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting. |
| **SCM Actions** | This setting lets you specify one or more service control manager actions that should occur if the service fails. The actions are performed in the order that they are listed under this setting. To add an action, click the Add New SCM Action Event button. InstallShield adds a new Type setting, plus a Delay setting under it. Configure both of the settings as necessary.  

*Note* • This setting is supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting. |
Table 13-147 • Configure Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Specify the type of action that the service control manager should perform if the service fails. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Run Command</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Reboot Computer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Take No Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Restart Service</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • The Restart Service action is not supported with .msi packages. Including this action with an .msi package will result in Windows Installer Error 1939.

**Note** • The Type setting is supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Delay</th>
<th>Specify the time (in milliseconds) that the service control manager should wait before performing the action that is specified in the Type setting.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Note** • This setting is supported beginning with Windows Installer 5. Earlier versions of Windows Installer ignore this setting.

See Also
Installing, Controlling, and Configuring Windows Services
Services Settings

Server Configuration View

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**Project** • The Server Configuration view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
InstallShield offers the following views to help you configure server-side installations.

**Internet Information Services (IIS)**

*Project* • *The Internet Information Services view is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

If you want to create an IIS Web site, application, virtual directory, application pool, or Web service extension on the target machine upon installation, you can configure it in the Internet Information Services view.

**Component Services**

*Project* • *The Component Services view is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Component Services view enables you to manage COM+ server applications and components for your installation package.

**SQL Scripts**

*Project* • *The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The SQL Scripts view provides a central location for managing and organizing all SQL scripts by connections and settings.

**See Also**

- Internet Information Services View
- Component Services View
- SQL Scripts View
Internet Information Services View

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**Project** • The Internet Information Services view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Internet Information Services view enables you to create and manage new IIS Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions.

The Internet Information Services view contains several areas:

- Web Sites (This area lets you add Web applications and virtual directories. For more information, see Application and Virtual Directory Settings.)
- Application Pools
- Web Service Extensions

The following table describes the buttons that are displayed above the settings in the Internet Information Services view. The buttons are displayed if a Web site, application, virtual directory, application pool, or Web service extension is selected in the center pane.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Categorized</td>
<td>![Categorized Icon]</td>
<td>Sorts the settings according to categories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alphabetical</td>
<td>![Alphabetical Icon]</td>
<td>Sorts the settings alphabetically.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip** • You can configure an IIS setting dynamically at run time through the use of Windows Installer public properties (in Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects) or text substitution string variables (in InstallScript projects). This enables you to let end users specify the name of the virtual directory, the TCP port, the site number, or other IIS settings for the Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, and Web service extensions that they are installing on the target machine. To learn more, see Using Windows Installer Properties to Dynamically Modify IIS Settings and Using InstallScript Text Substitution to Dynamically Modify IIS Settings.
Web Site Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Internet Information Services View » Web Sites

Project • The Internet Information Services view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Use the Web Sites item in the Internet Information Services view to add and delete Web sites, and to configure system-wide settings for the Web server.

Web Server Settings that Apply to All Web Sites in a Project

When you select the Web Sites explorer in the Internet Information Services view, the following Web server settings are displayed.

Table 13-149 • Web Server Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Restart Web Server After Configuring IIS (IIS 6 and earlier only)</td>
<td>To restart IIS after each time the installation is done making IIS changes to the system, select Yes. Some applications may require IIS to be restarted. This setting applies to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Table 13-149 • Web Server Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SSIEnableCmdDirective Registry Value</td>
<td>Specify how you want the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value for the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W3SVC\Parameters registry key to be set on the target system. The SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value controls whether the Web server allows the #exec CMD directive of server-side includes (SSIs) to be used to execute shell commands. Valid options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Ignore—Do not change the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value on the target system. This is the default option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• FALSE (0)—Set the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value on the target system to 0. This prevents the #exec CMD directive of server-side includes to be used to execute shell commands. Note that if you select this value and an IIS Web server has applications that rely on #exec CMD directives, those applications may stop working properly after your installation project’s Web site and virtual directory are installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• TRUE (1)—Set the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value on the target system to 1. This allows the #exec CMD directive of server-side includes to be used to execute shell commands.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select the FALSE or TRUE options, InstallShield stores the value—either 0 for FALSE or 1 for TRUE—in the INSTALLSHIELD_SSI_PROP property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Because of security concerns, the default SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value is FALSE (0); the FALSE (0) value prevents end users from running unauthorized server-side executable files.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • If your product is uninstalled from a target system, the SSIEnableCmdDirective registry value is not changed, even if its value was changed during installation.

For more information, see Specifying Whether a Web Server Should Allow the CMD Command to Be Used for SSI #exec Directives.

Table 13-149 • Web Server Settings (cont.)

Note • The aforementioned Web server settings are not updated on a target system at installation run time if no IIS items (Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pools, or Web service extensions) are installed.

Settings that Are Configurable for Each Web Site in a Project

When you select a Web site in the explorer, many settings are displayed. The Web site settings are organized into several main categories:

• Identification
• General
• Home Directory
• Application Settings
### Identification Settings

The following settings are available in the Identification area for a Web site in the Internet Information Services view.

#### Table 13-150 • Identification Settings for a Web Site

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for the Web site. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP Address</td>
<td>To target a specific IP address, enter it. As an alternative, you can leave an asterisk (*), which is the default value. An asterisk or a blank value for this setting indicates that any unused IP address should be used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TCP Port</td>
<td>The TCP Port setting for an IIS Web site indicates the port number on which the service is running on the target machine. Some versions of the IIS Web server can host multiple Web sites. Each Web site is associated with a unique port number. If you do not know what the port number on the target system should be, you can enter 0 for this setting. To learn which port and site numbers are used for the Web site when it is installed, see Configuring the TCP Port and Site Numbers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Host Header Name</td>
<td>To specify the host header name that identifies the IIS Web site that is installed during your installation, type it in this box. For example: <a href="http://www.mycompany.com">www.mycompany.com</a> Host headers (also known as domain names) enable you to assign more than one Web site to an IP address on a Web server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Site Number</td>
<td>The Site Number setting indicates the number in the path at which the Web site will be created (that is, w3svc/3). The default value is 0. If you do not know what the site number on the target system should be, you can enter 0 for this setting. To learn which port and site numbers are used for the Web site when it is installed, see Configuring the TCP Port and Site Numbers.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
General Settings

The following settings are available in the General area for a Web site in the Internet Information Services view.

Table 13-151 • General Settings for a Web Site

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Select the component with which the Web site is associated. You can also click the ellipsis button (…) to locate an existing component or create a new one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASP.NET Version</td>
<td>To set the ASP.NET version for the Web site, enter the complete version number, or select it from the list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For example, to specify version 2 of ASP.NET, type 2.0.50727. To specify version 1.1 of ASP.NET, type 1.1.4322.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you specify an ASP.NET version for a Web site, IIS uses that same version number for any of the Web site’s applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Important</strong> • If your installation may be run on a Windows Vista or later system, you may not want to set the ASP.NET version. Also note that if you specify version 3 of ASP.NET, an error occurs at run time. For more information, see Setting the ASP.NET Version for a Web Site or Application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASP.NET Platform</td>
<td>If the installation may be run on a 64-bit version of Windows with the .NET Framework, specify which ASP.NET platform should be used to map the Web site or application to the ASP.NET version:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>● 32-bit—The 32-bit version of the ASP.NET IIS Registration tool should be used. Select this option if Yes is selected for the application pool’s Enable 32-Bit Applications setting; otherwise the installation fails.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>● 64-bit—The 64-bit version of the ASP.NET IIS Registration tool should be used. Select this option if No is selected for the application pool’s Enable 32-Bit Applications setting; otherwise the installation fails.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Considerations for Supporting IIS 6 on 64-Bit Platforms.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete on Uninstall</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to delete the selected Web site during uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Uninstalling Web Sites, Applications, and Virtual Directories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default Documents</td>
<td>Type the name of the default page on your Web site. To specify multiple pages, separate each with a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A Web site serves a default page whenever a browser request does not specify a document name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Home Directory Settings

The following settings are available in the Home Directory area for a Web site in the Internet Information Services view.

### Table 13-152 • Home Directory Settings for a Web Site

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Content Source Path (Local or UNC)</strong></td>
<td>This setting identifies the local path or network directory path that stores your Web site files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If the content for the Web site is on the target system, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to specify a local path. The Browse for Directory dialog box opens. In a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, this dialog box enables you to select a Windows Installer property (such as [IISROOTFOLDER]) or create a new one. In an InstallScript project, this dialog box enables you to select an InstallScript variable (such as &lt;IISROOTFOLDER&gt;) or create a new one. By default, the files are stored in IISROOTFOLDER. • If the content for the Web site is not on the target system, click the UNC button in this setting to specify a network location. Following is an example: \server\share</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Script Source Access</strong></td>
<td>Specify whether you want to allow end users to access source code if either read or write permissions are set. Source code includes scripts in ASP applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Read Access</strong></td>
<td>Specify whether you want to provide end users with read access to the Web site.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Write Access</strong></td>
<td>Specify whether you want to provide end users with write access to the Web site. This means that end users can change the Web site’s properties on the target machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Directory Browsing</strong></td>
<td>Specify whether you want to allow end users to see all the virtual directories and subdirectories below this Web site.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Log Visits</strong></td>
<td>Specify whether you want to record visits to this Web site in a log file. Visits are recorded only if logging is enabled for this Web site.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Index this Resource</strong></td>
<td>Specify whether you want to allow Microsoft Indexing Service to include this directory in a full-text index of your Web site. This setting applies to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip** • Each Web site should have a unique physical path, especially if the Web site is going to be installed on a Windows Vista or later system or a Windows Server 2008 or later system. To learn more, see Run-Time Requirements for IIS Support.
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Application Settings

The following settings are available in the Application Settings area for a Web site in the Internet Information Services view.

Table 13-153 • Application Settings for a Web Site

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Pool</td>
<td>To associate the selected Web site with an application pool, select its name in the list. As an alternative, you can click the ellipsis button (...) to select or create a string entry for the application pool. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. This setting applies to IIS 6 and later. Earlier versions of IIS ignore this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Mappings</td>
<td>To customize the directory’s application mappings, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. This opens the Application Mappings dialog box, which enables you to add, edit, and delete a mapping between a file name extension and the application that processes those files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIME Types</td>
<td>To add, edit, or delete MIME types for the selected Web site, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. This opens the MIME Types dialog box, which enables you to add, edit, and delete a mapping between a file name extension and the corresponding content type that is served as a static file by the Web server on the target system to a browser or mail client.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Session Timeout (minutes)</td>
<td>Specify the number of minutes that a session can remain idle before the server terminates it automatically. If the end user does not refresh or request a page within the timeout period, the session ends. The default value is 20 minutes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASP Script Timeout (seconds)</td>
<td>Specify the length of time in seconds that .asp pages will allow a script to run before terminating and writing an event to the Windows Event Log. The minimum value for this property is 1 second; the default value is 90 seconds.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Security Settings

When you select a Web site in the Internet Information Services view, InstallShield displays several security-related settings in the Security area. The Security area lets you configure your Web server to verify the identity of users. You can authenticate users to prevent unauthorized ones from establishing a Web (HTTP) connection to restricted content. For more information, refer to the IIS documentation.

The Security area contains several categories of settings:

- Anonymous Connection
- Authenticated Access
- Secure Communication
The settings in the Anonymous Connection area are as follows.

**Table 13-154 • Anonymous Connection Settings in the Security Settings Area**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enable Anonymous Access</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to allow users to establish an anonymous connection. If you do want to allow anonymous connections, also enter the appropriate Windows user account information. If you do not need the Web server to confirm the identity of end users before they can access the content, select No for this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IIS Controls Anonymous Password</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to automatically synchronize your anonymous password settings with those set in Windows on the target system. If the password that you type for the anonymous account differs from the password that Windows has, anonymous authentication will not work.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note • Password synchronization should be used only with anonymous user accounts defined on the local computer, not with anonymous accounts on remote computers.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anonymous User Name</td>
<td>If you are enabling anonymous connections, type the name of the anonymous account.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anonymous Password</td>
<td>If you have selected No for the IIS Controls Anonymous Password setting, type the anonymous user account password. The password is used only within Windows. Anonymous users do not log on by using a user name and password.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The settings in the Authenticated Access area are as follows.

**Table 13-155 • Authenticated Access Settings in the Security Settings Area**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Basic Authentication</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to enable the basic authentication method for collecting user name and password information for end users who access the Web site.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Important • With the basic method of authentication, user names and passwords are not encrypted when they are transmitted across the network. An unscrupulous end user who has network monitoring tools could intercept user names and passwords.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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The settings in the Secure Communication area are as follows.

Table 13-156 • Authenticated Access Settings in the Security Settings Area (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Integrated Windows Authentication</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to enable integrated Windows authentication. Integrated Windows authentication uses a cryptographic exchange with the end user's browser to confirm the identity of the user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When integrated Windows authentication is enabled, the Web site will use it only under the following conditions:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Anonymous access is disabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Anonymous access is denied because Windows file system permissions have been set, requiring end users to provide a Windows user name and password before establishing a connection with restricted content.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Forms Authentication

Set this option to Yes to enable forms authentication. ASP.NET forms-based authentication works well for sites or applications on public Web servers that receive many requests. This authentication mode lets you manage client registration and authentication at the application level, instead of relying on the authentication mechanisms provided by the operating system.

Important • Forms authentication sends the user name and password to the Web server as plain text. You should use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption for the Log On page and for all other pages in your application except the Home page.

The settings in the Secure Communication area are as follows.

Table 13-156 • Secure Communication Settings in the Security Settings Area

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SSL certificate</td>
<td>To specify a server certificate that should be installed on the target system, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting, and then select the appropriate security certificate file (.cer or .pfx). As an alternative, you can select a certificate from the list if your project already contains one or more certificates. InstallShield stores the .cer file in the Binary table. If no certificate is configured to be installed, this setting is blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSL certificate password</td>
<td>If the certificate that you specified has a password, enter it in this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Advanced Settings**

The following settings are available in the Advanced area for a Web site in the Internet Information Services view.

**Table 13-157 • Advanced Settings for a Web Site**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Custom Errors</td>
<td>To customize HTTP errors that are sent to clients when Web server errors occur, select the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. The Custom Errors dialog box opens, enabling you to specify the page that should be displayed for one or more HTTP errors. Administrators can use generic HTTP 1.1 errors, detailed custom error pages that IIS provides, or your own custom error pages that are you including in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other IIS Properties</td>
<td>To specify values for IIS settings that are not displayed in the other areas in this view, select the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. The Other IIS Properties dialog box opens, enabling you to set the value of one or more IIS properties. To learn more, see Configuring Advanced IIS Settings. The advanced settings apply to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores these settings. For help on specific settings, see Metabase Property Reference on the MSDN Web site.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

Internet Information Services View  
Managing Internet Information Services  
Configuring the TCP Port and Site Numbers  
Defining Application Mappings for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory  
Specifying Timeout Parameters for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory  
Scanning an IIS Web Site and Importing Its Settings into an InstallShield Project  
Configuring Advanced IIS Settings

**Application and Virtual Directory Settings**

InstallShield 2020 » Internet Information Services View » Web Site » Application or Virtual Directory

**Project • The Internet Information Services view is available in the following project types:**

- Basic MSI
- DIM  
- InstallScript  
- InstallScript MSI  
- Merge Module

You can add applications and virtual directories to your Web site in the Internet Information Services view. When you select an application or virtual directory in this view, many settings are displayed. The settings are organized into several main categories:

- General  
- Virtual Directory
- Application Settings
- Security
- Advanced

**General Settings**

The following settings are available in the General area for an application or a virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view.

**Table 13-158 • General Settings for an Application or a Virtual Directory**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a name for the application or virtual directory. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Select the component with which the application or virtual directory is associated. You can also click the ellipsis button (...) to locate an existing component or create a new one.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**ASP.NET Version**

*Note* • This setting applies to applications but not virtual directories.

To set the ASP.NET version for the application, enter the complete version number, or select it from the list.

For example, to specify version 2 of ASP.NET, type `2.0.50727`. To specify version 1.1 of ASP.NET, type `1.1.4322`.

If you specify an ASP.NET version for a Web site, IIS uses that same version number for any of the Web site’s applications.

*Important* • If your installation may be run on a Windows Vista or later system, you may not want to set the ASP.NET version. Also note that if you specify version 3 of ASP.NET, an error occurs at run time. For more information, see Setting the ASP.NET Version for a Web Site or Application.
Note • *This setting applies to applications but not virtual directories.*

If the installation may be run on a 64-bit version of Windows with the .NET Framework, specify which ASP.NET platform should be used to map the application to the ASP.NET version:

- **32-bit**—The 32-bit version of the ASP.NET IIS Registration tool should be used. Select this option if Yes is selected for the application pool’s Enable 32-Bit Applications setting; otherwise the installation fails.
- **64-bit**—The 64-bit version of the ASP.NET IIS Registration tool should be used. Select this option if No is selected for the application pool’s Enable 32-Bit Applications setting; otherwise the installation fails.

For more information, see [Considerations for Supporting IIS 6 on 64-Bit Platforms](#).

### ASP.NET Registration

To set the ASP.NET application registration option with Internet Information Services (IIS), select one of the following options:

- **Recursive**—Updates script maps and application-pool assignments for the specified application and for all sub-applications.
- **Non Recursive**—Updates script maps and application-pool assignments for only the specific application. No sub-applications are changed.

### Default Documents

Type the name of the default page on your application or virtual directory. To specify multiple pages, separate each with a comma.

A application or virtual directory serves a default page whenever a browser request does not specify a document name.

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### Table 13-158 • General Settings for an Application or a Virtual Directory (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| ASP.NET Platform      | **Note** • *This setting applies to applications but not virtual directories.*
                         |
|                       | If the installation may be run on a 64-bit version of Windows with the .NET Framework, specify which ASP.NET platform should be used to map the application to the ASP.NET version:
                       |
|                       | • **32-bit**—The 32-bit version of the ASP.NET IIS Registration tool should be used. Select this option if Yes is selected for the application pool’s Enable 32-Bit Applications setting; otherwise the installation fails.  
                       | • **64-bit**—The 64-bit version of the ASP.NET IIS Registration tool should be used. Select this option if No is selected for the application pool’s Enable 32-Bit Applications setting; otherwise the installation fails.  
                       |
|                       | For more information, see [Considerations for Supporting IIS 6 on 64-Bit Platforms](#).  
                       |
| ASP.NET Registration  | To set the ASP.NET application registration option with Internet Information Services (IIS), select one of the following options:  
                       |
|                       | • **Recursive**—Updates script maps and application-pool assignments for the specified application and for all sub-applications.  
                       | • **Non Recursive**—Updates script maps and application-pool assignments for only the specific application. No sub-applications are changed.  
                       |
| Default Documents     | Type the name of the default page on your application or virtual directory. To specify multiple pages, separate each with a comma.  
                       |
|                       | A application or virtual directory serves a default page whenever a browser request does not specify a document name.  
                       |
### Virtual Directory Settings

The following settings are available in the Virtual Directory area for an application or a virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view.

**Table 13-159 • Virtual Directory Settings for an Application or a Virtual Directory**

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<th>Setting</th>
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</table>
| **Content Source Path (Local or UNC)** | This setting identifies the local path or network directory path that stores the default files for your application or virtual directory.  
   • If the content for the application or virtual directory is on the target system, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to specify a local path. The Browse for Directory dialog box opens. In a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project, this dialog box enables you to select a Windows Installer property (such as [IISROOTFOLDER]) or create a new one. In an InstallScript project, this dialog box enables you to select an InstallScript variable (such as <IISROOTFOLDER>) or create a new one.  
   By default, the files are stored in IISROOTFOLDER.  
   • If the content for the application or virtual directory is not on the target system, click the UNC button in this setting to specify a network location. Following is an example:  
   `\\server\share`  
   **Tip**  
   *Each application or virtual directory should have a unique physical path, especially if it is going to be installed on a Windows Vista or later system or a Windows Server 2008 or later system. To learn more, see Run-Time Requirements for IIS Support.*  
| **Script Source Access** | Specify whether you want to allow end users to access source code if either read or write permissions are set. Source code includes scripts in ASP applications.                                                                                                                                           |
| **Read Access**          | Specify whether you want to provide end users with read access to the application or virtual directory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| **Write Access**         | Specify whether you want to provide end users with write access to the application or virtual directory. This means that end users can change the application’s or virtual directory’s properties on the target machine.                                                                                                           |
| **Directory Browsing**   | Specify whether you want to allow end users to see all the virtual directories and subdirectories below this application or virtual directory.                                                                                                                                            |
| **Log Visits**           | Specify whether you want to record visits to this application or virtual directory in a log file. Visits are recorded only if logging is enabled.                                                                                                                                               |
| **Index this Resource**  | Specify whether you want to allow Microsoft Indexing Service to include this application or virtual directory in a full-text index. This setting applies to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores this setting.                                                                                                       |
**Application Settings**

The following settings are available in the Application Settings area for an application or a virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view.

**Table 13-160 • Application Settings for an Application or a Virtual Directory**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Application Name</strong></td>
<td>To associate the selected virtual directory with an application, specify the application name. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. Note • This setting is available for virtual directories, but not for applications. If the virtual directory was created in InstallShield 2009 or earlier and then upgraded to the current version of InstallShield, this setting is displayed. Otherwise, this setting is not included.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Pool</strong></td>
<td>Note • This setting applies to applications but not virtual directories. To associate the selected application with an application pool, select its name in the list. As an alternative, you can click the ellipsis button (...) to select or create a string entry for the application pool. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. This setting applies to IIS 6 and later. Earlier versions of IIS ignore this setting. Important • The application pool that you specify should be on the target system at run time or part of your installation; otherwise, the server may generate an error such as error 403.18.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Application Mappings</strong></td>
<td>To customize the directory’s application mappings, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. This opens the Application Mappings dialog box, which enables you to add, edit, and delete a mapping between a file name extension and the application that processes those files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MIME Types</strong></td>
<td>To add, edit, or delete MIME types for the selected application or virtual directory, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. This opens the MIME Types dialog box, which enables you to add, edit, and delete a mapping between a file name extension and the corresponding content type that is served as a static file by the Web server on the target system to a browser or mail client.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Table 13-160 • Application Settings for an Application or a Virtual Directory (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Session Timeout (minutes)</td>
<td>Specify the number of minutes that a session can remain idle before the server terminates it automatically. If the end user does not refresh or request a page within the timeout period, the session ends. The default value is 20 minutes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASP Script Timeout (seconds)</td>
<td>Specify the length of time in seconds that .asp pages will allow a script to run before terminating and writing an event to the Windows Event Log. The minimum value for this property is 1 second and the default value is 90 seconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Execute Permissions</td>
<td>Specify what level of program execution is allowed for the selected application or virtual directory. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• None—Only static files such as HTML and image files can be accessed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Scripts Only—Only scripts such as ASP scripts can be run.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Scripts and Executables—All file types can be accessed or run.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Protection</td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • This setting applies to applications but not virtual directories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Specify the level of protection:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• High—The application is run in an isolated process that is separate from other processes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Medium—The application is run in an isolated pooled process with other applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Low—The application is run in the same process as Web services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting applies to IIS 5 and earlier. Later versions ignore this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Security Settings

When you select an application or a virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view, InstallShield displays several security-related settings in the Security area. The Security area lets you configure your application or virtual directory to verify the identify of users. You can authenticate users to prevent unauthorized ones from establishing a Web (HTTP) connection to restricted content. For more information, refer to the IIS documentation.

The Security area contains the following categories of settings:

- Anonymous Connection
- Authenticated Access
The settings in the Anonymous Connection area are as follows.

Table 13-161 • Anonymous Connection Settings in the Security Settings Area

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enable Anonymous Access</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to allow users to establish an anonymous connection. If you do want to allow anonymous connections, also enter the appropriate Windows user account information. If you do not need the Web server to confirm the identity of end users before they can access the content, select No for this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IIS Controls Anonymous Password</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to automatically synchronize your anonymous password settings with those set in Windows on the target system. If the password that you type for the anonymous account differs from the password that Windows has, anonymous authentication will not work. Note • Password synchronization should be used only with anonymous user accounts defined on the local computer, not with anonymous accounts on remote computers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anonymous User Name</td>
<td>If you are enabling anonymous connections, type the name of the anonymous account.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anonymous Password</td>
<td>If you have selected No for the IIS Controls Anonymous Password setting, type the anonymous user account password. The password is used only within Windows. Anonymous users do not log on by using a user name and password.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The settings in the Authenticated Access area are as follows.

Table 13-162 • Authenticated Access Settings in the Security Settings Area

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Basic authentication</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to enable the basic authentication method for collecting user name and password information for end users who access the application or virtual directory. Important • With the basic method of authentication, user names and passwords are not encrypted when they are transmitted across the network. An unscrupulous end user who has network monitoring tools could intercept user names and passwords.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Advanced Settings**

The following settings are available in the Advanced area for an application or a virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view.

**Table 13-163 • Advanced Settings for an Application or a Virtual Directory**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Custom Errors</strong></td>
<td>To customize HTTP errors that are sent to clients when Web server errors occur, select the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Custom Errors dialog box opens, enabling you to specify the page that should be displayed for one or more HTTP errors. Administrators can use generic HTTP 1.1 errors, detailed custom error pages that IIS provides, or your own custom error pages that are you including in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Other IIS Properties</strong></td>
<td>To specify values for IIS settings that are not displayed in the other areas in this view, select the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Other IIS Properties dialog box opens, enabling you to set the value of one or more IIS properties. To learn more, see Configuring Advanced IIS Settings. The advanced settings apply to IIS 6 and earlier. IIS 7 ignores these settings. For help on specific settings, see Metabase Property Reference on the MSDN Web site.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

Internet Information Services View  
Managing Internet Information Services  
Defining Application Mappings for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory  
Specifying Timeout Parameters for a Web Site, Application, or Virtual Directory  
Adding Application Pools  
Configuring Advanced IIS Settings
Application Pool Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Internet Information Services View » Application Pools

Project • The Internet Information Services view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Note • Application pools are available only on machines with IIS 6.0 or later installed.

Use the Application Pools item in the Internet Information Services view to add and delete application pools.

When you select an application pool in the explorer, many settings are displayed. The application pool settings are organized into several main categories:

- General
- CPU Settings
- Process Model
- Recycling

General Settings

The following settings are available in the General area for an application pool in the Internet Information Services view.

Table 13-164 • General Settings for an Application Pool

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Provide a display name for the application pool that you want to configure. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Select the component with which the application pool is associated. You can also click the ellipsis button (...) to locate an existing component or create a new one.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-164 • General Settings for an Application Pool (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Overwrite Existing Application Pool</td>
<td>Select the appropriate option to indicate the behavior that you want to occur if the application pool already exists on the target system at run time. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Yes—If the application pool already exists on the target system, the installation overwrites its settings with the values that you have configured for it in your project. During uninstallation, the application pool is uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• No—If the application pool already exists on the target system, the installation does not overwrite any of its settings; during uninstallation, the application pool is left on the target system. If the application pool does not exist on the target system, the installation creates it; during uninstallation, the application pool is uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mark Component as Permanent</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the component that contains the application pool to be removed when the component’s feature is uninstalled. If you want the component to be marked as permanent so that it is not uninstalled, select Yes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.NET Framework Version</td>
<td>If appropriate, select the .NET Framework version that the application pool should load.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting applies to IIS 7 and later. Earlier versions of IIS ignore this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Queue Length</td>
<td>Specify the maximum number of requests that HTTP.sys should queue for the application pool. The default value is 4000.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Managed Pipeline Mode</td>
<td>Specify the appropriate request-processing pipeline mode for the selected application pool:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Integrated—The ASP.NET request processing is integrated into the IIS 7 request-processing pipeline. This is the default option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Classic—IIS routes requests for code through ISAPI, which processes the requests as if the application were running in IIS 6.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting applies to IIS 7. Earlier versions of IIS ignore this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable 32-Bit Applications</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to allow 32-bit applications in the selected application pool to be run on 64-bit systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting applies to application pools that are installed on IIS 7 or later. Earlier versions of IIS ignore this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Considerations for Supporting IIS 6 on 64-Bit Platforms.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
CPU Settings

The following settings are available in the CPU area for an application pool in the Internet Information Services view.

Table 13-165 • CPU Settings for an Application Pool

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<th>Setting</th>
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</table>
| Limit              | Specify the maximum percentage of CPU time (in 1/1000ths of a percent) that the worker processes in the application pool are allowed to consume over the period of time that is indicated for the Limit Interval setting.  
To avoid limiting the worker processes to a percentage of CPU time, specify the number 0. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield does not configure the CPU limit, and whatever value is set by default on the server is used for your application pool. |
| Limit Action       | Specify the action that should occur if the CPU limit that is set for the application pool is exceeded. Available options are:  
  - No action—An event entry is added to the event log. No other action occurs.  
  - Shutdown—An event entry is added to the event log. In addition, the application pool is shut down for the remainder of the limit interval. |
| Limit Interval (minutes) | Specify the amount of time (in minutes) between the reset intervals for CPU monitoring and throttling limits on the application pool.  
When this time interval has elapsed, IIS resets the CPU timers for the logging and limit intervals.  
To disable CPU monitoring, specify the number 0. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield does not configure the CPU limit interval, and whatever value is set by default on the server is used for your application pool. |
### Process Model Settings

The following settings are available in the Process Model area for an application pool in the Internet Information Services view.

#### Table 13-166 • Process Model Settings for an Application Pool

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| **Identity**                 | Specify the account under which the application pool’s worker process should run.  
                                | Available options are:  
                                |  
                                | • **NetworkService**—This account is a member of the Users group, and it has the fewest user rights that are required to run the application. This account provides the most security against an attack that might try to take over the Web server.  
                                |  
                                | • **LocalService**—This account is a member of the Users group, and it has the same user rights as the NetworkService account. However, the LocalService account is limited to the local computer.  
                                |  
                                | • **LocalSystem**—This account has all user rights, and it is part of the Administrators group.  
                                |  
                                | • **SpecificUser**—If you do not want to use one of the predefined accounts, select this option, and also specify the user name and password for the account that you want to use.  
                                |  
                                | • **ApplicationPoolIdentity**—This account uses a virtual identity that is unique to the selected application pool for running the application pool’s worker process. Support for this option is available on target systems that have IIS 7 and later. If this new option is selected in an installation that is run on a system that has IIS 6, the NetworkService account is used instead for the application pool’s identity.  
                                |  
                                | **Note** • If you use a **SpecificUser** identity, ensure that the user account that you specify is a member of the IIS_IUSRS group on the Web server so that the account can access the appropriate resources.  
                                |  
                                | **SpecificUser User Name** | If you select SpecificUser for the Identity setting, enter the specific user’s user name.  
                                |  
                                | **SpecificUser User Password** | If you select SpecificUser for the Identity setting, enter the specific user’s password.  
                                |  
                                | **Project** • In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, you can specify a Windows Installer property for the password. To prevent the password from being logged, set the value of the MsiHiddenProperties property to the name of the Windows Installer property that you are using for the password. For more information, see [MsiHiddenProperties](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/aa374972(v=vs.85).aspx) in the Windows Installer Help Library.  
                                |  
                                | **Idle Timeout (minutes)** | Specify the amount of time (in minutes) for which a worker process should remain idle before it is shut down.  
                                |
Recycling Settings

The Recycling settings for an application pool in the Internet Information Services view let you configure the recycling of worker processes. In worker process isolation mode, you can configure IIS to periodically restart worker processes in an application pool, enabling you to manage precisely those worker processes that are faulty. This helps to ensure that specified applications in those pools remain healthy and that system resources can be recovered.

The following settings are available in the Recycling area for an application pool in the Internet Information Services view.

Table 13-167 • Recycling Settings for an Application Pool

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Regular Time Interval</td>
<td>Specify the amount of time (in minutes) after which the application pool should be recycled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(minutes)</td>
<td>To prevent the application pool from being recycled on a regular interval, enter the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Request Limit</td>
<td>Specify the maximum number of requests that the application pool can process before it is recycled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To allow the application pool to process an unlimited number of requests, enter the number 0.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-167 • Recycling Settings for an Application Pool (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Specific Times</strong></td>
<td>To specify the time of day when the application pool should be recycled, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Recycling Specific Times dialog box opens, enabling you to configure the specific local time or times. When you specify a time, use the 24-hour format. For example, to specify 10:00 P.M., enter a time of <strong>22:00</strong>. In this setting, InstallShield indicates the number of times that were specified, and also lists the times in square brackets. Times are separated with a vertical bar. For example, the following value indicates that the specific recycling times are 5:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M.: 2 defined [05:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
- Adding Application Pools
- Uninstalling Web Service Extensions and Application Pools
- Internet Information Services View
- Managing Internet Information Services

**Web Service Extension Settings**

InstallShield 2020 » Internet Information Services View » Web Service Extensions

- **Project** • The Internet Information Services view is available in the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - DIM
  - InstallScript
  - InstallScript MSI
  - Merge Module

- **Note** • Web service extensions are available only on machines with IIS 6.0 or later installed.

On systems with IIS 7, Web service extensions require that the IIS Metabase and IIS 6 Configuration Compatibility feature be installed. For more information, see Version-Specific Information for IIS Support in InstallShield.

Use the Web Service Extensions item in the Internet Information Services view to add and delete Web service extensions.
When you select a Web service extension in the explorer, the following settings are available for you to configure.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Type the name of the new Web service extension file. The name is associated with a string ID, which can be translated. Click the Browse button to locate an existing string, or create a new one once the Select String dialog box has been launched.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Select the component with which the Web service extension is associated. You can also click the ellipsis button (…) to locate an existing component or create a new one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mark Component as Permanent</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the component that contains the Web service extension to be removed when the component’s feature is uninstalled. If you want the component to be marked as permanent so that it is not uninstalled, select Yes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full Path to File</td>
<td>Type the name of the Web service extension file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group ID</td>
<td>Type the name of Web service extension’s group ID. Group IDs enable you to classify different DLLs and common gateway interfaces (CGIs) and have dependencies for the applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to set the status of the Web service extension to Allow.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UI Deletable</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to allow the Web service extension file to be deleted from within IIS Manager.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Overwrite Existing Extensions</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to enable existing extensions to be overwritten.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip** • You can use directory IDs to specify a file. For example, you can specify a directory and a file as `[INSTALLDIR]file.exe`.

**Tip** • You can use directory IDs to specify a group.

See Also
- Adding Web Service Extensions
- Uninstalling Web Service Extensions and Application Pools
- Internet Information Services View
- Managing Internet Information Services
Component Services View

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Project • The Component Services view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The Component Services view enables you to manage COM+ applications and components for your installation package. You can manage both COM+ server applications and application proxies. A COM+ application proxy consists of a subset of the attributes of the server application, and it enables remote access from a client machine to the machine where the application resides.

Note the following information regarding component services in InstallShield:

- Only non-system COM+ applications can be added to your project. Therefore, InstallShield displays only non-system COM+ applications under the COM+ Applications explorer in the Component Services view.
- Only the COM+ applications that are installed on the local machine are included in the Component Services view and available for you to add to your projects.
- An application proxy is available for COM+ server applications only, not for library applications.

When you select a COM+ application in the Component Services view, several tabs are displayed:

- Installation
- General
- Security
- Identity
- Activation
- Queuing
- Advanced
- Dump
- Pooling/Recycling

The settings on the Installation tab are InstallShield-specific settings. The settings on the other tabs are similar to those in the Component Services administrative tool in the Control Panel. For details on each of the settings on the Installation tab, see Installation Tab. To learn about the settings on the other tabs, consult the Component Services help.

See Also

Managing COM+ Server Applications
Managing COM+ Application Proxies
Including a COM+ Application that Targets Servers and Client Machines
Installation Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Component Services View

Project • The Component Services view is available in the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

The Installation tab is one of the tabs that is displayed when you select a COM+ application in the Component Services view.

Table 13-169 • Installation Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Server</td>
<td>To install the selected COM+ application on other machines, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination (Server)</td>
<td>The default destination location for COM+ applications is: [ProgramFilesFolder]COMPlus Applications{UID}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To install the COM+ files to a different location, select the target destination. If the destination that you want to specify is not available in the list, select the Browse, create, or modify a directory entry option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition (Server)</td>
<td>Specify a condition for the COM+ server application if appropriate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install user identities with roles</td>
<td>To install the selected COM+ application with the user identities and roles that are configured for the COM+ application on your local machine, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refresh the COM+ settings from the client machine at build</td>
<td>The Component Services view shows COM+ settings that are available in Component Services on the local machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To refresh the COM+ settings that are displayed in your project with the settings that are available from Component Services on the local machine, select this check box. InstallShield refreshes the settings each time that you build a release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install after InstallFinalize action</td>
<td>If the selected COM+ application contains .NET assemblies that need to be installed to the global assembly cache (GAC), select this check box. If you select this check box, the ISComponentServiceFinalize action installs the selected COM+ application after the InstallFinalize action. Windows Installer does not commit changes made in the in-script session to the GAC until InstallFinalize.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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To install the selected COM+ application as an application proxy, select this check box. A COM+ application proxy consists of a subset of the attributes of the server application, and it enables remote access from a client machine to the machine where the application resides.

**Destination (Proxy)**

The default destination location for COM+ applications is:

\[\text{ProgramFilesFolder}\COMPlus\Applications\{UID}\]

To install the COM+ files to a different location, select the target destination. If the destination that you want to specify is not available in the list, select the Browse, create, or modify a directory entry option.

**Condition (Proxy)**

Specify a condition for the proxy server support if appropriate.

**Remote Server Name**

Specify the name of the remote server computer where the application resides.

You can type the exact name or use the default \[\text{REMOTESERVERNAME}\] property, which is automatically created when you select the Proxy check box for a COM+ application in your installation.

*Note • The default value for the \[\text{REMOTESERVERNAME}\] property is the name of the machine used to add the COM+ application to the installation project in InstallShield. To change the value of the \[\text{REMOTESERVERNAME}\] property, use the Property Manager view.*

If you would like the end user to be able to specify the remote server, add a Remote Server edit field control to an end-user dialog in the Dialogs view. Set the Property value of this control to \text{REMOTESERVERNAME}.

**Enable distributed COM on the client machine**

Select this check box if appropriate. Clear this check box if you know that distributed component object model (DCOM) is already enabled on all client machines and you will not have administrative privileges on them.

If you select this check box, Y is written at installation time to the EnableDCOM entry of the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Ole registry key to enable DCOM.

*Note • End users can enable or disable DCOM on their machines using the Component Services administrative tool in the Control Panel. However, the application proxy will not work on a client machine if DCOM is disabled on that machine. For this reason, you may want to select the Enable distributed COM on the client machine check box.*

If an end user uninstalls the application proxy support, the EnableDCOM registry entry is not changed, even if the installation process involved changing this registry entry to Y on the target machine.

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**Table 13-169 • Installation Tab Settings (cont.):**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Proxy</td>
<td>To install the selected COM+ application as an application proxy, select this check box. A COM+ application proxy consists of a subset of the attributes of the server application, and it enables remote access from a client machine to the machine where the application resides.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination (Proxy)</td>
<td>The default destination location for COM+ applications is: [\text{ProgramFilesFolder}\COMPlus\Applications{UID}] To install the COM+ files to a different location, select the target destination. If the destination that you want to specify is not available in the list, select the Browse, create, or modify a directory entry option.</td>
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<td>Condition (Proxy)</td>
<td>Specify a condition for the proxy server support if appropriate.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Remote Server Name</td>
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</tr>
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If an end user uninstalls the application proxy support, the EnableDCOM registry entry is not changed, even if the installation process involved changing this registry entry to Y on the target machine.
The SQL Scripts view provides a central location for managing and organizing all SQL scripts by server connections and settings. This view provides support for Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Windows Azure, MySQL, and Oracle. You can perform most of the following major functions to configure your SQL servers from the SQL Scripts view. Some limitations apply to certain server types.

- Connect to SQL servers.
- Import catalog schema and/or data.
- Associate SQL scripts with features.
- Set required SQL server/script properties (server name, database name, authentication method, etc.).
- Set SQL script for execution during installation or uninstallation.
- Edit SQL scripts.
- Require and/or target specific versions of Windows Azure SQL, SQL Server, MySQL, or Oracle.
- Define SQL script text replacement.
- Open scripts in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio or Microsoft SQL Server Query Analyzer.

Note • The import database functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database. Oracle users should refer to the Oracle Web page on Oracle Database Utilities for information on utilities that may work in conjunction with InstallShield.

If you have Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio or Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SQL Query Analyzer installed on your system, you can open a new SQL script that you have added to your project to test, edit, and syntax-check the script. To launch one of those tools and open your script from within InstallShield, right-click the script file in the SQL Scripts view and then click...
Open Script in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. InstallShield searches your system for the following tools in order and launches the first one that it finds:

1. Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Studio (any edition, including Express; ssms.exe)
2. Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Management Studio (SqlWb.exe)
3. Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Management Studio Express (ssmsee.exe)
4. Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Query Analyzer (isqlw.exe)

**SQL Connections**

In the SQL Scripts view, scripts are organized by connection, since no script can run on a server until a connection has been established. Furthermore, the grouping of connections with corresponding scripts facilitates the sharing of connection settings to different scripts.

When you create or select a SQL connection in the SQL Scripts view, the following tabs are available:

- General Tab
- Requirements Tab
- Advanced Tab

**See Also**

Database Import Wizard  
Adding a New SQL Connection  
Adding a New SQL Script  
Using the SQL Run-Time Functions in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects  
Requiring a SQL Server-Side Installation for a Windows Installer-Based Project  
Requiring a Server-Side Installation for an InstallScript Project  
Overriding the Default SQL Run-Time Behavior  
Conditionally Launching a SQL Script in an InstallScript Installation  
Handling SQL Run-Time Errors  
Installing the MySQL ODBC Driver

**General Tab**

InstallShield 2020 » SQL Scripts View » SQL Connection

*Project* • The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
You can configure the following settings on the General tab for a SQL connection in the SQL Scripts view.

**Table 13-170 • General Tab Settings for a SQL Connection**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Catalog Name</strong></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • Creating a new application catalog based on Oracle database settings is equivalent to creating a new database based on SQL Server settings in InstallShield. However, terminology is slightly different in reference to Oracle. In Oracle, the catalog is equivalent to the schema being used for every new application catalog. Therefore, note the semantic differences between “catalog” and “database” when understanding the differences between SQL Server and Oracle support in the documentation. Enter the name of the SQL catalog to which you want to create a connection during the installation. If you leave this setting blank, the installation attempts to connect to the default catalog during the connection test phase at run time. If the catalog you specify is not found at that time, the installation still creates the specified catalog upon connection verification. This is because the Create Catalog If Absent option is selected in InstallShield by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Create Catalog If Absent</strong></td>
<td>This option is selected by default. If this option is selected, the installation creates the specified catalog upon connection verification at the SQLLogin dialog at run time. You should note that when the Create Catalog If Absent option is selected, different SQL commands are issued for the various supported server types. For Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Windows Azure SQL, and MySQL, selecting this option results in the following: CREATE DATABASE CatalogName CatalogName is the value that you specify in the Catalog Name box on the General tab for a connection in the SQL Scripts view. For Oracle, selecting the Create Catalog If Absent option results in the following: CREATE USER CatalogName IDENTIFIED BY CatalogName DEFAULT TABLESPACE USERS QUOTA UNLIMITED on USERSGRANT CONNECT TO CatalogNameGRANT DBA TO CatalogNameALTER USER CatalogName DEFAULT ROLE ALL Therefore, you should note that for Oracle, the schema name serves as the user name and password for the selected catalog by default.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If you do not wish to use the Create Catalog If Absent option to create a catalog, you can run a customized script to create a catalog. When you run a custom script, you can use the Runtime tab for the script in the SQL Scripts view to schedule the execution of the script during login.

For more information about running a customized script, see the following instructions:

- Creating a Sample Installation that Creates a SQL Server Database by Running Customized SQL Script
- Creating a Sample Installation that Creates an Oracle Schema by Running Customized SQL Script

**Project** • In the case where the **Create Catalog If Absent** option is cleared during installation design and the catalog is not found at run time, the installation behavior slightly differs for the following project types at run time.

- **For Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects**—The installation connects to the default catalog at the SQLLogin dialog during run time to test the connection. This enables the installation to run custom code during the InstallExecuteSequence. However, the presence of the catalog needs to be guaranteed when the SQL scripts that are specified in your project are executed. The run time re-establishes the connection with the specified catalog to run the scripts. If the catalog is absent at this point, the connection fails.
- **For InstallScript projects**—The catalog needs to be present at the SQLLogin dialog since the run time holds the connection until the installation ends, once the connection is established. In this scenario, you can run custom InstallScript code to create the catalog before the SQLLogin dialog shows up to override the default behavior.
**Default Target Server Name**

For Microsoft SQL Server and MySQL, you can enter the machine name of the target SQL Server here. This setting is optional.

For Microsoft Windows Azure SQL, enter a fully qualified server name in the following format:

`tcp:ServerName.database.windows.net`

Following is an example:

`tcp:wbzdh64drd.database.windows.net`

For Oracle client machines with Oracle 11g client software installed, enter a SQL connection URL string in the following format:

`//host: [port] [/service name]`

The following is an example of what you would type to connect to a specified remote Oracle machine:

`//sch01jsmithrxp.installshield.com:1521/ORCL`

You can also specify a local net service name if you have tnsnames.ora configured on the client machine. For more details, consult the Oracle Support Web site.

**Connect using**

Select the type of authentication you want to use to connect to the specified catalog. For SQL Server Authentication, enter login and password information for the targeted server.

**Comments**

Enter comments about this connection. These comments are not displayed to the end user.

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**See Also**

SQL Scripts View
Requirements Tab
Advanced Tab

**Requirements Tab**

The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
On the Requirements tab, you can select a database server and specify version requirements for the type of server that the installation should target at run time. You have the option to add, delete, or edit existing version requirements that are associated with a particular database server.

**Task**  
To select a database server and specify version requirements for the type of server that the installation will target at run time:

1. In the Database Servers list, select the check box for the appropriate database server, and then highlight that server type.

   If you select more than one database server, at run time, the installation establishes a connection and performs the specified requirement checks on the selected server types based on the sequence of the server types as they appear in the table. That is, if the installation finds a match after checking requirements against the first database server in the table, a connection and a check is not done on any selected subsequent database types in the table. The SQL scripts that are associated with the connection are installed to that first database server that is verified.

2. Click the Add button. The New Version Requirement dialog box for the type of database server that you highlighted opens.

3. Specify version requirements for the type of server that the installation should target at run time.

4. Click OK.

   InstallShield adds a new database server entry and its appropriate version information to the table next to the Database Servers list.

**Task**  
To delete or edit an entry in the Database Servers table:

1. Select the database server that the installation is targeting at run time.

2. Select the version requirement that you want to delete or edit.

3. Click Delete or Edit. When you click Edit, either the Edit Version Requirement dialog box for the appropriate database server type opens.

4. Update the settings and click OK.

**Note**  
Multiselection of items in the version requirements section of the table applies only to the Delete operation.

### Allow installation to continue when minimum requirements are not met

If you want to allow the installation to continue if the minimum database server requirements are not met, select this check box.

If you select this check box and the minimum requirements are not met, the installation skips the SQL connection and all of its SQL scripts, and continues with the rest of the installation.

If you clear this check box and the minimum requirements are not met, the installation does not allow the end user to continue with the rest of the installation.

This check box is cleared by default.
Allow installation to Microsoft SQL Server Desktop Engine/SQL Server Express

Select this check box if it is true. Clear this check box if you want to prohibit installation to SQL Server Desktop Engine and SQL Server Express.

Choose SQL Driver for Database Server

In InstallShield 2019 R3 and later, you can now choose a different provider from a list of drivers for your database server. The Connection string properties (present in the ISSQLDBMetaData table) are automatically updated based on the provider selection.

By default, the Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server (MSOLEDBSQL) will appear for your new SQL connection. The following prerequisites are automatically added to your project configuration when MSOLEDBSQL is selected:

- Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server 18.2.2.0 (x86).prq
- Microsoft OLE DB Driver for SQL Server 18.2.2.0 (x64).prq

Select the **Redistributables** view to download or configure required prerequisites.

**See Also**
- SQL Scripts View
- General Tab
- Advanced Tab

Advanced Tab

InstallShield 2020 » SQL Scripts View » SQL Connection

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**Project** • The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Advanced tab provides advanced settings that should be set only by expert users to expand and customize the default functionality that is available in InstallShield.

**Table 13-171 • Advanced Tab Settings for a SQL Connection**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Command Timeout (seconds)</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the command timeout period. The default is 30 seconds. The valid range of this value is 0 to 2147483647. A value of 0 indicates no limit. Once this period of time has elapsed without completing the command, an error occurs and ADO cancels the command.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Specify the appropriate batch separator for the selected connection. The batch separator is used for all SQL scripts that are associated with this connection.

The default value is `GO`, which is the same default that is used in Microsoft products. Oracle utilities use a slash (`/`) as the default value.

A batch separator is a command that is recognized by SQL utilities such as `osql`, `isql`, and Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio, as well as InstallShield. The run time interprets a batch separator as a signal that it should send the current batch of SQL statements to a database server.

**Note** • *A semicolon (;) is the only batch separator that does not need to be on a separate new line by itself. All other batch separators must be on a separate line.* For example, if you specify a slash as a batch separator and you have the following SQL script, the installation sends `some statement` to a SQL server as a batch first; then it sends `another statement` as another batch:

```
some statement
/
another statement
/
```

If you have the following script, the installation sends all of the lines, including the slashes at the end of lines, as a batch:

```
some statement/
another statement/
```

**Target Server Property Name**

Select the property that identifies one of the following, depending on the type of database server that the installation is targeting:

- The name of the target server instance (for Microsoft SQL Server and MySQL)
- The fully qualified server name (for Microsoft Windows Azure SQL)
- The connect URL string or local net service name (for Oracle)

The default property is `IS_SQLSERVER_SERVER`.

If your project contains more than one SQL connection and you want to be able to use different properties for each connection, you can do so. For more information, see Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties.
Project • If you change any of the SQL properties on the Advanced tab of a SQL connection in a Basic MSI project, the corresponding properties are not automatically updated in the SQLLogin dialog in the Dialogs view. Therefore, you must manually change the properties in the dialog to match the properties that selected on the Advanced tab of the SQL connection.

### Table 13-171 • Advanced Tab Settings for a SQL Connection (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Target Catalog Property Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This setting enables you to select a property that identifies the name of the SQL catalog to which you want to create a connection during the installation. The default property is IS_SQLSERVER_DATABASE. If your project contains more than one SQL connection and you want to be able to use different properties for each connection, you can do so. For more information, see Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Authentication Type Property Name | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI | This setting enables you to select a property that identifies the type of authentication that you want to use to connect to the specified catalog. The default property is IS_SQLSERVER_AUTHENTICATION. The following numbers are valid property values:  
  • 0 — Windows authentication credential of the current user  
  • 1 — Server authentication  
If your project contains more than one SQL connection and you want to be able to use different properties for each connection, you can do so. For more information, see Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties. |
| Server Authentication Login ID Property Name | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI | This setting enables you to select a property that identifies the login ID that should be used for server authentication. The default property is IS_SQLSERVER_USERNAME. If your project contains more than one SQL connection and you want to be able to use different properties for each connection, you can do so. For more information, see Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties. |
| Server Authentication Password Property Name | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI | This setting enables you to select a property that identifies the password that should be used for server authentication. The default property is IS_SQLSERVER_PASSWORD. If your project contains more than one SQL connection and you want to be able to use different properties for each connection, you can do so. For more information, see Specifying Whether New SQL Connections Should Share the Same Windows Installer Properties. |
SQL Script Level

InstallShield 2020 » SQL Scripts View » SQL Connection » SQL Script

Project • The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

When you click a SQL script in the SQL Scripts view, the following tabs are available:

- General tab
- Script tab
- Runtime tab
- Database Import tab
- Text Replacement tab

Note • If you have Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio or Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SQL Query Analyzer installed on your system, you can open a new SQL script that you have added to your project to test, edit, and syntax-check the script. To launch one of those tools and open your script from within InstallShield, right-click the script file in the SQL Scripts view and then click Open Script in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. InstallShield searches your system for the following tools in order and launches the first one that it finds:

1. Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Management Studio (any edition, including Express; ssms.exe)
2. Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Management Studio (SqlWb.exe)
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See Also

SQL Scripts View

General Tab

InstallShield 2020 » SQL Scripts View » SQL Connection » SQL Script

Project • The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:
You can configure the following settings on the General tab for a SQL script in the SQL Scripts view.

### Table 13-172 • General Tab Settings for a SQL Script

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SQL Script File Name</td>
<td>Click the ellipsis button (...) next to this setting to browse to the SQL script that your installation will execute at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Select Features the SQL Script</td>
<td>Select or clear the check boxes for one or more features that you want to contain the SQL script.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Belongs to</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project • For DIM projects—The Merged Feature check box in this pane is selected and disabled when you select a SQL script in this view. When you add a DIM to an installation project, you specify the feature that should contain that DIM.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Component Name</td>
<td>This setting shows the name of the component that contains the SQL script. To move to the Components view and see the component that contains this SQL script, click the hyperlink.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schema Version</td>
<td>Specify a version number to enable script versioning. For more information on this setting, see Specifying a Version Number for a SQL Script File.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tip • When you specify a number for the Schema Version setting and InstallShield adds the custom InstallShield table for storing the schema version number on the target database, the data is not automatically removed upon uninstallation. Therefore, if you want the installation to be able to roll back the changes, you need to create a custom script upon uninstallation to drop the InstallShield table.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Enter comments about this SQL script. These comments are not displayed to the end user.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also

SQL Script Level
SQL Scripts View

## Script Tab

InstallShield 2020 » SQL Scripts View » SQL Connection » SQL Script

Project • The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:
The Script tab is intended for advanced users. To create a script from an existing database with step-by-step instructions, use the Database Import Wizard.

**Note**  This functionality applies to the Microsoft SQL Server Database.

**See Also**
- SQL Script Level
- SQL Scripts View
- Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views
- Enabling or Disabling Automatic Indentation in the Script Editors
- Enabling or Disabling Syntax Folding in the Script Editors
- Keyboard Shortcuts for the Script Editors

**Runtime Tab**

**Project**  The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
You can configure the following settings on the Runtime tab for a SQL script in the SQL Scripts view.

**Table 13-173 • Runtime Tab Settings for a SQL Script**

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Script Execution</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>To indicate when you want the installation to execute a SQL script, select the appropriate check box. Available options are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Run Script During Install</strong>—This option enables you to run a custom script during installation. This option is also associated with component state because each script is associated with a feature. Therefore, in Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects, you can specify conditional statements in conjunction with this setting in the Script Condition area of this tab. In Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects, the ISSQLServerInstall action is associated with this option. In InstallScript projects, the InstallScript function SQLRTComponentInstall is associated with this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Run Script During Uninstall</strong>—This option enables you to run a custom script during uninstallation. This option is also associated with component state because each script is tied in with a feature by design. Therefore, you can specify conditional statements in conjunction with this setting in the Script Condition (only available for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) section of this tab. In Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects, the ISSQLServerUninstall action is associated with this option. In InstallScript projects, the InstallScript function SQLRTComponentUninstall is associated with this option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Run Script During Rollback — This option enables you to run a custom script during rollback. InstallShield does not roll back the changes automatically. You will have to run a custom script allowing rollback when you select the Run Script During Rollback option.

In Basic MSI, DIM, and InstallScript MSI projects, the ISSQLServerRollback action is associated with this option.

Run Script During Login — This option enables you to run your script during login. Note that there are some limitations with this option. For example, note that the script changes are irreversible once the end user clicks the Next button on the SQLLogin dialog at run time. If the end user attempts to cancel the installation before clicking the Install button on the ReadyToInstall dialog, the script changes are not rolled back.

Also note that the script is executed after credentials and requirements are verified and before a connection has been made to the catalog. Therefore, any schema version requirements that you set for the script during installation design will not have taken place at run time.

In Basic MSI, and DIM projects, the ISSQLServerValidate action is associated with this option.

In InstallScript MSI projects, the InstallScript function SQLRTServerValidate is associated with this option.

In InstallScript projects, the InstallScript function SQLRTConnect is associated with this option.

Table 13-173 • Runtime Tab Settings for a SQL Script (cont.)

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Script Execution (cont.)</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify how you want SQL script errors to be handled at run time. Available options are:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• On Error, Go to Next Script</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• On Error, Go to Next Statement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• On Error, Abort Installation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Script Condition Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI If you want to specify a condition that Windows Installer must evaluate before the SQL script is run during installation or uninstallation, select the check box and type the conditional statement in the text box. The SQL script is not run if the condition evaluates to false.

As an alternative to manually entering a statement, you can click the ellipsis button (...) to launch the Condition Builder dialog box, which simplifies the process of creating a condition.

See Also
SQL Script Level
SQL Scripts View
Database Import Tab

InstallShield 2020 » SQL Scripts View » SQL Connection » SQL Script

**Project** • The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

**Tip** • The Database Import functionality currently is only available for Microsoft SQL Server. Oracle users should refer to the Oracle Web page on Oracle Database Utilities for information on utilities that may work in conjunction with InstallShield.

You can run the Database Import Wizard from this tab to view and modify your import settings. The wizard will walk you through the process of generating a SQL script that re-creates part or all of an existing Microsoft SQL Database. Once you complete the wizard, you can click the Regenerate button on this tab to refresh your script.

The **Regenerate SQL Script at Build** option lets you indicate whether the script should be regenerated each time that you build a release. Regenerating a script every time you build your release can slow down the build process.

**See Also**
SQL Script Level
SQL Scripts View

Text Replacement Tab

InstallShield 2020 » SQL Scripts View » SQL Connection » SQL Script

**Project** • The SQL Scripts view is available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The Text Replacement tab lets you specify strings to replace in your SQL script at run time. You should replace text only if it is unique and will not cause any script syntax errors. At run time, the installation replaces the text according to the parameters that you specify.

To add a new search-and-replace entry, click the Add button. To modify an existing search-and-replace entry, select that entry and then click the Edit button. In both cases, the Find and Replace dialog box opens, enabling you to specify search-and-replace parameters.

To delete an existing search-and-replace entry, select that entry and then click the Delete button.

**See Also**
SQL Script Level
SQL Scripts View
Behavior and Logic View

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**Project** • The Behavior and Logic view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

By adding custom actions; sequencing actions and dialogs; adding support files; using InstallScript; searching the target system for required files, folders, or other elements; or configuring Windows Installer properties, you can design any custom functionality that your installation requires.

InstallScript

**Project** • The InstallScript view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

InstallScript is an installation authoring language that is similar to the C programming language. The InstallScript view provides you with a script editor pane in which you can create and edit your scripts.

Custom Actions and Sequences

**Project** • The Custom Actions and Sequences view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform
Sequences direct all the actions that are performed during installation, from file transfer to displaying the user interface. Use the Custom Actions and Sequences view to sequence the actions and dialogs in your project.

If Windows Installer does not directly support functionality that is required by your installation program, you can extend your installation program through the use of custom actions in the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

**Custom Actions**

- **Project** • The Custom Actions view is available in the following project types:
  - DIM
  - Merge Module
  - MSM Database

Although merge modules do support the use of custom actions, sequences are not defined through a dedicated view in merge module projects.

- **Tip** • You can control the launch of custom actions in a merge module by modifying the `ModuleInstallExecuteSequence` table in the Direct Editor. When you add the merge module to your installation project, all custom actions and dialogs included in the merge module are available for you to insert in the installation's sequences via the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

**Support Files/Billboards**

- **Project** • The Support Files view is available in the following project types:
  - Advanced UI
  - Basic MSI
  - InstallScript Object
  - Suite/Advanced UI

The Support Files/Billboards view is available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

**Support Files**

The Support Files view lets you add, sort, and delete support files—files that are required by your installation project only during the installation process.

**Billboards**

The Billboards area in the Support Files/Billboards view lets you add billboards to your project. Billboards are images that are displayed for a specified amount of time while your installation runs. You can use billboards to provide information about the product being installed or to entertain the end user during the installation process.
System Search

**Project** • The System Search view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

Use the System Search view to search for a particular file, folder, registry key, or .ini value on the target system prior to an installation.

Property Manager

**Project** • The Property Manager view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects, the Property Manager view enables you to edit the Property table from within the InstallShield interface. Windows Installer properties give you access to many machine-specific variables such as the user’s name or company.

In Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, the Property Manager view lets you set Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI properties that you want to be available to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation at run time.

See Also
InstallScript View
Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)
Custom Action Types
Support Files View (Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)
Support Files/Billboards View (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects)
Displaying Billboards
System Search View
Property Manager View
InstallScript View

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**Project** • The InstallScript view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

The InstallScript view enables you to customize your setup script using the InstallScript language.

**Files, Functions, Properties, and Methods Folders**

The InstallScript explorer in the center pane of the InstallScript view contains the following folders:

**Table 13-174 • Folders in the InstallScript View**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Folder</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Files</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript Object, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>The Files folder lists all of your script (.rul) files. Click a script file to display its contents in the script editor. Your setup script must be named Setup.rul. You can include files with different names, but they must be included in Setup.rul with the #include preprocessor statement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Functions</td>
<td>Basic MSI, Merge Module, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript Object, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>The Functions folder contains a list of the InstallScript functions in all of the script files of your project. Click a function to display that function in the script editor.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • If auto completion for local variables is disabled in the script editor, the Functions folder does not list any functions from your script files. To learn how to enable auto completion for local variables, see **Enabling or Disabling Auto Completion in the Script Editors.**
Script Editor

Clicking an item under any of the folders in the InstallScript view displays the script editor in the right pane in the InstallShield interface. To learn more, see Script Editor in the InstallScript View.

See Also
InstallScript Language Reference
Using InstallScript
Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views
InstallScript Limits

Script Editor in the InstallScript View

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Project • The script editor is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI
The script editor displays the text of the selected InstallScript file. You can modify or edit the script using commands from the Edit and Tools menus.

**The Script Toolbar in the Script Editor**

**Project** • The script toolbar is available in the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

Basic MSI and Merge Module projects use custom actions instead of event handlers to run InstallScript code; Suite/Advanced UI projects use actions instead of event handlers to run InstallScript code.

The script toolbar is displayed across the top of the script editor in the InstallScript view; it contains an event category list box, as well as an event list box. The script toolbar lets you paste installation event handler function blocks in your script files. Event handlers in your script files override the default actions that are associated with installation events. You can modify the event handler code to change the actions performed during the installation.

**Event Categories (list box, on the left)**

Select the category containing the installation event whose event handler function block you want to paste in a script file. Events in the selected category are displayed in the Events list box.

**Events (list box, on the right)**

Select the installation event whose event handler function block you want to paste in a script file. If you select a feature event, its event handler is pasted in FeatureEvents.rul. If this file does not exist in your project, selecting a feature event automatically creates the file. If you select some other type of installation event, its event handler is pasted in Setup.rul.

If you change the default feature event handler code in FeatureEvents.rul, you must put the following statement in Setup.rul to include your changes in the installation:

```
#include "FeatureEvents.rul"
```

**See Also**

- Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views
- Using Auto Completion when Writing Code in the Script Editors
- Viewing Function Call Tips for an InstallScript Function in the Script Editor
- Enabling or Disabling Automatic Indentation in the Script Editors
- Showing or Hiding Line Numbering in the Script Editors
- Enabling or Disabling Syntax Folding in the Script Editors
- Keyboard Shortcuts for the Script Editors

**Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)**

**Project** • The Custom Actions and Sequences view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
This view is called the Custom Actions view in the following project types:

- DIM
- Merge Module
- MSM Database

The Custom Actions and Sequences view has three separate areas: a Custom Actions area, an Action Text area, and a Sequences area. The Custom Actions view has the Custom Actions area.

**Custom Actions**

Microsoft enables you to add flexibility to your installation that is not directly supported by Windows Installer. This additional functionality is achieved through the use of custom actions.

InstallShield supports the use of custom actions to run InstallScript, VBScript, or JavaScript code; call DLL functions; run executable files; call a managed method in a managed assembly; set a property or a directory; trigger an error and end the installation; run PowerShell scripts; terminate a process; or run other installation packages.

The Custom Actions explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view behaves the same way as the Custom Actions explorer in the Custom Actions view. For descriptions of each type of custom action, see Custom Action Types. For a description of each custom action setting, see Custom Action Settings.

**Action Text**

To keep end users informed, installations commonly display text on the progress dialog to describe the installation’s current activity. This usually accompanies the progress bar as a means of installation status. As each standard action and custom action is encountered, a message about the action is displayed on the progress dialog. This may be especially useful for actions that take a long time to execute. The same action text is also written to a log file if one is created at run time.

The Action Text explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) lets you specify the action text for any action in your project. For a description of each action text setting, see Action Text Settings.

**Important** • The names of the action text items under the Action Text explorer should match the names of standard and custom actions that are in your project. If you change the name of a custom action, you must also change the name of its action text item; otherwise, the action’s text is not displayed at run time or written to the installation’s log file.

**Sequences**

Sequences direct all of the actions that are performed during the installation process—from file transfer to user interface display (for Basic MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects). These actions are given a number in the sequence, which then executes from the lowest number to the highest. Rather than having to manually provide a numeric value for every action, you can use the Custom Actions and Sequences view to insert actions into a sequence, or edit the sequence timeline.
**Project** • In InstallScript MSI projects, the installation’s user interface is generated through the script; the dialogs are not inserted into sequences in the Custom Actions and Sequences view.

If you are creating a custom action or custom dialog in a DIM project or a Merge Module project, you need to first import that DIM or module into an installation project and then add it to a sequence through the Custom Actions and Sequences view of that installation project.

There are three main sequences into which you can insert your dialogs (in Basic MSI, MSI Database, and Transform projects) and custom actions.

- **Installation Sequence**
- **Advertisement Sequence**
- **Administration Sequence**

Each of these sequences plays a different role. The Installation sequence is run during a normal installation. The Advertisement sequence runs when an application is being advertised rather than installed. The Administration sequence is run during an administrative installation.

**Modifying Sequences, Actions, and Dialogs**

The Custom Actions and Sequences view supports drag-and-drop editing and copying. The context menus in this view provide additional editing methods.

- To sequence a new custom action, drag it from the Custom Actions explorer to the appropriate location in a sequence under the Sequences explorer. When you drop it, drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.

- To move a dialog, standard action, or custom action to a different point in a sequence (or from one sequence to another), drag it from the old location and drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.

- To copy a custom action from one sequence to another, press and hold CTRL while dragging the custom action from one sequence to another sequence, and drop it onto the action or dialog that should be directly before it.

- When you select a dialog or standard action in the Sequences explorer, the Sequence tab on the right enables you to change the sequence number and add or modify the associated conditions.

- When you select a custom action in the Sequences explorer, more than one tab is displayed on the right:
  - **Sequence tab**—Use this tab to change the sequence number and to add or modify any conditions for the action.
  - **Action tab**—Use this tab to change any settings for the custom action.
  - **Script tab**—This tab is displayed for VBScript and JScript custom actions. It has a script editor that lets you edit your VBScript or JScript code.

- To edit the layout or behavior of a dialog, right-click the dialog in the Sequences explorer and then click Edit Behavior or Edit Layout.

**Note** • A custom action cannot be called twice in the same sequence, since the custom action name is the key in the `CustomAction` table. Therefore, you cannot move or copy a custom action to a sequence that already contains that custom action.
Dialogs and standard actions cannot be moved to a different type of sequence through a drag-and-drop operation.

**Script Editor in the Custom Actions View for Basic MSI Projects**

A PowerShell script editor is available on the **Script** tab of the Custom Actions and Sequences > Custom Actions view for Basic MSI projects.

**See Also**
- Using Custom Actions
- Defining Sequences
- Using Action Text
- Viewing End-User Dialog Order in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (Basic MSI Projects)
- Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views

**Custom Action Types**

InstallShield includes support for several kinds of custom actions:

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<tr>
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<th>Action Type</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Custom Action Behavior</th>
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<tr>
<td><img src="icon.png" alt="InstallScript" /></td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Run InstallScript code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="icon.png" alt="EXE" /></td>
<td>EXE</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Launch an executable file.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Table 13-175 • Custom Actions Supported in InstallShield (cont.)

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<td>![icon]</td>
<td><strong>Standard DLL</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Call a function in a standard DLL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td><strong>MSI DLL</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Call a function in a DLL that was written specifically for Windows Installer. The entry point of the .dll file must have a predefined parameter and return value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td><strong>Managed Code</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Call a public method in a managed assembly that is written in managed code such as Visual Basic .NET or C#. For more information, see Calling a Public Method in a Managed Assembly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td><strong>Set Property</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Set a property in the Property table. This is useful if you need to get information from the end user and store it so that it can be used later in your installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td><strong>Set Directory</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Set a directory in the Directory table at runtime. For example, if you want to create a temp directory that is a subdirectory of the installation directory selected by the end user, you can use this option to set that new temp directory for use later in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![icon]</td>
<td><strong>Nested MSI</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, MSI Database, Transform</td>
<td>Launch another .msi package. This is also known as a nested installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Important** • Nested installations is a deprecated feature of the Windows Installer. Applications installed with nested installations sometimes fail because they are difficult for end users to service correctly. Microsoft Corporation recommends that you avoid using nested installations and nested-installation custom actions to install products that are intended to be released to the public. To learn more, see Concurrent Installations in the Windows Installer Help Library.
### Table 13-175 • Custom Actions Supported in InstallShield (cont.)

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<td><img src="image" alt="VBScript" /></td>
<td>VBScript</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Run 32-bit or 64-bit VBScript code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="JScript" /></td>
<td>JScript</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Run 32-bit or 64-bit JScript code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Error" /></td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, MSI Database, MSM Database, Transform</td>
<td>Display a specified error message, return failure, and end the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Kill Process" /></td>
<td>Kill Process</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Transform</td>
<td>Terminate a process at run time. For more information, see Calling a Kill-Process Custom Action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="PowerShell" /></td>
<td>PowerShell</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Run a PowerShell script to perform system configuration tasks at installation run time. For more information about this type of custom action, see Calling a PowerShell Custom Action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="WiseScript" /></td>
<td>WiseScript</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Edition • This custom action type is available in the version of InstallShield that is included in certain editions of AdminStudio. Runs a WiseScript executable file. This type of action includes a wrapper MSI DLL that gets and sets Windows Installer properties and evaluates Windows Installer conditions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
To help you differentiate between immediate, deferred, commit, and rollback custom actions in your project, InstallShield adds color-coded dots to some of the action’s icons. The dots are displayed on the icons for actions that are listed under the Custom Actions explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view or the Custom Actions view. The following table shows the icon for the executable file custom action.

### Table 13-176 • Determining the In-Script Execution of a Custom Action by Viewing Its Icon

<table>
<thead>
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</table>
| ![Icon] | If a custom action does not have a dot, it indicates that the In-Script Execution setting is not applicable to that type of custom action, or one of the following values is selected:  
  - Immediate Execution  
  - Immediate Execution (Terminal Service Aware) |
| ![Icon] | If a custom action has a blue dot, one of the following values is selected for the action’s In-Script Execution setting:  
  - Deferred Execution  
  - Deferred Execution (Terminal Service Aware)  
  - Deferred Execution in System Context |
| ![Icon] | If a custom action has a green dot, one of the following values is selected for the action’s In-Script Execution setting:  
  - Commit Execution  
  - Commit Execution (Terminal Service Aware)  
  - Commit Execution in System Context |
| ![Icon] | If a custom action has a red dot, one of the following values is selected for the action’s In-Script Execution setting:  
  - Rollback Execution  
  - Rollback Execution (Terminal Service Aware)  
  - Rollback Execution in System Context |

For details about each of the InstallShield custom actions that are added automatically to InstallShield projects to support different functionality, see InstallShield Custom Action Reference.

**Windows Logo •** If you are applying for the Windows logo, any custom actions in your installation must follow best practices guidelines for custom action creation. You can use the InstallShield validation suites and the Full MSI Validation Suite to verify whether your installation package meets most of the custom action–related logo requirements. However, some of the requirements cannot be verified through the validation suite. To learn more, see Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program.
See Also
Using Custom Actions
Configuring Custom Action Settings
Using the Custom Action Wizard
Validating Projects
Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views

Custom Action Settings

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Project • Use the Custom Actions and Sequences view to configure custom action settings in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Use the Custom Actions view to configure custom action settings in the following project types:

- DIM
- Merge Module
- MSM Database

Note that some custom action types are not available in some project types.

The settings in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or Custom Actions view) are organized into the following categories:

- Action area settings
- Sequence area settings

To learn about displaying action information on the progress dialog and in the installation’s log file, see Using Action Text.

Action Area Settings

The following custom action settings are available in the Action area.

Table 13-177 • Custom Action Settings in the Action Area

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Function Name</td>
<td>[File Icon]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • This setting applies to InstallScript custom actions.

In the list of functions that are included in the project’s InstallScript files, select the InstallScript function that you want to call.
### Table 13-177 • Custom Action Settings in the Action Area (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<td>DLL File Name</td>
<td><img src="Note.png" alt="Note" /> • This setting applies to standard DLL custom actions that are stored in the Binary table or located in the target system's search path. This setting also applies to MSI DLL custom actions that are stored in the Binary table. For the Binary table location: Enter the path to the DLL file that you would like to use for your custom action. As an alternative, you can select it from the list of available DLL files in the Binary table, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to it. For the target system's search path location: Enter the name of the DLL file that you would like to use for your custom action. As an alternative, you can click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to it. Only the file name is needed, since the custom action searches in the target system's search path to find this DLL. If the custom action type is an MSI DLL, the DLL file must comply with the required Windows Installer function signature. To learn more, see Calling Functions in Windows Installer DLL Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DLL Filekey</td>
<td><img src="Note.png" alt="Note" /> • This setting applies to standard and MSI DLL custom actions that are installed with the product. In the list of DLL files that are included in your project, select the DLL file that you would like to use for your custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Function Signature</td>
<td><img src="Note.png" alt="Note" /> • This setting applies to standard DLL custom actions. To specify the parameters for the entry-point function in your DLL file, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. This opens the Function Signature dialog box, which has various settings that let you specify the function name, arguments, return type, and return property for the entry point function in your standard DLL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Function Name</td>
<td><img src="Note.png" alt="Note" /> • This setting applies to MSI DLL custom actions. Enter the name of the function in the MSI DLL that you would like to call.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executable File Name</td>
<td><img src="Note.png" alt="Note" /> • This setting applies to executable file custom actions that are stored in the Binary table. Enter the path to the executable file that you would like to use for your custom action. As an alternative, you can select it from the list of available executable files in the Binary table, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to it.</td>
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<td><strong>Executable Filekey</strong></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • This setting applies to executable file custom actions that are installed with the product. In the list of executable files that are included in your project, select the executable file that you would like to use for your custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Working Directory</strong></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • This setting applies to executable file custom actions that are located in a path that references a directory. Enter the working directory name for the executable file that you would like to use for your custom action, or select it from the list of available directories.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **File Name & Command Line** | **Note** • This setting applies to executable file custom actions that are located in a path that references a directory. Enter path and name of the executable file that you would like to use for your custom action. If appropriate, you can include any command-line parameters that should be passed to the executable file. Use quotation marks around long file names. For example:  
  - "[INSTALLDIR]\subdirectory1\filename.exe"  
  - "[WindowsFolder]\Notepad.exe"  
  - "[SUPPORTDIR]\fileFromSupportFilesView.exe"  
  Note that the path is optional only if the executable file is already present in the operating system search path (that is, WindowsFolder or SystemFolder). |
| **Executable Property** | **Note** • This setting applies to executable file custom actions that are located in a path that is identified by a property. Enter the name of the property that identifies the full path to your executable file, or select the property from the list of properties in your project. |
| **Command Line**      | **Note** • This setting applies to executable file custom actions that are stored in the Binary table, installed with the product, or located in a path that is identified by a property. Enter any command-line parameters that you would like to pass to your executable file. Enclose long file names within quotation marks. |
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<tr>
<td><strong>Assembly File</strong></td>
<td>![Note] This setting applies to custom actions that use a managed assembly whose location is set to Binary table. Specify the .NET assembly file that you want to use for your managed-code custom action. You can select the Browse to file option to specify the file, or select the file from the list of DLL and .exe files that will be stored in the Binary file. At build time, InstallShield adds the managed assembly to a C++ Windows Installer wrapper DLL and adds the wrapper DLL to the Binary table of your .msi package. The wrapper DLL contains the information that is required to mediate, load, and run your assembly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Assembly Filekey</strong></td>
<td>![Note] This setting applies to custom actions that use a managed assembly installed with the product. To specify the managed assembly that you want to use for your custom action, select the file from the list of DLLs and .exe files that are included in your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Assembly Property** | ![Note] This setting applies to custom actions that use a managed assembly whose path references a property or a directory in the Directory table. To specify the managed assembly that you want to use for your custom action, do one of the following:  
  - Select a Windows Installer property in the list.  
  - Type the name of a new property.  
  - Type the name of a directory in the Directory table.  
The property or directory name must be enclosed within square brackets ([ ]). You can add a string after the property if appropriate. The resulting path should indicate the location of the assembly file. |
| **Method Signature** | ![Note] This setting applies to custom actions that use a managed assembly. Click the ellipsis button (...) to launch the Method Signature dialog box, which is where you specify arguments and return values for the managed method. When you have specified signature information on this dialog box, InstallShield uses it as the value of the Method Signature setting. To learn more, see Specifying the Signature for a Managed Method in an Assembly Custom Action. |
### Error Message

*Note* • *This setting applies to custom actions that trigger an error message.*

Type the error message text that should be displayed when the custom action's conditions are met on the target system.

As an alternative, you can type a property name whose value contains the error text. The property name must be enclosed within square brackets ([]).

### Function Name

*Note* • *This setting applies to kill-process custom actions.*

Select the appropriate function:

- **KillProcess**—If you selected one of the immediate options in the In-Script Execution setting and you want to kill a process that has a particular name, select this option.
- **KillProcessById**—If you selected one of the immediate options in the In-Script Execution setting and you want to kill a process that has a particular process identifier (PID), select this option.
- **KillProcessDeferred**—If you selected one of the deferred, commit, or rollback options in the In-Script Execution setting and you want to kill a process that has a particular name, select this option.
- **KillProcessByIdDeferred**—If you selected one of the deferred, commit, or rollback options in the In-Script Execution setting and you want to kill a process that has a particular PID, select this option.

For information on configuring this type of custom action, see [Calling a Kill-Process Custom Action](#).

### PowerShell File Name

*Note* • *This setting applies to PowerShell custom actions that are stored in the Binary table.*

Select the PowerShell script file (.ps1) in the list of files that are stored in the Binary table or that are included in your project. If the location that you specified is stored in the Binary table, you can click this ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to the file.

For target, as well as other information about this type of custom action, see [Calling a PowerShell Custom Action](#).
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<td><strong>FileKey</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td><em>This setting applies to PowerShell custom actions that use a PowerShell script that is installed with the product.</em></td>
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<td>To specify the PowerShell script file (.ps1) that you want to use for your custom action, select the file from the list of PowerShell files that are included in your project.</td>
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<td>For target, as well as other information about this type of custom action, see Calling a PowerShell Custom Action.</td>
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<td><strong>WiseScript Executable</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td><em>This setting applies to WiseScript custom actions.</em></td>
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<td><strong>Edition</strong></td>
<td><em>This custom action type is available in the version of InstallShield that is included in certain editions of AdminStudio.</em></td>
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<td>Enter the path to the WiseScript executable file that you would like to use for your custom action. As an alternative, you can click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to it.</td>
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<td><strong>Processes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td><em>This setting applies to kill-process custom actions.</em></td>
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<td>Enter executable file names or PIDs of the processes that you want to terminate before proceeding with the installation. Separate multiple processes by semicolons.</td>
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<td>• If <em>Function Name</em> is <strong>KillProcess</strong> or <strong>KillProcessDeferred</strong>, then specify executable file names in the Processes setting.</td>
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<td>• If <em>Function Name</em> is <strong>KillProcessByID</strong> or <strong>KillProcessByIDDeferred</strong>, then specify PIDs in the Processes setting.</td>
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<td>For information on configuring this type of custom action, see Calling a Kill-Process Custom Action.</td>
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| **Return Processing** | Specify how the custom action thread should be processed. Valid options are:  
  - Asynchronous (No wait for completion)  
  - Asynchronous (Wait for exit code)  
  - Synchronous (Check exit code)  
  - Synchronous (Ignore exit code)  
  These flags are used to specify that the main and custom action threads run synchronously (the installer waits for the custom action thread to complete before resuming the main installation thread) or asynchronously (the installer runs the custom action simultaneously as the main installation continues).  
  Note that some options are not applicable to some types of custom actions. Only options that pertain to the selected type of custom action are available in this list. |
| **In-Script Execution** | Select which iteration of the sequence will trigger your action. For details about each option, see In-Script Execution.  
  These options copy the action code into the execution, rollback, or commit script. If you select a Terminal Server Aware option, the custom action impersonates the user during per-machine installations on terminal server machines. |
### Execution Scheduling

Specify how many times you want the action to run. For example, if an action is listed in both the user interface and execute sequences, it can be set to run both times, or it can run only once. Available options are:

- **Always execute**—The action runs every time it is encountered. Therefore, it could run in the user interface sequence and again in the execute sequence.
- **Execute only if running on client after UI sequence**—The action runs only if the execute sequence is run after the user interface sequence.
- **Execute only once**—The action runs only once—even if it exists in both the user interface and execute sequences. The action is skipped in the execute sequence if the user interface sequence has run.
- **Execute only once per process**—The action runs once per process if it exists in both the user interface and execute sequences. If the execute sequence runs in the same process as the user interface sequence, the installation skips this action in the execute sequence. This scheduling lets you avoid rerunning actions that modify session state such as properties.

If you selected anything other than Immediate execution in the In-Script Execution setting, the Execution Scheduling setting is not available and is set to Always execute.

**Project** • The **Execute only once** option does not work for InstallScript MSI projects. If your custom action exists in both the user interface and execute sequences, it is executed twice. This is because—in an InstallScript MSI project—the InstallScript engine executes the user interface sequence and Windows Installer executes the execute sequence.

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<td>Silent Mode</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the installation to suppress a warning message if the custom action</td>
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<td>fails to load the DLL file and call the function.</td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>This setting applies to standard DLL custom actions.</td>
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<tr>
<td>MSI Type Number</td>
<td>This read-only setting identifies the Windows Installer numeric value for the selected custom</td>
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<td>action. For more information about basic custom action types, see Custom Action Type Overview.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Enter any internal comments that you want to record for this custom action. These comments</td>
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<td>are for your reference only and are not displayed to end users.</td>
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</table>
### Help File Path

Click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file that describes the behavior of the custom action. The file should be a text-based file such as a .txt, .htm, or .rtf file.

At build time for Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, InstallShield streams the contents of this file into the Description column of the ISCustomActionReference table.

If you are working on a project in Direct Edit mode, InstallShield streams the contents of the file that you select into the Description column of the ISCustomActionReference table as soon as you select the help file. In addition, InstallShield makes this setting read-only and displays [Text Data] as the value for this setting.

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### Windows Logo

*The intended behavior of each custom action must be documented for the Windows logo program. This is especially helpful if system administrators deploy your product to enterprise environments; they sometimes need to know what the custom actions do.*

*If you validate your installation package but you have not specified a value for the Help File Path setting, InstallShield generates validation error ISICE10. For more information, see ISICE10.*

For any built-in InstallShield custom actions, InstallShield makes this setting read-only and displays InstallShield Custom Action as the value.

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### Run During Patch Uninstall

*If you are working on a project in Direct Edit mode, this setting is not applicable unless the database schema is a minimum of 405 (for Windows Installer 4.5 or later).*

Specify whether Windows Installer should run the custom action only when a patch is being uninstalled. You can select Yes for a custom action in an .msi package. You can also select Yes for a new custom action that is added by a patch. However, Yes should not be selected for a custom action that is being added or removed by a patch to an existing custom action. The default value for this setting is No.

When Windows Installer 4.5 runs the patch uninstall custom action, it uses the custom action in the patch that is being uninstalled.

*Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for this setting, but Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier do not. Therefore, if you select Yes for this setting and some target systems may have Windows Installer 4.0 or earlier, add a condition to this custom action to prevent Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier from running it. Otherwise, Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier would call the custom action during the installation, repair, or update of the package.*

For the condition, use the MSIPATCHREMOVE property. For more information, see MSIPATCHREMOVE in the Windows Installer Help Library.
## Sequence Area Settings

The following custom action settings are available in the Sequence area.

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<td><strong>Install UI Sequence</strong></td>
<td>To schedule this custom action during the user interface sequence of the installation mode, select the appropriate option. To leave this custom action out of the sequence, select <code>&lt;Absent from sequence&gt;</code>.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;As an alternative, you can schedule an action by dragging it from the Custom Actions explorer to the appropriate location in a sequence under the Sequences explorer. When you drop it, drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence. To move it to a different point in a sequence (or from one sequence to another), drag it from the old location and drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Install UI Condition</strong></td>
<td>If you want to specify a condition that Windows Installer must evaluate before running the custom action during this sequence on target systems, enter the conditional statement in this setting. The custom action does not run if the condition evaluates to false.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;As an alternative to manually entering a statement, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to launch the Condition Builder dialog box, which simplifies the process of creating a condition.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;For more information, see Building Conditional Statements.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Install Exec Sequence</strong></td>
<td>To schedule this custom action during the execute sequence of the installation mode, select the appropriate option. To leave this custom action out of the sequence, select <code>&lt;Absent from sequence&gt;</code>.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;As an alternative, you can schedule an action by dragging it from the Custom Actions explorer to the appropriate location in a sequence under the Sequences explorer. When you drop it, drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence. To move it to a different point in a sequence (or from one sequence to another), drag it from the old location and drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.</td>
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<td>Advertise Exec Sequence</td>
<td>To schedule this custom action during the execute sequence of the advertisement mode, select the appropriate option. To leave this custom action out of the sequence, select <code>&lt;Absent from sequence&gt;</code>. As an alternative, you can schedule an action by dragging it from the Custom Actions explorer to the appropriate location in a sequence under the Sequences explorer. When you drop it, drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence. To move it to a different point in a sequence (or from one sequence to another), drag it from the old location and drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.</td>
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<td>Advertise Exec Condition</td>
<td>If you want to specify a condition that Windows Installer must evaluate before running the custom action during this sequence on target systems, enter the conditional statement in this setting. The custom action does not run if the condition evaluates to false. As an alternative to manually entering a statement, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to launch the Condition Builder dialog box, which simplifies the process of creating a condition. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Admin UI Sequence</td>
<td>To schedule this custom action during the user interface sequence of the administration mode, select the appropriate option. To leave this custom action out of the sequence, select <code>&lt;Absent from sequence&gt;</code>. As an alternative, you can schedule an action by dragging it from the Custom Actions explorer to the appropriate location in a sequence under the Sequences explorer. When you drop it, drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence. To move it to a different point in a sequence (or from one sequence to another), drag it from the old location and drop it onto the item that should be directly before it in the sequence.</td>
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<td>Admin Exec Condition</td>
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<td>As an alternative to manually entering a statement, you can click the ellipses button (...) in this setting to launch the Condition Builder dialog box, which simplifies the process of creating a condition.</td>
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<td>For more information, see Building Conditional Statements.</td>
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For more information about these settings, see CustomAction Table in the Windows Installer Help Library.

See Also
Using Custom Actions
Configuring Custom Action Settings
Using the Custom Action Wizard
Working with the Script Editor Pane in Various Views

Action Text Settings

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Project • Use the Custom Actions and Sequences view to configure action text settings in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

To keep end users informed, installations commonly display text on the progress dialog to describe the installation’s current activity. This usually accompanies the progress bar as a means of installation status. As each standard action and custom action is encountered, a message about the action is displayed on the progress dialog. This may be especially useful for actions that take a long time to execute. The same action text is also written to the installation’s log file if one is created.

The Action Text explorer in the Custom Actions and Sequences view lets you specify the action text for any action in your project.
When you click a custom action item or a standard action item in the Action Text area of the Custom Actions and Sequences view, the following settings are available.

**Table 13-179 • Action Text Settings**

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| **Description** | Enter text that describes the selected action. For example, the default description for the InstallFiles action is:  
  
  Copying new files  
  
  When the Windows Installer launches this action, the text that you enter is displayed on the progress dialog. For more information, see Displaying Action Descriptions on the Progress Dialog.  
  
  If a log file is created at run time, this description is written to the log file when the Windows Installer launches this action.  
  
  When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. |
See Also
Using Action Text
Specifying an Action Description and a Template for Action Data
Displaying Action Descriptions on the Progress Dialog
Displaying Action Data on the Progress Dialog
Custom Actions and Sequences View (or Custom Actions View)
Support Files View (Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript Object, and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Support Files view is where you can add support files to your project, and—in Basic MSI projects—add files to disk image folders.

The Support Files view contains the following main areas:

Support Files

The Support Files area lets you add, sort, and delete support files—files that are required by your installation only during the installation process. The installation removes the support files when the installation is complete. Add any language-dependent files to the appropriate language-specific area. Add language-independent files to the Language Independent area.

Splash Screen

The Splash Screen area is available for Basic MSI projects.

The Splash Screen area lets you add to your project a startup graphic—the graphic that is displayed when the end user begins the installation. The graphic file must be a bitmap file (.bmp). Add the file to the appropriate language-specific or language-independent folder.

Note • In a single-language installation, the splash screen that is specified for the single language (or the language-independent splash screen if no splash screen is specified for the single language) is displayed.

In a multilanguage installation, the splash screen for the language in which the installation is running is displayed. If no splash screen is specified for the language in which the installation is running, the language-independent splash screen is used.

Only one splash screen is displayed to the end user during the installation. If you have more than one splash screen file in the language-independent area or for a specific language, the first file in the list is displayed at run time.

Advanced Files

The Advanced Files area is available for Basic MSI projects.
The Disk1 item in the Advanced Files area enables you to indicate files and folders that you want to go on Disk1 of your installation media. These files and folders are not automatically installed to the target system when your installation is run. Rather, you can link to the installation media from your application or from the installation. For example, you might include a large redistributable file with your application that you do not want included in the application installation. This file should be placed in the Disk1 folder.

**See Also**
- Using Support Files
- Adding Support Files
- Adding Files and Folders to the Disk1 Folder

### Support Files/Billboards View (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects)

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- **Project** - This information applies to the following project types:
  - *InstallScript*
  - *InstallScript MSI*

The Support Files/Billboards view is where you can add support files and billboard files to your project, and add files to disk image folders.

The Support Files/Billboards view contains the following main areas:

#### Support Files

The Support Files area lets you add, sort, and delete support files—files that are required by your installation project only during the installation process. Add any language-dependent files and folders to the appropriate language-specific area. Add language-independent files and folders to the Language Independent area.

In your InstallScript code, support files are uncompressed into a temporary directory and then deleted when the installation is complete.

#### Billboards

The Billboards item enables you to specify files that you want to display to the end user during the installation process. The billboards can be used to communicate, advertise, educate, and entertain end users. To learn more, see *Displaying Billboards in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations.*

#### Splash Screen

- **Project** - In InstallScript projects, you can use .bmp and .gif files as splash screen files. In InstallScript MSI projects, only .bmp files can be used as splash screen files.

The Splash Screen area lets you add to your project a startup graphic—the graphic that is displayed when the end user begins the installation. Add the file to the appropriate language-specific or language-independent folder.
Note • In a single-language installation, the splash screen that is specified for the single language (or the language-independent splash screen if no splash screen is specified for the single language) is displayed.

In a multilanguage installation, the splash screen for the language in which the installation is running is displayed. If no splash screen is specified for the language in which the installation is running, the language-independent splash screen is used.

Only one splash screen is displayed to the end user during the installation. If you have more than one splash screen file in the language-independent area or for a specific language, the first file in the list is displayed at run time.

Project • In an InstallScript project, the splash screen file must be named Setup.bmp or Setup.gif. This file name requirement does not apply to InstallScript MSI projects.

Advanced Files

The Advanced Files item enables you to indicate files and folders that you want to go on a disk of your installation media. These files and folders are not automatically installed to the target system when your installation program is run. Rather, you can link to the installation media from your application or from the installation. For example, you might include a large redistributable file with your application that you do not want included in the application installation.

Table 13-180 • Advanced File Items

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<td>Disk1</td>
<td>Add files and folders that you want to go on the first disk of your installation media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Last Disk</td>
<td>Add files and folders that you want to go on the last disk of your installation media.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Project • This applies to InstallScript projects.

| Other   | Add files and folders that you want to go on a specific disk of your installation media; you specify the disk at build time in the General Options panel of the Release Wizard. |

Project • This applies to InstallScript projects.

See Also

Using Support Files
Adding Files and Folders to the Disk1 Folder
Adding Files and Folders to the Last Disk Folder
Adding Files and Folders to the Other Disk Folder
Displaying Billboards
Adding Support Files
SUPPORTDIR
System Search View

The System Search view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The System Search view provides the Windows Installer capability to search for a particular file, folder, registry key, .ini file value, or .xml file value on a target system prior to installation. This functionality lets you perform application, version, and configuration data searches.

The System Search view displays a grid listing each search that you want to conduct on the target system. You can use this view to add a predefined system search—whether it is a search that is included with InstallShield or one that is stored in a repository—to your project. You can also use the System Search view to customize any predefined searches or define your own system searches for your project.

Whenever you define your own search, the System Search Wizard is launched. From there, you can select from a list of search options and specify search details, such as the number of subfolder levels to search. When you modify an existing search, you can alter your initial selections in the System Search Wizard.

See Also
Adding a System Search
Adding a Predefined System Search
Modifying a System Search
Removing a System Search
Special Considerations for Searching the Registry at Run Time

Property Manager View

The Property Manager view is available in the following Windows Installer–based projects:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform
This view is also available in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Note that some differences between the Property Manager view in Windows Installer–based projects and that in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects exist; these differences are noted where appropriate.

The Windows Installer engine and the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI engine maintain global information using properties. The Property Manager view displays a list of installation properties that are used by the Windows Installer engine or the Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI engine at run time. You can modify, create, and delete installer properties in the Property Manager view. At build time, InstallShield writes the properties in the Property Manager view to installation that it creates.

Following is a list of some of the tasks that you can perform in this view:

- View the properties that are defined in your project.
- Add, modify, and delete properties.
- Filter the properties that are shown in the view to hide ones that do not contain a specific string.
- Resize and reorder the columns in the view.
- Sort the rows in the view by any column by clicking the column heading.
- Drag and drop column headings on to the group box area (the area below the view’s buttons) to organize the rows in the view in a hierarchical format.
- Windows Installer–based projects: Make a property localizable so that it can have different values based on the language that your installation uses.

**Project** • In Windows Installer–based projects, properties that appear in all uppercase letters are called public properties, and they can be changed by the end user on the command line at run time. All others must be set before the release is built or— at run time—through a custom action or dialog’s behavior.

**Working with the Property Manager View**

The Property Manager view consists of the following elements:

- A row of buttons and other controls
- A group box area (below the row of buttons)
- A spreadsheetlike table

Each row in the table represents a property in your project.
The following table describes all of the buttons and other controls that are displayed in the Property Manager view.

**Table 13-181 • Controls in the Property Manager View**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New Property</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="New Icon" /></td>
<td>Adds a new property to your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • In Windows Installer–based projects: To create a localizable property, you can click the arrow next to this button, and then click Localizable Property. To learn more, see Creating a Localizable Property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete Selected Properties</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="Delete Icon" /></td>
<td>Deletes the selected row or rows.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clear Selected Properties</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="Clear Icon" /></td>
<td>Deletes the value of the selected properties.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Make Selected Properties Localizable</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="Localizable Icon" /></td>
<td>Adds a string identifier to the value of the selected properties, enabling you to set a different property value for every language that your project supports. To learn more, see Making an Existing Property Localizable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expand All Groups</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="Expand Icon" /></td>
<td>Shows all of the rows in the groups if you are using groups to organize the rows in a hierarchical format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collapse All Groups</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="Collapse Icon" /></td>
<td>Hides all of the rows in the groups if you are using groups to organize the rows in a hierarchical format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Search Grid</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="Search Icon" /></td>
<td>Dynamically filters the properties that are displayed in the Property Manager view according to the string that you specify in this search box. As you type a string in this box, InstallShield hides all of the rows that do not contain it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property Manager Help</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="Help Icon" /></td>
<td>Displays the help for the Property Manager view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drag a column header here to group that column</td>
<td><img src="Image" alt="Drag Icon" /></td>
<td>Use this group box area to group rows in the view. The view supports multiple levels of grouping simply by dragging the column headings and dropping them onto the group box. InstallShield displays the rows in the view hierarchically according to column arrangement in the group box. To learn more, see Working with the Group Box Area in Various Views.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The following table describes each of the columns in the Property Manager view.

**Table 13-182 • Columns in the Property Manager View**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>This column shows the name of the Windows Installer or Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>This column shows the value of the property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Comments</strong></td>
<td>This column contains an internal note about the properties. The comments are not displayed at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Formatted</strong></td>
<td>Project • This column is available in the following project types:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Advanced UI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Suite/Advanced UI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This column contains a check box that lets you indicate whether the value in the Value column is a formatted expression that contains property names, environment variable references, or other special strings that you want to be resolved at run time. The run-time resolution occurs early at run time, before the installation executes the actions in the OnBegin event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To leave the property value as is at run time, clear this check box. Square brackets and other characters have no special meaning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To replace the formatted expressions at run time, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn about the syntax that is available for formatted expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

- Working with Windows Installer and Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Properties
- Overview of Windows Installer Properties
- Windows Installer Property Reference
- Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference
- Creating Properties in Windows Installer-Based Projects
Events View

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**Project** • The Events view is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

The Events view enables you to create your own actions and add them to your Suite/Advanced UI project. You can also use this view to schedule an action to occur during one or more run-time events, or you can use the Packages view to schedule an action to occur immediately before or after a specific package in your installation is run.

**Tip** • Optionally, you can associate actions with wizard interface elements of the Suite/Advanced UI installation. To learn more, see [Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface](#).

The Events view has two separate areas: an Actions tab and an Events area.

**Actions**

Use the Actions explorer in the Events view to define and configure actions in your project. You can create actions that run executable files, call DLL functions, run PowerShell scripts, set a Suite/Advanced UI property, run InstallScript code, or call a public method in a managed assembly.

For a description of each action setting, see [Events View Settings](#).

**Events**

Events direct all of the actions that are performed during install mode, maintenance mode, and stage-only mode. The Suite/Advanced UI engine executes actions that are scheduled for an event in the order that they are listed in this view. For descriptions of each type of event, see [Types of Events in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation](#).

**See Also**

[Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation](#)
[Adding an Action to a Suite/Advanced UI Project](#)
[Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action](#)

Events View Settings

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**Project** • The Events view is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The settings in the Events view are organized into the following categories:

- Action area settings on the Action tab
- Return Process Handling area settings on the Action tab for an .exe action
- Events area settings

If you select a PowerShell action in the Actions explorer or the Events explorer, InstallShield displays a PowerShell Script tab on the right; you can use this tab to edit your script.

**Action Area Settings on the Action Tab**

The following action settings are available in the Actions area on the Action tab.

**Table 13-183 • Action Settings in the Action Area on the Action Tab**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Image" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • This setting applies to .exe, DLL, and managed-code actions.

Enter the run-time path to the file that you want to use for your action. As an alternative, if the file is not present on target systems at run time, and if none of the packages in your Suite/Advanced UI installation are going to install it, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to browse to it.

If you browse to the file, InstallShield adds it to your project as a support file in the Support Files view of your Suite/Advanced UI project. At run time, the file is available on the target system only during your product's installation process.
### Table 13-183 • Action Settings in the Action Area on the Action Tab (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Source Path** | ![Note](Note) *This setting applies to PowerShell actions.*  

Enter the source path to the PowerShell script (.ps1) that you want to use for your action. As an alternative, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to browse to it.

When you browse to the file, InstallShield adds it to your project as a support file in the Support Files view of your Suite/Advanced UI project. At run time, the file is available on the target system only during your product’s installation process.

Instead of hard-coding a location, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.

**Tip** • *Use the PowerShell Script tab in this view to edit the code for this action.*

| **Arguments** | ![Note](Note) *This setting applies to .exe actions.*  

If appropriate, specify the command-line parameters that should be used with the action. Separate multiple parameters with spaces.

| **Function Name** | ![Note](Note) *This setting applies to DLL and InstallScript actions.*  

For a DLL action: Enter the name of the function in the DLL that you would like to call.

For an InstallScript action: In the list of functions that are included in the project’s InstallScript files, select the InstallScript function that you want to call.

| **Class** | ![Note](Note) *This setting applies to managed-code actions.*  

Enter the name of the class for the managed method that you want the selected action to call.

To learn more, see Working with a Managed-Code Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.
### Table 13-183 • Action Settings in the Action Area on the Action Tab (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Method</strong></td>
<td><img src="Note" alt="Note" /> This setting applies to managed-code actions. Enter the public method that you want the selected action to call. To learn more, see Working with a Managed-Code Action in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Requires Administrative Privileges</strong></td>
<td><img src="Note" alt="Note" /> This setting applies to .exe, DLL, PowerShell, InstallScript, and managed-code actions. Specify whether this action requires administrative privileges on systems that have Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later. To learn more, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Verb</strong></td>
<td><img src="Note" alt="Note" /> This setting applies to .exe actions. Specify the verb that should be used with the selected action’s file, or select the appropriate verb from the list. If you leave this setting blank, the verb that is the default one on the target system for this file is used. If the default verb is not available, the open verb is used. If neither verb is available, the first verb that is listed in the registry is used. The use of the runas verb is not recommended. If the action requires administrative privileges, select Yes for the action's Requires Administrative Privileges setting. For more information, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Window**                   | ![Note](Note) This setting applies to .exe actions. Select the initial window state of the .exe action when it is launched. Available options are:  
  - **Show**—Display the window in its current size and position.  
  - **Hide**—Hide the window.  
  - **Minimize**—Display the window as minimized.  
  - **Maximize**—Display the window as maximized.  
  - **Normal**—Display the window in its original size and position. |
Wait for Exit

Note • This setting applies to .exe actions.

Specify whether you want the installation to wait for the action to complete before proceeding with the next part of the installation. Available options are:

- Yes—The installation waits for the action to complete before resuming. This is the default option.
- No—The installation runs the action simultaneously as the next part of the installation proceeds.

If you select Yes for this setting, you can use the settings in the Return Process Handling area to specify the various codes that the action may return.

Property Name

Note • This setting applies to actions that set a property.

Enter the property name, or select it from the list of available properties.

The property names that are displayed in the list are the ones in the Property Manager view. You can enter any other property name and it will be available at run time. If you want to explicitly create a new property, you can do so from the Property Manager view.

Property Value

Note • This setting applies to actions that set a property.

Enter the value of the property.

If you select Yes for the Format Property Value setting, the value that you enter can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.
Return Process Handling Area Settings on the Action Tab for an .exe Action

The following action settings are available in the Return Process Handling area on the Action tab for an .exe action.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ignore Code</td>
<td>Specify a comma-delimited list of the codes that the action could return when the installation should proceed with the next part of the installation. This setting is available if you select Yes in the action's Wait for Exit setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abort Code</td>
<td>Specify a comma-delimited list of the codes that the action could return when the installation should be aborted. Note that if the action cannot be launched or loaded, the installation is aborted. This setting is available if you select Yes in the action's Wait for Exit setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-184 • Return Process Handling Settings in the Action Area on the Action Tab for an .exe Action (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Reboot Code</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note • This setting applies to .exe actions.*

Specify a comma-delimited list of the codes that the action could return when the target system should be restarted.

This setting is available if you select Yes in the action’s Wait for Exit setting.

| **Cancel Code** |  

*Note • This setting applies to .exe actions.*

Specify a comma-delimited list of the codes that the action could return when the installation should be cancelled.

This setting is available if you select Yes in the action’s Wait for Exit setting.

| **Default Response** |  

*Note • This setting applies to .exe actions.*

Select the option that describes how you want the installation to respond if the code that the action returns is not specified for any of the other settings in the Return Process Handling area. Available options are:

- **Ignore**—The installation proceeds with the next part of the installation. This is the default option.
- **Abort**—The installation is aborted.
- **Reboot**—The target system is restarted.
- **Cancel**—The installation is cancelled.

This setting is available if you select Yes in the action’s Wait for Exit setting.
Event Area Settings

The following action settings are available in the Events area.

**Table 13-185 • Action Settings in the Events Area**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Condition</strong></td>
<td>This setting lets you specify one or more conditions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the action should be run. For example, if the action should be run only on certain platforms, you can create a platform requirement in a condition for this action; the Suite/Advanced UI would launch the action only on appropriate platforms. To add one or more new action conditions, click the New Condition button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new row under the Condition setting. Select the appropriate option—All, Any, or None—from the list in this row. Then in this row, click the New Condition button, and select the appropriate option to continue building the conditional statement. <strong>Tip</strong> • If you define a Feature Operation condition or a Package Operation condition for an action, the earliest event for which you can schedule the action is OnStaging. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects. If one or more conditional statements are configured, the Condition setting says <em>(Condition)</em>. If none are configured, the Condition setting says <em>(Empty).</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display Text</td>
<td>This setting applies to .exe, DLL, PowerShell, InstallScript, and managed-code actions. Enter text that describes the selected action. For example, if the action is running a script that configures the target system, you could enter the following string: Configuring the system If the installation launches the action when the InstallationProgress wizard page is displayed, the text that you enter is displayed on the wizard page. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield. <strong>Note</strong> • This setting applies to .exe, DLL, PowerShell, InstallScript, and managed-code actions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Events View
Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Adding an Action to a Suite/Advanced UI Project
Configuring an Action for an Element in the Wizard Interface
Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action

User Interface View

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**Project** • The User Interface view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Suite/Advanced UI
- Transform

The appearance of your installation is one of the main aspects that differentiates your product from that of your competition. You can easily customize the way your installation looks through the views listed below.

**Dialogs**

**Project** • The Dialogs view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

In the Dialogs view, you can select dialogs to display at run time. The way in which you control a dialog’s behavior depends on which engine controls the user interface: the Windows Installer engine displays the dialogs for Basic MSI projects, and the InstallScript engine displays the dialogs for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects. For more information, see:
Dialogs View (InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object Projects)

Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer–Based Projects)

Wizard Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Use the Wizard Interface view to customize the user interface of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. This view lets you add wizard pages to and remove wizard pages from the default list of pages, as well as customize the layout and behavior of each page.

Billboards

Project • The Billboards view is available in Basic MSI projects.

For information about billboard support in InstallScript or InstallScript MSI projects, see Support Files/Billboards View (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects).

Billboards are images or Adobe Flash application files that are displayed for a specified amount of time during the file transfer portion of your installation. The billboards can be used to communicate, advertise, educate, and entertain end users. For example, billboards can present overviews on new features of the product being installed or other products from your company. Each billboard is a file that you or your company’s graphics department creates for complete control over the look and feel of the file transfer.

String Editor

Project • The String Editor view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
To help streamline the process of localizing a project, all of the text strings that may be displayed at run time during the installation process are available in one consolidated view: the String Editor view. You can use this view to edit the strings for everything from button text to feature descriptions. You can also use this view to export each language’s string entries to a file, translate the values that are listed in the file, and then import the translated file into your project.

See Also
- Working with Dialogs in Any Project Type
- Working with Dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects
- Working with Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects
- Working with the Wizard Interface
- Displaying Billboards in Basic MSI Installations
- Localizing the End-User Interface

Dialogs View (InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and InstallScript Object Projects)

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **InstallScript Object**

The Dialogs view contains a list of the standard end-user dialogs. The dialogs are identified by their function names. Click a dialog in this view to view a sample dialog in the right pane.

The dialog names in the list are *ghosted* until you edit the layout. A ghosted name means that the default dialog (from isres.dll) will be used in the user interface. If you edit the layout of a dialog, its name appears in bold in the list, and the dialog is pulled from isuser.dll at run time.

If your installation project supports additional languages, those languages appear as nodes beneath the edited dialog. You can edit the layout for each language separately.

**Tip** • Selecting and editing a dialog in the Dialog Editor does not automatically place the dialog in the end-user interface. In order for a dialog to be displayed at run time, it needs to be included in the InstallScript code. For example, code for the dialogs that are displayed during a first-time installation are part of the **OnFirstUIBefore** and **OnFirstUIAfter** event handlers. To learn more, see Displaying Dialogs During InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations.

Dialog Resource Files

By default, all dialogs in InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects are kept in a resource .dll file called _IsRes.dll. This .dll file is built into your distribution package when you build the installation. There is a separate _IsRes.dll for every supported language; they are located in the InstallShield folder’s Redist folder (for example, InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist). None of the _IsRes.dll files should ever be modified.
When you edit a dialog in the Dialog Editor, InstallShield makes a copy of the dialog from the original _IsRes.dll file. This copy is stored in your project file. When your project is built, all edited dialogs (and any new dialogs you have created) are built into a resource .dll file called _IsUser{CurrentLanguage}.dll. For English, a .dll file called _IsUser1033.dll.

_IsUser{LanguageID}.dll is then built into your distribution package.

At run time, the engine that displays the dialogs first looks for a dialog in _IsUser{LangId}.dll. If the dialog is not found, it then looks for the default version in _IsRes.dll. The engine looks for dialogs based on their resource identifier. You can see the resource identifier of a dialog by going to the Dialog table in the Direct Editor.

See Also
Displaying Dialogs During InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Installations
Editing the Layout of a Dialog in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
Editing Dialog Behavior in an InstallScript or InstallScript MSI Project
Using InstallScript to Implement Custom Dialogs
Dialog Sampler
Dialog Skins

Dialogs View (Basic MSI and Other Windows Installer–Based Projects)

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This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- Transform

The Dialogs view contains a Dialogs explorer. The Dialogs explorer contains two main folders: Themes and All Dialogs.

Themes

The Themes folder contains a list of all of the dialog themes that you can use for the dialogs in your project. A dialog theme is a predefined set of images that give your end-user dialogs a unified and distinctive look.

All Dialogs

The All Dialogs folder contains a list of the dialogs in your project. Each dialog item in the Dialogs explorer contains a Behavior item, which enables you to configure the behavior that is associated with a dialog, and at least one language item, which displays the dialog in the Dialog Editor of the selected language. The Dialog Editor enables you to edit the layout for each language separately.

When you create a new Basic MSI project, InstallShield provides a series of default dialogs for the two User Interface sequences in which a Windows Installer package typically displays dialogs: the Installation sequence (which runs when the installation is launched in the default mode, for example, by double-clicking an .msi file)—with separate dialogs depending on whether the package is being installed for the first time, reinstalled, or uninstalled—and the Administration sequence...
(the list of actions that are executed when you launch the installation with the /a command-line option). (End-user dialogs are not usually displayed in the Advertisement sequence, which contains the list of actions that are executed when you launch the installation with the /j command-line option.)

**Project** • Although you can create dialogs in DIM and Merge Module projects, you cannot add them to a sequence until you add the DIM or merge module to an installation project. Then, all the dialogs included in your module are available to be included.

**See Also**
- Displaying Dialogs During Basic MSI Installations
- Creating New Dialogs in Basic MSI Projects
- Editing Dialog Layout in Basic MSI Projects
- Editing Dialog Behavior in Basic MSI Projects
- Dialog Themes

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**Wizard Interface View**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The Wizard Interface view contains a Wizard Interface explorer. The Wizard Interface explorer contains the following main areas: Styles, Brushes, Control Themes, Wizard Pages, and Secondary Windows.

**Styles**

The Styles area of the Wizard Interface view lets you configure sets of formatting characteristics that you can apply to one or more parts of the wizard interface to quickly change its appearance. The Styles area lets you define the following types of styles:

- **Font sets**—A font set is a collection of fonts (including attributes such as font name, size, and weight). For each font in a font set, you can specify to which language the font is applicable. This enables you to select a different font for each language that your project supports.

- **Text styles**—A text style defines text attributes such as text color, as well as font name, style, and size. Text styles are typically applied to the text that is displayed in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI wizard interface.

Font sets work in conjunction with text styles. Text styles reference a font set but can optionally override various font attributes that are defined at the font set level.

To add a style to your project, right-click the Styles node and then click the appropriate command, depending on the type of style that you want to add.
To learn more, see the following:

- Defining a Custom Style for the Wizard Interface
- Applying a Text Style to Text in the Wizard Interface

**Brushes**

A brush defines a solid color, a gradient, or an image for various elements of the wizard interface, such as the background of wizard pages and controls.

To add a brush to your project, right-click the Brushes node and then click Add Brush.

To learn more, see the following:

- Defining a Custom Brush for the Wizard Interface
- Specifying the Background Brush for the Header, Body, and Navigation Areas of the Wizard Interface
- Overriding the Default Background Brushes for a Wizard Page or Secondary Window

**Control Themes**

A control theme is a collection of colors for various parts of controls—text color, background color, and border color—and for various states of controls—such as clicked and hovered. You can specify the control theme that you want to use for all of the controls in your user interface by default. You can also override the theme for specific controls on wizard pages and windows in your user interface. Control themes give buttons and other items in your installation’s user interface a flat look (without three-dimensional effects) that is reminiscent of the style of Windows Store apps.

To add a control theme to your project, right-click the Control Themes node and then click Add Control Theme.

To learn more, see the following:

- Defining a Custom Control Theme for the Wizard Interface
- Applying a Theme to a Control in the Wizard Interface

**Wizard Pages**

The main type of window that is displayed to end users of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is a wizard page. The Wizard Pages area of the Wizard Interface view lets you view, edit, add, and remove wizard pages in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

To configure and edit settings that apply to all of the wizard pages in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, click the Wizard Pages node. The settings that are displayed for this node let you specify dimensions, the caption that is used in the title bar of the wizard pages, and more.

The specific wizard page subnodes under the Wizard Pages node let you preview, sequence, and remove pages as needed; these subnodes also let you modify the layout of each wizard page—adding, moving, and removing a variety of different kinds of controls. To change the run-time order of the wizard pages, click a page that you want to resequence, and then press CTRL+UP ARROW or CTRL+DOWN ARROW until the page reaches the appropriate place under the Wizard Pages node.

To add a wizard page to your project, right-click the Wizard Pages node and then click the appropriate command, depending on the type of page that you want to add.
**Secondary Windows**

A secondary window in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is a pop-up window that lets end users perform a command, asks end users a question, or provides end users with information. One example of a secondary window is a FilesInUse window, which informs end users about one or more applications that are open and locking files that need to be updated by the installation. The specific window subnodes under the Secondary Windows node let you preview and remove pages as needed; these subnodes also let you modify the layout of each window, just as you can edit the layout of wizard pages.

To add a secondary window to your project, right-click the Secondary Windows node and then click Add Blank Window.

**Settings for the Wizard Interface**

For information about various settings for each area in the Wizard Interface view, see the help panes that are displayed when you click any setting in this view.

**See Also**

- Working with the Wizard Interface
- Adding a Predefined Wizard Page in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Editing the Layout and Behavior of a Wizard Page or Secondary Window
- Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

**Wizard Interface View Toolbar**

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<th>Name of Control</th>
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<tr>
<td>New Control</td>
<td></td>
<td>Lets you add a control to the selected wizard page or secondary window. Select one of the control buttons, or the control types that are listed in the drop-down list next to the control buttons.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The control types that are available from the drop-down list next to the Label button are:

- **Label**—The Label control displays text. Use this type of control for labels that you want to position next to other controls—such as a text box control—and for instructions or information that you want to include on a wizard page or secondary window.

- **Hyperlink**—The hyperlink control displays an HTML link; clicking the link at run time opens a page in the default browser on the target system.

- **Group Box**—A group box can be used to enclose various controls in one area. A group box also provides a label that you can use to express the relationship between the controls that are contained within it.

- **Frame**—A frame control lets you draw the outline of a box.

- **Image**—An image control displays an image.

- **Billboard**—A billboard control displays one or more images that can be updated in response to a property such as the `ISInstallProgress` property, or configured to display for a predetermined duration. You can add billboards to your projects to display information to end users during the installation process. The billboards can be used to communicate, advertise, educate, and entertain end users.

- **Progress Bar**—A progress bar is a dynamic bar that fills up in response to a property such as the `ISInstallProgress` property.

- **Progress Circle**—A progress circle is a pair of dynamic circles that fill up in response to two properties: a property such as `ISParcelProgress`, which indicates the completion percentage of the current package, and a property such as `ISInstallProgress`, which indicates the completion percentage of the overall entire installation. The outside progress circle typically shows the overall progress, and the inside progress bar typically shows the progress of the entire package.

The control types that are available from the drop-down list next to the Text Box button are:

- **Text Box**—A text box control is a field in which end users can enter text and numbers.

- **Password Box**—A password box control is a field in which end users can enter a password.

- **Rich Text Box**—A rich text box is a read-only control that displays text from an .rtf file. This type of control is often used on license agreement or readme wizard pages.
New Control (cont.)
The control types that are available from the drop-down list next to the Button button are:

- **Button**—A button control is a control that carries out a command when an end user clicks it.
- **Command Link**—A command link control offers a set of mutually exclusive options, similar to radio buttons. Each option includes an icon, a command link label next to the icon, and an optional supplemental explanation about the option.
- **Check Box**—A check box control displays a check box that an end user can select or clear to toggle on or off an option.
- **Radio Button**—A radio button control is one of two or more mutually exclusive options that end users can select. A radio button must be inserted into a group box control; it functions as part of that control.
- **Image Button**—An image button control displays an image, and it carries out a command when an end user clicks it.

New Control (cont.)
The control types that are available from the drop-down list next to the Combo Box button are:

- **Combo Box**—A combo box control is a box that contains a drop-down list of predefined values. The box is also a text box that lets end users enter a custom value.

  To change this control to a drop-down list without the text box (that is, if end users should be able to select a predefined value but not enter a custom value), set the CBS_DROPDOWNLIST style for this control to True.

- **List Box**—A list box control is a standard list box that lets end users select a single option from a list of predetermined options.

- **Checked List Box**—A checked list box is a list box in which each of the predefined values is associated with a check box. A checked list box lets end users select one or more options, or leave all of the options unselected.

- **Feature Selection Tree**—A feature selection tree control is a special tree view control that contains a hierarchically organized collection of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s features; it lets end users select one or more features to install.

Position Controls
Lets you change the position of two or more selected controls.
The position change options that are available from the drop-down list next to the Align Left button are:

- **Align Left**—Align the left edges of two or more selected controls with the left edge of the control that was selected last.
- **Align Center**—Align the center of two or more selected controls with the center of the control that was selected last.
- **Align Right**—Align the right edges of two or more selected controls with the right edge of the control that was selected last.
- **Align Top**—Align the top edges of two or more selected controls with the top edge of the control that was selected last.
- **Align Middle**—Align the middle of two or more selected controls with the middle of the control that was selected last.
- **Align Bottom**—Align the two or more selected controls with the bottom of the control that was selected last.
- **Distribute Horizontally**—Position three or more selected controls so that they are an equal distance from each other horizontally.
- **Distribute Vertically**—Position three or more selected controls so that they are an equal distance from each other vertically.

The position change options that are available from the drop-down list next to the Make Same Width button are:

- **Make Same Width**—Increase or decrease the width of each of the selected controls so that each width matches that of the control that was selected last.
- **Make Same Height**—Increase or decrease the height of each of the selected controls so that each height matches that of the control that was selected last.
- **Make Same Size**—Increase or decrease the dimensions of each of the selected controls so that each control’s dimensions match that of the control that was selected last.

**Default Language**

Lets you switch the strings that InstallShield displays on the wizard pages and secondary windows in this view to those in a different language in your project. The available language options are the ones that are selected in the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view.

This setting also lets you change the default language for the project.

**Table 13-186 • Wizard Interface View Toolbar (cont.)**

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<th>Description</th>
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<td></td>
<td>The position change options that are available from the drop-down list next to the Align Left button are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Align Left</strong>—Align the left edges of two or more selected controls with the left edge of the control that was selected last.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Align Center</strong>—Align the center of two or more selected controls with the center of the control that was selected last.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Align Right</strong>—Align the right edges of two or more selected controls with the right edge of the control that was selected last.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Align Middle</strong>—Align the middle of two or more selected controls with the middle of the control that was selected last.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Align Bottom</strong>—Align the two or more selected controls with the bottom of the control that was selected last.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Distribute Horizontally</strong>—Position three or more selected controls so that they are an equal distance from each other horizontally.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Distribute Vertically</strong>—Position three or more selected controls so that they are an equal distance from each other vertically.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Adding a Control to a Wizard Page or Secondary Window
Adding a Predefined Wizard Page in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Editing the Layout and Behavior of a Wizard Page or Secondary Window
Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

For information about various settings for each area in the Wizard Interface view, see:

- Styles
- Wizard Pages
- Secondary Windows

**Style Settings**

*InstallShield 2020 » Wizard Interface View*

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between the Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

**Wizard Page Settings**

*InstallShield 2020 » Wizard Interface View*

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between the Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
Secondary Window Settings
InstallShield 2020 » Wizard Interface View

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between the Suite/Advanced UI and Advanced UI project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Billboards View
InstallShield 2020

Project • The Billboards view is available in Basic MSI projects.

For information about billboard support in InstallScript or InstallScript MSI projects, see Support Files/Billboards View (InstallScript and InstallScript MSI Projects).

You can add billboards to your projects to display information to end users during the installation process. The billboards can be used to communicate, advertise, educate, and entertain end users. For example, billboards can present overviews on new features of the product being installed or other products from your company. Each billboard is a file that you or your company’s graphics department creates for complete control over the look and feel of the file transfer.

If you add one or more billboards to your project, the billboards are displayed at run time as the SetupProgress dialog reports the modifications that Windows Installer is making to the system. You can control the length of time the billboard is shown and its position by configuring its settings in the Billboards view.

To learn about the settings in the Billboards view, see:
- Billboard Settings—These are project-wide billboard settings.
- Settings for Adobe Flash Application File Billboards and Image Billboards—These settings are displayed in the right pane in the Billboards view when you click a Flash billboard or image billboard in the center pane.
Billboard Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Billboards View

**Project** • *The Billboards view is available in Basic MSI projects.*

When you click the Billboards explorer in the center pane of the Billboards view, InstallShield displays the following settings in the right pane. These are project-wide settings for billboards.

**Table 13-187 • Billboard Settings**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Billboard Type</strong></td>
<td>Select the type of billboard that you want to use for your installation. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right)</strong>—When the installation displays the standard end-user dialogs, it also displays a full-screen background. During file transfer, the installation shows full-screen backgrounds, with billboards in the foreground, and a small progress box in the lower-right corner of the screen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Windowed with Standard progress</strong>—During file transfer, the installation displays a standard-size dialog that shows the billboards. The bottom of this dialog shows the progress bar. The installation does not display a background for this style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Windowed with Small (displayed in lower right, no billboards)</strong>—The installation displays a small progress box in the lower-right corner of the screen during file transfer, but it does not display any billboards or a background.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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For more information, including sample screen shots of each billboard type, see *Types of Billboards for Basic MSI Projects.*
Table 13-187 • Billboard Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Loop Billboards</td>
<td>Specify whether you want your installation to continuously loop the image billboards until the file transfer completes and the installation shows the appropriate SetupComplete dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select No for this setting and the file transfer takes more time than you have allocated for the billboards, the installation continues displaying the last image billboard until the file transfer ends.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select Yes for this setting and the file transfer takes more time than you have allocated for the billboards, the installation restarts the display of billboards from the beginning. The loop continues, if necessary, until the file transfer ends.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The default value for this setting is No.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting has no effect on Adobe Flash application file billboards.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Specifying Which Type of Billboard to Use in a Basic MSI Project
Displaying Billboards in Basic MSI Installations
Adding an Adobe Flash Application File Billboard to a Basic MSI Project
Adding Image Billboards to a Basic MSI Project
Setting the Billboard Order in a Basic MSI Project
Previewing Billboards Without Building and Launching a Release
Settings for Adobe Flash Application File Billboards and Image Billboards

Settings for Adobe Flash Application File Billboards and Image Billboards

*Project* • The Billboards view is available in Basic MSI projects.
A Flash or image billboard’s settings determine which file is shown, how long it is displayed, and its position on the screen. To access these settings, open the Billboards view, and in the Billboards explorer, select the billboard that you want to configure.

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<th>Table 13-188 • Settings for Adobe Flash Application File Billboards and Image Billboards</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Setting</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>File Name</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• <strong>For an Adobe Flash application file billboard</strong>—Enter the path to the Flash application file (.swf) that you would like to use for the selected billboard, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flash application files can consist of videos, movies, sounds, interactive interfaces, games, text, and more—anything that is supported by the .swf type of file. It is recommended that files such as Flash video files (.flv) and MP3 audio files be embedded in the .swf file so that they are available locally on the target system during file transfer. Although .swf files can reference external files that you can post on a Web site, this external implementation would require that end users have an Internet connection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• <strong>For an image billboard</strong>—Enter the path to the image file (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, or .jpeg) that you would like to use for the selected billboard, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note that animated .gif files are not supported. If you want to use animation in a billboard, consider using an Adobe Flash application file billboard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The effect that the duration has on the run-time behavior depends on whether the installation is displaying a Flash billboard or image billboards. To learn more, see Run-Time Behavior of a Basic MSI Installation that Includes Billboards.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note* • *If the version of Flash or other tool that you use to create your .swf file is newer than the version of the Flash Player that is installed on a target system, it is possible that some of the Flash features may not work as expected on that target system.*
Table 13-188 • Settings for Adobe Flash Application File Billboards and Image Billboards (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Origin</td>
<td>Select where on the screen you want your billboard to be anchored. Available options are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Upper Right</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Upper Left</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Lower Right</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Centered</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The X and Y coordinates are measured from this point.</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • This setting is used only if the Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right) option is selected for the Billboard Type setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X Coordinate</td>
<td>To change the horizontal location of your billboard relative to the location you selected for the Origin setting, enter the distance, in pixels. For example, if the billboard’s origin is Lower Left, an X Coordinate value of 100 places the left side of the billboard 100 pixels from the left side of the screen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • This setting is used only if the Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right) option is selected for the Billboard Type setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Y Coordinate</td>
<td>To change the vertical location of your billboard relative to the location you selected for the Origin setting, enter the distance, in pixels. For example, if the billboard’s origin is Lower Left, a Y Coordinate value of 100 places the bottom of the billboard 100 pixels from the bottom of the screen.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • This setting is used only if the Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right) option is selected for the Billboard Type setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Effect</td>
<td>Select the transition effect for this billboard. Rather than just appearing on the screen and disappearing after an allotted amount of time, a transition effect makes the change between billboards much smoother.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • This setting is applies to image billboards, but not to Adobe Flash application file billboards.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In addition, this setting is used only if the Windowed with Standard Progress option or the Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right) option is selected for the Billboard Type setting.</td>
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### Table 13-188 • Settings for Adobe Flash Application File Billboards and Image Billboards (cont.)

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</table>
| **Background Color** | This setting displays the currently selected background color for your billboard. To change this color, click the ellipsis button (...). InstallShield displays the Color dialog box, which lets you select a predefined color or define a custom color for the background.  
  
  **Note** • This setting is used only if the **Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right)** option is selected for the **Billboard Type setting**.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| **Title**          | Enter the title of this billboard, as you want it to appear in the upper-left corner of the background.  
  
  When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.  
  
  **Tip** • The maximum number of characters that the installation can display for the title at run time varies, depending on the font, the font size, the font attributes, and the length of the title string that you specify for this setting. It also depends on the screen resolution on the target system. Therefore, if you specify a long title, preview the billboard using different screen resolutions to test whether the entire title will be displayed at run time.  
  
  **Note** • This setting is used only if the **Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right)** option is selected for the **Billboard Type setting**.                                                                                                                                                               |
| **Background Style** | Select the style of background that you would like to use. Available options are:  
  
  - **Gradient**—The background fades from dark to light.  
  
  - **Solid**—The background is displayed as one solid color.  
  
  **Note** • This setting is used only if the **Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right)** option is selected for the **Billboard Type setting**.                                                                                                                                 |
| **Font**           | Click the ellipsis (...) button to select the font that you want to use for the title in the selected billboard’s background. If the target machine does not have the font you selected, a default system font is used instead.  
  
  **Note** • This setting is used only if the **Fullscreen with Small progress (displayed in lower right)** option is selected for the **Billboard Type setting**.                                                                                                                                                        |
String Editor View

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The String Editor view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

In the String Editor view, you have complete and centralized control over the localizable text strings that are displayed at run time during the installation process. You can use this view to edit the strings for everything from button text to feature descriptions.

The String Editor view shows the collection of language-independent identifiers and corresponding language-specific values for your project. Following is a list of some of the tasks that you can perform in this view:

- View all of the strings in your project.
- Add, modify, and delete strings.
- Filter the strings that are shown to hide ones that do not contain a specific string.
- Resize and reorder the columns in the view.
- Sort the rows in the view by any column by clicking the column heading.
- Drag and drop column headings on to the group box area (the area below the view’s buttons) to organize the rows in the view in a hierarchical format.
- Export all of the string identifiers and their corresponding values into a text file (.txt).
- Import the translated strings from a .txt file into the project.
- Search the project to identify all of the instances in which a specific string identifier is used. Find out if a string is not used anywhere within a project.

**Working with the String Editor View**

The String Editor view consists of the following elements:
• A row of buttons and other controls
• A group box area (below the row of buttons)
• A spreadsheet-like table

Each row in the table represents a string entry in your project.

The following table describes all of the buttons and other controls that are displayed in the String Editor view.

### Table 13-189 • Controls in the String Editor View

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<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>New String Entry</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="New" /></td>
<td>Displays the String Entry dialog box, which lets you add a new string entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edit Selected String</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Edit" /></td>
<td>Displays the String Entry dialog box, which lets you edit the selected string entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete Selected Strings</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Delete" /></td>
<td>Deletes the selected row or rows.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expand All Groups</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Expand" /></td>
<td>Shows all of the rows in the groups if you are using groups to organize the rows in a hierarchical format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collapse All Groups</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Collapse" /></td>
<td>Hides all of the rows in the groups if you are using groups to organize the rows in a hierarchical format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find String</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Find" /></td>
<td>Displays the Find dialog box, which lets you search for instances of a string. This dialog box lets you specify criteria such as whether you want to match the case.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find Next</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Find Next" /></td>
<td>Searches for the next occurrence of the specified string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find and Replace</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Find and Replace" /></td>
<td>Displays the Replace dialog box, which lets you search for instances of a string and replace them with a new string. This dialog box lets you specify criteria such as whether you want to find or ignore a string with specific capitalization.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Search for Selected Strings in Project</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Search for Selected Strings" /></td>
<td>Searches the entire project for all instances of the string whose row is selected, and shows the search results in the Output window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Export Strings</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Export" /></td>
<td>Lets you export all of the strings for a particular language to a text file (.txt). You can provide that .txt file to a translator who can update the file with translated text.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Import Strings</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Import" /></td>
<td>Lets you select the text file (.txt) that contains the strings that you want to import into your project. Also lets you specify the language for those strings.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
The following table describes each of the columns in the String Editor view.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>This column shows the language of the string entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Identifier</td>
<td>This column contains the language-independent ID for the string. Each string identifier in a project is linked to one or more values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>This column shows the run-time string.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Project* • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, some of the string values contain Windows Installer properties inside square brackets—for example, `Install [ProductName]`. At run time, the property and brackets are replaced by the property value.

String values in these same project types may also contain font information in curly brackets—for example, `{&MSSansBold8}OK`. The font information indicates style details that should be used to display the strings at run time.

| Comments | This column contains an internal note about the string entries. The comments are not displayed at run time. |
| Modified | This column lists the date and time that the string entry was last modified. |
See Also
Localizing the End-User Interface
Using String Entries in InstallShield
Working with String Entries in Projects that Support Multiple Languages
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
Searching for Instances of String Identifiers

Media View

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Project • The Media view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

The final step in creating your installation project is to build and test your installation. InstallShield provides you with many different media types to choose from, as well as the ability to test your installation from within InstallShield.

Path Variables

Project • The Path Variables view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch
- Suite/Advanced UI
- MSIX

With path variables, you can define commonly used paths in a central location so that you do not need to change every source file’s path each time you move the project or change the directory structure.
Upgrades

*Project* • The Upgrades view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

The Upgrades view provides a visual, integrated method for adding and authoring settings within the Upgrade table of your .msi database.

Releases

*Project* • The Releases view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Releases view enables you to build different configurations of your installation, test the user interface, or launch your installation for a trial run.

Patch Design

*Project* • The Patch Design view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

In the Patch Design view, you can create a Windows Installer patch package (.psp) to update your application on an end user’s system.

See Also

Path Variables View
Upgrades View
Releases View
Patch Design View
Path Variables View

Project • The Path Variables view is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- QuickPatch
- Suite/Advanced UI
- MSIX
- MSIX Modification Package

The traditional way to link to source files in an installation project is to create a reference to that file using a hard-coded path. For example, you might have a source file called Program.exe located at C:\Work\Files that you want to include in your installation.

Using Hard-Coded Paths

If you use hard-coded paths, you have to enter the entire path every time you want to associate a source file from that directory. If you move the file to another directory, you have to change the hard-coded path as it appears in your installation project. If your installation consisted of a small number of source files, this might not be a problem. Unfortunately, some installations contain thousands of files that all need to be remapped if you change the folder structure or migrate the project to a different machine.

Using Path Variables

With path variables, you can define commonly used paths in a central location so that you do not need to change every source file’s path each time you move the project or change the directory structure. In the previous example, if you keep all of your application’s source files in various subfolders under C:\Work\Files, you could create one variable that points to the Files folder—<MyFiles>. If you want to include a file that is in C:\Work\Files\Images, you enter <MyFiles>\Images. If you move your files to D:\Work\Files, you can go to one place, your variable <MyFiles>, and change the folder that it points to.

All path variables can be viewed and modified in the Path Variables view. You can use path variables in almost any location in InstallShield where you link to source files, such as in the Dialog Editor, dynamic file links, and the release location. Instead of entering the path variables yourself, you can have InstallShield recommend them whenever you browse to a path.

Note • Path variables are used during the development of your installation project. These paths do not apply to the target machines where the application is being installed. Rather, they are used to link to source files for your installation project. When the project is built, those links are evaluated and the files they point to will be built into the installation.
Path Variables Types

There are four types of path variables that you can use. Each type functions somewhat differently from the others. Regardless of the path variable type you use, the variable name is provided in the same manner throughout InstallShield.

Table 13-191 • Types of Path Variables

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Predefined path variables are path variables that point to some of the most commonly used folders. Unlike other types of path variables, these values cannot be edited in InstallShield. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The values of registry-based path variables are derived from the registry keys you created. After creating the registry key, you need to set a path variable to this key. For more information, see Registry Path Variables.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Environment path variables are based on the values of your system’s environment variables. You can set an environment path variable to an existing environment variable. For more information, see Environment Path Variables.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Standard, or user-defined, path variables are defined through InstallShield. You can specify a path variable such as &lt;MyFiles&gt; with a value of C:\Work\Files. These variables do not rely on any outside sources, such as the registry or system paths. For more information, see Standard Path Variables.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You also have the option of converting existing static links to path variables with the Convert Source Paths Wizard. This wizard scans your installation project for static links and changes those links to path variables, which makes your project more easily portable.

Working with the Path Variables View

The Path Variables view consists of the following elements:

- A row of buttons and other controls
- A group box area (below the row of buttons)
- A list of path variables that are defined in your project

The following table describes all of the buttons and other controls that are displayed in the Path Variables view.

Table 13-192 • Controls in the Path Variables View

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New Path Variable</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>Adds a new standard path variable to your project. To create a registry path variable or an environment variable, you can click the arrow next to this button, and then click the appropriate command. To learn more, see Creating and Defining a Custom Path Variable.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The following table describes each of the columns in the Path Variables view.

**Table 13-193 • Columns in the Path Variables View**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>In this column, enter the name of your variable. You do not need to enter angle brackets, but the path variable is displayed in angle brackets whenever it is used in a path. For example, if your variable is named <em>MyRegVar</em> and a component’s files are linked to the folder contained in its value, the component’s Link To folder shows <code>&lt;MyRegVar&gt;</code>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-193 • Columns in the Path Variables View (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Defined Value</td>
<td>In this column, define the value of the path variable.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**For Standard Path Variables**

For standard variables, enter the directory to which you would like your variable to point.

**Note** • You can also refer to other path variables in the defined value by enclosing the referenced path variable name in angled brackets. For example, if you have a path variable called `MyRoot` with a value of `C:\`, you can refer to it in a path variable definition for another variable, such as `Games`. The actual path for the `Games` variable might be `C:\Programs\GameFiles`, but you can define `Games` as `<MyRoot>\Programs\GameFiles`. However, if you attempt to self-reference a path variable, the literal string is used instead. For example, defining `Games` as `<MyRoot>\Programs\<Games>` actually results in `Games` defined as `C:\Programs\<Games>`.`

**For Registry Path Variables**

Enter the complete registry key, with the final “subkey” being the name of the value whose data contains the folder. For example, define `MyRegVar` as follows:

`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey\TestValue`

Assume that `TestKey` has the following subkey and values:

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey]
"@="C:\MyPath1"
"TestValue"="C:\MyPath2"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\TestKey\TestValue]
"@="C:\MyPath3"
```

Even though `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey` has a subkey called `TestValue`, `MyRegVar` points to the value `TestValue`, and the current value will be `C:\MyPath2`. (Note, however, that if a value named `TestValue` does not exist, `InstallShield` reads the default value (`C:\MyPath3`) of the subkey `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey\TestValue`.)

**For Environment Path Variables**

For environment path variables, enter the name of the variable as it appears on the Environment dialog box.

**Current Value**

This is a read-only column that contains the actual path that the variable points to. This is a useful reference for environment and registry path variables, since they are defined outside `InstallShield`. 
Table 13-193 • Columns in the Path Variables View (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Test Value</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • This column applies to the following project types:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Basic MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• DIM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This column enables you to enter a hard-coded path that can be used when the registry path variable is resolved. To use test values in your release, you must select the **Use path variable test values** option on the **Advanced Settings** panel of the **Release Wizard**. This option is deselected by default. When this option is selected, the test value is used for all registry path variables. Otherwise, the test value is not used at all.

| Type                | This column shows the type of variable (predefined, standard, environment, or registry). Click a field in this column to change from one type of path variable to another. Note that you cannot change the type of a predefined path variable. |

**Tip** • To override the value of a custom standard path variable, an environment path variable, or a registry path value for a particular release at build time, use the Path Variable Overrides setting on the **Build tab** for that release. To learn more, see **Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release**.

**See Also**

Using Path Variables

**Upgrades View**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • The Upgrades view is available in the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• MSI Database
• Transform

*Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.*

The Upgrades view provides a visual, integrated method for adding and authoring settings within the Upgrade table of an .msi database.
To add an upgrade item, right-click the Upgrade Windows Installer Setup node. The available options are:

**Table 13-194 • Upgrades View Options**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Major Upgrade Item** | A major upgrade effectively uninstalls the existing installation of a product, and then installs the latest product version. A major upgrade is appropriate for substantial installation architecture changes that may or may not change the major version number of the product (such as upgrading version 1.1.0 to version 2.0.0). A major upgrade is required if any of the following are true:  
  - An existing component’s component code has changed, or a component has been removed from the product tree.  
  - The key file of an existing component has changed.  
  - An existing feature has been moved in the product tree, or deleted from the product tree.  
  - The name of the .msi file has changed.  
  For more information, see Creating Major Upgrades.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| **Minor Upgrade Item** | Small updates and minor upgrades are functionally identical except the product version changes for a minor upgrade, but not a small update. A minor upgrade installs over an existing application while a major upgrade effectively uninstalls the existing installation of a product, and then installs the newer product version.  
  The functionality that is required to install a minor upgrade is in the Setup.exe launcher. For more information, see Run-Time Behavior for Minor Upgrades.  
  For more information, see Creating Minor Upgrades.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **Automatic Upgrade Item** | Note • The Automatic Upgrade Item option takes into account potential future changes in the product code and handles both major and minor upgrades. If you do not know the difference between upgrade types and/or do not care, consider choosing this upgrade option.  
  When you add an automatic upgrade item, the build engine determines which settings need to be populated into your installation to perform a successful upgrade of your previous installation. This option does not require any additional authoring of advanced settings on your part. For more information, see Configuring InstallShield to Automatically Determine the Upgrade Type.  

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For more information, see Creating Major Upgrades.

For more information, see Creating Minor Upgrades.

For more information, see Configuring InstallShield to Automatically Determine the Upgrade Type.
Table 13-194 • Upgrades View Options (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Validate All Items</td>
<td>This option enables you to perform validation on the latest release or browse for a particular package to validate against a different release. For more information, see Validating Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Packages.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • To validate a specific built upgrade item on demand, right-click the item and then click Validate Item.

Tip • Whenever you make changes in the Upgrades view, remember to rebuild your package before performing validation.

See Also
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
Creating Small Updates
Packaging Options for Upgrades
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

Common Tab
InstallShield 2020 » Upgrades View » Upgrade Windows Installer Setup

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

The Common tab for the Upgrade Windows Installer Setup item in the Upgrades view contains global settings for both major and minor upgrades.

Small/Minor Upgrade Settings
Small updates and minor upgrades are functionally identical except the product version changes for a minor upgrade, but not a small update. A minor upgrade installs over an existing application while a major upgrade effectively uninstalls the existing installation of a product, and then installs the newer product version.
The functionality that is required to install a minor upgrade is in the Setup.exe launcher. For more information, see Run-Time Behavior for Minor Upgrades. To specify the behavior that should occur when Setup.exe detects that an earlier version of the product is present at run time on a target system, select the appropriate option:

**Table 13-195 • Small and Minor Upgrade Options**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Disable</td>
<td>When you choose this option, you are required to detect the upgrade scenario and ensure that the latest version of your setup is running in upgrade mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Don’t prompt the user; just install the upgrade</td>
<td>This option automatically starts the setup in minor upgrade mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prompt</td>
<td>Choosing this option will prompt the “do you want to continue dialog.” If you choose yes, the setup will begin in upgrade mode. If you choose no, you will cancel the setup in upgrade mode.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Major Upgrade Settings**

When you are performing a major upgrade, you can select how you want the upgrade to proceed. You can choose from the following options:

**Table 13-196 • Options for Performing a Major Upgrade**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Completely uninstall old setup before installing new setup</td>
<td>This is the most reliable setting, however, it is the least efficient. It will first remove all the files, registry entries, shortcuts, and settings of the old setup. Then it will apply new data from the latest version of your setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install setup then remove unneeded files</td>
<td>This is the most efficient setting, but it requires that you follow certain authoring rules. This option will first install the setup, and then remove all unnecessary files, registry entries, shortcuts, and settings after installing the latest version of your setup.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

⚠️ **Caution** • *The removal of unnecessary resources relies on component reference counts being accurate. Keep in mind that reference counts occur at the component level. Therefore, you should be careful when you delete a component and move the associated resource to a different component. You do not want to choose this option if you have moved existing resources to different components.*

| Rollback all changes if removal of old files fails | In the event of upgrade failure, the machine will be returned to its previous good state. This option will undo the changes made by the uninstallation of a previous version and the installation of the latest version. |
**Note** • This setting controls the sequencing of the RemoveExistingProducts action in the Install Execute Sequence. For more details, see *RemoveExistingProducts* in the Windows Installer Help Library.

**See Also**
- Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
- Packaging Options for Upgrades
- Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters
- Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

**Advanced Tab**

InstallShield 2020 » Upgrades View » Upgrade Windows Installer Setup

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

The Advanced tab presents specific settings for major and minor upgrades in addition to some shared settings.

**Table 13-197 • Advanced Settings for the Upgrade Windows Installer Setup Item in the Upgrades View**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Upgrade Code</td>
<td>This setting indicates the GUID that uniquely identifies the product family to which this product belongs. The upgrade code should be consistent across different versions and languages of a family of related products so that Windows Installer can use it to search for related versions of the product that are already installed. For more information on configuring this setting, see <a href="#">Setting the Upgrade Code</a>. For more information on how the upgrade code is used in upgrades, see <a href="#">Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update</a>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-197 • Advanced Settings for the Upgrade Windows Installer Setup Item in the Upgrades View (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>On Upgrade</td>
<td>Specify the behavior that you want to occur if Setup.exe detects that an earlier version of your product is present on a target system. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Disable—If an earlier version is present, Setup.exe does not display a message box to inform end users that an upgrade will occur. In addition, Setup.exe does not set the REINSTALLMODE and REINSTALL properties; therefore, these properties must be set through other methods. Otherwise, Windows Installer uses the cached copy of the .msi database and ignores the changes that are present in the newer version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Don’t prompt the user; just install the upgrade—If an earlier version is present, Setup.exe sets the REINSTALLMODE to <strong>voums</strong> and the REINSTALL property to <strong>ALL</strong>; as a result, the installation runs in upgrade mode. If an earlier version is not present, the installation behaves as a first-time installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Prompt—If an earlier version is present, Setup.exe displays a message box to inform end users that an upgrade will occur; the message box enables them to proceed with the upgrade or exit without upgrading. If an end user chooses to proceed, Setup.exe sets the REINSTALLMODE to <strong>voums</strong> and the REINSTALL property to <strong>ALL</strong>, and the installation runs in upgrade mode. This is the default value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
- Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
- Creating Small Updates
- Packaging Options for Upgrades
- Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

Major Upgrade Item: Common Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Upgrades View » Major Upgrade Item

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
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A major upgrade is required when the product code for an installation differs from the product code of the installation that it needs to upgrade. For help in determining whether you need to change the product code, see Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update.

At run time, a major upgrade effectively uninstalls the previous version of your application before installing the newest version of your application.

The Common tab contains the most frequently used settings of a major upgrade item. For more detailed settings, use the Advanced tab.

Major Upgrade

Major upgrades use an upgrade code to detect previous versions of an application. The upgrade code for an installation groups that installation into a specific product family. If you want to target specific installations within that product family, you can configure the product version attribute of this upgrade item.

Table 13-198 • Options for Major Upgrade Items

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Products Sharing My Upgrade Code</td>
<td>If you select this option for your major upgrade item, InstallShield sets the value of this setting on the Advanced tab to the placeholder value of <code>{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}</code>. InstallShield uses the appropriate upgrade code value instead of the placeholder value in the .msi package that it generates at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Products Having Another Upgrade Code</td>
<td>If you select this option for your major upgrade item, you can either specify the upgrade code of the base package that this major upgrade item will target, or you can click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the package. If you browse to the package, InstallShield identifies the upgrade code of the package that you select and uses it in this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Product Version

Choose a particular product version to target or define a range. You can choose from the following selections:

Table 13-199 • Options Associated with Product Version

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Any earlier version</td>
<td>To update the product on target systems if its version number is earlier than the product version of the currently open project, select this option. If you select this option for your major upgrade item, InstallShield sets the value of the Maximum Version setting on the Advanced tab to the placeholder value of <code>***ALL_VERSIONS***</code>. InstallShield uses the product version of the currently open project instead of the placeholder value in the .msi package that it generates at build time.</td>
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Table 13-199 • Options Associated with Product Version (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Within a specific range of versions (Minimum Version - Maximum Version)</strong></td>
<td>To specify a range of product versions that you want the upgrade to target, select this option. Then, specify the minimum version in the left box, and the maximum version in the right box. The Version Range Inclusive check box lets you optionally include or exclude the specified version numbers in the range of target versions. For example, a minimum version of 1.00 and a maximum version of 4.00 results in an installation that upgrades any existing installation in the specified product family that has a version number between 1.00 and 4.00. If you select the Version Range Inclusive check box, the version search also checks for version 1.00 and version 4.00, and upgrades those versions if they are present.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Version Range Inclusive</strong></td>
<td>To include both the minimum and maximum version numbers in the range of versions that the upgrade targets (instead of just the version numbers within the specified minimum-to-maximum range), select this check box. For example, a minimum version of 1.00 and a maximum version of 4.00 results in an installation that upgrades any existing installation in the specified product family that has a version number between 1.00 and 4.00. If you select the Version Range Inclusive check box, the version search also checks for version 1.00 and version 4.00, and upgrades those versions if they are present. To include only the minimum version number or only the maximum version number, but not both, use the Include Minimum Version setting or the Include Maximum Version setting on the Advanced tab. This check box is available if the <strong>Within a specific range of versions</strong> option is selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>With a specific version</strong></td>
<td>To target only a single previous version of the product, select this option, and then enter the appropriate version number.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
- Major Upgrades
- Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
- Packaging Options for Upgrades
- Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

**Major Upgrade Item: Advanced Tab**

InstallShield 2020 » Upgrades View » Major Upgrade Item

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform
The Advanced tab exposes more advanced level configurations, in addition to the settings in the Common tab. Click on each setting in the properties grid to configure the following settings.

Table 13-200 • Advanced Properties for Major Upgrade Items

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Upgrade Code</td>
<td>This setting indicates the GUID that uniquely identifies the product family to which this product belongs. The upgrade code should be consistent across different versions and languages of a family of related products so that Windows Installer can use it to search for related versions of the product that are already installed. If you select the <strong>Products sharing my Upgrade Code</strong> option on the Common tab for your major upgrade item, InstallShield sets the value of this setting on the Advanced tab to the placeholder value of <code>{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}</code>. InstallShield uses the appropriate upgrade code value instead of the placeholder value in the .msi package that it generates at build time. For more information on configuring this setting, see Setting the Upgrade Code. For more information on how the upgrade code is used in upgrades, see Major Upgrade vs. Minor Upgrade vs. Small Update.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum Version</td>
<td>Enter the minimum product version that this upgrade should update. Version numbers should be in the format <code>aaa.bbb.ccccc</code>, where <code>aaa</code> represents the major version number, <code>bbb</code> represents the minor version number, and <code>ccccc</code> represents the build number. The maximum value for the <code>aaa</code> and <code>bbb</code> portions is 255. The maximum value for <code>ccccc</code> is 65,535. <strong>Note</strong> • Only the first three version fields are used when making product version comparisons. Windows Installer is unable to distinguish between product versions that differ only in their fourth field. To learn more, see Specifying the Product Version. By default, each project includes an ISPreventDowngrade major upgrade item, which enables you to prevent end users from being able to install the current version of your product over a future major version of the same product. For this default major upgrade item, the default entry in the Minimum Version setting is the following placeholder value: <em><strong>ALL_VERSIONS</strong></em> InstallShield uses the product version of the currently open project instead of the aforementioned placeholder value in the .msi package that it generates at build time. To learn more about the ISPreventDowngrade support, see Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include Minimum Version</td>
<td>This setting is useful when you are specifying upper and lower bounds for a range of product versions that your upgrade supports. To include the minimum version number in the range, select Yes.</td>
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### Table 13-200 • Advanced Properties for Major Upgrade Items (cont.)

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<th>Property</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Maximum Version</strong></td>
<td>Enter the maximum product version that this upgrade should update. Version numbers should be in the format <code>aaa.bbb.ccccc</code>, where <code>aaa</code> represents the major version number, <code>bbb</code> represents the minor version number, and <code>cccc</code> represents the build number. The maximum value for the <code>aaa</code> and <code>bbb</code> portions is 255. The maximum value for <code>cccc</code> is 65,535.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Note** • Only the first three version fields are used when making product version comparisons. Windows Installer is unable to distinguish between product versions that differ only in their fourth field. To learn more, see Specifying the Product Version.

If you select the **Any earlier version** option on the Common tab for your major upgrade item, InstallShield sets the value of this setting on the Advanced tab to the following placeholder value:

```
***ALL_VERSIONS***
```

InstallShield uses the product version of the currently open project instead of the placeholder value in the `.msi` package that it generates at build time.

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<tr>
<th>Include Maximum Version</th>
<th>This setting is useful when you are specifying upper and lower bounds for a range of product versions that your upgrade supports. To include the minimum version number in the range, select Yes.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>Specify a comma-separated list of languages that you want the upgrade to target or avoid targeting, and then use the Exclude Specified Languages setting to specify whether you want to exclude the languages that are configured in this setting. The language identifiers should be specified in decimal format. For example, specify <code>1033</code> for English (United States).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Exclude Specified Languages | Specify whether you want the installation to target or avoid targeting the languages that are identified in the Languages setting. Available options are:  
  - **No**—If the language of the product on the target system matches one of the languages that are specified in the Language setting, and if the other requirements such as the version number are met, the installation performs an upgrade.  
  - **Yes**—If the language of the product on the target system does not match any of the languages that are specified in the Language setting, and if the other requirements such as the version number are met, the installation performs an upgrade. |
Table 13-200 • Advanced Properties for Major Upgrade Items (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Detect Only</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the installation to detect that an upgrade needs to occur without actually performing the upgrade. The default value is No.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>If Windows Installer determines that a related product is installed on the target system, it adds the product code of that related product to the property that is specified in the Detect Property setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Detect Property</td>
<td>If Windows Installer determines that a related product is installed on the target system, it adds the product code of that related product to the property that you specify in this setting.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>You can use the property that you specify in conditional statements to control the flow of the installation or even stop the installation altogether.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Windows Installer sets this property when the FindRelatedProducts action runs in the installation sequences.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Only Remove Specified Features</td>
<td>If you want the installation to remove the entire earlier version of the product from target systems, leave this setting blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you want the installation to remove only some features of the earlier version of the product from target systems instead of removing the entire product, specify a comma-delimited list of the names of the features to be removed. Note that the installation does not remove any features if you specify formatted text that evaluates to an empty string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Caution</strong> • If you specify a value in this setting, the installation will not completely uninstall the earlier version of the product. Therefore, you will be left with two entries in Add or Remove Programs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Continue On Failure</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to proceed with the installation even if the uninstallation of the earlier version fails. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Yes—The installation of the new version occurs, regardless of whether the uninstallation of the earlier version is successful.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• No—The installation of the new version occurs only if the uninstallation of the earlier version is successful. This is the default value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Migrate Feature States</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the installation to detect the feature states of the currently installed product and use these same states when applying the upgrade.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This functionality may be useful if the feature tree in the new version of the product has not changed much from the original.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Minor Upgrade/Small Update Item Settings

InstallShield 2020 » Upgrades View » Minor Upgrade Item

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Minor and small upgrades are fundamentally the same except with minor upgrades, the product version changes.

You need to apply a small/minor upgrade any time you are upgrading a setup that has the same product code as the latest version of your setup. You are not required to change the product code of a setup unless you delete a component from a feature or you delete a feature from a setup.

Note • If you move a component from one feature to another, you are essentially deleting that component from the first feature and therefore must change the product code.

For upgrade scenarios in which the setup’s product code has changed, you must apply a major upgrade.

This tab exposes the following settings:

Table 13-201 • Options for Minor and Small Upgrade Items

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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Setup to Upgrade</td>
<td>The functionality required to install a minor upgrade is in Setup.exe, which you must include in order for a minor upgrade to work properly. The setup specified at build time will also be used to perform upgrade validation. The build will also verify that the referenced setup can be updated using a minor upgrade. Note that the build will warn you if you do not include setup.exe when you build your release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Release Flags</td>
<td>Specify release flags to include and exclude features depending on the type of release.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Major Upgrades
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
Packaging Options for Upgrades
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product
Automatic Upgrade Item Settings

```
InstallShield 2020 » Upgrades View » Automatic Upgrade Item

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
  • Basic MSI
  • InstallScript MSI

Note • This is the preferred method for configuring upgrade settings. This option takes into account any potential future changes in the product code and handles both major and minor upgrades. If you do not know the difference between upgrade types and/or do not care, then choose this upgrade option.

When you add an automatic upgrade item, the build engine determines which settings need to be populated into your setup to perform a successful upgrade of your previous setup. This option does not require any additional authoring of advanced settings on your part.

You can configure the following options for an automatic upgrade item in the Upgrades view:

Table 13-202 • Options for Automatic Upgrade Items

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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Setup to Upgrade</td>
<td>Enter the path to the setup project that needs to be upgraded or click the browse button to browse for it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Release Flags</td>
<td>Associating a release flag with the automatic upgrade item will allow you to optionally exclude it from the build on a per release basis.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

See Also
Determining the Best Upgrade Solution
Preventing the Current Installation from Overwriting a Future Major Version of the Same Product

Releases View

```
InstallShield 2020

Project • The Releases view is available in the following project types:
  • Advanced UI
  • Basic MSI
  • InstallScript
  • InstallScript MSI
  • InstallScript Object
  • Merge Module
  • Suite/Advanced UI
```
After you have completely designed your project in InstallShield, you are ready to build a release for testing and, ultimately, distribution to end users. The Releases view contains settings that indicate how InstallShield should build your release.

When you build a release, InstallShield takes all of the information from your project and compiles it into a Windows Installer installation package (.msi file), merge module (.msm file), or an executable file and related files, depending on the project type, that are capable of installing your product onto any supported Windows platform.

Tip • In some project types, you can also use the Release Wizard to configure the settings for your release.

See Also
Working with Releases
Resolving Build Errors and Warnings
Working with Product Configurations
Validating an Installation Package or Merge Module

Product Configuration Settings

Project • Product configurations are available in the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

For Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, every release that you build belongs to a product configuration. A product configuration provides a means for grouping together releases that share similar properties, such as the product name, product code, and package code.

Each product configuration has two tabs:

• General tab (available for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects)
• Multiple Instances tab (available for Basic MSI projects)

See Also
Working with Product Configurations
Installing Multiple Instances of Products
Releases View

General Tab for a Product Configuration

Project • The General tab for a product configuration is available in the following project types:
The General tab of each product configuration has the following settings, primarily for overriding other settings in the resulting releases:

Table 13-203 • Product Configuration Settings

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Product Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To override the product name in each release that you build under this product configuration, enter a new name. For information on how the product name is used, see Specifying a Product Name. Changing the product name in this setting does not affect any built releases. You must rebuild each release to see the changes reflected in the product name and in the project’s folders and files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Version</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To override the product version in each release that you build under this product configuration, enter the version number. The version must contain only numbers. It is typically in the format aaa.bbb.cccc or aaa.bbb.cccc.ddddd, where aaa represents the major version number, bbb represents the minor version number, cccc represents the build number, and dddd represents the revision number. The maximum value for the aaa and bbb portions is 255. The maximum value for cccc and dddd is 65,535. Note that although you can include the fourth field (ddddd), the installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions. To learn more, see Specifying the Product Version. If your release includes a Setup.exe file, the product version that you specify is displayed on the Properties dialog box for Setup.exe. For more information, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Package Code</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To override the package code that is entered in the General Information view, enter a new GUID. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button ( {...}) in this setting. Note • This package code is ignored if Yes is selected for the Generate Package Code setting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Generate Package Code</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify whether you want InstallShield to generate a new package code every time that a release under this product configuration is built:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Yes—InstallShield generates a new package code at build time and includes it in the .msi package. The package code that is displayed in the Package Code setting in the General Information view does not change.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• No—InstallShield does not generate a new package code at build time. If you enter a package code for the product configuration, that package code is used. If you do not specify a package code for the product configuration, InstallShield uses the package code that is set in the General Information view.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Configuration Flags</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the release flags for the features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages that you would like to include in the releases that are associated with this product configuration. Separate multiple flags with a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Product configuration flags enable you to customize your installation by including or excluding certain features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages in each release that you build under this product configuration. Note that you can also specify release flags at the release level.</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>For more information on filtering features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages, see Release Flags.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subject</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To override the value of the Subject setting in the General Information view for every release you build under this product configuration, enter the name of the product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The value that you enter is used on the Summary tab of the Properties dialog box that is displayed if you right-click the Windows Installer database and then click Properties.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To override the value of the Title setting in the General Information view for every release you build under this product configuration, enter a new title. The value that you enter is used on the Summary tab of the Properties dialog box that is displayed if you right-click the Windows Installer database and then click Properties. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Template Summary   | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | To override the Template Summary setting in the General Information view for a specific product configuration, specify the processor type and default language that your installation supports. List the processor type first, followed by your installation’s default language, and separate them with a semicolon. If you have multiple entries in the language category, separate them with a comma. For example, if your installation runs only on Intel processors and English-based systems, enter Intel;1033. If your product runs on x64 processors and supports English and German, enter x64;1033,1031. For the language portion of this setting, use the number 0 if your installation is language neutral. Valid processor values include:  
  • Intel  
  • Intel64  
  • x64  
  Note that you can specify only one processor value. For more information, see Using the Template Summary Property.  
  If the target machine does not meet the requirements that you specify for this setting, an error message is displayed and the installation exits. |
Table 13-203 • Product Configuration Settings (cont.)

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</table>
| Architecture Validation| Basic MSI, Merge Module | Select the type of architecture validation that you want to use at build time. Available options are:  

- **Lenient**—This type of validation lets you build x86 and x64 .msi packages (as indicated by the Template Summary property), and mix x86 and x64 product files and custom action files in both of those types of packages.

Lenient architecture validation does not trigger build errors or warnings if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the product files or the custom action files that are being included in the release.

At build time, the ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder and ISRedistPlatformDependentExpressFolder path variables point to the x86 locations that contain x86 InstallShield custom action DLLs. InstallShield includes these x86 custom action DLLs in the build if your project includes support that requires these custom actions.

Lenient is the default option. |
### Architecture Validation (cont.)

- **Strict**—With this type of validation, InstallShield attempts to build a pure x86 or pure x64 .msi package, depending on whether the Template Summary property specifies Intel (for x86) or x64. Strict validation may trigger build errors if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the custom action files that are being included in the release. This type of validation may also trigger build warnings if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the product files that are being included in the release.

If the Template Summary property specifies Intel, the ISRedistPlatformDependentFolder and ISRedistPlatformDependentExpressFolder path variables point to the x86 locations that contain x86 InstallShield custom action DLLs. However, if the Template Summary property specifies x64 and you are using strict validation, these path variables point to the x64 locations that contain x64 InstallShield custom action DLLs. If your project includes support that requires any of these custom actions, InstallShield adds the appropriate x86 or x64 versions of the DLLs.

To learn more, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds.

### Comments

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<td>Comments</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>To override the Summary Information Stream Comments setting in the General Information view for a specific product configuration, enter any comments about your product. A typical value for this setting is as follows: <strong>This installer database contains the logic and data required to install MyProduct.</strong> The value that you enter is used on the Summary tab of the Properties dialog box that is displayed if you right-click the Windows Installer database and then click Properties. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Schema</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>The schema version is an integer that identifies the minimum Windows Installer version that is required for the installation package. To override the Schema setting in the General Information view for a specific product configuration, enter the appropriate integer. For a minimum of Windows Installer 2.0, enter 200. For a minimum of Windows Installer 3.0, enter 300. For a minimum of Windows Installer 3.1, enter 301. For a minimum of Windows Installer 4.5, enter 405. If the end user's system has a Windows Installer version earlier than the minimum requirement that you specify for the Schema setting—for example, if you specify a schema value of 405 because your installation uses Windows Installer 4.5 features, but an end user has Windows Installer 3.1—the installation displays an error message and exits. The value that you enter for the Schema setting is used for the Page Count Summary property of your Windows Installer database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Code</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>To override the Product Code setting in the General Information view for a specific product configuration, enter a GUID that uniquely identifies this product. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button ({{...}}) in this setting. Since this code uniquely identifies your product, changing the product code after you have already distributed your release is not recommended. For more information, see Setting the Product Code in a Windows Installer-Based Project.</td>
</tr>
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### Upgrade Code

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<tr>
<td>Upgrade Code</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>To override the Upgrade Code setting in the General Information view for a specific product configuration, enter a GUID that can be used for your product’s upgrade code. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the Generate a new GUID button ([...]) in this setting. The upgrade code is a GUID that identifies a related set of products. The Windows Installer uses a product’s upgrade code when performing major upgrades of an installed product. The upgrade code, stored in the UpgradeCode property, should remain the same for all versions of a product. For more information, see Setting the Upgrade Code.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
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### Preprocessor Defines

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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| Preprocessor Defines | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | To override the Preprocessor Defines setting on the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box for a specific product configuration, specify any preprocessor definitions. Use the following format, with no spaces before or after equal signs or commas: 

```
MYVARIABLE1=123,MYVARIABLE2=456
```

You can test those types of constants in your script by using #if and #ifdef statements that control the flow of the script. For example, type `MYVARIABLE` in this box, and the code in the following #ifdef loop will be executed:

```
#ifdef MYVARIABLE
    // Commands
#endif
```

After you add or change a preprocessor definition in this box, you must compile your script for the addition or change to take effect. |

**Note** • Many Windows API functions are declared in the header file ISRTWindows.h, which is automatically included when you include Ifx.h in your script. You can prevent the automatic definition of Windows APIs by placing the preprocessor constant ISINCLUDE_NO_WINAPI_H in the Preprocessor Defines box on the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box.
### Table 13-203 • Product Configuration Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>MSI Package File Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the file name—without the period or the file extension—that InstallShield should use for the .msi file and—if applicable—the package definition file that it generates at build time. If this setting is blank, the product name is used. You can also include the value of a property from the Property Table in this field, as described in Setup File Name. <strong>Important</strong> • If you want to be able to release minor upgrades or small updates to update your product, the previous and latest versions of your installation must have the same .msi package name. Attempting to perform a minor upgrade or a small update when the .msi file name has changed can lead to Windows Installer run-time error 1316.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Setup File Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the file name—without the .exe file extension—that InstallShield should use for the setup launcher file that it generates at build time. If this setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default value of Setup, and the setup launcher file is called Setup.exe. Now in InstallShield 2020, you have the ability to customize the original file name property which is located in (Right Click&gt;Properties&gt;Details) for setup.exe. You can also include the value of a property from the Property Table in this field. For example, you could enter any of the following properties: setup[ProductVersion] setup[CustomVersion] setup[ProductCode] setup[ProductCode][ProductVersion] If you entered setup[ProductVersion], it would result in a setup named setup14.10.1234.exe, for example.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>64-Bit Setup Launcher</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to build a 64-Bit Setup Launcher or a 32-Bit Setup Launcher. Select Yes to build the 64-Bit setup launcher. InstallScript custom actions are not supported with 64-Bit setup launcher. Select No to build the 32-Bit setup launcher. For more detail, see Building 64-Bit Setup Launcher.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Multiple Instances tab for a product configuration is available in Basic MSI projects.

![Project](images/project_icon.png)  
**Project** • The Multiple Instances tab for a product configuration is available in Basic MSI projects.

For information on multiple-instance support for InstallScript projects, see Running an InstallScript Installation Multiple Times.

Windows Installer allows only one instance of a product code to be installed in the machine context and only one instance to be installed in each user context. Windows Installer 3.x and later includes support for a product code–changing transform. This type of transform—called an instance transform—enables the same .msi package to be used to install multiple instances of the same product in the same context because it changes the product code for each instance.

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**Table 13-203 • Product Configuration Settings (cont.)**

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</table>
| Include Custom Action Help | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Specify whether InstallShield should stream the contents of each of the custom action help files into the .msi file every time that a release in the selected product configuration is built. The path to a custom action’s help file is indicated in the Help File Path setting in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or the Custom Actions view (in Merge Module projects).

Selecting Yes is helpful if system administrators deploy your product to enterprise environments; they sometimes need to know what the custom actions do. If you select Yes, the following tasks occur at build time:

- InstallShield adds the ISCustomActionReference table to the .msi file that is being built. The contents of all of custom actions’ help files that are specified in the Custom Actions and Sequences view are streamed into the Description column of this table.

- If your project includes any merge modules that contain custom actions, the contents of the help files that are specified in the Custom Actions view of the merge module projects are also included in the ISCustomActionReference table.

For more information, see Documenting the Behavior of Custom Actions.
To create an installation that lets end users install multiple instances of your product, use the Multiple Instances tab. This tab is where you define different instances of your product and configure the properties that are associated with each instance. At build time, InstallShield creates an instance transform for each instance and streams the instance transforms into the .msi package. At run time, the installation typically displays an instance selection dialog that lets end users specify whether they want to install a new instance or maintain an existing one.

⚠️ **Caution** • Creating an installation that lets end users install multiple instances of a product on the same machine and in the same context requires sophisticated authoring and serious commitment on the part of the installation developer. This functionality is recommended for only advanced installation developers.

**See Also**
- Installing Multiple Instances of Products
- Run-Time Requirements for Multiple-Instance Support
- Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product
- Special Considerations for Multiple-Instance Support
- Naming an Instance
- Updating the Product Code of One or More Instances
- Setting Properties for an Instance
- Product Configuration Settings
- Releases View

**Release Settings**

InstallShield 2020 » Releases View

The settings for a release are organized by category on several different tabs in the Releases view:

- **Build Tab for a Release** (available for Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI projects)
- **Setup.exe Tab for a Release** (available for Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects)
- **Signing Tab for a Release** (available for Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI projects)
- **Internet Tab for a Release** (available for Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects)
- **Events Tab for a Release** (available for Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI projects)
- **Appx/MSIX Tab for a Release** (available for Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, and Suite/Advanced UI projects)
- **Updates Tab for a Release** (available for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects)
- **General Tab for MSIX Release** (available for MSIX projects)
### Build Tab for a Release

*InstallShield 2020 > Releases View > Release*

**Project**  •  The Build tab is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Build tab is where you configure how InstallShield should package your release.

**Table 13-204 • Settings on the Build Tab**

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<td>Release Location</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Enter the path to the top-level directory where your release will start to be built, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the location.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Build Location</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Enter the path to the top-level directory where your release will start to be built, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the location.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Product Name</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>To override the product name that was specified in the General Information view with a new value for the selected release, enter the appropriate name. For information on how the product name is used, see Specifying a Product Name.</td>
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</table>
To override the product version that was specified in the General Information view with a new value for the selected release, enter the appropriate version number. The version must contain only numbers. It is typically in the format \texttt{aaa.bbb.ccccc} or \texttt{aaa.bbb.ccccc.ddddd}, where \texttt{aaa} represents the major version number, \texttt{bbb} represents the minor version number, \texttt{ccccc} represents the build number, and \texttt{ddddd} represents the revision number. The maximum value for the \texttt{aaa} and \texttt{bbb} portions is 255. The maximum value for \texttt{ccccc} and \texttt{ddddd} is 65,535.

Note that although you can include the fourth field (\texttt{ddddd}), the installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions. To learn more, see "Specifying the Product Version."

The product version that you specify is displayed on the Properties dialog box for Setup.exe. For more information, see "Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher."

To override the GUID that was specified in the General Information view with a new value for the selected release, enter the appropriate GUID. The Suite GUID uniquely identifies the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. To have InstallShield generate a different GUID for you, click the \texttt{Generate a new GUID} button (\texttt{[...]})) in this setting.

Since this code uniquely identifies your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, changing the Suite GUID after you have already distributed your release is not recommended.

This read-only setting enables you to view the type of media selected for this release. You can set the media type only through the Release Wizard’s Media Type panel; for InstallScript object projects, you cannot set the media type.
Compression

Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module

Specify whether the release should be compressed:

- **Compressed**—InstallShield compresses all of your product’s data files into .cab files.
- **Uncompressed**—InstallShield does not compress your product’s files into .cab files.

As an alternative, you can use a custom compression method, which enables you to compress only the files that are associated with one or more features into .cab files. To set custom compression options, you must use the Release Configuration panel and the Custom Compression Settings panel in the Release Wizard.

Note that when you use the Release Wizard to configure custom compression, InstallShield changes the Compression setting in the Releases view to a read-only value of **Custom (One Cab per Feature)** or **Custom (One Cab per Component)**. To change the compression from a custom method to the standard compressed method or the uncompressed method, you must use the Release Wizard again; you cannot do this from the Compression setting in the Releases view.

**Note** • The output of the build process depends on the media type that you are building (such as CD-ROM, DVD-5, or Network Image), whether compression is used (as specified in the Compression setting), whether you are including a setup launcher (as specified in the Setup Launcher setting on the Setup.exe tab), and whether you are using disk spanning (as specified in the Disk Spanning setting, which is applicable to CD-ROM, DVD, and Custom media types).

For example, if you select Compressed for the Compression setting, you select Yes for the Setup Launcher setting, and you are building a Network Image release, your data files are compressed into .cab files, and the .cab files are streamed into your Setup.exe file. If you select Uncompressed for the Compression setting, you select No for the Setup Launcher setting, and you are building a CD-ROM release that fits on one CD-ROM and uses automatic disk spanning, your data files are left uncompressed in a subfolder of the folder that contains the .msi file.
**Cab Optimization Type**

If Compressed or one of the custom options is selected for the Compression setting, specify the type of compression that InstallShield should use when building this release’s .cab files. Available options are:

- **LZX**—InstallShield uses LZX compression to compress your product’s data files into .cab files. This option results in the smallest .cab files; however, it also takes the most time to extract the data from these .cab files at run time.

- **MSZIP**—InstallShield uses MSZIP compression to compress your product’s data files into .cab files. This is the default option.

- **None**—InstallShield does not use any compression when creating the .cab files.

**Important** • Using compression generally decreases the size of your compressed files, but the build process may take more time to complete. Depending on the number and size of the files being compressed, the LZX compression and the build may take hours to complete. Therefore, if you select the LZX option, it is recommended that your build machine have the latest hardware to minimize the time that it takes for the build to complete.

**Compress Script**

Specify whether the compiled script file (.inx file) is placed in a cabinet file (Yes), or it is placed uncompressed in the Disk1 disk image folder (No).

**Compiler Preprocessor Defines**

Optionally specify any preprocessor variable definitions. Preprocessor variable definitions that are specified here apply only to the current release; they are not used when compiling the script for other releases. Use the following format, with no spaces before or after equals signs or commas:

```
MYVARIABLE1=123,MYVARIABLE2
```

Such variables can be tested in the script by #if and #ifdef statements that control the flow of the script. If you are creating an InstallScript object, enter `IFX_OBJECTS`.

Entering the name of a preprocessor variable for this setting defines the variable. For example if you enter `MYVARIABLE` for this setting, the script commands in the following #ifdef loop are executed:

```
#ifdef MYVARIABLE
   // Commands
#endif
```

After you add or change a preprocessor variable definition for this setting, you must compile your installation for the addition or change to take effect.
This read-only setting indicates how your installation is spread across different disks. You can select a different option through the Disk Spanning Options panel in the Release Wizard. Available options are:

- **Automatic**—InstallShield automatically splits your release files over as many disks as necessary.
- **Custom - Enforce disk size**—InstallShield displays a warning and aborts the build if any feature’s files are larger than the disk size.
- **Custom - Do not enforce disk size**—InstallShield builds the release to span as many disks as necessary.

This setting applies to the CD-ROM, DVD, and Custom media types.

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**Important** • *Multi-disk installations cannot be run from a non-removable media (for example, from a hard drive). If you want to test an installation that spans disks, you need to put the installation on your target media. If you do not, the installation will fail because of a limitation of the Windows Installer.*

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<td>Disk Spanning</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This read-only setting indicates how your installation is spread across different disks. You can select a different option through the Disk Spanning Options panel in the Release Wizard. Available options are:</td>
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<td>- <strong>Automatic</strong>—InstallShield automatically splits your release files over as many disks as necessary.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Custom - Enforce disk size</strong>—InstallShield displays a warning and aborts the build if any feature’s files are larger than the disk size.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Custom - Do not enforce disk size</strong>—InstallShield builds the release to span as many disks as necessary.</td>
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<td>This setting applies to the CD-ROM, DVD, and Custom media types.</td>
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<tr>
<td>File Name Format</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the file name format that should be used to determine how the paths of your files are stored in the <code>.msi</code> package. InstallShield stores the option that you specify in your <code>.msi</code> package’s Summary Information Stream.</td>
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<td>If your installation will be distributed on media that does not support long file names, such as a UNIX server, select the Short File Names option.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Platform(s)</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>If the release is specific to one or more platforms, use this setting to indicate the platforms: click the value of this setting, and then click the ellipsis (…) button to specify the appropriate platforms.</td>
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<td>If the platform specified for a component does not match one of the platforms that is selected for this setting, the component is not included in the release.</td>
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<td>The default value for this setting is Use Project Settings. This value indicates that the release supports the platforms that are specified at the project level.</td>
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<td><strong>Layout</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>This read-only setting indicates whether the project’s files are stored in cabinet files or placed uncompressed in the disk image. You can modify this setting through the Media Layout panel in the Release Wizard. Available options are:</td>
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<td>• Cabinet File(s)—InstallShield places all data files in one or more data cabinet files at build time.</td>
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<td>• CD-ROM Folder(s)—InstallShield places all data files in one or more CD-ROM folders at build time.</td>
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<td>• Custom—InstallShield places some data files in one or more CD-ROM folders and some in one or more data cabinet files at build time.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Data Languages</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want to include certain components and exclude others based on the language that is selected for each component, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting and specify the appropriate languages. If the language specified for a component does not match one of the languages that is selected for this setting, InstallShield does not include the component in the release. By default, releases are language independent; that is, none of the project’s components are excluded from the release.</td>
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<td><strong>UI Languages</strong></td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>This setting lets you specify which user interface languages you want to include in a release. To select the appropriate languages, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. Note that if a language is not selected in the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view of the project, it is not listed as one of the available languages for the UI Languages setting.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Language(s)</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Use this setting if you want to include certain components and exclude others based on the language that is selected for each component. This setting also lets you specify which user interface languages you want to include in a release. If the language specified for a component does not match one of the languages that is selected for this setting, InstallShield does not include the component in the release. In addition, if a UI language that is included in the project does not match one of the languages that is selected for this setting, InstallShield does not include the UI strings in the release. By default, releases are language independent; that is, none of the project’s components or UI strings are excluded from the release. Note that if a language is not selected in the General Information view of a project, it is not listed as one of the available languages for the Language(s) setting.</td>
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### Default Language

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<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>To override the release’s default project language that is configured in the General Information view or the String Editor view, select the appropriate default user interface language for your installation. For more information, see Setting the Default Project Language.</td>
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### Languages Dialog

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<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want your installation to display the language selection dialog when the installation is run with a full user interface.</td>
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**Tip** - For Basic MSI projects—If you want the language selection dialog to be displayed, a Setup.exe setup launcher is required. To learn more, see Creating a Setup Launcher.

### Build UTF-8 Database

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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the Windows Installer database, along with any instance or language transforms, to be built using the UTF-8 encoding. The UTF-8 encoding supports characters from all languages simultaneously, enabling you to mix and match, for example, Japanese and German, or Russian and Polish, both in text shown to end users and in file names and registry keys. These mixed languages work correctly regardless of the current language of the target system.</td>
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**Important** - As documented in Microsoft KB 979849 the Windows Installer does not fully support UTF-8 databases; therefore, some scenarios result in user interface issues. For example, if an end user runs the installation with a basic user interface (by using the /qb command-line option) or uninstalls the product from Add or Remove Programs, the Windows Installer uses very small fonts to display the user interface text in a UTF-8 database.

If you specify No, InstallShield creates an ANSI database when you build your release. This option does not let you mix characters from languages in different code pages.

The default value for this setting is No.
Table 13-204 • Settings on the Build Tab (cont.)

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| Previous Package         | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Enter the fully qualified path to a previous release (.msi file for an installation project, or .msm file for a merge module project) to minimize the size of future patch packages. This setting corresponds to the Patch Optimization setting in the Release Wizard.  

**Note** • If your package uses dynamic file linking, it is recommended that you specify a previous package in this setting so that the file keys are consistent across releases.  

For more information, see Upgrade Considerations.  |
| Generate File Hash Values | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Indicate whether you want InstallShield to populate the MsiFileHash table for every unversioned file in your build. Available options are:  

• **Yes**—InstallShield populates the MsiFileHash table for every unversioned file in your build.  

• **No**—InstallShield does not populate the MsiFileHash table. If you select No, InstallShield builds any entries that are found in the project’s MsiFileHash table (populated using the Direct Editor).  

If you have already populated the MsiFileHash table for a particular file, the build uses that information instead of generating the information at build time.  

For more information, see MsiFileHash Table in the Windows Installer Help Library.  |
| Shallow Folder Structure | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | If you want InstallShield to create the .msi file and related files directly in the location that is specified in the Release Location setting, without any of the subfolders, select Yes.  

To build the release if the release location is in <ISProjectDataFolder> or <ISProjectFolder>, click Build Tables & Refresh Files on the Build menu.  |
| Generate Autorun.inf     | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | Select Yes if you are distributing your installation on a CD-ROM or DVD-ROM and you want to support the AutoPlay feature. InstallShield creates a text file called Autorun.inf, which contains the instructions to autoplay your installation, in the root of your disk images folder.  

You can edit this file to add additional AutoPlay options or to pass command-line parameters to Msiexec.exe, Setup.exe, or Update.exe.  |
Release Flags enable you to customize your installation by including or excluding certain items in each release. Enter the flags that you would like to include in this release. Separate multiple flags with a comma.

**Project** • For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects—Once you have assigned release flags to your features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages, you can create a release that includes features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages based on those flags. By default, all features, InstallShield prerequisites, and chained .msi packages are included in a release. Once you specify a flag in either the Releases view or the Release Wizard, only unflagged items and items that contain the specified release flag are included in your installation.

For Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects—Once you have assigned release flags to features and packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a release that includes features and packages based on those flags. By default, all features and packages are included in a release. Once you specify a flag in the Releases view, only unflagged items and items that contain the specified release flag are included in your installation.

**Note** • If a release does not have release flags, it will include all applicable items that have release flags. To include only unflagged items, specify a flag that does not exist. For example, you might use NoFlags. This way, only unflagged items are built into a release.

For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects—Note that you can also specify release flags at the product configuration level. For more information, see Product Configuration Flags vs. Release Flags.

Use Path Variable Test Values • Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module

If you used test values for any of your path variables, select Yes to set those variables to their actual values at this time.
Path Variable Overrides

To override a path variable in your project at build time for the selected release, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting, which launches the Path Variable Overrides dialog box. This dialog box lets you select one or more path variables that you want to override. InstallShield adds a new path variable setting for each path variable that you select. Configure each path variable setting as necessary.

Note that you can override user-defined path variables, environment variables, and registry variables that are configured in the Path Variables view; however, you cannot override predefined path variables such as `<WindowsFolder>`.

To learn more, see:
- Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release
- Using Path Variables

Path Variable Overrides Item

Specify the new value of the path variable that you want InstallShield to use at build time for the selected release. The default value is the setting that is configured in the Path Variables view. InstallShield uses the new value that you specify in this setting to override the value that is set in the Path Variables view.

To delete the path variable override, click the Delete button in this setting.

Tip • You can refer to other path variables in the defined value by enclosing the referenced path variable name in angled brackets. For example, if you have a path variable called MyRoot with a value of C:\, you can refer to it in a path variable definition for another variable, such as Games. The actual path for the Games variable might be C:\Programs\GameFiles, but you can define Games as <MyRoot>\Programs\GameFiles. However, if you attempt to self-reference a path variable, the literal string is used instead. For example, defining Games as <MyRoot>\Programs\<Games> actually results in Games defined as C:\Programs\<Games>.

To learn more, see:
- Overriding the Value of a Custom Path Variable for a Release
- Using Path Variables
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<td>Features</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>This read-only setting indicates which features are included in the built release. You can modify the value of this setting from the Features panel in the Release Wizard.</td>
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<td>InstallScript Object</td>
<td>• <strong>Use the “Include in Build” feature property</strong>—If this option is selected, each feature whose Include In Build setting is set to Yes is included in the built release, and each feature whose Include In Build setting is set to No is not included.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Specify the features to be included directly</strong>—Specify for each feature whether the feature is included in the built release.</td>
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<td>Specify Skin</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Select the dialog skin that is applied to this release. The default value, &lt;Use Project Setting&gt;, uses the skin that is selected in the Skins folder of the Dialogs view; selecting any other value for this setting overrides the Skins folder selection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Differential Media</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify whether the current release (the release that is selected in the Releases view) is a differential release—that is, a release that contains only those files that were absent from one or more of a specified set of existing releases—or a full release, which contains all your product’s files, so that your product can be installed on a system on which no version of your product is currently installed.</td>
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<td>For more information, see Differential vs. Full Releases.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Support Version(s)</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>This setting is applicable only if No is selected for the Differential Media setting.</td>
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<td>Optionally enter a semicolon-delimited list of version numbers (for example, 1.2.3;1.2.4) of the earlier versions of your product to which this release can be applied as an update. If you leave this setting blank, the installation can be run on a system on which any earlier version, or no version, of your product is currently installed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Object Difference</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>This setting is applicable only if Yes is selected for the Differential Media setting. Select the conditions for including InstallShield objects in your differential release.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Include All</strong>—The differential release includes all objects that would be included in the equivalent full update release.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Exclude All</strong>—The differential release does not include any objects.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Include If Changed</strong>—The differential release includes those objects that would be included in the equivalent full update release and that are not found in, or are different from, the corresponding object in at least one of the comparison releases.</td>
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Keep Unused Directories

Specify whether you want InstallShield to remove unused directories from the Directory table of the .msi file when you build this release. Available options are:

- **No**—If a directory that is listed in the Directory column of the Directory table is not referenced in any known location in the .msi file, InstallShield removes it from the Directory table of the .msi file that it creates at build time. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this occurs after any merge modules are merged, but only directories that are present in the .msi file are removed; therefore, if a merge module contains new unused directories in its Directory table, the new unused directories are added to the installation.

- **Yes**—InstallShield does not remove any directories from the Directory table of the .msi file that it creates at build time.

The default value is No.

Note • Under some conditions, predefined directories cannot be resolved, causing an installation to fail. Removing unused directories from the Directory table enables you to avoid unnecessary failures. Therefore, it is recommended that you select No for this setting.

Hide Add/Remove Panel Entry

Specify whether you want to hide your product’s entry in Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel:

- **No**—Your product’s entry is displayed on the target machine in Add or Remove Programs.

- **Yes**—Your product’s entry is not displayed on the target machine in Add or Remove Programs. The end user cannot use Add or Remove Programs to remove, modify, or view support information for your product.

To learn about how to indicate which information should be displayed for your product—including how to hide buttons in the Add or Remove Programs—see General Information View Settings.

See Also
- Release Settings
- Releases View
Setup.exe Tab for a Release

The Setup.exe tab is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Suite/Advanced UI

For more information on including Windows Installer redistributables in installations, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

The Setup.exe tab is where you configure settings about your Setup.exe file. It is also where you specify whether you want to include redistributables for Windows Installer 3.1 or earlier. For more information on Windows Installer redistributables, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

Table 13-205 • Settings on the Setup.exe Tab

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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to create a Setup.exe setup launcher.</td>
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<td>To learn about scenarios that require a setup launcher, see Creating a Setup Launcher.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Executable File Name</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Specify the file name—without the .exe file extension—that InstallShield should use for the setup launcher file that it generates at build time. If this setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default value of Setup, and the setup launcher file is called Setup.exe.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Show Suite Loading Screen</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Use this option to control whether or not the Suite Loading Screen is displayed during installation. To hide the Suite Loading Screen for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher, set this property to No.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Suite Loading Screen Message</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Use this option, to add a message to the Suite Loading Screen for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Suite Loading Screen Image</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Use this option to select the image to the Suite Loading Screen for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher.</td>
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<td>If the application supports scaling, insert the customized images of scales 100 and 150 under scale-150 and/or scale-200 folders of Support Files.</td>
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<td>The name of the image should be same in the folders of the Support Files as given in the Suite Loading Screen Image field.</td>
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<td>Single .exe File Name</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>If you want InstallShield to build a self-extracting executable file that runs your installation, specify its file name (including the file extension). If you specify a file name, InstallShield creates a self-extracting executable file and adds it to the Package subfolder of the folder that is specified in the Release Location setting on the Build tab for this release. If you leave this setting empty, InstallShield does not create a self-extracting executable file at build time.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Setup.exe Icon File</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>To use your own icon for the Setup.exe file, specify the fully qualified name of the file that contains the icon. To specify a file, type an absolute path or a path that is relative to a path variable, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file from within the Change Icon dialog box. By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the file name. For example, C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2 indicates the icon with an index of 2, and C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100 indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses a default icon for your Setup.exe file.</td>
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<tr>
<td>64-Bit Setup Launcher</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to build a 64-Bit Setup Launcher or a 32-Bit Setup Launcher. Select Yes to build the 64-Bit setup launcher. InstallScript custom actions are not supported with 64-Bit setup launcher. 32-bit Extension DLLs are not supported. Select No to build the 32-Bit setup launcher. For more detail, see Building 64-bit Setup Exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSI Command-Line Arguments</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Indicate any command-line arguments that you want to pass from the setup launcher to Windows Installer. InstallShield writes the value that you enter in the Setup.ini file. [Startup] CmdLine=Your Value</td>
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<td>Tip</td>
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<td>To set a property, enter MYPROPERTY=&quot;My Value&quot; for this setting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Setup Command Line</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Enter any command-line parameters that you want to pass to Setup.exe when end users launch the installation.</td>
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<td>Generate Package</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want InstallShield to create a package definition file (.pdf) that enables end users to run your installation as an SMS job. If you select Yes, InstallShield creates a version 2.0 .pdf.</td>
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</table>
| Required Execution Level | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI | Use the Required Execution Level setting to specify the minimum level that is required by your project’s Setup.exe file for running on Windows Vista and later platforms. The available options are:  
  • **Administrator**—Setup.exe requires administrative privileges to run. Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators must authenticate as an administrator.  
  • **Highest available**—Setup.exe prefers administrative privileges. Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators run it without administrative privileges. This is the default option for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects.  
  • **Invoker**—Setup.exe does not require administrative privileges, and all users can run it without administrative privileges. Setup.exe does not display any UAC messages prompting for credentials or for consent. This is the default option for Advanced UI, Basic MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

For Advanced UI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Suite/Advanced UI projects, and for Basic MSI projects if Yes is selected for the Setup Launcher setting, InstallShield embeds an application manifest in the Setup.exe launcher. This manifest specifies the selected execution level. Operating systems earlier than Windows Vista ignore the required execution level.

If No is selected for the Setup Launcher setting for a Basic MSI project, InstallShield does not embed the Windows application manifest in a Setup.exe launcher.
The benefit of elevating the required execution level in Basic MSI projects is that privileges can be elevated only once if necessary to run Setup.exe, and that these privileges can be carried over to all of the installation’s InstallShield prerequisites and the Execute sequence of the .msi package without requiring multiple prompts for approval. Thus, if two of your InstallShield prerequisites require administrative privileges, for example, you can change this setting to Administrator, and then end users are prompted only once during the installation, before Windows Installer runs the Setup.exe file.

A similar benefit exists for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, where privileges can be elevated only once if necessary to run Setup.exe, and that these privileges can be carried over to all of the installation’s Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages without requiring multiple prompts for approval.

Note, however, that if you elevate the privileges and also launch the application at the end of the installation, the elevated privileges are carried over to the application. In most cases, running an application with elevated privileges on Windows Vista and later platforms is discouraged.

For more information, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation.

| Uninstallation Order | Suite/Advanced UI | Use this setting to specify the uninstall order of the packages in a suite project. The available options are:
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<td><strong>Same as Packages Order</strong>—Uninstall the packages in the same order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).</td>
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<td><strong>Reverse of Packages Order</strong>—Uninstall the packages in the reverse order that packages were installed (as defined in the project).</td>
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In the following common scenario, you may want to advertise your .msi file to help end users avoid a second User Account Control (UAC) prompt during your product’s installation on Windows Vista and later systems:

- Your installation includes one or more InstallShield prerequisites that require elevation.
- In addition, your .msi file requires elevation. (That is, the Require Administrative Privileges setting in the General Information view is set to the default value of Yes.)

If this scenario does not apply to your installation, it is recommended that you leave the default value of No for the Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated setting because setting it to Yes would not avoid a second UAC prompt.

The Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated setting applies to installations that are run on Windows Vista and later systems. Installations that are run on earlier versions of Windows ignore this setting. Valid options are:

- **Advertise: Silent**—Indicates that if InstallShield prerequisites in the installation are successfully installed with elevated privileges, the .msi file should be advertised and run silently (without a user interface). Then the main part of the installation does not require an additional UAC prompt for consent or credentials.
- **Advertise: Full UI**—Indicates that if InstallShield prerequisites in the installation are successfully installed with elevated privileges, the .msi file should be advertised and run with a full user interface. Then the main part of the installation does not require an additional UAC prompt.

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| Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | In the following common scenario, you may want to advertise your .msi file to help end users avoid a second UAC prompt during your product’s installation on Windows Vista and later systems:    
- Your installation includes one or more InstallShield prerequisites that require elevation. 
- In addition, your .msi file requires elevation. (That is, the Require Administrative Privileges setting in the General Information view is set to the default value of Yes.) 

If this scenario does not apply to your installation, it is recommended that you leave the default value of No for the Advertise If Prerequisites Are Elevated setting because setting it to Yes would not avoid a second UAC prompt.

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- **Advertise: Full UI**—Indicates that if InstallShield prerequisites in the installation are successfully installed with elevated privileges, the .msi file should be advertised and run with a full user interface. Then the main part of the installation does not require an additional UAC prompt.
• **No**—Indicates that the .msi file should not be advertised. When end users run the installation, one or more UAC prompts may be displayed to install the InstallShield prerequisites. If the .msi file also requires elevation, an additional UAC prompt may be displayed before the main part of the installation occurs.

**Note** • The package must support advertisement in order for either of the advertise options to work. Advertisement is not instantaneous, and it adds extra delays to the installation. In addition, unexpected behavior may occur if the end user clicks Cancel after advertisement but before the main part of the installation has finished. For example, advertised shortcuts for your product may appear on the desktop before the main installation begins, and a confused user canceling the main installation may leave your package advertised but not fully installed. Therefore, in some cases, it may be better to leave this setting as No to allow the second UAC prompt and avoid product advertisement.

In some cases, the .msi file is not advertised, and as a result, the second UAC prompt is displayed. For more information, see Specifying Whether a Product Should Be Advertised If Its InstallShield Prerequisites Are Run with Elevated Privileges.

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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to include redistributables for Windows Installer 3.1 or earlier.</td>
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**Note** • This setting applies to redistributables for Windows Installer 3.1. For information on different methods of adding various versions of Windows Installer redistributables to a project, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.
### MSI Engine Location

Specify where the Windows Installer engine installers should be located. Available options are:

- **Copy from Source Media** — Leave the selected Windows Installer engine installers on the root of the source media. This option is not available for Web media types or Network Image media types with all of your files compressed into Setup.exe.

- **Extract Engine from Setup.exe** — Compress the selected Windows Installer engine installers into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time.

- **Download Engine from the Web** — Download the Windows Installer engine installer (if necessary) from a URL that you specify. If you select this setting, be sure to set the engine URL settings to the appropriate Web locations, or leave the default value.

#### MSI 3.1 Engine URL

This setting specifies the location from which the setup launcher downloads the Windows Installer 3.1 engine, if needed. This setting is ignored unless the MSI Engine Location setting for the current release is set to Download Engine from the Web. Do not specify the file name in the URL.

**Note** • The default URL (http://www.installengine.com/Msiengine30) is a site maintained by Revenera for your convenience. The 3.1 engine is available for download from this location.

#### Delay MSI Engine Reboot

Specify whether you want to postpone any reboot associated with installing or updating the Windows Installer engine on the target system until after your installation has completed.

**Note** • This setting applies to redistributables for Windows Installer 3.1 and earlier. For information on different methods of adding various versions of Windows Installer redistributables to a project, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

Select Yes to postpone the reboot, if one is necessary. Select No to allow the system to reboot, if necessary, immediately after the Windows Installer engine has been installed or updated and before performing your installation.
Cache MSI Locally

Specify whether the .msi file and other installation files for the current build should be cached on the target system.

- **Yes**—Cache the .msi file and other installation files on the target system for use with application maintenance and repair. The Cache Path setting for the current release specifies where files should be cached.
- **No**—Do not cache the .msi file and other installation files on the target system.

Note • This setting is enabled for releases that do not have the .msi file available in the same folder as the Setup.exe file on the target system.

Cache Path

Specify where the cached .msi file and other cached installation files should be stored on the end user's system. You can enter a hard-coded value such as `C:\CachedFiles`, but it is recommended that you cache files in a path using a destination variable selected from the list. The default value is `[LocalAppDataFolder]Downloaded Installations`.

Note • This setting is used only if the Cache MSI Locally setting for the current release is set to Yes.

Media Password

Enter the password that end users must enter in order to run the installation. Leave this setting empty if you do not want to password-protect your installation.

Show Password Dialog

This setting is applicable only if you specify a non-null password in the Media Password setting.

Select Yes to set the `SHOW_PASSWORD_DIALOG` system variable to a non-zero value, which executes the password-checking code in the OnCheckMediaPassword event handler function's default code.

If you select No, you must enter your own code in the script to request the password from the end user and check it by calling `FeatureValidate`.

Small Initialization Dialog

Specify whether you want to display a small initialization dialog when end users run this release.

When the installation initializes, by default, an initialization dialog is displayed. The standard initialization dialog is the same size as the Welcome dialog and contains initialization text, a progress bar, and a Cancel button. The small initialization dialog contains initialization text, progress and a Cancel button; however, it is smaller, it does not contain a bitmap image, and its background is the window color of the end user's system.

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<td>Cache Path</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify where the cached .msi file and other cached installation files should be stored on the end user's system. You can enter a hard-coded value such as <code>C:\CachedFiles</code>, but it is recommended that you cache files in a path using a destination variable selected from the list. The default value is <code>[LocalAppDataFolder]Downloaded Installations</code>.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Media Password</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Enter the password that end users must enter in order to run the installation. Leave this setting empty if you do not want to password-protect your installation.</td>
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<td>Show Password Dialog</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>This setting is applicable only if you specify a non-null password in the Media Password setting.</td>
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<td>Small Initialization Dialog</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to display a small initialization dialog when end users run this release. When the installation initializes, by default, an initialization dialog is displayed. The standard initialization dialog is the same size as the Welcome dialog and contains initialization text, a progress bar, and a Cancel button. The small initialization dialog contains initialization text, progress and a Cancel button; however, it is smaller, it does not contain a bitmap image, and its background is the window color of the end user's system.</td>
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<td>Init Dialog Product Name</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Optionally enter the product name to display in the setup initialization dialog. If you leave this setting empty, InstallShield uses the product name that you specify in the General Information view.</td>
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| Minimum Initialization Time | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Specify the minimum number of seconds that the installation should display the initialization dialog when end users run this release. InstallShield uses the value that you specify for this setting as the value of the SplashTime keyname in the `Setup.ini` file.  
When the installation initializes, by default, an initialization dialog is displayed. The splash screen, if provided, is also shown at this time. If you specify a minimum initialization time in this setting, the initialization dialog and splash screen are shown for at least the specified number of seconds. If initialization takes longer than the time specified, the dialog and splash screen are still displayed until the installation completes initialization. If initialization takes less time than the time specified, the installation continues to display the dialog and splash screen until the specified time has elapsed, and then the installation continues. |
| Password Protect Launcher  | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI | To password-protect your installation, select Yes, and then type a password for the Launcher Password setting.  
*Project • In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this setting is available only if you select Yes for the Setup Launcher setting.*                                                                                     |
| Launcher Password        | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI | Type a password to protect your installation. Passwords are case-sensitive. This setting is used only if you select Yes for the Password Protect Launcher setting.                                                                                                                         |
| Use Custom Version Properties | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI | Specify whether you want to override the default copyright notice and file description for Setup.exe with your own copyright notice and file description. If you select Yes, enter your own information in the Launcher Copyright setting and the File Description setting.  
The copyright and description are displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties.  
To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.                                                                                           |
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<td><strong>Launcher</strong></td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If you want to override the default copyright notice for Setup.exe with your product’s copyright notice, enter your product’s copyright notice. Note that you must also select Yes in the Use Custom Version Properties setting. The copyright is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.</td>
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<td><strong>File Description</strong></td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If you want to override the default file description for Setup.exe with your own description, enter the appropriate description. Note that you must also select Yes in the Use Custom Version Properties setting. The description is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.</td>
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<td><strong>File Version</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript</td>
<td>If you want to override the default file version for Setup.exe with your own file version, enter the appropriate file version. Note that you must also select Yes in the Use Custom Version Properties setting. The file version is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.</td>
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<td><strong>Version</strong></td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If you want to override the default product version and file version for Setup.exe with your own version number, enter the appropriate version number. Note that you must also select Yes in the Use Custom Version Properties setting. The product version and file version are displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties. Note that the file version always contains four fields. If you specify fewer than four fields for your product version, the remaining fields are filled with zeros. For example, if you specify a product version of 1.1, the file version that is used in the version resources of Setup.exe is 1.1.0.0. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.</td>
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<td>Company</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If you want to override the default company name for Setup.exe with your own company name, enter the appropriate name. Note that you must also select Yes in the Use Custom Version Properties setting. The company name is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties. To learn more, see <a href="#">Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher</a>.</td>
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<td>InstallShield</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify where the InstallShield prerequisites that are selected in the Redistributables view (in Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) or in the Prerequisites view (in InstallScript projects) should be located.</td>
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**Project** • The available options differ, depending on which project type you are using.

- **Follow Individual Selections**—Use the locations that are specified for each individual InstallShield prerequisite’s properties in the Redistributables or Prerequisites view.
  
  This option is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

- **Download From The Web**—Download all of the InstallShield prerequisite files included in your project (if necessary) from the URL specified in the InstallShield prerequisite (.prq) file for each prerequisite. This option overrides the locations that are specified in the Redistributables or Prerequisites view for each InstallShield prerequisite’s properties.
  
  This option is recommended if your installation will be downloaded from the Internet and you want to minimize the package size and download time. An InstallShield prerequisite will not be downloaded if the correct version is already present on the target machine.
  
  This option is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

- **Extract From Setup.exe**—Compress the InstallShield prerequisite files into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, if necessary. This option overrides the locations that are specified in the Redistributables view for each InstallShield prerequisite’s properties.
  
  Select this option if the entire installation must be self-contained in Setup.exe. Note that the Download From The Web option results in smaller installations and shorter download time; however, the Extract From Setup.exe option provides for a completely self-contained installation.
  
  This option is available for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.
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<td>• <strong>Copy From Source Media</strong>—Store the InstallShield prerequisite files on the source media. This option overrides the locations that are specified in the Redistributables view for each InstallShield prerequisite’s properties. Use this option if the installation will be run uncompressed from fixed media—CD, DVD, or local network. This option is available for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Include with Media</strong>—Store the InstallShield prerequisite files on the source media or in Setup.exe, depending on how you configure the settings for the release. This option overrides the locations that are specified in the Prerequisites view for each InstallShield prerequisite’s properties. This option is available for InstallScript projects.</td>
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<td>Note that if an InstallShield prerequisite is added to a project as a dependency of another prerequisite, the location for the prerequisite dependency follows the location setting of the prerequisite that requires it.</td>
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**Tip** • If you select the Extract From Setup.exe option, the Copy From Source Media option, or the Include with Media option and then build a release that includes an InstallShield prerequisite that is not available on your computer, one or more build errors are generated for every file that the prerequisite requires. To avoid these build errors, use the Redistributables view or the Prerequisites view to either download the InstallShield prerequisite from the Internet to your computer or remove it from your project before building the release.

To learn more, see Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level.
### Package Location

Specify the run-time location for the packages that are configured in the Packages view. Available options are:

- **Copy From Source Media**—Store the packages on the source media. This option overrides the run-time locations that are specified for each individual package’s Location setting in the Packages view.

  If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation will be run uncompressed from fixed media—CD, DVD, or local network—select this option.

- **Extract From Setup.exe**—Compress the packages into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, if necessary. This option overrides the run-time locations that are specified for each individual package’s Location setting in the Packages view.

  If the entire installation must be self-contained in Setup.exe, select this option. Note that the **Download from the Web** option results in smaller installations and shorter download time; however, the **Extract from Setup.exe** option provides for a completely self-contained installation.

- **Download from the Web**—Download all of the packages that are included in your project (if necessary) from the URLs that are specified for each package in the Packages view. This option overrides the run-time locations that are specified for each individual package’s Location setting in the Packages view.

  This option is recommended if your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation will be downloaded from the Internet and you want to minimize the installation size and download time. A package will not be downloaded if the correct version is already present on the target system.

- **Follow Individual Selections**—Use the locations that are specified for each individual package’s the Location setting in the Packages view.

  To learn more, see [Specifying the Run-Time Location for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Packages at the Release Level](#).

### Cache Packages Locally

Specify whether you want to cache the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages that are run on a target system in the location that is defined for each package in the Packages view. The default value is Yes.

If you are building an uncompressed release, you may want to select No for this setting.

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<tr>
<td>Package Location</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Specify the run-time location for the packages that are configured in the Packages view. Available options are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Copy From Source Media</strong>—Store the packages on the source media. This option overrides the run-time locations that are specified for each individual package’s Location setting in the Packages view.</td>
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<td>If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation will be run uncompressed from fixed media—CD, DVD, or local network—select this option.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Extract From Setup.exe</strong>—Compress the packages into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, if necessary. This option overrides the run-time locations that are specified for each individual package’s Location setting in the Packages view.</td>
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<td>If the entire installation must be self-contained in Setup.exe, select this option. Note that the <strong>Download from the Web</strong> option results in smaller installations and shorter download time; however, the <strong>Extract from Setup.exe</strong> option provides for a completely self-contained installation.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Download from the Web</strong>—Download all of the packages that are included in your project (if necessary) from the URLs that are specified for each package in the Packages view. This option overrides the run-time locations that are specified for each individual package’s Location setting in the Packages view.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>This option is recommended if your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation will be downloaded from the Internet and you want to minimize the installation size and download time. A package will not be downloaded if the correct version is already present on the target system.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Follow Individual Selections</strong>—Use the locations that are specified for each individual package’s the Location setting in the Packages view.</td>
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<td>To learn more, see <a href="#">Specifying the Run-Time Location for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Packages at the Release Level</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cache Packages</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to cache the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages that are run on a target system in the location that is defined for each package in the Packages view. The default value is Yes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Locally</td>
<td></td>
<td>If you are building an uncompressed release, you may want to select No for this setting.</td>
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Table 13-205 • Settings on the Setup.exe Tab (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Custom Return Code</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to override the return code of Setup.exe with your own custom values during the runtime. The default value is No. Select Yes to specify the values for a successful, failed or aborted installation. The supported values ranges from 0 to 32767 for successful, failed and aborted installation.</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Important</strong> • <em>If the filed is blank, the actual error code is returned during Cancel/Abort.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expiration Date</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>To prevent end users from being able to run Setup.exe on or after a certain date, enter the expiration date, or click the arrow in this setting to select the date from a calendar. To remove the expiration date, click the Delete button in this setting. If you specify an expiration date in this setting, use the Expiration Date setting to specify the message that you want to be displayed at run time if an end user tries to launch Setup.exe on or after the expiration date.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expiration Message</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Enter the message that you want to be displayed at run time if an end user tries to launch Setup.exe on or after the expiration date that is configured in the Expiration Date setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always Create Debug Log</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If you want to create debug logs for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher, select <strong>Yes</strong>. You can also use the CreateDebugLog method in the automation interface to specify the <strong>Always Create Debug Log</strong> setting. Set CreateDebugLog to True to create debug logs. The default value is False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Log File Name</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>The default Log File Name is InstallShield.1og. You can also customize the Log File Name, to any given name of your choice. with any absolute path and relative path to the installer location. For example: C:\abc\xyz.1og or ..\xyz.1og. If the folder does not exist in the given location, a folder will be created. with any environment variable. For example: %TEMP%\xyz.1og.</td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong> • <em>If the installer doesn’t have access to the directory, it falls back to installer location with the name provided.</em></td>
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<tr>
<td>Setup File Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Specify the file name - without the .exe file extension - that InstallShield should use for the setup launcher file that it generates during the build time. If this setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default value of Setup, and the setup launcher file is called setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

See Also
Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects
Release Settings
Releases View

Signing Tab for a Release

InstallShield 2020 » Releases View » Release

Project • The Signing tab is available in the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Signing tab is where you specify the digital signature information—including the digital certificate files that a certification authority granted to you—that InstallShield should use to sign your files. It is also where you specify which files in your installation should be digitally signed at build time.

Table 13-206 • Settings on the Signing Tab

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sign Setup.exe File</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to sign the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate URL</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Type a fully qualified URL—for example, <a href="http://www.mydomain.com">http://www.mydomain.com</a>. This URL is used in your digital signature to link to a site that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company.</td>
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Table 13-206 • Settings on the Signing Tab (cont.)

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<th><strong>Setting</strong></th>
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| Digital Certificate      | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, M | To specify the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify either the location of the .pfx file or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate. To learn more, see [Certificate Selection Dialog Box](#). After specifying the digital certificate, the below will be displayed:  
  - Certificate Thumbprint - This read-only setting displays the certificate thumbprint.  
  - Issued By - This read-only setting displays the certificate issuer information.  
  - Expiration Date - This read-only setting displays the certificate's expiration date. |
| Certificate Password     | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, M | If the .pfx file that you are using has a password, enter it. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism). At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails. Note that if you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider. |

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Digital Certificate Information

To specify the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify either the location of the .pfx file or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate.

To learn more, see Certificate Selection Dialog Box.

After specifying the digital certificate, the below will be displayed:

- Certificate Thumbprint - This read-only setting displays the certificate thumbprint.
- Issued By - This read-only setting displays the certificate issuer information.
- Expiration Date - This read-only setting displays the certificate’s expiration date.

Certificate Password

If the .pfx file that you are using has a password, enter it. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism).

At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails.

Note that if you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.
Sign Output Files | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Specify which files you want to be signed. Available options are:

- **Media Header**—To sign only your media header file (Data1.hdr), select this option.
  
  This option is available for InstallScript projects.

- **None**—To avoid signing your installation, select this option.
  
  This option is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, and Merge Module projects.

- **Setup.exe**—To sign your Setup.exe file, select this option.
  
  This option is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects.

- **Setup.exe and Media Header**—To sign your Setup.exe file and your media header file (Data1.hdr), select this option.
  
  This option is available for InstallScript projects.

- **Setup.exe and Windows Installer Package**—To sign your Setup.exe file and your Windows Installer package (.msi), select this option.
  
  This option is available for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects.

- **Windows Installer Package**—To sign your Windows Installer package (.msi or .msm), select this option.
  
  This option is available for Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

Signature Description | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI | Specify the signature description that you want to use for files that are specified in the Sign Output Files setting. The description that you specify is displayed on the User Account Control (UAC) box to the right of the “Program Name:” label. The UAC dialog box opens when an end user launches the signed file and elevated privileges are required.

If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the name of the file without its extension as the description to the right of the “Program Name:” label on the UAC dialog box. Note that if you use the Sign Files in Package setting and its subsettings to sign the files in your package, InstallShield does not use this signature description for the UAC dialog box of the files in your package that are signed at build time.
Table 13-206 • Settings on the Signing Tab (cont.)

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<td><strong>Sign Files in Package</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to sign any of the files in your release. If you select Yes, use the Include Patterns and Files setting and the Exclude Patterns and Files setting to indicate which files should be signed.</td>
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<td><strong>Windows Logo</strong>  • All executable files (including .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .cpl, .drv, and .scr files) in an installation must be digitally signed for the Windows logo program.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Sign Files That Are Already Signed</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If any of the files in your project are already digitally signed, determine whether you want InstallShield to replace those existing digital signatures with the digital signature that you specify on the Signing tab. Note that this affects only files that meet the requirements that are specified in the Include Patterns and Files setting and the Exclude Patterns and Files setting.</td>
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<td>• To use the digital signature information that you are providing on the Signing tab to sign a file instead of any existing digital signature information that is already included with the file, select Yes.</td>
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<td>• To leave the existing digital signature information intact for any files that are already signed, select No.</td>
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<td>The default value is No.</td>
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<td><strong>Sign Files in Their Original Location</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Determine whether you want InstallShield to sign your original files or just the files that are built into the release:</td>
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<td>• If you want InstallShield to sign a temporary copy of each file and then use that signed temporary copy to build a release, select No. Note that if you select No, InstallShield will not modify or sign your original files.</td>
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<td>• If you want InstallShield to sign your original files, select Yes.</td>
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<td>The default value is No.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Include Patterns and Files</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>To specify the files and file patterns that you want to be digitally signed at build time, do one of the following:</td>
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<td>• To select one or more file names or file patterns from a list of all of the static files that are currently in your project, as well as file patterns such as *.dll, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting. The Browse for file dialog box opens, enabling you to select one or more patterns and files. When you are done selecting items, InstallShield adds one or more new Include settings under the Include Patterns and Files setting.</td>
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<td>• To type a file name or pattern manually, click the Add button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new Include setting under the Include Patterns and Files setting; use this new setting to specify the file name or pattern.</td>
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Include

Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module

Specify the file or file pattern that you want to be digitally signed at build time. Note the following guidelines:

- To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*).

  For example, if you want to sign all .exe files, specify the following: *

  Using wild-card characters is especially helpful if you include dynamically linked files in your project and you want to sign all files that match a certain pattern.

- Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify *.exe in an Include setting and in an Exclude setting, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files.

To delete the file or file pattern, click the Delete button in this setting.

To add another file or file pattern, use the Include Patterns and Files setting.

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| Include                  | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Specify the file or file pattern that you want to be digitally signed at build time. Note the following guidelines:  
  - To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*).  
  - Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify *.exe in an Include setting and in an Exclude setting, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files.  
  To delete the file or file pattern, click the Delete button in this setting.  
  To add another file or file pattern, use the Include Patterns and Files setting. |

Exclude Patterns and Files

Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module

To specify the files and file patterns that you do not want to be digitally signed at build time, do one of the following:

- To select one or more file names or file patterns from a list of all of the static files that are currently in your project, as well as file patterns such as *.dll, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Browse for file dialog box opens, enabling you to select one or more patterns and files. When you are done selecting items, InstallShield adds one or more new Exclude settings under the Exclude Patterns and Files setting.

- To type a file name or pattern manually, click the Add button in this setting. InstallShield adds a new Exclude setting under the Exclude Patterns and Files setting; use this new setting to specify the file name or pattern.
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<tr>
<td>Exclude</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify the file or file pattern that you do not want to be digitally signed at build time. Note the following guidelines:</td>
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<td>• To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*).</td>
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<td>For example, if you do not want to sign any .drv files, specify the following: *.drv</td>
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<td>Using wild-card characters is especially helpful if you include dynamically linked files in your project and you want to avoid signing all files that match a certain pattern.</td>
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<td>• Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify *.exe in an Include setting and in an Exclude setting, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files.</td>
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<td>To delete the file or file pattern, click the Delete button in this setting.</td>
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<td>To add another file or file pattern, use the Exclude Patterns and Files setting.</td>
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See Also
Digital Signing and Security
Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time
Digitally Signing a Release After It Has Been Built From the Command Line
Changing the Timestamp Server for Digital Signatures
Release Settings
Releases View

Internet Tab for a Release

InstallShield 2020 » Releases View » Release

**Project** • The Internet tab is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
The Internet tab is where you specify Web-related information.

### Table 13-207 • Settings on the Internet Tab

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<td><strong>Web Type</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Select the configuration of your Web installation package. Available options are:</td>
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<tr>
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<td>• <strong>One Executable</strong>—Build this release as a single self-extracting Setup.exe file. This Web type is ideal for a package that is to be downloaded from many Web or FTP sites, since the installation package is self-contained. Note, however, that the entire installation package is downloaded, so the download time is longer than with the Install from the Web type that is described below.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Downloader</strong>—Build this release as a combination of Setup.exe and your .msi package, where the end user downloads and launches Setup.exe, which in turn downloads and runs the .msi database, which contains all of your files.</td>
</tr>
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<td>• <strong>Install from the Web</strong>—Build this release as a combination of Setup.exe, your .msi database, and external cabinet files (.cab). The end user downloads and runs Setup.exe, which in turn downloads and runs the .msi database; based on the end user’s setup type and feature selections, only the requested .cab files are downloaded and installed, which minimizes download time.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>For the Downloader and Install from the Web types, application maintenance and repair uses the URL that you specify in the URL for Your Files setting as the installation source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>URL for Your Files</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the directory that contains the data cabinet files that will be downloaded. This setting accepts a URL in the form <a href="http://www.yourcompany.com/download">http://www.yourcompany.com/download</a>. This setting is used only if the Web Type setting for the current release is set to Install from the Web or Downloader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>IFTW .cab Size (KB)</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the size, in kilobytes, of the cabinet files (.cab) for the Web media type. Specify the value 0 (zero) to build a separate .cab file for each component. This setting is used only if the value of the Web Type setting for the current release is Install from the Web.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Generate One-Click Install

Specify whether to create a One-Click Install, which is an installation program whose initial user interface is an HTML page. When an end user visits your Web page and clicks an Install button on it, the installation files are downloaded to the target system and then launched.

**Project** • For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: What files are downloaded to the end user’s system depends on the option that is selected for the Web Type setting for the current release. If you select Yes for the Generate One-Click Install setting, you must specify file names in the One-Click HTML Base Name setting and the One-Click .cab Base Name setting for this release. This setting is used only if you select Web for the release’s Media Format setting.

For InstallScript projects: If you select Yes for this setting, InstallShield includes with your installation an external setup player (Setup.ocx file) that downloads and then launches the Setup.exe file with the appropriate command line. For details, see One-Click Install Installations in InstallScript Projects.

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<tr>
<td>Generate One-Click Install</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether to create a One-Click Install, which is an installation program whose initial user interface is an HTML page. When an end user visits your Web page and clicks an Install button on it, the installation files are downloaded to the target system and then launched.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One-Click HTML Base Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the base file name of the HTML file that InstallShield should generate at build time. The .htm file name extension is appended to the base name that you specify, and the generated file is created in the Disk1 folder of the current release location. This setting is used only if the value of the Generate One-Click Install setting is Yes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One-Click .cab Base Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Specify the base file name for the cabinet file (.cab) that is generated by the build process for a One-Click Install installation. The .cab file name extension is appended to the name that you specify here. The generated files are created in the Disk1 folder for the current release. The name that you specify for this setting is displayed at run time in the Digital Certificate when you digitally sign your installation. This setting is used only if the value of the Generate One-Click Install setting is Yes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create Default Web Page</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specify whether you want InstallShield to create a default Web page (.htm file) and place it in the Disk1 folder.</td>
</tr>
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The Events tab lets you configure settings for various tasks that you want InstallShield to perform before, during, or after builds.

The Events tab settings are organized into the following main categories:

- **Commands**
- **Publishing**

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| Web Page URL | InstallScript| Do one of the following to indicate what URL should be launched if you click the Run From Web command on the Build menu:
- To launch the Setup.htm file that InstallShield creates at build time and places in the Disk1 folder, leave this box blank.
- To launch a different Web page, type the URL in this box or click the browse button to select the Web file.

**Tip** • If you enter a URL, do not include the name of the page, and do not include an ending forward slash. For example, if the full URL for the Setup.htm file is `http://www.mypages.com/setup/Setup.htm`, enter the following as the Web page URL: `http://www.mypages.com/setup` When you click the Run from Web command on the Build menu, InstallShield launches the appropriate URL (`http://www.mypages.com/setup/Setup.htm`, in the aforementioned example).

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**See Also**
- Release Settings
- Releases View

**Events Tab for a Release**

**InstallShield 2020 » Releases View » Release**

**Project** • The Events tab is available in the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- Suite/Advanced UI

*Additional project-specific differences are noted where applicable.*

The Events tab lets you configure settings for various tasks that you want InstallShield to perform before, during, or after builds.

The Events tab settings are organized into the following main categories:

- Commands
- Publishing
• Distribution

• Virtual Machine (This area is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.)

Commands Settings

Use the Commands area on the Events tab to specify commands that you want to be run at various stages of the build process.

Table 13-208 • Commands Settings on the Events Tab

| Setting         | Project Type                                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                 
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
| Prebuild Event  | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI | **Edition** • This setting is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. Specify the command that you want to be run before InstallShield starts building the release. This event runs after InstallShield creates the release folder and log file, but before InstallShield starts building the release. To specify more than one command, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting, which opens the Prebuild Event dialog box. Enter each command on a separate line in this dialog box. At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one. When you are entering a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands. To learn more, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds. |
| Precompression Event | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | **Edition** • This setting is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. Specify the command that you want to be run after InstallShield has built the .msi package and the .cab files (if your product’s data files are to be stored in .cab files). Note that this event occurs after .cab files are streamed into the .msi package, but before the .msi package has been digitally signed and streamed into the Setup.exe file. To specify more than one command, click the ellipsis button (…) in this setting, which opens the Precompression Event dialog box. Enter each command on a separate line in this dialog box. At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one. When you are entering a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands. To learn more, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds. |
Publishing Settings

The Publishing settings that are displayed depend on what project type you are using; they also depend on whether you are using the version of InstallShield that ships by itself, or the one that is included in AdminStudio.

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Execute Batch File</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>To launch a batch file (.bat) or executable file (.exe) after the release has been built, enter the path to the file, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file. You can use path variables, enclosed within angle brackets (&lt;&gt;), as part of the path. If you specify a file for this, InstallShield sets environment variables with the same names (including the angle brackets) and values as the project's build variables. InstallShield also sets the environment variable &lt;SMEDIADIR&gt;, whose value is the path to the folder in which the release's Disk Images, Log Files, and Report Files folders are created. You can refer to the value of an environment variable in a batch file by surrounding the variable name with percent signs (%); for example: set PATH = %&lt;ISPROJECTDIR&gt;%;%PATH% When the file is finished, InstallShield deletes the environment variables that it set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Postbuild Event</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Publishing Settings in the Version of InstallShield that Ships By Itself (Without AdminStudio)

For the version of InstallShield that ships by itself (without AdminStudio), the settings in the Publishing area on the Events tab are available in merge module projects. Use these settings to specify information such as whether you want the merge module to be available in the Merge Modules folder or a repository after each successful build of the release.

Table 13-209 • Publishing Settings on the Events Tab—for InstallShield Without AdminStudio

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Publish Merge Module</td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the merge module to be available in the Merge Modules folder or a repository after each successful build of the selected release. Available options are:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Publish to repository</strong>—InstallShield publishes the merge module to the repository that is specified in the Repository Name setting whenever you successfully build the release. Note that this option is available only if one or more repositories have been configured. (To configure a repository, on the Tools menu, click Options, and then click the Repository tab. Use this tab to configure a repository.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Copy to Merge Modules folder</strong>—InstallShield updates the Merge Modules folder with this new merge module whenever you successfully build the release.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Do not publish</strong>—InstallShield does not publish the merge module to a repository or copy it to the Merge Modules folder when you build the release.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To learn more, see Using a Repository to Share Project Elements.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Repository Name</td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td>Select the repository where the merge module that you are building should be published when the release is successfully built. Note that this option is available only if one or more repositories have been configured. (To configure a repository, on the Tools menu, click Options, and then click the Repository tab. Use this tab to configure a repository.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td>Specify a display name for the merge module that you are publishing to the repository. When you select this merge module in the Redistributables view after it has been published to the repository, the display name is available in the details pane.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Publisher</td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td>Type the name of the person publishing this merge module to the repository. This name will be displayed in the description pane when you select this merge module in the Redistributables view. When you select this merge module in the Redistributables view after it has been published to the repository, the publisher name is available in the details pane.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For the version of InstallShield that ships as part of AdminStudio, the settings in the Publishing area on the Events tab are available in Basic MSI projects. Use these settings to specify information such as whether you want the Windows Installer package that you are building to be published to the software repository.

### Description

Type the description that should be displayed for this merge module. When you select this merge module in the Redistributables view after it has been published to the repository, the description is available in the details pane.

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td>Type the description that should be displayed for this merge module. When you select this merge module in the Redistributables view after it has been published to the repository, the description is available in the details pane.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Publishing Settings in the Version of InstallShield that Ships as Part of AdminStudio

For the version of InstallShield that ships as part of AdminStudio, the settings in the Publishing area on the Events tab are available in Basic MSI projects. Use these settings to specify information such as whether you want the Windows Installer package that you are building to be published to the software repository.

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Publish to AdminStudio Repository</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the Windows Installer package that you are building to be published to the software repository. If you use the software repository to manage a Windows Installer package, the .msi file and all of its other associated files and subfolders are stored in a subfolder of the software repository location that is identified for the package's Application Catalog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>If you select Yes for the Publish to AdminStudio Repository setting and you want to associate the Windows Installer package with one or more groups in the Application Catalog, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Select Application Manager Groups dialog box opens. Select the check box for each group that you want to contain the Windows Installer package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Update Option</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify how you want to handle the importing of the Windows Installer package that is built for the selected release into the Application Catalog. Available options are:</td>
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<td>- <strong>New Package Version</strong>—A new build is treated as a new package in the Application Catalog.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Overwrite Existing Version</strong>—A new build overwrites the existing version in the Application Catalog.</td>
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<td>- <strong>New Package History Version</strong>—A new build is treated as a new version of the package that exists in the Application Catalog.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Ignore if Exists</strong>—A new build is imported only if it does not already exist in the Application Catalog.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Distribution

Use the Distribution area on the Events tab to configure settings for distributing releases to a folder or FTP site automatically at build time.

Table 13-211 • Distribution Settings on the Events Tab

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Copy to Folder</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want to be able to automatically distribute your release to a folder, specify location. Existing folders with the same names as copied folders are overwritten, but no folders are deleted. Specify the folder path by entering the path in this setting, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the location. If the media format of the selected release is a network image, which creates only one disk image folder, the contents of the disk image folder, rather than the folder itself, are copied. If you chose to create a self-extracting executable file, the executable file, rather than the disk image folders, is copied.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Project* • For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, InstallShield automatically copies the release to the folder that you specify on the Events tab every time that you build the release.

For any of the following project types, InstallShield copies all of the relevant files for your release to the specified folder whenever you right-click the release in the Releases view and then click Distribute:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

If you want the build engine to copy your release to the specified folder after every build in a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, select Yes for the Distribute After Build setting.

*Note* • If you specify a folder for this setting and you also specify an FTP location on the Events tab, InstallShield copies the release to only the FTP location.
FTP Location

If you want to be able to automatically distribute your release to an FTP server, specify the FTP URL for the location. Each release in your project can have a different FTP location.

**Note** • If you need to distribute your release to a path outside the FTP default folder, use a double slash (//). For example, to distribute your release to a root-level folder called *myproduct*, where the URL of the FTP server is `ftp://ftp.mydomain.com`, enter `ftp://ftp.mydomain.com//myproduct` for the FTP location.

**Project** • For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, InstallShield automatically copies the release to the FTP location that you specify on the Events tab every time that you build the release.

For any of the following project types, InstallShield copies all of the relevant files for your release to the specified FTP location whenever you right-click the release in the Releases view and then click Distribute:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

If you want the build engine to copy your release to the specified location after every build in a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, select Yes for the Distribute After Build setting.

**FTP Site User Name**

If a user name is required to upload to the FTP location that you are specifying, enter the user name.

**Project** • If you enter a user name for one of the releases in a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, that same user name is used for other releases in the same project and in other Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

**FTP Site Password**

If a password is required to upload to the FTP location that you are specifying, enter the password.

**Project** • If you enter a password for one of the releases in a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, that same password is used for other releases in the same project and in other Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects.

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<tr>
<td>FTP Location</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>If you want to be able to automatically distribute your release to an FTP server, specify the FTP URL for the location. Each release in your project can have a different FTP location.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • If you need to distribute your release to a path outside the FTP default folder, use a double slash (//). For example, to distribute your release to a root-level folder called <em>myproduct</em>, where the URL of the FTP server is <code>ftp://ftp.mydomain.com</code>, enter <code>ftp://ftp.mydomain.com//myproduct</code> for the FTP location.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, InstallShield automatically copies the release to the FTP location that you specify on the Events tab every time that you build the release. For any of the following project types, InstallShield copies all of the relevant files for your release to the specified FTP location whenever you right-click the release in the Releases view and then click Distribute:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Basic MSI</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• InstallScript MSI</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Merge Module</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you want the build engine to copy your release to the specified location after every build in a Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project, select Yes for the Distribute After Build setting.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTP Site User</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>If a user name is required to upload to the FTP location that you are specifying, enter the user name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTP Site</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>If a password is required to upload to the FTP location that you are specifying, enter the password.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
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Virtual Machine Settings

Edition • The Virtual Machine area is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Use the Virtual Machine area on the Events tab to configure settings for distributing the selected release to a virtual machine (VM) at build time or on demand. To learn more, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.

Table 13-212 • Virtual Machine Settings on the Events Tab

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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</table>
| Configuration    | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI | This setting shows the name of the group of VM configuration settings that you want to use when distributing the selected release to a VM.  
To specify an existing VM configuration, select it in this setting.  
To create a new VM configuration, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting.  
To edit an existing VM configuration, select it in this setting and then click the ellipsis button (...).  
To override the selected VM configuration’s details (such as the destination on the VM where you want the installation to be distributed) for the selected release, configure the subsettings under this setting.  
To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.  
For information on how to share VM configurations with other machines, see Sharing Virtual Machine Settings for Distribution of Releases. |

Tip • To quickly distribute your release on demand, instead of after each build, right-click the release and click Distribute. Note that the Distribute command is available only if the release has been built at least once.
Table 13-212 • Virtual Machine Settings on the Events Tab (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Snapshot</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Optionally specify the name of the snapshot that you want to use for distributing the release. If a snapshot is specified for the VM configuration that is selected in the Configuration setting, the name of that snapshot is considered to be the default value for this setting and displayed in gray text. To override the snapshot for the selected release, enter it in this setting. If no snapshot is specified for the VM configuration, InstallShield does not revert to a specific snapshot. InstallShield powers on the VM without reverting it to a specific snapshot, and copies your installation to the VM. To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If a user name is specified for the VM configuration that is selected in the Configuration setting, that user name is considered to be the default value for this setting and displayed in gray text. To override the user name for the selected release, enter it in this setting. To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>If a password is specified for the VM configuration that is selected in the Configuration setting, that password is considered to be the default value for this setting and displayed in gray text. To override the password for the selected release, enter it in this setting. To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Destination Path</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>The destination path identifies the location on the VM where the release is to be distributed. The last subfolder in the path can be a path that InstallShield creates on the VM; the other folders in the path must already exist. If a destination path is specified for the VM configuration that is selected in the Configuration setting, that destination path is considered to be the default value for this setting and displayed in gray text. To override the destination path for the selected release, enter it in this setting. To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
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Table 13-212 • Virtual Machine Settings on the Events Tab (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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</table>
| Distribute After Build| Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI | Specify whether you want InstallShield to automatically distribute the selected release each time that it is successfully built. Distributing the release to the VM involves the following tasks:
1. Revert the VM to the designated snapshot (if one is specified).
2. Power on the VM.
3. Copy the built release to the VM to make it available for testing.
As an alternative to automatically distributing the release at build time to the VM, you can distribute the release on demand: right-click the release and then click Distribute to VM.
To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand. |

See Also
Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand
Release Settings
Releases View

Appx/MSIX Tab for a Release

InstallShield 2020 » Releases View » Release

Project • The Appx/MSIX tab is available in Basic MSI projects.

Windows app package (.appx/.msix) creation is enabled in the per-release tab titled Appx/MSIX tab. Here, some core settings can be specified that impact the Windows app package build process.

The Appx/MSIX tab settings are organized into the following main categories:

- General
- Package Identity Overrides
- Display Properties
General Settings

Use the General area on the Appx/MSIX tab to specify whether a Windows app package (.appx) will be built as part of building the release and to specify other core settings that impact the build process such as choosing whether to include desktop extensions or server extensions.

Table 13-213 • General Settings on the Appx/MSIX Tab

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Build Windows App</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify whether you want a Windows app package (.appx/.msix) to be built</td>
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<tr>
<td>Package</td>
<td></td>
<td>as part of building this release.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Available options are:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Yes</strong>—Build the Windows app package (.appx/.msix). Choose <strong>Yes</strong> if you</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>want to:</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>● Distribute your app through the Windows Store.</td>
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<td>● Target Windows Server Nano.</td>
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<td>● Sideload a Appx/MSIX that leverages the Universal Windows Platform.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>● <strong>No</strong>—Do not build the Windows app package. If you select <strong>No</strong>, only the</td>
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<td>.msi will be built.</td>
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</table>

Package Type

Choose a package type. This setting converts your Windows desktop application to the modern Windows app packaging format. The available drop-down options are:

- **APPX** - Build the Windows App Package
- **MSIX** - MSIX is the next generation software deployment model for Windows platform, bringing in the best of MSI, AppX and App-V together in a single package. MSIX has the capability to run a traditional Win32 app in a native container, achieving application isolation, ease of deployment, fully clean uninstallation and seamless software updates all at the same time.
- **Both** - Builds both .appx and .msix packages.
### Distribution Method

Choose a distribution method for your Windows app package. This setting directs which set of warnings are issued for potential problems related to Windows Store policies or requirements related to sideloading. Available drop-down options are:

- **Direct Distribution (Sideload)**—Distribute a Windows app package without having it downloaded from the Windows Store. Sideloaded apps have not been certified by the Windows Store. A common example of a sideloaded app is one that is distributed to an enterprise environment and is internal to a company only. If a package will be sideloaded, you will typically need to sign it, unless your customer wishes to sign it themselves.

- **Windows Store**—Distribute a Windows app package through the Windows Store. When this option is selected, additional warnings will be issued for items that are known to be rejected by Windows Store policy despite the build being valid in a sideloading scenario. If a package will be distributed through the Windows Store, it is subject to additional policies that limit its contents. This type of app doesn’t need to be signed before it is uploaded to Microsoft because Microsoft signs the package.

### Include Desktop Extensions

Choose whether to include “full trust” apps and other Desktop Bridge extensions as part of the core Windows App package (.appx/.msixWindows App) format. If you want to enable your desktop apps to start leveraging Universal Windows Platform (UWP) APIs, you should enable desktop extensions.

If you select **No**, warnings are issued for any such items that cannot be represented.

If you select **Yes**, additional subsettings can be configured as needed to specify a minimum Windows version and maximum tested Windows version supported by the included apps and desktop extensions.

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**Tip** • When using InstallShield to create a Windows App package, choose to include either desktop extensions or server extensions, but not both. Although a Windows App package can contain both desktop and server extensions, targeting one set over the other is a more likely scenario.
### Table 13-213 • General Settings on the Appx/MSIX Tab (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Minimum Version</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Optionally, specify the app’s minimum supported Windows version number. If you leave this blank, the minimum version number of Windows 10 Anniversary Update is assumed. The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the following format (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 65535): <code>majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber</code>, such as: 1.0.0.60325 Use as few characters as possible. For example, do not use unnecessary leading zeros; instead of entering 14.00.25.1, enter the following: 14.0.25.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(under Include Desktop Extensions)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tested Version</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Optionally, specify the app’s maximum supported tested Windows version number. If you leave this blank, this setting defaults to match the Minimum Version (or the minimum version number of Windows 10 Anniversary Update if nothing is specified for Minimum Version). The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the following format (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 65535): <code>majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber</code>, such as: 1.0.0.60325 Use as few characters as possible. For example, do not use unnecessary leading zeros; instead of entering 14.00.25.1, enter the following: 14.0.25.1</td>
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<td>(under Include Desktop Extensions)</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Include Server Extensions</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Choose whether to include Windows Server extensions as part of the core Windows App package (.appx/.msixWindows App) format, thus creating a Windows Server App. If you want to target Windows Server Nano’s native installation package format and deploy a service, WMI provider, event source, or performance counter, you should enable server extensions. If you select <strong>No</strong>, warnings are issued for any items that cannot be represented. If you select <strong>Yes</strong>, additional subsettings can be configured as needed to specify the minimum Windows Server operating system and maximum tested Windows Server operating system supported by the included apps.</td>
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**Tip** • **When using InstallShield to create a Windows App package, choose to include either desktop extensions or server extensions, but not both. Although a Windows App package can contain both desktop and server extensions, targeting one set over the other is a more likely scenario.**
Include MSIX Core Extensions

The MSIX Core enables the installation of MSIX apps on previous versions of Windows, provided the apps are already built to work on those versions of Windows.

The MSIX Core is built for the following Windows versions that do not currently natively support MSIX:

- Windows 7 SP1- 6.1.7601.0
- Windows 8.1 Update 1- 6.3.9600.0
- Windows 10 2015 LTSC (1507)- 10.0.10240.0
- Windows 10 2016 LTSC (1607)- 10.0.14393.0
- Windows Server 2008 R2 - 6.1.7601.0
- Windows Server 2012- 6.2.9200.0
- Windows Server 2012 R2 - 6.3.9600.0
- Windows Server 2016 - 10.0.14393.0

By default, the **No** option is selected. The possible options are:

- **No** - When you select this option, the MSIX Core entry will not be added to the manifest file.
- **Yes** - When you select this option, the MSIX Core entry will be added to the manifest file along with the specified minimum Windows version and maximum tested Windows version.

**Tip** • *The MSIX Core package needs MSIX pre-requisite to be installed on the older package.*

Minimum Version

(under Include Server Extensions)

Optionally, specify the app's minimum supported Windows version number. If you leave this blank, the minimum version number of Windows 7 SP1 Update (6.1.7601.0) is assumed.

The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the format of `majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber` (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 6553).

Tested Version

(under Include Server Extensions)

Optionally, specify the app's maximum supported tested Windows version number. If you leave this blank, this setting defaults to match the maximum MSIX core supported version number 10.0.14393.0 (Windows 10 2016 LTSC - 1607).

The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the format of `majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber` (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 65535).
Package Identity Overrides Settings

Use the Package Identity Overrides area on the Appx/MSIX tab to uniquely identify a package to Windows. These fields are typically not shown to an end user. Also, because the settings are overridden, the fields are not expanded by default.

Note • Architecture is also part of a Windows App package’s identity. Use the Template Summary setting in the Product Configuration, or in General Information, to specify the architecture of your Windows App package.

Table 13-214 • Package Identity Overrides Settings on the Appx/MSIX Tab

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To override the actual value of the certificate if one is specified on the Signing tab, specify the Subject name (name of the owner) of the certificate that will be used to sign the package. For example:

CN=Revenera, O=Revenera, L=Itasca, S=Illinois, C=US

If a package will be distributed through the Windows Store, it doesn’t need to be signed before it’s uploaded to Microsoft, in which case a signing certificate may be skipped. If a package will be sideloaded, it may or may not need to be signed, depending on how your customers expect to handle the package:

- If the customer prefers to sign the package themselves, they may need a specific publisher defined in the **Publisher** override setting that matches their certificate.
- If the customer merely wants to deploy the package, they may expect it to be signed with a trusted Authenticode Certificate. The requirements on this are equivalent to those for a trusted UAC prompt.
- Sideload requires that the Sideload setting in Windows is enabled. Sideload is enabled by default in the Windows 10 Anniversary Update.

**Tip** • *The following settings on the Signing tab of the Releases view also influence the built package by controlling whether and how the Windows App package is signed: **Digital Certificate Information**, **Certificate Password**, and **Sign Output Files**.*

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| **Publisher** | Basic MSI    | To override the actual value of the certificate if one is specified on the Signing tab, specify the Subject name (name of the owner) of the certificate that will be used to sign the package. For example: CN=Revenera, O=Revenera, L=Itasca, S=Illinois, C=US. Note that if a package will be distributed through the Windows Store, it doesn’t need to be signed before it’s uploaded to Microsoft, in which case a signing certificate may be skipped. If a package will be sideloaded, it may or may not need to be signed, depending on how your customers expect to handle the package:
  - If the customer prefers to sign the package themselves, they may need a specific publisher defined in the **Publisher** override setting that matches their certificate.
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  - Sideload requires that the Sideload setting in Windows is enabled. Sideload is enabled by default in the Windows 10 Anniversary Update.

| **Version** | Basic MSI | Enter a version number for the Windows App package to which the certificate conforms. If nothing is specified, the version number is copied from the **Product Version** setting in General Information or Product Configuration. The version must contain only numbers and requires four parts using the following format (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 65535): `majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber`, such as: `1.0.0.60325`. Use as few characters as possible. For example, do not use unnecessary leading zeros; instead of entering `14.00.25.1`, enter the following: `14.0.25.1` |
Display Properties

Use the four fields in the Display Properties area on the Appx/MSIX tab to identify a package to an end user.

Table 13-215 • Display Properties Settings on the Appx/MSIX Tab

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Display Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify the string that users will recognize as the name of the package. This is typically the name of the application. If nothing is specified, the Display Name is copied from the Product Name setting in General Information or Product Configuration. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
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**Note** • Localization of Windows App packages requires the Windows 10 SDK be installed on the same machine as InstallShield. If it is not present, InstallShield will build a Windows App package containing only the default language.

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<th>Publisher Display Name</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Publisher Display Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify the string that users will recognize as the publisher's name. For example: Revenera If nothing is specified, the Display Name is copied from the Publisher setting in General Information or Product Configuration. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
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### Updates Tab for a Release

**InstallShield 2020 » Releases View » Release**

*Project* • The Update tab is available in the following project type:

- Suite/Advanced UI

Additional project-specific differences are noted where applicable.

The Updates tab lets you configure settings for various tasks that you want InstallShield to perform before, during, or after builds.

The Updates tab settings are organized into the following main categories:

- **Enabling Downloadable Update Support**
- **Configuring a Newer Version of Downloadable Updates**
- **Configuring a Prompt Message**
- **Adding Downloadable Update Support**

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<tr>
<td>Enable Updates</td>
<td>Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Enable the downloadable update support for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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### Table 13-215 • Display Properties Settings on the Appx/MSIX Tab (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Optionally, specify a description to help distinguish the package to an end user. When you type a value for this setting, you are creating a string entry and setting its initial value for all of the languages that are currently in the project. As an alternative to typing a new value, you can click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting to select an existing string. For more information, see Using String Entries in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logo</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Specify the image used to represent the package. This is typically a 50x50 logo. If no logo is specified, it is created from the <strong>Display Icon</strong> setting in General Information.</td>
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</table>
The General tab has the following settings, primarily for overriding other settings in the resulting releases:

### Table 13-216 • General Tab for MSIX Release

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<tr>
<td>Prompt User</td>
<td>Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>The end users receive an option to either download a newer version or skip and proceed with the current installation process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Force Install</td>
<td>Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>The end users can forcibly download and install the new version of the Suite package (if available).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prompt Message</td>
<td>Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Enter the message you want to show the end users to download a newer version or skip and proceed with the current installation process.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
| Update URL    | Suite/Advanced UI | If you want to make updates available for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher for download; Specify the absolute path, including the file name.  
For more information about updates for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, including requirements for the update, see [Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation](#). |
## Package Architectures

The available codes are given below:

- x86
- x64
- ARM
- ARM64
- Neutral

## Distribution Method

Choose a distribution method for your MSIX package. This setting directs which set of warnings are issued for potential problems related to Windows Store policies or requirements related to sideloading. Available drop-down options are:

- **Direct Distribution (Sideload)** — Distribute a MSIX package without having it downloaded from the Windows Store. Sideloaded apps have not been certified by the Windows Store. A common example of a sideloaded app is one that is distributed to an enterprise environment and is internal to a company only. If a package will be sideloaded, you will typically need to sign it, unless your customer wishes to sign it themselves.

- **Windows Store** — Distribute a MSIX package through the Windows Store. When this option is selected, additional warnings will be issued for items that are known to be rejected by Windows Store policy despite the build being valid in a sideloading scenario. If a package will be distributed through the Windows Store, it is subject to additional policies that limit its contents. This type of app doesn’t need to be signed before it is uploaded to Microsoft because Microsoft signs the package.

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<td>Package Architectures</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Describes the architecture of the code contained in the package. A package that includes executable code must include this attribute.</td>
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<td>Modification</td>
<td>The available codes are given below:</td>
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<td>Package</td>
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Include Universal Extensions

Include whether to include Universal device extensions as part of the core UWP app package format. If you want to enable your apps to start leveraging Universal Windows Platform (UWP) APIs, you should enable Universal extensions.

If you select,

- No— The warnings are issued for any such items that cannot be represented.
- Yes— The additional subsettings can be configured as needed to specify a minimum Windows version and maximum tested Windows version supported by the included apps and Universal extensions.

Include Desktop Extensions

Choose whether to include “full trust” apps and other Desktop Bridge extensions as part of the core UWP app package format. If you want to enable your desktop apps to start leveraging Universal Windows Platform (UWP) APIs, you should enable desktop extensions.

If you select,

- No— The warnings are issued for any such items that cannot be represented.
- Yes— The additional subsettings can be configured as needed to specify a minimum Windows version and maximum tested Windows version supported by the included apps and desktop extensions.

Important • When using InstallShield to create a UWP app package, choose to include either desktop extensions or server extensions, but not both. Although a UWP app package can contain both desktop and server extensions, targeting one set over the other is a more likely scenario.
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<td><strong>Minimum Version</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Optionally, specify the app's minimum supported Windows version number. If you leave this blank, the minimum version number of Windows 10 Anniversary Update is assumed. The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the following format (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 65535): majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumbe, such as:</td>
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<td><strong>Tested Version</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Optionally, specify the app’s maximum supported tested Windows version number. If you leave this blank, this setting defaults to match the Minimum Version (or the minimum version number of Windows 10 Anniversary Update if nothing is specified for Minimum Version). The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the following format (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 65535): majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber such as:</td>
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If you select,

- **No**— The warnings are issued for any such items that cannot be represented.
- **Yes**— The additional subsettings can be configured as needed to specify a minimum Windows Server operating system and maximum tested Windows Server operating system supported by the included apps.

**Important** • When using InstallShield to create a UWP app package, choose to include either desktop extensions or server extensions, but not both. Although a UWP app package can contain both desktop and server extensions, targeting one set over the other is a more likely scenario.

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| **Include Server Extensions** | MSIX, MSIX Modification Package | Choose whether to include Windows Server extensions as part of the core UWP app package format, thus creating a Windows Server App. If you want to target Windows Server Nano’s native installation package format and deploy a service, WMI provider, event source, or performance counter, you should enable server extensions. If you select,  

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- Windows Server 2012- 6.2.9200.0
- Windows Server 2012 R2 - 6.3.9600.0
- Windows Server 2016 - 10.0.14393.0

By default, the No option is selected. The possible options are:

- No - When you select this option, the MSIX Core entry will not be added to the manifest file.
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Tip • The MSIX Core package needs MSIX pre-requisite to be installed on the older package.

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<td>Include MSIX Core Extensions</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX Modification Package</td>
<td>The MSIX Core enables the installation of MSIX apps on previous versions of Windows, provided the apps are already built to work on those versions of Windows.</td>
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<td>Minimum Version</td>
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<td>Optionally, specify the app's minimum supported Windows version number. If you leave this blank, the minimum version number of Windows 7 SP1 Update (6.1.7601.0) is assumed. The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the format of `majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber` (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 6553).</td>
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<td>Tested Version</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Optionally, specify the app's maximum supported tested Windows version number. If you leave this blank, this setting defaults to match the maximum MSIX core supported version number 10.0.14393.0 (Windows 10 2016 LTSB - 1607). The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the format of <code>majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber</code> (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 65535).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Framework Dependencies</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Select the retail or debug build of the C++ runtime that matches the one used in your product.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
|                        |              | **Important** • This setting does not cause the dependency packages to be installed in sideloading scenarios. For those scenarios, the dependency may have to be delivered manually. Also, the debug versions of the C++ runtime are only useful for internal testing and cannot be uploaded to the Windows Store. For local testing or sideloading, you may also have to deploy the framework package that is included in the Windows 10 SDK. To customize the Framework Dependencies, you can use the `Msix.xml` file, which is installed to the following location: `InstallShield Program Files folder\System` An example is given below:  
`<VC140 Name="Microsoft.VCLibs.140.00.UWPDesktop" MinVersion="14.0.24217.0" Publisher="CN=Microsoft Corporation, O=Microsoft Corporation, L=Redmond, S=Washington, C=US">Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Runtime</VC140>` |
| Signing                | MSIX, MSIX   | The Signing category is where you specify the digital signature information—including the digital certificate files that a certification authority granted to you—that InstallShield should use to sign your files. |
| Sign MSIX Package      | MSIX, MSIX   | Specify whether or not you want to sign msix package. |
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<td>Certificate URL</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Type a fully qualified URL - for example, <a href="http://www.mydomain.com">http://www.mydomain.com</a>. This URL is used in your digital signature to link to a site that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Digital Certificate Information</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>To specify the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release, click the ellipsis button (...) in this setting. The Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify either the location of the .pfx file, or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate Thumbprint</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>This read-only setting displays the certificate thumbprint.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Issued By</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>This read-only setting displays the certificate’s issuer information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expiration Date</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>This read-only setting displays the certificate’s expiry date.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate Password</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>If the .pfx file that you are using has a password, enter it. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.isl).</td>
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<td>At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails.</td>
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<td><strong>Important</strong> • If you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.</td>
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<td><strong>Signature Description</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the signature description that you want to use for files that are specified in the Sign Output Files setting. The description that you specify is displayed on the User Account Control (UAC) box to the right of the “Program Name:” label. The UAC dialog box opens when an end user launches the signed file and elevated privileges are required. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the name of the file without its extension as the description to the right of the “Program Name:” label on the UAC dialog box. Note that if you use the Sign Files in Package setting and its subsettings to sign the files in your package, InstallShield does not use this signature description for the UAC dialog box of the files in your package that are signed at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Package Identity Overrides</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Use the Package Identity Overrides area on the General tab to uniquely identify a package to Windows. These fields are typically not shown to an end user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Specify a unique alphanumeric string that identifies your UWP app package to Windows. If this is left blank, InstallShield generates a name based on the Package Name setting in the General Information.</td>
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To override the actual value of the certificate if one is specified on the General tab, specify the Subject name (name of the owner) of the certificate that will be used to sign the package. For example:

CN=Revenera, O=Revenera, L=Itasca, S=Illinois, C=US

If a package will be distributed through the Windows Store, it doesn’t need to be signed before it’s uploaded to Microsoft, in which case a signing certificate may be skipped. If a package will be sideloaded, it may or may not need to be signed, depending on how your customers expect to handle the package:

- If your customer prefers to sign the package themselves, they may need a specific publisher defined in the Publisher override setting that matches their certificate.
- If your customer merely wants to deploy the package, they may expect it to be signed with a trusted Authenticode Certificate. The requirements on this are equivalent to those for a trusted UAC prompt.
- Sideloading requires that the Sideloading setting in Windows is enabled. Sideloading is enabled by default in the Windows 10 Anniversary Update.

The following settings on the General tab of the Releases view also influence the built package by controlling whether and how the UWP app package is signed:

- Digital Certificate Information
- Certificate Password
- Sign Output Files

### Publisher Display Name

Specify the string that users will recognize as the publisher’s name. For example:

- Revenera

If your customer prefers to sign the package themselves and if nothing is specified, the Display Name is copied from the Publisher setting in General tab.

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Publisher</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>To override the actual value of the certificate if one is specified on the General tab, specify the Subject name (name of the owner) of the certificate that will be used to sign the package. For example: CN=Revenera, O=Revenera, L=Itasca, S=Illinois, C=US</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Modification</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Package</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Publisher Display Name</td>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
<td>Specify the string that users will recognize as the publisher’s name. For example: Revenera</td>
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<td>Modification</td>
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Chained .msi Package Settings

Windows Installer 4.5 includes support for installing multiple packages using transaction processing. The packages are chained together and processed as a single transaction. If one or more of the packages in the transaction cannot be installed successfully or if the end user cancels the installation, the Windows Installer initiates rollback for all packages to restore the system to its earlier state.

The Chained .msi Packages area in the Releases view is where you identify .msi packages that you want InstallShield to include in your installation as chained packages. This area is also where you configure settings such as the properties that should be passed to the chained packages.

The Windows Installer chaining functionality supports any packages that can be installed through `MsiInstallProduct`; it does not support the chaining of InstallScript MSI packages.

Windows Installer 4.0 and earlier versions do not install any chained .msi packages.

Tip • To learn how to add Windows Installer 4.5 redistributables, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects.

Table 13-216 • General Tab for MSIX Release

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Version     | MSIX, MSIX   | Enter a version number for the UWP app package to which the certificate conforms. If nothing is specified, the version number is copied from the `Product Version` setting in General Information. The version must contain only numbers and it requires four parts using the following format (with values in each part ranging from 0 to 65535): `majorversion.minorversion.buildnumber.revisionnumber`, such as:

- 1.0.0.60325

Use as few characters as possible. For example, do not use unnecessary leading zeros; instead of entering 14.00.25.1, enter the following:

- 14.0.25.1

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<tr>
<td>MSIX, MSIX</td>
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</table>
The following table describes the settings for chained .msi packages.

Table 13-217 • Chained .msi Package Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Installation (run-time path)</strong></td>
<td>Specify the name of the Windows Installer package (.msi file), or click the Browse button to browse to it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you click the Browse button, InstallShield automatically enters the product code for you. InstallShield also prompts you to specify whether you want to stream the .msi package—and its uncompressed files, if the .msi package is not compressed—into your product's main .msi package:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If you specify that you want InstallShield to stream the files, InstallShield adds the name of the .msi package to the <strong>Installation (run-time path)</strong> setting. InstallShield also automatically adds either the file name (if it is a compressed .msi package) or the entry <em>.</em> (if it is an uncompressed .msi package) to the <strong>Streamed files</strong> box. For the <em>.</em> entry, InstallShield streams in the .msi package, all of the files in the same folder as the .msi package, and all of the subfolders and their files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If you specify that you do not want InstallShield to stream the files, InstallShield adds the following path to the <strong>Installation (run-time path)</strong> setting:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[SourceDir]FileName.msi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can change this path if appropriate. For example, you may want to use a path such as the following one, and also clear the <strong>Delete streamed files after installation</strong> check box:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[LocalAppDataFolder]{ProductCodeGUID}\FileName.msi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In this example, the .msi package is cached on the local system, and it is available for maintenance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tip • You may not want to stream many or large files in the .msi package, since the Windows Installer has limitations for the file size of .msi packages.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Product code</strong></td>
<td>This setting indicates the product code of the .msi package that is being chained to your main installation. The product code is used for uninstalling the chained package when appropriate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallShield automatically adds the product code for this setting if you use the Browse button for the <strong>Installation (run-time path)</strong> setting to select the .msi package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-217 • Chained .msi Package Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>UI level</td>
<td>Specify the user interface (UI) level that you want to be used for the chained .msi package. Valid options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Basic UI (/qb)—Display the built-in small progress dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Full UI (/qf)—Display the modal and modeless dialogs that are available in the .msi package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• No UI (/qn)—Run the installation silently.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Reduced UI (/qr)—Display only modeless dialogs, such as the full-size progress dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Install condition</td>
<td>Enter any installation condition that you want to use for the chained .msi package. If the condition evaluates to True at run time, the Windows Installer launches the chained .msi package if the chained package’s product has not already been installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The default condition is:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Not Installed</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can modify this if necessary. For example, if you are adding the chained .msi package to a minor upgrade and you want the Windows Installer to launch the chained .msi package during a first-time installation and during an upgrade, consider adding a condition such as the following one:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Not Installed OR REINSTALL&gt;&lt;&quot;FeatureName&quot;</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In this example, FeatureName is the name of a feature that will be updated if the main installation is running in upgrade mode. It will also be updated during a repair.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • At run time, the installation evaluates the install condition; if it evaluates to False, the installation evaluates the removal condition. If the install condition always evaluates to True (even during uninstallation of the main product), the removal condition is never evaluated, and the chained .msi package is never uninstalled. Therefore, you may want to avoid specifying an install condition that will always evaluate to True.

For information on condition syntax, see Conditional Statement Syntax in the Windows Installer Help Library.
### Table 13-217 • Chained .msi Package Settings (cont.)

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<tr>
<td><strong>Install properties</strong></td>
<td>To pass one or more properties from the main installation to this chained .msi package during the installation, enter the properties and their corresponding values. For example, to install a specific feature of a chained package to a subfolder of the main installation’s INSTALLDIR location, you could enter the following string for this setting:  \n\n<code>INSTALLDIR=&quot;[INSTALLDIR]Subfolder&quot; ADDLOCAL=Feature1</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Removal condition** | Enter any uninstallation condition that you want to use for the chained .msi package. If the Install condition evaluates to False and the Removal condition evaluates to True, Windows Installer removes the chained package’s product if it is present. The default condition is: \n\n`REMOVE="ALL"`

For information on condition syntax, see Conditional Statement Syntax in the Windows Installer Help Library. |
| **Removal properties**| To pass one or more properties from the main installation to this chained .msi package during the uninstallation, enter the properties and their corresponding values. This setting is often left blank. |
| **Release flags**     | You can assign one or more release flags to a chained .msi package that you want to include in only certain builds. For example, if you have a chained .msi package that should be included only in a special edition of your product that contains a special add-on that requires the chained .msi package, you can flag that chained package and include it only when it is needed. If you want to assign a release flag to this chained .msi package, enter it for this setting. The string that you enter can be any combination of letters or numbers. To have more than one flag on a chained package, use a comma to separate the flags. |
| **Streamed files**    | This box indicates the files for the chained .msi package that are being streamed into the main installation’s package. Use the Add File and Add Folder buttons to add more files or entire folders to the list of streamed files. To specify an alternate extraction location, edit the entry’s **Run-time path** value by selecting and then clicking it again. InstallShield highlights the entry’s text, enabling you to edit it. The files are extracted to a temporary folder by default. To remove an entry in this box, select it and then click the Remove button. |
Once you have added an upgrade item in the Upgrades view, you can use the Patch Design view to create a patch configuration for that upgrade so that you can deliver it as a patch. The patch can be applied to target systems that have an earlier version of the product.

You can create multiple patch configurations in the Patch Design view. Each patch configuration contains the settings and data required to build a patch. Each patch configuration must contain at least one latest setup and one previous setup. With these minimal settings, you can create a patch.

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Delete streamed files after</td>
<td>If you want the installation to delete the streamed files after installation, select this check box. If the streamed files should remain on the target system, clear this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>installation</td>
<td>It is generally most useful to let the files remain on the system only if you have extracted them to a non-temporary location, such as [LocalAppDataFolder]{PackageCode}.*. to cache an extracted package locally.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This check box is selected by default for chained .msi packages that included one or more streamed files. This check box is disabled for chained .msi packages that do not include any streamed files.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
- Configuring Multiple Packages for Installation Using Transaction Processing Releases View

**Patch Design View**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Once you have added an upgrade item in the Upgrades view, you can use the Patch Design view to create a patch configuration for that upgrade so that you can deliver it as a patch. The patch can be applied to target systems that have an earlier version of the product.

You can create multiple patch configurations in the Patch Design view. Each patch configuration contains the settings and data required to build a patch. Each patch configuration must contain at least one latest setup and one previous setup. With these minimal settings, you can create a patch.

**See Also**
- Working with Upgrades, Patches, and QuickPatch Projects
- Creating and Applying Patches

**Patch Configuration**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
To create a patch, you begin by right-clicking the Patch Design explorer in the Patch Design view and then clicking Add New Patch Configuration. A patch configuration consists of one latest setup and one or more previous setups. Before you specify the latest and previous setups, you can specify overall patch properties on the following tabs for your patch configuration:

- Common
- Identification
- Digital Signature
- Sequence
- Advanced

See Also
Creating and Applying Patches

Common Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

When you click a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Common tab for a patch configuration exposes frequently used patch settings.

Patch Output Location

Specify where you want your patch file built or browse for an existing folder. InstallShield appends the following subdirectories to your output location:

\PatchConfig\Name\Patch

Note • InstallShield also adds a folder called Interim to your output directory. The Interim folder contains the following files after you build a patch:

- .log—contains output from the patch creation process; this usually contains information that is useful for troubleshooting
- .pcp—patch creation properties file; this contains all of the settings necessary to generate a patch package
Launcher Settings

In this area, you can configure the following launcher settings:

**Table 13-218 • Configurable Launcher Settings**

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<tr>
<td>Create Update.exe</td>
<td>If you want to create an Update.exe update launcher for the current patch, select this check box. To learn when an Update.exe update launcher is required, see Patching Considerations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include Windows Installer 3.1 Engine</td>
<td>Select this check box to include the Windows Installer 3.1 engine with your patch package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include .NET Framework</td>
<td>Select this check box to include the .NET Framework with your patch package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Patch Creation Cache

In this area, you can set the following:

**Table 13-219 • Patch Creation Cache Settings**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Enable</td>
<td>When you select this check box, InstallShield creates intermediate files that are used in subsequent builds to improve performance speed. These intermediate files are left indefinitely on your system. Do not select this check box if you have limited disk space.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Optimize Patch for Large Files

Select this check box to create small bit-level patches for all application files larger than 4 MB in your installation project.

Allow Patch to be Uninstalled (Requires Windows Installer 3.0)

Select this check box if you would like the patch to be uninstallable without having to uninstall and reinstall the entire application and other patches. Note that uninstallation of patches works only under certain conditions. For example, versions of Windows Installer earlier than version 3.0 cannot remove just the patch from an application. For more information, see Removing Patches in the Windows Installer help.

Project • The uninstallable patch functionality is not available for InstallScript MSI projects if the InstallScript user interface (UI) style is the traditional style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler).

This functionality is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects in which the InstallScript UI style is the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler). To learn more, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.
**Build Patch**

Click this button to build your patch after you have configured all of the appropriate settings.

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*Note* • You can also build your patch from the Patch Design explorer. Right-click the appropriate patch configuration, and then click Build Patch.

**See Also**
- Patch Design View
- Creating and Applying Patches
- Patch Uninstallation
- Enabling the Uninstallation of a Patch

**Identification Tab**

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

When you click a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Identification tab exposes settings for display strings. The display strings are used to populate information about the patch in Add or Remove Programs. It is also used by the Windows Installer 3.0 (and later) APIs that interrogate and catalog patches applied to a target machine.

*Tip* • Every time that you change the latest setup for a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, InstallShield uses the Add or Remove Programs information from the latest setup as the values for the Identification tab settings. You can override the values on the Identification tab as needed.

**Table 13-220 • Identification Tab Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display name</td>
<td>Specify the name of your patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Support URL</td>
<td>Specify the uniform resource locator (URL) that you would like your customers to visit for technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Specify a brief description of your patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manufacturer name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the application’s manufacturer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target product name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the application or the target application suite.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Patch Design View
Specifying Identification Information for a Patch
Creating and Applying Patches

Digital Signature Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration

When you click a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Digital Signature tab is where you specify settings if you want to digitally sign your patch.

Note • If you want to digitally sign the files—such as your application’s executable files—in your patch, you can specify which files should be signed through the Signing tab in the Releases view.

Table 13-221 • Digital Signature Tab Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sign the Patch Package</td>
<td>To digitally sign your patch package, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sign Update.exe</td>
<td>To digitally sign the Update.exe file, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate URL</td>
<td>Type a fully qualified URL—for example, <a href="http://www.mydomain.com">http://www.mydomain.com</a>. This URL is used in your digital signature to link to a site that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Digital Certificate Information</td>
<td>To specify the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release, click the Browse button next to this setting. The Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify either the location of the .pfx file or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate. To learn more, see Certificate Selection Dialog Box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-221 • Digital Signature Tab Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Password</strong></td>
<td>If the .pfx file that you are using has a password, enter it. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note that if you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Signature Description</strong></td>
<td>Specify the signature description that you want to use for the patch package and Update .exe file, if applicable. The description that you specify is displayed on the User Account Control (UAC) box to the right of the “Program Name:” label. The UAC dialog box opens when an end user launches the signed file and elevated privileges are required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the name of the file without its extension as the description to the right of the “Program Name:” label on the UAC dialog box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also
- Patch Design View
- Non-Administrator Patches
- Preparing Installations for Non-Administrator Patches
- Signing a Patch Package

### Sequence Tab

When you click a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Sequence tab is where you specify the order that Windows Installer version 3.0 and later should apply patches to an installed product, regardless of the order in which they are provided to the target machine. For versions of Windows Installer earlier than version 3.0, the patch sequence is ignored, and any patches are applied to the product in the order that they are provided to the target machine.
Use default patch sequencing

Select this check box if you want to use the default sequencing for the patches of your product. This default sequence accounts for obsolete patches, superseded patches, and patches that have already been applied to the product.

If you clear this check box, you can add your own custom sequence. If you clear this check box but do not add a sequence, no sequencing information is built into your patch.

See Also
Patch Design View
Patch Sequencing

Advanced Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

When you click a patch configuration in the Patch Design view, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Advanced tab for a patch configuration exposes a comprehensive set of build settings that you can configure for a patch.

Patch Settings

In this area, you can configure the following settings for your patch:

Table 13-222 • Patch Configuration Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Patch Output Location</td>
<td>Specify where you want your patch file built or browse for an existing folder. InstallShield appends the following subdirectories to your output location: \PatchConfigName\Patch. Note • InstallShield also adds a folder called Interim to your output directory. The Interim folder contains the following files after you build a patch: • .log—contains output from the patch creation process; this usually contains information that is useful for troubleshooting • .pcp—patch creation properties file; this contains all of the settings necessary to generate a patch package</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Generate Patch GUID</td>
<td>Specify whether you want a new GUID generated each time that you build your patch. If you select No, the GUID listed for the Patch GUID property is used. The default setting is Yes.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Build Settings

In this area, you can configure the following build settings for your patch:

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<tr>
<td>Include Whole Files</td>
<td>Specify whether to include whole files for every file included in the patch package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong>: You can override this setting on a file-by-file basis in the Latest Setup settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Validate at Build</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to use the upgrading and patching validation every time you build a patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leave Patch Components Decompressed</td>
<td>Select Yes to leave all .msp file information in a temporary folder. This information can be useful when troubleshooting. If you do not want this information stored, select No.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable Patch Creation Caching</td>
<td>Select Yes if you want InstallShield to create intermediate files that are used in subsequent builds to improve performance speed. These intermediate files are left indefinitely on your system. Select No if you have limited disk space. The Patch Cache Folder is where you specify where the intermediate files should be created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Patch Cache Folder</td>
<td>Specify a directory where the temporary files from patch caching should be stored. These intermediate files are left indefinitely on your system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Run-time Settings

In this area, you can configure the following run-time settings for your patch:

Table 13-224 • Run-time Settings for a Patch

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Allow Product Codes to Differ</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the patch creation executable to suppress build-time prompts if product codes differ between the original and latest installations. For a major upgrade, be sure to select.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow Product Versions to Differ</td>
<td>Specify whether you want the patch creation executable to suppress build-time prompts if product versions differ between the original and latest installations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>List of Patch GUIDs to Replace</td>
<td>To replace one or more earlier installed patches with the current patch, set this property to the patch GUIDs of those patches, and separate each with a comma. For example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>{C86838C9-DEDC-4451-B96F-94AFB9460F15}, {C8633E5B-AC44-45d8-B487-C68B381F60D6}</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Setting this property is typically not required, even if you have several patch configurations in the Patch Design view. However, if your patch does not overwrite files added in an earlier patch, it may be necessary to set this property.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • This property affects only the installation portion of the patch. It does not revert files back to their original versions.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>List of Target Product Codes</td>
<td>Specify the product codes that you want to target with this patch, and separate each with a comma. If you enter an asterisk (*) for this setting, InstallShield replaces it at build time by the product codes of the installations that are listed as previous images in this patch configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create Update.exe</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to create an Update.exe update launcher for the current patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To learn when an Update.exe update launcher is required, see Patching Considerations.</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
**Table 13-224 • Run-time Settings for a Patch (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>MSI Command-Line Arguments</strong></td>
<td>Specify Windows Installer arguments to be written to Setup.ini.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[Startup]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CmdLine=Your Value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The default value for this property is REINSTALLMODE=omus REINSTALL=ALL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The REINSTALL property is a string that contains letters specifying the type of</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>reinstallation to be performed. For more information, see REINSTALLMODE Property in the Windows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Installer Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Password Protect Launcher</strong></td>
<td>To password-protect your patch, select Yes, and then type a password for the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Launcher Password setting. When you password-protect your patch, any end user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>who wants to apply your patch must enter a case-sensitive password to launch your update.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting is applicable only to patches that use an Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Launcher Password</strong></td>
<td>Type a password to protect your application. You must select Yes for the Password Protect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Launcher setting to activate password protection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When you password-protect your patch, any end user who wants to apply your patch must enter a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>case-sensitive password to launch your update.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This setting is applicable only to patches that use an Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Minor Update to Target RTM Version</strong></td>
<td>If you want your minor-upgrade patch to essentially remove all of the patches up to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(MSI 3.1 Required)</td>
<td>the release to manufacturing (RTM) version of the product (or the most recent major</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>upgrade of the product, if one has been installed) before applying the current</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>minor-upgrade patch, select Yes for this property. With this option, all patches (with or</td>
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<td>without sequencing data) are removed. You do not need to target additional baseline versions and</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>thus increase the patch payload. All end users can successfully apply the patch without</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>applying any intermediate patches.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you do not want your minor-upgrade patch to remove all of those earlier patches, select No.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you select this option, it may be necessary for your patch to contain the information</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>needed to target each of the earlier minor upgrades that were created</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>after the RTM (or the most recent major upgrade of the product, if one was created).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>For example, if you are creating a minor-upgrade patch for service pack 2 and you select No for</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>this property, your patch needs to target the minor-upgrade patch for service pack 1. You could</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>also optionally target other baselines (such as RTM); doing so would increase the patch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>payload. Note that if you do not target the RTM version, any end user who has the RTM version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>but not the service pack 1 minor-upgrade patch would need to install service pack 1 before</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>service pack 2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.1 ignore this setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
In this area, you can configure the following settings for the Windows Installer engine:

### Table 13-225 • Windows Installer Settings for a Patch

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include MSI 3.1 Engine</td>
<td>Specify whether the Windows Installer engine should be included with your patch package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engine Location</td>
<td>Select one of the following options:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Download Engine From The Web</strong>—If the Windows Installer engine needs to be installed, it is downloaded at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Extract Engine From Update.exe</strong>—The build streams the Windows Installer engine into the Update.exe file, giving you a single file to distribute to your customers. At run time, the engine is extracted from the Update.exe file and installed if required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Copy From Source Media</strong>—The build copies the Windows Installer engine into the same directory as the Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Windows Installer Engine

In this area, you can configure the following settings for the Windows Installer engine:

**Optimized Install Mode (MSI 3.1 Required)**

If you want Windows Installer 3.1 to optimize the patching process so that it reduces the time that is required to apply the current patch, select Yes. If the patch only modifies a select list of tables, Windows Installer 3.1 ignores the actions that are associated with all other tables. For more information, including the list of tables, see "Patch Optimization" in the Windows Installer Help Library.

If you select Yes for this property, Microsoft Corporation recommends that you test your patch extensively to ensure that it behaves as expected.

If you do not want Windows Installer 3.1 to optimize the patching process for the current patch, select No. Windows Installer will run a complete repair of the application when the patch is applied to the target machine.

Versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.1 ignore this property. Windows Installer 3.0 optimizes patches if the patch only modifies the select list of tables. To avoid patch optimization by Windows Installer 3.0, you must use the DisableFlyWeightPatching policy. For more information, see DisableFlyWeightPatching in the Windows Installer Help Library.

Versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.0 run a complete repair of the installation when a patch is applied.
Microsoft .NET Framework

In this area, you can configure the following settings for the Microsoft .NET Framework:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Windows Installer 3.1 engine URL</td>
<td>Specify the URL for the location of the engine. This is the location that the Update.exe file uses at run time to download the engine. The default URL location is a live site maintained by Revenera for your convenience.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note* • The 3.1 engine is available for download from the default URL (http://www.installengine.com/Msiengine30).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include in Build</td>
<td>Specify whether to include the Microsoft .NET Framework in your patch. If you select Yes, the same version of the .NET Framework that was included in the latest release is included in this new patch.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Engine Location**

Select one of the following options:

- **Download Engine From The Web** — If the .NET Framework needs to be installed, it is downloaded at run time.

- **Extract Engine From Update.exe** — The build streams the .NET Framework into the Update.exe file, giving you a single file to distribute to your customers. At run time, the engine is extracted from the Update.exe file and installed if required.

- **Copy From Source Media** — The build copies the .NET Framework into the same directory as the Update.exe file.

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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Engine URL</td>
<td>Specify the URL for the location of the .NET Framework. This is the location that the Update.exe file uses at run time to download the .NET Framework. The default URL location is a live site maintained by Revenera for your convenience.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Update Launcher Settings**

In this area, you can configure the following settings for the `Update.exe` launcher:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Company Name</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default company name for <code>Update.exe</code> with your company name, enter your company name. The company name is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see <a href="#">Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Product Name</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default product name for <code>Update.exe</code> with your product name, enter your product name. The product name is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see <a href="#">Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Product Version</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default product version for <code>Update.exe</code> with your product version, enter your product version. The product version is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see <a href="#">Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default description for <code>Update.exe</code> with your own description, enter the appropriate description. The description is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see <a href="#">Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Copyright</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default copyright notice for <code>Update.exe</code> with your product’s copyright notice, enter your product’s copyright notice. The copyright notice is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see <a href="#">Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher</a>.</td>
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</table>
Table 13-227 • Update Launcher Settings for a Patch (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Required Execution Level</strong></td>
<td>Use the Required Execution Level setting to specify the minimum level that is required by your project’s Update.exe file for running on Windows Vista and later platforms. The available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Administrator—Update.exe requires administrative privileges to run. Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators must authenticate as an administrator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Highest available—Update.exe prefers administrative privileges. Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators run it without administrative privileges.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Invoker—Update.exe does not require administrative privileges, and all users can run it without administrative privileges. Update.exe does not display any UAC messages prompting for credentials or for consent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Use Previous Setup Manifest—The Update.exe manifest uses the same required execution level that was specified for the previous setup. This is the default option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For InstallScript MSI projects, and for Basic MSI projects if the Create Update.exe check box is selected, InstallShield embeds an application manifest in the Update.exe launcher. This manifest specifies the selected execution level. Operating systems earlier than Windows Vista ignore the required execution level.

If the Create Update.exe check box is cleared for a Basic MSI project, InstallShield does not embed the Windows application manifest in an Update.exe launcher.

For more information, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation.

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<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Icon</strong></td>
<td>To use your own icon for the Update.exe file, specify the fully qualified name of the file that contains the icon. To specify a file, type an absolute path or a path that is relative to a path variable, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file from within the Change Icon dialog box. By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the file name. For example, C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2 indicates the icon with an index of 2, and C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100 indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses a default icon for your Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Patch Design View
Creating and Applying Patches
Latest Setup

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The Latest Setup item for a patch configuration is where you specify settings for the latest version of your installation.

**Latest Setup Path**

The latest setup should be the latest version of your installation for which you want to create a patch. The default setting, `<ISLatestRelease>`, resolves to the last full release that you build.

The release that you specify in this box should be an uncompressed release, ideally created with an administrative installation if the previous product versions were compressed.

**Include Whole Files**

Select the files that you want to include as whole files in your patch rather than have the build perform a bit-level difference of the files.

*Note* • To include all of your files as whole files, set the Include Whole Files property for the patch configuration to Yes.

**See Also**
- Patch Design View
- Adding a New Latest Setup Item

Previous Setups

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration » Latest Setup

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Each patch configuration in the Patch Design view must contain at least one latest setup and one previous setup in order for you to create a patch. If your patch will target multiple earlier versions of your product, ensure that each target image has its own previous setup item.

For example, if your company supports versions 1.0 and 1.1 of an application, you may want to create a patch that will upgrade both of these applications to version 2.0. To create a single patch to update both versions, you would add V1.0 and V1.1 as previous setups to the latest setup. Your latest setup would contain V2.0.

When you click a previous setup item in the Patch Design view, the following tabs are available:
- Common
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- Advanced

See Also
Adding a New Previous Setup Item

Common Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration » Latest Setup » Previous Setups

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

When you click a previous setup item in the Patch Design view, InstallShield displays different tabs. The Common tab exposes the basic previous setup configuration settings.

Table 13-228 • Common Settings for Previous Setup Configuration

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Previous Setup</td>
<td>Specify the installation (.msi file or Setup.exe file) that needs to be patched to update it to the latest version of your setup. Because the patch-creation process requires an uncompressed release, you will be prompted for a location to decompress the previous version, if necessary.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Caution • Keep the following in mind when specifying paths. You cannot decompress setups that span multiple disks from a local or network drive. You will need to find an alternate method of decompressing the setup.

| Ignore Missing Files | If any files that are included in two separate versions cannot be found in a more recent version, then the files will be excluded from the patch package unless they have changed in the later version. The advantage of ignoring the files is that only the modified files need to be added to the package. A complete setup image is not required if you choose to ignore missing source files. |

Advanced Tab

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration » Latest Setup » Previous Setups

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
When you click a previous setup item in the Patch Design view, InstallShield displays different tabs. The Advanced tab contains the settings that are accessible on the Common tab, in addition to the following transform filter settings:

**Table 13-229 • Advanced Settings for Previous Setup Configuration**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Version Relationship</strong></td>
<td>Select the condition that describes the required relationship between the latest version of your product and the previous version whose settings you are specifying for the patch. InstallShield will create a transform between the selected previous setup and the latest setup only if the selected condition is met.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Version to Check</strong></td>
<td>Select what part or parts of the three-part version number should be used to determine whether a transform between the selected previous setup and the latest setup should be created, based on the option selected for the Version Relationship. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Check Major, Minor, and Upgrade Versions</strong>—If InstallShield should check all three parts of the previous setup’s version number with all three parts of the latest setup’s version number, select this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Check Major and Minor Versions</strong>—If InstallShield should check the first two parts of the previous setup’s version number with first two parts of the latest setup’s version number, select this option. The third part of the version number is ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Check Major Version Only</strong>—If InstallShield should check the first part of the previous setup’s version number with first part of the latest setup’s version number, select this option. The second and third parts of the version number are ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Do Not Check Versions</strong>—If InstallShield should create the transform regardless of the relationship between the previous setup version number and the latest setup version number, select this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Match Product Code</strong></td>
<td>To create a transform only if the previous setup and the latest setup have the same product code, select Yes. If you select No, InstallShield will create a transform between the previous setup and the latest setup, regardless of the product code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Match Upgrade Code</strong></td>
<td>To create a transform only if the previous setup and the latest setup have the same upgrade code, select Yes. If you select No, InstallShield will create a transform between the previous setup and the latest setup, regardless of the upgrade code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Match Language</strong></td>
<td>To create a transform only if the previous setup and the latest setup have the same language, select Yes. If you select No, InstallShield will create a transform between the previous setup and the latest setup, regardless of the language.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Additional External Files

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration » Latest Setup

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Patching an additional external file provides the ability to create a binary file patch against versions of an application file that have not been shipped as part of the previous installation.

For example, if one of your application files was potentially updated by another installation, you should reference that file version so that the file-level patch can be applied successfully at run time.

**See Also**
- Adding an External File
- Patch Design View

External File

InstallShield 2020 » Patch Design View » Patch Configuration » Latest Setup » Additional External Files

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

When you click an external file that you added to the External File area in the Patch Design view, InstallShield displays two settings that need to be configured for that file.

For the first box, browse for the file key with which you want to associate the external file, or type the **File** table key for that file.

For the second box, browse for the external file to associate with the **File** key that you specified in the first box.

**See Also**
- Patch Design View
- Creating and Applying Patches

Additional Tools View

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**Project** • The Additional Tools view is available in the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
The additional tools provide added functionality for your project. Not all of the items in this view apply to every project type. Click the following links to see the project types for which the items are available.

**Dependency Scanners**

*Project* • The Dependency Scanners view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The Dependency Scanners view includes three different scanning tools that you can use to identify possible dependencies that you may need to add to your project. These scanners include a Visual Basic project scanner, a static scanner that scans files that are in your project, and a dynamic scanner that scans a running application for any dependencies.

**MSI Debugger**

*Project* • The MSI Debugger view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

Debug your setup by setting breakpoints at any action or dialog in the User Interface sequence and watching and changing the Windows Installer properties at each step.

**Direct Editor**

*Project* • The Direct Editor is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
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- **MSM Database**
- **QuickPatch**
- **Transform**

The Direct Editor is a view in InstallShield that lets you review all of the tables in your project file (.ism) or database file (.msi, .msm, or .mst). In some project types, this view also offers functionality for advanced users who are very familiar with the Windows Installer database format. The Direct Editor also includes a Reference Tracking pane that lets you easily visualize relationships between table records.

**See Also**
Dependency Scanners
MSI Debugger
Direct Editor

### Dependency Scanners

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**Project** • The Dependency Scanners view is available in the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **InstallScript Object**

A file often relies on functions in other files to perform a task. However, you may not be aware of all these other files—known as dependencies—when you include your application’s files in your installation project. InstallShield offers the following scanning wizards to assist you in identifying and working with these files. You can access these scanners in the Dependency Scanners view.

**Table 13-230 • Dependency Scanners**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Scanning Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Perform Static Scanning</strong></td>
<td>The Static Scanning Wizard looks at portable executable files (for example, .exe, .ocx, .com, .tlb, .hlp, and .chm) in your project and checks for dependencies that they may require.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Perform Dynamic Scanning</strong></td>
<td>The Dynamic Scanning Wizard monitors your system while an executable file is running and checks for .dll or .ocx files that may be required by the executable file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Any files that are added to a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project through one of these scanners are added in accordance with Setup Best Practices.

If you use the Static and Dynamic scanning wizards, you can specify files that you want to be included or excluded automatically any time that you perform a static or dynamic scan through InstallShield. For more information, see Filtering Files in Dependency Scanners.
MSI Debugger

InstallShield 2020

Project • The MSI Debugger view is available in the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- MSI Database
- Transform

When you debug a release in the MSI Debugger, you can view and set Windows Installer properties as you step through the package’s User Interface and Execute sequences.

Task • Follow the steps below to begin going through a setup in the MSI Debugger:

1. Build your release. However, there is one important restriction when you intend on debugging the release: You cannot debug a package that is compressed inside Setup.exe.

2. Go to the MSI Debugger view. The debugger lists every standard action and custom action in the User Interface and Execute sequences as well as every dialog in your project. You can also click the Debug button on the toolbar or choose Debug from the Build menu to launch the MSI Debugger.

3. Set a breakpoint on an action or dialog.

4. Start the debugger.

The MSI Debugger runs through each action and dialog until it reaches your breakpoint, at which point it halts execution. Now, you can view and set properties in the Watch window and the Variable window. Finally, you can step through each of the remaining actions, or you can stop the debugger.

Note • The MSI Debugger supports deferred custom actions that delay the execution of a system change to the time when the installation script is executed.

Do not confuse the MSI Debugger with the InstallScript Debugger, since they have completely separate purposes. You cannot debug a setup package with the InstallScript Debugger, and you cannot debug an InstallScript custom action with the MSI Debugger.

Tip • When InstallShield steps into one of the following types of custom actions (You can step into a custom action by pressing the F11 key.), it will give you the option to launch a registered debugger installed on a client machine. A dialog will appear allowing you to choose one of two options. Select Yes to launch a registered debugger. Select No to step over to the next action. The supported custom actions are as follows:

- MSI DLL
- Standard DLL
Direct Editor

InstallShield 2020

Project • The Direct Editor is available in the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module
• MSI Database
• MSM Database
• QuickPatch
• Transform

Note that the following information includes additional project-specific details.

The Direct Editor is a view in InstallShield that lets you review all of the tables in your project file (.ism) or database file (.msi, .msm, or .mst). In some project types, this view also offers functionality for advanced users who are very familiar with the Windows Installer database format.

For Windows Installer–based projects, the Direct Editor can run in two different modes:

• **Project edit mode**—This mode lets you edit tables in the project file. The changes that are made in the Direct Editor are incorporated into the Windows Installer package that InstallShield creates at build time.

  Any changes that you make in the other views within InstallShield are reflected in the Direct Editor; in addition, any changes that you make in the Direct Editor are also reflected in the other corresponding views (if available). For example, if you use the Features view to add a new feature to your project, InstallShield automatically adds that feature to the Feature table in the Direct Editor. If you use the Direct Editor view to add the feature, InstallShield automatically updates the Features view accordingly.

  When you are working in any of the following Windows Installer–based project types, you are working in project edit mode: Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and QuickPatch.

• **Direct edit mode**—This mode lets you edit tables in the Windows Installer database (.msi, .msm, or .mst file). When you save the changes that you have made in the Direct Editor, InstallShield updates the Windows Installer database.

  Many of the other standard InstallShield views are not available in direct edit mode, since they require build-time functionality that is not available when you are directly editing the Windows Installer database.

  When you are working in any of the following Windows Installer–based project types, you are working in direct edit mode: MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform.

See Also

Debugging Windows Installer–Based Installations
Starting the MSI Debugger
Using the Direct Editor in Any Project Type

The Direct Editor has a Tables explorer that lists each table in your project or database. When you select a table in this explorer, the right pane shows the following elements:

- A row of buttons and other controls
- A spreadsheetlike table

Each row in a table represents a record in your project or database. The parenthetical note in each column heading indicates the type and size of data that you enter in the column. For example, S255 indicates a string with up to 255 characters; I2 indicates a 2-byte integer.

The following table describes all of the buttons and other controls that are displayed when you select a table in the Direct Editor.

Table 13-231 • Controls in the Direct Editor View

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New Record</td>
<td>![New Icon]</td>
<td>Displays the Add Record to Table dialog box, which lets you add a new row to the selected table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edit Selected Record</td>
<td>![Edit Icon]</td>
<td>Displays the Edit Record in Table dialog box, which lets you edit the data in the selected row.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete Selected Records</td>
<td>![Delete Icon]</td>
<td>Deletes the selected row or rows.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cut Selected Records</td>
<td>![Cut Icon]</td>
<td>Removes the currently selected rows and places them on the Clipboard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copy Selected Records</td>
<td>![Copy Icon]</td>
<td>Copies the currently selected rows to the Clipboard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paste Records</td>
<td>![Paste Icon]</td>
<td>Inserts the rows that are saved to the Clipboard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find String</td>
<td>![Find Icon]</td>
<td>Displays the Find dialog box, which lets you search for instances of a string. This dialog box lets you specify criteria such as whether you want to search in the selected table, or all tables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find Next</td>
<td>![Find Next Icon]</td>
<td>Searches for the next occurrence of the specified string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find and Replace</td>
<td>![Find and Replace Icon]</td>
<td>Displays the Replace dialog box, which lets you search for instances of a string and replace them with a new string. This dialog box lets you specify criteria such as whether you want to search in the selected table, or all tables.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Using the Direct Editor with Project Edit Mode in Windows Installer–Based Projects

In Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, and QuickPatch projects, advanced users can use the Direct Editor to perform tasks such as the following:

- View all of the tables in the project file (.ism).
- Add and remove records from tables.
- Cut, copy, and paste records or fields.
- Edit individual fields in the tables.
- Add custom tables.
- Filter the table records that are shown to hide ones that do not contain a specific string.
- Search one table or all tables for a specific string and replace it if necessary.
- Resize and reorder the columns in a table.

**Tip** • If you press F1 while a standard Windows Installer table is selected, the Windows Installer Help Library opens to provide information about that specific table.

Note the following details when using the Direct Editor with project edit mode in Windows Installer–based projects:

- The File table displays only static data. InstallShield may add additional information, such as dynamically linked files, to the File table in the Windows Installer database that it creates at build time.
- Unlike the corresponding tables in the Windows Installer database, tables such as the Binary, Icon, and Patch tables in the .ism file do not store binary data. Rather, they store links to build-source paths.
- Column attributes for both standard tables and InstallShield tables cannot be altered while in project edit mode. They can, however, be edited for custom tables. Note that column attributes can be edited in standard, InstallShield, and custom tables in direct edit mode.
- You cannot use localizable properties in the Directory table.

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**Table 13-231 • Controls in the Direct Editor View (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Control</th>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Show Reference Tracking</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Icon" /></td>
<td>Toggles the Reference Tracking pane below the Direct Editor. The Reference Tracking pane lets you easily visualize relationships between table records. For more information, see Table Record Reference Tracking.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Search Grid</td>
<td></td>
<td>Dynamically filters the records that are displayed in the Direct Editor view according to the string that you specify in this search box. As you type a string in this box, InstallShield hides all of the rows that do not contain it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Direct Editor Help</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Icon" /></td>
<td>Displays the help for the Direct Editor view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Using the Direct Editor with Direct Edit Mode in Windows Installer–Based Projects

In MSI Database, MSM Database, and Transform projects, you can use the Direct Editor to essentially perform all of the tasks that are available in this view with direct edit mode. However, instead of working with tables in the .ism file, you are working directly with the Windows Installer database (.msi, .msm, or .mst).

Using the Direct Editor in InstallScript and InstallScript Object Projects

The Direct Editor in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects lets you see all of the tables in your .ism file; however, it is recommended that you use the other views in InstallShield to modify these types of projects.

Note that although InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects use many of the same tables that are available in Windows Installer–based projects, many of the common tables have different meanings. In addition, InstallShield ignores custom tables in InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects; custom tables are not available at run time.

Direct Editor Table Insights

The Direct Editor in InstallShield includes several features that provide visual insights into tables, schema information, and validation errors designed to boost the productivity of setup authors or packagers who use the Direct Editor for troubleshooting to identify and resolve advanced problems. These features are described following:

- Directory Table Psuedocolumn Displays Resolved Target Directory Path
- Column Header Schema Information Tooltips
- Table Record Reference Tracking
- Broken References Indicator

Directory Table Psuedocolumn Displays Resolved Target Directory Path

InstallShield includes a read-only, grayed out pseudocolumn to the Directory table that displays the resolved path of each row’s directory location. A pseudocolumn behaves like a table column, but is not actually stored in the table. You can sort by the pseudocolumn’s visible text, but you cannot insert, update, or delete its values.

Column Header Schema Information Tooltips

InstallShield provides tooltips on column headers that display the column’s schema information.

Examples

The Directory table receives the following schema tooltips:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Header</th>
<th>Tooltip</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Directory (s72)</td>
<td>Directory: char(72), required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Directory_Parent (S72)</td>
<td>Directory_Parent: char(72), nullable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DefaultDir (l255)</td>
<td>DefaultDir: char(72), localizable, required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISDescription (S255)</td>
<td>ISDescription: char(255), nullable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-232 *

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Header</th>
<th>Tooltip</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISAttributes (I4)</td>
<td>ISAttributes: long integer, nullable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISFolderName (S255)</td>
<td>ISFolderName: char(255), nullable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Binary table receives the following schema tooltips:

Table 13-233 *

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Header</th>
<th>Tooltip</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name (s72)</td>
<td>Name: char(72), required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data (V0)</td>
<td>Data: stream, nullable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISBuildSourcePath (S255)</td>
<td>ISBuildSourcePath: char(255), nullable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The CustomAction table receives the following schema tooltips:

Table 13-234 *

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Header</th>
<th>Tooltip</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action (s72)</td>
<td>Action: char(72), required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type (i2)</td>
<td>Type: short integer, required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source (S64)</td>
<td>Source: char(64), nullable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target (S0)</td>
<td>Target: char(0), nullable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExtendedType (I4)</td>
<td>Extended Type: long integer, nullable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISComments (S255)</td>
<td>ISComments: char(255), nullable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table Record Reference Tracking

The Direct Editor includes a Reference Tracking pane that lets you easily visualize relationships between table records. A Show Reference Tracking button at the top of the Direct Editor provides a show/hide toggle of the pane.

Each record may reference one or more other records or be referenced by one or more other records. When a record is highlighted that refers to other records or is referred from other records, the Reference Tracking pane is populated with a Reference Tables section showing the tables in which the references reside and an additional section that displays the actual record references. The record references section includes arrow icons that indicate the direction of the reference, where:

- A green arrow pointing to the right indicates that the record that is selected in the Direct Editor table references the record displayed in the Reference Tracking pane.
• A blue arrow pointing to the left indicates that the record selected in the Direct Editor table is referenced by the record displayed in the Reference Tracking pane.

• Two arrows in both directions (a green arrow pointing right and a blue arrow pointing left) indicate that the record selected in the Direct Editor table references and is referenced by the record displayed in the Reference Tracking pane.

**Note** • When multiple Direct Editor records are selected, only the “focused” record’s references are shown. In addition, if multiple tables appear in the Reference Tables section, this indicates that the record selected in the Direct Editor table references or is referenced by records in multiple tables. You can click any table in the Reference Tables section to view the associated records references.

**Tip** • In the Reference Tracking pane, you can quickly jump between record references by double-clicking within a cell.

**Broken References Indicator**

There are instances where a Direct Editor table record might reference a foreign key record that no longer exists. InstallShield displays the cells of such broken references with a red fill color to call attention to the broken reference.

For example, if the Directory column in the Component table references a directory name that is not found in the Directory table, then the Directory column is filled in red.

**Note** • The Direct Editor broken reference indicator is unrelated to the Maintain referential integrity check box on the Preferences tab of the Options dialog box. While the Maintain referential integrity setting is designed to update the foreign keys when you modify a primary key, the purpose of the broken reference indicator is to display broken references to help you easily identify orphaned records. Therefore, broken references are displayed regardless of the selection of the Maintain referential integrity setting.

**See Also**
Edited Installation and Project Tables
Adding Records to a Table
Deleting Records from a Table
Adding New Tables Through the Direct Editor
InstallShield Columns in Standard Windows Installer Tables
Entering Binary Data in a Table

**Windows Installer Table Reference**

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For information about Windows Installer tables, see Database Tables in the MSDN Library.

**See Also**
Direct Editor
InstallShield Table Reference
InstallShield Table Reference

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The following table lists some InstallShield tables that add specific functionality to your application. Click a link for more information about a specific table.

Table 13-235 • InstallShield Table Names and Descriptions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table Name</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISAlias</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>This table contains alias information used when an InstallShield Professional project is converted to a Windows Installer–based project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISComCatalogAttribute</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This table contains information about COM+ catalog attributes. Each entry has a foreign key to a ISComCatalogObject table entry to which the attribute belongs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISComCatalogCollection</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This table contains information about COM+ catalog collections. A COM+ catalog collection is a folder of a same type of COM+ catalog objects. For example, the COM+ applications item, the Components item, and the Legacy Components item in the Component Services view are the COM+ catalog collections. Each entry has a foreign key to a ISComCatalogObject table entry to which the collection belongs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISComCatalogCollectionObject</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This table contains information about COM+ catalog collections where COM+ catalog objects belong.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISComCatalogObject</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This table contains information about COM+ catalog objects. A COM+ catalog object is an item that is contained within a COM+ catalog collection. Each entry has the display name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISComPlusApplication</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This table contains information about a COM+ application. A COM+ application is a COM+ catalog object with extra information. This table has application specific information and a foreign key to a ISComCatalogObject table entry which has the basic information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICustomActionReference</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This table contains information about the behavior of each of the custom actions that are included in the installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If you upgrade a project that was created with InstallShield Professional to InstallShield 2020, InstallShield might add data to the ISAlias table.

In Windows Installer, identifiers cannot contain spaces and must contain only specified characters. Because of this, some of your component names, feature names, or script-defined folder names that you used in InstallShield Professional might not be valid in a project that you upgraded to a Windows Installer-based project. To address this issue, InstallShield uses aliasing to match the old name with a new identifier. (InstallShield does not perform a lexicon change for these names because they might be used as strings within your script.)
Note: If you upgrade to an InstallScript project, the only invalid characters in feature names or script-defined folder names are the following:

\/:*?"<>|

In component names, the preceding characters and the single quotation mark (’) are invalid.

The ISAlias table contains the following information.

### Table 13-236 • ISAlias Table Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Name</th>
<th>Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Alias</td>
<td>Name string used in InstallShield Professional.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Identifier</td>
<td>String that is used by InstallShield to reference the alias.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Table</td>
<td>Name of the table that uses the alias (for example, Feature). This table is available in the Direct Editor.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Upgrading Projects Created with InstallShield Professional

**ISCOMCatalogAttribute Table**

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISCOMCatalogAttribute table contains the information about COM+ catalog attributes. Each entry has a foreign key to a ISComCatalogObject table entry to which the attribute belongs.

**Columns**

**ISCatalogObject_(primary key)**
A foreign key into the ISCatalogObject table

**ItemName (primary key)**
The named attribute for a catalog object

**ItemValue**
A value associated with the attribute defined in ItemName
**ISCOMCatalogCollection Table**

*InstallShield 2020*

❗️ *Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The **ISCOMCatalogCollection** table contains information about COM+ catalog collections. A COM+ catalog collection is a folder of a same type of COM+ catalog objects. For example, COM+ application, Component and Legacy Component nodes in the Component Services view are the COM+ catalog collections. Each entry has a foreign key to a **ISComCatalogObject** table entry to which the collection belongs.

**Columns**

**ISCatalogCollection** *(primary key)*

A unique key for the **ISCatalogCollection** table.

**ISCatalogObject**

A foreign key into the **ISCatalogObject** table. This is the catalog object that a catalog collection belongs to.

**Name**

A catalog collection name.

**ISCOMCatalogCollectionObject Table**

*InstallShield 2020*

❗️ *Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The **ISCOMCatalogCollectionObject** table contains information about COM+ catalog collections where COM+ catalog objects belong.

**Columns**

**ISCatalogCollection** *(primary key)*

A unique key for the **ISCatalogCollection** table
**ISCatalogObject_(primary key)**

A foreign key into the ISCatalogObject table; This is the catalog object that a catalog collection contains.

**ISCOMCatalogObject Table**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISCOMCatalogObject table contains information about COM+ catalog objects. A COM+ catalog object is an item that is contained within a COM+ catalog collection. Each entry has the display name.

**Columns**

**ISCatalogObject (primary key)**

A unique key for the ISCatalogObject table

**DisplayName**

The display name of a catalog object

**ISCOMPlusApplication Table**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISCOMPlusApplication table contains information about a COM+ application. A COM+ application is a COM+ catalog object with extra information. This table has application specific information and a foreign key to an ISComCatalogObject table entry that has the basic information.

**Columns**

**ISCatalogObject_(primary key)**

A foreign key into the ISComCatalogObject table. This is the root level application object. All other data associated with this application can be derived through the ISComCatalogObject table.
ComputerName

If the ComponentService object was loaded from a remote machine, store the computer name here. This can be NULL for the local computer.

Component_

A foreign key to the component table.

ISCcustomActionReference Table

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISCustomActionReference table contains information about the intended behavior of each custom action that is included in the project.

Table 13-237 • ISCustomActionReference Table Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Nullable</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action_ Identifier</td>
<td>Identifier</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Identifier that references an entry in the CustomAction table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Text</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Text that describes the behavior of the custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileType</td>
<td>Text</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>The file type of the help file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISCAReferenceFilePath</td>
<td>Text</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>The full path, including the file name, for the file that describes the behavior of the custom action. This column is included in the InstallShield project file (.ism), but not in the .msi file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See Also
Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program
InstallShield Custom Action Reference

ISIIISItem Table

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISIIISItem table contains information about IIS settings that are configured in the Internet Information Services view.

**Table 13-238 • ISIIISItem Table Information**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Nullable</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISIIISItem</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Primary key for table. This item identifies the Web site or other IIS item that is being created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISIIISItem_Parent</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Foreign key into the ISIIISItem column. This item identifies the Web site or other IIS item that contains the current item.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisplayName</td>
<td>Localizable string</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>An optional localized name for the Web site or other IIS item.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Identifies the type of IIS item. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• 1—Web site</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• 2—Application</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• 3—Virtual directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• 4—Application pool</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• 5—Web service extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Component_</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Name of the component that contains the IIS item.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Managing Internet Information Services
ISIISProperty Table

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISIISProperty table contains information about IIS settings that are configured in the Internet Information Services view.

**Note** • When you configure advanced settings for a Web site, application, or virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view, InstallShield configures the MetaData* fields in the ISIISProperty table automatically. For help on specific settings, see IIS Metabase Properties in the MSDN Help Library.

Table 13-239 • ISIISProperty Table Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Nullable</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISIISProperty</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Primary key for table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISIISItem</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Primary key for table; foreign key into the ISIISItem table. This item identifies the Web site or other IIS item that this property is for.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schema</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>This column is reserved for future use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FriendlyName</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>This column is reserved for future use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MetaDataProp</td>
<td>Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Equates to the dwMDIdentifier field of the METADATA_RECORD structure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MetaDataType</td>
<td>Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Equates to the dwMDDataType field of the METADATA_RECORD structure.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • InstallShield supports the following values:

- 1 (DWORD_METADATA)
- 2 (STRING_METADATA)
- 5 (MULTISZ_METADATA)
Table 13-239 • ISISProperty Table Information (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Nullable</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| MetaDataUserType    | Integer | No  | Yes      | Equates to the dwMDUserType field of the METADATA_RECORD structure. Available options, which are defined in the Windows SDK header IISCnfg.h, are:  
|                     |         |     |          | • 1 (IIS_MD_UT_SERVER)  
|                     |         |     |          | • 2 (IIS_MD_UT_FILE)  
|                     |         |     |          | • 100 (IIS_MD_UT_WAM)  
|                     |         |     |          | • 101 (ASP_MD_UT_APP) |
| MetaDataAttributes  | Integer | No  | Yes      | Equates to the pbMDAttributes field of the METADATA_RECORD structure. |
| MetaDataValue       | String  | No  | Yes      | Equates to the pbMDData field of the METADATA_RECORD structure. |
| Order               | Integer | No  | Yes      | The order that you would like the property to be applied to the IIS item. |
| ISAttributes        | Integer | No  | Yes      | Indicates whether the IIS property is a standard property or an advanced property. Advanced properties are configurable through the Other IIS Properties setting in the Internet Information Services view. Available options are:  
|                     |         |     |          | • 0 (Standard property)  
|                     |         |     |          | • 1 (Advanced property)  
|                     |         |     |          | All other options are reserved for future use. |

See Also
Configuring Advanced IIS Settings

ISProductConfigurationInstance Table

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
The ISProductConfigurationInstance table provides support for installing multiple instances of a product in the same context on the same machine. This table defines each of the property values for each instance that an installation supports. For more information, see Setting Properties for an Instance.

**Caution** • Creating an installation that lets end users install multiple instances of a product on the same machine and in the same context requires sophisticated authoring and serious commitment on the part of the installation developer. This functionality is recommended for only advanced installation developers.

Table 13-240 • ISProductConfigurationInstance Table Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Nullable</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISProductConfiguration</td>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Identifies the product configuration to which this instance applies.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstanceId</td>
<td>Integer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Identifies the instance number of this instance. This value is stored in the property InstanceId.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Identifier</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Identifies the property to create for this instance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Specifies the value for this property for this instance.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Installing Multiple Instances of Products
Creating Patches for Multiple Instances of a Product

ISSelfReg Table

InstallShield 2020

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
If you have selected ISSelfReg as the self-registration method for COM servers, and if your project contains any files (or dynamic links) marked as self-registered, InstallShield adds information about those files to the ISSelfReg table of your .msi database.

**Table 13-241 • ISSelfReg Table Information**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileKey</td>
<td>Foreign key into the File table, identifying the file (.dll, .ocx, .exe, .tlb, .olb) to be self-registered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Reserved for future use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Order</td>
<td>A nonnegative number identifying the order in which self-registration will occur. Any files with an Order value of 1 will be registered first, followed by files with an Order value of 2, and so forth. Finally, all files with an Order value of 0 will be registered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CmdLine</td>
<td>For self-registering .exe files, stores a command line to be passed to the executable when it is self-registered. By default the field is empty, and the InstallShield run-time engine registers the .exe file with the /regserver argument and unregisters it with the /unregserver argument. To specify different arguments to pass during registration and unregistration, separate the arguments with a vertical bar (</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**
Installing Self-Registering Files
Self-Registration Methods
Self-Registering COM Servers

**InstallShield Columns in Standard Windows Installer Tables**

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield extends some standard Windows Installer tables for increased functionality. Following is a listing of the tables affected, columns added, and descriptions of the data to be placed in the new fields.

**Table 13-242 • Additions to Standard MSI Tables**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table Name</th>
<th>Column Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AdminExecuteSequence</td>
<td>ISComments</td>
<td>Author’s comments on this Sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdminUISequence</td>
<td>ISComments</td>
<td>Author’s comments on this Sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdvtExecuteSequence</td>
<td>ISComments</td>
<td>Author’s comments on this Sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdvtUISequence</td>
<td>ISComments</td>
<td>Author’s comments on this Sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Binary</td>
<td>ISBuildSourcePath</td>
<td>Full path to the ICO or EXE file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-242 • Additions to Standard MSI Tables (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table Name</th>
<th>Column Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>ISAttributes</td>
<td>This is used to store InstallShield custom properties of a component. Currently the only one is ExtractAtBuild.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>ISComments</td>
<td>User Comments.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control</td>
<td>ISWindowStyle</td>
<td>A 32-bit word that specifies non-MSI window styles to be applied to this control.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control</td>
<td>ISControlId</td>
<td>A number used to represent the control ID of the Control. Used in Dialog export.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CustomAction</td>
<td>ISComments</td>
<td>Author’s comments for this custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>ISComments</td>
<td>Author’s comments for this dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>ISWindowStyle</td>
<td>A 32-bit word that specifies non-MSI window styles to be applied to this control. This is only used in Script Based Setups.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>ISResourceId</td>
<td>A Number that specifies the Dialog ID to be used in Dialog Export.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Directory</td>
<td>ISDescription</td>
<td>Description of the folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feature</td>
<td>ISReleaseFlags</td>
<td>Release Flags that specify whether this feature will be built in a particular release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feature</td>
<td>ISComments</td>
<td>Comments.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File</td>
<td>ISBuildSourcePath</td>
<td>Full path, the category is of Text instead of Path because of potential use of path variables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File</td>
<td>ISAttributes</td>
<td>This field contains the following attributes:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• OverrideSystemAttributes (0x04)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• OverrideSystemSize (0x08)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• OverrideSystemVersion (0x10)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• OverrideSystemLanguage (0x20)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The UseSystemSettings(0x1) attribute is no longer used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Icon</td>
<td>ISBuildSourcePath</td>
<td>Full path to the ICO or EXE file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Icon</td>
<td>ISIconIndex</td>
<td>Optional icon index to be extracted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
A QuickPatch project is a specific type of Windows Installer–based project recommended for installation authors who want to ship small, single upgrades to their end users. Each QuickPatch project has its own set of views.

**Patch Settings View**

The Patch Settings view contains links to several views:

- **General Information View**—Enter information about your upgrade and the original installation. Specify which releases should be patched by the current project, and select which custom actions should be included.
- **Files View**—Add files to your patch, and specify file-patching options.
- **Registry View**—Specify which registry values should be changed or removed.
- **Path Variables View**—Make your patch easily portable between development systems with variable-based file linking.

**Additional Tools View**

The Additional Tools view contains a link to the Direct Editor. Use the Direct Editor to edit the database tables directly.

**See Also**

- Creating a QuickPatch Project
- Updating Applications
Patch Settings View

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

The Patch Settings view is available when you open or create a QuickPatch project. Use this view to configure your QuickPatch.

General Information

Enter information about your upgrade and the original installation. Specify which releases should be patched by the current project, and select which custom actions should be included.

Files

Add files to your patch, and specify file-patching options.

Registry

Specify which registry values should be changed or removed.

Path Variables

Make your patch easily portable between development systems with variable-based file linking.

See Also
Creating a QuickPatch Project
Creating a QuickPatch Project for an Existing QuickPatch

General Information View

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » General Information View

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

The General Information view contains basic information about your QuickPatch project. You can view and configure product properties, build settings, patch history, and custom actions in this view.

See Also
Creating a QuickPatch Project
Creating a QuickPatch Project for an Existing QuickPatch

Product Properties

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » General Information View

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.
When you click Product Properties in the General Information view, InstallShield displays the following:

Table 13-243 • Settings for Product Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Original Setup Path</td>
<td>This area shows the product name and the path to the original installation image. The path box is read-only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Product Version</td>
<td>The Original setup version box shows the product version of the original installation. This box is read-only. In the QuickPatch Version box, you can change the product version for your QuickPatch project. Entry in this box is optional.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FlexNet Connect Integration</td>
<td>If FlexNet Connect was enabled in your original installation and if you designate custom version numbers that FlexNet Connect should use to identify your product (as opposed to using the standard version scheme that Windows Installer uses), type the new custom version number for your QuickPatch in this box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Notifying End Users about Upgrades Using FlexNet Connect

Build Settings

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » General Information View

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

When you click Build Settings in the General Information view, InstallShield displays the following tabs:

- Common
- Identification
- Digital Signature
- Advanced

Common Tab

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » General Information View » Build Settings

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

When you click Build Settings in the General Information view, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Common tab exposes frequently used build settings for a QuickPatch:

**Build Location**

Specify where you want your patch file built or browse for an existing folder.
**Launcher Settings**

In this area, you can configure the following launcher settings:

Table 13-244 • Configurable Launcher Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Create Update.exe</td>
<td>If you want to create an Update.exe update launcher for the current QuickPatch package, select this check box. To learn when an Update.exe update launcher is required, see Patching Considerations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include Windows Installer 3.1 engine</td>
<td>Select this check box to include the Windows Installer 3.1 engine with your patch package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include .NET Framework</td>
<td>Select this check box to include the .NET Framework with your patch package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Patch Uninstallation**

Select the Allow Patch to be Uninstalled (Requires Windows Installer 3.0) check box if you would like the QuickPatch to be uninstallable without having to uninstall and reinstall the entire application and other QuickPatch packages. Note that uninstallation of QuickPatch packages works only under certain conditions. For example, versions of Windows Installer earlier than version 3.0 cannot remove just the QuickPatch from an application. For more information, see Removing Patches in the Windows Installer help.

**See Also**
- Creating a QuickPatch Project
- Patch Uninstallation
- Enabling the Uninstallation of a QuickPatch

**Identification Tab**

When you click Build Settings in the General Information view of a QuickPatch project, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Identification tab exposes settings for display strings. The display strings are used to populate information about the patch in Add or Remove Programs. It is also used by the Windows Installer 3.0 (and later) APIs that interrogate and catalog patches applied to a target machine.
**Note** • Patch metadata is stored directly in the patch (.msp) file and not in any of the .msi packages. The .msp file contents are not localizable. Therefore, string entries are not available for any of the metadata settings below.

**Table 13-245 • Identification Tab Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display name</td>
<td>Specify the name of your patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Support URL</td>
<td>Specify the uniform resource locator (URL) that you would like your customers to visit for technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Specify a brief description of your patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manufacturer name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the application's manufacturer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target product name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the application or the target application suite.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Classification</td>
<td>Specify the category of upgrade. Examples include Critical Update, Hotfix, and Service Pack.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

Specifying Identification Information for a QuickPatch

**Digital Signature Tab**

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » General Information View » Build Settings

**Project** • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

When you click Build Settings in the General Information view of a QuickPatch project, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Digital Signature tab is where you specify settings if you want to digitally sign your patch.

**Note** • With QuickPatch projects, you can digitally sign the patch package and the Update.exe file. If you want to digitally sign individual files—such as your application’s executable files—in your QuickPatch package, you must manually sign them and then add them to your project. You can use `SignTool.exe`, which is included with the Windows SDK, to manually sign your files.

**Table 13-246 • Settings in the Digital Signature Tab**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sign the Patch Package</td>
<td>To digitally sign your QuickPatch package, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sign Update.exe</td>
<td>To digitally sign the Update.exe file, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

When you click Build Settings in the General Information view, InstallShield displays several tabs. The Advanced tab exposes a comprehensive set of build settings that you can configure for a QuickPatch.

### Table 13-246 • Settings in the Digital Signature Tab (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Certificate URL</td>
<td>Type a fully qualified URL—for example, <a href="http://www.mydomain.com">http://www.mydomain.com</a>. This URL is used in your digital signature to link to a site that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Digital Certificate Information</td>
<td>To specify the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release, click the Browse button next to this setting. The Certificate Selection dialog box opens, enabling you to specify either the location of the .pfx file or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate. To learn more, see Certificate Selection Dialog Box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>If the .pfx file that you are using has a password, enter it. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism). At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails. Note that if you configure your project to use a certificate that was imported with password protection into a store, Windows prompts for the password at build time when InstallShield is attempting to sign your project’s files. The strong key protection that Windows uses does not permit InstallShield to provide the password to the cryptographic provider.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Signature Description</td>
<td>Specify the signature description that you want to use for the patch package and Update.exe file, if applicable. The description that you specify is displayed on the User Account Control (UAC) box to the right of the “Program Name:” label. The UAC dialog box opens when an end user launches the signed file and elevated privileges are required. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the name of the file without its extension as the description to the right of the “Program Name:” label on the UAC dialog box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also
- Non-Administrator Patches
- Preparing Installations for Non-Administrator Patches
- Signing a QuickPatch Package
Build Location

In the Build Location area, you can configure the following settings.

Table 13-247 • Build Location Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Build Location</td>
<td>Specify where you want your patch file built or browse for an existing folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project File Format</td>
<td>Select the file format that you want to use for your project file (.ism). Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Binary</strong>—To save the .ism file as a database file, select this option. This format is best for the speed of opening and saving the project file. This is the default format for the current project type. If you select this project file format for the current project, you can modify the .ism file in a Windows Installer database editor. You can also modify the .ism file by using the Windows Installer API or its automation interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>XML</strong>—To save the .ism file as a hierarchical text-based format, select this option. This project file format is best for use with source code control systems. It enables you to modify the project file using XML tools.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note* • Both project file formats let you build releases from the command line.

| Create Update.exe         | Specify whether you want to create an Update.exe update launcher for the current QuickPatch package.                                                                                                         |
|                          | To learn when an Update.exe update launcher is required, see Patching Considerations.                                                                                                                       |

| List of Patch GUIDs to replace | To replace one or more earlier installed patches with the current QuickPatch, set this property to the patch GUIDs of those patches, and separate each with a comma. For example: |
|                              | {C86838C9-DED9-4451-B99F-94AFB9460F15}, {C8633E58-ACE4-45d8-B487-C683B1F60D6}                                                                                                                                 |
|                              | Setting this property is typically not required, even if you have several QuickPatch projects in the History. However, if your QuickPatch project does not overwrite files added in an earlier QuickPatch project, it may be necessary to set this property. |
|                              | If you do not know the GUID of a patch that you want to replace, click this property and then click the ellipsis button (...). Select the patch (.msp or .exe file), and InstallShield will add the corresponding GUID to this property. |


### Table 13-247 • Build Location Settings (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Create new &quot;UpdatedImage&quot; folder</td>
<td>This setting enables you to build your QuickPatch package with an existing UpdatedImage folder. To use this option, you must have built this package at least once (so that an UpdatedImage folder exists). Setting this option to No builds the package from the existing UpdatedImage folder. This lets you tweak the .msi package in the UpdatedImage folder and use that .msi data in a QuickPatch project. Setting this option to Yes (the default setting) regenerates the .msi file in the UpdatedImage folder every time that the package is built.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Generate MsiPatchOldAssembly tables</td>
<td>Specify whether to automatically generate entries for the MsiPatchOldAssemblyFile and MsiPatchOldAssemblyName tables, which allow a patch package that is running under Windows Installer 3.0 and later to patch an assembly in the global assembly cache (GAC) without making a run-time request for the original installation source. For more information, see Patching Assemblies in the Global Assembly Cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create patch sequencing entry</td>
<td>Specify whether you want to use patch sequencing for your QuickPatch. A patch sequence accounts for obsolete patches, superseded patches, and patches that have already been applied to the product. The sequence specifies the order that Windows Installer version 3.0 and later should apply patches to an installed product, regardless of the order in which they are provided to the target machine. For versions of Windows Installer earlier than version 3.0, the patch sequence is ignored, and any patches are applied to the product in the order that they are provided to the target machine.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Streamline QuickPatch

Specify whether you want InstallShield to streamline the creation of your QuickPatch package to build as simple a package as possible. The default value is Yes.

The goal of QuickPatch streamlining is to generate a QuickPatch package that has fewer new subfeatures and custom actions than a non-streamlined QuickPatch package.

For example, if your QuickPatch project includes a new file or registry entry and InstallShield does not use QuickPatch streamlining, InstallShield creates a new subfeature for that file or registry entry. InstallShield also adds one or more prebuilt InstallShield custom actions to work around certain Windows Installer patch requirements. However, if InstallShield does use QuickPatch streamlining, the file or registry entry is added to an existing feature, and no special prebuilt InstallShield custom actions are required.

Note • InstallShield cannot streamline the creation of a QuickPatch package in the following scenarios:

- The QuickPatch package removes an installed file.
- The QuickPatch package removes or renames a registry key.
- The QuickPatch package targets a non-streamlined QuickPatch image. That is, you cannot use QuickPatch streamlining if you select the check box in the History area of the General Information view for a QuickPatch that did not use QuickPatch streamlining. If you try to build a streamlined QuickPatch that targets one or more non-streamlined QuickPatch images, InstallShield displays a build warning, and it does not use streamlining.

Password Protect Launcher

To password-protect your QuickPatch package, select Yes, and then type a password for the Launcher Password setting. When you password-protect your QuickPatch package, any end user who wants to apply your QuickPatch must enter a case-sensitive password to launch your update.

This setting is applicable only to QuickPatch packages that use an Update.exe file.

Launcher Password

Type a password to protect your application. You must select Yes for the Password Protect Launcher setting to activate password protection.

When you password-protect your patch, any end user who wants to apply your patch must enter a case-sensitive password to launch your update.

This setting is applicable only to patches that use an Update.exe file.
Windows Installer Engine

In this area, you can configure the following settings for the Windows Installer engine:

Table 13-248 • Windows Installer Engine Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include Windows Installer 3.1 engine</td>
<td>Specify whether the Windows Installer engine should be included with your patch package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engine Location</td>
<td>Select one of the following options:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Download Engine From The Web—If the Windows Installer engine needs to be installed, it is downloaded at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Extract Engine From Update.exe—The build streams the Windows Installer engine into the Update.exe file, giving you a single file to distribute to your customers. At run time, the engine is extracted from the Update.exe file and installed if required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Copy From Source Media—The build copies the Windows Installer engine into the same directory as the Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows Installer 3.1 engine URL</td>
<td>Specify the URL for the location of the engine. This is the location that the Update.exe file uses at run time to download the engine. The default URL location is a live site maintained by Revenera for your convenience.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Microsoft .NET Framework

In this area, you can configure the following settings for the Microsoft .NET Framework:

Table 13-249 • Microsoft .NET Framework Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Include In Build</td>
<td>Specify whether to include the Microsoft .NET Framework in your patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engine Location</td>
<td>Select one of the following options:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Download Engine From The Web—If the .NET Framework needs to be installed, it is downloaded at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Extract Engine From Update.exe—The build streams the .NET Framework into the Update.exe file, giving you a single file to distribute to your customers. At run time, the engine is extracted from the Update.exe file and installed if required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Copy From Source Media—The build copies the .NET Framework into the same directory as the Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engine URL</td>
<td>Specify the URL for the location of the .NET Framework. This is the location that the Update.exe file uses at run time to download the .NET Framework. The default URL location is a live site maintained by Revenera for your convenience.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Update Launcher Settings

In this area, you can configure the following settings for the `Update.exe` launcher:

### Table 13-250 • Update Launcher Settings for a Patch

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Company Name</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default company name for <code>Update.exe</code> with your company name, enter your company name. The company name is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Product Name</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default product name for <code>Update.exe</code> with your product name, enter your product name. The product name is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Product Version</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default product version for <code>Update.exe</code> with your product version, enter your product version. The product version is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default description for <code>Update.exe</code> with your own description, enter the appropriate description. The description is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Copyright</strong></td>
<td>If you want to override the default copyright notice for <code>Update.exe</code> with your product’s copyright notice, enter your product’s copyright notice. The copyright notice is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the <code>Update.exe</code> file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 13

View Reference

Table 13-250 • Update Launcher Settings for a Patch (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Required Execution Level</strong></td>
<td>Use the Required Execution Level setting to specify the minimum level that is</td>
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<td>required by your project’s Update.exe file for running on Windows Vista and later platforms. The</td>
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<td></td>
<td>available options are:</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• Administrator—Update.exe requires administrative privileges to run.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators must authenticate as an administrator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Highest Available—Update.exe prefers administrative privileges.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators run it without administrative privileges.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Invoker—Update.exe does not require administrative privileges, and all users</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>can run it without administrative privileges. Update.exe does not display any</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>UAC messages prompting for credentials or for consent.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Use Previous Setup Manifest—The Update.exe manifest uses the same required execution level that</td>
</tr>
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<td>was specified for the previous setup. This is the default option.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>For InstallScript MSI projects, and for Basic MSI projects if the Create Update.exe check box is</td>
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<td></td>
<td>selected, InstallShield embeds an application manifest in the Update.exe launcher. This manifest</td>
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<td>specifies the selected execution level. Operating systems earlier than Windows Vista ignore the</td>
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<td></td>
<td>required execution level.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the Create Update.exe check box is cleared for a Basic MSI project, InstallShield does not embed</td>
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<td>the Windows application manifest in an Update.exe launcher.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Icon</strong></td>
<td>To use your own icon for the Update.exe file, specify the fully qualified name of the file that</td>
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<td></td>
<td>contains the icon. To specify a file, type an absolute path or a path that is relative to a path</td>
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<td></td>
<td>variable, or click the ellipsis button (...) to browse to the file from within the Change Icon dialog</td>
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<td></td>
<td>box.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the</td>
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<td></td>
<td>file name. For example, C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2 indicates the icon with an index of 2, and</td>
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<td></td>
<td>C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100 indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses a default icon for your Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
QuickPatch Projects
Creating a QuickPatch Project
History

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » General Information View

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

The History item in the General Information explorer within the General Information view presents a synopsis of your QuickPatch project. It lists all of the associated releases, enabling you to specify which ones should be patched by the current QuickPatch project.

See Also
Specifying Target Releases for Patching
Creating a QuickPatch Project
Creating a QuickPatch Project for an Existing QuickPatch

Custom Action

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » General Information View

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

The Custom Action item in the General Information explorer within the General Information view lists the custom actions that are defined in the original installation project for which you are creating a patch. It enables you to specify which actions should be executed by the current QuickPatch project.

See Also
Specifying Custom Actions for the QuickPatch to Execute

Files View

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

The Files view enables you to manage the files in your QuickPatch and also see version numbers, languages, and other information about the files in your original installation. All of the files in the Files To Patch and Original Setup Files explorers are listed by key file.

When you click a file in the Original Setup Files explorer, the file name, the destination, the version number, and other pertinent information are displayed in the right pane. You can drag and drop files from this explorer to the Files To Patch explorer, which shows all of the files that will be added, changed, or removed when your QuickPatch is applied to the original installation.

See Also
Adding Files to a QuickPatch
Modifying and Removing Installed Files with a QuickPatch
Deleting Files from the Files To Patch Explorer
New File Settings

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » Files View

This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

When you click a new file in the Files To Patch explorer within the Files view, you can configure the following settings:

File Settings

Table 13-251 • Settings in the File Settings Area

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Specify the file that you want to add to the patch setup</td>
<td>If you are modifying a file in the original installation, specify the latest version of the file that you want to be installed on the target system when the patch is applied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Self-Registering</td>
<td>If the file that you are adding is a self-registering DLL or .ocx file, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extract COM Information</td>
<td>If the file is a COM server and you want InstallShield to extract COM information from the file when the patch is built, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Integration Settings

Select the file destination and the features that you want to associate with this file.

Note • This install state binding requires feature association. When you add new data to your QuickPatch project, you must associate it with a feature. New data is installed only if the corresponding feature is installed.

See Also

Adding Files to a QuickPatch

Modified/Deleted File Settings

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project » Files View

This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

When you click a file that you have added from your original installation to the Files To Patch explorer within the Files view, you can configure the following settings:
### Updated File

**Table 13-252 • Settings in the Updated File Area**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Specify the latest version of your file</strong></td>
<td>If you are modifying a file in the original installation, specify the latest version of the file that you want to be installed on the target system when the patch is applied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Include Whole File</strong></td>
<td>If you want to include the selected file in your patch as a whole file, rather than only the byte-level file differences of the file, you may want to consider selecting this check box. If you do so, InstallShield configures your patch so that Windows Installer ignores any actual version number of the selected file, and instead considers it be version 1.0.0.0 when it is determining whether to update the target system’s file with the version in your QuickPatch package, or to leave the file as is. Selecting this check box for an unversioned file may be helpful to ensure that the file on the target system is always overwritten with the newer equivalent unversioned file in your QuickPatch package. According to Windows Installer file overwrite rules, a file of any version is maintained over an unversioned file. Therefore, if you select this check box, Windows Installer updates the unversioned file with the one in the QuickPatch package because it considers the file in the QuickPatch to be a versioned file. Important • According to Windows Installer file overwrite rules, the file with the highest version is maintained, even if the file already on the target system has a higher version than the one being installed. Therefore, if the file on the target system is a versioned file, you may want to avoid selecting this check box, since in some scenarios it could lead to the file on the target system not being updated. For example, if the file on the target system is version 1.1.0.0, the file in your QuickPatch project is version 2.0.0.0, and you select this check box, the file on the target system is not updated at run time. This occurs because even though the actual version number of the file in the QuickPatch package is newer than the one on the target system, Windows Installer considers the file in the QuickPatch to be 1.0.0.0, which would make it older than the file on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Extract COM Information</strong></td>
<td>If the file is a COM server and you want InstallShield to extract COM information from the file when the patch is built, select this check box. This check box is selected by default for patch files that contain COM information in the Class or TypeLib tables in the base .msi package. When you specify an existing file that you want to patch, InstallShield automatically detects if the file is self-registering. If the original file was self-registering, the file in the patch is also set to self-register.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Original File Information

The Original File Information area provides information about the original file in the original installation.

Component Information

The Component Information area provides file component information such as the component name and key file.

Check this box to have the patch delete this file from the setup

Select this check box to remove the file from the target machine when the patch is applied.

See Also

Modifying and Removing Installed Files with a QuickPatch

Registry View

InstallShield 2020 » QuickPatch Project

Project • This information applies to QuickPatch projects.

The Registry view in a QuickPatch project provides a visual representation of what currently exists on a source machine and what you will patch on a destination/target system once your patch project is built and applied to the target system. The Destination computer’s Registry view pane and the Destination computer’s registry data pane are prepopulated with registry entries in the original installation.

Each item in the Destination computer’s registry data pane appears next to an icon specific to the value type and the data’s current condition. Icons for data values that have been modified have a turquoise pencil. Icons for new data values have a red star in the upper-right corner. Icons for registry values that will be deleted from the target system have a red X. See the following sample icons and descriptions below.

Table 13-253 • Icons in the Registry View of a QuickPatch Project

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>This icon represents a new DWORD value that will be added to the target system when the QuickPatch is applied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>This icon represents a modified DWORD value that will be updated on the target system when the QuickPatch is applied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>This icon represents an existing DWORD value on the target system from an earlier installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Icon]</td>
<td>This icon represents a DWORD value that exists on the target system but will be deleted when the QuickPatch project is applied.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Adding, Modifying, and Deleting Registry Data with a QuickPatch
### InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

**Project** • The following project types include support for InstallShield prerequisites:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

All of these project types include support for the setup prerequisite type of InstallShield prerequisite. Basic MSI projects include support for the feature prerequisite type.

InstallShield also includes support for including InstallShield prerequisites as packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects. For more information, see Including InstallShield Prerequisites (.prq) in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.

An InstallShield prerequisite is an installation for a product or technology framework that is required by your product. Some examples of InstallShield prerequisites that are included with InstallShield are Java Runtime Environment (JRE) and SQL Server Express Edition. You can add any of the existing InstallShield prerequisites to your installation projects and configure many of their settings. You can also create your own InstallShield prerequisites, and add them to your projects.

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**Task**

To open the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor:

On the **Tools** menu, click **Prerequisite Editor**.

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**Task**

To open an existing prerequisite in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor, do one of the following:

1. On the **File** menu, click **Open**. The **Open** dialog box opens.
2. Select the file by browsing and click **Open**.

The following tabs are associated with the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor:

- **Properties**
- **Conditions**
- **Files to Include**
- **Application to Run**
- **Behavior**
- **Dependencies**

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**See Also**

- Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
- Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects
- Specifying the Installation Order of InstallShield Prerequisites
- Specifying the Run-Time Location for InstallShield Prerequisites at the Release Level
Properties Tab

The Properties tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify general information about an InstallShield prerequisite.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Unique identifier for InstallShield prerequisite | Type a unique file identifier for the InstallShield prerequisite or leave the default value as is. This could be the name of the prerequisite application or component, or a GUID.  

*Note* • Every time you open the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor to create a new InstallShield prerequisite, a new GUID is generated and listed in this box. |
| Alternate location to download .prq from if prerequisite files are being downloaded | If appropriate, type the alternate URL for your .prq file. For example:  
http://www.mywebsite.com/MyPrq.prq  
For more information, see Specifying an Alternate URL for a .prq File.  

*Note* • InstallShield prerequisites do not have support for FTP URLs. |
| Description | Type an overview of the prerequisite. This description is displayed under the Overview heading when you select a prerequisite in the Redistributables view. |

See Also  
Defining InstallShield Prerequisites  
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

Conditions Tab

The Conditions tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor lets you define installation conditions that determine whether an InstallShield prerequisite already is installed on the target machine. Failure to do so causes problems because the target system behaves as if the InstallShield prerequisite was not properly installed. You can also create installation conditions that specify operating system, registry, or file requirements.

If a condition evaluates as true at run time, that condition is met. The InstallShield prerequisite is installed on the target machine if the following are true:

- The target machine meets any of the operating system conditions and all of the other conditions that are listed on the Conditions tab.
- For feature prerequisites only (that is, an InstallShield prerequisite that is associated with one or more features in the main installation)—The feature that contains the feature prerequisite must be installed. Thus, if the feature has a condition that is not met on the target system, or if the end user chooses not to install the feature, the feature is not
installed. As a result, none of its associated feature prerequisites are installed, unless the feature prerequisites are also associated with other features that are installed.

**Note** • *Because installation of prerequisites such as Windows service packs is not supported, the operating system version information is not expected to change. Therefore, the operating system conditions are not considered in verifying whether a prerequisite was installed correctly.*

When you click the Add button on this tab, the Prerequisite Condition dialog box opens. This dialog box also opens when you select an existing condition on the Conditions tab and then click the Modify button.

**See Also**
Setting Installation Conditions for an InstallShield Prerequisite
Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference

**Files to Include Tab**

*InstallShield 2020 » InstallShield Prerequisite Editor*

When you are creating a new InstallShield prerequisite, you must specify the installation files that should be included with the InstallShield prerequisite. You can also modify the list of files for an existing InstallShield prerequisite. The Files to Include tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify the files.

When you click the Add button or the Add Multiple Files button on this tab to specify an InstallShield prerequisite file or the Modify button to change the file, the New File dialog box opens.

When you click the **Set File(s) URL** button, the **Set File(s) URL** dialog box opens.

**Note** • *InstallShield prerequisites do not have support for FTP URLs.*

**See Also**
Specifying Files for an InstallShield Prerequisite
Specifying URLs for Downloading InstallShield Prerequisites
Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Application to Run Tab

InstallShield 2020 » InstallShield Prerequisite Editor

The Application to Run tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify how an InstallShield prerequisite should be installed on the target machine.

**Table 13-2 • Settings on the Application to Run Tab**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Specify the application you wish to launch</td>
<td>Select the file—typically a Setup.exe setup launcher or an .msi package—that should be launched on the target machine if the InstallShield prerequisite is installed. Only files that have been specified on the Files to Include tab are included in this list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • If you specify an .msi file and you indicate on the Behavior tab that the progress should be shown, the Setup.exe setup launcher captures progress messages and uses Windows Installer APIs instead of MsiExec.exe to launch the .msi package at run time. If you specify any other file type, or if you specify an .msi file for which progress should not be shown, the Setup.exe setup launcher runs the file with either the open verb (for .msi and .exe files) or the default verb (for all other file types) at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Requires Windows Installer engine and/or .NET Framework to be installed first</td>
<td>If the Windows Installer engine, the .NET Framework (Dotnetfx.exe), or both must be installed before this InstallShield prerequisite is installed, select this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • Selecting this check box does not add the Windows Installer engine or the .NET Framework to your installation. It only specifies that if they are included in the installation, they should be installed before this InstallShield prerequisite is installed. To include the Windows Installer engine or the .NET Framework with your installation, you must add them to your project. To learn how, see Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects or Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Table 13-2 • Settings on the Application to Run Tab (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Specify the command line for the application</td>
<td>If applicable, type the command line for the file selected in the Specify the application you wish to launch list. Do not include the name of the file in this box. For information on command-line parameters that you can specify, see Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • If a setup prerequisite is configured to be hidden (that is, it is not included in the setup prerequisite run-time dialog as one of the prerequisites that need to be installed), it is launched with its silent command-line parameters—not its standard command-line parameters. Therefore, if it is possible that the <strong>The prerequisite should be hidden from the installation list</strong> check box on the Behavior tab will be selected, specify command-line parameters in the Specify the command line for the application when the setup is running in silent mode box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify the command line for the application when the setup</td>
<td>If applicable, type the appropriate command line. Do not include the name of the file in this box. For information on command-line parameters that you can specify, see Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is running in silent mode</td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • Using the /s command-line parameter to launch an installation that includes an InstallShield prerequisite does not automatically run the prerequisite installation silently. You may also need to specify a valid silent command-line parameter for the InstallShield prerequisite in this Specify the command line for the application when the setup is running in silent mode setting on the Application to Run tab.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specify the return code (in decimal) the application returns</td>
<td>If the selected InstallShield prerequisite application requires that the target machine be restarted after the application is installed, type the return code in this box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>if a reboot is required</td>
<td><strong>Tip</strong> • If multiple return codes exist, list each one separated by a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If you do not know the return codes for the file that you are launching as the InstallShield prerequisite, contact the author of the file. For more information on InstallShield prerequisites that require a restart, see Restarting a Target Machine for InstallShield Prerequisite Installations.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

- Specifying Parameters for Installing an InstallShield Prerequisite
- Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
- InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Behavior Tab

The Behavior tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify what should occur in certain scenarios.

Table 13-3 • Settings on the Behavior Tab

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>The prerequisite requires administrative privileges</strong></td>
<td>Select this check box if administrative privileges are required to install the InstallShield prerequisite or if the InstallShield prerequisite must be installed per machine. This check box is selected by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>InstallShield prerequisites that require administrative privileges may require that end users provide credentials or consent before installation can occur on Windows Vista and later systems. For more information, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>The prerequisite may be optionally skipped by the user</strong></td>
<td>If the installation should display a message box that enables end users to choose whether to install the InstallShield prerequisite, select this check box. If end users should not be able to choose whether to install the InstallShield prerequisite, clear this check box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>The prerequisite should be hidden from the installation list</strong></td>
<td>If a target system needs one or more setup prerequisites to be installed, the setup prerequisite dialog is displayed at run time before the main installation runs. When an end user clicks the Install button on this dialog, the setup prerequisites are installed. If you want to include the current setup prerequisite in the list of setup prerequisites that are displayed in that dialog, clear this check box. If you do not want to include the current setup prerequisite in the list, select this check box. The setup prerequisite is hidden from the list of setup prerequisites, but it is still installed on the target system if needed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>Feature prerequisites are never listed in the setup prerequisite dialog at run time, regardless of whether the The prerequisite should be hidden from the installation list check box is selected or cleared. That is, if you add an InstallShield prerequisite to your project and associate it with a feature, that feature prerequisite is not listed in the setup prerequisite dialog that is displayed at run time before the main installation runs. Note that if a setup prerequisite or a feature prerequisite is marked as hidden, it is launched with its silent command-line parameters—not its standard command-line parameters. To learn more, see Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite.</td>
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Table 13-3 • Settings on the Behavior Tab (cont.)

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<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Progress should be shown in the prerequisites window (raw MSI file only)</td>
<td>If you want the progress of the installation for the current InstallShield prerequisite to be displayed at run time, select this check box. The progress can be shown only if the InstallShield prerequisite installation is an .msi file; it cannot be shown if the file that the InstallShield prerequisite installation launches is a Setup.exe file. In addition, the installation that contains the prerequisite must be a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI installation. If your InstallShield prerequisite installation is a Setup.exe file, this setting is ignored. In addition if the installation that contains the InstallShield prerequisite is an InstallScript installation, this setting is ignored. Note • If you select this check box so that progress can be shown, only some command-line parameters are supported. Command-line parameters are specified on the Application to Run tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor. For more information, see Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite. Also note that if you specify that the progress should be shown for a prerequisite that is an .msi package, the user interface of the prerequisite’s .msi package is not displayed by default. If you want to override this behavior, you can specify /qf as a command-line parameter on the Application to Run tab.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If, after installing the prerequisite, the conditions still indicate it is required

If the conditions still indicate that the InstallShield prerequisite needs to be installed after the InstallShield prerequisite installation has been run, either of the following may be true:

- The InstallShield prerequisite was not successfully installed.
- The conditions that were specified for the InstallShield prerequisite were not accurate.

For example, a condition may indicate that the InstallShield prerequisite needs to be installed if a particular file does not exist on the target machine. If the file is still missing even after the InstallShield prerequisite is installed, it is possible that the condition should not have been created.

Specify the behavior that should occur if the conditions still indicate that the InstallShield prerequisite needs to be installed. The available options are:

- **Abort the setup**—If your application should not be installed, select this option.
- **Ask whether to continue the setup**—If the installation should display a message box that prompts the end user to specify whether the main installation should continue, select this option.
- **Continue the setup**—If the installation should essentially ignore the InstallShield prerequisite's unmet condition and proceed to the next InstallShield prerequisite installation (if one is required) or the main installation, select this option.

**Table 13-3 • Settings on the Behavior Tab (cont.)**

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<td>If, after installing the prerequisite, the conditions still indicate it is required</td>
<td>If the conditions still indicate that the InstallShield prerequisite needs to be installed after the InstallShield prerequisite installation has been run, either of the following may be true:</td>
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<td>- The InstallShield prerequisite was not successfully installed.</td>
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<td>- The conditions that were specified for the InstallShield prerequisite were not accurate.</td>
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<td>For example, a condition may indicate that the InstallShield prerequisite needs to be installed if a particular file does not exist on the target machine. If the file is still missing even after the InstallShield prerequisite is installed, it is possible that the condition should not have been created.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Ask whether to continue the setup</strong>—If the installation should display a message box that prompts the end user to specify whether the main installation should continue, select this option.</td>
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If the prerequisite requires a reboot

Installing an InstallShield prerequisite may require that the target machine be restarted, as described in Restarting a Target Machine for InstallShield Prerequisite Installations.

Specify the behavior that should occur if the InstallShield prerequisite requires that a target machine be restarted.

- **Exit and resume on reboot**—To end the InstallShield prerequisite installation, allow the InstallShield prerequisite to restart the target machine, and then continue the installation, select this option.

- **Note it, fail to resume if the machine is rebooted, and reboot after the installation**—To note that the target machine should be restarted if it is required, to schedule the restart for the end of the main installation, but to exit if the target machine restarts after the InstallShield prerequisite installation, select this option. Thus, if it appears that a restart is required but you want to postpone it until the end of the main installation (or until a subsequent InstallShield prerequisite triggers a restart), select this option.

  At run time, the value of the Windows Installer property **ISSCHEDULEREBOOT** is set to 1 in the main installation when a restart is still pending.

- **Ignore it, and fail to resume if machine is rebooted**—To continue the installation but end it if the target machine is restarted, select this option. Thus, if it appears that a restart is required but you want to try to skip it, select this option.

- **Prompt the user only if no reboot is detected, but always reboot the machine and resume on reboot**—To prompt the end user to restart the target machine only if it appears that the target machine does not need to be restarted, select this option. The target machine is restarted if the end user agrees to allow it, and then the installation continues.

- **Prompt the user to reboot the machine even if nothing is detected, and resume on reboot**—To prompt the end user to restart the target machine even if it appears that the target machine does not need to be restarted, select this option. The target machine is restarted if the end user agrees to allow it, and then the installation continues.

- **Reboot the machine and resume on reboot**—To restart the target machine and then continue the installation, select this option.

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<td>Exit and resume on reboot</td>
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<td>Note it, fail to resume if the machine is rebooted, and reboot after the installation</td>
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<td>Reboot the machine and resume on reboot</td>
<td>To restart the target machine and then continue the installation, select this option.</td>
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**See Also**
- Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
- InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Dependences Tab

When you are creating a new InstallShield prerequisite or modifying an existing one, you can specify other InstallShield prerequisites (.prq files) on which this InstallShield prerequisite depends. The Dependencies tab of the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor is where you specify the dependencies.

When you click the Add button on this tab to add a dependency, the New Dependency dialog box opens.

See Also
- Specifying Dependencies for an InstallShield Prerequisite
- Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
- InstallShield Prerequisite Editor Reference
Errors and Warnings

InstallShield 2020

The following topics in the InstallShield Help Library provide information about errors and warnings that might occur when you are working with your installation.

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<td>Lists InstallScript compiler errors and warnings.</td>
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<td>MSI/MSM Conversion Errors</td>
<td>Lists errors that might occur when you use the Open MSI/MSM Wizard to convert an installation package (.msi file) or merge module (.msm file) to an InstallShield project (.ism file).</td>
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<td>Windows Installer Run-time Errors</td>
<td>Lists Windows Installer errors that might occur during run time. The errors are related to the built-in InstallShield custom actions that are added automatically to InstallShield projects to support some types of functionality.</td>
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<td>Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (InstallScript Projects)</td>
<td>Lists the errors that might occur when Setup.exe runs for InstallScript installations.</td>
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<td>Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)</td>
<td>Lists the errors that might occur when Setup.exe runs for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI installations.</td>
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<td>Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)</td>
<td>Lists return codes, errors, and logged status codes that might occur when an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe installation is run.</td>
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<td>Lists the errors and warnings that might occur when you do any of the following:</td>
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<td>• Convert a Visual Studio setup project (.vdproj) to an InstallShield Basic MSI project (.ism).</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Convert a Visual Studio merge module project (.vdproj) to an InstallShield Merge Module project (.ism).</td>
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<td>• Import a Visual Studio setup or merge module project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield Basic MSI or Merge Module project (.ism).</td>
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<td>Lists errors that might occur when you upgrade a project created with InstallShield Professional.</td>
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<td>Lists warnings that might occur when you upgrade a project created with InstallShield Professional.</td>
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Errors and Warnings

In-depth articles about errors and warnings are available in the Knowledge Base.

See Also
Windows Installer Error Messages (Windows Installer Help Library)
Windows Installer Error Messages (Windows Installer Help Library)

Build Errors and Warnings

InstallShield 2020

The following table contains a listing of errors and warnings that may occur during the build process.

Note • You can find detailed information—including resolution information—on most InstallShield build errors and warnings in the Knowledge Base.

For troubleshooting information about errors and warnings that may occur when you are building a virtual application, see Virtualization Conversion Errors and Warnings.

Table 13-2 • Build Errors and Warnings

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<td>-1031</td>
<td>Cannot use 64-bit signing on a 32-bit operating system.</td>
<td>Use 64-bit operating system for 64-bit signing.</td>
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<td>-32000</td>
<td>Build canceled by the user.</td>
<td>This error occurs only when the build is terminated during the build process.</td>
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<tr>
<td>9571</td>
<td>Required to set the Wide Tile Image for the Visual Asset: '%1'.</td>
<td>Required to specify the Wide Tile Image if Large Tile Image is specified in the Visual Asset in order to install the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9570</td>
<td>Required to select at least one supported task type for the Background Tasks declaration.</td>
<td>Background Tasks declaration required to select at least one supported task, add Supported Task in the Background Tasks declaration from the Declaration view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9569</td>
<td>Required at least one supported File type or Data format. Select 'Supports any File type' or explicitly add one or more File types or Data formats in Share Target Declaration.</td>
<td>Share Target Declaration required to specify at least one supported File type or Data. Select 'Supports any File type' or explicitly add one or more File types or Data formats in Share Target Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9568</td>
<td>Managed URL '%1' specified is a duplicate of the base URL specified for the Web Account Provider Declaration.</td>
<td>One of the Managed URL is a duplicate with the base URL specified for the Web Account Provider Declaration, required to specify unique Managed URL in the Web Account Provider Declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9567</td>
<td>Start page '%1' must not be specified if 'Entry point', 'Executable' or 'Runtime type' is specified in Appointments Provider Declaration.</td>
<td>'Entry point', 'Executable' or 'Runtime type' cannot be specified if the ‘Start page’ is specified in the Appointments Provider Declaration Launch Action. Required to specify either ‘Entry point’ or ‘Start page’ entries in the Launch Action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9566</td>
<td>The Executable '%1' defined for declaration element does not exist in the package.</td>
<td>Custom executable specified for the declaration is not found in the package, required to redefine with the correct executable or add the executable to the package.</td>
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| 9565                    | The target executable 'Application Name' requires elevation when launching. The Desktop Bridge does not support packaged executables that require administrator/elevated privileges. | If your application specifies UIAccess=true or level="highestAvailable|requireAdministrator" in the requestedExecutionLevel element of the UAC manifest, conversion to UWP isn’t supported currently. Setting the below capability flag in the package manifest will allow your application to request for elevation. `<rescap:Capability Name="allowElevation"/>` In order to set this flag, go to the ‘ISVirtualPackage’ table in the InstallShield ‘Direct Editor’ view and create the below entry. Use space as delimiter to specify multiple capabilities.  
  - Name: AppxCapabilityList  
  - Value: rescap:allowElevation |
<p>| 9564                    | The module [COM Module Name] contains COM data. This COM server will not be activatable outside of this AppX package. | Specified COM server will not be activatable outside of this AppX package as all its registry entries and extension points are in its private hive and not exposed publicly to the system. If your application uses COM only for its own personal use, then you can ignore this warning and rely on COM entries in the application’s private hive (Registry.dat) to support your app. All binaries in the same appx\msix package have access to that registry, but any other apps on the system cannot see into your app’s private hive. |
| 9563                    | Could not merge registry data from dependency [Dependency Package Name] | Error while merging registry data as extracting registry.dat file from the specified dependency package failed. |
| 9562                    | Could not merge files from dependency [Dependency Package Name] | Error while merging the dependency package to building MSIX/Appx package. Check whether the dependency package specified exists in the source location as well as the packages are valid. |
| 9561                    | The NT Service [Service Name] is set to start in an unsupported way | The added service doesn’t have valid start type. The valid start types would be MANUAL/AUTO start. Hence defaulting it to AUTO start type. Check the service you added. Any service should have the proper properties like path, startup account, Type, Error control, Start Type etc. |</p>
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<td>9560</td>
<td>The NT service [Service Name] uses an unsupported startup user action</td>
<td>The added service doesn’t have proper error control which can be either NORMAL or IGNORE type.</td>
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<td>error control option (SERVICE_ERROR_CRITICAL)</td>
<td>Check the service you added.</td>
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<td>Any service should have the proper properties like path, startup account, Type, Error control, Start Type etc.</td>
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<td>9559</td>
<td>The NT service [Service Name] uses an unsupported startup account</td>
<td>The added service doesn’t have a startup account which may come as any one:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>[Account], skipping this service since no appropriate default account is available</td>
<td>• LocalSystem</td>
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<td>• NetworkService</td>
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<td>Any service should have the proper properties like path, startup account, Type, Error control, Start Type etc.</td>
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<td>9558</td>
<td>This MSI includes [Count of service] NT services. However, the built</td>
<td>The MSI has NT services enabled, but the UWP app package doesn’t server target support enabled.</td>
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<td>UWP app package will not include them as the package does not include the Server target</td>
<td>It can be solved by enabling the Server Extensions and further update to its version details in</td>
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<td>Releases-&gt;Release-Name-&gt;APPX/MSIX-&gt;Include Server Extension</td>
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<tr>
<td>9557</td>
<td>Unable to create resources.pri. Without resources.pri, scaled logos</td>
<td>Check whether Windows 10 SDK is installed in the system, if not, install Window 10 SDK.</td>
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<td>will not be used.</td>
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<td>9556</td>
<td>Unable to locate the Windows 10 SDK. Some functionality may be</td>
<td>Check whether Windows 10 SDK is installed in the system, if not, install Window 10 SDK.</td>
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<td>unavailable.</td>
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<td>9554</td>
<td>The protocol handler [Name] does not contain any ‘open’ verbs.</td>
<td>This is a warning message.</td>
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<td>9553</td>
<td>The file type association for extension [extension] does not contain any ‘open’ verbs but does contain other verbs</td>
<td>Add and ‘open’ verb in the files association.</td>
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<td>9552</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing Msix App file entries</td>
<td>Error while adding payload file/folder to the Msix package. Check whether the source files are exist in the system during the build.</td>
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<tr>
<td>9551</td>
<td>Unexpected error initializing .msix writer</td>
<td>Error while initializing the Msix Package writer, such as while creating the folder for the Msix package in the output location or the processor architecture information is missing for the application package.</td>
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<tr>
<td>9513</td>
<td>Schema validation error in [File Name]([Line number])</td>
<td>Error while validating the MSIX/Appx manifest xml against the schema files. Refer <a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/uwp/schemas/">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/uwp/schemas/</a> to compose the manifest entries, like what all are mandatory and supported values. Required to correct the values in the corresponding views in the MSIX project. For example, recheck the values specified for declaration added and see whether the values are as per the schema or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9512</td>
<td>Unable to add file [File Name] to package</td>
<td>Error while adding the specified file to the msix package. Make sure the specified file exists on the system and there is enough disk space is available.</td>
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<tr>
<td>9510</td>
<td>Warning building Windows Installer package</td>
<td>This error occurs if a latest image in the Patch Design view does not have at least one previous image. A latest image must have at least one previous image to create a patch.</td>
</tr>
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<td>-7355</td>
<td>The %4 value for string %2 does not meet validation criteria for table %1 column %3.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if a localized string value does not meet validation criteria for a column in the String Editor table. To resolve this warning, update the flagged value in the String Editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7354</td>
<td>The %4 value for string %2 does not contain a legitimate value for table %1 column %3.</td>
<td>This error occurs if a localized string value does not contain a legitimate value in the named column of the String Editor table. To resolve this error, update the flagged value in the String Editor.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-7350</td>
<td>An error occurred building the ISWSEWrap table. The File %1 could not be found.</td>
<td>This error occurs if your project includes a WiseScript custom action but the executable file that is specified for it in the Custom Actions and Sequences view could not be found. To resolve this error, modify the path in the WiseScript Executable setting for this custom action.</td>
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</table>
### Error 0x%08x saving file %s

In this error message, %s refers to the path and file name of a file that needs to be saved at build time for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. To resolve this error, ensure that the file is available and is not read-only or locked.

### InstallShield does not support signing with .spc and .pvk files.

Replace the digital certificate information in your project with a .pfx certificate, or with a reference to a certificate in a certificate store.

This error occurs if you added .spc and .pvk files to your project in an earlier version of InstallShield that included support for digitally signing with those files, and then you open your project in InstallShield 2020 and attempt to build a release or a patch.

To resolve this error, remove the .spc reference from the release or patch configuration. You can replace it with a .pfx certificate, or with a reference to a certificate in a certificate store. To learn more, see:

- Digital Signing and Security
- Digitally Signing a Release and Its Files at Build Time
- Signing a Patch Package
- Signing a QuickPatch Package

### The files in this release are being signed with a SHA-1 certificate.

Windows will not trust files that were signed with SHA-1 certificates if they were signed after January 1, 2016.

This warning occurs if your project is configured to use a SHA-1 certificate to digitally sign your release at build time.

SHA-256 is favored over SHA-1, which is being deprecated because of the potential for security vulnerabilities. Thus, it is recommended that you replace any SHA-1 certificates in your InstallShield projects with SHA-256 certificates.

In InstallShield, to replace a SHA-1 certificate with a SHA-256 certificate for signing your releases, use the Signing tab in the Releases view to replace the reference to the current certificate with one for a SHA-256 certificate.

To learn more, see Digital Signing and Security.

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<td>-7348</td>
<td>Error 0x%08x saving file %s</td>
<td>In this error message, %s refers to the path and file name of a file that needs to be saved at build time for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. To resolve this error, ensure that the file is available and is not read-only or locked.</td>
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<td>-7347</td>
<td>InstallShield does not support signing with .spc and .pvk files. Replace the digital certificate information in your project with a .pfx certificate, or with a reference to a certificate in a certificate store.</td>
<td>This error occurs if you added .spc and .pvk files to your project in an earlier version of InstallShield that included support for digitally signing with those files, and then you open your project in InstallShield 2020 and attempt to build a release or a patch. To resolve this error, remove the .spc reference from the release or patch configuration. You can replace it with a .pfx certificate, or with a reference to a certificate in a certificate store. To learn more, see:</td>
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<td>-7346</td>
<td>The files in this release are being signed with a SHA-1 certificate. Windows will not trust files that were signed with SHA-1 certificates if they were signed after January 1, 2016.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if your project is configured to use a SHA-1 certificate to digitally sign your release at build time. SHA-256 is favored over SHA-1, which is being deprecated because of the potential for security vulnerabilities. Thus, it is recommended that you replace any SHA-1 certificates in your InstallShield projects with SHA-256 certificates. In InstallShield, to replace a SHA-1 certificate with a SHA-256 certificate for signing your releases, use the Signing tab in the Releases view to replace the reference to the current certificate with one for a SHA-256 certificate. To learn more, see Digital Signing and Security.</td>
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<td>-7337</td>
<td>Feature %1 has no associated packages.</td>
<td>If you build a release for a Suite/Advanced UI project or an Advanced UI project, and the project contains a feature that does not contain any packages, this build warning is displayed. To resolve this build warning, ensure that at least one package is associated with the feature. To learn more, see Associating a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project with a Feature. If you intentionally are not including a package with the feature that is identified in the build warning, you can ignore this build warning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7336</td>
<td>Advanced UI projects do not have support for Events.</td>
<td>If you use the Professional edition of InstallShield to open a Suite/Advanced UI project that includes one or more actions in the Events view, InstallShield opens the project as an Advanced UI project, and it displays this build error at build time. Advanced UI projects do not have support for events. To resolve this build error, remove the actions from your project, or use the Premier edition of InstallShield to edit the project and build releases. To learn more, see Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7335</td>
<td>The project contains a reference to undefined Action ‘%1’.</td>
<td>If you add an action to your Suite/Advanced UI project, associate the action with a package in your project, and then delete part of the action from your project by editing the .issuite project file in a text editor, this error occurs at build time. To resolve this error, remove the action that is referenced in the build error from your .issuite file.</td>
</tr>
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<td>-7334</td>
<td>The package ‘%1’ includes references to Windows features, which are not supported in this edition of InstallShield. These references will not be included in the build.</td>
<td>If you use the Professional edition of InstallShield to open a Suite/Advanced UI project that includes support for enabling one or more Windows roles or features, InstallShield opens the project as an Advanced UI project, and it displays this build error at build time. Advanced UI projects do not have support for enabling Windows roles or features. To resolve this build error, remove the support for Windows roles and features from your project, or use the Premier edition of InstallShield to edit the project and build releases. To learn more, see Enabling Windows Roles and Features During a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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Including IA64 %1 %2 in an x64 package.

This build warning occurs if the following conditions are true:

- x64 is specified for the Template Summary setting.
- The project includes an Itanium 64-bit file that the installation may transfer to target systems at run time.

An x64 target system cannot run an Itanium 64-bit file.

Depending on your requirements, you may want to replace the IA64 file with an x64 file. In other scenarios, you may want to ignore this build warning. For example, if the file’s component has a condition that prevents the component from being installed on x64 systems, you may want to ignore this build warning.

Including x64 %1 %2 in an IA64 package.

This build warning occurs if the following conditions are true:

- IA64 is specified for the Template Summary setting.
- The project includes an x64 file that the installation may transfer to target systems at run time.

An Itanium 64-bit target system cannot run an x64 file.

Depending on your requirements, you may want to replace the x64 file with an IA64 file. In other scenarios, you may want to ignore this build warning. For example, if the file’s component has a condition that prevents the component from being installed on IA64 systems, you may want to ignore this build warning.
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This build warning occurs if the following conditions are true:

• Intel is specified for the Template Summary setting.
• Strict is selected for the Platform Validation setting.
• The project includes an x64 file that the installation may transfer to target systems at run time.

An x86 target system cannot run an x64 file.

Depending on your requirements, you may want to replace the x64 file with an x86 file. In other scenarios, you may want to ignore this build warning. For example, if the file’s component has a condition that prevents the component from being installed on x86 systems, you may want to ignore this build warning.

For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds.

This build error occurs if InstallShield cannot determine whether a file in the project is 32 bit or 64 bit when performing architecture validation.

For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds.

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| -7327                   | Including 64-bit %1 %2 in a strict 32-bit package. | This build warning occurs if the following conditions are true:  
  • Intel is specified for the Template Summary setting.  
  • Strict is selected for the Platform Validation setting.  
  • The project includes an x64 file that the installation may transfer to target systems at run time.  

An x86 target system cannot run an x64 file.  

Depending on your requirements, you may want to replace the x64 file with an x86 file. In other scenarios, you may want to ignore this build warning. For example, if the file’s component has a condition that prevents the component from being installed on x86 systems, you may want to ignore this build warning.  

For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds. |
| -7326                   | Including 32-bit %1 %2 in a strict 64-bit package. | This build warning occurs if the following conditions are true:  
  • An x64 architecture is specified for the Template Summary setting.  
  • Strict is selected for the Platform Validation setting.  
  • The project includes an x86 file that the installation may transfer to target systems at run time.  

In many cases, an x64 target system can run an x86 file. However, if the x64 system does not have 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support, it may not be able to run an x86 file.  

Depending on your requirements, you may want to replace the x86 file with an x64 file. In other scenarios, you may want to ignore this build warning. For example, if the file’s component has a condition that prevents the component from being installed on x64 systems, you may want to ignore this build warning.  

For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds. |
| -7325                   | An unexpected error occurred validating the architecture for file %1. | This build error occurs if InstallShield cannot determine whether a file in the project is 32 bit or 64 bit when performing architecture validation.  

For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds. |
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| -7324                   | %1 Custom Action %2 cannot call a function in native code %3. | This build error occurs if your project contains a managed-code custom action for a standard DLL file. To resolve this error, replace the custom action with a standard DLL custom action that calls a function in the DLL file. Otherwise, replace the DLL file with a .NET assembly that was written in managed code such as Visual Basic .NET or C#.
For more information, see Calling a Public Method in a Managed Assembly. |
| -7323                   | %1 Custom Action %2 cannot call a function in managed code %3. | This build error occurs if your project contains a standard DLL custom action for a .NET assembly file. To resolve this error, replace the custom action with a managed-code custom action that calls a public method in the .NET assembly. Otherwise, replace the .NET assembly with a standard DLL that was written in native code such as C++.
For more information, see Calling Functions in Standard DLL Files. |
| -7322                   | IA64 %1 Custom Action %2 cannot execute in an x64 package. | This build warning occurs if the following conditions are true:
  - x64 is specified for the Template Summary setting.
  - The project contains a custom action file that targets Itanium 64-bit systems.
An x64 target system cannot run an IA64 custom action.
To learn more, see Using the Template Summary Property. |
| -7321                   | x64 %1 Custom Action %2 cannot execute in an IA64 package. | This build warning occurs if the following conditions are true:
  - IA64 is specified for the Template Summary setting.
  - The project contains a custom action file that targets x64 systems.
An IA64 target system cannot run an x64 custom action.
To learn more, see Using the Template Summary Property. |
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<td>-7320</td>
<td>64-bit %1 Custom Action %2 must not be included in a strict 32-bit package.</td>
<td>This build error occurs if the following conditions are true: • Intel is specified for the Template Summary setting. • Strict is selected for the Platform Validation setting. • The project includes a 64-bit custom action file. Note that 64-bit DLL files cannot be run on 32-bit target systems. For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds.</td>
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<td>-7319</td>
<td>32-bit %1 Custom Action %2 must not be included in a strict 64-bit package.</td>
<td>This build error occurs if the following conditions are true: • x64 is specified for the Template Summary setting. • Strict is selected for the Platform Validation setting. • The project includes a 32-bit DLL custom action file. Note that 32-bit DLL files cannot be run on 64-bit target systems that do not have 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support. For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds.</td>
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<td>-7318</td>
<td>InstallScript Custom Action %1 must not be included in a strict 64-bit package.</td>
<td>This build error occurs if the following conditions are true: • x64 is specified for the Template Summary setting. • Strict is selected for the Platform Validation setting. • The project includes an InstallScript custom action. Note that InstallScript custom actions cannot be run on 64-bit target systems that do not have 32-bit Windows-on-Windows (WOW64) support. For more information, see Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds.</td>
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<td>64-bit VBScript/JScript Custom Action %1 must not be included in a strict 32-bit package.</td>
<td>This build error occurs if the following conditions are true:</td>
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<td>Note that 64-bit script files cannot be run on 32-bit target systems.</td>
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<td>32-bit VBScript/JScript Custom Action %1 must not be included in a strict 64-bit package.</td>
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<td>An unexpected error occurred validating the architecture for custom action %1.</td>
<td>This build error occurs if InstallShield cannot determine whether a custom action file in the project is 32 bit or 64 bit when performing architecture validation.</td>
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<td>An unexpected error occurred validating the architecture for custom actions.</td>
<td>This build error occurs if InstallShield cannot determine whether a file in the project is 32 bit or 64 bit when performing architecture validation.</td>
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<td>-7313</td>
<td>Advanced UI projects do not have support for Windows App packages.</td>
<td>If you open a Suite/Advanced UI project that includes a Windows App package in the Professional edition of InstallShield, it is opened as an Advanced UI project, and it displays this build error at build time. Advanced UI projects do not have support for Windows App packages. To resolve this build error, remove the Windows App package from your project, or use the Premier edition of InstallShield to edit the project and build releases.</td>
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<td>-7312</td>
<td>The certificate file '%1' is selected for package '%2', but it is not included with this package’s files. Either delete the file from the Certificate File setting, or add the file to the Windows App package.</td>
<td>The versions of Windows that support Windows App packages do not install a sideloading package unless they trust the source of the package. If you are using a custom certificate, such as the one that is generated in Visual Studio, the Suite/Advanced UI installation can make Windows trust the source of your package by adding the custom certificate to the certificate store of target systems. The Suite/Advanced UI installation does this if you include the .cer file in your sideloading package, and specify it in the Certificate File setting for the Windows App package in the Packages view. If you specify a .cer file but do not include the file in your project, you may encounter this build warning at build time. To add the .cer file, find the Windows App package in the Packages view, and expand its node in the view. Select the Packages Files node, and right-click the right-pane, and then click Add. InstallShield lets you browse to select the file that you want to add.</td>
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<td>-7311</td>
<td>Unable to load manifest file for sideloading app package '%1'.</td>
<td>This build error occurs if you are trying to build a Suite/Advanced UI installation that includes a sideloading Windows App package but InstallShield cannot Windows Appread the app package’s manifest file. This may occur if you are trying to build on a Windows XP or Windows Server 2003 system. The ability to create and build a Suite/Advanced UI installation that includes a sideloading Windows App package requires Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later on the machine that has InstallShield or the Standalone Build. To resolve this error, remove the Windows App package from the Packages view, or build your release on Windows Vista or later or on Windows Server 2008 or later.</td>
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<td>-7308</td>
<td>Suite/Advanced UI installations do not support sideloading Windows App packages that are built for only ARM processors.</td>
<td>This error occurs if you include a Windows App package that targets the ARM processor architecture in a Suite/Advanced project. InstallShield does not have support for including that type of package in an installation. To resolve this error, use the Packages view remove the package that is listed in the error message from your project, and consider replacing it with a package that targets x86 or x64 systems, or that is neutral.</td>
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<td>-7295</td>
<td>Advanced UI projects do not have support for .exe primary packages.</td>
<td>InstallShield lets you add .exe packages as a primary package to a Suite/Advanced UI project, which is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield; however, InstallShield does not let you add .exe packages as primary packages to an Advanced UI project, which is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. If you use the Professional edition of InstallShield to open a project that was created in the Premier edition, and if the project contains an .exe package as a primary package, this build error occurs. To resolve this build error, either use the Premier edition of InstallShield to build the release, or use the Packages view to remove the .exe package from the project. For more information about the differences between Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.</td>
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An Advanced UI project can include only one language.

A Suite/Advanced UI project, which is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield, includes support for multiple languages; however, an Advanced UI project, which is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield, includes support for only one.

If you use the Professional edition of InstallShield to open a project that was created in the Premier edition, and if the project contains more than one language, this build error occurs.

To resolve this build error, either use the Premier edition of InstallShield to build the release, or remove all but one language from the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view of the project. You may also need to remove all but one language from the UI Languages setting on the Build tab in the Releases view.

For more information about the differences between Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

An Advanced UI project can include only one primary package.

A Suite/Advanced UI project, which is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield, includes support for multiple primary packages; however, an Advanced UI project, which is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield, includes support for only one.

If you use the Professional edition of InstallShield to open a project that was created in the Premier edition, and if the project contains more than one primary package, this build error occurs.

To resolve this build error, either use the Premier edition of InstallShield to build the release, or remove all but one primary package from the Packages view of the project.

For more information about the differences between Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
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<td>-7292</td>
<td>An update URL is set but this release is not configured to be digitally signed.</td>
<td>This build warning occurs if a URL is specified in the Update URL setting on the Update tab in the Releases view of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, but the release is not configured to be digitally signed. To resolve this warning, specify digital signature information on the Signing tab for the release in the Releases view. To learn more about updates, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>-7291</td>
<td>An update URL is set but the project contains packages with files located on the source media.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if a URL is specified in the Update URL setting on the Update tab in the Releases view of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, but one or more packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project is configured to be stored on the source media. If you are building a base Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher, you can ignore this warning. If you are building the update Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher that will be downloaded and launched when an earlier base setup launcher is run on a target system, change the run-time location of the packages in your project to either extracted from the setup launcher or downloaded from the Web. The update setup launcher cannot rely on packages that are stored on the source media. For more information, see Specifying a Run-Time Location for a Specific Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project. To learn more, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-7256</td>
<td>To digitally sign a software identification tag file, .NET Framework 3.5 must be installed.</td>
<td>If your project is configured to include a software identification tag and if the release that you are building is configured to use a .pfx file to digitally sign your release, InstallShield attempts to digitally sign the tag that it creates at build time. If your build machine does not have .NET Framework 3.5, this build warning is displayed. To resolve this build warning, install .NET Framework 3.5 on your build machine.</td>
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<td>-7255</td>
<td>Only .pfx files can be used to digitally sign a software identification tag file.</td>
<td>If your project is configured to include a software identification tag and if the release that you are building is configured to use a certificate in a certificate store to digitally sign your release, InstallShield generates this build warning. To resolve this build warning, switch from a certificate in a certificate store to a .pfx file. If you do not need to have a digitally signed tag, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-7246</td>
<td>Package &quot;%1&quot; has an MSI Package condition in which an asterisk (*) is used as a placeholder for one of the condition’s settings. InstallShield cannot substitute this placeholder because the appropriate .msi package could not be found.</td>
<td>In order for InstallShield to replace an asterisk in a condition with the appropriate information (such as the product code or product version) from a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, the package must be available at build time. To resolve this error, ensure that the package file is in the source location. If dynamic file linking is used for the package, ensure that the dynamic link filters are not excluding the package file from the build.</td>
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<td>-7244</td>
<td>The project does not contain any primary packages. You may need to add a package, or select Primary in the Package Type setting for a package in the Packages view.</td>
<td>This error occurs if your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project does not contain any packages that are configured to be the primary package. To resolve this error if your project does not contain any packages, use the Packages view to add a package to your project. For more information, see Guidelines for Adding Packages to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project. If you already have a dependency package in your project and you want to make it a primary package, use the Package Type setting in the Packages view. To learn more, see Primary Packages vs. Dependency Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.</td>
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<td>-7243</td>
<td>The Detection Condition setting for package ‘%1’ in the Packages view is empty. This type of condition evaluates whether the package is already installed on target systems.</td>
<td>The Detection Condition setting cannot be empty for an .exe type of package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.</td>
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<td>-7240</td>
<td>Package '%1' is not associated with any features.</td>
<td>Each package that is included in the Packages view of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project should be associated with one or more features. Otherwise, the package are not included in any releases that you build. For more information, see Associating a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project with a Feature.</td>
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<td>-7239</td>
<td>The target file '%1' that was selected for an operation's Target setting in the Packages view for package '%2' was not found in the project.</td>
<td>This error occurs if the target file for one of the packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is missing at build time. To resolve this error, ensure that the target file is in the source location. If dynamic file linking is used for the package, ensure that the dynamic link filters are not excluding the target file from the build.</td>
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<td>-7236</td>
<td>InstallShield could not create the software identification tag because the value for the %1 setting in the General Information view is invalid. Ensure that it does not contain any of the following characters: \ / : * ? &quot; &lt; &gt;</td>
<td>InstallShield uses the values that you enter for the Unique ID and Tag Creator ID settings as part of the name of the tag file (TagCreatorID.UniqueID.swidtag). Therefore, the ID that you enter must not contain any characters that are invalid for file names. To resolve this issue, enter a valid value in the setting that is mentioned in the warning message. For more information, see Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product.</td>
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<td>-7235</td>
<td>InstallShield could not create the software identification tag because the %1 setting in the General Information view is empty.</td>
<td>Creation of a software identification tag requires that several settings in the General Information view have values. To resolve this warning, enter the appropriate value in the setting that is mentioned in the warning message, or select No for the Use Software Identification Tag setting. For more information, see Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product.</td>
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| -7234                   | InstallShield could not create the software identification tag because the template file Swidtag.xml could not be opened. | InstallShield uses the Swidtag.xml file, which is installed to one of the following locations, to build tag files:  
  
  *InstallShield Program Files folder*  
  *InstallShield Program Files folder*  
  
  To resolve this issue, ensure that the Swidtag.xml file is present and not locked.  
  
  For more information, see Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product. |
| -7233                   | An invalid URL (%2) is specified in the Packages view for package %1.     | This build error occurs if you selected Download From The Web for a package in the Packages view of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, but the URL setting under the Location setting is blank, or it contains an invalid URL. To resolve this error, enter a URL that starts with one of the following strings:  
  
  • http://  
  • https://  
  • ftp:// |
| -7225                   | The project does not contain any packages.                               | This build error occurs if try to build an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project that does not contain any packages.  
  
  To resolve this error, use the Packages view to add a package to your project. For more information, see Guidelines for Adding Packages to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project. |
| -7223                   | A Mode condition or a Detection condition is required for the Setup.exe to run correctly. | This build error occurs if your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project includes an .exe package but you have not configured the appropriate conditions for it yet.  
  
  For information on adding detection conditions to a package in a project, see the following:  
  
  • Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects  
  • Guidelines for Defining Conditions in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project  
  
  For information on how mode conditions are created, see Triggering Install Mode or Maintenance Mode of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation. |
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<td>-7222</td>
<td>No supported languages included in the media. You must select at least one supported language for the media.</td>
<td>This error occurs only when no supported language is selected in the media. To resolve this issue, ensure that at least one language is selected for the Language(s) setting in the Releases view.</td>
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<td>-7220</td>
<td>InstallShield encountered an error while including a DIM reference.</td>
<td>This error occurs if your project includes a DIM reference, as shown in the DIM References view, but InstallShield cannot find the DIM project file (.dim). This might occur if the .dim file was moved to a different location or it was renamed, but the path or file name in the installation project that contains the DIM references has not been updated.</td>
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| -7218                   | Conflicts were detected building DIMs. In Table %1 Row %2, data files differ in the following columns: %3. | This warning occurs if InstallShield encounters a data conflict between the installation project that is open and one of its DIM references. In this warning message, %1 indicates the name of the table that contains the conflict, and %2 indicates the applicable row; %3 is in the following format:

`ColumnName ("InstallationUnitValue" <> "InstallationProjectValue")`

The table data for the DIM reference is available in the Direct Editor view of the DIM project. The table data for the installation is available in the Direct Editor view of the installation project.

If a data conflict occurs, InstallShield uses either the installation project data or the DIM data; it depends on which value is selected in the Conflict Resolution setting on the Build Options tab in the DIM References view:

- **Use Base Project Value** — If this value is selected, InstallShield uses the value that is in the installation project instead of the value that is in the DIM project.

- **Use DIM Project Value** — If this value is selected, InstallShield uses the value that is in the DIM project instead of the value that is in the installation project.

If the appropriate value is being used, you can ignore this warning message. If you want to use the value that is being overridden, you can either revise the value in that project, or change the value of the Conflict Resolution setting. Note, however, that if other conflicts occur for this DIM reference, changing the value of the Conflict Resolution setting may also change the resulting built values for those other conflicts.

For more information, see Resolving Build-Time Conflicts Between a Basic MSI Project and a DIM Reference.
This project includes InstallScript objects that are deprecated. These objects should be removed from the project. A prerequisite should be used instead where possible.

InstallScript objects have been deprecated in favor of InstallShield prerequisites. The recommended alternative for InstallScript objects is InstallShield prerequisites. You can use the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor to create your own InstallShield prerequisites. You can share these InstallShield prerequisites among InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, and Basic MSI projects. To learn more, see:

- Defining InstallShield Prerequisites
- Adding InstallShield Prerequisites, Merge Modules, and Objects to InstallScript Projects

Skipping build events. Build events are supported only in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

InstallShield lets you specify commands that you want to be run at various stages of the build process. This build event functionality is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For more information, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds.

If you try to use the Professional edition of InstallShield to build a release that includes build events, InstallShield ignores the build event settings and generates this warning.

To resolve this warning, use the Premier edition of InstallShield to build the release.

Error loading table %1. This error occurs if the table that is mentioned in the error message is missing from your project, or it is missing columns.

To resolve this error, open the Direct Editor view, and look for the table that is mentioned in the error message. If it exists, compare the columns in the table with those in a new project, and add any missing tables. If the table does not exist, you can export it from a new project as an .idt file, and then import the .idt file into your existing project. For more information, see:

- Exporting Tables from the Direct Editor
- Importing Tables with the Direct Editor
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<td>-7211</td>
<td>Building a compressed Network Image Setup.exe. All other build types are not allowed in the evaluation mode of InstallShield.</td>
<td>If you are using InstallShield in evaluation mode (that is, you have not activated it), you can build compressed Setup.exe files, but no other release types. If you are creating a Windows Installer–based release, the .msi database is always embedded in the Setup.exe file. If you try to build an uncompressed release in evaluation mode, the uncompressed option is ignored, and InstallShield displays this build warning. Once you have activated InstallShield, the evaluation-mode limitations are removed.</td>
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| -7209                   | The current Windows Installer package name includes Unicode characters that may cause a run-time error if a compressed Network Image Setup.exe is built. | This build warning occurs if the following conditions are true:  
  - For the name of the .msi package, you include Unicode characters that are not supported by your build machine’s ANSI code page.  
  - You include a setup launcher (Setup.exe file) with your release.  
This warning occurs to inform you that when the Windows Installer package is extracted from Setup.exe to a temporary location on the target system, run-time error 1152 may occur. To resolve this warning, change the name of the .msi package so that it does not contain Unicode characters that are not supported by your machine’s ANSI code page. To do so, you can use the MSI Package File Name setting on the General tab for a product configuration in the Releases view. |
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| -7208                   | The current location for this package includes Unicode characters that may cause a run-time error when Windows Installer tries to extract its .cab files. | This warning occurs if the following conditions are true:  
  - The path for the release that InstallShield is building contains Unicode characters that are not supported by your build machine’s ANSI code page.  
  - You configure the release so that your product’s program files are compressed into .cab files.  
  
  You can ignore this warning if end users will launch your release from a location whose path does not contain Unicode characters that are not supported by your build machine’s ANSI code page.  
  
  If end users try to launch your installation from a path that contains Unicode characters that are not supported by the target system’s ANSI code page, run-time error 1311 occurs when Windows Installer tries to extract the .cab files. |
| -7207                   | A package cannot contain both the MsiLockPermissionsEx and LockPermissions tables. | An installation should not contain both the MsiLockPermissionsEx table and the LockPermissions table. If you use the Permissions setting for a service, and the settings under it, you are configuring the MsiLockPermissionsEx table of the package. If Traditional Windows Installer handling is selected for the Locked-Down Permissions setting in the General Information view and you have set permissions for one or more files, folders, or registry keys in your project, you are configuring the LockPermissions table of the package.  
  
  For more information, see Securing Files, Folders, Registry Keys, and Windows Services in a Locked-Down Environment. |
| -7201                   | The language '%1' is missing from this project but included in this release. | This build warning occurs if a language is selected in the UI Languages setting on the Build tab in the Releases view, but it is not also selected in the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view.  
  
  This build warning is alerting you that the release will not include the specified run-time language. If you do not want to include the specified run-time language in your release, you can ignore this warning.  
  
  If you do want to include the specified run-time language in your release, add the language to the Setup Languages setting. |
The Find What setting for the %1 text change is not configured. This text change will not be performed.

You have added a change item to a change set in the Text File Changes view; however, the value for the Find What setting is blank. This setting must have a value; otherwise, the text file changes are not made at run time.

For more information, see Specifying a Change for a Text File.

The Include Files setting for the %1 text change set is not configured. None of the text changes associated with this text change set will be performed.

You have added a change set in the Text File Changes view; however, the value for the Include Files setting is blank. This setting must have a value; otherwise, the text file changes are not made at run time.

For more information, see Creating a Text Change Set.

The %1 translation for string identifier %2 includes characters that are not available on code page %3.

This error occurs if both of the following conditions are true:

- The string identifier value that you entered for the specified language contains characters that are not available in that language's code page.
- You are building a language-specific (ANSI) database.

To resolve this error, consider using the String Editor view to edit the value of the string identifier so that it uses characters from the appropriate code page.

If you must use characters that are not available in the target language’s code page, consider selecting Yes for the Build UTF-8 Database setting. Note, however, that this may result in user interface issues in some scenarios because the Windows Installer does not fully support UTF-8 databases. For more information, see the description of the Build UTF-8 Database setting.

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<td>-7187</td>
<td>The Find What setting for the %1 text change is not configured. This text change will not be performed.</td>
<td>You have added a change item to a change set in the Text File Changes view; however, the value for the Find What setting is blank. This setting must have a value; otherwise, the text file changes are not made at run time. For more information, see Specifying a Change for a Text File.</td>
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<td>-7186</td>
<td>The Include Files setting for the %1 text change set is not configured. None of the text changes associated with this text change set will be performed.</td>
<td>You have added a change set in the Text File Changes view; however, the value for the Include Files setting is blank. This setting must have a value; otherwise, the text file changes are not made at run time. For more information, see Creating a Text Change Set.</td>
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| -7185                   | The %1 translation for string identifier %2 includes characters that are not available on code page %3. | This error occurs if both of the following conditions are true:  
  - The string identifier value that you entered for the specified language contains characters that are not available in that language’s code page.
  - You are building a language-specific (ANSI) database.

To resolve this error, consider using the String Editor view to edit the value of the string identifier so that it uses characters from the appropriate code page.

If you must use characters that are not available in the target language’s code page, consider selecting Yes for the Build UTF-8 Database setting. Note, however, that this may result in user interface issues in some scenarios because the Windows Installer does not fully support UTF-8 databases. For more information, see the description of the Build UTF-8 Database setting. |
The %1 column of the %2 table includes characters that are not available on code page %3: "%4"

This error occurs if both of the following conditions are true:

- A table in the source project database contains characters that are not available in the code page for one or more target languages.
- You are building a language-specific (ANSI) database.

To resolve this error, consider changing the data that is described in the error message so that it uses characters from the appropriate code page. For example, if the error message mentions the Shortcut table, consider changing the string in the Shortcuts view.

If you must use characters that are not available in the target language’s code page, consider selecting Yes for the Build UTF-8 Database setting. Note, however, that this may result in user interface issues in some scenarios because the Windows Installer does not fully support UTF-8 databases. For more information, see the description of the Build UTF-8 Database setting.

"%1" contains a reference to a string table entry '%2' that is not included in the project’s string table.

In this warning message, %1 indicates the fully qualified path to an InstallScript file (.rul) in the project, and %2 indicates the string ID that is used in that .rul file but is not listed as one of the project’s string entries.

InstallShield displays this warning at build time for each string identifier that is found in the project’s InstallScript file but not in the String Editor view.

To see the line in the InstallScript code that has the string identifier, double-click the warning message that is displayed on the Tasks tab of the Output window at build time. The string identifier is preceded by the string constant operator (@).

To resolve this build issue, ensure that the string identifier is defined in the String Editor view. In addition, ensure that the spelling of the string identifier in the InstallScript code matches that in the String Editor view.
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<td>-7143</td>
<td>Component %1 installs to a 64-bit folder but is not marked as a 64-bit component. This may result in an incorrect installation path for this component’s files.</td>
<td>If a component is not configured to be 64 bit, Windows Installer may not install the component’s files to the appropriate 64-bit location. To specify that a component is 64 bit, select Yes for the component’s 64-Bit Component setting. For more information about the 64-Bit Component setting, as well as additional component settings, see Component Settings.</td>
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<td>-7138</td>
<td>The Msi Command Line of the release currently being built contains REINSTALLMODE. The parameter appears to have the 'a' option which will force all files to be reinstalled, regardless of checksum or version.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7137</td>
<td>The %1 file that you selected for the Help File Path setting in the Custom Actions view for the %2 custom action does not contain any text.</td>
<td>Create a file that describes the intended behavior of the custom action that is mentioned in the warning. The file should be a text-based file such as a .txt, .htm, or .rtf file. Then in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view), select the custom action and select the file that you created for the Help File Path setting. To learn more, see Documenting the Behavior of Custom Actions.</td>
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<td>-7135</td>
<td>Internal build error</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7128</td>
<td>Error embedding setup.exe.manifest.</td>
<td>This error occurs if there is a problem embedding the application manifest in the Setup.exe launcher. The application manifest specifies the minimum privilege level required by your installation’s Setup.exe file for running the installation (the setup launcher, any InstallShield prerequisites, and the .msi file) on Windows Vista and later platforms. This error may occur if the template manifest file is missing from the InstallShield Support folder. It also may occur if the Setup.exe template is missing from the InstallShield Redist\Language Independent\1386 folder. To resolve this error, try running a repair of InstallShield.</td>
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<td>Internal build error</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7124</td>
<td>Could not invoke MSBuild. Make sure that the .NET Framework %1 is installed at '%2' on the system. If you are running InstallShield from within Visual Studio, you must use Visual Studio 2005 or later.</td>
<td>If you use MSBuild to build Visual Studio solutions with InstallShield projects, you must have .NET Framework 3.5 or later on your machine. In addition, you must be using Visual Studio 2005 or later.</td>
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<td>-7123</td>
<td>Internal build error</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7122</td>
<td>Error writing information to the source file for %1. Verify that the file is writeable, and/or that the file ISTemplate.manifest is not read only.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7121</td>
<td>The manifest file %1 does not contain COM information in at least one file element. Please ensure that all COM modules associated with the manifest are self-registering and verify that the self-registration process does not fail for each COM module.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7120</td>
<td>Error building table %1</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7119</td>
<td>Could not locate a key file for component %1. Advertised shortcut %2 points to the key file of this component.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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| -7118                   | The InstallScript Custom Action %1 cannot be sequenced in InstallUISequence for an InstallScript MSI project. | The User Interface sequence does not run in InstallScript MSI installations; the event-driven InstallScript code handles the user interface. To resolve this issue, do one of the following:  
* Schedule the InstallScript custom action for the Execute sequence.  
* Use InstallScript event-driven code instead of an InstallScript custom action. |
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| -7117                   | Custom Action %1 called from Standard dll and stored in Binary table cannot have deferred/rollback/commit execution. | This error occurs if you try to call a deferred-, rollback-, or commit-execution custom action using a standard .dll. When you call a non-Windows Installer .dll (that is, one that does not have the MyFunc(MSIHANDLE) entry point), InstallShield does the following:  
  - InstallShield creates a wrapper .dll with the standard Windows Installer entry point.  
  - InstallShield stores your .dll plus the InstallShield wrapper .dll in the Binary table.  
  When the custom action is called, Windows Installer calls the InstallShield wrapper .dll. This, in turn, extracts your .dll from the Binary table and calls the function that you specified. However, the InstallShield wrapper .dll does not have access to the Binary table during deferred, rollback, or commit custom actions, and thus it cannot extract and call into your .dll.  
  To resolve this error, try one of the following options:  
    - Create a new .dll that has a standard Windows Installer entry point and call it directly.  
    - Use InstallScript code to do perform the same functionality if you do not want to write your own .dll.  
    - Schedule your custom action to run in immediate mode instead of deferred, rollback, or commit mode. |
<p>| -7116                   | Custom Action DLL %1 not found in release.                             | Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.       |
| -7113                   | Language support for %1 is not included in this edition.               | This error appears if you try to enable too many languages in a project, building with more than two in a non-Premier edition. The build is successful (unless stop at first error is enabled), but the extra languages are not built. The first two qualified languages are built. %1 is replaced with the name of the language that is not included in this release. To resolve this error, use the Premier edition of InstallShield to build your release. |
| -7108                   | %s is too large to store in a CAB (2GB maximum).                       | Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.       |</p>
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<td>-7107</td>
<td>The merge module %1 silently fails to install from a compressed build. Applying compression post-build may work properly.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7104</td>
<td>The destination of component %1 is the GlobalAssemblyCache. The component must contain a key file.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7101</td>
<td>This component %1 is shared between multiple features, which can create problems for features that are going to use MSI's Install On Demand technology.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7098</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7097</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>-7095</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7092</td>
<td>Missing binary entry ISSetup.dll</td>
<td>This error occurs if you build a project that includes an InstallScript custom action, but the InstallScript engine (ISSetup.dll) has been removed from the Binary table. To resolve this error, manually add a new entry called ISSetup.dll to the Binary table and browse to the following DLL: InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redist\Language Independent\i386\ISSetup.dll</td>
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<td>-7088</td>
<td>Failed to load %1. This file needs to be loaded in order to build the associated custom object.</td>
<td>Verify that the file, %1, is in the System subfolder within the InstallShield Program Files folder.</td>
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<td>-7087</td>
<td>Custom objects cannot be included with your installation media due to an error creating the Windows Installer Object. In order to include custom objects, Windows Installer needs to be installed on the build system.</td>
<td>Verify that Windows Installer is installed properly on the build system.</td>
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<td>-7086</td>
<td>The device driver installation framework is not currently available. The device driver feature will not be fully functional until an update has been provided. Please contact technical support for more details.</td>
<td>This error occurs when you build a release for a project in which you used the Device Driver Wizard to include a device driver package with your installation. The redistributable needed to install the device driver will be available in an update to InstallShield. Instructions for obtaining the update will be posted in an article for this build error in the Knowledge Base when the redistributable is available. To resolve the build error before you receive the redistributable, you can remove the device driver component in the Components view and then rebuild the release.</td>
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<td>-7084</td>
<td>The VBScript Custom Action %1 does not point to a valid VBS file.</td>
<td>This warning message is displayed if you add a VBScript custom action to your installation but the file specified for the custom action is not a VBS file. To resolve this error, select the appropriate type of file for the specified custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view).</td>
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<td>-7083</td>
<td>Script ‘%s’ is not associated with any connection.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7082</td>
<td>An error occurred while generating your Sql Script.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7080</td>
<td>An error occurred while testing the component to see if the device driver package scan at build property is set.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7079</td>
<td>An error occurred while getting the path to the device driver package.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7078</td>
<td>Unable to scan device driver package %1. The file is missing.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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An error occurred while scanning a device driver package. Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

The MSI 3.1 Engine could not be found. You can download this using the Redistributable Downloader under the Tools menu, if it has been made available by Microsoft. We have included the 3.0 Engine in your built installation.

This message is displayed as a build error if version 3.1 of the Windows Installer engine was selected to be included but it was not found on the build machine.

This message is displayed as a build warning if the version 3.1 or 2.0 best-fit option was selected but version 3.1 of the Windows Installer engine was not found on the build machine.

Internal build error. Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

The File %1 in Component %2 is being installed to the Windows Fonts folder, but there is no corresponding record in the Font table. The Font will not be registered properly on the target system.

To resolve this warning, open the Files and Folders view and remove the font mentioned in the message. Then re-add the font to the Fonts folder; InstallShield adds the corresponding record to the Font table automatically.

Refreshing the COM+ settings from the client machine. An error occurred while refreshing the COM+ settings from the client machine.

This build error occurs when an exception error has occurred with a COM+ application that is selected in the Component Services view. An option is provided to refresh the COM+ settings during the build process, and build error -7062 occurs when this option is selected and the refreshing process has failed. To resolve this error, you can open the Component Services view, select the COM+ application, and clear the Refresh the COM+ settings from the client machine at build check box on the Installation tab.

Internal build error. Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

Due to licensing requirements, InstallShield requires that you provide the MSI 3.0 engine redistributable from the MSI 3.0 Beta. Please copy instmsi.exe from the MSI 3.0 Beta folder to \redist\Language Independent\i386\MSI3.0\instmsiw.exe.

Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

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<td>-7059</td>
<td>Unable to update the latest patch version property. As a result, future patches built from this project may not be sequenced properly. Make sure the project is not marked as read-only.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7058</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7036</td>
<td>An error occurred while loading the primary application assembly.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-7025</td>
<td>The COM+ component server file '%1' cannot be found on your system. The component '%2' will not be installed on the target system. You will need to install the component manually after your COM+ application is installed.</td>
<td>%1 refers to the COM+ DLL that is missing, and %2 refers to theProgID. To resolve this warning, add the DLL to your system in the appropriate location, or remove the COM+ component from your project.</td>
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<td>-7024</td>
<td>To include J# in the build you must also include .NET.</td>
<td>J# requires the .NET Framework Redistributable Package, but it is not included in the installation. If you are sure that your end users already have the .NET Framework on their systems, you can ignore this warning message. However, if there is a chance that they will not have the .NET Framework, add it to your installation. If the .NET Framework is not on their systems, they might have trouble installing J# as part of your installation. For more information, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.</td>
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<td>-7023</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>This error occurs if a merge module such as MFC 7.1 is not configured correctly or it is corrupted. If you have more than one merge module in your project but you do not know which one is causing the error, you need to first identify the problematic merge module. You can do this by removing a merge module from your project and then building your release. If the error recurs, you have identified the problematic merge module. If not, remove a different merge module and then build. Once you have identified the merge module causing the error, try reinstalling it. If that does not resolve the error, contact the author to obtain the latest version.</td>
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<td>Error copying setup.inx to media folder. Unexpected error.</td>
<td>This error occurs if Setup.inx, the compiled script file, cannot be</td>
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<td>copied to the Media folder located in the Media\Disk Images\Disk 1</td>
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<td>folder. This can occur if you are out of disk space or the file is</td>
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<td>-7014</td>
<td>Error copying setup.inx to media folder. Script is read-only.</td>
<td>This error occurs if Setup.inx, the compiled script file, is marked</td>
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<td>as read-only. To resolve this error, find the Setup.inx file, which</td>
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<td>is usually in the Media\Disk Images\Disk 1 folder. Right-click this</td>
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<td>file and select Properties. Then clear the Read-only check box.</td>
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<td>-7012</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request</td>
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<td>technical support.</td>
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<td>-7011</td>
<td>%1 must have a strong name to be installed to the</td>
<td>You can install an assembly to the Global Assembly Cache only if it</td>
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<td>GlobalAssemblyCache.</td>
<td>has a strong name. A strong name contains the assembly's simple text</td>
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<td>name, version number, culture information (if available), a public key,</td>
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<td>and a digital signature. Using strong-named assemblies in the Global</td>
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<td>Assembly Cache enables you to have multiple versions of an assembly</td>
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<td>with the same name but with different versions of .dll files. The</td>
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<td>assemblies stored in the Global Assembly Cache can be shared by different</td>
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<td>applications on a computer. To resolve this error message, you have</td>
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<td>• Change the target destination for the assembly to a location other</td>
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<td>• Select an assembly that has a strong name for installation to the</td>
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<td>Global Assembly Cache. Note that once an assembly is created, you</td>
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<td>cannot sign it with a strong name. You can sign an assembly with a</td>
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<td>strong name only when you create it.</td>
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<td>-7001</td>
<td>During the last build, the .msi file was only partially</td>
<td>When you cancel the build, a partially built .msi file exists. If you</td>
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<td>built. In order to stream the script into the .msi file,</td>
<td>attempt to compile script into the partial .msi file, this error</td>
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<td>you must have a complete .msi file.</td>
<td>occurs. Select “Build &lt;ReleaseName&gt;” from the Build menu to build a</td>
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<td>Build a complete .msi file by selecting “Build &lt;ReleaseName&gt;”</td>
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<td>The file %1 is not the key file of component %2. If you call a function in a standard DLL that is installed with the product and the action is scheduled as deferred, the DLL you are calling must be the component’s key file.</td>
<td>Set the called DLL as the component’s key file.</td>
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<td>-6653</td>
<td>The feature %1 in the installation contains more than 1600 components. There is a maximum limit of 1600 components per feature.</td>
<td>For more information, see ICE47 and FeatureComponents Table.</td>
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<td>-6652</td>
<td>Could not create _isconfig.xml for use with InstallUtilLib.dll.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6651</td>
<td>The setup you are building contains more than 32,767 files. Automatically switching setup package to appropriate MSI schema.</td>
<td>This warning appears if your installation package contains more than 32,767 files. InstallShield automatically applies the large package schema.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Caution" /> • There is an issue with patching if your package uses the large package schema. When you build the patch, the following error is triggered: “Can’t Generate Primary Transform.”</td>
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<td>-6647</td>
<td>Cannot move file from %1 to %2.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6646</td>
<td>The %1 property in the merge module %2 is set to NULL. This property cannot be NULL.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6645</td>
<td>%1 failed to load. Error: %2 Error Description: %3</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>The merge module %1 requires one of the following merge modules also to be included in the setup: %2.</td>
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<td>-6638</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>-6637</td>
<td>Invalid registry data for component NewComponent1 while importing &quot;C:\RegTest\SingleSlash!&quot;=dword:2 (where the information in italics represents the invalid data).</td>
<td>The invalid data in this example is the use of a single backslash instead of two backslashes. Another example would be an entry with DWORD in it instead of dword.</td>
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<td>-6636</td>
<td>The file key %1 and %2 are found in the File table. Despite having different cases, the identical key names will cause an unexpected result when the files are installed on the target system. This occurs because the compressed files in the cabinet file are named using the file keys. To correct this issue, change one of the file keys to be unique in the cabinet file if you are building a compressed setup or a merge module. You can change the file key name in the Direct Editor view.</td>
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<td>-6631</td>
<td>InstallScript MSI projects do not have Multiple Instance support.</td>
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<td>The property InstanceId does not appear in the Property table.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6629</td>
<td>The value for the property InstanceId is not numeric.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6628</td>
<td>The value for the property InstanceId is duplicated with a value in the ISProductConfigurationInstance table.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6627</td>
<td>Component %1 has nonfile data but does not have InstanceId in its condition.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6626</td>
<td>Could not add instance transform %1 to substorage.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6625</td>
<td>Could not create instance transform %1.</td>
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<td>Could not open the reference package %1 for key synchronization.</td>
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<td>-6619</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while setting the key paths for dynamically created components.</td>
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<td>-6617</td>
<td>An Error occurred while adding the file '%1' to the synchronization maps.</td>
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<td>-6615</td>
<td>Could not update File.FileName for File %1.</td>
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<td>-6614</td>
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<td>An error occurred determining if the dynamically linked file %1 is a modified file.</td>
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<td>-6609</td>
<td>An error occurred determining if the dynamically linked file %1 is a new file.</td>
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<td>-6608</td>
<td>Your splash screen will not be displayed during the installation because %1 is a compressed bitmap file. To display a splash screen, you must specify an uncompressed bitmap file.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6607</td>
<td>Your splash screen will not be displayed during the installation because %1 is not a bitmap file. To display a splash screen, you must specify a valid bitmap file.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6606</td>
<td>This setup has the same package code as the setup specified by minor upgrade item '%1'. The package codes must be unique.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to open the upgraded image %1.</td>
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<td>-6602</td>
<td>An error occurred while attempting to close the upgraded image %1.</td>
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<td>-6601</td>
<td>An error occurred while attempting to set the property %1 in the upgraded image.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to retrieve the property %1 from the upgraded image.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while creating the standard QuickPatch actions to the upgraded image.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to add ISQuickPatchHelper.dll to the binary table in the upgraded image.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to sequence the action %1 in the upgraded image.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while initializing file class wrapper for %1.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to make the settings required to patch the file %1.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to create the RemoveFile table entry for %1.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to attach the component '%1' to its designated features.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while adding component '%1' to feature %2.</td>
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<td>-6578</td>
<td>An error occurred while synchronizing shortcuts from component '%1' while creating the upgraded image.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while writing the property '%1' to the patch configuration properties file.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while writing the image family '%1' to the patch configuration properties file.</td>
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<td>-6564</td>
<td>An error occurred while deleting the target image '%1' from the patch configuration properties file.</td>
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<td>-6563</td>
<td>An error occurred while writing the target image '%1' to the patch configuration properties file.</td>
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<td>The stored package code of '%1', does not match '%2' which is in the referenced package '%3'. Modifying a referenced MSI package of a Quick Patch, invalidates all Quick Patches that reference that MSI package.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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The Custom Action %1 in the InstallExecuteSequence table is run from an installed file. To run the custom action successfully, you may need to have a condition that checks if the source file is installed locally.

To successfully run a custom action that is run from an installed file, you must ensure that the file is installed locally using a conditional statement:

- If the custom action is sequenced before RemoveFiles—Run the action only if the component was installed locally. (?ComponentName=3)
- If the custom action is sequenced between RemoveFiles and InstallFiles—Run the action only if the component was installed locally. Do not run the action on an uninstallation. (?ComponentName=3) AND NOT($ComponentName=2)
- If the custom action is sequenced after InstallFiles—Run the action only if the component will be installed locally. ($ComponentName=3)

**Note** • The ComponentName is the component that is associated with the source file.

Unable to find the .NET Compact Framework for the given platform/processor combination from the InstallShield Program File Folder\Support\NetCF.ini file.

Ensure that the .NET Compact Framework is in the correct location.

Error in including .NET Compact Framework .cab files in setup.

This error might occur for the following reasons:

- The .NET Compact Framework files cannot be found in the locations specified in the InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\NetCR.ini file.
- The CEDefault.ico file is not in the InstallShield Program File Folder\Program\04xx folder.
- There is an error writing to the ISCEInstall table.

Unable to copy InstallShield Program File Folder\Support\CFAppMgr.ini file to a temporary location.

Make sure that CFAppMgr.ini file exists at the InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support folder. If this file does not exist, launch the InstallShield setup in repair mode. Remove any temporary files to create more disk space on the system.

Unable to find the .NET Compact Framework .cab file for the processor.

Open the InstallShield Program Files Folder\Support\NetCF.ini file and configure the .NET CF selection for this processor to resolve the issue.
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<td>The Name and Value columns are blank in the registry record Registry1 of Component NewComponent1. The Windows Installer will set the (Default) value of HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\New Key #1 to an empty string. If you would like to set the (Default) value to (Value Not Set), you need to set “Install if absent, Uninstall if present” for that key in the Registry view. If the key already exists on the Target machine, the (Default) value will not be changed.</td>
<td>This warning appears for every registry key you add to your project and do not manually set the default key. To set the (Default) value to (Value Not Set), you need to set “Install if absent, Uninstall if present” for that key in the Registry view.</td>
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<td>%1 is not a valid .NET assembly to be installed to the Global Assembly Cache (where %1 is replaced with a full file path).</td>
<td>Only valid assemblies can be installed to the Global Assembly Cache. Ensure that the file selected for installation is a valid assembly.</td>
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<td>An error occurred setting the updated component name for file %1.</td>
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<td>Error processing setup [1] for Upgrade Item [2]. This does not appear to be a valid setup.</td>
<td>This error occurs when a minor upgrade entry exists in the Upgrades view of InstallShield, and the previous installation specified does not exist in the location indicated. See Knowledge Base article Q108525 for resolution information.</td>
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<td>The custom action %1 in the InstallExecuteSequence table is run from an installed file. It must be sequenced after the %2 action. Ensure that the custom action is sequenced properly and that the base action exists in the sequence.</td>
<td>This error occurs when you have authored a custom action that runs from a file that is installed during your setup. The custom action must come after the InstallFiles action in the sequence. Otherwise the file will not exist on the target system when Windows Installer runs the custom action. The only exception to this is when you run this custom action on uninstallation. In that case, the file has already been installed so the custom action does not have to occur after InstallFiles.</td>
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<td>-6524</td>
<td>The Custom Action %1 in the InstallExecuteSequence table is deferred and must be sequenced between %2 and %3. Ensure that the Custom Action is sequenced properly and that the base actions exist in the sequence.</td>
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<td>An error occurred setting the required attribute on the feature %1.</td>
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<td>An error occurred deleting the COM data for component %1.</td>
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<td>An error occurred adding the file %1 to the SelfReg table.</td>
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<td>-6506</td>
<td>The Msi Command Line Attribute of the release currently being built is setting the REINSTALL or REINSTALLMODE parameter. This will cause your setup to always run in Resume mode.</td>
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<td>The Latest Image %1 does not contain any Previous Images.</td>
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<td>An error occurred building the ISDLLWrapper table. Component %1 is not found in the Component table.</td>
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<td>-6500</td>
<td>An error occurred building the ISDLLWrapper table. The File %1 is not found in the File table.</td>
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<td>-6499</td>
<td>The Shallow folder structure setting should not be used with multi-disk releases.</td>
<td>You can configure the Shallow Folder Structure setting on the Build tab of the Releases view. If error -6499 appears, select No for the Shallow Folder Structure setting so it will create a regular build folder structure.</td>
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<td>-6497</td>
<td>Patch Creation Warning: %1.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6496</td>
<td>The file hash for the unversioned file '%1' does not differ from that of the previous version. This file will not be updated.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6495</td>
<td>The version for file '%1' only differs past the third version element. It must differ within the first three elements of the version string.</td>
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<td>The new file for file '%1' has a lower version than the file that exists in the setup. This file will not be updated.</td>
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<td>The file '%1' has no associated feature selected. This setting is required for adding new files.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6491</td>
<td>The new file path '%1' does not exist for file '%2'.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6490</td>
<td>Unable to set Just-In-Time compilation at install time because the Component %1 is configured to install to the Global Assembly Cache.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6489</td>
<td>Unable to set Installer Class because the Component %1 is configured to install to the Global Assembly Cache.</td>
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<td>-6487</td>
<td>The latest image %1 does not contain any previous images.</td>
<td>This error occurs if a latest image in the Patch Design view does not have at least one previous image. A latest image must have at least one previous image to create a patch.</td>
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<td>-6486</td>
<td>The CAB files will not be digitally signed because the version of MSI.DLL is less than 2.0.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>The MsiFileHash table will not be built because the version of MSI.DLL is less than 2.0.</td>
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<td>-6584</td>
<td>The External File key '%1' does not exist in the Upgraded Image '%2'.</td>
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<td>The External File reference '%1' does not exist.</td>
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<td>The Target Image '%1' does not exist.</td>
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<td>The Upgraded Image '%1' does not exist.</td>
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<td>Unable to resolve target path for Directory Id '%1'.</td>
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<td>FON files must have a Font Title. Font %1 in component %2.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while adding the remove registry entry for the key '%1' and Value '%2'.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while processing the registry value modifications made to the project.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while preparing to delete the value '%1' from the key '%2'.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while deleting the value '%1' from key '%2' for all features.</td>
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<td>Error in populating the CE setup info into the desktop setup.</td>
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<td>Error in creating the CE setup media from the .inf file.</td>
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<td>-6457</td>
<td>'Ignore Missing Files' is set on the target image '%1'. This cannot be set when using the 'Include Whole Files' option on the Upgraded Image.</td>
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<td>An unexpected error occurred while making the settings required to include whole files in the patch.</td>
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<td>Unable to create new feature off of the root feature '%1'.</td>
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<td>The setup '%1' specified by ISLatestRelease was built compressed. To use this variable you must build your setup uncompressed.</td>
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<td>The setup referred to by ‘%1‘, does not exist.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while trying to resolve the variable .</td>
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<td>The project contains a Minor Upgrade item, however the current release does not use a setup launcher. You will have to specify the upgrade command line manually for this minor upgrade to function properly.</td>
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<td>The project contains a Minor Upgrade item that references the setup %1. However, the referenced setup can only be upgraded with a Major upgrade. Please use the Major Upgrade item or the automatic upgrade item.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while adding Major Upgrade settings for %1.</td>
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<td>An error occurred determining if the setup %1 is a major upgrade.</td>
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<td>-6420</td>
<td>The Upgrade Item setup [MSI name] . msi is not found. Unable to create upgrade settings.</td>
<td>Ensure that the setup exists, that it is an .msi file, and that the name is correct.</td>
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<td>-6419</td>
<td>An unexpected error occurred processing upgrade item %1.</td>
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<td>An unexpected error occurred while processing items to be upgraded.</td>
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<td>An error occurred populating the file hash for the unversioned file %1.</td>
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<td>The patch creation process returned the error code %1.</td>
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<td>An error occurred setting the file version for %1.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to copy the file %s to the release location.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while building the source path for file %1.</td>
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<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>An error occurred setting the PackageCode in the Updated Image.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6406</td>
<td>An error occurred setting the Product Version in the updated image.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while preparing the Upgraded Image.</td>
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<td>An error occurred preparing the Patch Configuration Properties file.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while preparing the release location for building.</td>
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<td>Unable to copy Original Setup file to release location.</td>
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<td>Unable to copy patch configuration properties template to release location.</td>
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<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>-6308</td>
<td>mscorsn.dll cannot be located on your system. You can set the path to mscorsn.dll using Tools</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>Options. The file is part of the Microsoft .NET Framework redistributable.</td>
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<td>-6307</td>
<td>Unable to extract one or more files to '%1'. The file path is longer than</td>
<td>Change the build location of the current release to a shorter path.</td>
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<td>the limit set by the operating system. Change the build location of the current release to a shorter path to resolve this issue.</td>
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<td>-6306</td>
<td>Port number specified for configuring IIS Virtual Directories is invalid.</td>
<td>Make sure that the TCP port number that is specified for the virtual directory in the Internet Information Services view is valid. To learn more, see Configuring the TCP Port and Site Numbers.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-6305</td>
<td>Could not load assembly &quot;%1&quot; because of : &quot;%2&quot;.</td>
<td>Make sure that you are able to load the dependent file and that the assemblies are accessible according to the assembly binding rules. For more information, see “How the Runtime Locates Assemblies”, available in the .NET Framework SDK help or in MSDN.</td>
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<td>-6304</td>
<td>Error validating with CUB file &quot;%1&quot;.</td>
<td>Ensure that the CUB file is valid.</td>
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<td>InstallShield could not resolve Visual Studio .NET project output &quot;%1&quot; from component &quot;%2&quot;. You need to build the project in Visual Studio .NET or by using the Visual Studio .NET command line: devenv /build ConfigName [/project ProjName] [/projectconfig ConfigName] SolutionName</td>
<td>Build the project in Microsoft Visual Studio or by using the Visual Studio command line.</td>
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<td>-6274</td>
<td>Setup.exe is not found in the Disk1 location: %1. Please make sure that the previous full build of your release was completed if you are running the Build Tables Only.</td>
<td>This error occurs when the setup attempts to get the stamp from Setup.exe, but Setup.exe does not exist in the Disk1 folder. This happens when you cancel a full build in the middle of the process, and then run the Build Tables Only option.</td>
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<td>-6273</td>
<td>A VB Script custom action exists in the project, but the VBScriptRuntime Merge Module has not been included.</td>
<td>Use the Redistributables view to add the VBScriptRuntime merge module to your project.</td>
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<td>-6271</td>
<td>File %1 not found. An error occurred building the MsiFileHash table record for this file. Verify that the file exists in the specified location.</td>
<td>Ensure that the identified file exists in the specified location.</td>
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<td>If the file includes the predefined path folder VSSolutionFolder, see Using the VSSolutionFolder Path Variable with Visual Studio Solutions.</td>
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<td>-6270</td>
<td>The record %1 in the Icon table exceeds the limit of %2 characters. As a result, the build will be unable to persist the database.</td>
<td>Make sure that the record is at or under the limited number of characters.</td>
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<td>-6269</td>
<td>An error occurred copying directory %1 to %2. Please ensure that the source directory's path is correct.</td>
<td>Check the source directory’s path.</td>
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<td>-6268</td>
<td>Internal build error</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6267</td>
<td>An error occurred while extracting files from the cab file %1 to the location %2</td>
<td>Ensure that the location is accurate.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while attempting to create and initialize the CAB extraction engine for %1</td>
<td>This error can occur when one or more files is not registered. Ensure that all files are registered.</td>
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<td>-6265</td>
<td>An error occurred building feature '%1'. This feature has the same name (with different case) as another feature in the project. Duplicate feature names are not allowed in InstallScript MSI projects. Rename one of the features to fix this error.</td>
<td>Remove or rename one of the features.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-6264</td>
<td>A record in the %1 table is using string ID '%2' for column '%3' but this string is blank and the column is not nullable.</td>
<td>Provide a string for use in the column.</td>
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<td>-6263</td>
<td>The number of allowed InstallScript custom actions (1000) has been exceeded. Please remove some InstallScript custom actions and rebuild the setup.</td>
<td>This error appears when a Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, or Merge Module project has more than 1,000 InstallScript custom actions. Use the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view) to remove InstallScript custom actions so that your project no longer exceeds the maximum number allowed.</td>
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<td>-6262</td>
<td>The Directory table contains the entry %1. This identifier is reserved. Defining it in the Directory table will yield unpredictable results at run time. Use the Direct Editor to rename this directory identifier.</td>
<td>Go to the Directory table in the Direct Editor and rename the directory identifier.</td>
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<td>-6260</td>
<td>Internal build error</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6259</td>
<td>Certificate details are not found. The MSIX/APPX package must be digitally signed in order to be installed.</td>
<td>MSIX/APPX package required to be digitally signed to install the package, else installation will fail.</td>
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<td>An error occurred extracting digital signature information from file &quot;%1&quot;. Make sure the digital signature information provided in the IDE is correct.</td>
<td>Ensure that the digital signature information is correct. You can access the digital signature information in the Releases view or in the Release Wizard’s Digital Signature panel.</td>
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<td>-6257</td>
<td>The build engine has detected that PRODUCT_NAME has been defined in the string table. At run time, your setup will display this value as your Product Name instead of the Product Name values defined in the IDE.</td>
<td>This warning message occurs when the ID PRODUCT_NAME has been defined in the String Editor view. This string identifier overrides the Product Name values set in the General Information view or for the product configuration in the Releases view.</td>
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<td>An error occurred building the MsiFileHash table for File %1</td>
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<td>-6249</td>
<td>Component %1 is configured to install to the Global Assembly Cache but includes one or more subdirectories.</td>
<td>This error occurs when you are using a .NET Project Output that includes subdirectories. InstallShield does not currently support installing these files to the Global Assembly Cache. To avoid this error, change the directory for the component (for example, to INSTALLDIR), or statically add the files and configure them.</td>
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<td>-6248</td>
<td>Could not find dependent file %1, or one of its dependencies of component %2</td>
<td>Use the “Build Tables &amp; Refresh Files” option to build the release if the release location is in &lt;ISProjectDataFolder&gt; or &lt;ISProjectFolder&gt;. For more information, see “How the Run time Locates Assemblies”, available in the .NET Framework SDK help or on MSDN.</td>
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<td>The .NET Framework redistributable %1 is not found on the system. %2</td>
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<td>-6246</td>
<td>Could not add dotnetfx.exe to the built image. If you are including .NET 1.1, make sure a core language is selected.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-6245</td>
<td>One or more of the project’s components contain .NET properties that require the .NET Framework. It is recommended that the release include the .NET Framework.</td>
<td>Consider adding the .NET Framework redistributable to your project. If the .NET Framework is not present on the target system at run time, the installation installs it. To learn more, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects.</td>
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<td>One or more of the project’s components contain .NET properties that require the .NET Framework. However, the .NET Framework cannot be detected. %2</td>
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<td>InstallUtilLib.dll cannot be located on your system. This file is required for Installer custom actions. You can set the path to InstallUtilLib.dll using Tools</td>
<td>Set the path to InstallUtilLib.dll by selecting Options from the Tools menu and clicking the .NET tab.</td>
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<td>-6227</td>
<td>.NET scan of Component %1 failed</td>
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<td>-6226</td>
<td>Opening Visual Studio .NET solution</td>
<td>Make sure that the solution exists at the location specified. To find the solution information, navigate to the InstallShield table in the Direct Editor and find the value for ISDotNetSolution. In addition, ensure that Visual Studio is installed on the build machine.</td>
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<td>-6225</td>
<td>Resolving Visual Studio .NET project output &quot;%1&quot;</td>
<td>Make sure the project exists in the solution. To find the solution information, navigate to the InstallShield table in the Direct Editor and find the value for ISDotNetSolution. In addition, ensure that project has the specified output.</td>
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<td>Could not resolve Visual Studio .NET project output &quot;%1&quot; from component %2</td>
<td>Make sure the project exists in the solution. To find the solution information, navigate to the InstallShield table in the Direct Editor and find the value for ISDotNetSolution. In addition, ensure that project has the specified output.</td>
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<td>-6220</td>
<td>Dynamically acquired %1 data conflicts with static data associated with component %2. Overwriting with dynamic data.</td>
<td>This error occurs when manual entries made to the MsiAssembly and MsiAssemblyName tables conflict with .NET assembly properties that result from scanning. To eliminate this error, set the component’s .NET Scan at Build property to None or delete the values that were manually added to the MsiAssembly and MsiAssemblyName tables.</td>
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<td>Destination of Component %1 is GlobalAssemblyCache but key file is not a .NET assembly</td>
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<td>-6210</td>
<td>An error occurred building COM .NET Interop information for Component %1</td>
<td>InstallShield calls regasm.exe on the .NET .dll to create a .reg file. This should create a .reg file. Then, the .reg file is imported. If either of these steps fails, error -6210 occurs. Make sure that the component’s key file is a .NET .dll and that the .NET assembly has “types to export”.</td>
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<td>-6209</td>
<td>Regasm.exe cannot be located on your system. This file is required to obtain .NET COM Interop information for Components. You can set the path to Regasm.exe using Tools</td>
<td>Set the path to Regasm.exe by selecting Options from the Tools menu and clicking the .NET tab.</td>
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<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>An error occurred building Setup File %s.</td>
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<td>An error occurred building Component %1. The Component’s destination directory %2 is not found in the directory table. Change the Component’s destination to a valid location.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>An error occurred importing %1 for Component %2. Make sure the file exists in the specified location and that the file is a valid REG file.</td>
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<td>Error Building the Storages table.</td>
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<td>No components are included in the build.</td>
<td>Ensure your build contains at least one component.</td>
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<td>Error occurred copying built merge modules to the Modules folder.</td>
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<td>The resource linker could not be found.</td>
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<td>Unable to retrieve version information from ISSetup.dll.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the ISSetup.dll file in the following location is corrupted, or if it has been removed from the build machine. This file should be in the following location: InstallShield Program Files Folder\redist\Language Independent\i386. To resolve this error, try running a repair of InstallShield.</td>
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<td>Error searching for dynamic files matching &quot;%1&quot;.</td>
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<td>The scrollable text file:'%1' specified for the Control:'%2' does not exist.</td>
<td>Check to make sure the text file exists in the specified location. %1 will contain the full path to an .rtf file. If it is empty, the ISBuildSourcePath column for control %2 is empty. For Scrollable text controls, ISBuildSourcePath in the Control table should point to a valid file.</td>
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<td>Both the Text and ISBuildSourcePath columns for Control:'%1' contain path information, the Text column will be used.</td>
<td>The Control %1 cannot have entries in both ISBuildSourcePath and the Text columns of the Control table. Go to the Direct Editor and remove the unused information in either ISBuildSourcePath or Text column.</td>
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| -6041                   | Internal build error. | This build error can occur if a project includes support for multiple languages and if the release is configured to remove unused directories from the Directory table of the .msi package. To resolve this error:  
1. In the View List under Media, click Releases.  
2. In the Releases explorer, click the release that you were building when you encountered this error.  
3. Click the Build tab.  
4. For the Keep Unused Directories setting, select Yes. For more information, see Build Tab for a Release. |
| -6040                   | Internal build error. | Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support. |
| -6039                   | Internal build error. | Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support. |
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<td>InstallShield cannot convert the value of the ISBuildSourcePath column in the File table for the Visual Studio .NET output files. InstallShield is not running within Visual Studio .NET. OR InstallShield cannot convert the value of the ISBuildSourcePath column in the File table for the Visual Studio .NET output files. The opened Visual Studio .NET solution name is different from the solution name stored in the .ism project.</td>
<td>Run the upgrade from within Microsoft Visual Studio to avoid this warning. OR Open the .ism project within the same solution when creating it in InstallShield.</td>
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<td>The build was unable to extract COM information; make sure that you are running as Administrator.</td>
<td>Extracting COM information in InstallShield requires administrative privileges. For more information, see Launching InstallShield with vs. Without Administrative Privileges.</td>
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<td>The shortcut for a component is invalid because it does not reference an icon resource.</td>
<td>Specify an icon file and icon index for this shortcut to resolve this issue.</td>
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<td>The component condition for the specified component is invalid.</td>
<td>Use the Components view to modify the condition property of the specified component.</td>
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<td>Standard DLL Function syntax error.</td>
<td>Make sure you specify <code>void</code> if your function does not return anything. Click the ellipsis button (...) in the Function Signature field of the Custom Action to validate your signature.</td>
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<td>Cannot create directory %1.</td>
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<td>Could not preserve previous Build Reports.</td>
<td>This build error occurs when a release exists, but the corresponding Report Files folder in the release folder does not exist. This scenario typically occurs if you manually delete the Report Files folder, but not the disk image folder. This scenario may also occur if you upgrade a project from an earlier version of InstallShield. To resolve this error, click the Open Release Folder button. InstallShield opens the current release’s folder. Delete all of the files within the folder. Then rebuild the release.</td>
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<td>Could not preserve previous Build Logs.</td>
<td>This build error occurs when a release exists, but the corresponding Log Files folder in the release folder does not exist. This scenario typically occurs if you manually delete the Log Files folder, but not the disk image folder. This scenario may also occur if you upgrade a project from an earlier version of InstallShield. To resolve this error, click the Open Release Folder button. InstallShield opens the current release’s folder. Delete all of the files within the folder. Then rebuild the release.</td>
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<td>Cannot delete directory %1.</td>
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<td>The volume does not exist.</td>
<td>Check in the Releases view to ensure the volume specified exists.</td>
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<td>The string ID &quot;%1&quot; was used to specify a Component or Feature destination.</td>
<td>You cannot use a stringID for a destination. Find the component or feature using this string ID and change the destination using a directory identifier.</td>
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<td>Error building ListView table.</td>
<td>Use the Direct Editor to verify that the data in the table is correct.</td>
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<td>Error building ListBox table.</td>
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<td>Error building ComboBox table.</td>
<td>Use the Direct Editor to verify that the data in the table is correct.</td>
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<td>Error building CheckBox table.</td>
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<td>Error building RadioButton table.</td>
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<td>Error building Control table.</td>
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<td>Error building Dialog table.</td>
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<td>-5025</td>
<td>Could not save package.</td>
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<td>-5024</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>Error building Feature table.</td>
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<td>Error building Component table.</td>
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<td>Error building Directory table.</td>
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<td>-5018</td>
<td>The logical disk does not contain any features.</td>
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<td>-5017</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<td>-5015</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-5014</td>
<td>An error occurred building icon &quot;%1&quot;. The specified Icon key was not found in the Icon table.</td>
<td>See Knowledge Base article Q107116 for information about this error.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-5013</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-5012</td>
<td>Invalid Feature_ value for %1.</td>
<td>Use the Direct Editor to open the specified table and ensure data in that table is valid.</td>
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<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-5010</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-5009</td>
<td>The schema Summary Stream must be 200 or later.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>Intel64 must be specified in the template of the Summary Stream.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-5007</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5006</td>
<td>Could not save &quot;%1&quot;.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-5005</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5004</td>
<td>Could not open the project with write access.</td>
<td>Check to make sure the project is not already open by the IDE.</td>
</tr>
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<td>-5003</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-5002</td>
<td>Internal build error.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5001</td>
<td>Could not copy setup.ini.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4701</td>
<td>An error occurred building the One-Click Install Web page.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-4371</td>
<td>There were warnings compiling InstallScript.</td>
<td>Use the InstallScript Debugger to step through your InstallScript to identify problems.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-4370</td>
<td>There were errors compiling InstallScript.</td>
<td>Use the InstallScript Debugger to step through your InstallScript to identify problems.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-4354</td>
<td>The build was unable to extract COM information from a file in a component.</td>
<td>Ensure that the file is self-registering and verify that the self-registration process does not fail.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4352</td>
<td>There is no key file for the specified component. A key file is required for dynamic COM extraction.</td>
<td>Specify the key file for the specified component from the Components view.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
This warning occurs when you add a COM server .dll file using the Component Wizard, which does static COM extraction, and then later change the component’s COM Extract at Build setting to Yes. The dynamically extracted data conflicts with the static data in the .ism file. Ensure that the COM extraction setting is accurate.

-4349: Failed to build %1 information for dynamically extracted COM components.

Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

-4348: Failed to build %1 information for dynamically extracted COM components.

Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

-4347: Failed to build information for dynamically extracted COM components.

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-4346: Failed to build information for dynamically extracted COM components.

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-4345: Failed to build information for dynamically extracted COM components.

Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

-4344: Failed to build information for dynamically extracted COM components.

Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

-4343: Failed to build information for dynamically extracted COM components.

Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.

-4340: Failed to initialize COM extraction module.

Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.
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<tr>
<td>-4327</td>
<td>Could not write string ID &quot;%1&quot; to the InstallScript strings file.</td>
<td>This error pertains to projects containing InstallScript (either an InstallScript MSI project or a Basic MSI project with InstallScript custom actions). At build time, InstallShield creates an .ini file that contains all of the string entries in the project. In the error message, &quot;%1&quot; represents the line number in this .ini file that fails to get written. If the line number is 0, a general failure to create or write to the .ini file occurred. This might indicate that you are out of disk space.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4303</td>
<td>An unexpected error occurred while synchronizing the file key in the specified component.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4302</td>
<td>A conflict was encountered while synchronizing file key %1 in component %2.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4301</td>
<td>Could not find the .msi file for key synchronization.</td>
<td>Check to ensure the specified MSI file exists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4093</td>
<td>Cannot copy source %1 to target %2.</td>
<td>Ensure that the file exists, that there is enough disk space on the target location, and that you are able to copy to the location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4092</td>
<td>Error opening MSI database %1.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4075</td>
<td>File not found. An error occurred merging module '%1' for feature '%2'.</td>
<td>Verify that the merge module exists in the merge module search path. This error may occur if an installation project that contained an InstallScript MSI object was upgrade to InstallShield 2020, which no longer supports InstallScript MSI objects. If this is the case, remove that objects from your project through the Redistributables view. You can upgrade the InstallScript MSI object to InstallShield 2020, which will convert it to a merge module project. Then you can add that merge module to your installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4072</td>
<td>Error retrieving the dependencies for %1.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-4006</td>
<td>Cannot delete file.</td>
<td>Ensure the specified file exists and is not set to read-only.</td>
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<td>-3876</td>
<td>Ignoring invalid template %1 in the Summary Stream.</td>
<td>InstallShield generates this warning if the Template Summary setting contains an invalid entry. To learn about how to enter valid values, see Using the Template Summary Property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3851</td>
<td>Error building the specified table.</td>
<td>Use the Direct Editor to open the specified table and ensure data in that table is valid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3713</td>
<td>The function block must be in the form &quot;Module::Function&quot;.</td>
<td>Change the function block to follow the form &quot;Module::Function&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3204</td>
<td>Cannot extract icon with specified index from the file specified for the icon.</td>
<td>Ensure the file containing the icon exists, and the index number is present in the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3138</td>
<td>The Patch Configuration specified does not exist in the project. Please verify that the Patch Configuration exists and that the spelling and character case match.</td>
<td>When using the BuildPatchConfiguration method on the IPIWiProject object, this error might occur.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3114</td>
<td>Application path %1 does not contain destination of associated component %2.</td>
<td>This error occurs when an application path entry was created in the Advanced Settings section of the Components view, but no application path was specified. To correct this, set the application path entry. Because an application path is also a registry entry, this error might occur if a registry path like the following one is created, but it is missing the path entry: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths To correct this, specify a path entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3028</td>
<td>An error occurred replacing string IDs in the specified table.</td>
<td>A required string ID was left blank in the specified table. Provide a string ID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3016</td>
<td>Failed to add Binary table %1 to package.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2200</td>
<td>Could not overwrite file.</td>
<td>Ensure the specified file is not read-only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1531</td>
<td>The size specified for the disk is too small for the feature.</td>
<td>Using the Release Wizard, change the Media Format to a larger size.</td>
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<td>The size specified for the disk is too small for the file.</td>
<td>Using the Release Wizard, change the Media Format to a larger size.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-1527</td>
<td>No files are included in the project.</td>
<td>This warning occurs when you have not included any files in your project. Use the Files and Folders view to add files into your project to avoid this error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1505</td>
<td>Could not add the CAB file to the MSI package.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1501</td>
<td>Could not compress &quot;%1&quot; into &quot;%2&quot;.</td>
<td>Ensure that IsCmdBld.exe is executed in the relative directory. You can do this by locating the files specified in the error message and launching IsCmdBld.exe within their directory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1119</td>
<td>The specified CUB file does not exist.</td>
<td>Ensure that the CUB file name is spelled correctly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1027</td>
<td>Failed signing %1.</td>
<td>Check the digital signature information (digital keys and password) provided for the current release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1024</td>
<td>File not found. Cannot stream the file into the Binary table.</td>
<td>Ensure the specified file exists.</td>
</tr>
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<td>-1015</td>
<td>Cannot copy source %1 to target %2.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1014</td>
<td>Cannot rename a directory.</td>
<td>Windows Explorer or a DOS prompt may be pointing to a subfolder of the release output folder (Disk1) or to the Interm folder, locking it. Change the current directory. Close any open files in the Disk1 folder. Close Msidb.exe if it is open.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1013</td>
<td>The specified file is being used by another program.</td>
<td>Close the application that is currently using the file and re-run the build process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1009</td>
<td>Insufficient disk space or the target drive cannot be located.</td>
<td>Increase disk space on the build target, or select a new target for the build. If the target drive cannot be located, select a new target, or ensure permissions are set correctly for the target drive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1007</td>
<td>Cannot copy source %1 to target %2</td>
<td>Ensure that the file exists, that there is enough disk space on the target location, and that you are able to copy to the location.</td>
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Media build errors that occur before the build is generated are displayed in an error message dialog box; those that occur while the build is generated are displayed in the Output window and are recorded in the log file.

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<td>118</td>
<td>Could not find CAB file with file #number. The system cannot find the path specified.</td>
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<tr>
<td>129</td>
<td>Media too small. Could not fit filename on disk number.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5000</td>
<td>File group 'file group name' contains a link to a non-existent file - 'filename'.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5006</td>
<td>'EnterPassword' dialog resource not found in resource library filename.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5020</td>
<td>The built media files could not be uploaded to the site URL. The URL could not be parsed.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5021</td>
<td>The built media files could not be copied to the folder 'path'.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-5032</td>
<td>Failed to sign the self-extracting executable file.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td>-5050</td>
<td>The font data could not be read from the project file. The 'Font' table may be missing from the project.</td>
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<td>Unable to create font data file: ‘data file path and name’</td>
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<td>-7040</td>
<td>No features included in the media.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-7041</td>
<td>Could not create instance of CABEngine. CABEngine component might not be installed or registered properly. You may need to reinstall InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7043</td>
<td>Could not open the following media for the differential build - “path to media header file”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7044</td>
<td>Product Version is not specified in the Project Settings property sheet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7045</td>
<td>File could not be found - “InstallShield Program Files Folder\Redistributable\Compressed Files\Language Independent\OS Independent\Corecomp.ini”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7126</td>
<td>Not enough free disk space.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7127</td>
<td>The Disk Images directory is use by another program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7275</td>
<td>Certificate invalid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7276</td>
<td>Certificate expired.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7380</td>
<td>Build canceled by the user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-9008</td>
<td>Failed saving object property.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Error 118**

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**Message**

Could not find CAB file with file `number`. The system cannot find the path specified.

**Troubleshooting Information**

This error occurs when you build an already built media and one of the cabinet files that was previously created no longer exists.

If you encounter this error, rebuild the media.
Error 129

InstallShield 2020

Message

Media too small. Could not fit filename on disk number.

Troubleshooting Information

This error can occur for any of the following reasons:

- Total size of files required to be on one disk is greater than selected disk size.
- An installation requires that certain files reside on the first disk, including the files placed in the Support Files view (such as Setup.bmp and License.txt) and Data1.cab. Also, an installation requires that certain files be compressed in Data1.cab, including the following:
  - files needed by the objects you have included in your setup
  - resource files for each language your installation supports
  - the file for the dialog box skin you selected

If your installation includes a large skin, setup files, or objects—or a large number of support files, objects, or languages—the total size of files required to be on the first disk can be greater than the disk size you selected in the Release Wizard's Media Type panel.

To avoid this error and complete the build successfully, you must either remove the skin or some support files or objects from your project, reduce the size of some support files or choose a skin with a smaller file, or select a larger disk size.

If the error message specifies a disk other than disk 1, some of the files in your components may be too large to fit on the disk even when they have been compressed. In this case, you must either remove the large files, reduce their size, or select a larger disk size.

- There is not enough space on your drives.

To create the installation's cabinet files, the release builder requires space in the system's temporary folder and in the build location. To avoid this error, make sure you have enough free space on the drive on which the system's temporary folder resides and the drive on which you have specified the build location.

You can find the system's temporary folder by typing in the word "set" at a DOS prompt. The temporary folder is identified by the value of the environment variable TEMP. You can find the build location by looking at the Release Wizard's General Options panel's Advanced dialog box or the Release view's Release Location property.

- There is not enough virtual memory.

On Windows NT, this error can be caused by a lack of free virtual memory rather than a lack of free hard disk space. For information, visit Knowledge Base article Q102757.

Warning -5000

InstallShield 2020

Message

Component 'component name' contains a link to a non-existent file - 'filename'
Troubleshooting Information

The indicated component contains a link to the indicated file, which cannot be found. Remove the file from the component, or if you have renamed or moved the file, restore it to the indicated name and location.

Warning -5006

InstallShield 2020

Message

'EnterPassword' dialog resource not found in resource library filename.

Troubleshooting Information

You have selected the Show Password dialog during setup initialization option in the Release Wizard’s Password panel or the Show Password Dialog property in the Releases view, but one or more copies of _Isres.dll do not contain a resource template for this dialog box. (A separate instance of this warning is displayed for each copy of _Isres.dll that does not contain the resource template.) To fix this problem, you must use the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Warning -5020

InstallShield 2020

Message

The built media files could not be uploaded to the site URL. The URL could not be parsed.

Troubleshooting Information

Verify that the URL you specified in the Release view’s FTP Host Address property exists.

Warning -5021

InstallShield 2020

Message

The built media files could not be copied to the folder 'path'.

Troubleshooting Information

You have selected the Copy the built media files to the folder option in the Release Wizard’s Postbuild Options panel or the Copy to Folder property in the Release view; the built media files could not be copied to the folder that you specified with that option. Make sure that the path you specified exists and is writable.
Warning -5032
InstallShield 2020

**Message**
Failed to sign the self-extracting executable file.

**Troubleshooting Information**
The build failed to sign the self-extracting executable file as specified in the Release Wizard’s Digital Signature panel or the Release view’s Sign Media property. Among the possible causes of this error are an invalid or missing private key file.

Warning -5050
InstallShield 2020

**Message**
The font data could not be read from the project file. The 'Font' table may be missing from the project.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Check the Direct Editor to see if a Font table is included in your project. If it is not, and you cannot use source control software to roll back to a version of your project that did include that table, try deleting the font files from your project and then re-including them.

Warning -5051
InstallShield 2020

**Message**
Unable to create font data file: 'data file path and name'

**Troubleshooting Information**
Make sure that the specified path exists and is writable, and that a read-only file of the same name does not already exist at the same location.

Error -7040
InstallShield 2020

**Message**
No features included in the media.

**Description**
Your specified media does not contain any features. All media builds must include at least one feature.
Troubleshooting Information
Make sure that you have created at least one feature in the Features view.

Error -7041
InstallShield 2020

Message
Could not create instance of CABEngine. CABEngine component might not be installed or registered properly. You may need to reinstall InstallShield.

Troubleshooting Information
To resolve the problem, manually register the file MediaBuild40.dll (in the InstallShield\MediaBuild folder of your build machine's common files folder) using Regsvr32.exe (in the Windows system folder), using a DOS command line like the following:

Regsvr32.exe "C:\Program Files\Common Files\InstallShield\MediaBuild\MediaBuild40.dll"

Error -7043
InstallShield 2020

Message
Could not open the following media for the differential build - "path to media header file"

Troubleshooting Information
The message refers to a media header file that you specified in the Differential Media list box in the Release Wizard's Update panel. This error can be caused by any of the following conditions:

- The file does not exist.
- The file is corrupted.
- The file is an incompatible media, for example, a media built by InstallShield Professional 5.x.

Error -7044
InstallShield 2020

Message
Product Version is not specified in the Product Properties view.

Troubleshooting Information
You must specify a non-null value in the Product Version setting in the General Information view.
Error -7045

InstallShield 2020

Message
File could not be found - "path\Corecomp.ini"

Troubleshooting Information
Corecomp.ini could not be found in the indicated location. If you have renamed or moved Corecomp.ini, place a copy in the indicated location with the file name Corecomp.ini. If you cannot restore Corecomp.ini in this way, run a repair of InstallShield.

Error -7126

InstallShield 2020

Message
Unable to build the setup.

Description
There is not enough free disk space to build the setup.

Troubleshooting Information
The Media Wizard requires space in the system's temporary folder. Make sure you have enough free space on this drive, as well as in the build location.

Error -7127

InstallShield 2020

Message
The Disk Images directory is use by another program.

Troubleshooting Information
This error can occur for any of the following reasons:

- The Disk Images or Disk1 folder that you are trying to build to may be open in Windows Explorer or DOS. Open a different folder in the Windows Explorer or DOS window, or close the window, and then rerun the media builder.

- The Disk Images or Disk1 folder is read-only. Right-click the folder in Windows Explorer and click Properties. If the folder is marked as read-only, uncheck the read-only check box and then rerun the media builder.

- A folder named bldback exists under the folder where the media is being built to. If such a folder exists, delete it, and then rerun the media builder.
Error -7275

Message
Certificate invalid.

Troubleshooting Information
The digital certificate that is specified for your project is invalid. Specify a valid certificate and build again.

Error -7276

Message
Certificate expired.

Troubleshooting Information
Your digital certificate has expired. Specify a current certificate and build again.

Error -7380

Message
Build canceled by the user.

Description
The build has been canceled by the user.

Troubleshooting Information
The user canceled the build process by clicking the Cancel button.

Error -9008

Message
Failed saving object property.

Troubleshooting Information
This error can occur if an object in the project is corrupted (for example, is missing Isrt.dll).
MSI/MSM Conversion Errors

The table below provides troubleshooting tips for each error that could be encountered while converting an installation package (.msi file) or merge module (.msm file) in the Open MSI/MSM Wizard.

The wizard also returns errors from accessing Windows Installer databases. For more information on those errors, see Build Errors and Warnings. You might receive undocumented, internal errors if the source .msi or .msm package is invalid.

Tip • Before launching the Open MSI/MSM Wizard, validate the package with Orca or Msival2.exe, both part of the Microsoft Windows Installer Platform SDK.

Table 13-4 • MSI and MSM Conversion Errors

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<th>Message</th>
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<td>-6000</td>
<td>Unable to open file</td>
<td>The path to the .msi or .msm file might be invalid.</td>
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<td>The file might be open or in use by another program.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The file might have been corrupted or might not be a valid Windows Installer database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-6001</td>
<td>Unsupported database schema</td>
<td>The Open MSI/MSM Wizard supports databases compatible with schema 30 or later only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To determine the schema of the .msi or .msm file, open it in Orca and on the View menu, click Summary Information. In some cases, you can work around this error simply by changing the Schema field in the Edit Summary Information dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7000</td>
<td>Could not create record</td>
<td>If the record already exists, the wizard will not create a duplicate entry found in the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7001</td>
<td>Foreign key invalid</td>
<td>The wizard could not create a record because the record referenced by a foreign key in the .msi or .msm database was invalid or missing.</td>
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<td>-7002</td>
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<td>-7004</td>
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<tr>
<td>-7005</td>
<td>Unable to set string property</td>
<td>The Open MSI/MSM Wizard could not set a string value, probably because the field was a duplicate in the database file. This error might have resulted from an earlier failure to create a record (error -7000, -7001, -7002, or -7004).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7006</td>
<td>Unable to set integer property</td>
<td>The Open MSI/MSM Wizard could not set an integer value, probably because the field was a duplicate in the database. This error might have resulted from an earlier failure to create a record (error -7000, -7001, -7002, or -7004).</td>
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<tr>
<td>-7008</td>
<td>Unable to set property</td>
<td>The Open MSI/MSM Wizard could not set a value, probably because the field was a duplicate in the database. This error might have resulted from an earlier failure to create a record (error -7000, -7001, -7002, or -7004).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7009</td>
<td>Unable to create binary file</td>
<td>The wizard could not extract a binary file, an icon, or an .rtf file from the file and copy it to the new project location.</td>
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<td>Delete any existing file in the extraction directory.</td>
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<td>Ensure there is enough disk space and that you have the appropriate write privileges for the extraction directory.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-7010</td>
<td>Output path for cab extraction does not exist</td>
<td>The wizard could not extract a .cab file using the path specified.</td>
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<td>Instead of typing the output path for the .cab file, click <strong>Browse</strong> to select the path and then launch the wizard again.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-7011</td>
<td>Cannot delete temporary .cab file</td>
<td>Unable to delete the temporary .cab file after extracting it from the installation package or merge module.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1001</td>
<td>Invalid source MSI database path</td>
<td>Ensure that the path to the .msi database is valid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1017</td>
<td>End user aborted process</td>
<td>Allow the conversion process to complete.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100001</td>
<td>Unexpected error</td>
<td>The error message lists the function and table name associated with the error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100002</td>
<td>Unable to extract file from the cabinet</td>
<td>Verify that the source is a valid .msi or .msm database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200001</td>
<td>No output path was specified</td>
<td>This warning appears if the converter needs to extract binary files from the database tables or cabinet files, but an invalid output path was specified in the Data File Location box on the <strong>File Locations</strong> panel of the Open MSI/MSI Wizard.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Internal Errors

The following are internal errors. They should not be encountered when importing a valid .msi or .msm database. Before launching the Open MSI/MSM Wizard, validate the package with Orca or Msival2.exe, both part of the Microsoft Windows Installer Platform SDK.

The error message will display the database table, field, and value for which the conversion failed.

Table 13-5 • Internal Errors

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<td>1002</td>
<td>Invalid target database path</td>
<td>Verify that your default project location path is valid. To verify the path, on the Tools menu, click Options. The default project location path is specified on the File Locations tab.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1003</td>
<td>Failed to open the source MSI/MSM database</td>
<td>Ensure that the database is not locked or open in another application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1004</td>
<td>Failed to open the target database</td>
<td>Ensure that the project file is not locked or open in another application.</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Verify that your default project location path is valid. To verify the path, on the Tools menu, click Options. The default project location path is specified on the File Locations tab.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1006</td>
<td>Failed to obtain table list for the source or target MSI/MSM database</td>
<td>Verify that the source is a valid .msi or .msm database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1007</td>
<td>Failed to obtain a field</td>
<td>This is generally caused by failure of the MsiRecordGetXXX API. Verify that the source is a valid Windows Installer database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1009</td>
<td>MsiCreateRecord failure</td>
<td>Ensure that the project file is not locked or open in another application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1010</td>
<td>Failed to update a field</td>
<td>This is generally caused by failure of the MsiRecordSetXXX API.</td>
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<td>Ensure that the project file is not locked or open in another application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1011</td>
<td>Failed to insert a record into a table</td>
<td>Ensure that the project file is not locked or open in another application.</td>
</tr>
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Errors and Warnings

This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module
- MSI Database
- MSM Database
- QuickPatch
- Transform

The following table contains a listing of Windows Installer errors that may occur during run time of an installation. The errors are related to the built-in InstallShield custom actions that are added automatically to InstallShield projects to support different functionality. For a list of the custom actions, see InstallShield Custom Action Reference.

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<td>1012</td>
<td>Failed to extract binary data from the source MSI/MSM database</td>
<td>Delete any existing file in the extraction directory.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Ensure that there is enough disk space and that you have the appropriate write</td>
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<td>privileges in the output path specified in the Data File Location box on the File</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Locations panel of the Open MSI/MSI wizard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1013</td>
<td>Failed to stream a file into the target database</td>
<td>Ensure that the project file is not locked or open in another application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1014</td>
<td>MsiDatabaseCommit failed</td>
<td>Ensure that the project file is not locked or open in another application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5001</td>
<td>Failed to resolve a field value</td>
<td>This is generally caused by an unexpected database schema. See troubleshooting notes for error -6001.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5002</td>
<td>Incompatible field type between source and target MSI database</td>
<td>Verify that the source is a valid .msi or .msm database.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

See Also
Build Errors and Warnings

Windows Installer Run-time Errors

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:
**Tip** • You can find detailed information—including resolution information—on some of the run-time errors in the Knowledge Base.

### Table 13-6 • Windows Installer Run-time Errors

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<td>27500</td>
<td>This setup requires Internet Information Server for configuring IIS Virtual Roots. Please make sure that you have IIS installed.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains IIS data that you configured in the Internet Information Services view. If you encounter this error, ensure that the target system has IIS installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27501</td>
<td>This setup requires Administrator privileges for configuring IIS Virtual Roots.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains IIS data that you configured in the Internet Information Services view. This error occurs if you do not have administrator privileges for configuring IIS virtual directories, but you are running an installation that configures IIS virtual directories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27502</td>
<td>Could not connect to [2] [3]. [4]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL connection that you configured in the SQL Scripts view. This error occurs if the installation was unable to connect to the specified database server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27503</td>
<td>Error while retrieving version information from the specified database server.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL connection that you configured in the SQL Scripts view. This error occurs if you specified the minimum version requirement for a database server on the Requirements tab for a SQL connection in the SQL Scripts view, but the installation could not determine what version of the database server exists on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27504</td>
<td>The specified database server does not meet the version requirements.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL connection that you configured in the SQL Scripts view. This error occurs if the target system does not meet the minimum version requirements for a database server that is selected on the Requirements tab for a SQL connection in the SQL Scripts view. Note that in this scenario, this error occurs only if the <strong>Allow installation to continue when minimum requirements are not met</strong> check box on this tab is cleared.</td>
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<td>27505</td>
<td>Fail to open a SQL script file.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL script that you configured in the SQL Scripts view, and the run time fails to extract the SQL script file from the .msi package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27506</td>
<td>Error while executing a SQL script.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL script that you configured in the SQL Scripts view.</td>
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<td>This error occurs if the target database server encounters a SQL scripting error. To resolve this error, check the SQL script in your project and make any necessary changes.</td>
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<tr>
<td>27507</td>
<td>Browsing for SQL Servers requires that ODBC32.dll be installed and registered.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL connection that you configured in the SQL Scripts view.</td>
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<td>To prevent this error from occurring, add the InstallShield prerequisite for MDAC to your installation project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>27508</td>
<td>Error installing COM+ application [2]. [3]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a COM+ application that you configured in the Component Services view.</td>
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<td>This error occurs if there are missing dependencies for COM+ component DLLs or incorrect settings for your COM+ application. To resolve this error, add the dependencies to your project or check the COM+ application in your project and make any necessary changes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27509</td>
<td>Error uninstalling COM+ application [2]. [3]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a COM+ application that you configured in the Component Services view.</td>
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<td>This error occurs if the run time fails to delete the COM+ application from the system.</td>
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<td>27510</td>
<td>Error installing COM+ application [2]. Could not load Microsoft(R) .NET class libraries. Registering .NET serviced components requires that Microsoft(R) .NET Framework be installed.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a COM+ application that you configured in the Component Services view. To prevent this error from occurring, consider adding the .NET Framework to your project. To learn how, see Adding .NET Framework Redistributables to Projects. As an alternative, you can use the Installation Requirements page in the Project Assistant to add a .NET Framework requirement to your project. If a target system does not have the appropriate version of the .NET Framework, the installation displays an error message, and the product is not installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27511</td>
<td>Could not execute SQL script file [2]. Connection not open: [3]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL script that you configured in the SQL Scripts view. This error occurs if the connection is disconnected before the installation runs the SQL script.</td>
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</table>
| 27514        | This installation requires a Microsoft SQL Server. The specified server [3] is a Microsoft SQL Server Desktop Engine or SQL Server Express. | This error may occur if your project contains a SQL connection that you configured in the SQL Scripts view. This error occurs if the target system has Microsoft SQL Server Desktop Engine or Microsoft SQL Server Express, and if the following check boxes are cleared on the Requirements tab for a SQL connection in the SQL Scripts view:  
  •  Allow installation to Microsoft SQL Server Desktop Engine/SQL Server Express  
  •  Allow installation to continue when minimum requirements are not met |
| 27515        | Error retrieving schema version from [2] [3]. Database: [4] [5]           | This error may occur if your project contains a SQL script that you configured in the SQL Scripts view, and if a version is specified in the Schema Version setting on the General tab for that SQL script. This error occurs if the target database server encounters a SQL script error when the run time attempts to retrieve the current schema version from the InstallShield table. |
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<td>27516</td>
<td>Error writing schema version to [2] [3]. Database: [4]. [5]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL script that you configured in the SQL Scripts view, and if a version is specified in the Schema Version setting on the General tab for that SQL script. This error occurs if the target database server encounters a SQL script error when the run time attempts to write a schema version to the InstallShield table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27517</td>
<td>This installation requires Administrator privileges for installing COM+ applications. Log on as an administrator and then retry this installation.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a COM+ application that you configured in the Component Services view. This error occurs if you do not have administrator privileges for installing COM+ applications, but you are running an installation that includes COM+ applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27519</td>
<td>Error updating XML file [2]. [3]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains XML references that you configured in the XML File Changes view. This error occurs if MSXML fails to save the target XML file. The [3] parameter refers to the error code that MSXML returned. Possible error codes are:</td>
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<td>• XML_BAD_ENCODING—The XML file contains a character that is not part of the specified encoding, which is defined on the Advanced tab for an XML file in the XML File Changes view.</td>
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<td>• E_INVALIDARG—The XML file does not have a valid file name.</td>
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<td>• E_ACCESSDENIED—A file system error occurred.</td>
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<td>• E_OUTOFMEMORY—The XML file could not be saved. Other values that can occur indicate that a file system error occurred.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27520</td>
<td>Error opening XML file [2]. [3]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains XML references that you configured in the XML File Changes view. This error occurs if MSXML fails to load the target XML file. The [3] parameter refers to the error code that MSXML returned. A possible error codes is:</td>
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<td>• S_FALSE—The XML file load failed.</td>
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<td>27521</td>
<td>This setup requires MSXML 3.0 or higher for configuring XML files. Please make sure that you have version 3.0 or higher.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains XML references that you configured in the XML File Changes view. To prevent this error from occurring, consider using the Redistributables view to add an InstallShield prerequisite or merge module for MSXML to your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27524</td>
<td>Error loading NetApi32.DLL. The ISNetApi.dll needs to have NetApi32.DLL properly loaded and requires an NT based operating system.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if NetApi32.dll cannot be loaded on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27525</td>
<td>Server not found. Verify that the specified server exists. The server name can not be empty.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if you do not enter an existing domain or server name on the LogonInfoNameAndServer dialog or the LogonInformation dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27526</td>
<td>Unspecified error from ISNetApi.dll.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if an unexpected error is returned from a function in NetApi32.dll.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27527</td>
<td>The buffer is too small.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if the run time cannot allocate the amount of memory that is required for retrieving a list of all servers that are visible in a domain.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27528</td>
<td>Access denied. Check administrative rights.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if the user does not have access to the Windows user account information that is being configured.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27529</td>
<td>Invalid computer.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if the computer name that was entered is invalid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27531</td>
<td>Unhandled exception.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if one of the function calls in NetApi32.dll throws an exception.</td>
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<td>27532</td>
<td>Invalid user name for this server or domain.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if you specify a user name that does not exist on a domain in the LogonInformation dialog or the LogonInfoUserNameAndServer dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27533</td>
<td>The case-sensitive passwords do not match.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if you enter different passwords in the Password setting and the Confirm Password setting on the LogonInfoCreateUser dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27534</td>
<td>The list is empty.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if the LogonInfoListServers dialog needs to be displayed but no servers are found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27535</td>
<td>Access violation.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if a memory access violation is encountered when information about user accounts or servers is retrieved and being processed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27536</td>
<td>Error getting group.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if the installation encounters an error when retrieving information about a group account.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27537</td>
<td>Error adding user to group. Verify that the group exists for this domain or server.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if you try adding membership of a user account to a group but the account type is invalid, the member is already a member of the group, or the member does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27538</td>
<td>Error creating user.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if the installation encounters a problem when creating the user account or adding the user to a group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27539</td>
<td>ERROR_NETAPI_ERROR_NOT_PRIMARY returned from NetAPI.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if you are trying to add a user account, give an existing user account membership, or delete a user account, but the operation is allowed only on the primary domain controller of the domain.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### Table 13-6 • Windows Installer Run-time Errors (cont.)

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<th>Error Number</th>
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<th>Troubleshooting Information</th>
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<tr>
<td>27540</td>
<td>The specified user already exists.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to <a href="#">create or set a Windows user account</a>. The error occurs if you are trying to create a new user account but the user account already exists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27541</td>
<td>The specified group already exists.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to <a href="#">create or set a Windows user account</a>. The error occurs if you are trying to create a new user account but the group already exists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27542</td>
<td>Invalid password. Verify that the password is in accordance with your network password policy.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to <a href="#">create or set a Windows user account</a>. The error occurs if you are creating a new user account but the password that you specified does not meet the password requirements that were established for the network. To resolve this error, enter an appropriate password.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27543</td>
<td>Invalid name.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to <a href="#">create or set a Windows user account</a>. The error occurs if you are giving an existing user account membership in a group, or if you are deleting a user account, but the user name that you specified could not be found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27544</td>
<td>Invalid group.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to <a href="#">create or set a Windows user account</a>. The error occurs if you are giving a user account membership in a group, but the group that you specified does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27545</td>
<td>The user name can not be empty and must be in the format DOMAIN\Username.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to <a href="#">create or set a Windows user account</a>. The error occurs if you are configuring a user account but you did not enter valid information for the User Name setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27546</td>
<td>Error loading or creating INI file in the user TEMP directory.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to <a href="#">create or set a Windows user account</a>. The error occurs if there is a problem opening or creating a configuration .ini file that the InstallShield custom actions use for the creation or configuration of a Windows user account.</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>27548</td>
<td>Error deleting INI file containing new user information from the user’s TEMP directory.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if there is a problem deleting the configuration .ini file that the InstallShield custom actions use for the creation or configuration of a Windows user account.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27549</td>
<td>Error getting the primary domain controller (PDC).</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if the domain controller for the specified domain could not be found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27550</td>
<td>Every field must have a value in order to create a user.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you added to your project the ability to create or set a Windows user account. The error occurs if one of the settings on the LogonInfoCreateUser dialog is left blank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27551</td>
<td>ODBC driver for [2] not found. This is required to connect to [2] database servers.</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL connection that you configured in the SQL Scripts view. This error occurs if the ODBC driver that is associated with the SQL connection does not exist on the target system. To prevent this error from occurring, consider creating an InstallShield prerequisite that installs the driver, and add the prerequisite to your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27552</td>
<td>Error creating database [4]. Server: [2] [3]. [5]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL connection that you configured in the SQL Scripts view, and if the Create Catalog If Absent check box on the General tab for the connection is selected. This error occurs if the target database server encounters a SQL scripting error when creating the database catalog that is specified in the Catalog Name setting on the General tab for a SQL connection in the SQL Scripts view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27553</td>
<td>Error connecting to database [4]. Server: [2] [3]. [5]</td>
<td>This error may occur if your project contains a SQL connection that you configured in the SQL Scripts view. This error occurs if the target database server encounters a SQL scripting error when connecting to the database catalog that is specified in the Catalog Name setting on the General tab for a SQL connection in the SQL Scripts view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (InstallScript Projects)

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Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

Setup.exe may produce error messages if it cannot start properly. In most cases, you will encounter these messages when a severe error occurs. Rarely will your end users see these messages.

You can capture these return values when you call the CreateProcess API to launch Setup.exe, or use a batch file to launch Setup.exe.

When you get an error message, it appears in a message box. Every error message has a number. These are InstallScript system error messages, and there is no way to suppress them in your script. The following table describes each of these error messages:

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<th>Error/Return Value</th>
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<td>3010</td>
<td>The installation required a restart but the installation is not initiating the restart. In this case, the installation completed with BATCH_INSTALL set to a non-zero value, but the System function was not called. Note that Setup.exe returns this value only if the installation was successful and was not cancelled (that is, the installation did not end via the abort keyword). Otherwise, the appropriate error value or ISERR_SETUP_CANCELED is returned. The constant for this return value is ERROR_SUCCESS_REBOOT_REQUIRED.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
This return value occurs if the installation itself is restarting the machine because the `System` function was called—typically as a result of the `SdFinishReboot` function calling `System` internally.

Note that Setup.exe returns this value only if the installation was successful and was not cancelled (that is, the installation did not end via the abort keyword). Otherwise, the appropriate error value or ISERR_SETUP_CANCELED is returned.

The constant for this return value is ERROR_SUCCESS_REBOOT_INITIATED.

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<td>0</td>
<td>The installation exited with the exit keyword.</td>
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| 0x80042000         | The installation exited with the abort keyword because the end user canceled the installation.  
The constant for this return value is ISERR_SETUP_CANCELED. |
| 0x80040708         | Unable to create required engine components. Check whether you have appropriate privileges to create COM components. |

Note • This error message may include an additional error number and error string indicating more specific error information returned by the operating system.

-5001          | Generic error |
-5002          | Failed reading media header. |
-5003          | Failed installing kernel. |
-5004          | Failed starting kernel. |
-5005          | Failed opening CAB. |
-5006          | Failed installing support. |
-5007          | Failed setting text substitution. |
-5008          | Failed initializing installation information. |
-5009          | Failed getting installation driver. |
-5010          | Failed initializing properties. |
-5011          | Failed running installation driver. |
-5012          | Failed uninstalling support. |
Typically, any time one of the error messages in the previous table is displayed, it is accompanied by one of the HRESULT values in the following table. These HRESULT values provide additional information about the cause of the error.

Table 13-8 • HRESULT Values Associated with Setup.exe Run-time Errors

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<tr>
<th>HRESULT</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tr>
<td>0x80041F40</td>
<td>Cannot find corecomp.in.i</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80041F41</td>
<td>corecomp.ini is empty or corrupted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80041F42</td>
<td>Cannot load the .dll file IsCoGetClassObject.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042328</td>
<td>Media is not signed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042329</td>
<td>Certificate is invalid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x8004232A</td>
<td>Digital signature is invalid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x8004232B</td>
<td>Space is insufficient.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042A94</td>
<td>The specified opType’s main opsequence is not present in the log, such as when an old file is opened with the new engine, and the new (engine) code tries to get an opsequence for the newly introduced opType.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042A95</td>
<td>Failed to (re)construct a feature log’s full ID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042A96</td>
<td>A log operation was attempted without opening the log file.</td>
</tr>
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See Also
Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)
InstallScript Limits

Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Note that project-specific differences are explained where applicable.

The table below lists the errors that might occur when Setup.exe from a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project is run. For Setup.exe errors that might occur for an InstallScript project, see Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (InstallScript Projects).

You can capture these return values when you call the **CreateProcess** API to launch Setup.exe, or use a batch file to launch Setup.exe.

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<td>0x80042A97</td>
<td>Internal opsequence structure initialization failed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042A98</td>
<td>General failure in Opsequence::GetNext</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042A99</td>
<td>General failure in Opsequence::Pop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042A9A</td>
<td>General failure in Opsequence::insert_sequencetuple</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80042A9B</td>
<td>General failure in Opsequence::delete_sequencetuple</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| 0x80042A9C  | Property initialization failure - could occur when setting/getting a property in the LogDB or Feature object.
Note • If an error occurs on a non-English system, the error strings may not be displayed in English.

Table 13-9 • Setup.exe Run-time Errors and Return Values

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<td>-4</td>
<td>Invalid command line.</td>
<td><img src="null" alt="Project" /> This is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects. Verify that a valid command line is passed to Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-3</td>
<td>The installation exited because the end user canceled the installation.</td>
<td><img src="null" alt="Project" /> This is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-1</td>
<td>General error.</td>
<td><img src="null" alt="Project" /> This is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Program terminated successfully.</td>
<td>Not applicable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>401</td>
<td>String variable is not large enough for string. InstallShield was attempting to copy a text string into a string variable. The text string was larger than the length declared for that string variable.</td>
<td>Check the declared length of the string variable. Increase the length to the maximum allowed value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1150</td>
<td>Setup has detected an incompatible version of Windows. Click OK and relaunch the setup on Windows 95, Windows NT 4.0, or later.</td>
<td>Windows Installer is compatible with NT 4.0 and later, and Windows 9x and later. Check your version of Windows and upgrade if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1151</td>
<td>Error writing to the temporary location</td>
<td>To write to the temporary location, the environment variable TEMP must be set. Verify that the Temp folder exists and has enough disk space to accommodate the setup. If there are files in the Temp folder, delete them and rerun Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1152</td>
<td>Error extracting &lt;file name&gt; to the temporary location</td>
<td>Check to see that you are able to write to the Temp folder (see errors above). If the Temp folder is valid, there may be corrupted files in the setup. Check the files to ensure none are corrupted and rerun Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
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### Table 13-9 • Setup.exe Run-time Errors and Return Values (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>1153</td>
<td>Error reading setup initialization file</td>
<td>The Setup.ini file must be located in the same folder as Setup.exe. If not, move Setup.ini to that location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1154</td>
<td>Installer not found in &lt;path&gt;</td>
<td>Windows Installer may not have been properly installed, or you may have an older version. Reinstall if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1155</td>
<td>File &lt;file name&gt; not found</td>
<td>Make sure the .msi file exists. If so, make sure it is located in the same folder as Setup.exe. You may not see the .msi file if you chose to compress it into Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1156</td>
<td>Internal error in Windows Installer</td>
<td>Windows Installer was unsuccessfully installed. Run the InstMsiW.exe file (for Windows NT and 2000) or InstMsiA.exe (for Windows 9x) to reinstall.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1157</td>
<td>Failed to launch Msiexec.exe.</td>
<td>Make sure you distribute the correct version of Windows Installer for the target platform. Check the syntax on your Msiexec.exe command-line arguments.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1158</td>
<td>Error populating strings.</td>
<td>Verify that all strings in Setup.ini and any language-specific INI files in the Disk1 folder (such as 0x0409.ini) are valid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1201</td>
<td>Setup needs &lt;amount&gt; KB free space in &lt;folder&gt;. Please free up some space and try again.</td>
<td>There is insufficient disk space in your target location. Please make sure there is at least 10 MB of free space in the drive where the setup is set to install.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1202</td>
<td>You do not have sufficient privileges to complete this installation for all users of the machine. Log on as an administrator and then retry this installation.</td>
<td>In Windows NT 4.0 and 2000, you must have administrative rights to complete this installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1203</td>
<td>Invalid command-line parameters.</td>
<td>Double-check the command-line statement used to launch Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1208</td>
<td>ANSI code page for &lt;language&gt; is not installed on the system and therefore setup cannot run in the selected language. Run the setup and select another language.</td>
<td>Run the setup and select another language.</td>
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<td>1603</td>
<td>General Windows Installer engine error. Increase DiskSpace requirement in Setup.ini and try again.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • This is applicable to Basic MSI projects.</td>
<td>Reinstall Windows Installer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1611</td>
<td>Unable to extract the file &lt;filename&gt;.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This error occurs when a file compressed inside Setup.exe cannot be extracted. Verify that there is sufficient disk space available in the Temp folder (or, if not, in the Windows or WinNT folder), and that Setup can write to those folders.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1614</td>
<td>An error occurred while downloading the file &lt;filename&gt;.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If the URL is incorrect, click <strong>Cancel</strong> and enter the correct URL.</td>
<td>If the URL is correct, verify that an active Internet connection is available.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1621</td>
<td>Failed to verify signature of file &lt;filename&gt;.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The file was downloaded, but the signature could not be verified. The file might be corrupted, it might have been signed by a different company than originally signed it, or it might not be signed.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Verify that the file Wintrust.dll exists on the target system.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1627</td>
<td>Unable to save file: &lt;filename&gt;.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ensure that the specified file does not already exist, and that the target system has sufficient hard drive space.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1628</td>
<td>Failed to complete script based install.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • This is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1629</td>
<td>Invalid command line.</td>
<td>Double-check the command-line statement used to launch Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1641</td>
<td>The installation was successful and it required a restart.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • This is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects.</td>
<td>If the Windows Installer engine returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0), the Setup.exe file may return ERROR_SUCCESS_REBOOT_INITIATED (1641). This return value occurs if the installation itself is restarting the machine because the <strong>System</strong> function was called—typically as a result of the <strong>SdFinishReboot</strong> function calling <strong>System</strong> internally.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Unable to load module [1], Error Code: [2]

[1] is the full path to the .dll file that the installation is attempting to load (ISSetup.dll in all cases).

[2] is the Windows error returned from LoadLibrary().

This error occurs if ISSetup.dll is not in the Disk1 folder. It also may occur if ISSetup.dll is compressed in Setup.exe if a compressed media is being built.

To resolve this error, try rebuilding the release.

An error occurred initializing the InstallScript engine.

Project • This is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects.

This error indicates that a problem occurred when the InstallScript engine was being loaded.

Unable to extract InstallScript engine support files to temp location.

Project • This is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects.

This error occurs if one or more files could not be extracted from the ISSetup.dll file to a temporary directory.

To troubleshoot this error, create a Windows Installer log file to obtain more information. The log file has the corresponding Windows error number and other diagnostic information that may help troubleshoot this issue.

Error configuring ODBC data source. Verify that the file exists and that you can access it.

Machines running Windows 95 do not have the ODBC core. You need to install MDAC before installing any package with an ODBC driver.

The installation was successful and a restart is required to complete the installation.

Project • This is applicable to InstallScript MSI projects.

If the Windows Installer engine returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0), the Setup.exe file may return ERROR_SUCCESS_REBOOT_REQUIRED (3010). This indicates that installation required a restart but the installation is not initiating the restart. In this case, the installation completed with BATCH_INSTALL set to a non-zero value, but the System function was not called.

See Also
Adding Windows Installer Redistributables to Projects
Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (InstallScript Projects)
Setup.exe Return Values and Run-Time Errors (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects)

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
  • Advanced UI
  • Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The table below lists the errors that might occur when an end user runs an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe installation. The Type of Code column in this table indicates the following information:
  • Exit code only—The installation status is returned by the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file.
  • Error code/exit code—The installation status is processed for evaluated error conditions, and the status is returned by the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file.
  • Logged only—The installation status is logged when debug logging is enabled. (Debug logging is enabled when the /debuglog command-line parameter is passed to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file to launch the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. For more information on command-line parameters, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe Command-Line Parameters.)

Note • Some of the error messages may be displayed before any string entries are available to the running Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file. Therefore, in such cases (for example, Setup.xml is missing, another instance of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is already running, or condition validation failed), those particular resulting error messages are displayed in English. Other errors that occur before language selection are typically displayed in the default setup language.

Table 13-10 • Setup.exe Run-time Errors and Return Values

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<tr>
<td>0x80040701</td>
<td>Exit code only</td>
<td>Failed to read or initialize setup state information; missing Suiteld attribute on setup.xml setup element. Contact your vendor for assistance.</td>
<td>The value of the Suiteld attribute in the Setup.xml file indicates the Suite GUID, as defined in the General Information view of the project. If this GUID is somehow removed from the Setup.xml file, this error may occur at run time. To resolve this error, try rebuilding the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>0x80040702</td>
<td>Exit code only</td>
<td>No UI DLL was loaded and initialized, possibly due to a missing UI resource. Contact your vendor for assistance.</td>
<td>This exit code occurs if the UIResource definition in the project or the Setup.xml file is missing or invalid (for example, for a corrupted project).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80040705</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>MD5 check failed for the current file to be staged. The file may be corrupted.</td>
<td>An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation uses MD5 checks the integrity of the packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. If the MD5 check fails, this error occurs. To resolve this error, try rebuilding the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80040706</td>
<td>Exit code only</td>
<td>No setup.xml file was found in the running suite setup. Contact your vendor for assistance.</td>
<td>This status code occurs if the Setup.xml resource could not be found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80040707</td>
<td>Logged only</td>
<td>Failed to extract a file that is necessary to run this setup. Contact your vendor for assistance.</td>
<td>The log includes this status code if a resource that is listed in the Resources section of the Setup.xml file could not be extracted from the running Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file. Check for build errors and the Support Files view for missing resources, and add them as needed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80040708</td>
<td>Logged only</td>
<td>Failed to copy or download a file that is necessary to run this setup. Contact your vendor for assistance.</td>
<td>The log includes this status code if a resource that is listed in the Resources section of the Setup.xml file could not be copied or downloaded. Check for build errors and the Support Files view for missing resources, and add them as needed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0x80040709</td>
<td>Error code only</td>
<td>Failed to extract a file while staging. Either the file is not present in the stream or the file could not be written to the target machine.</td>
<td>This error occurs if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation fails to stage a file that is streamed into the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file. Either the installation is corrupted or the file was missing at build time.</td>
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<td>0x8004070A</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>The setup password is incorrect or was not entered. The setup cannot proceed.</td>
<td>The Setup.exe tab for a release in the Releases view of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project lets you specify whether you want to password protect the setup launcher; if you do, you can also specify the password that end users need to enter in order to run the installation. This error occurs if there is no prompt for a password from the user interface during the preinstall phases of the installation. This can occur if a custom UI DLL is used and the end user tries to avoid the password prompt. This can also occur if an end user launches a password-protected Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation silently from the command line but does not include a password on the command line.</td>
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<td>0x8004070B</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>The setup command line is invalid. The setup cannot proceed.</td>
<td>This error occurs if you pass an invalid command-line parameter to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file while launching it from the command line. For a list of valid command-line parameters, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe Command-Line Parameters.</td>
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<td>0x8004070C</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>The setup could not start in a temporary folder. Contact your vendor for assistance.</td>
<td>This error occurs if the Temp folder on the target system is full. To resolve this error, consider freeing space in the Temp folder.</td>
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<td>0x8004070D</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>The destination folder that was entered for a staging-only operation could not be created.</td>
<td>When you are running an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation with the /stage_only command-line parameter, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation attempts to copy its packages to a directory that is specified by the user. The directory must exist; if it does not, the installation encounters this error. To resolve this error, ensure that the path that you specify on the BrowseStageFolder wizard page exists. If it does not, create it and then rerun the installation.</td>
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<td>0x8004070E</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>An unknown failure occurred attempting to cache a file from either a remote server or a local path. Contact your vendor for assistance.</td>
<td>If the file is located on a Web server, ensure that it is available on the machine where the installation is encountering this error. If the file is located on source media, ensure that the source media is available and valid. Check a debug log for any additional information that might be available.</td>
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<tr>
<td>0x8004070F</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>An invalid condition was encountered while parsing setup.xml. Create a debug log to see if further information is available. The condition needs to be corrected in the IDE for the suite to launch successfully.</td>
<td>This error occurs if an invalid condition was configured. To troubleshoot this error, check the debug log file for additional information. To learn more, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation. To resolve this error, edit the invalid condition in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
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<td>Error Code</td>
<td>The setup was aborted because the suite requirements defined in abort conditions were not met.</td>
<td>This error occurs if the exit conditions that were defined in the General Information view were not met at run time on the target system. If this is unexpected, you may need to modify your exit conditions. To learn more, see Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>0x80040711</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>Another instance of the suite installation is already running. Please wait for the other instance to finish and then try again.</td>
<td>Only one instance of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation can run on a target system at a time.</td>
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<td>0x80040712</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>Failed to load ISSetup.dll to launch an InstallScript parcel.</td>
<td>This error may occur if one or more of the files for an InstallScript package that is included in the project are not available to InstallShield at build time. To resolve this error, ensure that all of the files in your InstallScript package are available at build time.</td>
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<td>0x80040713</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>Failed to call ISSetup.dll to launch an InstallScript parcel. Ensure the InstallScript setup contained in the parcel was built with a version of InstallShield that supports InstallScript parcels.</td>
<td>This error may occur if you include in your project an InstallScript package that was built in InstallShield 2012 Spring or later. For additional requirements, see Adding an InstallScript Package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>0x80040714</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>Failed to launch EXE. This error can occur when attempting to launch EXE actions, elevated EXE parcels, or Windows Features support on Windows Vista, 2008, 7, or 2008 R2 and the EXE fails to launch. Check a debug log as this may contain more detailed error information.</td>
<td>To troubleshoot this error, check the debug log file for additional information. To learn more, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>0x80040715</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>Failed to load DLL. This error can occur when attempting to load a DLL for DLL actions or Windows Features support on Windows 8 or newer versions of Windows. Check a debug log as this may contain more detailed error information.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the file that a DLL action in your project needs to call is missing or could not be loaded. This may also occur if the installation is attempting to enable Windows roles or features on a target system. To troubleshoot this error, check the debug log file for additional information. To learn more, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>0x80040716</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>Failed to locate or load support files needed to run a PowerShell action. Check a debug log as this may contain more detailed error information.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the file that a PowerShell action in your project needs to call is missing or could not be loaded. To troubleshoot this error, check the debug log file for additional information. To learn more, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>0x80040718</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>Failed to call InstallScript function in InstallScript action. Check a debug log as this may contain more detailed error information.</td>
<td>This error occurs because the installation could not call an InstallScript function in an InstallScript action. To troubleshoot this error, check the debug log file for additional information. To learn more, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>0x8004071A</td>
<td>Error code</td>
<td>The path specified for a suite debug log does not exist or is invalid. Specify a valid file path when passing /debuglog with a file path. The suite error returned in this case is 1622.</td>
<td>Ensure that you specify a valid path for the debug log file.</td>
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<td>0x8004071B</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>A resource required to install a web deploy parcel was not found. Rebuild the setup and try again.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the file that a Web Deploy package in your project requires is missing.</td>
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<td>To troubleshoot this error, check the debug log file for additional information. To learn more, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>0x8004071C</td>
<td>Exit/error code</td>
<td>A resource required to call a CLR action is missing or failed to load. Check a debug log as this may contain more detailed error information.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the file that a managed-code action in your project needs to call is missing or could not be loaded.</td>
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<td>To troubleshoot this error, check the debug log file for additional information. To learn more, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>0x8007007f</td>
<td>Error code only</td>
<td>The specified procedure could not be found.</td>
<td>This error is system error 127.</td>
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<td>This error may occur if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is run on a system that does not meet the minimum requirements for Windows Installer:</td>
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<td>• To run an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation on a target system, the target system must have Windows Installer 3.1 or later. To avoid this error on these systems, you may want to create an exit condition that prevents the entire Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from running on systems that do not have Windows Installer 4.5 or later. To learn more, see Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<td>• If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation contains packages that run with transaction processing, the target system must have Windows Installer 4.5 or later. To avoid this error on these systems, you may want to create an eligibility condition for each package in the transaction to prevent the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation from launching those packages on systems that have earlier versions of Windows Installer. For more information, see Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects.</td>
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<td>This error may also occur if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation has trouble installing an InstallScript package because the package was built in InstallShield 2012 or earlier. For more information, see Adding an InstallScript Package to an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project.</td>
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<td>In addition, this error may occur if there is a problem with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI extension condition. If your project includes an extension condition, check to ensure that the DLL for the extension condition has the proper exported entry points.</td>
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See Also
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This table lists the errors and warnings that might occur when you do any of the following:
- Convert a Visual Studio setup project (.vdproj) to an InstallShield Basic MSI project (.ism).
- Convert a Visual Studio merge module project (.vdproj) to an InstallShield Merge Module project (.ism).
- Import a Visual Studio setup or merge module project (.vdproj) into an InstallShield Basic MSI or Merge Module project (.ism).

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<td>An unknown exception occurred.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9001</td>
<td>An unknown COM exception occurred.</td>
<td>Check the Knowledge Base for information about this error, or request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9002</td>
<td>An error occurred while loading the project %1.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio setup or merge module project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio setup project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-9003</td>
<td>An error occurred while creating the project %1.</td>
<td>This error occurs if InstallShield cannot create a Basic MSI project from the Visual Studio setup project or a Merge Module project from the Visual Studio merge module project. InstallShield tries to create the project in the same folder that contains the Visual Studio project file (.vdproj). To resolve this error, see if the folder that contains the Visual Studio project file is read-only, and change it to writable.</td>
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<td>-9004</td>
<td>An error occurred while saving the project %1.</td>
<td>This error occurs if InstallShield cannot create a Basic MSI project from the Visual Studio setup project or a Merge Module project from the Visual Studio merge module project. InstallShield tries to save the project in the same folder that contains the Visual Studio project file (.vdproj). To resolve this error, see if the folder that contains the Visual Studio project file is read-only, and change it to writable.</td>
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<td>-9005</td>
<td>An error occurred while converting the project.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9006</td>
<td>An error occurred while determining the project type.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9007</td>
<td>An error occurred while parsing the section '%1'.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>No open brace found for the section %1 under %2.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9009</td>
<td>No close brace found for the section %1 under %2.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9010</td>
<td>An invalid entry %1 found in the section %1 under %2.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio setup or merge module project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio setup project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9011</td>
<td>An error occurred while adding the property %1 to the section %2.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9012</td>
<td>An error occurred while adding the section %1 to the section %2.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9013</td>
<td>The section %1 does not exist.</td>
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<td>-9014</td>
<td>An error occurred while converting the product properties.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the files.</td>
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<td>-9016</td>
<td>The file type %1 is invalid. The file %2 was not converted.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the file %1. Type: %2</td>
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<td>-9018</td>
<td>An error occurred while converting the features.</td>
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<td>-9021</td>
<td>An error occurred while converting the folder %1. Type: %2</td>
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<td>-9022</td>
<td>The folder type %1 is invalid. The folder %2 was not converted.</td>
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<td>-9025</td>
<td>The custom action type %1 is invalid. The custom action %2 was not converted.</td>
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<td>-9026</td>
<td>A component for the source file %1 of the custom action %2 was not found.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the file types.</td>
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<td>-9028</td>
<td>An error occurred while converting the file extension %1. Type: %2</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>The file extension type %1 is invalid. The file extension %2 was not converted.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the verb <code>%1</code>. Type: <code>%2</code></td>
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<td>The verb type <code>%1</code> is invalid. The verb <code>%2</code> was not converted.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio project file. To resolve this error, request <a href="#">technical support</a>.</td>
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<td>-9032</td>
<td>A command is not specified for the file extension <code>%1</code>. The file extension was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if the Command property for the specified file type was left blank in the File Types Editor in Visual Studio. The warning alerts you that InstallShield could not configure the file extension during the conversion process. To resolve this issue, specify a command for the file type in Visual Studio, and then convert the Visual Studio setup project to an InstallShield project. Otherwise, you can add and configure the file extension in the File Types area of the Components view in InstallShield.</td>
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<td>-9033</td>
<td>A component for the command <code>%1</code> of the file extension <code>%2</code> not found. The file extension was not converted.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio setup or merge module project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio setup project file. To resolve this error, request <a href="#">technical support</a>.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the registries.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio setup or merge module project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio setup project file. To resolve this error, request <a href="#">technical support</a>.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the registry key <code>%1</code>. Type: <code>%2</code></td>
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<td>The registry key type <code>%1</code> is invalid. The registry key <code>%2</code> was not converted.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the registry value <code>%1</code>. Type: <code>%2</code></td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the shortcuts.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the shortcut %1. Type: %2</td>
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<td>The shortcut type %1 is invalid. The shortcut %2 was not converted.</td>
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<td>-9042</td>
<td>The shortcut target %1 is invalid. The shortcut %2 was not converted.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the launch conditions.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio setup or merge module project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio setup project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the launch condition %1. Type: %2</td>
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<td>The launch condition type %1 is invalid. The launch condition %2 was not converted.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio setup or merge module project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio setup project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>-9046</td>
<td>An error occurred while converting the locators.</td>
<td>This error may occur if the Visual Studio setup or merge module project file is corrupted or if InstallShield cannot correctly read the Visual Studio setup project file. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>The locator type %1 is invalid. The locator %2 was not converted.</td>
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<td>An error occurred while converting the product icon.</td>
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<td>-9050</td>
<td>The project language &quot;%1&quot; is not installed in InstallShield. The language was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you convert a Visual Studio project that includes support for a language, but InstallShield does not have built-in support for that language.</td>
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<td>-9052</td>
<td>File type %1 specifies no extensions. The file type was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if the Extensions property for the specified file type was left blank in the File Types Editor in Visual Studio. The warning alerts you that InstallShield could not configure the file extension during the import or conversion process. To resolve this issue, specify one or more file extensions for the file type in Visual Studio, and then convert or import the Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project. Otherwise, you can add and configure the file extension in the Advanced Settings area of the Components view in InstallShield after you have converted or imported the Visual Studio project.</td>
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<td>-9053</td>
<td>Launch condition %1 specifies no conditions. The launch condition was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if the Condition property for the specified launch condition was left blank in the Launch Conditions Editor in Visual Studio. The warning alerts you that InstallShield could not configure the launch condition during the import or conversion process. To resolve this issue, specify a condition in Visual Studio, and then convert or import the Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project. Otherwise, you can add and configure the launch condition in the General Information view in InstallShield after you have converted or imported the Visual Studio project.</td>
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<td>File search '%1' specifies no file names. The file search was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if the FileName property for the specified file search was left blank in the Launch Conditions Editor in Visual Studio. The warning alerts you that InstallShield could not configure the file search during the import or conversion process. To resolve this issue, specify the file name for the file search in Visual Studio, and then convert or import the Visual Studio project into an InstallShield project. Otherwise, you can add and configure the file search in the System Search view in InstallShield after you have converted or imported the Visual Studio project.</td>
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<td>Feature '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The feature was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular feature and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains that feature. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once.</td>
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<td>Directory '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The folder '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular folder and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains that folder. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the Files and Folders view to ensure that the folder that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>-9057</td>
<td>File key '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The file '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a file that is associated with a particular file key and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains a file with that same file key. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the Files area of the Components view to ensure that the file that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project. Note that the Direct Editor view shows the file key that is associated with each file in your project. The file keys are the primary keys of the File table in the .msi database; the File table cannot contain duplicate file keys.</td>
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<td>Shortcut key '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The shortcut '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a shortcut that is associated with a particular shortcut key and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains a shortcut with that same shortcut key. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the Shortcuts view to ensure that the shortcut that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>-9059</td>
<td>Extension '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The file type '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular file extension and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains that same file extension. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the Advanced Settings area of the Components view to ensure that the file extension that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>-9060</td>
<td>Registry key '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The registry entry 'Key: %2 Value: %3 Data: %4' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular registry entry and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains that same registry entry. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the Registry view to ensure that the registry entry that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>-9061</td>
<td>Custom action '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The custom action named '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular custom action and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains a custom action with that same name. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the Custom Actions and Sequences view to ensure that the custom action that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>Launch condition '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The launch condition named '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular launch condition and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains a launch condition with that same name. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the Install Condition setting in the General Information view to ensure that the launch condition that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>-9063</td>
<td>RegLocator '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The registry search '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular registry search and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains a registry search with that same name. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the System Search view to ensure that the registry search that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>-9064</td>
<td>DrLocator '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The file search '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular file or folder search and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains a file or folder search with that same name. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the System Search view to ensure that the file or folder search that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>-9065</td>
<td>CompLocator '%1' already exists in the InstallShield project. The Windows Installer search '%2' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a particular file or folder search and you import that project into an InstallShield project that already contains a file or folder search with that same name. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the System Search view to ensure that the file or folder search that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project.</td>
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| -9070                   | An error occurred while converting the prerequisites. | This error occurs if you import a Visual Studio setup project that contains a prerequisite but InstallShield encounters a problem when trying to map the Visual Studio prerequisite to an equivalent InstallShield prerequisite.  
To resolve this error, request technical support, or consider creating an InstallShield prerequisite that installs the required redistributable, and add that InstallShield prerequisite to your project. For more information, see Defining InstallShield Prerequisites and Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects. |
| -9071                   | InstallShield has no equivalent InstallShield prerequisite for '%1'. The prerequisite was not converted. | This warning occurs if you import a Visual Studio setup project that contains a prerequisite but InstallShield does not have an equivalent InstallShield prerequisite.  
To resolve this warning, consider creating an InstallShield prerequisite that installs the required redistributable, and add that InstallShield prerequisite to your project. For more information, see Defining InstallShield Prerequisites and Working with InstallShield Prerequisites that Are Included in Installation Projects. |
| -9074                   | An error occurred while converting the project outputs. | This error occurs if you convert a Visual Studio setup or merge module project that contains one or more project outputs but InstallShield encounters a problem when incorporating the project outputs into the InstallShield project.  
To resolve this error, request technical support. |
| -9075                   | An error occurred while converting the project output '%1'. Type: %2 | This error occurs if you convert a Visual Studio setup or merge module project that contains one or more project outputs but InstallShield encounters a problem when incorporating the project outputs into the InstallShield project.  
To resolve this error, request technical support. |
| -9076                   | The project output type '%1' is invalid. The project output '%2' was not converted. | This error occurs if you convert a Visual Studio setup or merge module project that contains one or more project outputs but one of the project outputs is invalid.  
To resolve this error, review the project output in your Visual Studio project, and try to resolve any issues with it. Then convert the Visual Studio project to an InstallShield project. |
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<td>File key ‘%1’ already exists in the InstallShield project. The project output ‘%2’ was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you have a Visual Studio project that contains a project output that has a file that is associated with a particular file key, and you import that project into a InstallShield project that already contains a file with that same file key. This scenario may occur if you import the same Visual Studio project into your InstallShield project more than once. If you encounter this warning, check the Files and Folders view to ensure that the file that is identified in the warning message is not missing from your InstallShield project. Note that the Direct Editor view shows the file key that is associated with each file in your project. The file keys are the primary keys of the <code>File</code> table in the .msi database; the <code>File</code> table cannot contain duplicate file keys.</td>
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<td>-9078</td>
<td>The InstallShield project is not in a Visual Studio solution. The project output ‘%1’ was not converted.</td>
<td>This error occurs if your InstallShield project is open in InstallShield, but not from within Visual Studio, and you try to import a Visual Studio project that contains project outputs into the InstallShield project. To resolve this error, open your InstallShield project from within Visual Studio, and then import the Visual Studio project into it.</td>
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<td>-9079</td>
<td>The Visual Studio project ‘%1’ could not be found in the current Visual Studio solution. The project output ‘%2’ was not converted.</td>
<td>If you want to import into an InstallShield project a Visual Studio setup or merge module project that contains a project output, the Visual Studio project must be in the same solution as all of its project dependencies. Otherwise, this error occurs when you try to import the Visual Studio project. To resolve this error, ensure that your InstallShield project is in the same Visual Studio solution that contains the Visual Studio setup or merge module project that you are importing. In addition, ensure that the solution also includes all of the other Visual Studio projects that are dependencies of the Visual Studio setup or merge module project. Then you can import the Visual Studio setup or merge module project into your InstallShield project.</td>
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<td>-9080</td>
<td>The project output group ‘%1’ could not be found in the Visual Studio project ‘%2’. The project output ‘%3’ was not converted.</td>
<td>This error occurs if you convert a Visual Studio setup or merge module project that contains a project output group but InstallShield encounters a problem when incorporating a project output of that group into the InstallShield project. To resolve this error, request technical support.</td>
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<td>File '%1' is specified to be excluded from a setup or merge module. The file was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you import into an InstallShield project a Visual Studio setup or merge module project that contains a file whose Exclude property is set to True. If you want the specified file to be excluded from your InstallShield project, you can ignore this warning. If you want the specified file to be included in your InstallShield project, you can use the Files and Folders view in InstallShield to add it. For more information, see Adding to Your Project Files to Be Installed on Target Systems.</td>
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<td>-9082</td>
<td>Project output '%1' is specified to be excluded from a setup or merge module. The project output was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you import into an InstallShield project a Visual Studio setup or merge module project that contains a file in a project output, and True is selected for the Exclude property of that file. If you want the specified file to be excluded from your InstallShield project, you can ignore this warning. If you want the specified file to be included in your InstallShield project, you can use the Files and Folders view in InstallShield to add it. For more information, see Adding References to Visual Studio Solutions.</td>
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<td>-9083</td>
<td>Visual Studio default launch conditions are not supported in InstallShield. The launch condition named '%1' was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you import into InstallShield project a Visual Studio setup or merge module project that contains a default launch condition. If you want the specified launch condition to be excluded from your InstallShield project, you can ignore this warning. If you want to add a launch condition to your InstallShield project to check the target system for the default launch condition that Visual Studio added to the original project, you can use the System Search view in InstallShield to add it. For more information, see Adding a System Search.</td>
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<td>MinDate '%1' for the file search named '%2' is not valid. The MinDate property was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you attempt to import or convert a Visual Studio setup that has a file search with an invalid value for the MinDate property. To resolve this warning: 1. Open the System Search view in InstallShield. 2. Right-click the file search and then click Modify. The System Search Wizard opens. 3. On the second panel of this wizard, click the Details button. The File Details dialog box opens. 4. Enter the appropriate details.</td>
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<td>-9087</td>
<td>MaxDate '%1' for the file search named '%2' is not valid. The MaxDate property was not converted.</td>
<td>This warning occurs if you attempt to import or convert a Visual Studio setup that has a file search with an invalid value for the MaxDate property. To resolve this warning: 1. Open the System Search view in InstallShield. 2. Right-click the file search and then click Modify. The System Search Wizard opens. 3. On the second panel of this wizard, click the Details button. The File Details dialog box opens. 4. Enter the appropriate details.</td>
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<td>InstallShield does not have support for converting Visual Studio Web Setup projects into InstallShield projects.</td>
<td>This error occurs if you attempt to import or convert a Visual Studio Web setup project in InstallShield, since InstallShield does not have support for this conversion. If you encounter this type of error, consider creating a new project in InstallShield and using the Internet Information Services view to manage an IIS Web site on a target system.</td>
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<td>InstallShield does not have support for converting Visual Studio CAB projects into InstallShield projects.</td>
<td>This error occurs if you attempt to import or convert a Visual Studio CAB setup project in InstallShield, since InstallShield does not have support for this conversion.</td>
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<td>The Visual Studio project type could not be identified. Therefore, the project was not converted.</td>
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<td>Could not extract the InstallShield Professional project version.</td>
<td>Make sure the project you are trying to convert is InstallShield Professional version 5.5 or later. If your setup was created using an earlier version of InstallShield Professional, visit the Support Web site for help.</td>
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<td>Could not find key LanguageSupport under section [Language] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>The languages your InstallShield Professional setup support could not be determined. You need to define the supported languages manually.</td>
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<td>Could not find key ProductName under section [Data] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>The name of your InstallShield Professional project could not be determined. You need to enter this information manually in the Subject field of the Summary Information Stream.</td>
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<td>Could not find key Author under section [Data] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
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<td>Could not find key Version under section [Data] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>The version of your setup project could not be determined. You must manually enter this information in the Product Version setting of the General Information view.</td>
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<td>Could not find key HomeUrl under section [Data] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>The URL for your application could not be determined. You need to enter this information in one or all of the following settings in the General Information view: Publisher/Product URL, Support URL, and Product Update URL.</td>
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See Also
Converting or Importing Visual Studio Projects into InstallShield Projects

Upgrade Errors (Upgrading from InstallShield Professional)

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<td>Could not find key CompanyName under section [Data] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>Your Company Name could not be read from the InstallShield Professional project file. You need to manually enter this information in the Publisher setting in the General Information view.</td>
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<td>-68</td>
<td>Could not find key InstallationGuid under section [Data] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>The GUID of your installation could not be determined. A new GUID has been created for you in the Product Code setting in the General Information view. If you have the original GUID for your setup, you can overwrite the new GUID generated for you.</td>
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<td>-69</td>
<td>Could not find key CurrentFileGroupDef under section [Data] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>A reference to your project’s file groups could not be found. Verify your InstallShield Professional’s file group settings, save your project, and try upgrading your project again.</td>
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<td>Could not find key CurrentComponentDef under section [Data] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>A reference to your project’s components could not be found. Verify your InstallShield Professional project’s component settings, save your project, and try upgrading your project again.</td>
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<td>Could not find key Platforms under section &lt;SectionName&gt; in file &lt;.ipr file&gt;</td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>Could not find key Password under section &lt;SectionName&gt; in file &lt;.ipr file&gt;</td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>Warning: The Copyright, Department, Email, and Summary settings are not used.</td>
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<td>Warning: The Descriptions.txt, Instructions.txt, and Notes.txt files are not used.</td>
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<td>Warning: Use the Source Control option in the Project menu to add your project to source control.</td>
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<td>Could not find key SELFREGISTERING under section &lt;FileGroupName&gt; in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>Error determining if your file groups are self-registering. By default, your new components created from this file group are not marked as self-registering. You can change this setting in the property page for the appropriate component.</td>
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<td>-242</td>
<td>Could not find key TARGET under section &lt;FileGroupName&gt; in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>The Target directory of one of your file groups could not be determined. The component or components created from this file group point to &lt;INSTALLDIR&gt; by default. You can change this setting in the appropriate component’s Destination property.</td>
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<td>-243</td>
<td>Could not find key LANGUAGE under section &lt;FileGroupName&gt; in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>The target languages for one of your file groups could not be determined. The component created from this file group will be language independent. You can change this setting in the appropriate component’s Languages property.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-244</td>
<td>Could not find key FOLDER under section [DYNAMIC] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>A reference to your dynamic file links could not be found for one of your file groups. As a result, none of the files referenced by that dynamic link were migrated. You can either open your InstallShield Professional project and verify your dynamic link settings, or manually add these files to your new project.</td>
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<td>-245</td>
<td>Could not find key INCLUDESUBDIR under section [DYNAMIC] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>It could not be determined if subfolders were to be included as part of your dynamic link for one of your file groups. As a result, no subfolders are included in your new project. You can either open your InstallShield Professional project and verify your dynamic link settings, or manually add these files to your new project.</td>
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<td>-246</td>
<td>Could not find key WILDCARD under section [DYNAMIC] in file &lt;FileName&gt;</td>
<td>The wildcards you specified for one of your dynamic links could not be read. As a result, all files included in the dynamic link’s specified directory were added to your setup. You can either open your InstallShield Professional project and verify your dynamic link settings, or manually remove unwanted files from your new project.</td>
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<td>-247</td>
<td>Could not find key FILETYPE under section &lt;SectionName&gt; in file &lt;Path&gt;\Default.fdf</td>
<td>It could not be determined if one of your file groups was marked as shared. As a result, the components created from that file group are not marked as shared. To change this setting, change the appropriate component’s Shared property to Yes.</td>
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<td>Could not find key Folder under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-281</td>
<td>Error opening file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.fdf</code></td>
<td>A reference to your file groups could not be found. Verify your file group settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and open your project in InstallShield 2020 again.</td>
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<td>-282</td>
<td>Error Opening file: <code>&lt;FileName&gt;</code></td>
<td>The upgrade could not locate one of your file groups. Therefore, no files associated with that file group were added to your setup. Verify your file group settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and open your project in InstallShield 2020 again.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-283</td>
<td>Could not find section [FILEGROUPS] in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.fdf</code></td>
<td>A reference to your file groups could not be found. Verify your file group settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and open your project in InstallShield 2020 again.</td>
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<td>-284</td>
<td>Could not find section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.fdf</code></td>
<td>One of your file groups could not be found. As a result, none of the files associated with that file group were added to your project. Verify your file group settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and open your project in InstallShield 2020 again.</td>
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<td>Could not find key FILETYPE under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.fdf</code></td>
<td>InstallShield could not determine if the files for one of your file groups was linked to dynamically or statically. As a result, none of that file group’s files were added to your setup. Verify your file group settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and open your project in InstallShield again.</td>
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<td>Could not find section [DYNAMIC] in file <code>&lt;FileName&gt;</code></td>
<td>InstallShield could not determine if the files for one of your file groups was linked to dynamically or statically. As a result, none of that file group’s files were added to your setup. Verify your file group settings in your InstallShield Professional, save, and open your project in InstallShield again.</td>
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<td>-301</td>
<td>Could not find key DESCRIPTION under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.cdf</code></td>
<td>The Description property for one of your components could not be read. Enter this information manually in the Description property for the feature created from your component.</td>
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Message

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-302

Could not find key DISPLAYTEXT
under section <SectionName> in
file <Path>\Default.cdf

The display name for one of your components could not be
read. Enter this information manually in the Display Name
property for the feature created from your component.

-303

Could not find key COMMENT
under section <SectionName> in
file <Path>\Default.cdf

The comments for one of your component could not be
found. Enter this information manually in the Comments
property of the appropriate component.

-306

Could not find key <KeyName>
under section <SectionName> in
file <.ipr file>.

If your project was created with a version of InstallShield
Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you
can ignore this warning.

-341

Error Opening file:
<Path<\Default.cdf

There was an error importing your components. As a result,
no features were created. Verify the component settings in
your InstallShield Professional, save, and open your project
in InstallShield again.

-342

Could not find section
[COMPONENTS] in file
<Path>\Default.cdf

There was an error importing your components. As a result,
no features were created. Verify the component settings in
your InstallShield Professional project, save, and open your
project in InstallShield again.

-343

Could not find section
<SectionName> in file
<Path>\Default.cdf

There was an error importing one of your components. As a
result, that component was not migrated. Verify the
component settings in your InstallShield Professional
project, save, and open your project in InstallShield again.

-401

Error opening file
<Path>\Default.reg

The registry information associated with your InstallShield
Professional project could not be read. As a result, no
registry information was migrated. Verify the registry
settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and
open your project in InstallShield again.

-402

Could not find section [DATA] in
file <Path>\Default.re

The registry information associated with your InstallShield
Professional project could not be read. As a result, no
registry information was migrated. Verify the registry
settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and
open your project in InstallShield again.

-403

Could not find section
<SectionName> in file
<Path>\Default.re

A portion of your registry information could not be read. As
a result, that registry data was not migrated. Verify the
registry settings in your InstallShield Professional project,
save, and open your project in InstallShield again.

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<td>Could not find section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.re</code></td>
<td>A portion of your registry information could not be read. As a result, that registry data was not migrated. Verify the registry settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and open your project in InstallShield again.</td>
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<td>-421</td>
<td>Could not find key TARGET under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The target for one of your shortcuts could not be determined. Manually enter this information in the Target property of the appropriate shortcut.</td>
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<td>-422</td>
<td>Could not find key ICONFILE under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The icon for one of your shortcuts could not be determined. Manually enter this information in the Icon File property of the appropriate shortcut.</td>
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<td>-423</td>
<td>Could not find key ICONINDEX under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The icon index for one of your shortcuts could not be determined. Manually enter this information in the Icon Index property of the appropriate shortcut.</td>
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<td>-424</td>
<td>Could not find key DISPLAYTEXT under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The shortcut text for one of your shortcuts could not be determined. Manually enter this information in the Display Name property of the appropriate shortcut.</td>
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<td>-425</td>
<td>Could not find key PARAMETERS under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The arguments for one of your shortcuts could not be determined. Manually enter this information in the Arguments property of the appropriate shortcut.</td>
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<td>-426</td>
<td>Could not find key SHORTCUTKEY under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The shortcut key for one of your shortcuts could not be determined. Manually enter this information in the Hot Key property of the appropriate shortcut.</td>
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<td>-427</td>
<td>Could not find key STARTIN under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The start in directory for one of your shortcuts could not be determined. Manually enter this information in the Working Directory property for the appropriate shortcut.</td>
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<td>-428</td>
<td>Could not find key COMMENTS under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The comments for one of your shortcuts could not be read. Manually enter this information in the Comments property for the appropriate shortcut.</td>
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<td>-429</td>
<td>Could not find key RUN under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The Run property of one of your shortcuts could not be read. This property will be set to Normal by default in the appropriate shortcut’s Run property.</td>
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<td>-430</td>
<td>Could not find key Type under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>Could not find key Uninstall under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>Could not find key DisplayText under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-433</td>
<td>Could not find key Shared under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-434</td>
<td>Could not find key Replace under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-435</td>
<td>Could not find key InternetShortcut under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-440</td>
<td>Could not find key EngineBinding under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-441</td>
<td>Could not find key UpdateMode under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>Could not find key UpdateService under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-443</td>
<td>Could not find key LogFile under section <code>&lt;SectionName&gt;</code> in file <code>&lt;ipr file&gt;</code></td>
<td>If your project was created with a version of InstallShield Professional earlier than InstallShield Professional 7.0, you can ignore this warning.</td>
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<td>-461</td>
<td>Error opening file <code>&lt;Path&gt;\Default.shl</code></td>
<td>The shell object information associated with your InstallShield Professional project could not be read. As a result, no shortcuts were created. Verify that the shell object settings in your InstallShield Professional project, save, and open the project in InstallShield again.</td>
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Because of the differences in architecture between InstallShield Professional and InstallShield 2020, upgrading your installation project might involve some manual adjustment.

If you need to manually adjust settings within your project, a warning appears in the Output window after your project is upgraded. Refer to the associated help topic to learn what you need to do. (cont.)

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<td>-289</td>
<td>File link does not exist for a dynamically linked file.</td>
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<td>-305</td>
<td>The <code>Include In Build</code> property for the InstallShield Professional component could not be directly migrated.</td>
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See Also
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<td>-480</td>
<td>The Shared attribute can be set for only the key file of a component.</td>
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<td>-481</td>
<td>The Shared attribute can be set for only the key file of a component. A dynamically linked file cannot be a key file.</td>
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<td>-486</td>
<td>Shortcut icons must be linked to at design time.</td>
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<td>-487</td>
<td>In InstallShield 2020, installation of files is done according to file versioning rules.</td>
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<td>-488</td>
<td>An obsolete event was encountered in your script.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-495</td>
<td>The ODBC core is not installed by default. If you need this functionality in your setup project, navigate to the Redistributables view and select the MDAC merge module.</td>
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See Also
Upgrade Warnings (Upgrading from InstallShield Professional)

Upgrade Warning 289: File Link Does Not Exist for Dynamically Linked File

InstallShield 2020

In InstallShield Professional, dynamically linking to your source files allows you to add the contents of complete folders and subfolders to your setup without hard-coding paths or file names. If you add files to the source folder or remove files, the list of included files was dynamically updated when you build your release.

Upgrading to InstallShield 2020

When you upgrade an InstallShield Professional project to InstallShield 2020, and include a file via dynamic file linking that does not exist, Upgrade Warning 289 appears. The warning informs you that a file link has been created, but the file does not exist.

Upgrade Warning -305: Include In Build Property for the InstallShield Professional Component Could Not Be Directly Migrated

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If a component in your InstallShield Professional project had its Include In Build property set to No, the corresponding feature will have its Release Flags property set to EXCLUDEFROMBUILD. To exclude the feature from your setup, you need to manually set a release flag in the Releases view or the Filtering Settings panel of the Release Wizard.

Note • Because the release flag in the Releases view indicates which features to include in the setup, the flag you specify in the Releases view must be something other than EXCLUDEFROMBUILD.
Upgrade Warning -480: Incrementing the Shared .dll Reference Count for Files in a File Group

InstallsHield 2020

In InstallShield Professional versions 6.x and earlier, setting the shared property for a file group resulted in incrementing the shared .dll reference count for all files in that file group on installation. This upgrade migrates this setting to the shared attribute of the component created, in InstallShield 2020, for this file group.

Shared .dll Reference Count Behavior

In InstallShield 2020, setting the shared attribute of a component results in incrementing of the shared .dll reference count of only the key file for that component. By definition, there can be only one key file per component. In order to increment the shared reference count for multiple files, each file requires its own component and the file must be the key file in that component.

Note • For .exe, .dll, and .ocx files, you can use the Component Wizard to quickly create components for large numbers of files.

In InstallShield 2020, even if a file is not marked as shared, if a shared .dll reference count already exists for a file, it is automatically incremented by the installation of that file and decremented by the uninstallation of that file.

Additionally, reference counts are maintained for components based on the component GUID (or Component Code property). Therefore, the shared property of a component is useful only where there might be file sharing with legacy installations, or if other components with differing component GUIDs install this file.

Upgrade Warning -481: Incrementing the Shared DLL Reference Count for Dynamically Linked Files in a File Group

InstallsHield 2020

In InstallShield Professional version 6.x and previous, setting the shared property for a file group which contained a dynamic file link resulted in incrementing the shared DLL reference count for all files in that file group on installation—regardless of the file link type. This upgrade migrates this setting to the shared attribute of the component created, in InstallShield 2020, for this file group.

Shared DLL Reference Count Behavior

In InstallShield 2020, setting the shared attribute of a component results in incrementing of the shared DLL reference count of only the key file for that component. Because dynamically linked files cannot be used as key files, the shared reference count is not incremented for any of the component’s files.

A component can have only one key file. Therefore, in order to increment the shared reference count for multiple files, each file must be in its own component and the file must be the component’s key file. Files must be statically linked if you want the reference count to increment the shared DLL reference count for each file.
Note • For EXE, DLL and OCX files, you can use the Component Wizard to quickly create components for large numbers of files.

In InstallShield 2020—even if a file is not marked as shared—if a shared DLL reference count already exists for a file, it is automatically incremented by the installation of that file and decremented by the uninstallation of that file.

Additionally, reference counts are maintained for components based on the component GUID (or Component Code property). Therefore, the shared property of a component is useful only where there might be file sharing with legacy installations, or if other components with differing component GUIDs install this file.

Upgrade Warning -486: Specifying Shortcut Icons

InstallShield 2020

Shortcut Creation in InstallShield Professional

In InstallShield Professional version 6.x and earlier, shortcut icons were authored from the target machine’s perspective. For example, if the shortcut’s icon was installed to <TARGETDIR>\MyIcon.ico, that was the qualified path specified for the shortcut icon. At run time, the shortcut creation process would bind to the icon on the target machine.

Shortcut Creation

In InstallShield 2020, shortcut icons must be linked to at design time. Instead of specifying a path on the target machine as the icon file, the project file must specify a path on the build machine as the icon file. The build engine then creates a separate stream for your icon in the installation. The installation then uses that stream at run time during its icon creation process. This means that the setup no longer has to install the icon it is using for its shortcuts.

When upgrading your InstallShield Professional projects, InstallShield 2020 attempts to match the target icon path with a file that exists in your setup project. If unable to do so, this warning is displayed.

Correcting the Path to the Shortcut Icon

Tip • To correct the shortcut icon path:

1. Go to the Shortcuts view in the IDE and click the shortcut specified in the warning message.

2. In the Icon File property field, browse to the icon file.

Note • Shortcut icons are required in InstallShield 2020. If an icon is not specified, the build engine uses the first icon index of the shortcut’s target file as the shortcut icon.
Upgrade Warning -487: Overwriting Files Upon Installation

InstallShield 2020

**Installing Files Based on the File Group’s Overwrite Property**

In InstallShield Professional version 6.x and earlier, you had the ability to set overwrite properties for individual file groups. One file group could install files based on date, while another installed files only if the file version is older than the file version on the target machine.

**Installing Files Based on File Versioning Rules**

InstallShield 2020 uses a methodology called file versioning rules to determine which files need to be installed on the target machine. The only option at the component level to override file versioning rules is to set the Never Overwrite property to Yes.

**File Versioning Alternatives**

Although the default file versioning rules are satisfactory for most applications, there might be cases where an application's requirements necessitate that you control the rules used to decide if a file should be overwritten. To this end, there are a couple of alternatives to file versioning that can be used either individually or in conjunction with each other to modify file versioning rules.

**REINSTALLMODE**

The REINSTALLMODE technique for overriding file versioning rules is a global mechanism for establishing custom versioning rules. Using this technique affects versioning rules for all files in the installation.

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Open the Property Manager.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Create a property called REINSTALLMODE.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Set the value of this property based on the option codes specified for the REINSTALLMODE property.</td>
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The installer reads this property at install time and uses its settings to override file versioning. This setting is also used by the installer during a reinstallation or repair of the application.

**Companion Files**

The companion files technique for overriding file versioning rules enables you to configure a file so that it installs based on the installation of a companion file. This technique is useful when it makes sense to bind the installation states of several files together.

For example, you can bind a non-versioned user data file to a versioned .exe file. If the .exe is not installed, the user data is not installed.
Upgrade Warning -488: Obsolete Event Encountered in Script File

An obsolete event was encountered in your script file. While most InstallShield Professional script events are supported in InstallShield 2020, there are some that are not available.

Events With Comparable Functionality

- OnInstallingFile
- OnUninstallingFile

These two events have been replaced with the OnInstallFilesActionBefore and OnInstallFilesActionAfter. These events are called in Install, Uninstall, and Maintenance modes.

The OnInstallFilesActionBefore event is called when the installation is preparing to add or remove files from the target machine based on the Action state of the component containing those files. On uninstall, all related actions that require the source file have already been performed—such as removing any shortcuts to the file and unregistering the file’s COM data.

The OnInstallFilesActionAfter event is called when the installation has finished adding or removing files from the target machine. On Install, the related install actions for a file have yet to be performed, such as the registration of NT Services and creation of ODBC entries.

Note: When using the OnInstallFilesActionBefore and OnInstallFilesActionAfter events, you can use the Windows Installer API function MsiGetComponentState to determine the action state of a component.

Event with Partial Support

The OnSelfRegistrationError event is called if you are using the XCopyFile function to copy your application files to the source media.

Unsupported Events

The following events are not supported in InstallShield 2020:

- OnFileReadOnly
- OnFileLocked
- OnNextDisk
- OnRemovingSharedFile
- OnFileError
- OnInternetError
- OnMD5Error
Upgrade Warning 495: ODBC Core Not Installed by Default

The ODBC core is not installed by default. If this is required by your setup project, select the MDAC merge module from the Redistributables view.

MDAC Prerequisite for ODBC Installation

Although InstallShield Professional provided an object that installed the ODBC core as well as ODBC drivers, InstallShield 2020 does not directly support this functionality. Because Microsoft requires you to install ODBC as a subset of MDAC, the Windows Installer does not support direct installation of the ODBC core.

Upgrade Errors and Warnings (Upgrading from InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition)

This table provides tips for troubleshooting errors and warnings that may occur when you upgrade a project (.ism file) created using a version of InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition to InstallShield.

Table 13-14 • Upgrade Errors and Warnings

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<td>This error occurs if you are upgrading a project that has a registry value set as a keypath for a component.</td>
<td>You cannot set a registry value as a keypath for a component. To avoid this error, remove that keypath from the component and attempt the upgrade again.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-201</td>
<td>This error occurs if your project contains a component with duplicate file names in it. The upgrader keeps only one of these files and deletes the rest.</td>
<td>To avoid this problem, make sure that you do not have duplicate file names within the same component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2007</td>
<td>These errors occur if the upgrader cannot read information from the old table structure, or it cannot write information to the new table structure.</td>
<td>Once the file has been upgraded, you need to navigate to the areas that failed and reinsert your settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2011</td>
<td>The scripting billboard is no longer supported in the Basic MSI project. This property is not being upgraded.</td>
<td>To add support for this property after your project is upgraded, you can convert your project to an InstallScript MSI project and add your billboards in the Support Files/Billboards view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-14 • Upgrade Errors and Warnings (cont.)

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<th>Error or Warning Number</th>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Troubleshooting Tips</th>
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<tr>
<td>-6021</td>
<td>The path variable cannot contain apostrophes, which are invalid characters. The name is being changed.</td>
<td>To build your project successfully, update all references to this path variable after the project is upgraded.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-6022</td>
<td>Could not open the MSI file specified in a custom action. The source property is not being converted.</td>
<td>To build your project successfully, enter the product code of the MSI file in the custom action’s Source property after the project is upgraded.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-6023</td>
<td>The necessary code page is not installed on your system. The associated string table values are not being upgraded correctly.</td>
<td>Install the appropriate code page prior to project upgrade.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-6026</td>
<td>This error occurs if you have a user-defined path variable in your InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition project that is the same as a predefined path variable in InstallShield.</td>
<td>To upgrade successfully, remove the user-defined path variable in the InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition project and upgrade your project to InstallShield. After upgrading, open your project in InstallShield and create a new path variable that is equivalent to the user-defined path variable. Update all references in the InstallShield project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-6031</td>
<td>The property name &quot;sOldPropertyName&quot; contains invalid characters. The name is being changed to &quot;sNewPropertyName.&quot; To build your project successfully, update all references to that property name after your project is upgraded.</td>
<td>After your project upgrades, change all references to the old property name to the new property name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Upgrading Projects Created with InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition

HRESULT Values for Windows Installer Run-time Errors

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ISRegSrv.dll is the InstallShield DLL that is called from custom actions to register and unregister self-registering files on the target system. The DLL displays the Windows Installer run-time error 1904 or 1905 when it fails for particular reasons.


[3] could be one of InstallShield’s custom HRESULTs.

Table 13-15 • HRESULT Values for Windows Installer Run-time Errors

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<th>HRESULT</th>
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<tr>
<td>-2147220475</td>
<td>Invalid file extension as a self-register file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147220474</td>
<td>Executable file extension, but not actually an executable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147220473</td>
<td>Generic registration failure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-2147220472</td>
<td>Generic unregistration failure.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Windows Installer Error Messages (Windows Installer Help Library)
Windows Installer Error Messages (Windows Installer Help Library)

DIFxAPI Errors (InstallScript Projects)

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This table lists DIFxAPI errors that can be returned calling DIFx driver functions. If the return value from a DIFx driver function is a Win32 error (a positive return value), ISERR_WIN_BASE is added to the error so that it is less than ISERR_SUCCESS. For the most updated documentation on Win32 errors, see the MSDN Library.

Table 13-16 • DIFxAPI Errors (InstallScript)

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<tr>
<th>Return Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISERR_ISERVICE_NOT_ENABLED</td>
<td>Indicates that DIFx support has not been enabled or was disabled using Disable (SERVICE_DIFX_*) For information on enabling DIFx support, see Installing Device Drivers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISERR_WIN_BASE + ERROR_INVALID_FUNCTION</td>
<td>Indicates that the difxapi.dll was not found (in SUPPORTDIR) or that an exported function could not be found. Verify that you have enabled DIFx support in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_DEPENDENT_APPLICATIONS_EXIST</td>
<td>The function removed an association between the driver package and the specified application but the function did not uninstall the driver package because other applications are associated with the driver package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISERR_WIN_BASE + ERROR_ALREADY_EXISTS</td>
<td>The driver package is already preinstalled and was not preinstalled again.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISERR_WIN_BASE + ERROR_INSUFFICIENT_BUFFER</td>
<td>The pDestInfPath buffer is not large enough to retrieve the requested .inf file path.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### Table 13-16 • DIFxAPI Errors (InstallScript) (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>ISERR_WIN_BASE + ERROR_FILE_NOT_FOUND</td>
<td>The specified .inf file was not found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_DRIVER_PACKAGE_NOT_IN_STORE</td>
<td>An .inf file does not exist in the driver store that corresponds to the .inf file specified by DriverPackageInfPath.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISERR_WIN_BASE + ERROR_NO_MORE_ITEMS</td>
<td>This error code applies only if the DRIVER_PACKAGE_ONLY_IF_DEVICE_PRESENT constant is specified but the DRIVER_PACKAGE_FORCE constant is not specified. In this case, the function did not preinstall the specified driver package because, although the specified driver package matched devices in the device tree, the driver already installed for each such device is a better match for the device than the specified driver package. This applies to present and nonpresent devices.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_NO_SUCH_DEVINST</td>
<td>This error code applies only if the DRIVER_PACKAGE_ONLY_IF_DEVICE_PRESENT constant is specified. The function did not preinstall the specified driver package because the driver package does not match a device in the device tree. This applies to present and nonpresent devices.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_NO_DEVICE_ID</td>
<td>The driver package does not specify a hardware ID or compatible ID that is supported by the current platform.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_MISSING_FILE</td>
<td>The function did not preinstall the driver package because files referenced by the .inf file could not be found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISERR_WIN_BASE + ERROR_CANNOT_MAKE</td>
<td>The function did not preinstall the driver package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRUST_E_NOSIGNATURE</td>
<td>The driver package is not signed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CERT_E_EXPIRED</td>
<td>The certificate used to sign the driver package is expired.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CERT_E_WRONG_USAGE</td>
<td>The certificate for the driver package is not valid for the requested usage. If the driver package does not have a valid WHQL signature, the function returns this error code in the following two situations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• In response to a driver signing dialog box, the user chose not to install the driver package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• The DRIVER_PACKAGE_SILENT constant is specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CRYPTO_E_FILE_ERROR</td>
<td>The catalog file for the driver package was not found, or possibly, some other error occurred when the function attempted to verify the driver package signature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_INVALID_CATALOG_DATA</td>
<td>The catalog file for the driver package is not valid or was not found.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
"String PRODUCT_NAME was not found in string table" Error

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While converting an InstallScript MSI project to an InstallScript project, you may encounter this error when your setup project does not run during the conversion. You should verify if SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER = @PRODUCT_NAME, is in your script.
**Note** • Setting SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER in OnFirstUIBefore is not necessary. If you have the following line in your script, you should delete it:

```plaintext
SHELL_OBJECT_FOLDER = @PRODUCT_NAME;"
```

### InstallScript Error Information

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The InstallScript compiler displays error messages in the Output window. This window, which is normally positioned near the bottom of the main window, has a Compile tab. If the Output window is not present, on the View menu in InstallShield, click Output.

The following types of error messages are displayed to identify errors in your setup script:

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**See Also**

InstallScript Limits

### InstallScript Syntax or Compiler Errors

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Syntax errors prevent the file Setup.inx from being created and cause the compiler to display one of the error messages in the list below. A single syntax error can cause the compiler to generate more than one error message. The first error message is triggered by the syntax error. The others are triggered because the compiler is not able to resolve the statement or statements that follow the error.

**Tip** • If your script generates more than one syntax error, correct the first one in the list and then recompile. By correcting the first error, you might eliminate one or more of the others.

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<td>C8002</td>
<td>function name expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8003</td>
<td>function has no prototype declaration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8004</td>
<td>identifier already declared</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8005</td>
<td>function was declared as DLL function</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8006</td>
<td>missing '}' after function name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8007</td>
<td>comma expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8008</td>
<td>identifier expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8009</td>
<td>too many parameters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8010</td>
<td>missing right parenthesis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8011</td>
<td>missing 'begin' at start of function</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8012</td>
<td>semicolon expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8013</td>
<td>unexpected end of source file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8014</td>
<td>identifier already defined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8015</td>
<td>member name already defined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8016</td>
<td>undefined label:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8017</td>
<td>expected typedef (struct) name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8018</td>
<td>typedef object illegal in this context</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8019</td>
<td>expected type declaration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8020</td>
<td>parameter list expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8021</td>
<td>missing 'begin' after 'typedef'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8022</td>
<td>comma or semicolon expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8023</td>
<td>right bracket expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8024</td>
<td>invalid array/string size</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8025</td>
<td>undefined identifier</td>
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<td>Message</td>
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<td>C8026</td>
<td>invalid use of identifier</td>
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<tr>
<td>C8027</td>
<td>missing operand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8028</td>
<td>unresolved operator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8031</td>
<td>uncalled function</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8032</td>
<td>missing member reference</td>
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<tr>
<td>C8033</td>
<td>unsubscripted array</td>
</tr>
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<td>C8034</td>
<td>missing expression</td>
</tr>
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<td>C8035</td>
<td>statement label required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8036</td>
<td>too many arguments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8037</td>
<td>variable required</td>
</tr>
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<td>C8038</td>
<td>numeric value required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8039</td>
<td>string value required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8040</td>
<td>incomplete argument list</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8042</td>
<td>string or array type required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8043</td>
<td>typedef pointer type required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8044</td>
<td>typedef type required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8045</td>
<td>member name not found</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8046</td>
<td>numeric variable required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8047</td>
<td>can only take address of variable</td>
</tr>
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<td>C8048</td>
<td>macro name missing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8049</td>
<td>missing expression for #if/#elif</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8050</td>
<td>invalid expression for #if/#elif</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8051</td>
<td>missing end of string literal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8052</td>
<td>macro expansion text too large</td>
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<td>identifier not a #define macro</td>
</tr>
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<td>C8054</td>
<td>include file name missing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8055</td>
<td>#elif not preceded by #if</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8057</td>
<td>#else not preceded by #if</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8058</td>
<td>#endif not preceded by #if</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8059</td>
<td>unrecognized preprocessor command</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8062</td>
<td>constant operand required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8063</td>
<td>input line too long</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8064</td>
<td>unterminated comment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8065</td>
<td>string literal exceeds 255 characters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8066</td>
<td>missing #endif statement at end of file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8067</td>
<td>integer constant too large</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8068</td>
<td>unrecognized character encountered</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8069</td>
<td>preprocessor command must be first on line</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8070</td>
<td>string constant expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8071</td>
<td>colon expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8072</td>
<td>'elseif' cannot follow 'else'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8073</td>
<td>missing 'then' keyword</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8074</td>
<td>'else' clause already encountered</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8075</td>
<td>'default' label already encountered</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8076</td>
<td>multiple case labels for statement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8077</td>
<td>label already defined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8078</td>
<td>label illegal in this 'for' loop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8079</td>
<td>invalid statement</td>
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<td>missing arguments for function</td>
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<td>C8081</td>
<td>invalid result for assignment</td>
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<td>C8082</td>
<td>missing '(' after switch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8083</td>
<td>missing ')' after switch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8084</td>
<td>missing 'case' after switch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8085</td>
<td>missing ‘=’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8086</td>
<td>missing ‘to’ or ‘downto’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8087</td>
<td>cannot return value from program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8088</td>
<td>not inside if statement</td>
</tr>
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<td>C8089</td>
<td>not inside for statement</td>
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<td>C8090</td>
<td>not inside repeat statement</td>
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<td>C8091</td>
<td>not inside while statement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8092</td>
<td>function called but not defined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8093</td>
<td>size required for string in typedef</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8097</td>
<td>syntax error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8098</td>
<td>missing ‘.name’ after DLL name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8099</td>
<td>DLL function name expected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8100</td>
<td>function not defined for this DLL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8101</td>
<td>must specify DLL for this function</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8112</td>
<td>typedef includes instance of self</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8113</td>
<td>local variables cannot be external</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8114</td>
<td>preprocessor user define error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8126</td>
<td>'text' : string variable required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8127</td>
<td>label illegal within try/catch/endcatch</td>
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<td>C8128</td>
<td>goto illegal within try/catch/endcatch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C8522</td>
<td>Access is denied.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
InstallScript Limits

Error C8001

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Message
'program' : multiple main programs defined

Description
The keyword program was encountered after the main program block.

Troubleshooting Tips
A script can contain only one main program block—beginning with the keyword program and ending with the keyword endprogram. Restructure your script to use only one main program block.

If your script consists of multiple source files, this error message occurs if more than one of those source files contains a main program block.

See Also
Declarations
Program Block
The Structure of a Setup Script

Error C8002

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : function name expected

Description
The compiler expected to encounter a function name at the location indicated by text.

Troubleshooting Information
Check for a missing or mistyped function name before a parameter list.
Check for missing semicolons in preceding lines.
Error C8003

Message

'name' : function has no prototype declaration

Description

The function specified by *name* has not been declared in a prototype statement.

Troubleshooting Information

If the function has not been declared, insert a prototype statement before the current block (main program or function definition).

If the function has been declared ahead of the current block, compare the function declaration in the prototype statement with the function header in the function definition. Be sure the spelling of the function name is identical in both places and that the number and types of parameters matches.

If the function has been declared later in the script, move the declaration before the current block.

See Also

Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8004

Message

'name' : identifier already declared

Description

The identifier specified by *name* has already been declared in the current block. Identifiers can be declared only once in the same block.

Troubleshooting Information

Examine the main program block or function block where the error occurred to find the first declaration of the identifier. If the second declaration is simply a duplicate of the first, delete it. If you intended the second declaration to be a different variable than the first, rename the identifier in the second declaration and update all statements in the script that reference it.

If you cannot find a previous declaration of the variable, you may be declaring an identifier whose name is reserved in InstallScript. Reserved words are syntax colored in the script editor.
See Also
Reserved Words

Error C8005

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'name' : function was declared as DLL function

Description
The function definition for the function specified by name is invalid because that function has been declared in a prototype statement as a DLL function.

Troubleshooting Information
If the function is not a DLL function, remove the DLL file name from the function prototype.

If the name of the user-defined function conflicts with the DLL function name, rename the user-defined function and update all statements in the script that reference it. Be sure the user-defined function has been declared in a prototype statement.

Error C8006

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : missing '(' after function name

Description
The compiler expected to find the opening parenthesis that follows a function name in a function definition; the character or characters indicated by text were encountered instead.

Troubleshooting Information
Check that the function’s parameter list is enclosed within parentheses. If the function takes no parameters, the parentheses will be empty.

Verify that only space characters come between the function name and its parameter list.

See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions
Error C8007

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'text' : comma expected

**Description**
The character or characters specified by `text` were encountered at a location where a comma was expected.

**Troubleshooting Information**
If the error occurred in a function declaration, then a comma required to separate parameter declarations is probably missing.

If the error occurred in a function call, then a comma required to separate parameters is probably missing.

**See Also**
Building Functions
Declaring Functions

Error C8008

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'text' : identifier expected

**Description**
The character or characters specified by `text` were encountered at a location where an identifier was expected.

**Troubleshooting Information**
If this error occurs in a variable declaration, check that the data type is followed by an identifier, with no intervening punctuation; check that the identifier contains only allowable characters.

If this error occurs in a function call, check that each pair of argument is delimited by one and only one comma.

**See Also**
Building Functions
Declaring Functions
Variable Data
Error C8009

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : too many parameters

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a function call parameter list that contains more parameters than have been declared for the function.

Troubleshooting Information
To identify the argument or arguments that do not belong in the function call, compare the number and types of arguments in the function call to the number and types of parameters declared for that function.

See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8010

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Message
'text' : too many parameters

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered at a location where a right parenthesis was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
This error is usually triggered when the right parentheses is missing from the parameter list of a function header in a function definition.

See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8011

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Message
'end' : missing 'begin' at start of function
Description
The keyword begin is missing in a function declaration.

Troubleshooting Information
Insert the keyword begin before the first statement in the function. Local variable declarations should appear between the function header and the keyword begin. The function header itself should not be terminated with a semicolon.

See Also
Building Functions

Error C8012

Message
'text' : semicolon expected

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered at a location where a semicolon was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
Insert a semicolon to terminate the statement that appears just before the error location.

Error C8013

Message
unexpected end of source file

Description
The compiler reached the end of the source file without encountering the keyword required to close the current program or function block.

Troubleshooting Tips
• If your script contains function definitions, check that each function definition is terminated with the keyword end and a semicolon.
• Check that typedef blocks are closed with an end statement.
• Check that all flow control blocks are correctly closed.
• Check that all #if, #ifdef, and #ifndef statements have a matching #endif statement.
**See Also**
Flow Control
Program Block
The Structure of a Setup Script

**Error C8014**

*InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference*

**Message**

'\texttt{name}' : identifier already defined

**Description**

The identifier specified by \texttt{name} has already been declared in the structure.

**Troubleshooting Information**

Examine the script and any scripts included before the error location to find the first declaration of the identifier. If the second declaration is simply a duplicate of the first, delete it. If you intended the second declaration to create a different identifier than the first, rename the identifier in the second declaration and update all statements in the script that reference it.

**See Also**
Data Structures

**Error C8015**

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**Message**

'\texttt{name}' : member name already defined

**Description**

The member identified by \texttt{name} has already been declared in the structure.

**Troubleshooting Information**

Examine the structure in which the error occurred to find the first declaration of the member. If the second declaration is simply a duplicate of the first, delete it. If you intended the second declaration to be a different member than the first, rename the member in the second declaration and update all statements in the script that reference it.

**See Also**
Data Structures
Error C8016

Message
'name' : undefined label:

Description
The identifier specified by name is used in a goto statement to reference a label that has not been defined.

Troubleshooting Information
The error is located in the block directly above the error location. Find the goto statement that references name. If the goto statement is in a program block, it must reference a label that has been defined in the program block. If the goto statement is in a function definition, it must reference a label that has been defined in that function definition. Determine where you want control to flow and define the label at that location.

See Also
goto
if Structure with goto

Error C8017

Message
'text' : expected typedef (struct) name

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered at a location where a typedef declaration was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
Check that a data type has been specified for the variable being declared. Verify that the reserved word for that data type is spelled correctly and is in all upper case.

If more than one variable is declared for that data type, check that the individual identifier names are separated by commas and not some other punctuation mark.

Verify that the data declaration is terminated with a semicolon.

If the error occurs in a function prototype that declares a pointer to a structure as a parameter, check that the structure has been declared ahead of the function prototype.

See Also
Declarations
Pointers
Chapter 13
Errors and Warnings

Error C8018

Message
'text' : typedef object illegal in this context

Description
The structure type specified by text was encountered at a location where it is not allowed.

Troubleshooting Information
This error occurs in a function prototype that declares a structure type as one of its parameters. This is not allowed. Instead, declare the parameter as a pointer to a structure by following the name of the structure type with the keyword POINTER, as shown below:

```c
typedef RECT
begin
   SHORT sX;
   SHORT sY;
end;

RECT Rectangle;
RECT POINTER pRect;

prototype SizeRectangle(RECT POINTER);
```

See Also
Declarations
Pointers

Error C8019

Message
'text' : expected type declaration

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered at a location where a data declaration was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
This error generally occurs when a semicolon is missing at the end of a data declaration in a line ahead of the error location. It also occurs in a function definition when the function header is terminated with a semicolon.

See Also
Declarations
Error C8020

**Message**
'text' : parameter list expected

**Description**
The character or characters specified by text were encountered immediately after a prototype declaration for which there was no parameter list.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Specify the parameter list for the function above the error location. If the function takes no parameters, specify an empty list by placing opening and closing parenthesis after the function name.

**See Also**
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8021

**Message**
'text' : missing 'begin' after 'typedef'

**Description**
The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a typedef statement where the keyword begin was expected. In a typedef statement, the keyword begin must follow the structure name.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Insert the keyword begin after the structure name, with no intervening punctuation.

**See Also**
Data Structures

Error C8022

**Message**
'text' : comma or semicolon expected

**Description**
The character or characters specified by text were encountered at a location where a comma or semicolon was expected.
Troubleshooting Information
If this error occurs near a data declaration, check that the identifier is valid and that the data declaration is terminated with a semicolon. If two or more identifiers are being declared in the same statement, verify that they are delimited by commas.

See Also
Declarations

Error C8023
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : right bracket expected

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered at a location where a right bracket was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
This error occurs when the closing right bracket is missing from a reference to an array.

Error C8024
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : invalid array/string size

Description
The character or characters specified by text may not be used to declare the size of a string or array.

Troubleshooting Information
If the size indicator is a constant, verify that it is spelled correctly.
Verify that the size of the array is greater than 0.

See Also
String Indexing

Error C8025
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : undefined identifier
**Description**

The identifier specified by `text` has not been declared.

**Troubleshooting Information**

All identifiers in a script must be declared before they can be referenced in the main program block or in a function block. Check that the identifier has been declared. If it has, check that spelling used in the declaration matches the spelling of the identifier at the error location.

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**Note** • Your script might be calling an unsupported function. See Unsupported Functions for more information.

"INSTALLDIR": undefined identifier" when Compiling After Conversion

Error C8025 specifies that the identifier (INSTALLDIR in this case) has not been declared. All identifiers in a script must be declared before they can be referenced in the main program block or in a function block.

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**Note** • The exact error message for error C8025 is not a specific error. It is issued to anything undefined.

As part of the changes that take place during the conversion process (from InstallScript MSI to an InstallScript project), INSTALLDIR should have been changed to TARGETDIR throughout various IDE elements. Error C8025 occurs when the value of TARGETDIR is not set in your script.

Therefore, the value of TARGETDIR must be set in your script, as it is by default in the `OnFirstUIBefore` event handler function.

You can use the following code to set TARGETDIR:

```plaintext
if ( ALLUSERS ) then
    TARGETDIR = PROGRAMFILES ^ IFX_COMPANY_NAME ^ IFX_PRODUCT_NAME;
else
    TARGETDIR = FOLDER_APPDATA ^ IFX_COMPANY_NAME ^ IFX_PRODUCT_NAME;
```

**See Also**

Declarations

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**Error C8026**

*InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference*

**Message**

`'text': invalid use of identifier`

**Description**

The identifier specified by `text` is being used incorrectly in a statement.
Troubleshooting Information

This error message can be triggered by a number of errors, such as the use of a structure type name, rather than the structure name, in an operation. Examine the statement at the error location and check that all identifiers in the statement are being used correctly.

Error C8027

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

missing operand

Description

The compiler was unable to find the operand that was expected after an operator.

Troubleshooting Information

This error message may be displayed when the compiler encounters an incomplete statement ending with an operator at the end of the source file.

See Also

Operators

Error C8028

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

'text' : unresolved operator

Description

The character or characters specified by text were encountered after an expression that could not be resolved.

Troubleshooting Information

This error occurs when an operand is missing from an expression. Examine each operator in the expression and make sure that each one has the operands it requires.

See Also

Operators
Chapter 13
Errors and Warnings

Error C8031

Message
'text' : uncalled function

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered after a function name, where the opening parenthesis of the argument list was expected.

This error occurs in statements in which the result of a function call is assigned to a variable. The message is triggered by an error in the argument list that follows the function name.

Troubleshooting Information
Check that the argument list is delimited from the function name by an opening parenthesis.

If the argument list was not specified, insert it after the function name; when calling a function that takes no parameters, place empty set of opening and closing parentheses after the function name.

See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8032

Message
'text' : missing member reference

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered at a location were a member name was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
The line of code at the error location references a structure rather than a member of a structure. Determine which member of the structure you intended to reference and insert that member name. Remember to use the member operator to delimit the structure name and the member name.

See Also
Data Structures
Member Operator (.)
Error C8033

Message
'text' : unsubscripted array

Description
The identifier that precedes the character or characters specified by text is an unsubscripted array variable. InstallScript does not allow references to a complete array structure. You must reference elements in the array individually.

Troubleshooting Information
Determine which element of the array you want to reference and indicate its position in the array with a subscript. The subscript must be placed within square brackets and positioned immediately after the array name.

Error C8034

Message
'text' : missing expression

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered at a location were an expression was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
This error generally occurs in an assignment statement when the value to be assigned is missing. Insert an expression to the right of the assignment operator.

If the error occurs in a statement that references a constant, verify that the definition of that constant includes both the constant name and a value.

See Also
#define
Assignment Operator

Error C8035

Message
'text' : statement label required

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered after the keyword goto, where a label is required.
Troubleshooting Information

Add a label after the keyword goto or delete the goto statement.

See Also
go to
if Structure with goto

Error C8036

Message
'name' : too many arguments

Description
The function specified by name is being called with too many arguments.

Troubleshooting Information
Compare the arguments in the function call with the parameter list in the declaration for that function. Delete the argument or arguments in the function call that are not defined in the declaration.

See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8037

Message
'text' : variable required

Description
The constant, literal value or structure member specified by text is being passed as an argument in a parameter position that requires a variable.

Troubleshooting Information
Declare a variable of the type required for the parameter; assign the constant or literal value to that variable; then pass the variable instead of the constant or literal value.

InstallShield does not allow a structure member to be passed by reference. Declare a variable of the same type as the structure member; assign the value of the structure member to the new variable; then pass the variable instead. When the function returns, assign the value of variable to the structure member.
Error C8038

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : numeric value required

Description
The non-numeric argument specified by text was passed in a parameter position requiring a numeric argument.

Troubleshooting Information
Make sure all arguments passed are of the correct data types for the parameter positions they occupy. Also make sure no arguments are missing.

See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8039

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'value' : string value required

Description
The number specified by value was encountered in an expression, statement, or function argument that requires string data.

Troubleshooting Information
In a string operation, check that all operands and operators are compatible with string data.
In an assignment statement, verify that the value you are assigning to a string variable is itself a string.
In a function call, be sure that you are not passing non-string data in a parameter position that requires a string.
Error C8040

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**

'\text{name}': incomplete argument list

**Description**

One or more arguments are missing in the call to the function specified by \text{name}.

**Troubleshooting Information**

To identify the missing argument, compare the number and types of arguments in the function call to the number and types of parameters for that function.

If all of the arguments are present, check that they are delimited by commas.

**See Also**

Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8042

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**

'\text{[}': string or array type required

**Description**

The identifier to the left of the bracket must be a string or array type.

**Troubleshooting Information**

This error occurs when you specify an index value for a variable that is not a string or array. Examine the identifier to the left of the bracket. If it is not a string or array, delete the index value or declare the variable as a string or array.

**See Also**

String Indexing
Error C8043

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**

'text' : typedef pointer type required

**Description**

The character or characters specified by `text` can be used only with a pointer to a structure.

**Troubleshooting Information**

A common reason for this error is the use of a structure pointer operator between a structure name and a member name. The structure pointer operator can be used only to specify the member of a record that is referenced with a pointer to a structure. Replace the structure pointer operator with a member operator.

**See Also**

Data Structures
Member Operator (.)
Structure Pointer Operator (->)

Error C8044

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**

'text' : typedef type required

**Description**

The character or characters specified by `text` can be used only with a structure that has been declared in a typedef statement.

**Troubleshooting Information**

A common reason for this error is the use of a member operator between a pointer to a structure and a member name. The member operator can be used only to specify the member of a structure that is referenced with a structure name. Replace the member operator with a structure pointer operator.

**See Also**

Data Structures
Member Operator (.)
Structure Pointer Operator (->)
Error C8045

Message
'name' : member name not found

Description
The member specified by name does not exist in the structure you are referencing.

Troubleshooting Information
Check the structure definition for the specified member.
Check the spelling of the member name.

See Also
Data Structures
Member Operator (.)

Error C8046

Message
numeric variable required

Description
A non-numeric argument was passed in a parameter position requiring a numeric variable.

Troubleshooting Information
Replace the argument with a numeric variable.

See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8047

Message
'&' : can only take address of variable

Description
The compiler encountered an address operation on a constant or literal.
Troubleshooting Information
The address operator (&) can be used only with a variable.

See Also
Address Operator (&)

Error C8048
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
macro name missing

Description
The #define statement at the error location has no macro name.

Troubleshooting Information
Insert a macro name after the #define preprocessor directive and before the macro value.

See Also
#define

Error C8049
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
missing expression for #if/#elif

Description
The #if or #elif preprocessor directive is not followed by a valid expression to determine the flow of compilation.

Troubleshooting Information
This error message is triggered if an expression has not been specified after an #if or #elif keyword. It can also be triggered if an invalid expression follows one of those directives.

See Also
#elif
#if...#else...#endif
Error C8050

**Message**
'text' : invalid expression for #if/#elif

**Description**
The character or characters specified by text are invalid in the expression following the #if or #elif preprocessor command.

**Troubleshooting Information**
This error message is triggered if an invalid expression after an #if or #elif keyword.

**See Also**
#elif
#if...#else...#endif

Error C8051

**Message**
missing end of string literal

**Description**
The string literal in a #define statement has no closing quotation mark.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Look for a #define statement above the line on which the error was detected. For a string constant, enclose the literal in opening and closing quotation marks. Numeric constants should not be enclosed within quotation marks.

**See Also**
#define

Error C8052

**Message**
macro expansion text too large

**Description**
The text specified for the identifier in a #define statement exceeds 256 characters.
Troubleshooting Information

Either shorten the string specified for that identifier or divide the text into two or more shorter strings and specify each in a #define statement. Then concatenate the strings in your program.

See Also

#define

Error C8053

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

'name' : identifier not a #define macro

Description

The identifier specified by name, which is used in an #undef statement, has not been defined.

Troubleshooting Information

Check the spelling of the identifier specified by name.

See Also

#define

#include

Error C8054

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

include file name missing

Description

The preprocessor directive #include does not specify the name of the file to include.

Troubleshooting Information

Specify the name of a source file you want to include or delete the preprocessor directive.

See Also

#include
Error C8055

Message
#elif not preceded by #if

Description
The compiler encountered an #elif directive that was not preceded by an #if directive.

Troubleshooting Information
Examine the statements that precede the error location and restructure the conditional compile directives to start with an #if directive.

See Also
#elif
#if . . . #else . . . #endif

Error C8057

Message
#else not preceded by #if

Description
The compiler encountered an #else directive that was not preceded by an #if directive.

Troubleshooting Information
Examine the statements that precede the error location and restructure the conditional compile directives to start with an #if directive.

See Also
#if . . . #else . . . #endif

Error C8058

Message
#endif not preceded by #if

Description
The compiler encountered an #endif directive that was not preceded by an #if directive.
Troubleshooting Information
Examine the statements that precede the error location and restructure the conditional compile directives to start with an
#if directive.

See Also
#if ... #else ... #endif

Error C8059

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : unrecognized preprocessor command

Description
The character or characters specified by text and preceded by the symbol # is not recognized as a preprocessor command.

Troubleshooting Information
Verify that the preprocessor command is valid in an InstallShield script and that it is spelled correctly.

Error C8062

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : constant operand required

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a statement where a constant was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
This error message is triggered in a switch...endswitch block when the keyword case is not followed by a constant or literal.

See Also
switch...endswitch

Error C8063

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
input line too long
**Description**
A source code line exceeds 1,024 characters.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Divide the line into two or more lines.

**Error C8064**

Message
unterminated comment

**Description**
The comment that begins at the error location is not terminated.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Find the end of the comment. Insert comment termination characters or correct the comment termination characters if they were entered incorrectly.

**See Also**
Writing Comments

**Error C8065**

Message
string literal exceeds 255 characters

**Description**
The string literal at the error location has more than 255 characters.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Divide the string literal into two or more string literals and concatenate them.

**See Also**
Concatenate (+)
Error C8066

Message
missing #endif statement at end of file

Description
An #if directive that appears in the script does not have a corresponding #endif directive.

Troubleshooting Information
Examine the preprocessor directives in your script. Make sure that all #if directives have a corresponding #endif directive.

See Also
#if...#else...#endif

Error C8067

Message
'number' : integer constant too large

Description
The value specified by number is too large for the number variable.

Troubleshooting Information
The valid range of NUMBER data is -2,147,483,648 and +2,147,483,647. If you specify a value in the range +2,147,483,647 to +4,294,967,295, that value will overflow and the result will be a negative number. If the value is greater than 4,294,967,299, this error message will be displayed.

See Also
Data Types and Predefined Structures

Error C8068

Message
'char' : unrecognized character encountered

Description
The character specified by char was not recognized by the compiler.
Troubleshooting Information

Certain characters, such as "$" and "{" are not recognized by the compiler.

Error C8069

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

'#: preprocessor command must be first on line

Description

The preprocessor directive identified by the symbol # was encountered at a location where it is not allowed. A preprocessor directive must be the first keyword in any line where it appears.

Troubleshooting Information

The symbol # is reserved to identify preprocessor directives. It has no other valid use in InstallScript. Examine the line that produced the error. If the symbol # appears in an identifier, rename that identifier there and everywhere else in the script where it is referenced.

Error C8070

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

'\text\': string constant expected

Description

The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a statement where a string constant was expected.

Troubleshooting Information

This error message is triggered in a switch...endswitch block when the keyword case is not followed by a string constant. In a switch...endswitch block, the constants specified in the case statements must be the same data type as the variable or expression result specified in the switch statement.

See Also

switch...endswitch

Error C8071

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

colon expected
**Description**

The compiler expected a colon in the statement.

**Troubleshooting Information**

This error occurs in a switch statement when the constant after the keyword case is not followed by a colon. Insert a colon between the constants and the statements for that case.

**See Also**

switch...endswitch

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**Error C8072**

**Message**

'elseif' : 'elseif' cannot follow 'else'

**Description**

The keyword elseif was encountered after an else statement in an if...endif block.

**Troubleshooting Information**

The keyword elseif cannot be used in an if...endif block after an else statement. Restructure the if...endif block to avoid this error.

**See Also**

if-then-else Structure
if-then Structure
elseif Structure
if Structure with goto
if
Nested if-then-else Structure

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**Error C8073**

**Message**

'text' : missing 'then' keyword

**Description**

The character or characters specified by text were encountered in an if block where the keyword then was expected.

**Troubleshooting Information**

Locate the if statement that immediately precedes the error location. Insert the keyword then after the conditional expression that follows the keyword if.
Error C8074

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'else' : 'else' clause already encountered

Description
Two else statements were encountered in an if...endif block.

Troubleshooting Information
An if...endif block can include only one else branch. If you require multiple conditional branching, use an if...endif block that includes elseif statements or a switch...endswitch block instead.

See Also
if-then-else Structure
if-then Structure
elseif Structure
if Structure with goto
if
Nested if-then-else Structure

Error C8075

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : 'default' label already encountered

Description
A second default case was encountered in a switch...endswitch statement.

Troubleshooting Information
A switch...endswitch statement can include only one instance of the keyword default to specify a default case. Restructure the switch...endswitch statement to eliminate one of the default cases.

In some versions of InstallShield, this error message is displayed when multiple case labels are encountered in a switch block.
Error C8076

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'case' : multiple case labels for statement

**Description**
The compiler encountered the keyword case where it expected to find the statement or statements to be executed for the last defined case.

**Troubleshooting Information**
The case statement that immediately precedes the character or characters specified by `text` is incomplete. It may be missing a terminating semicolon.

In some versions of InstallShield, this error message is displayed when more than one default statement is encountered in a switch block.

**See Also**
switch...endswitch

Error C8077

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'name' : label already defined

**Description**
The label indicated by `name` has already been used in the main program block or function.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Each label in the program block or in a function block must be unique.

**See Also**
goto
if Structure with goto
Error C8078

**Message**
label illegal in this 'for' loop

**Description**
You cannot define a label within a for statement.

**Troubleshooting Tips**
Examine the statement at the error location. Modify your code so that a label is no longer defined within the for statement.

**See Also**
for...endfor

Error C8079

**Message**
'text' : invalid statement

**Description**
The statement at the location indicated by text specifies a process that is not allowed or is invalid in the current context.

**Troubleshooting Tips**
Examine the statement at the error location. Verify that the process is valid. Examples of invalid statements are assignment statements with a constant or an arithmetic operation on the left side of the assignment operator and an end statement directly below a label.

If the statement at the error location is valid, examine statement blocks (such as record declarations, control statements and function definitions) in the lines above the error location. Verify that each statement block is terminated with the correct keyword.

Error C8080

**Message**
'text' : missing arguments for function

**Description**
The character or characters specified by text were encountered after a function call where an argument list was expected.
Troubleshooting Information

Determine which arguments are required by the function and revise the call to include a complete argument list within parentheses.

See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8081

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : invalid result for assignment

Description
The character or characters specified by text cannot be assigned the value specified by the assignment statement.

Troubleshooting Information
This error occurs when you attempt to assign a value to a structure. InstallScript does not allow direct assignment to a structure. You must assign a value to each member of the structure individually.

See Also
Data Structures

Error C8082

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : missing '(' after switch

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a switch...endswitch block at a location where a left parenthesis was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
Examine the switch statement in which this error occurred. The expression that follows the keyword switch must be enclosed within parentheses.

See Also
switch...endswitch
Error C8083

Message
'text' : missing ')' after switch

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a switch...endswitch block at a location where a right parenthesis was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
Examine the switch statement in which this error occurred. The expression that follows the keyword switch must be enclosed within parentheses.

See Also
switch...endswitch

Error C8084

Message
'text' : missing 'case' after switch

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a switch...endswitch block at a location where a case statement was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
This error will occur if the switch statement is terminated with a semicolon or is not followed immediately by a case statement.

See Also
switch...endswitch

Error C8085

Message
'text' : missing '='
Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a for...endfor block at a location where an equal sign was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
This error occurs when the equal sign is missing in the expression that follows the keyword for. Examine the for statement at which the error occurred and verify that the expression that follows the keyword for is structured correctly.

See Also
for...endfor

Error C8086
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : missing 'to' or 'downto'

Description
The character or characters specified by text were encountered in a for...endfor block at a location where an equal sign was expected.

Troubleshooting Information
This error occurs when the keyword to or downto is missing in a for statement.

See Also
for...endfor

Error C8087
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
cannot return value from program

Description
The main program block contains a return statement. You cannot return a value from a program.

Troubleshooting Information
Remove the return statement from the program block.

See Also
Program Block
Error C8088

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'endif' : not inside if statement

**Description**
The keyword endif could not be matched to a previous if statement.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Examine the if...endif block at the error location. Verify that the keyword endif has a corresponding if statement. This error is often triggered after an earlier error in an if...endif block.

**See Also**
if-then-else Structure
if-then Structure
elseif Structure
if Structure with goto
if
Nested if-then-else Structure

Error C8089

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'endfor' : not inside for statement

**Description**
The keyword endfor could not be matched to a previous for statement.

**Troubleshooting Information**
Examine the for...endfor block at the error location. Verify that the keyword endfor has a corresponding for statement. This error is often triggered after an earlier error in a for...endfor block.

**See Also**
for...endfor

Error C8090

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'until' : not inside repeat statement
Description
The keyword until could not be matched to a previous repeat statement.

Troubleshooting Information
Examine the repeat...until block at the error location. Verify that the keyword until has a corresponding repeat statement. This error is often triggered after an earlier error in a repeat...until block.

See Also
repeat...until

Error C8091

InstallScript 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'endwhile' : not inside while statement

Description
The keyword endwhile could not be matched to a previous while statement.

Troubleshooting Information
Examine the while...endwhile block at the error location. Verify that the keyword endwhile has a corresponding while statement. This error is often triggered after an earlier error in a while...endwhile block.

See Also
while...endwhile

Error C8092

InstallScript 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'name' : function called but not defined

Description
The function specified by name has been prototyped and called in the body of the script, but it has not been defined.

Troubleshooting Information
This error can occur if the function name is not spelled identically in the prototype, the function call and the function definition. It can also occur if the function definition appears in a file that should have been included (with an #include statement) but was not.
See Also
Building Functions
Declarations
Declaring Functions

Error C8093

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'name' : size required for string in typedef

Description
The identifier specified by name is a string that has been defined as a member in a typedef block, but it does not include a size specification.

Troubleshooting Information
Specify the size of all STRING declarations in a structure—InstallScript's autosizing feature does not work in typedef statements.

See Also
String Size and Autosize
Data Structures

Error C8097

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : syntax error

Description
The character or characters specified by text triggered an unclassified syntax error.

Troubleshooting Information
This error message is triggered for syntax errors for which there is not a specific error message.

Error C8098

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'text' : missing '.name' after DLL name
**Description**
The character or characters specified by text were encountered after a DLL file name, where a function in the DLL file was expected.

**Troubleshooting Information**
When calling a function from a DLL, specify the function name, not the DLL file name.

**Error C8099**
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'text' : DLL function name expected

**Description**
The character or characters specified by text were encountered after a DLL file name, where a function in the DLL file was expected.

**Troubleshooting Information**
This error occurs when the function name specified with a DLL file name has not been declared in a prototype statement. Verify that this function has been prototyped; if it has, check the spelling of the function name.

**Error C8100**
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'name' : function not defined for this DLL

**Description**
The function specified by name has not been prototyped for the DLL whose name precedes it.

**Troubleshooting Information**
This error occurs when you have prototyped functions from two or more DLLs and then called one of those functions with the wrong DLL name.

**Error C8101**
InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

**Message**
'name' : must specify DLL for this function
**Description**

The function specified by `name` was prototyped twice from two different DLLs.

**Troubleshooting Information**

When calling functions with identical names from two or more DLLs, you must qualify the function name by prefixing it with the DLL name followed by a period, as in the example below:

```c
prototype MYDLL.UsefulFunction(INT, POINTER);
prototype YOURDLL.UsefulFunction(INT, POINTER);

export prototype MyFunc(HWND);
```

```c
function MyFunc(hMSI)
    NUMBER nValue;
    POINTER psvString;
begin
    MYDLL.UsefulFunction(nValue, psvString);
end;
```

**Error C8112**

**InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference**

**Message**

'name' : typedef includes instance of self

**Description**

The data type of the member specified by `name` is invalid. A typedef cannot contain a member that is an instance of itself.

**Troubleshooting Information**

Restructure your typedefs to avoid this error.

**See Also**

Data Structures

**Error C8113**

**InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference**

**Message**

'external' : local variables cannot be external

**Description**

The keyword external was encountered in data declaration within a function block.
Troubleshooting Information
Data that is local to a function cannot be declared external.

Error C8114

Message
'text' : preprocessor user define error

Description
This message is triggered by an #error directive.

See Also
#error

Error C8115

Message
'function name' : return type mismatch with prototype

Description
This message occurs when the return type of a script-defined function (the data type of the value returned by the function) is not the same in the function definition as it is in the function declaration. Note that if you do not explicitly specify a return type, the return type is assumed to be NUMBER.

See Also
Building Functions
Declaring Functions

Error C8126

Message
'text' : string variable required
**Description**
The character or characters specified by `text` were encountered at a location where a string declaration was expected.

**Troubleshooting Information**
To declare an array other than a character array (that is, a string), use parentheses rather than brackets; for example:

```plaintext
NUMBER nArray(3);
```

**Error C8127**

**Message**
`label illegal within try/catch/endcatch`

**Description**
You cannot define a label within a `try...catch...endcatch` statement.

**Troubleshooting Tips**
Examine the statement at the error location. Modify your code so that a label is no longer defined within the `try...catch...endcatch` statement.

**See Also**
`try, catch, and endcatch`

**Error C8128**

**Message**
`goto illegal within try/catch/endcatch`

**Description**
You cannot use a `goto` statement within a `try...catch...endcatch` statement.

**Troubleshooting Tips**
Examine the statement at the error location. Modify your code so that a `goto` statement is no longer used within the `try...catch...endcatch` statement.

**See Also**
`try, catch, and endcatch`
Chapter 13
Errors and Warnings

Error C8522

Message
Access is denied.

Description
InstallShield could not open the specified file.

Troubleshooting Information
This error message may occur because the specified file is read-only. In the Windows Explorer, locate the file and check its properties.

InstallScript Fatal Errors

Fatal errors are those that prevent the compilation from continuing. They are caused by missing include files, incorrectly specified file names, disk I/O errors, and insufficient system resources; the compiler also has certain built-in limitations, such as the limit on include files, that will trigger a fatal error if exceeded.

Table 13-19 • InstallScript Fatal Errors

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<td>I/O error on action file</td>
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<td>I/O error on debug file</td>
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<td>F8503</td>
<td>Can’t open script input file</td>
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<td>Can’t open .inx output file</td>
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<td>F8505</td>
<td>Can’t open .dbg debug file</td>
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<td>F8506</td>
<td>out of memory</td>
</tr>
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<td>F8508</td>
<td>too many macro expansions in line</td>
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<td>F8509</td>
<td>invalid delimiter for include file name</td>
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<td>F8510</td>
<td>missing delimiter for include file name</td>
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<td>F8511</td>
<td>can’t open include file</td>
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<td>include file plus path is too large</td>
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<tr>
<td>F8513</td>
<td>too many nested #include files</td>
</tr>
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<td>F8514</td>
<td>#if statements too deeply nested</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F8515</td>
<td>macro expansion buffer overflow</td>
</tr>
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<td>F8516</td>
<td>maximum error count reached</td>
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<td>too many include files</td>
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<td>F8518</td>
<td>I/O error on link file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F8519</td>
<td>user define fatal error</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error F8501

Message
I/O error on action file

Description
An error occurred when InstallShield attempted to access an intermediate file created during compilation.

Troubleshooting Information
Each time you compile your setup, InstallShield creates intermediate files with the following file extensions: .dbg, .ino, .inx and .obs. After compilation, these files remain in the scripts folder. This message is displayed when an error occurs on an attempt to access the action file; that file has the extension .obs. Among the possible causes:

- The disk is full. Create more available disk space by deleting unwanted files; then compile again.
- There are insufficient system resources (file handles and/or memory). Close any other applications that are open; then compile again. If the error occurs on a system with sufficient disk space and system resources, investigate other obvious reasons why file access might fail:
  - The action file may be damaged. Rename it or delete it from the Scripts folder; then compile again.
  - If the action file is in a shared folder on a file server, verify that you have network rights to write to that folder.
  - If an action file exists from a previous compile, check that its file attributes have not been changed to read-only, system, or hidden. Check too that the file is not already open by another application or user.
Error F8502

Message
I/O error on debug file

Description
An error occurred when InstallShield attempted to access an intermediate file created during compilation.

Troubleshooting Information
Each time you compile your setup, InstallShield creates intermediate files with the following file extensions: .dbg, .ino, .inx and .obs. After compilation, these files remain in the scripts folder. This message is displayed when an error occurs on an attempt to access the debug file; that file has the extension .dbg. Among the possible causes:

- The disk is full. Create more available disk space by deleting unwanted files; then compile again.
- There are insufficient system resources (file handles and/or memory). Close any other applications that are open; then compile again. If the error occurs on a system with sufficient disk space and system resources, investigate other obvious reasons why file access might fail:
  - The debug file may be damaged. Rename it or delete it from the Scripts folder; then compile again.
  - If the debug file is in a shared folder on a file server, verify that you have network rights to write to that folder.
  - If a .dbg file exists from a previous compile, check that its file attributes have not been changed to read-only, system, or hidden. Check too that the file is not already open by another application or user.

Error F8503

Message
Can’t open script input file

Description
The compiler was unable to open the script file specified.

Troubleshooting Information
Verify the location and name of the file. You may have misspelled the file name or specified an incorrect path.

Error F8504

Message
Can’t open .inx output file
Description
The compiler was unable to create the file for the compiled script.

Troubleshooting Information
This error is generated if InstallShield cannot create or recreate the .inx file. Under normal circumstances, the following problems can cause this error:

- The disk is full. Create more available disk space by deleting unwanted files; then compile again.
- There are insufficient system resources (file handles and/or memory). Close any other applications that are open; then compile again. If the error occurs on a system with sufficient disk space and system resources, investigate other obvious reasons why file access might fail:
  - If the target file is in a shared folder on a file server, verify that you have network rights to write to that folder.
  - If an .inx file exists from a previous compile, check that its file attributes have not been changed to read-only, system, or hidden. Check too that the file is not already open by another application or user.

Error F8505

Message
Can’t open .dbg debug file

Description
The compiler was unable to create the debug file. This file contains the information required to run the script with the debugger.

Troubleshooting Information
The following problems will cause this error:

- The disk is full. Create more available disk space by deleting unwanted files; then compile again.
- There are insufficient system resources (file handles and/or memory). Close any other applications that are open; then compile again.

If the error occurs on a system with sufficient disk space and system resources, investigate other obvious reasons why file access might fail:

- If the debug file is in a shared folder on a file server, verify that you have network rights to write to that folder.
- If a .dbg file exists from a previous compilation, check that its file attributes have not been changed to read-only, system, or hidden. Check too that the file is not already open by another application or user.
Error F8506

Message
Out of memory

Description
The compiler was unable to allocate sufficient memory to complete the compilation.

Troubleshooting Information
Close any other applications that are open; then compile again. If the problem persists, restart Windows; then load InstallShield and compile again.

Error F8508

Message
too many macro expansions in line

Description
The specified line contains too many macros; the maximum number of macros per line is 100.

Troubleshooting Information
Reduce the number of macros on the line by breaking the line into two or more lines.

Error F8509

Message
invalid delimiter for include file name

Description
The file name specified after the preprocessor directive #include is missing the initial quotation mark or angled bracket (< ).

Troubleshooting Information
File names specified with the preprocessor directive #include must be enclosed by quotation marks (“file name”) or angled brackets (<file name>). Insert a quotation mark or opening angled bracket before the file name. Note that if you insert an initial quotation mark, the file name must be followed by a closing quotation mark; if you insert an opening angled bracket, the file name must be followed by a closing angled bracket (> ).
See Also
#include

Error F8510

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
missing delimiter for include file name

Description
The file name specified after the preprocessor directive #include is missing the closing quotation mark or angled bracket (< ).

Troubleshooting Information
File names specified with the preprocessor directive #include must be enclosed by quotation marks (“file name”) or angled brackets(<file name>). Insert a quotation mark or closing angled bracket after the file name. Note that if the file name has an opening quotation mark, you must insert a quotation mark after the file name; if the file name has an opening angled bracket, you must insert a closing angled bracket (> ).

See Also
#include

Error F8511

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
cannot open include file

Description
The compiler was unable to find or open a file that has been included in the script.

Troubleshooting Tips
The following problems can cause this error:

- The file name in an #include statement is misspelled.
- A file name in an #include statement is specified without a full path, but the file cannot be found in the source directory.
- You do not have rights to open files on the network drive where the file resides.
- The file is damaged.

See Also
#include
Error F8512

Message
include file plus path is too large

Description
The path specified in an #include statement exceeds the maximum length of 256 characters

Troubleshooting Information
Move the included files to a folder that can be referenced with a path whose length is less than 256 characters.

See Also
#include

Error F8513

Message
too many nested #include files

Description
InstallScript allows nesting of include files up to a maximum of 8 levels. This limit has been exceeded.

Troubleshooting Information
Reduce the number of nested levels.

See Also
#include

Error F8514

Message
#if statements too deeply nested

Description
InstallScript allows nesting of #if statements up to a maximum of 10 levels. This limit has been exceeded.

Troubleshooting Information
Reduce the number of nested levels.
See Also

#if...#else...#endif

Error F8515

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
macro expansion buffer overflow

Description
The expansion of macros in the error line exceeds the maximum of 1024 characters.

Troubleshooting Information
Restructure your code to eliminate this error.

See Also
#include

Error F8516

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
maximum error count reached

Description
The maximum number of errors specified on the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box has been reached.

Troubleshooting Information
For more information about the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box, see Compile/Link Tab.

Error F8517

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
too many include files

Description
The maximum number of include was exceeded.
Troubleshooting Information

A setup script can include no more than 100 source files. Combine two or more source files to bring the total number down to 100.

See Also

#include

Error F8518

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

I/O error on link file

Description

An error occurred when InstallShield attempted to write to the link file.

Troubleshooting Information

Each time you compile your setup, InstallShield creates intermediate files with the following file extensions: .dbg, .ino, .inx and .obs. After compilation, these files remain in the scripts folder. This message is displayed when an error occurs on an attempt to access the link file (.ino).

This error might be caused by the following:

• The disk is full. Create more available disk space by deleting unwanted files and then recompile.
• The link file is damaged. Rename it or delete it from Scripts folder and then recompile.

Error F8519

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message

user define fatal error

Description

This message is triggered by an #error directive.

See Also

#error

InstallScript Internal Errors

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

An internal error may occur if syntax errors exist.

C9001 internal error
Error C9001

Message
'text' : internal error

Description
The character or characters specified by text triggered an unclassified syntax error.

Troubleshooting Information
This error message is triggered by syntax errors for which there is not a specific error message.

InstallScript Warnings

The compiler issues warning messages to alert you to irregularities in the script that may result in inefficiencies or run-time errors.

⚠️ Caution • Warnings do not interrupt script compilation unless “Warnings as errors” is selected in the Compiler Settings dialog, or if the number of warnings exceeds the maximum specified. The default maximum value is 50.

Table 13-20 • InstallScript Warnings

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<td>macro redefinition</td>
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<td>C7502</td>
<td>string/array size exceeds recommended limit</td>
</tr>
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<td>C7503</td>
<td>function defined but never called</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C7505</td>
<td>typedef definition differs from previous</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning C7501

Message
'name' : macro redefinition

Description
The identifier specified by name has already been used in a #define statement.
Troubleshooting Information

If the second definition is simply a duplicate of the first, delete it. If you intended the second definition to be different from the first, rename the identifier in the second definition and update all statements in the script that reference it.

See Also
#define

Warning C7502

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'size' : string/array size exceeds recommended limit

Description
The numeric value specified by size indicates the size of a string or array that is larger than InstallScript’s recommended maximum.

Troubleshooting Information
To avoid unexpected effects, reduce the size of the array.

See Also
String Indexing
String Size and Autosize

Warning C7503

InstallShield 2020 » InstallScript Language Reference

Message
'name' : function defined but never called

Description
The function specified by name is not called in your setup.

Troubleshooting Information
To reduce the size of your setup, remove the unused function from your script.

Warning C7505

InstallShield 2020

Message
'name' : typedef definition differs from previous
**Description**

The data structure specified by *name* is defined in multiple library files (obl files).

**Troubleshooting Information**

If the definitions are simply duplicates, delete all but one. If you intended the definitions to be different, rename the data structures to have unique names and update all statements in the script that reference them.
Virtualization Conversion Errors and Warnings

InstallShield 2020

When you are converting a Windows Installer package to a virtual application, errors and warnings may occur. Some of the errors and warnings are applicable to any type of package virtualization, and others are specific to the virtualization solution for which you are preparing packages.

See Also
Steps to Take Before Calling Technical Support
Application Features Requiring Pre- or Post-Conversion Actions

Error -9000: Unknown Exception

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-1 • Error -9000: Unknown Exception

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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An unknown exception occurred.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This is an unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Perform preliminary investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Error -9001: Unknown COM

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-2 • Error -9001: Unknown COM

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<td>Error</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Error -9002: Error Opening Package

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-3 • Error -9002: Error Opening Package

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<tbody>
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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An error occurred when opening the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This is an unexpected internal error when reading the Windows Installer package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Check to make sure that the package is accessible to the user. If the error persists and the package is on a network share, copy the package locally (to avoid any network connection issues) and try again. If this does not solve the problem, perform these additional investigative steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9003: Error Saving Package

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-4 • Error -9003: Error Saving Package

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<td>Error</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An error occurred when saving the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This is an unexpected internal error when trying to save the Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Check to see if the user has proper access to the location the profile is being built to. If this does not solve the problem, perform these additional investigative steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
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</table>
Error -9004: Process Cancelled By User

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-5 • Error -9004: Process Cancelled By User

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<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Process cancelled by user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>The user clicked the <strong>Cancel</strong> button to stop the build.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>Restart the build process.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9005: Error Creating Temporary Folder

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-6 • Error -9005: Error Creating Temporary Folder

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<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>An error occurred while creating a temporary folder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the user does not have permission to write to C: \TMP, or the drive is out of disk space.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>Obtain write access to C: \TMP, and free some disk space on the drive, and then rebuild the profile.</td>
</tr>
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Error -9006: Error Decompressing Package

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-7 • Error -9006: Error Decompressing Package

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<td>Error</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>An error occurred while decompressing the package 'PackageName'.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-7 • Error -9006: Error Decompressing Package

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the package is a compressed Windows Installer package (.msi) and errors were generated when InstallShield attempted to perform an administrative installation to extract the files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>When this error occurred, you should have also received a return error code from Windows Installer. Look up that error code in the Windows Installer Help Library to determine the cause of the problem. If you did not receive a return error code from Windows Installer, this error could have been caused by the package not being authored properly. In the Windows Installer package, check to see if the AdminExecuteSequence table was defined. If that table is missing, the package cannot be decompressed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9007: File With Extension Not Found

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-8 • Error -9007: File With Extension Not Found

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>No file found with the extension ‘ComponentKeyName’.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This is an unexpected error that occurred when file extensions were being processed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Check to make sure that the executable for the file extension exists and that it is set as the key file in its component.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9008: Error Extracting Icon

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-9 • Error -9008: Error Extracting Icon

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An error occurred while extracting the icon ‘IconKeyName’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This is an unexpected error that occurred when an icon listed in the Icon table was being extracted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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**Table 13-9 • Error -9008: Error Extracting Icon**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>

**Resolution:** Verify that the Icon entry in the Icon table is valid. If necessary, replace it with a valid icon.

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**Error -9009: Unknown Provider**

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-10 • Error -9009: Unknown Provider**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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</table>

**Type:** Error

**Message:** The specified provider is unknown 'ProviderName'.

**Cause:** This is an unexpected internal error.

**Resolution:** Invalid data may have been modified via the Direct Editor causing this error. Delete the Release you are building, and then create a new one and rebuild.

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**Error -9010: Invalid Target File Name**

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-11 • Error -9010: Invalid Target File Name**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Type:** Error

**Message:** The target file name is invalid. 'FileName'

**Cause:** This is an unexpected internal error.

**Resolution:** Invalid data may have been modified via the Direct Editor causing this error. Verify the Name field on the Citrix Assistant / ThinApp Assistant Profile Information page and make sure the name does not contain any invalid file name characters.
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Error -9011: Error Reading MSI Table
InstallShield 2020
The following table documents this message:

Table 13-12 • Error -9011: Error Reading MSI Table

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error reading MSI table 'TableName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This is an unexpected error that occurred when the specified Windows Installer table was being processed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Perform preliminary investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9012: Unexpected Error in Method
InstallShield 2020
The following table documents this message:

Table 13-13 • Error -9012: Unexpected Error in Method

<table>
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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error in method 'MethodName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This is an unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Perform preliminary investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9013: Type Library Not Found
InstallShield 2020
The following table documents this message:

Table 13-14 • Error -9013: Type Library Not Found

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Type library not found: 'TypeLibraryName'</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 13

Error -9014: ShellExecute Failed

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-15 • Error -9014: ShellExecute Failed

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>ShellExecute failed: 'CommandLine'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the specified command line failed to launch a process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Check to see if the executable file name shown is a valid file and that the user has the proper access rights to run it. If this does not resolve the problem, perform these additional investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9015: Unable to Determine Full Path for Driver

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-16 • Error -9015: Unable to Determine Full Path for Driver

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unable to determine the full path for driver 'DriverName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when a driver referenced in the ODBCDataSource table is not being installed by the package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -9016: Contents of Table Ignored

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Contents of table ‘TableName’ will be ignored</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This error message identifies a known limitation of Citrix conversion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>If the contents of the table is deemed critical, repackage the application, and then rebuild the Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -9017: .NET 1.x Assembly Not Supported

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-18 • Warning -9017: .NET 1.x Assembly Not Supported

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Message: Assembly 'AssemblyName' is a .NET 1.x assembly and will not be converted correctly. Only .NET 2.0/3.0 assemblies are currently supported. You may wish to repackage this package first.

Cause: You encounter this error when attempting to convert a package containing a .NET 1.x assembly. Only .NET 2.0/3.0 assemblies are currently supported.

Resolution: Repackage the application, and then rebuild the Citrix profile.

Warning -9018: Custom Actions Ignored

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-19 • Warning -9018: Custom Actions Ignored

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Message: Custom action 'CustomActionName' will be ignored.

Cause: When converting a Windows Installer package to a Citrix profile, all custom actions are ignored. Any modifications to a target machine that a custom action in this Windows Installer package may create will not be propagated into the Citrix profile.

Note • When a custom action that does not modify the system or perform any part of the installation (such as a predefined custom action or a Type 19 custom action) is encountered, no message is generated. If a Type 51 custom action is encountered (which sets a property from a formatted text string), it is automatically resolved. If a Type 35 custom action is encountered, it is resolved only if it is referenced in the Directory table.
Warning -9019: Conditionalized Components

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-20 • Warning -9019: Conditionalized Components

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>There exist one or more conditionalized components which may not be converted correctly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This warning is generated when attempting to convert conditionalized components because conditions on components are not evaluated. As a result, InstallShield includes the component in the virtual package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Resolution: | Repackage the application on a machine that has a similar environment to the machines where the profile will be deployed. Then rebuild the virtual application.  
If you do not want to include the component in the virtual package, modify your .msi package or your project file to exclude that component. Then rebuild the virtual application. If you do want the virtual package to contain this component, you can ignore this warning. |
Error -9020: Directory With Null Parent

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-21 • Error -9020: Directory With Null Parent

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Directory 'DirectoryName' has a null parent and will be ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This error occurs if a directory table entry (other than TARGETDIR) is null.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Evaluate the ThinApp application to see if it works. If it does not work properly, you may want to consider repackaging the package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9021: Unable to Extract COM Data

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-22 • Error -9021: Unable to Extract COM Data

<table>
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<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unable to extract COM data for 'FileName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This Windows Installer package has an entry in the TypeLib or SelfReg table that contains COM data that InstallShield cannot convert to application data. Depending upon which file cannot be COM extracted, it is possible that this application will still work properly in Citrix XenApp isolation environment if you repackage this Windows Installer package with COM table mapping turned off. COM data is stored in the Windows Registry. So, if you repackage this Windows Installer package, the capture process will be able to obtain all of this data because it captures all modifications to the Registry and does not have to rely on COM extraction.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>To resolve this issue, you need to repackage your Windows Installer package with COM table mapping turned off.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9022: Complus Table

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-23 • Error -9022: Complus Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'Complus'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a Complus table. During the conversion process, the Complus table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The Complus table contains information needed to install COM+ applications. While Citrix XenApp supports communicating with COM+ applications, it does not support installing COM+ services. Therefore, this application cannot be deployed on Citrix XenApp.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9024: FileSFPCatalog

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-24 • Error -9024: FileSFPCatalog

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'FileSFPCatalog'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a FileSFPCatalog table. During the conversion process, the FileSFPCatalog table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The FileSFPCatalog table associates specified files with the catalog files used by system file protection. If this file is necessary for the function of the application, you need to use Repackager to repackage the application.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -9026: LaunchCondition Table

The following table documents this message:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'LaunchCondition'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>You encounter this warning when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a LaunchCondition table. During the conversion process, the LaunchCondition table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>The LaunchCondition table contains a list of conditions that all must be satisfied for the installation to begin. For example, if an application requires Windows XP to run, Windows XP is listed in the LaunchCondition table. Because this table is not read, no check is performed. Therefore, when a user on an operating system other than Windows XP launches this Citrix profile, the application may not function properly. To resolve this issue, perform one of the following tasks:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Option 1: Set Requirements on the Profile Requirements Page</strong>—If the launch conditions only include operating system, service pack, and language requirements, open this package in the Citrix Assistant, and set those Operating System and Language requirements on the Profile Requirements page. Then deploy this application as a Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Option 2: Determine if Launch Conditions are Met</strong>—Review the launch conditions listed in the table, and determine if the desktops in your enterprise meet those requirements. If all of the desktops meet those requirements, you can deploy this application as a Citrix profile. If the desktops do not meet those requirements (such as having Internet Explorer 6.0 instead of 7.0), upgrade those desktops to meet these requirements, and then deploy this application as a Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9027: LockPermissions Table

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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'LockPermissions'.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The following table documents this message.

Table 13-27 • Error -9028: MoveFile Table

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'MoveFile'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a MoveFile table. During the conversion process, the MoveFile table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>This MoveFile table contains a list of files to be moved or copied from a specified source directory to a specified destination directory. Because this table is not read, you need to do one of the following to resolve this issue:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Option 1: Edit the Windows Installer Package—Open the Windows Installer package in InstallShield and modify it to eliminate the use of the MoveFile table by installing additional files in the specified directories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Option 2: Repackage the Application—Use the Repackaging Wizard to repackage this application, and then build the Repackager project to generate a revised Windows Installer package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Option 3: Write a Pre-Launch Script—Write a pre-launch script that performs the file moving operations identified in the MoveFile table upon application launch.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9029: MsiDriverPackages Table

The following table documents this message:

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<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong></td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Message:</strong></td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'MsiDriverPackages'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a MsiDriverPackages table. During the conversion process, the MsiDriverPackages table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>The MsiDriverPackages table includes one record for each driver package component in the application. Citrix XenApp does not support any type of driver. For example, when installing a printer, you can install the printer software within the isolation environment, but not the printer drivers. Therefore, to resolve this issue, you need to install any required drivers outside of the isolation environment on the user desktop machines.</td>
</tr>
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Warning -9030: ODBCTranslator Table

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<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong></td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Message:</strong></td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'ODBCTranslator'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a ODBCTranslator table. During the conversion process, the ODBCTranslator table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>The ODBCTranslator table lists the ODBC translators belonging to the installation. ODBC translators translate one form of raw data into another form that can be used with a specific database type. Ignoring the ODBCTranslator table should not prevent your application from functioning properly. However, if it does, you need to use Repackager to repackage the application.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Warning -9031: RemoveFile Table**

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'RemoveFile'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a <code>RemoveFile</code> table. During the conversion process, the <code>RemoveFile</code> table is not read. This warning is displayed only if the application installation removes files during install (not uninstall).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The <code>RemoveFile</code> table contains a list of files to be removed. If this file removal requirement is just a clean-up step, that does not impact the function of the application, you do not need to address this issue. However, if the existence of the files listed in the <code>RemoveFile</code> table prevents the application from functioning, you need to set the isolation option of the files to <code>Ignore</code> so that they are not visible to the isolation environment. The <code>Ignore</code> option directs the isolation environment to always look for the file on the system (ignoring the one inside the isolation environment).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Warning -9032: RemoveIniFile Table**

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'RemoveIniFile'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a <code>RemoveIniFile</code> table. During the conversion process, the <code>RemoveIniFile</code> table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The <code>RemoveIniFile</code> table contains the information an application needs to delete from a .ini file. If the removal of this entry is necessary for the function of the application, you need to use Repackager to repackage the application.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -9033: RemoveRegistry Table

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-32 • Warning -9033: RemoveRegistry Table

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'RemoveRegistry'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a RemoveRegistry table. During the conversion process, the RemoveRegistry table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The RemoveRegistry table contains the registry information the application needs to delete from the system registry. If this removal requirement is just a clean-up step, that does not impact the function of the application, you do not need to address this issue. However, if the existence of the registry keys listed in the RemoveRegistry table prevents the application from functioning, you need to set the isolation option of the registry keys to Ignore so that they are not visible to the isolation environment. The Ignore option directs the isolation environment to always look for the registry key on the system (ignoring the one inside the isolation environment).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9036: ISCEInstall Table

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-33 • Error -9036: ISCEInstall Table

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<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'ISCEInstall'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a ISCEInstall table. During the conversion process, the ISCEInstall table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The ISCEInstall table is used to install Windows mobile applications. The conversion of mobile applications to Citrix profiles is not supported.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9037: ISComPlusApplication Table

InstallShield 2020

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'ISComPlusApplication'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a ISComPlusApplication table. During the conversion process, the ISComPlusApplication table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The ISComPlusApplication table contains information about COM+ applications. While Citrix XenApp supports communicating with COM+ applications, it does not support installing COM+ services. Therefore, this application cannot be deployed on Citrix XenApp.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9038: ISPalmApp Table

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'ISPalmApp'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a ISPalmApp table. During the conversion process, the ISPalmApp table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The ISPalmApp table is used to install Palm mobile applications. The conversion of mobile applications to Citrix profiles is not supported.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9039: ISSQLScriptFile Table

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-36 • Error -9039: ISSQLScriptFile Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'ISSQLScriptFile'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a ISSQLScriptFile table. During the conversion process, the ISSQLScriptFile table is not read.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Resolution: | The ISSQLScriptFile table lists SQL scripts. When a Windows Installer package is installed, it can run an SQL script to update a database. An application running as a Citrix profile cannot update a database. To resolve this issue, you need to update the database prior to using the converted Citrix profile using one of the following methods:  
  - Use scripts to update the database manually.  
  - Update it by running the Windows Installer installation on one of the machines in your network that has access to that database. |

Error -9040: ISVRoot Table

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-37 • Error -9040: ISVRoot Table

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'ISVRoot'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a ISVRoot table. During the conversion process, the ISVRoot table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The ISVRoot table installs a Web site. An application running as a Citrix profile in an isolation environment cannot create a Web site. Therefore, creating Citrix profiles for applications that create Web sites during installation is not supported.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9041: ISXmlFile Table

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-38 • Error -9041: ISXmlFile Table

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<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The conversion process does not support data in the MSI table 'ISXmlFile'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes a ISXmlFile table. During the conversion process, the ISXmlFile table is not read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The ISXmlFile table modifies XML files. If the modification of XML files is required in order for this application to operate properly, you need to use Repackager to repackage this application.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9051: Package Decompression Canceled

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-39 • Error -9051: Package Decompression Canceled

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Package decompression canceled by the user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>The user cancelled the process of decompression of compressed MSI packages.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9100: CreateInstance of Package Object Failed

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-40 • Error -9100: CreateInstance of Package Object Failed

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>CreateInstance of the Citrix package object failed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9101: Create Operation of Package Object Failed

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Create operation on Citrix package object failed 'ObjectName'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>First check to see if the product was installed properly. Then, perform preliminary investigational steps and contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Error -9102: Failed to Write Header Information

InstallShield 2020

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Failed to write package header information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>First check to see if the product was installed properly. Then, perform preliminary investigational steps and contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9103: Citrix Finalization Failed

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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Citrix Finalization Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>First check to see if the product was installed properly. Then, perform <a href="#">preliminary investigational steps</a> and contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9104: Citrix Save Failed

The following table documents this message:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Citrix Save Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error. This error may sometimes occur when the profile is to be digitally signed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>Deselect the option to digitally sign the Citrix profile and then rebuild it.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9105: Error Initializing Citrix Writer

The following table documents this message:

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Unexpected error initializing Citrix writer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9106: Error Initializing Citrix Package

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error initializing Citrix package</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>First check to see if the product was installed properly. Then, perform preliminary investigational steps and contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Error -9107: Error Writing Citrix File Entries

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing Citrix file entries.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>First check to see if the product was installed properly. Then, perform preliminary investigational steps and contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9108: Error Determining Source File Path

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-48 • Error -9108: Error Determining Source File Path

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error determining source file path for 'FileName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>First check to see if the product was installed properly. Then, perform preliminary investigational steps and contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9109: Error Writing Citrix Folder Entries

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-49 • Error -9109: Error Writing Citrix Folder Entries

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing Citrix folder entries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>First check to see if the product was installed properly. Then, perform preliminary investigational steps and contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Error -9110: Error Writing Citrix Registry Entries

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-50 • Error -9110: Error Writing Citrix Registry Entries

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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing Citrix registry entries</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9113: Error Writing Citrix INI File Entries

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-51 • Error -9113: Error Writing Citrix INI File Entries

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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing Citrix INI file entries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Unexpected internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Perform preliminary investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9114: Error Writing Citrix Shortcuts

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-52 • Error -9114: Error Writing Citrix Shortcuts

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing Citrix shortcuts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>A catastrophic error has occurred while writing shortcuts to the profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Verify that shortcuts point to a valid file. Try to narrow down issue by only keeping one shortcut and then try to rebuild.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9115: Error Saving Citrix Profile

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-53 • Error -9115: Error Saving Citrix Profile

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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error saving Citrix profile</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>A catastrophic error has occurred while saving the Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Perform preliminary investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
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</table>

Error -9116: Error Creating Empty Citrix Profile

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-54 • Error -9116: Error Creating Empty Citrix Profile

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error creating empty Citrix profile</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>InstallShield is unable to create a new internal instance of a Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Perform preliminary investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Error -9117: Error Creating Intermediate Folder

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-55 • Error -9117: Error Creating Intermediate Folder

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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error creating intermediate folder</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-55 • Error -9117: Error Creating Intermediate Folder

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>InstallShield is unable to create the intermediate folder used for the build. This error could occur if the user does not have permission to write to C:\TMP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>Obtain write access to C:\TMP and then rebuild the profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9118: Error Initializing Citrix Profile

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-56 • Error -9118: Error Initializing Citrix Profile

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong></td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Message:</strong></td>
<td>Unexpected error initializing Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>The initial values on the new profile could not be set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>Check the package name, description, version, and security settings for any possible causes.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9119: Error Creating Default Target in Citrix Profile

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-57 • Error -9119: Error Creating Default Target in Citrix Profile

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<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong></td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Message:</strong></td>
<td>Unexpected error creating default target in Citrix profile</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>Initial target in the new profile could not be created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>Perform preliminary investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Error -9120: Error Deleting File From Profile

*InstallShield 2020*

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-58 • Error -9120: Error Deleting File From Profile**

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error deleting file 'FileName' from profile</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Specified file could not be deleted from profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Check to see if the file exists and if the user has access rights to the file. If that did not resolve the problem, perform these additional investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Error -9121: Failed to Copy File into Citrix Profile

*InstallShield 2020*

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-59 • Error -9121: Failed to Copy File into Citrix Profile**

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Failed to copy file into Citrix profile. Error: 'Name' File: 'Name'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Specified file could not be copied into profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Check to see if the file exists and if the user has access rights to the file. Also, when this error occurred, you should have also received a return error code from Windows Installer. Look up that error code in the Windows Installer Help Library to determine the cause of the problem.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9122: Target Does Not Exist in Citrix Profile

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-60 • Error -9122: Target Does Not Exist in Citrix Profile

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The target for shortcut 'ShortcutName' does not exist in the Citrix profile. Excluding shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Actual file that shortcut points to is not included in the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Exclude the shortcut by clearing the selection on the Citrix Assistant Profile Shortcuts page, and then rebuild the profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9124: No Shortcuts Created for this Profile

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-61 • Error -9124: No Shortcuts Created for this Profile

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>No shortcuts were created for this profile</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>A Citrix profile must include at least one valid shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Add a shortcut on the Citrix Assistant Profile Shortcuts page, and then rebuild the profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9125: Error Writing Citrix File Type Associations

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-62 • Error -9125: Error Writing Citrix File Type Associations

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing Citrix file type associations</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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**Table 13-62 • Error -9125: Error Writing Citrix File Type Associations**

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Unable to write file type associations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Perform preliminary investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Error -9126: Failed to Sign Profile Using Certificate**

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-63 • Error -9126: Failed to Sign Profile Using Certificate**

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type: Error</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message: Failed to sign the profile using the supplied certificate</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause: The certificate that is being used is invalid.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution: Obtain a valid certificate and rebuild the profile.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Error -9127: Could Not Create Script Execution**

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-64 • Error -9127: Could Not Create Script Execution**

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type: Error</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message: Could not create script execution for ‘ScriptName’</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause: The specified script contains invalid data.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution: On the Citrix Assistant Build Settings page, delete the script from the profile, re-add it, and then rebuild the profile. If you are still having problems, perform these additional investigational steps and then contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>
Warning -9128: Duplicate Shortcut

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**Table 13-65 • Warning -9128: Duplicate Shortcut**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong></td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Message:</strong></td>
<td>'ShortcutName' shortcut already exists in the profile. Excluding duplicate shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>There are multiple shortcuts defined in this profile that refer to different Start Menu locations or to other locations in the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>These shortcuts are not needed. On the Citrix Assistant Profile Shortcuts page, unselect these shortcuts, and then rebuild the profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9129: Duplicate Shortcut Names

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**Table 13-66 • Warning -9129: Duplicate Shortcut Names**

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<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Message:</strong></td>
<td>'ShortcutName' shortcut already exists in the profile, but with different command line parameters. A new unique shortcut 'NewShortcutName(1)' will be created in the profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>There are two shortcuts defined in this profile that have the same name, even though they have different command line parameters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>On the Citrix Assistant Profile Shortcuts page, rename one of these shortcuts and then rebuild the profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -9130: Duplicate Shortcut Targets

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-67 • Warning -9130: Duplicate Shortcut Targets

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<td>Message:</td>
<td>'ShortcutName' shortcut already exists in the profile, but with different target. A new unique shortcut 'NewShortcutName(1)' will be created in the profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>There are two shortcuts defined in this profile that have the same name, even though they have different targets.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>On the Citrix Assistant Profile Shortcuts page, rename one of these shortcuts and then rebuild the profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9131: Unable to Resolve Installer Variable

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-68 • Warning -9131: Unable to Resolve Installer Variable

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unable to resolve an installer variable in the string 'StringName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Not all Windows Installer variables can be resolved at build time. This can result in errors if your application requires a specific value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Repackage this application and rebuild the profile, or use a constant value in the Windows Installer package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -9132: 16 Color Shortcut Icon Not Found

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-69 • Warning -9132: 16 Color Shortcut Icon Not Found

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>No 16 color icon found for 'ShortcutName' shortcut. Shortcut icon may look distorted when published.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>The icon used for this shortcut does not contain a 16-color image. Since Citrix currently does not support images with a higher number of colors, this icon may look distorted when shown and published in Citrix XenApp.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>You can modify the shortcut to use a different icon or add a 16-color image to the one currently used.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9133: Shortcut Icon Not Found

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-70 • Warning -9133: Shortcut Icon Not Found

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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>No icon found for 'ShortcutName' shortcut. Using generic Windows application icon instead.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>If no icon can be loaded for this shortcut, the generic Windows application icon is used. This can happen if the file used is corrupt or if extracting an image from it is not possible.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Modify the shortcut to use a different icon.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -9134: Failure to Extract Icon from Executable

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

<p>| Table 13-71 • Warning -9134: Failure to Extract Icon from Executable |</p>
<table>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong></td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Message:</strong></td>
<td>Failed to extract icon from executable 'filename'. Make sure the executable is not corrupt.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>A corrupt icon file may cause this warning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>Modify the shortcut to use a different icon.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9135: Shortcut Target is 16-Bit

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

<p>| Table 13-72 • Error -9135: Shortcut Target is 16-Bit |</p>
<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong></td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Message:</strong></td>
<td>The target for shortcut 'ShortcutName' is 16-bit. This application may not function properly in the Citrix Isolation Environment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cause:</strong></td>
<td>The file this shortcut points to is a 16-bit application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution:</strong></td>
<td>Replace file with a newer 32-bit version. Can also test and see if the application works properly in the Citrix environment.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9136: Some Files May Not Be Decompressed

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

<p>| Table 13-73 • Warning -9136: Some Files May Not Be Decompressed |</p>
<table>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong></td>
<td>Warning</td>
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</table>
Warning -9137: Destination Directory Cannot Be Found

InstallShield 2020

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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The destination directory for the 'FileName' file cannot be found. You should consider Repackaging this application before proceeding with the conversion process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This is an internal error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 13-74 • Warning -9137: Destination Directory Cannot Be Found
Warning -9138: Ignoring a DuplicateFile Table Entry

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-75 • Warning -9138: Ignoring a DuplicateFile Table Entry

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<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Ignoring a DuplicateFile table entry because unable to resolve the property used for the DestFolder: 'INVALIDPATH'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>You might encounter this error when the Windows Installer package that you are converting includes one or more entries in the DuplicateFile table, and a property that is used in the DestFolder column for one of those entries in the DuplicateFile table cannot be resolved. For example, if the destination for a duplicate file is set by a custom action, that destination cannot be resolved during the conversion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The DuplicateFile table contains a list of files that need to be duplicated during installation, either to a different directory than the original file or to the same directory but with a different name. Because a destination in this table cannot be resolved, you need to do one of the following to resolve this issue:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Option 1: Edit the Windows Installer Package—Open the Windows Installer package in InstallShield and modify it to eliminate the use of the problematic entry in the DuplicateFile table by including any additional copies of that file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Option 2: Repackage the Application—Use the Repackaging Wizard to repackage this application, and then build the Repackager project to generate a revised Windows Installer package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Option 3: Write a Pre-Launch Script—Write a pre-launch script that—upon application launch—performs the file copy operations for the problematic entry in the DuplicateFile table.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9150: Warning Building Windows Installer Package

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-76 • Warning -9150: Warning Building Windows Installer Package

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</table>
Error -9151: Error Building Windows Installer Package

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-77 • Error -9150: Error Building Windows Installer Package

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Error building Windows Installer package: Error number and message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This error indicates that InstallShield encountered a build error when it built the new Basic MSI project and releases for the App-V application that you are creating.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>You may need to resolve the error in the Basic MSI project that InstallShield created in the App-VPackage subfolder when you built the App-V application. However, note that InstallShield overwrites the Basic MSI project each time that you rebuild the App-V application.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9200: ThinApp Must Be Installed

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-78 • Error -9200: ThinApp Must Be Installed

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>A licensed or demo version of ThinApp must be installed on this machine in order to successfully build ThinApp applications. (<a href="http://www.vmware.com">www.vmware.com</a>)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>ThinApp is not installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Install ThinApp.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -9201: Extension for Shortcut Files Must Be “.exe”

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-79 • Warning -9201: Extension for Shortcut Files Must Be “.exe”

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The extension for the target for shortcut 'ShortcutName' is not '.exe'. Excluding shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Shortcuts that do not have a filename extension of .exe are excluded.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>No action is required.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9202: No Applications Were Created

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-80 • Error -9202: No Applications Were Created

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>No applications were created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Either the Windows Installer package had no shortcuts or all shortcuts were excluded.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Make sure that the source Windows Installer .msi package has at least one shortcut to an .exe file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9203: ThinApp Tool is Missing

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-81 • Error -9203: ThinApp Tool is Missing

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>ThinApp: 'ToolName' was not found</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Error -9204: Duplicate Shortcut

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-82 • Error -9204: Duplicate Shortcut

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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>'ShortcutName' shortcut already exists. Excluding duplicate shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>The source package has two shortcuts that both point to the same .exe target.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>No action is required.</td>
</tr>
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Error -9205: Identically Named Shortcut Already Exists, But With Different Parameters

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-83 • Error -9205: Identically Named Shortcut Already Exists, But With Different Command Line Parameters

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>'ShortcutName' shortcut already exists, but with different command line parameters. A new, unique shortcut will be created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>Two shortcuts in the package differed in arguments only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>No action is required.</td>
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**Error -9206: Identically Named Shortcut Already Exists, But With a Different Target**

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-84 • Error -9206: Identically Named Shortcut Already Exists, But With a Different Target**

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>'ShortcutName' shortcut already exists, but with a different target. A new, unique shortcut will be created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Two shortcuts differed in the target pointed to only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>No action is required.</td>
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**Error -9207: Error During Build Process (vregtool.exe)**

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-85 • Error -9207: Error During Build Process (vregtool.exe)**

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An error occurred during the ThinApp build process (vregtool.exe).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>An unexpected error occurred while running the vregtool.exe step of the ThinApp build process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The cause of this error may be discernible by the progress messages that were displayed just before this error occurred. Also, make sure none of the files/folders in the build folder hierarchy are locked.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9208: Error Occurred During Build Process (vftool.exe)

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-86 • Error -9208: Error Occurred During Build Process (vftool.exe)

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An error occurred during the ThinApp build process (vftool.exe)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>An unexpected error occurred while running the vftool.exe step of the ThinApp build process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The cause of this error may be discernible by the progress messages that were displayed just before this error occurred. Also, make sure none of the files/folders in the build folder hierarchy are locked.</td>
</tr>
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Error -9209: Error Occurred During Build Process (tlink.exe)

InstallShield 2020

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Table 13-87 • Error -9209: Error Occurred During Build Process (tlink.exe)

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An error occurred during the ThinApp build process (tlink.exe)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>An unexpected error occurred while running the tlink.exe step of the ThinApp build process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>The cause of this error may be discernible by the progress messages that were displayed just before this error occurred. Also, make sure none of the files/folders of the build folder hierarchy are locked.</td>
</tr>
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Error -9300: Unhandled Exception During AdviseFile Operation

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-88 • Error -9300: Unhandled Exception During AdviseFile Operation

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An unhandled exception occurred during the AdviseFile operation for rule 'RuleName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9301: Unhandled Exception During AdviseRegistry Operation

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-89 • Error -9301: Unhandled Exception During AdviseRegistry Operation

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An unhandled exception occurred during the AdviseRegistry operation for rule 'RuleName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Error -9302: Unhandled Exception During Command Action

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-90 • Error -9302: Unhandled Exception During Command Action

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An unhandled exception occurred during the command action with the description 'CommandActionName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
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Error -9303: Unhandled Exception During Alter File Action

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An unhandled exception occurred during the alter file action with the description 'FileName'</td>
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<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
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Error -9304: Unhandled Exception During Alter Registry Action

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An unhandled exception occurred during the alter registry action with the description 'RegistryName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
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Error -9305: Unhandled Exception During Create Action

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An unhandled exception occurred during the create action with the description 'CreateName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9306: Unhandled Exception During Execution of Rules Engine

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-94 • Error -9306: Unhandled Exception During Execution of Rules Engine**

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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An unhandled exception occurred during the execution of the rules engine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9401: Error Initializing App-V Writer

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-95 • Error -9401: Error Initializing App-V Writer**

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error initializing App-V writer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9402: Error Initializing App-V Package

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-96 • Error -9402: Error Initializing App-V Package**

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error initializing App-V package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9403: Error Writing App-V File Entries

InstallShield 2020

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Table 13-97 • Error -9403: Error Writing App-V File Entries

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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Error -9404: Error Writing App-V Folder Entries

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Table 13-98 • Error -9404: Error Writing App-V Folder Entries

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing App-V folder entries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9405: Error Writing App-V Registry Entries

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-99 • Error -9405: Error Writing App-V Registry Entries

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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing App-V registry entries.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9406: Error Writing App-V INI File Entries

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Error -9407: Error Writing App-V Shortcuts

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing App-V shortcuts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Error -9408: Error Writing App-V File Type Data

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<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Unexpected error writing App-V file type data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Error -9409: Error Saving App-V Data

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The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-103 • Error -9409: Error Saving App-V Data**

<table>
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<tr>
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<tr>
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<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Unexpected error saving App-V data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Error -9410: Error Determining Source File Path

*InstallShield 2020*

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-104 • Error -9410: Error Determining Source File Path**

<table>
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<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Unexpected error determining source file path for 'FileName'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>The installation location of a file, which is determined by some run time property, cannot be determined by the App-V virtual converter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>Locate the file in InstallShield and provide a known directory.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Error -9411: OSD File Template Could Not Be Extracted

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The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-105 • Error -9411: OSD File Template Could Not Be Extracted**

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>The Microsoft App-V OSD file template could not be extracted. The OSD file generation will not operate properly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9412: OSD File Could Not Be Saved

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-106 • Error -9412: OSD File Could Not Be Saved

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The Microsoft App-V OSD file could not be saved. The OSD file generation will not operate properly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9413: App-V OSD Save

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-107 • Error -4313: App-V OSD Save

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The Microsoft App-V OSD file could not be saved. The OSD file generation will not operate properly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9414: Local App-V Application Specified as a Dependency of the Primary Application

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-108 • Warning -9414: Local App-V Application Specified as a Dependency of the Primary Application

<table>
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<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>A local App-V application was specified as a dependency of the primary application. The primary application may not run correctly if it is relocated to a different location.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-108 • Warning -9414: Local App-V Application Specified as a Dependency of the Primary Application

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>The user specified a dependent App-V application that is either on the local drive or on a mapped drive. This is determined by examining the HREF attribute of the CODEBASE tag in the dependency application’s OSD file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Dependency applications should be referenced by a portable mechanism using either a non-FILE protocol or by using a network URL.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9415: Dependency Application Was Not Found

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-109 • Error -9415: Dependency Application Was Not Found

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Dependency application was not found: 'ApplicationName'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>A specified App-V dependency application file was not found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Check the path of the specified App-V dependency application.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9416: Invalid Primary Application Directory

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-110 • Warning -9416: Invalid Primary Application Directory

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The specified Primary Application Directory, 'DirectoryName', does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>This may be caused if the directories specified in the Windows Installer package have changed after a valid Primary Application Directory was specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Specify a valid Primary Application Directory using the supplied browse folder in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Error -9417: Dependency Application’s OSD File Contains an Invalid HREF Value

InstallShield 2020

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Dependency application OSD file contains an invalid value for the HREF field of the CODEBASE tag: 'HREF_Field_Value'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>The CODEBASE tag of the dependency application’s OSD file may have an empty or non-existent HREF attribute.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Make sure that the CODEBASE tag of the dependency application’s OSD file has a valid HREF attribute.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9418: Error While Privatizing Side-By-Side Assemblies

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

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<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An error occurred while privatizing Side-By-Side assemblies.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>When converting to an App-V package, files installed to the win32 Sxs assembly cache need to be privatized so that the App-V runtime can find them. This error occurs if there was an unexpected failure in that process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -9419: Error Inserting Watermark

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-113 • Error -9419: Error Inserting Watermark

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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>An error has occurred inserting the evaluation watermark into the App-V Package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error -9424: Building an App-V 5.x Package

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The following table documents this message:

Table 13-114 • Error -9424: Building an App-V 5.x Package

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Skipping conversion to Microsoft App-V 5. The minimum operating system requirement for building App-V 5 packages is Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Although you can configure settings for an App-V 5.x package on any version of Windows that InstallShield supports, building an App-V 5.x package from within InstallShield requires Windows 8 or Windows Server 2012.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -9500: Shortcut Missing

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-115 • Warning -9500: Shortcut Missing

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The target for shortcut 'FileName' does not exist. Excluding shortcut.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>The target file of a shortcut in the project does not exist.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Error -10000: Process Cancelled By User

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-115 • Error -10000: Process Cancelled By User

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Process cancelled by user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>User clicked Cancel to cancel the profile conversion process.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -10001: Suite File Missing

The following table documents this message:

Table 13-116 • Warning -10001: Suite File Missing

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The suite MSI file 'FileName' is missing and will be excluded from the conversion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>An MSI file that is part of a suite conversion was not found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Make sure the input file for the suite conversion process exists.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Warning -10002: Suite File is Duplicate

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-118 • Warning -10002: Suite File is Duplicate**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>The suite MSI file 'FileName' appears to be the same as the main MSI file and we will exclude this file from the conversion process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>A suite conversion was attempted where the main Windows Installer file (.msi) and one of the additional Windows Installer files specified were the same.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Specify unique Windows Installer files as part of the suite conversion process.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -10003: Application File Missing

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-119 • Warning -10003: Application File Missing**

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Application file not found 'ApplicationName'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>A file referenced by the installation was not found by the App-V virtual converter. It is likely that the file reference is broken in the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Use InstallShield to locate the file in the installation and either fix the link or delete it.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning -10004: INI File Missing

The following table documents this message:

**Table 13-120 • Warning: -10004: INI File Missing**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>INI file not found 'INI_File_Name'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution:</td>
<td>Contact InstallShield Technical Support.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Fix 11000: Excluding TCPIP Registry Entries

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The following table documents this message:

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<tr>
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<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Fix</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>Excluding TCPIP registry entries from the Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action:</td>
<td>All TCPIP registry entries will be excluded from the Citrix profile.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Fatal Error 11001: Fail on VMware

InstallShield 2020

The following table documents this message:

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Type:</td>
<td>Fatal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>VMware cannot be virtualized.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
<td>Conversion will fail when the application being virtualized is VMware.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action:</td>
<td>This error message is displayed: VMware cannot be virtualized.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Warning 11003: Control Panel Applet - Citrix

InstallShield 2020

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
<td>Warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action:</td>
<td>A warning is displayed when the application contains a Control Panel applet.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Fix 11004: Control Panel Applet - ThinApp

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The following table documents this message:

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Fatal Error 11005: QuickTime 7.4.1 Causes Fatal Error

*InstallShield 2020*

The following table documents this message:

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<tr>
<th>Table 13-125 • Error 11005: QuickTime 7.4.1 Causes Fatal Error</th>
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<td>Type:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cause:</td>
</tr>
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<td>Resolution:</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### Fix 11006: Adobe Distiller Exclude AdobePDFSettings

*InstallShield 2020*

The following table documents this message:

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<tr>
<th>Table 13-126 • Fix 11006: Adobe Distiller Exclude AdobePDFSettings</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action:</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Fix 11007: Exclude URL Shortcut

The following table documents this message:

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<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Fix</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Excluding shortcut to .URL file. App-V does not launch these files properly.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>The shortcut to the .URL file is excluded.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Steps to Take Before Calling Technical Support

Before contacting InstallShield Technical Support, perform the following steps to attempt to clearly identify the problem you are having:

- **Check package**—To determine if this error is caused by a problem with the specific package you are converting, try to build a Citrix profile of a simple package that contains only one file.
- **Check machine and OS**—To determine if this error is caused by a configuration on a particular machine or operating system, attempt to build this Citrix profile on another machine or operating system.
- **Check individual files**—To determine if this is error limited to a specific item, find out if removing or excluding a particular item will build error free.

Application Features Requiring Pre- or Post-Conversion Actions

Some application features are ignored when creating a Citrix profile. Therefore, some additional pre- or post-conversion actions must be taken in order for the virtual application to work.

One action you could take to try to include ignored features in a virtual application is to first repackage the application using the Repackaging Wizard, and then convert the repackaged application to a virtual package.

One action you could take to try to include ignored features in a virtual application is to first repackage the application using the Repackaging Wizard that is included with Repackager, and then convert the repackaged application to a virtual package.

**Edition** • Repackager is included with AdminStudio.
The following table lists the application features which require additional, manual conversion steps:

**Table 13-128 • Application Features Ignored During Profile Conversion**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Windows Installer Feature</th>
<th>Manual Conversion Steps</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **User-Defined Custom Actions** | When converting a Windows Installer package to a Citrix profile, all custom actions are ignored. For user-defined custom actions, a warning message is generated. Any modifications to a target machine that a custom action in this Windows Installer package may create will not be propagated into the Citrix profile.  

The resolution that you should perform depends upon the purpose of the custom action:  

- If the custom action merely automatically enters a value or makes some other kind of minor modification, you can ignore this warning.  

- If the custom action does something which could change the behavior of the installation (such as setting a Property), you may need to resolve this issue.  

To resolve this issue, first attempt to launch the converted package on Citrix XenApp. If you receive any application errors, you need to repackage this application, by performing the following steps.  

  **To successfully convert a package with user-defined custom actions:**  

  1. Use the Repackaging Wizard to repackage this application. The Repackaging Wizard monitors system changes as an application is installed, and then that data is converted into a Repackager project.  

  2. Build the Repackager project to generate a revised Windows Installer package. This new Windows Installer package does not contain any custom actions, but (as a result of being repackaged) it will include the functionality performed by the original custom action. |

| Services                                                                 | Citrix XenApp does not support any type of services. Therefore, to resolve this issue, you need to install any required services outside of the isolation environment on the user desktop machines.  

  **To successfully convert a package with services:**  

  1. If you have an application and a service bundled in the same Windows Installer package, you need to create a separate Windows Installer package containing just the service.  

  2. Install the service on each of the user desktop machines. The Citrix profile of this application should now be able to run in an isolation environment on machines that already have the service installed. |
While Citrix XenApp supports communicating with COM+ applications, it does not support installing COM+ services. Therefore, an application that contains COM+ services cannot be deployed on Citrix XenApp.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Windows Installer Feature</th>
<th>Manual Conversion Steps</th>
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<td>COM+</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Automation Interface

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The InstallShield Help Library explains how to use the InstallShield interface to author all elements of your installation and then build a release. For advanced developers, InstallShield exposes a COM interface that allows you to perform many of the same tasks from a program, such as a Visual Basic executable, or a script, such as a VBScript file in Windows Scripting Host. By calling methods, setting properties, accessing collections, and so on, through the automation interface, you can open a project and modify its features and component data in many of the same ways that you would in the InstallShield interface.

The highest-level object in the automation interface is the ISWiProject object. The first thing you must do to access the interface is create this object. Then, you can use its objects, methods, and properties to modify your project.

**Note** • The automation interface affects a project only at design time and not run time.

For information on automation interface support in Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, and Merge Module projects, see the following sections:

- Automation Objects
- Automation Collections

For information on automation interface support in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, see the following sections:

- Automation Objects for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Automation Collections for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

**See Also**

Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System

Automation Objects

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Each InstallShield automation object represents an installation element such as a feature, a component, or a file. This section describes each of the InstallShield automation objects.

The highest-level object in the automation interface is the ISWiProject object. The first thing you must do to access the interface is create this object. Then, you can use its objects, methods, and properties to modify your project.
Note • The examples provided in the Automation Objects subsections use Visual Basic sample code, not VBScript.

See Also
Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System

ISWiProject Object

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

Note • The examples provided in the Automation Objects subsections use Visual Basic sample code, not VBScript.

ISWiProject contains the interface for opening, closing, and saving an InstallShield project file (.ism or .dim). When InstallShield is installed on your system, you can instantiate a copy of ISWiProject with the following VB and VBScript syntax:

Set m_ISWiProject = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")

To open an installation project, call the OpenProject method, as follows:

' Build path to the .ism file
strFile = "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\Test.ism"
m_ISWiProject.OpenProject strFile

Important • If you are using the automation interface on a 64-bit machine, you may need to load the automation interface through a 32-bit executable file. Otherwise, you may encounter an error when you instantiate a copy of ISWiProject, or any other object. For more information, see Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System.

Build Status Events

The ISWiProject object raises the following status events:

• Public Event ProgressIncrement(ByVal lncrement As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
• Public Event ProgressMax(ByVal lMax As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
• Public Event StatusMessage(ByVal sMessage As String, pbCancel As Boolean)
These events are raised during the build process and provide status updates. You can set pbCancel to stop the build. For sample code that demonstrates how to use these events, see Using Build Status Events.

Many feature properties and attributes are available in the automation interface through this object’s methods, properties, and collections. The following table lists the ISWiProject Object members. Remember that some methods, properties, and collections are only available for a particular project type.
## Members

**Table 13-1 • ISWiProject Object Members**

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<tr>
<td>ActiveLanguage</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the default language of the project. Specify a single language as a language ID. The automation interface uses the default language whenever you get or set a localizable property, such as ISWiShortcut’s DisplayName. In InstallShield, localizable properties must use a string entry. If the property has a string identifier, the string that you enter for the property becomes the string entry’s value for the default language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddAdvancedFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates an advanced file with the specified name and (optionally) in the specified disk image in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddAutomaticUpgradeEntry</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates a new ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntry item and returns a handle to that object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddComponent</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates an ISWiComponent object in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddCustomAction</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates an ISWiCustomAction object in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddFeature</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates an ISWiFeature object in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddLanguage</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a language to the current project.</td>
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<td>AddPatchConfig</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates an ISWiPatchConfig object in the current project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AddPathVariable</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a path variable to the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddProductConfig</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates an ISWiProductConfig object in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddProperty</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates a new ISWiProperty item and returns a handle to that object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSetupFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates a support file with the specified name in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSetupType</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates a setup type with the specified name in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSqlServerConnection</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a new server connection to the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddUpgradeTableEntry</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates a new ISWiUpgradeTableEntry item and returns a handle to that object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdminExecuteSequence</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-only  Property</td>
<td>Returns an ISWiSequence collection representing the Administration Execute sequence in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdminUISequence</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-only  Property</td>
<td>Returns an ISWiSequence collection representing the Administration User Interface sequence in the current project.</td>
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<td>AdvtExecuteSequence</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-only Property</td>
<td>Returns an ISWiSequence collection representing the Advertisement Execute sequence in the current project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AdvtUISequence</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-only Property</td>
<td>Returns an ISWiSequence collection representing the Advertisement User Interface sequence in the current project. (Note that validation rule ICE78 requires the Advertisement User Interface sequence to be empty. For more information, see ICEs.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BuildPatchConfiguration</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Calling this method builds the patch configuration identified by the strPatchConfiguration variable. This action has the same effect as right-clicking on a patch configuration in the Patch Design view and then selecting 'Build Patch'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BuildPCPFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Builds a patch package based on a .pcp file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CloseProject</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Closes an InstallShield installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CompanyName</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the company name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Project</em></td>
<td>In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this property corresponds with the Publisher setting in the General Information view.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In InstallScript projects, this property corresponds with the Company Name setting in the General Information view.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>CompanyPhone</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the phone number that you would like end users to call for technical support. This phone number is displayed on the Support Information dialog of Add or Remove Programs. This property corresponds with the Support Phone Number setting in the General Information view.</td>
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<tr>
<td>CompanyURL</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the URL that you would like end users to visit for technical support. This URL is used as a hyperlink on the Support Information dialog of Add or Remove Programs. This property corresponds with the Publisher/Product URL setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreatePatch</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td><strong>Caution</strong> • The CreatePatch method is deprecated for new development. It has been replaced with the BuildPCPFile and BuildPatchConfiguration methods.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreateProject</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates a new project file (.ism or .dim).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteAdvancedFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes the specified advanced file from the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteComponent</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes the specified component from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteCustomAction</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes an ISWiCustomAction object in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteMergeModule</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes a merge module from the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeletePatchConfig</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes an ISWiPatchConfig object from the current project.</td>
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<td>DeletePathVariable</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes a path variable from the current project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DeleteProductConfig</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes an ISWiProductConfig object from the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteProperty</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes a property from the Property table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSetupFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes the specified support file from the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSetupType</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes the specified setup type from the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSQLConnection</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Remove a SQL Server connection from the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeselectLanguage</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deselects a language from the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetFrameworkPath</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the path to the Microsoft .NET Framework. This parameter is optional.</td>
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| **EnableSwidtag** | Basic MSI                  | Read-Write Property | Enables or disables the creation of a software identification tag for an installation. Following is sample code that disables tag creation:  
\[
pProject.EnableSwidtag = False
\]
For more information about software tagging, see Including a Software Identification Tag for Your Product. |
| **ExportProject** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Method | Causes the project file to use the XML representation, which is better suited for source code integration. |
| **ExportStrings** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Method | Exports string entries to a text file. |
| **ForceUpgrade** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Method | Upgrades the project from an earlier version of InstallShield to the current version. |
| **GenerateGUID** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Method | Generates a new, unique GUID that is returned as a string. |
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<td><strong>ImportProject</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Converts an .isv file (a text file kept in a source code integration program) to an InstallShield .ism project file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ImportStrings</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Imports string entries from a text file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>INSTALLDIR</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Sets the INSTALLDIR property for the project. A typical value is &quot;ProgramFilesFolder\CompanyName\ProductName&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>InstallExecuteSequence</strong></td>
<td>Read-only Property</td>
<td>Returns an ISWiSequence collection representing the Installation Execute sequence in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>InstallUISequence</strong></td>
<td>Read-only Property</td>
<td>Returns an ISWiSequence collection representing the Installation User Interface sequence in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISWiAdvancedFiles</strong></td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains every advanced file (as an ISWiAdvancedFile object) in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries</strong></td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Returns a collection of ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntry items. This collection presents a list of Automatic Upgrade Items as they are defined in the IDE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ISWiComponents</strong></td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the components in this project.</td>
</tr>
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*Note: The .isv file format has been deprecated to version 2.x of InstallShield for Windows Installer and versions of InstallShield Developer prior to 8.x.*
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<td>ISWiCustomActions</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the custom actions in this project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiFeatures</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all features' names and their components.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiLanguages</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the languages included in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiPatchConfigs</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the patch configurations in this project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiPathVariables</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the path variables that are associated with the current project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISWiProductConfigs</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the product configurations in this project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiProperties</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the Windows Installer properties in this project.</td>
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<td>ISWiSetupFiles</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains every support file (as an ISWiSetupFile object) in your project.</td>
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<td>ISWiSetupTypes</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains every setup type (as an ISWiSetupType object) in your project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISWiSISProperties</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the Summary Information Stream properties in this project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISWiSQLConnections</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the SQL Server connections in the current project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISWiUpgradeTableEntries</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Returns a collection of ISWiUpgradeTableEntry items. This collection presents a list of static major upgrade items, as defined in the IDE.</td>
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<tr>
<td>MergeModuleSearchPath</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies one or more comma-delimited folders that contain the merge module (.msm) files referenced by your project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>MinimumTargetDotNetVersion</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the minimum version of the .NET Framework that the installation requires on the target system. This parameter is optional. The default is the latest version of the .NET Framework the InstallShield interface supports.</td>
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<tr>
<td>MinimumTargetMSIVersion</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the minimum version of Windows Installer that the installation requires on the target system. This parameter is optional. The default is the latest version of Windows Installer that the InstallShield interface supports.</td>
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<td>ModuleID and ModuleIDGUID</td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write String Properties</td>
<td>These properties are used only with merge module projects. Every merge module has a record in the ModuleSignature table. The ModuleID field of the ModuleSignature table is composed of two sections: ModuleID.ModuleIDGUID. For example, for a ModuleID value of IDID.019880FB_04F2_4D4B_99C9_9A0A12185229, the ModuleID and ModuleIDGUID properties of the ISWiProject object enable the following: - The ModuleID property gets or sets IDID. - The ModuleIDGUID property gets or sets 019880FB_04F2_4D4B_99C9_9A0A12185229.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OnUpgrade</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value for the Small/Minor/Upgrade Settings options on the Common tab in the Upgrades view. This property lets you specify whether you want end users to be prompted before proceeding with the upgrade. A Setup.exe setup launcher is required for this functionality. Available options are: - <strong>eoUPrompt (1)</strong> — Prompt. - <strong>eoUUpgrade (2)</strong> — Do not prompt the end user; just install the upgrade. - <strong>eoUNoOp (0)</strong> — Disable any prompts. Your installation should detect the upgrade scenario and run the installation in upgrade mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OpenProject</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Opens an InstallShield installation project file (.ism or .dim). This method fails if the project is open in the InstallShield user interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PackageCode</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the <strong>package code</strong> as a string GUID. The GUID must be surrounded by braces—{12345678-1234-1234-1234-1234567890AB}, for example.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductCode</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the <strong>product code</strong> as a string GUID. The GUID must be surrounded by braces—{12345678-1234-1234-1234-1234567890AB}, for example. This property is not available for merge module projects.</td>
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<td><strong>ProductName</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the product name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ProductVersion</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Contains the version number of the project as a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>RemoveFeature</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes a feature from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SaveProject</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Saves an InstallShield installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelfRegistrationMethod</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the self-registration method that should be used for files that are designated as self-registering. Valid options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• esrISSelfReg (0)—Use the InstallShield self-registration table (ISSelfReg) for all self-registering files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• esrSelfReg (1)—Use the Windows Installer self-registration table (SelfReg) for all self-registering files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SkipUpgradeValidators</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Enables you to skip the upgrade validators that normally run at the end of the build.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
SwidtagProperty

Gets or sets value for the software identification tag settings in the General Information view. This property takes one of the following options for the first parameter:

- **eswtpUniqueld (0)** — This parameter specifies the value for the Unique ID setting in the General Information view.
- **eswtpTagCreatorName (2)** — This parameter specifies the value for the Tag Creator setting in the General Information view.
- **eswtpTagCreatorRegid (3)** — This parameter specifies the value for the Tag Creator ID setting in the General Information view.
- **eswtpSfwCreatorName (4)** — This parameter specifies the value for the Software Creator setting in the General Information view.
- **eswtpSfwCreatorRegid (5)** — This parameter specifies the value for the Software Creator ID setting in the General Information view.
- **eswtpSfwLicensorName (6)** — This parameter specifies the value for the Software Licensor setting in the General Information view.
- **eswtpSfwLicensorRegid (7)** — This parameter specifies the value for the Software Licensor ID setting in the General Information view.
- **eswtpEntitlementRequired (8)** — This parameter specifies whether your product requires users to have a corresponding software entitlement in order for software reconciliation to be considered successful.

Following is sample code that uses this property:

```csharp
pProject.SwidtagProperty(eswtpTagCreatorRegid) = "regid.1986-12.com.mycompany"
```

UpgradeCode

Gets or sets the Upgrade Code property as a string GUID. The GUID must be surrounded by braces—`{12345678-1234-1234-1234-1234567890AB}`, for example.

This property is not available for merge module projects.

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**Table 13-1 • ISWiProject Object Members (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SwidtagProperty</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets value for the software identification tag settings in the General Information view. This property takes one of the following options for the first parameter:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eswtpUniqueld (0)</strong> — This parameter specifies the value for the Unique ID setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eswtpTagCreatorName (2)</strong> — This parameter specifies the value for the Tag Creator setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eswtpTagCreatorRegid (3)</strong> — This parameter specifies the value for the Tag Creator ID setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eswtpSfwCreatorName (4)</strong> — This parameter specifies the value for the Software Creator setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eswtpSfwCreatorRegid (5)</strong> — This parameter specifies the value for the Software Creator ID setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eswtpSfwLicensorName (6)</strong> — This parameter specifies the value for the Software Licensor setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eswtpSfwLicensorRegid (7)</strong> — This parameter specifies the value for the Software Licensor ID setting in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eswtpEntitlementRequired (8)</strong> — This parameter specifies whether your product requires users to have a corresponding software entitlement in order for software reconciliation to be considered successful.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UpgradeCode</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Upgrade Code property as a string GUID. The GUID must be surrounded by braces—<code>(12345678-1234-1234-1234-1234567890AB)</code>, for example. This property is not available for merge module projects.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
AddAdvancedFile Method

The AddAdvancedFile method applies to the following project types.

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The AddAdvancedFile method creates an advanced file object with the specified name and (optionally) in the specified disk image in the current project.

Table 13-1 • ISWiProject Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>UseXMLProjectFormat</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean Property</td>
<td>Specifies whether the project file should use the XML file format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Syntax

AddAdvancedFile (FileName As String, Optional DiskType As ISWiDiskType = edtDisk1) As ISWiAdvancedFile

Parameters

Table 13-2 • AddAdvancedFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Pass the fully qualified filename for the advanced file that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DiskType</td>
<td>This optional parameter specifies the Advanced Files folder in which you want to add the advanced file. Specify one of the following values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• edtDisk1 (1)—Add the advanced file to the Disk 1 folder. This is the default value for this optional parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• edtLastDisk (-1)—Add the advanced file to the Last Disk folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• edtOther (0)—Add the advanced file to the Other folder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("ISwiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pAdvancedFile As ISWiAdvancedFile


pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

Applies To

• ISWiProject

AddAutomaticUpgradeEntry Method

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This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

Call the AddAutomaticUpgradeEntry method to create a new IswiAutomaticUpgradeEntry item and return a handle to that object.
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Syntax

AddAutomaticUpgradeEntry()

Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

'#############################################################
' # THIS SAMPLE WILL NOT EXECUTE PROPERLY WITHOUT A VALID PROJECT PATH
'#############################################################
set pProject = CreateObject("ISWiAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProject.OpenProject("C:\Documents and Settings\Testlab\My Documents\MySetups\your project name-21.ism")

'#############################################################
' 'To create a new entry

dim pAutoEntry
set pAutoEntry = pProject.AddAutomaticUpgradeEntry()
pAutoEntry.Name = "AutoEntry"
pAutoEntry.ReleaseFlags = "AutoFlag"
pAutoEntry.UpgradedSetupPath = "AutoPath"

'#############################################################
' 'To find and delete an existing entry

set pAutoEntry = nothing
set pAutoEntry = pProject.IswiAutoUpgradeEntries("AutoEntry")
pAutoEntry.Delete
pProject.SaveProject
pProject.CloseProject

Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddComponent Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
• **Merge Module**

The `AddComponent` method creates a component object with the specified name in the current project. When the component is added, a GUID is automatically generated for it (see the GUID property for `ISWiComponent`). After you have added the component, you can set its other properties and associate it with a feature.

**Syntax**

```
AddComponent (ComponentKey As String) As ISWiComponent
```

**Parameters**

**Table 13-3 • AddComponent Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ComponentKey</td>
<td>The component key is the same as the name of the component that is displayed in the Setup Design views. This string must contain only alphanumeric characters, dots (.), or underscores (_), and it must begin with a letter or an underscore. ComponentKey must be unique among your project's component names. Component names are case-sensitive.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

```vbnet
Dim pComponent As ISWiComponent
Set pComponent = m_pProject.AddComponent("New_Component")
```

**Applies To**

• `ISWiProject`

**AddCustomAction Method**

```
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```

**Project • This information applies to the following project types:**

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

Call the `AddCustomAction` method to add a custom action to the current project. To insert a custom action into a sequence, use the `InsertCustomAction` method.
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Syntax
AddCustomAction (CustomActionKey As String) as ISWiCustomAction

Parameters

Table 13-4 • AddCustomAction Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CustomActionKey</td>
<td>The string name of the custom action you want to create.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddFeature Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The AddFeature method creates a feature with the specified name. AddFeature is a member of ISWiProject. The new feature is added to the current project as a top-level feature, but when this method is a member of an ISWiFeature object, the new feature is added as a subfeature of the current feature.

The feature is created with the same default properties that new features have when you add them in InstallShield.

After you have added the feature, you can set its other properties and associate components with it.
Syntax

AddFeature (FeatureKey As String) As ISWiFeature

Parameters

Table 13-5 • AddFeature Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FeatureKey</td>
<td>The feature key is the same as the name of the feature that is displayed in the Setup Design and Features views. The name becomes the index for the new ISWiFeature object. This string must contain only alphanumeric characters, dots (.), or underscores (_), and it must begin with a letter or an underscore. FeatureKey must be unique among your project's feature names. Feature names are case-sensitive.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate calling AddFeature to add a feature, a subfeature, and then associate an existing component with the subfeature:

```vbnet
Dim pProject As ISWiProject
Set pProject = New ISWiProject
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\SampleApp.ism"

Dim pFeat1, pFeat2 As ISWiFeature
Dim sFeat1Name, sFeat2Name As String

sFeat1Name = "ParentFeature"
sFeat2Name = "SubFeature"

' Add the feature ParentFeature, then SubFeature under ParentFeature
Set pFeat1 = pProject.AddFeature(sFeat1Name)
Set pFeat2 = pFeat1.AddFeature(sFeat2Name)

Dim pComp
Dim sCompName As String

' Add the existing component NewComponent1 to SubFeature
sCompName = "NewComponent1"
Set pComp = pProject.ISWiComponents.Item(sCompName)
pFeat2.AttachComponent pComp

pProject.SaveProject
pProject.CloseProject
```

Applies To

- ISWiProject
- ISWiFeature
AddLanguage Method

Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition.

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call the AddLanguage method to add a language to the current project. Using this method is similar to adding a language in the General Information view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new language with the ISWiLanguage object.

Syntax

AddLanguage (LangId As String)

Parameters

Table 13-6 • AddLanguage Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LangId</td>
<td>Pass the language ID (as a string) that you want to add to the current project. For example: oProject.AddLanguage “1035”</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

See Also
- Translating String Entries
- Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
- Localizing the End-User Interface
AddPatchConfig Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

•  Basic MSI
•  InstallScript MSI

Call the AddPatchConfig method to add a patch configuration to your project. Using this method is similar to adding a patch configuration with the Patch Design view of the IDE. You can set the properties of the new patch configuration with the object.

Syntax

AddPatchConfig (PatchConfigKey As String) As ISWiPatchConfig

Parameters

Table 13-7 • AddPatchConfig Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PatchConfigKey</td>
<td>Holds the name of your new patch configuration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Appplies To

•  ISWiProject

AddPathVariable Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

•  Basic MSI
•  DIM
•  InstallScript
•  InstallScript MSI
•  InstallScript Object
•  Merge Module

Call the AddPathVariable method to add a path variable to your project. Using this method is similar to adding a path variable in the Path Variables view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new path variable with the ISWiPathVariable object.
Important • Predefined path variables cannot be modified or deleted. If you attempt to do so, exception error 3142 occurs. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.

Syntax

AddPathVariable (sName As String) As ISWiPathVariable

Parameters

Table 13-8 • AddPathVariable Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sName</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the path variable.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddProductConfig Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

This method adds a product configuration to your project. Using this method is similar to adding a product configuration with the Release Wizard or the Releases view of the IDE. You can set the properties of the new product configuration with the ISWiProductConfig object.

Syntax

AddProductConfig (ProductConfigKey As String) As ISWiProductConfig

Parameters

Table 13-9 • AddProductConfig Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ProductConfigKey</td>
<td>Holds the name of your new product configuration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject
AddProperty Method

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

*Project* • *The AddProperty method applies to the following project types.*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The AddProperty method creates a Windows Installer property with the specified name in the current project.

**Syntax**

`AddProperty (Name As String) As ISWiProperty`

**Parameters**

**Table 13-10 • AddProperty Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Pass the name for the Windows Installer property that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the AddProperty method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"

Dim pProperty As ISWiProperty
Set pProperty = pProj.AddProperty ("MYPROP")
pProperty.Value = "MyPropValue"

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

AddSetupFile Method

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

*Project* • *The AddSetupFile method applies to the following project types.*
The AddSetupFile method creates a support file with the specified name in the current project.

**Syntax**

AddSetupFile (FileName As String) As ISWiSetupFile

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Pass the fully qualified file name for the support file that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the AddSetupFile method:

```vbp
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pSetupFile As ISWiSetupFile

Set pSetupFile = pProj.AddSetupFile ("C:\My Files\MySupportFile.ext")

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

### AddSetupType Method

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The AddSetupType method creates a setup type with the specified name in the current project.
**Syntax**

AddSetupType (Name As String) As ISWiSetupType

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Pass the name for the setup type that you want to add. The name should be the text that you want to use as the display name. The automation interface automatically generates a valid primary key for the new setup type based on the name that you specify for this parameter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the AddSetupType method:

```vbnet
dim pProj as ISWiProject
set pProj = createobject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.openProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
dim pSetupType as ISWiSetupType
set pSetupType = pProj.addsetuptype ("Client Setup - Save Space")
pProj.saveProject
pProj.closeProject
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**AddSQLServerConnection Method**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Call the AddSQLServerConnection method to add a new server connection to your project.
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Syntax
Function AddSQLServerConnection(strConnectionName As String) As ISWiSQLConnection

Parameters

Table 13-13 • AddSQLServerConnection Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ConnectionName</td>
<td>Specify the name of the new connection you want to establish.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return Values
This method returns ISWiSQLConnection object.

Applies To
• ISWiProject

AddUpgradeTableEntry Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

Call the AddUpgradeTableEntry method to create a new ISWiUpgradeTableEntry item and return a handle to that object.

Syntax
AddUpgradeTableEntry()

Example
The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

'###############################################
'# THIS SAMPLE WILL NOT EXECUTE PROPERLY WITHOUT A VALID PROJECT PATH
'###############################################
set pProject = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProject.OpenProject("C:\Documents and Settings\Testlab\My Documents\MySetups\your project name-21.ism")

'###############################################
'To create a new entry

dim pTableEntry
set pTableEntry = pProject.AddUpgradeTableEntry()
pTableEntry.UpgradeCode = "{12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012}"
pTableEntry.VersionMin = "1.0"
pTableEntry.VersionMax = "2.0"
pTableEntry.Language = "0"
pTableEntry.Remove = ""
pTableEntry.ActionProperty = "ACTIONPROP_AUTOMATION"
pTableEntry.Attributes = 5

'###############################################################
'To find and delete an existing entry

set pTableEntry = pProject.IswiUpgradeTableEntries("{12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012}")
pTableEntry.Delete

pProject.SaveProject
pProject.CloseProject

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject

**BuildPatchConfiguration Method**

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call BuildPatchConfiguration to build the patch configuration identified by the strPatchConfiguration parameter. This action has the same effect as right-clicking on a patch configuration in the Patch Design view and then selecting Build a Patch.
**Syntax**

`BuildPatchConfiguration (strPatchConfigName as string)`

**Parameters**

**Table 13-14 • BuildPatchConfiguration Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strPatchConfigName</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Properties**

**Table 13-15 • Properties Associated with BuildPatchConfiguration Method**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PatchConfigErrorCount</td>
<td>Include the error count associated with a particular build.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PatchConfigWarningCount</td>
<td>Include the warning count associated with a particular build.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

```vbnet
'Create the project object
dim pProject
set pProject = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")

'Call the OpenProject method
'####################################################################
'# THIS SAMPLE WILL NOT EXECUTE PROPERLY WITHOUT A VALID PROJECT PATH
'####################################################################
pProject.OpenProject("\Your project.ism")
pProject.OpenProject("C:\Documents and Settings\Testlab\My Documents\MySetups\your project name-21.ism")

'Call the OpenProject method
'##############################################################################
'# THIS SAMPLE WILL NOT EXECUTE PROPERLY WITHOUT A VALID PATCH CONFIGURATION NAME
'##############################################################################
pProject.BuildPatchConfiguration "Config1"

MsgBox "Patch Configifuration Config1 build with " & _
    pProject.PatchConfigErrorCount & " Errors and " & _
    pProject.PatchConfigWarningCount & " Warnings"
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject
BuildPCPFile Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The BuildPCPFile method builds a patch package (.msp) file based on the settings in a patch creation properties (.pcp) file. You do not need to have a project open in order to create a patch.

Syntax

BuildPCPFile (strPCPFile As String, strPatchFile As String, strLogFile As String, bCreateUpdateExe As Boolean) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-16 • BuildPCPFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strPCPFile</td>
<td>Specify the fully qualified path to a .pcp file. You can create or modify a .pcp file through the Patch Design view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strPatchFile</td>
<td>Specify the fully qualified path for the .msp file you want to create. Any existing file with this name is overwritten. The file cannot be created if the directory you provided does not exist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strLogFile</td>
<td>Specify the fully qualified path to the .log file that records this method’s status and success in creating the patch package. If the file exists, the current status is appended to it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bCreateUpdateExe</td>
<td>Set this option to True to have the package wrapped in an executable that applies the patch.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return Values

BuildPCPFile() returns the result returned by the Windows Installer function UiCreatePatchPackage.

Applies To

- ISWiProject
CloseProject Method

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

To close the project file (.ism or .dim) that you opened with OpenProject, call CloseProject.

Syntax

CloseProject()

Return Values

CloseProject always returns 0.

Applies To

- ISWiProject

CreatePatch Method

This method is deprecated for new development and has been replaced with the BuildPCPFile and BuildPatchConfiguration methods. To facilitate backward compatibility with existing build scripts, the CreatePatch method calls the BuildPCPFile method.

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Syntax

CreatePatch()

Applies To

- ISWiProject
See Also
BuildPCPFile Method
BuildPatchConfiguration Method

CreateProject Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

The CreateProject method creates a new InstallShield project file (.ism) for a Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, or Merge Module project; it create a new InstallShield DIM project file (.dim) for DIM projects.

Syntax

CreateProject (strISWiProjectFile As String, ByVal projectType As ISWiProjectType)

Parameters

Table 13-17 • CreateProject Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strISWiProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the .ism or .dim file that you want to create. Include the full file name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>projectType</td>
<td>Specify what type of project you want to create. Valid values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eptMsi (1)</td>
<td>Creates a Basic MSI project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eptScript (-1)</td>
<td>Creates an InstallScript MSI project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eptPro (9)</td>
<td>Creates an InstallScript project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eptProObj (10)</td>
<td>Creates an InstallScript Object project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eptMsm (2)</td>
<td>Creates a Merge Module project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eptMsm (2)</td>
<td>Creates a Merge Module project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eptDim (15)</td>
<td>Creates a DIM project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following sample code creates a Basic MSI project called TestProject.ism.
Dim pProject As ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject
Set pProject = CreateObject("ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")

Dim sProjectName As String
sProjectName = "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\TestProject.ism"

pProject.CreateProject sProjectName, eptMsi
pProject.OpenProject sProjectName, False
pProject.CloseProject

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject

---

**DeleteAdvancedFile Method**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

- **Project**
  - This information applies to the following project types:
    - Basic MSI
    - InstallScript
    - InstallScript MSI
    - InstallScript Object

The DeleteAdvancedFile method deletes the specified advanced file from the current project.

**Syntax**

DeleteAdvancedFile (pAdvancedFile As ISWiAdvancedFile) As Long

**Parameters**

**Table 13-18 • DeleteAdvancedFile Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pAdvancedFile</td>
<td>Specify the advanced file object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the DeleteAdvancedFile method:

```vba
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pAdvancedFile As ISWiAdvancedFile

Set pAdvancedFile = pProj.ISWiAdvancedFiles.Item(1)
pProj.DeleteAdvancedFile pAdvancedFile
```
DeleteComponent Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call DeleteComponent to delete a component in the project. Similar to deleting a component in the Setup Design views, DeleteComponent both removes a component from its feature and permanently deletes it from the project.

**Syntax**

DeleteComponent (Component As ISWiComponent)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiComponent object that the method will delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

You can use the following lines to delete all components that are associated with the feature FeatureName1:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"

Dim pFeat As ISWiFeature
Dim pComp As ISWiComponent

Set pFeat = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("FeatureName1")
For Each pComp In pFeat.ISWiComponents
    pProj.DeleteComponent pComp
```
DeleteCustomAction Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call the DeleteCustomAction method to completely delete a custom action from the current project.

**Syntax**

DeleteCustomAction (CustomAction As ISWiCustomAction)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| CustomAction   | Pass the ISWiCustomAction object you want to delete from the current project.

Apply To

- ISWiProject

DeleteMergeModule Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the DeleteMergeModule method to completely delete a merge module from the current project.
**Syntax**

`DeleteMergeModule (FileName As String)`

**Parameters**

Table 13-21 • DeleteMergeModule Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Pass the fully qualified file name for the merge module (.msm) file that you want to delete from the project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject Object

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**DeletePatchConfig Method**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the `DeletePatchConfig` method to delete a patch configuration from your project. Using this method is similar to deleting a patch configuration in the Patch Design view of the IDE.

**Syntax**

`DeletePatchConfig (PatchConfig As ISWiPatchConfig)`

**Parameters**

Table 13-22 • DeletePatchConfig Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PatchConfigKey</td>
<td>Pass the name of the patch configuration that you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject
DeletePathVariable Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call the DeletePathVariable method to delete a path variable from your project. Using this method is similar to deleting a path variable from the Path Variables view in InstallShield.

Important • Predefined path variables cannot be modified or deleted. If you attempt to do so, exception error 3142 occurs. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.

Syntax

DeletePathVariable (pPathVar ISWiPathVariable) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-23 • DeletePathVariable Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pPathVar</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiPathVariable object for the path variable that you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

DeleteProductConfig Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call the DeleteProductConfig method to delete a product configuration from your project. Using this method is similar to deleting a product configuration in the Releases view of the IDE.
Syntax
DeleteProductConfig (ProductConfig As ISWiProductConfig)

Parameters

Table 13-24 • DeleteProductConfig Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ProductConfigKey</td>
<td>Pass the name of the product configuration that you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

DeleteProperty Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call the DeleteProperty method to delete a property from the Property table. The function returns 0 if successful.

Syntax

Public Function DeleteProperty(ByVal pProperty As ISWiProperty) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-25 • DeleteProperty Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Pass the name of the property you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

Dim proj As IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject
Set proj = New IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject
proj.OpenProject “c:\mysetups\your project name-3.ism”
Dim pProp As IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProperty
Set pProp = proj.ISWiProperties.Item("MyProperty")
proj.DeleteProperty pProp
Applies To

- ISWiProject

DeleteSetupFile Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • The DeleteSetupFile method applies to the following project types.

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

The DeleteSetupFile method deletes the specified support file from the current project.

Syntax

DeleteSetupFile (pSetupFile As ISWiSetupFile) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-26 • DeleteSetupFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pSetupFile</td>
<td>The support file object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the DeleteSetupFile method:

```vbnet
dim pProj as ISWiProject
set pProj = createobject("iswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
dim pSetupFile as ISWiSetupFile

set pSetupFile = pProj.ISWiSetupFiles.Item("MySupportFile.abc")
pProj.DeleteSetupFile pSetupFile

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

Applies To

- ISWiProject
DeleteSetupType Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The DeleteSetupType method deletes the specified setup type from the current project.

**Syntax**

DeleteSetupType (pSetupType As ISWiSetupType) As Long

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pSetupType</td>
<td>The setup type object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the DeleteSetupType method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pSetupType As ISWiSetupType
Set pSetupType = pProj.ISWiSetupTypes.Item(1)
pProj.DeleteSetupType pSetupType

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

DeleteSQLConnection Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
Call the DeleteSQLConnection method to remove a SQL Server Connection from the project.

**Syntax**

```vbscript
Function DeleteSQLConnection(Connection As ISWiSQLConnection) As Long
```

**Parameters**

**Table 13-28 • DeleteSQLConnection Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Connection</td>
<td>Specify the connection you want to remove from the project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

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**DeselectLanguage Method**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project • This information applies to the following project types:**

- Basic MSI
- DiM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call the DeselectLanguage method to deselect a language from the current project.
Syntax

DeselectLanguage (LangId As String)

Parameters

Table 13-29 • DeselectLanguage Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LangId</td>
<td>Pass the language ID you want to deselect in a string, as in oProject.DeleteLanguage &quot;1036&quot;.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ExportProject Method

InstallShield 2020 • Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call ExportProject to convert an .ism file to XML format before checking it into a source code control program.

Note • When a project file format is converted to either XML or binary format, the project file extension remains *.ism.

The .isv file format has been deprecated to version 2.x of InstallShield for Windows Installer and versions of InstallShield Developer prior to 8.x.
Syntax

ExportProject (strISWiTextProjectFile As String, Optional strISWiProjectFile As String) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-30 • ExportProject Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strISWiTextProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the .isv file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strISWiProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the .ism file. This parameter is optional only if the .ism file is already open.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiProject

ExportStrings Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

Call ExportStrings to copy all or a portion of the string entries for a specific language to a tab-delimited Unicode text file (.txt). You can provide the .txt file to a translator who can update the file with translated text. After it has been translated, you can import the translated string entries into your project by calling the ImportStrings method.
**Syntax**

ExportStrings (strfile As String, dTimeStamp As Date, sLang As String) As Boolean

**Parameters**

**Table 13-31 • ExportStrings Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strfile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the text file that will contain the exported strings. If the file exists, the automation interface overwrites it. ExportStrings creates a Unicode file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dTimeStamp</td>
<td>All string entries have a date and time that they were last modified. This timestamp is useful if you want to give the translator only the string entries that are new or have been modified since the last round of translations. To export only the string entries that have been modified since a specific date, specify the earliest date for the string entries you want to export. The automation interface exports the string entries that have changed on or since that date. To export all of the entries for the specified language, enter the number 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sLang</td>
<td>Specify the identifier for the language whose string entries you want to export to the text file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

*See Also*

Translating String Entries
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield

**ForceUpgrade Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI*

- **Project**
  - This information applies to the following project types:
    - Basic MSI
    - DIM
    - InstallScript
    - InstallScript MSI
    - InstallScript Object
    - Merge Module

The ForceUpgrade method upgrades the project from an earlier version of InstallShield to the current version.
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Syntax
ForceUpgrade (ISWiProjectFile As String)

Parameters

Table 13-32 • ForceUpgrade Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISWiProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the project file (.ism) that you want to upgrade. Include the full file name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

GenerateGUID Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The GenerateGUID method generates a new, unique GUID that is returned as a string.

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ImportProject Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Note • This method has been deprecated to version 2.x of InstallShield for Windows Installer and versions of InstallShield Developer prior to 8.x.

Call ImportProject to convert an .isv file to an .ism file. If you access your project from a source code control program, InstallShield saves it as a text (.isv) file. However, OpenProject and ISCmdBld.exe both require a standard InstallShield project (.ism) file.
Later, you can call `ExportProject` to convert the .ism file back to an .isv file before checking it in to your source control program.

ImportProject fails if the project is already open in the automation interface or in InstallShield.

**Syntax**

ImportProject (strISWiProjectFile As String, strISWiTextProjectFile As String) As Long

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strISWiProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the resulting .ism file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strISWiTextProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the .isv file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Error Codes**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1007</td>
<td>The project file is already open.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1009</td>
<td>Could not import the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1012</td>
<td>The .isv file is missing.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**ImportStrings Method**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
Call ImportStrings to import the contents of a tab-delimited text file (.txt) into the project for a specific language. This method is useful when you have exported the entries to a text file and had them translated.

Syntax

ImportStrings (strfile As String, sLang As Integer, Optional Enum eiType, Optional strLogFile As String) As Boolean

Parameters

Table 13-35 • ImportStrings Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strfile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the text file that contains the string entries that you want to import.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sLang</td>
<td>Specify the identifier for the language whose string entries you want to import to the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eiType</td>
<td>Specify how you want to handle conflicts when importing string entries:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• eiIgnore (0)—Do not replace the string entry’s value if it already exists in the project for the specified language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• eiOverwrite (1)—Replace the project’s existing string entry with the one in the text file. This is the default value for this optional parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strLogFile</td>
<td>Specify the fully qualified path to the log file that should contain the status and success of importing the string entries. The log file records any conflicts in importing string entries and lists any improperly formatted, hence unusable, entries. If the log file exists, it is overwritten.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note • This parameter is optional.

Applies To

- ISWiProject

See Also
ExportStrings Method
Translating String Entries
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield

OpenProject Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
To open your project so that you can modify it through the automation interface, call OpenProject with the fully qualified path to your .ism or .dim file. This method is equivalent to loading a project in InstallShield.

**Note** • The ISWIPer Project.OpenProject method fails if the project is open in InstallShield.
Syntax

OpenProject (strISWiProjectFile As String, Optional ByVal bReadOnly As Boolean) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-36 • OpenProject Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strISWiProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the project file (.ism or .dim).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bReadOnly</td>
<td>Determines whether the project is opened with write privileges. True opens the project as a read-only file. The default value for this optional parameter is False.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return Values and Errors

Table 13-37 • OpenProject Method Return Values and Errors

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Return Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Project successfully opened.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Project opened, but is locked by some other process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Attempted to open project for write access, but project opened in read-only mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>There was a problem creating the merge module catalog. Verify that the merge module search path is correct (via the File Locations tab of the Options dialog box or using -o for the Standalone Build), verify that no merge modules on the merge module path are corrupt, or self-register IsMMUpdater2.dll.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Error Code 1100</th>
<th>Unable to open file: %1. Ensure that the file is a valid InstallShield project.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Error Code 1101</td>
<td>Unable to open file: %1. This project was created using a previous version of InstallShield Developer, InstallShield–Windows Installer or InstallShield Express.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error Code 1102</td>
<td>Unable to open file: %1. This project was created using InstallShield Professional or InstallShield Express 2.xx.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error Code 1103</td>
<td>Unable to open file: %1. The project was created using a more recent version of InstallShield Developer or the project has been updated to a more recent version of InstallShield, InstallShield DevStudio, or InstallShield Developer.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiProject

See Also

ImportProject
RemoveFeature Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The RemoveFeature method permanently deletes a feature from the current project.

**Syntax**

```
RemoveFeature (Feature As ISWiFeature) As Long
```

**Parameters**

**Table 13-38 • RemoveFeature Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feature</td>
<td>The item in ISWiFeatures that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following code fragment opens a project, deletes the feature named NewFeature1, and then saves and closes the project:

```
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Dim pFeat As ISWiFeature

Set pProj = New ISWiProject
pProj.OpenProject "C:\Test\SampleProject.ism"

Set pFeat = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("NewFeature1")
pProj.RemoveFeature pFeat

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

When RemoveFeature is a member of ISWiFeature, it cannot be used to delete the current feature. However, you can call it to delete a subfeature, such as the first subfeature under NewFeature1 in the following example:

```
Set pFeat = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("NewFeature1")
pProj.RemoveFeature pFeat.Feaut(1)
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject
SaveProject Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

- ISWiFeature

**SaveProject Method**

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

To save any changes that you have made to your project file through the automation interface, call the SaveProject method.

**Syntax**

SaveProject ()

**Return Values and Errors**

Table 13-39 • SaveProject Method Values

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Return Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_SUCCESS (0)</td>
<td>Project is saved.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Error Code 1104

Unable to save file: %1. The project is open in read-only mode or is being used by another process.

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**ISWiAdvancedFile Object**

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- ISWiFeature
ISWiAdvancedFile represents an advanced file in your project. The advanced file can be an existing one from the Support Files view (or the Support Files/Billboards view) in InstallShield or one added by calling AddAdvancedFile.

Use the project’s ISWiAdvancedFiles collection to access a specific advanced file. You must specify either an index number or the file key for the Item property of ISWiAdvancedFiles.

**Members**

**Table 13-40 • ISWiAdvancedFile Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Stores the file key of the advanced file. See the description of ISWiFile above for more information about the file key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BuildSourcePath</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Stores the advanced file’s fully qualified source filename. Any path variables are resolved to the actual path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disk</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This enumerated integer property specifies the Advanced Files folder in which you want to add the advanced file. Specify one of the following values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• edtDisk1 (1)—Specifies the Disk 1 folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• edtLastDisk (-1)—Specifies the Last Disk folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• edtOther (0)—Specifies the Other folder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The file key is visible in the IDE only as the first entry in the Direct Editor view’s ISDisk1 table. Instead of using the file key, you could write code similar to the following example to check for a certain file name:

```vba
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pAdvancedFile As ISWiAdvancedFile

For Each pAdvancedFile In pProj.ISWiAdvancedFiles
    If UCase(pAdvancedFile.BuildSourcePath) = "C:\MY FILES\MYADVANCEDFILE.EXT" Then
        Exit For
    End If
Next

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

If the file `C:\My Files\MyAdvancedFile.ext` is found among the project’s setup files, the For loop ends, and `pAdvancedFile` holds a copy of the ISWiAdvancedFile object for `C:\My Files\MyAdvancedFile.ext`.

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject
ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntry Object

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntry object represents an automatic upgrade item in the Upgrades view of the InstallShield interface.

**Members**

**Table 13-41 • ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntry Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Delete</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes the AutomaticUpgradeEntry from the project file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Sets the name of the upgrade item as displayed in the IDE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UpgradedSetupPath</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Sets the path to the MSI package that needs to be upgraded. The build engine will create the settings required to upgrade this setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReleaseFlag</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Configure this upgrade entry to only be built into the setup when a certain release flag has been set.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**Delete Method**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call this method to delete the ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntry from the project file.
Syntax
Delete()

Applies To
- ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntry

ISWiCustomAction Object

This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

ISWiCustomAction represents a custom action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view (or the Custom Actions view) of InstallShield. You can retrieve a custom action by specifying an item in the ISWiCustomActions collection.
## Members

**Table 13-42 • ISWiCustomAction Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ActionType</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Holds the numeric custom action type. For more information, see Custom Action Type Overview.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>An optional comment for the custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>The name of the custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the source of the custom action. See Creating Custom Actions in the Custom Actions and Sequences View (or the Custom Actions View) for the required Source property for different types of custom actions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SourceEx</td>
<td>Write-Only Property</td>
<td>Sets a custom action source property, same as the Source property. SourceEx replaces the existing binary record for the new path when you change a source that is stored in the Binary table. If other custom actions use the path, their path is also updated. Source creates a new binary record when other custom actions use the path. Only the path in the custom action is updated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the target of the custom action. See Creating Custom Actions in the Custom Actions and Sequences View (or the Custom Actions View) for the required Target property for different types of custom actions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Applies To
- ISWiProject

## ISWiComponent Object

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.
ISWiComponent represents a component in the InstallShield user interface. You can retrieve a component by specifying an item in the ISWiComponents collection. The component can be one created in the IDE or as a result of calling AddComponent.

Many component attributes are available in the automation interface through this object’s methods and properties. Refer to the following table to see which methods, properties, and collections are available for your project type.
## Members

### Table 13-43 • ISWiComponent Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddComponentSubFolder</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a subfolder to the current ISWiComponent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddDynamicFileLinking</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a dynamic file link to the current component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddEnvironmentVar</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds an environment variable to the current component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddFile</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a file to the current component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddRemoveFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a file or folder removal entry to the current component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Attrib64BitComponent</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to have the component registered as 64-bit. Setting this property to False causes the component to be registered as 32-bit. If the component is 64-bit and is replacing a 32-bit component, be sure to provide a new GUID via the GUID property. Note that 64-bit support requires version 2.0 of the Windows Installer service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the comments for this component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compressed</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property gets or sets the component’s Compressed property, which specifies whether to compress the component's files (True) or leave them uncompressed (False) when the files are stored in a cabinet file by the release builder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Contains any condition associated with the component.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-43 • `ISWiComponent` Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Destination</strong></td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the component’s destination. The following formats are valid:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• (Windows Installer based projects only:) [INSTALLDIR]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• (Windows Installer based projects only:) [ProgramFilesFolder]Subfolder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• (InstallScript projects only:) &lt;TARGETDIR&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• (InstallScript projects only:) &lt;WINDIR&gt;\Subfolder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• C:\FolderName</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Important** • Setting the Destination property for the `ISWiComponent` object resets the object’s SourceLocation property. Therefore, any code that sets the SourceLocation property should be placed after any code that sets the Destination property.

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<th>Name</th>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>DeviceDriverFlags</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property is no longer supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DeviceDriverFlagsEx</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property enables you to specify the flag settings for device drivers and run-time options directly from the automation layer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DeviceDriverSetRedist</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property sets the .dll used at run time for all device driver installations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DeviceDriverUse64BitRedist</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property is no longer supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DeviceDriverUseLocalizedRedist</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property is no longer supported.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-43 • ISWICComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Difference</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property gets or sets the component’s Difference property, which specifies whether to accept (True) or override (False) the default behavior of the media builder when building a differential media—which is to exclude a file in this component from the differential media if the same file (with the same date and time, size, and attributes) exists in each of the specified comparison media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetApplicationFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>To install your assembly as private, set this attribute to the FileKey of the file that contains your assembly. If this property is set to NULL, your assembly will be installed to the Global Assembly Cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetAssembly</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property gets or sets the component’s .NET Assembly property, which specifies whether the component’s files are installed as local .NET assemblies (True) or not installed as assemblies (False).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetCOMInterop</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this to True if your .NET assembly needs to be available from COM calls.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetInstallerClass</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this to True if your assembly implements methods from the .NET Installer namespace.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetInstallerClassArgCommit</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property allows you to specify argument lists for the installer class when the Commit method is called.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetInstallerClassArgInstall</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property allows you to specify the argument lists for the Install execution context for the installer class.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetInstallerClassArgRollback</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property allows you to specify argument lists for the installer class when the Rollback method is called.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetInstallerClassArgUninstall</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property allows you to specify the argument lists for the Uninstall execution context for the installer class.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
# Table 13-43 - ISWiComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>DotNetPrecompile</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>If this property is set to True, at installation the setup creates a native image from the .NET assembly and installs it to the native image cache on the target system. This allows the assembly to load and execute faster, because it restores code and data structures from the native image cache rather than from just-in-time (JIT) compilation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DotNetScanAtBuild</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property instructs the build engine on how to handle your assembly. Set it to one of the following values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- ednbNone (0)—Build does nothing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- ednbProps (1)—Build scans your assembly for properties.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- ednbDepAndProps (2)—Build scans your assembly for properties and dependencies.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ExtractAtBuild</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the component’s COM Extract at Build setting. Possible values are True and False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>FTPLocation</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the component’s FTP Location property, which specifies an FTP location for the component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>GUID</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Holds a string GUID, also known as the Component Code property, surrounded by braces—{12345678-1234-1234-1234-1234567890AB}, for example.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>HTTPLocation</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the component’s HTTP Location property, which specifies an HTTP location for the component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ImportINIFile</strong></td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Imports INI files from the automation layer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ImportRegFile</strong></td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Merges the contents of a REG file with the registry data for this component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>IsDeviceDriver</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>If this Boolean property is true, the key file for this component is a device driver package; if the property is false, the key file is not a device driver package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
IsPlatformSelected

In conjunction with the PlatformSuiteCheck property, gets or sets the component's Platform Suite(s) property, which specifies to what platform suites, if any, the component is specific.

Use the following constants to set this property:

- epsMSBackOffice = 32 (&H20)
- epsMSSmallBusinessServer = 256 (&H100)
- epsMSSmallBusinessServerWithRestrictiveLicenses = 512 (&H200)
- epsTerminalServices = 16 (&H10)
- epsWin2kAdvSvrOrWinDotNetEnterpriseServer = 128 (&H80)
- epsWin2kOrWinDotNetDatacenterServer = 64 (&H40)
- epsWinServer = 4
- epsWinWorkstation = 8
- epsWinXPHome = 2
- epsWinXPPro = 1
- epsArchIA64 = 1024 (&H400)
- epsArchAMD64 = 2048 (&H800)
- epsArchIntel32 = 4096 (&H1000)

For example:

```vbnet
pFeature.IsPlatformSelected(epsWinXPHome) = True
```

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IsPlatformSelected</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>In conjunction with the PlatformSuiteCheck property, gets or sets the component's Platform Suite(s) property, which specifies to what platform suites, if any, the component is specific. Use the following constants to set this property:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiComponentSubFolders</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the subfolders associated with this component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiDynamicFileLinkings</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the dynamic file links that are associated with a specified component.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Table 13-43 • ISWiComponent Object Members (cont.)**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISWiEnvironmentVars</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the environment variables that are associated with this component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiFiles</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the files associated with this component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiFolders</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the folders associated with this component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiRemoveFiles</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Returns an ISWiRemoveFiles collection that contains all of the file and folder removal entries that are associated with the current component.</td>
</tr>
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Table 13-43 • ISWiComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
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<th>Type</th>
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</table>
| KeyPath| Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | **Note** • ISWiComponent.KeyPathType must be set before setting ISWiComponent.KeyPath. Errors result if this is done in the reverse order.  

Contains the file or registry entry that serves as this component's key path. The exact type is indicated by the KeyPathType property, below.

When the key path is a key file, it contains the file key. You can view this value in the Key column of a component's file list, but be aware that file keys are subject to change when the files are dynamically linked. The file key is the same as the Name property of an ISWiFile object.

When the key path is a registry value, there is a specially formatted string that contains the registry key. The path to the registry key is enclosed in square brackets and separated from the value name with a vertical bar (or pipe character). For example, the following lines set the key path for the component m_MyComponent to the value MyName under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\MyCompany\Settings:

```csharp
m_MyComponent.KeyPathType = kptRegistry
m_MyComponent.KeyPath =
"[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\MyCompany\Settings]\MyName"
```

A file cannot serve as the key file if it is dynamically linked.
### ISWiComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **KeyPathType**| Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI, Merge Module  | Read-Write Property | ISWiComponent.KeyPathType must be set before setting ISWiComponent.KeyPath. Errors result if this is done in the reverse order. Stores a value that points to the precise type of key path contained in the KeyPath property. Specify one of the following types:  
  - kptRegistry (1)  
  - kptFile (2)  
  - kptFolder (3)  
  - kptODBC (4)  
  Note that the automation interface can set the key path type only to kptRegistry or kptFile, but the other values are possible return values if you are reading the current key path type. |
| **Miscellaneous**| InstallScript, InstallScript Object          | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the component’s Miscellaneous property, which associates a text string with the component.                                                                                                                                               |
| **Name**       | All                                           | Read-Only Property | Component name of the current item in the collection.                                                                                                                                                              |
| **NeverOverwrite**| Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI, Merge Module   | Read-Write Property | Instructs the installer whether to replace an existing component. Specify True to leave the existing component or False to replace it.                                                                                      |
| **OSFilter**   | InstallScript, InstallScript Object           | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the component’s Operating Systems setting. If the target machine's operating system does not match one of the operating systems that are specified for this setting, the component is not installed. By default, components are operating system independent, meaning that none of the component’s data are specific to certain operating systems. |
Table 13-43 • ISWiComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
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<th>Project</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OSFilter (cont.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Use the following constants to set this property:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- eosOSIndepedent = 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- eosWin95 = &amp;H10 (16)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- eosWin98 = &amp;H40 (64)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- eosWinMe = &amp;H80 (128)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>- eosWinNT4 = &amp;H10000 (65536)</td>
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<td>- eosWin2000 = &amp;H100000 (1048576)</td>
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<td>- eosWinXP = &amp;H400000 (4194304)</td>
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<td>- eosWinServer2003 = &amp;H800000 (8388608)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- eosWinVista = &amp;H1000000 (16777216)—These constants are for Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- eosWin7 = &amp;H2000000 (33554432)—These constants are for Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- eosWin8 = &amp;H4000000 (67108864)—These constants are for Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012.</td>
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<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>- eosWin81 = &amp;H8000000 (134217728)—These constants are for Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- eosAll = &amp;HFD100D0 (265355472)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You can specify multiple platforms; for example, eosWin7 Or eosWinServer2008 Or eosWinVista Or eosWinServer2003.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tip • Use this property with the IsPlatformSelected property to distinguish between Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008, or between Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2, or between Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012, or between Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2.
In conjunction with the OverwriteSubOptionsVersion and OverwriteSubOptionsDate properties, gets or sets the component's Overwrite property, which specifies whether the component's files overwrite already-existing versions on the target system always, never, or conditionally based on date/time stamp or version number. Use the following constants to set this property:

- **ecomAlways (0)**—Files on the target system are always overwritten.
- **ecomByDate (1)**—Files on the target system are conditionally overwritten based on date/time stamp as specified by the OverwriteSubOptionsDate property.
- **ecomByVersion (2)**—Files on the target system are conditionally overwritten based on version number as specified by the OverwriteSubOptionsVersion property.
- **ecomByVersionThenDate (3)**—Files on the target system are conditionally overwritten based on version number or, if the file on your distribution media and the file on the target system have the same version number or if neither file has a version number, by date/time stamp as specified by the OverwriteSubOptionsVersion and OverwriteSubOptionsDate properties.
- **ecomNever (4)**—Files on the target system are never overwritten.
### Table 13-43 • ISWıComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OverwriteSubOptionsDate</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>In conjunction with the OverwriteMainOptions and OverwriteSubOptionsVersion properties, gets or sets the component’s Overwrite property, which specifies whether the component’s files overwrite already-existing versions on the target system always, never, or conditionally based on date/time stamp or version number. Ignored if OverwriteMainOptions is set to ecomoAlways, ecomoByDate, or ecomoNever. Use the following constants to set this property:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Object</td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>ecomsoNewer (0)</strong>—A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a more recent date and time stamp.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>ecomsoNewerOrSame (1)</strong>—A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a more recent or the same date and time stamp.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>ecomsoOlder (2)</strong>—A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a less recent date and time stamp.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OverwriteSubOptionsVersion</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>In conjunction with the OverwriteMainOptions and OverwriteSubOptionsDate properties, gets or sets the component’s Overwrite property, which specifies whether the component’s files overwrite already-existing versions on the target system always, never, or conditionally based on date/time stamp or version number. Ignored if OverwriteMainOptions is set to ecomoAlways, ecomoByDate, or ecomoNever. Use the following constants to set this property:</td>
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<td>Object</td>
<td>Property</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>ecomsoNewer (0)</strong>—A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a higher version number.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>ecomsoNewerOrSame (1)</strong>—A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a higher or the same version number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>ecomsoOlder (2)</strong>—A file on the target system is overwritten if the file on your distribution media has a lower version number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This property corresponds to the Permanent component property in the IDE. Set Permanent to True to make sure the component is never removed; False otherwise.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
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### Table 13-43 • ISWiComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| PlatformSuiteCheck    | InstallScript, InstallScript Object        | Read-Write Property    | In conjunction with the IsPlatformSelected property, gets or sets the component’s Platform Suite(s) property, which specifies to what platform suites, if any, the component is specific. Use the following constants to set this property:  
  - **ecpscAll (0)**—The setup installs the component’s files only if all of the suites that are specified by the IsPlatformSelected property exist on the target system.  
  - **ecpscAtLeastOne (1)**—The setup installs the component’s files only if at least one of the suites that are specified by the IsPlatformSelected property exist on the target system.  
  - **ecpscSuiteIndependent (2)**—Installation of the component’s files does not depend on the target system’s suite. |
| PotentiallyLocked     | InstallScript, InstallScript Object        | Read-Write Property    | This Boolean property gets or sets the component’s Potentially Locked property, which specifies whether already-installed versions of the component’s files may be locked—that is, in use by another application—during setup. |
| RegFileToMergeAtBuild | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property    | Provides the complete path to a .reg file to have it merged with the component’s registry entries at build time.                                                                                           |
### Table 13-43 • ISWiComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>RegistrationType</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>The following options are available for determining the source of the registration information for this component:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• rgtNone (0)—InstallShield will not dynamically extract the data or mark the component as self-registering, but any information in the COM Registration advanced setting will be registered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• rgtSelfReg (-1)—The files in this component will have their self-registration routines invoked by the installer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• rgtExtractAtBuild (-2)—Dynamically extracts COM registration information when you build a release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>RemoteInstallation</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Use one of the following options to install the component’s files locally or leave them on the distribution medium:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>• rfsLocal (0)—Installs the files to the folder stored in the component’s Destination property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• rfsSource (1)—Leaves the files on the distribution medium.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• rfsOptional (2)—The component follows the feature’s property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>RemoveComponentSubFolder</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a subfolder to the current ISWiComponent.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-43 • ISWiComponent Object Members (cont.)

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<th>Project</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RemoveDynamicFileLinking</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a dynamic file link from the current component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveEnvironmentVar</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes an environment variable from the current component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveFile</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a file from the current component.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveRemoveFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a file or folder removal entry from the current component. To remove a file or folder removal entry from the project, pass the ISWiRemoveFile object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelfRegister</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property gets or sets the component’s Self-Register property, which specifies whether the component’s files are self-registering.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SharedDLLRefCount</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>True indicates that the installer should increment a reference count for each file in this component when it is installed, False otherwise.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SourceLocation</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Provides the name of a folder in the compressed setup package or in the release location where this component’s files are stored when you build a release. This property is identical to a component’s Source Location setting in InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transitive</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to have the installer re-evaluate the condition when this component is reinstalled, False otherwise.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiFeature
AddComponentSubFolder Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The AddComponentSubFolder method adds a component subfolder to the current component or component subfolder.

Syntax

AddComponentSubFolder (Name As String) As ISWiComponentSubFolder

Parameters

Table 13-44 • AddComponentSubFolder Method

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Pass the name for the subfolder that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the AddComponentSubFolder method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
Dim pComponent As ISWiComponent
Dim pComponentSubFolder As ISWiComponentSubFolder

Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("MyFeature")
Set pComponent = pFeature.ISWiComponents.Item("MyComp")
Set pComponentSubFolder = pComponent.AddComponentSubFolder("MyCompSubFolder")

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

Applies To

- ISWiComponent
- ISWiComponentSubFolder
AddDynamicFileLinking Method

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Project • The information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call AddDynamicFileLinking to add a dynamic file link to a specified component. All of the files that are in the folder that you specify are automatically incorporated into your installation.

Project • In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, all new dynamic file links that you add use the best practice method of component creation by default. For more information, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.

Syntax

AddDynamicFileLinking (sSourceFolder As String) As ISWiDynamicFileLinking

Parameters

Table 13-45 • AddDynamicFileLinking Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sSourceFolder</td>
<td>Pass the fully qualified path to the folder that contains the files that you want to be dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic example adds a dynamic link to MyDynamicFiles to the component MyComponent:

m_ISWiFeature.ISWiComponents("MyComponent").AddDynamicFileLinking "C:\Build 141\MyDynamicFiles"

All of the files in the MyDynamicFiles folder are added to the project. The folder is scanned before every build, and any new or changed files are automatically incorporated into your project.

Applies To

- ISWiComponent

See Also

ISWiDynamicFileLinking Object
AddEnvironmentVar Method

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**Project** • The AddEnvironmentVar method applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call AddEnvironmentVar to add an environment variable to a component.

**Syntax**

AddEnvironmentVar (sName As String) As ISWiEnvironmentVar

**Parameters**

**Table 13-46 • AddEnvironmentVar Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sName</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the environment variable.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic example adds the environment variable *MyEnvironment* to the component *MyComponent*:

```vbscript
m_ISWiFeature.ISWiComponents("MyComponent").AddEnvironmentVar "MyEnvironment"
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiComponent

AddFile Method

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.
Call `AddFile` to add a file to a specified component or, in InstallScript projects, a component subfolder. The files that are added with this method have static file links.

**Syntax**

```
AddFile (FileName As String) As ISWiFile
```

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Pass the fully qualified file name for the individual file that you want to add to this component or component subfolder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic example adds the file `MyFile.exe` to the component `MyComponent`:

```
m_ISWiFeature.ISWiComponents("MyComponent").AddFile "C:\Build 141\MyFile.exe"
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiComponent
- ISWiComponentSubFolder

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## AddRemoveFile Method

**Project** The `AddRemoveFile` method applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The `AddRemoveFile` method adds a file or folder removal entry to the current component. This file and folder removal capability is useful for scenarios such as removing application-created files that your installation does not otherwise track.

**Syntax**

```
AddRemoveFile () As ISWiRemoveFile
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiComponent
See Also
Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems

DeviceDriverFlagsEx Property

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The DeviceDriverFlagsEx property enables you to specify the flag settings for device drivers and runtime options directly from the automation layer. You can pass the following property values to this property. Pass more than one value by using OR.

Table 13-48 • DeviceDriverFlagsEx Property Values

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Not set (default).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>To replace any existing driver for the device with this driver, pass this property value to the DeviceDriverFlagsEx property. If you do not pass this property and a driver already exists for the device, your driver is not installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>To prevent the Connect Device to Computer dialog from being displayed during the installation of a device driver if a device matching the driver is not connected to a computer, pass this property value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>If you pass this property value to the DeviceDriverFlagsEx property, the installation creates an Add or Remove Programs entry for the device driver only; the installation does not create an additional entry for the installation itself. DIFxApp does not support this feature on Windows Vista and later.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>By default, DIFxApp does not install unsigned driver packages or driver packages that have missing files. To override this default behavior, pass this value to the DeviceDriverFlagsEx property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>By default, when DIFxApp uninstalls a driver package, DIFxApp does not remove the binary files that were copied to the system when it installed the driver. To override this default behavior, pass this value to the DeviceDriverFlagsEx property. If you do pass this value, DIFxApp removes a binary file from the system only if the binary file is identical to the corresponding binary file in the driver store.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Caution • Pass this value only if you can verify that the driver’s binary files are not required by any other driver package or application.
The DeviceDriverSetRedist property applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **DIM**
- **InstallScript MSI**
- **Merge Module**

The DeviceDriverSetRedist property sets the custom action runtime.dll used for all device driver installations in the project. This property takes the following values:

- **eddr32Bit**—Specifies that the device drivers in this project target 32 bit machines and that the installation uses runtime dialogs for English only.
- **eddr32BitLocalized**—Specifies that the device drivers in this project target 32 bit machines and that the installation includes all localized installation runtime dialogs.
- **eddf64Bit**—Specifies that the device drivers in this project target Itanium 64 bit machines and that the installation uses runtime dialogs for English only.
- **eddf64BitLocalized**—Specifies that the device drivers in this project target Itanium 64 bit machines and that the installation includes all localized installation runtime dialogs.
- **eddf64BitAMD**—Specifies that the device drivers in this project target AMD 64 bit machines and that the installation uses runtime dialogs for English only.
- **eddf64BitAMDLocalized**—Specifies that the device drivers in this project target AMD 64 bit machines and that the installation includes all localized installation runtime dialogs.

The English runtime.dll file is smaller than the localized .dll file, so if space is an issue and you do not need the extra language runtime dialogs, use one of the English-only values (not one of the localized values).

If you use one of the localized values, the installation uses a runtime.dll that includes dialogs and text for the following languages:

- Arabic (Saudi Arabia)
- Spanish - Modern Sort (Spain)
- Norwegian (Bokmål) (Norway)
Applies To

- ISWiComponent

ImportINIFile Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call the ImportINIFile method to import INI files from the automation layer.
Syntax

ImportINIFile(INIFile As String, [DirectoryID As String])

Parameters

Table 13-49 • ImportINIFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>INIFile</td>
<td>This represents the full path to the INI file that needs to be imported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirectoryID</td>
<td>The directory must be a valid MSI Directory identifier such as INSTALLDIR. The directory is optional if you do not specify it. InstallShield will use the component directory.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiComponent

ImportRegFile Method

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call the ImportRegFile method to import the contents of a registry (REG) file into the registry data for a specified component. This method mimics manually importing a REG file in the IDE.
**Syntax**

ImportRegFile (RegFile As String, Optional OverWrite As Boolean)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RegFile</td>
<td>Specify the fully qualified path to the REG file that you want to import.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| OverWrite   | Choose one of the following options for instructing ImportRegFile how you want to handle conflicts when merging registry data:  
> True—If a value exists in the component's registry data, overwrite it with the value from the REG file.  
> False—If a value in the REG file is already present in the component's registry data, do not import that value.  
> The default value for this optional parameter is True. |

**Applies To**

- ISWiComponent

**ISWiRemoveFiles Method**

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**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISWiRemoveFiles method returns an ISWiRemoveFiles collection that contains all of the file and folder removal entries that are associated with the current component.
**Syntax**

$$\text{ISWiRemoveFiles As ISWiRemoveFiles}$$

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pRemoveFolder</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiRemoveFile object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic code illustrates how you would set a property for a specific file removal entry in a component. For the purposes of this example, assume that the variable m_oMyComp already has a reference to a component.

```vbnet
m_oMYComp.ISWiRemoveFiles("RemoveFile1").FileName = ".txt"
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiComponent

**See Also**

Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems

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**RemoveComponentSubFolder Method**

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**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The RemoveComponentSubFolder method removes the specified component subfolder from the current component or component subfolder.
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Syntax

RemoveComponentSubFolder (pComponentSubFolder As ISWiComponentSubFolder) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-52 • RemoveComponentSubFolder Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pComponentSubFolder</td>
<td>Pass the subfolder object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the RemoveComponentSubFolder method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
Dim pComponent As ISWiComponent
Dim pComponentSubFolder As ISWiComponentSubFolder

Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("MyFeature")
Set pComponent = pFeature.ISWiComponents.Item("MyComp")
Set pComponentSubFolder = pComponent.ISWiComponentSubFolders.Item("MyCompSubFolder")
pComponent.RemoveComponentSubFolder pComponentSubFolder

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

Applies To

- ISWiComponent
- ISWiComponentSubFolder

RemoveDynamicFileLinking Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call RemoveDynamicFileLinking to remove a dynamic file link from the current component.
Syntax

RemoveDynamicFileLinking (pSourceFolder As ISWiDynamicFileLinking) As Long

Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pSourceFolder</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiDynamicFileLinking object to specify a dynamic file link that you want to remove from the project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiComponent

RemoveEnvironmentVar Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call RemoveEnvironmentVar to remove an environment from a specified component.

Syntax

RemoveEnvironmentVar (sName As ISWiRemoveEnvironmentVar) As Long

Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sName</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiEnvironmentVar object to specify an environment variable that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiComponent
RemoveFile Method

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- *Basic MSI*
- *DIM*
- *InstallScript*
- *InstallScript MSI*
- *InstallScript Object*
- *Merge Module*

Call RemoveFile to remove a file from a specified component.

**Syntax**

RemoveFile (pFile As ISWiFile) As Long

**Parameters**

Table 13-55 • RemoveFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pFile</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiFile object you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- *ISWiComponent*

RemoveRemoveFile Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- *Basic MSI*
- *DIM*
- *InstallScript MSI*
- *Merge Module*

The RemoveRemoveFile method removes a file or folder removal entry from the current component. To remove a file or folder removal entry from the project, pass the ISWiRemoveFile object.
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Syntax

RemoveRemoveFile (pRemoveFolder As ISWiRemoveFile) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-56 • RemoveRemoveFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pRemoveFolder</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiRemoveFile object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiComponent

See Also

Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems

ISWiComponentSubFolder Object

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

The ISWiComponentSubFolder object represents a component subfolder belonging to the current component or component subfolder. The component subfolder can be an existing one from the InstallShield user interface’s Components view or one added by calling AddComponentSubFolder.

Use the project’s ISWiComponentSubFolders collection to access a specific component subfolder. You must specify either an index number or the component subfolder name for the Item property of ISWiComponentSubFolders.
Members

Table 13-57 • ISWiComponentSubFolder Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddComponentSubFolder</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a subfolder to the component subfolder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a file to the component subfolder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes a file from the component subfolder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiComponentSubFolders</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the subfolders associated with this component subfolders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiFiles</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the files associated with this component subfolder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Stores the name of the component subfolder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveComponentSubFolder</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a subfolder from the component subfolder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic code illustrates the use of the ISWiComponentSubFolder object:

```vba
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
Dim pComponent As ISWiComponent
Dim pComponentSubFolder As ISWiComponentSubFolder

Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("MyFeature")
Set pComponent = pFeature.ISWiComponents.Item("MyComp")
Set pComponentSubFolder = pComponent.ISWiComponentSubFolders.Item("MyCompSubFolder")
pComponentSubFolder.AddFile("C:\My Files\MyFile.ext")

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

Applies To

- ISWiComponent

DeleteFile Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• InstallScript
• InstallScript Object

Call DeleteFile to delete a file from a specified component subfolder. The files added with this method have static file links, similar to adding files in the IDE.

Syntax

DeleteFile (pFile As ISWiFile) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-58 • DeleteFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pFile</td>
<td>Pass the file object that you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic example deletes a file from the component subfolder MyCompSubFolder:

    Dim pProj As ISWiProject
    Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
    pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
    Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
    Dim pComponent As ISWiComponent
    Dim pComponentSubFolder As ISWiComponentSubFolder
    Dim pFile As ISWiFile

    Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("MyFeature")
    Set pComponent = pFeature.ISWiComponents.Item("MyComp")
    Set pComponentSubFolder = pComponent.ISWiComponentSubFolders.Item("MyCompSubFolder")
    Set pFile = pComponentSubFolder.ISWiFiles.Item("MyFile.ext")
    pComponentSubFolder.DeleteFile pFile

    pProj.SaveProject
    pProj.CloseProject

Applies To

• ISWiComponentSubFolder

ISWiCondition Object

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
ISWiCondition is a subset of the ISWiFeature object. This object allows you to get and set conditional logic for any of your project’s features.

**Members**

**Table 13-59 • ISWiCondition Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets any conditions that are associated with this feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Level</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the install level assigned to the feature when the condition evaluates to TRUE.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiFeature

**ISWiDynamicFileLinking Object**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

ISWiDynamicFileLinking represents a dynamic file link that belongs to a component. The dynamic file link can be an existing one from the InstallShield user interface or one added by calling AddDynamicFileLinking.
### Members

**Table 13-60 • ISWiDynamicFileLinking Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>CreateBestPracticeComponents</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>To use the best practice method of component creation for your dynamically linked files, set this property to True. To use the one-component-per-directory method of component creation, set this property to False. For detailed information about the two methods, see Determining the Appropriate Component Creation Method for Dynamically Linked Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DynamicSubfolders</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to include all subfolders that are available in SourceFolder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ExcludeFiles</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specify the file types that you want to exclude. Enter the file extension preceded by an asterisk (*). Separate multiple entries with a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>IncludeFiles</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specify the file types that you want to include. Enter the file extension preceded by an asterisk (*). Separate multiple entries with a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SelfRegister</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to self-register every file in the dynamically linked folder. If the <code>Attrib64BitComponent</code> property of the component is set to True, the installation performs 64-bit self-registration on the target system. For more information, see Targeting 64-Bit Operating Systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SourceFolder</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified path to the folder whose contents should be dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Applies To**
- ISWiComponent

**ISWiEnvironmentVar Object**

This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

ISWiEnvironmentVar represents an environment variable that belongs to a component. The file can be an existing one from the InstallShield user interface or one added by calling AddEnvironmentVar.
## Members

**Table 13-61 • ISWiEnvironmentVar Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EnvType</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This enumerated integer property specifies whether the environment variable</td>
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<td>name refers to a system or user environment variable:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>evtSystem</strong>—Creates, modifies, or removes the specified system environment</td>
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<td>variable.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>evtUser</strong>—Creates, modifies, or removes the environment variable from the</td>
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<td>user’s environment. The specified environment variable is available only to</td>
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<td>the end user who is logged on at the time of installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Key</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Stores the key of the Environment table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the name of the environment variable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OnInstall</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This enumerated integer property retrieves or sets the action that you want</td>
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<td>to occur when the associated feature is installed to the target system:</td>
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<td>• <strong>evoiSet</strong>—In conjunction with the Placement property, sets the value of</td>
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<td>an existing environment variable. This option creates the environment variable</td>
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<td>if it does not already exist on the target system, and then it sets it during</td>
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<td>installation. If the environment variable exists on the target system, it is set</td>
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<td>during the installation.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>evoiCreate</strong>—Creates the specified environment variable on the target</td>
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<td></td>
<td>system if it does not already exist, and it sets the variable’s value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>evoiRemove</strong>—Removes the specified environment variable from the target</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OnUninstall</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This enumerated integer property specifies whether this environment variable</td>
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<td>should be removed from the target system when the associated feature is</td>
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<td>uninstalled:</td>
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<td>• <strong>eouRemove</strong>—Removes the environment variable or its appended value from</td>
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<td></td>
<td>the target system if the associated feature is uninstalled. If the value of</td>
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<td>the OnInstall property is Create, the Remove value for OnUninstall removes</td>
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<td>the entire environment variable. If the value of the OnInstall property is</td>
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<td>Set, the Remove value for OnUninstall removes only the value that was appended</td>
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<td>to the variable’s value.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>eouLeave</strong>—Leaves the environment variable or its appended value on the</td>
</tr>
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<td>target system if the associated feature is uninstalled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### ISWiFeature Object

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

**Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.**

ISWiFeature represents a top-level feature or a subfeature in InstallShield. You can retrieve a feature by specifying an item in the ISWiFeatures collection.

Many feature properties and attributes are available in the automation interface through this object’s methods, properties, and collections. Refer to the following table to see which methods, properties, and collections are available for your project type.
## Members

### Table 13-62 • ISWiFeature Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddCondition</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a condition to the current ISWiFeature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddFeature</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates an ISWiFeature object as a subfeature of the current ISWiFeature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddMergeModule</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Associates a merge module with the current feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddObject</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds an InstallScript object to the current ISWiFeature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advertise</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Advertisement property for the current feature. Use the following constants to set this property:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>eaAllow (1)</strong>—Use this option to enable advertisement on this feature. Although advertisement is allowed, it is not the default option when the setup is run.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>eaFavor (2)</strong>—Use this option to have the feature advertised by default. Your end users can always change the advertisement option for a feature in Custom Setup dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>eaDisallow (3)</strong>—Use this option if you do not want to allow advertising for this feature. Your end users will not be able to choose to have a feature advertised in the Custom Setup dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>eaDisableIfNotSupported (4)</strong>—Advertisement only works on systems with Internet Explorer 4.01 or higher. If the target system does not meet this criteria, advertising is turned off. If the target system can support advertisement, advertising is allowed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AttachComponent</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Associates a component with the current feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CDRomFolder</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the feature’s CD-ROM Folder property, which specifies the folder in the disk image in which the feature is placed if the feature’s check box is checked in the Release wizard’s Custom Media Layout panel.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-62 • ISWiFeature Object Members (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Comments</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the comments associated with this feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DeleteCondition</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes a condition associated with the current feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the description for this feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DescriptionID</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the string identifier for this feature's description.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DeleteCondition</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Destination</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the default destination of this feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Display</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Display property for this feature. Use the following constants to set this property:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• edTVisibleAndCollapsed (0)—Means that the feature is displayed in the Custom Setup dialog with its subfeatures collapsed by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• edTVisibleAndExpanded (1)—Means that the feature is displayed in the Custom Setup dialog with its subfeatures expanded by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• edTNotVisible (2)—Means that the feature is not displayed to the end user in the Custom Setup dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DisplayName</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the display name of this feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DisplayNameID</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the string identifier for this feature's display name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-62 • ISWiFeature Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Encryption</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the feature’s Encryption property, which specifies whether the files for the feature will be encrypted by the release builder. This property is a Boolean.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Features</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>This property contains an ISWiFeatures collection of all this feature's immediate subfeatures, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTPLocation</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the feature’s FTP Location property, which specifies an FTP location for the feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HTTPLocation</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the feature’s HTTP Location property, which specifies an HTTP location for the feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IncludeInBuild</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the feature’s Include In Build property, which specifies whether the feature should be included in your distribution media. This property is a Boolean.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GUID</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the feature’s GUID property, which identifies the feature in the setup's log file; if you change a feature’s GUID in an update setup, the setup engine treats it as a new feature rather than an update to an existing feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InstallLevel</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the install level of this feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiComponents</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the components associated with the current feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiConditions</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the conditions associated with the current feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiObjects</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the InstallScript objects associated with the current feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the feature’s Miscellaneous property, which associates a text string with the feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-62 • ISWiFeature Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Feature name of the current element in the collection.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Need         | InstallScript            | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the feature's File Need property, which specifies whether a warning, a severe warning, or no warning should be given to end users who deselect the feature. Use the following constants to set this property:  
  - `efnCritical (0)`—Use this option for features that your setup does not allow end users to deselect.  
  - `efnHighlyRecommended (1)`—Use this option to advise end users that the feature should be installed.  
  - `efnStandard (2)`—Use this option to let end users deselect the feature with no message issued. |
| OnInstalled  | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the feature's OnInstalled property, which specifies the function to be executed just after the feature is installed. |
| OnInstalling | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the feature's OnInstalling property, which specifies the function to be executed just before the feature is installed. |
| OnUninstalled| InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the feature's OnUninstalled property, which specifies the function to be executed just after the feature is uninstalled. |
| OnUninstalling | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the feature's OnUninstalling property, which specifies the function to be executed just before the feature is uninstalled. |
| Password     | InstallScript            | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the feature's Password property, which specifies a password for the feature. |
| ReleaseFlags | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the release flags that are associated with this feature. Separate multiple flags with a comma.  
You can specify which release flags you want to use to filter the project's features in the ReleaseFlags property of ISWiRelease. |
Retrieves or sets the feature's Remote Installation property. Use the following constants to set this property:

- **efrLocal (0)**—Means that all of the feature's files are installed onto the target system.
- **efrSource (1)**—Causes the files belonging to this feature to run directly from the source medium, such as a CD-ROM or network server.
- **efrFollowParent (2)**—Gives a subfeature the Remote Installation property of its parent feature.

Removes a component from this feature.

Deletes the specified feature from the project.

Removes a merge module from the current feature.

Removes an InstallScript object from the current ISWiFeature.

Gets or sets the feature's Required property. This property is a Boolean.

Gets or sets a comma-delimited string that lists the names of the features that are specified in the current feature's Required Features property.
Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddCondition Method

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the AddCondition method to add a condition to the current feature.

### Table 13-62 • ISWiFeature Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| SetupTypeStatus | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI  | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the selection status of the feature in the setup type that is specified in the property's argument. Use the following constants to set this property:  
  - estSelected (10) — The feature is selected.  
  - estDeselected (11) — The feature is not selected.  

In the following Visual Basic code snippet, the Help_Files feature is not selected for the Compact setup type.

```vbs
Set pFeature = pProject.ISWiFeatures.Item("Help_Files")
Set pSetupType = pProject.ISWiSetupTypes.Item("Compact")
pFeature.SetupTypeStatus(pSetupType) = 11
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>StatusText</th>
<th>InstallScript</th>
<th>Read-Write Property</th>
<th>Gets or sets the feature's Status Text property, which specifies the text that end users see in the uppermost line of the progress indicator during the transfer of this feature.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Visible</th>
<th>InstallScript</th>
<th>Read-Write Property</th>
<th>Gets or sets the feature's Visible property, which specifies whether the feature will be visible in feature dialog boxes during the installation. This property is a Boolean.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
Syntax

AddCondition (sKey As String) As ISWiCondition

Parameters

Table 13-63 • AddCondition Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sKey</td>
<td>Pass the string version of the condition you want to attach to the current feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiFeature

AddMergeModule Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the AddMergeModule method to associate a merge module with the current feature. This method is similar to adding a merge module to a feature in the Redistributables view.

Syntax

AddMergeModule (FileName As String)

Parameters

Table 13-64 • AddMergeModule Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Pass the fully qualified file name for the merge module (.msm) file that you want to associate with this feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiFeature
AddObject Method

The AddObject method adds an InstallScript object with the specified moniker to the current feature.

**Syntax**

```
AddObject (Moniker As String) As ISWiObject
```

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Moniker</td>
<td>Pass the moniker for the InstallScript object that you want to add. To get an InstallScript object's moniker, create a new Professional project in the IDE and add the InstallScript object to a feature, then go to the Direct Editor view's ISFeatureExtended table and see the Moniker column.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the AddObject method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
Dim pObject As ISWiObject

Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item(2)
Set pObject = pFeature.AddObject (@"ismk2:755142B0-1EB4-11D3-8B09-00105A9846E9")

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiFeature

AttachComponent Method

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

Call the AttachComponent method to associate a component with the current feature. The component must exist (created manually in the IDE or by calling AddComponent) before you can associate it with a feature.

**Syntax**

AttachComponent (Component As ISWiComponent)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Provide the ISWiComponent object that represents the component you want to associate with this feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

• ISWiFeature

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**DeleteCondition Method**

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> **Project**  
> *This information applies to the following project types:*

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

Call the DeleteCondition method to delete a condition from the current feature.

**Syntax**

DeleteCondition (pCondition As ISWiCondition)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pCondition</td>
<td>The ISWiCondition object representing the condition you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

• ISWiFeature
RemoveComponent Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
  • Basic MSI
  • InstallScript
  • InstallScript MSI

Call RemoveComponent to remove a component from a specified feature. Similar to removing a component in the Setup Design views, RemoveComponent disassociates a component from its feature, but it does not permanently delete it from the project.

Syntax

RemoveComponent (pComponent As ISWiComponent) As Boolean

Parameters

Table 13-68 • RemoveComponent Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pComponent</td>
<td>Enter the ISWiComponent object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

  • ISWiFeature

RemoveMergeModule Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
  • Basic MSI
  • InstallScript MSI

Call the RemoveMergeModule method to remove a merge module from only the current feature. (To delete a merge module from the project, call the DeleteMergeModule method.)
### Syntax

```vbnet
RemoveMergeModule (FileName As String)
```

### Parameters

**Table 13-69 • RemoveMergeModule Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Pass the fully qualified file name for the merge module (.msm) file that you want to remove from this feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Applies To

- **ISWiFeature**

### RemoveObject Method

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#### Project

*This information applies to InstallScript projects.*

The RemoveObject method removes the specified InstallScript object from the current feature.

#### Syntax

```vbnet
RemoveObject (Object As ISWiObject) As Long
```

### Parameters

**Table 13-70 • RemoveObject Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td>The InstallScript object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate the RemoveObject method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
Dim pObject As ISWiObject

Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("Help_Files")
Set pObject = pFeature.ISWiObjects.Item(1)
pFeature.RemoveObject pObject
```
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• ISWiFeature

ISWiFile Object

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

ISWiFile represents a file belonging to a component or, in InstallScript projects, a component subfolder in your project. The file can be an existing one from the InstallShield user interface or one added by calling `AddFile`.

Many feature properties and attributes are available in the automation interface through this object’s methods, properties, and collections. Note that some methods, properties, and collections are available for specific project types.

Use the component’s `ISWiFiles` collection to access a specific file. You must specify either an index number or the file key for the `Item` property of `ISWiFiles`. The file key is visible in the `File` column of the `File` table in the Director Editor view of InstallShield. In Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, it is also listed under the `Key` column in a component’s file list.

Unfortunately, you might not know the file key, or it might have been reassigned if the files are dynamically linked to the component. Instead of using the file key, you could write code similar to the following example to check for a certain file name:

```vba
Dim m_pFile As ISWiFile

For Each m_pFile In m_pComponent.ISWiFiles
    If UCase(m_pFile.DisplayName) = "MYFILE.EXE" Then
        Exit For
    End If
Next
```

If the file name `MyFile.exe` is found among the component’s files, the `For` loop ends, and `m_pFile` holds a copy of the ISWiFile object for `MyFile.exe`. 
## Members

**Table 13-71 • ISWiFile Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Attributes</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>This property is no longer supported. Use the Hidden, ReadOnly, System, and Vital properties instead.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CompanionFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Reserved for future use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisplayName</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>The standard name of the file. Be sure that case of this entry matches the case of the file name if you plan on distributing your package via the Internet, since some Web servers are case-sensitive. The name cannot contain any characters that are not valid for Windows folders and file names. If the file has both a long and a short file name (see ShortName, below), only the long name is used in the display name. You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DynamicFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>This property is True if the file’s source is linked to the component dynamically, or False if it is linked statically.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FontTitle</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the Font Title file attribute as a string. You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FullPath</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Stores the fully qualified path (including the file name) of the file’s source location. Any path variables are resolved to the actual path. You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hidden</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>True if a file has the Hidden attribute set. This property is ignored if OverrideSystemAttributes is set to False. You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Project</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------------</td>
<td>------------------------------</td>
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<td>---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Languages             | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | This property should contain a string of all of the file's language IDs, in decimal and separated by commas. The following line identifies the file as English and German: m_pFile.Languages = "1031,1033"  
This property is ignored if OverrideSystemLanguage is set to True.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
| Modified              | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Retrieves the file's Modified file attribute. Reserved for future use.                                                                        |
| Name                  | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Retrieves or sets a file key. See the description of ISWiFile above for more information about the file key.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
| OverrideSystemAttributes | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | To override the development system's settings for all of the file attributes, such as Hidden, ReadOnly, Vital, and System, set this property to True.  
If you set this property to False, the Hidden, ReadOnly, Vital, and System properties are ignored.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
| OverrideSystemLanguage | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | To override the language of the file on the development system, set this property to True.  
If you set this property to False, the Languages property is ignored.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
| OverrideSystemSize    | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | To override the size of the file on the development system, set this property to True.  
If you set this property to False, the Size property is ignored.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
### Table 13-71 • ISWiFile Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **OverrideSystemVersion** | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | To override the version of the file version on the development system, set this property to True.  
If you set this property to False, the Version property is ignored.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
| **ReadOnly**          | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Retrieves or sets the Read-only file attribute. Set this property to True to mark a file as read-only. Leave it undefined or set it to False to mark a file as read-write.  
This property is ignored if OverrideSystemAttributes is set to False.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
| **SelfRegister**      | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the Self-Register file attribute. Set this property to True to mark a file as self-registering.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
| **ShortName**         | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the file’s short name. Your files must have corresponding short names in case the Windows Installer property SHORTFILENAMES is set because the distribution medium cannot handle long file names.  
Only the short file names are used when you deselect “Use long file names” in the Advanced Settings panel of the Release wizard.  
By default, the build process will generate short names for your files, and therefore reading the current value of a file’s ShortName property will return an empty string. However, if you explicitly set a file’s ShortName property, the build process will use the short name you specify, and reading the ShortName value will return the short name you specified.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
| **Size**              | Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Contains the size of the file, in bytes, as a Long.  
If you are setting this property, OverrideSystemSize must first be set to True. Otherwise, InstallShield uses the actual size of the file.  
You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked. |
Table 13-71 • ISWiFile Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>System</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the System file attribute. Set this property to True if the file is a system file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This property is ignored if OverrideSystemAttributes is set to False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UseSystemSettings</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Property (Obsolete)</td>
<td>This property is no longer supported. Use the OverrideSystemAttributes, OverrideSystemSize, OverrideSystemVersion, and OverrideSystemLanguage properties instead.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to the version of the file that you are including in the setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To specify a companion file, this property can also be set to the Name property of another ISWiFile object, provided. To learn more about companion files, see Companion Files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This property is ignored if OverrideSystemVersion is set to False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vital</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the Vital file attribute. Set this property to True to mark this file as vital.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You cannot modify this property if the files are dynamically linked.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ISWiFolder Object

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

ISWiFolder represents a program folder in a component’s Shortcuts explorer in the InstallShield user interface. You can retrieve a folder by specifying an item in the ISWiFolders collection.
Many folder attributes are available in the automation interface through this object’s methods and properties. Refer to the following table to learn which methods, properties, and collections are available for your project type.

### Members

**Table 13-72 • ISWiFolder Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddShortcut</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a shortcut object to the current folder object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSubFolder</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates another program folder under the current one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteShortcut</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes the specified shortcut from the current folder object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSubFolder</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes the specified subfolder from the current one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Contains any descriptive text you have entered for the folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisplayName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the name displayed for a folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiShortcuts</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains every shortcut under the current program folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves the key name of the folder. This is the name that is displayed in the Shortcuts view in the InstallShield user interface. It is not the same as the DisplayName property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SharedFolder</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property retrieves or sets the Shared property of the folder, which specifies whether the folder is always removed from the system (False) or is removed only if it has no subfolders or files that were not created by the setup (True).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SubFolders</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains an ISWiFolders collection of each program folder directly under the current folder as laid out in the Shortcuts explorer. See ISWiFolders Collection for an example of using this property to retrieve a subfolder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • This property does not apply to InstallScript projects.

### Applies To

- ISWiComponent
AddShortcut Method

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call AddShortcut to create a shortcut under the current program folder.

Syntax

AddShortcut (Name As String) As ISWiShortcut

Parameters

Table 13-73 • AddShortcut Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter the name you want to give the shortcut in the Shortcuts explorer.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

 Applies To

- ISWiFolder

AddSubFolder Method

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call the AddSubFolder method to create a program folder directly under the current ISWiFolder object.
Syntax

AddSubFolder (Name As String) As ISWiFolder

Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter the name you want to give the program folder in the Shortcuts explorer.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiFolder

DeleteShortcut Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call DeleteShortcut to create a shortcut from the current folder.

Syntax

DeleteShortcut (pShortcut As ISWiShortcut) As Long

Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pShortcut</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiShortcut Object to specify a shortcut that you want to delete from a folder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Examples

Set pShortcut = pFolder.ISWiShortcuts("MyShortcut")
If Not pShortcut Is Nothing Then
  pFolder.DeleteShortcut pShortcut
Next
Applies To

- ISWiFolder

DeleteSubFolder Method

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call the DeleteSubFolder method to delete the specified subfolder from the current ISWiFolder object.

Syntax

DeleteSubFolder (pSubFolder As ISWiFolder) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-76 • DeleteSubFolder Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiFolder Object to specify a subfolder that you want to delete from a folder.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

Set pSubFolder = pFolder.SubFolders(“MySubFolder”)
If Not pSubFolder Is Nothing Then
    pFolder.DeleteSubFolder pSubFolder
    pFolder.DeleteSubFolder pSubFolder
    Next

Applies To

- ISWiFolder

ISWiLanguage Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Edition • Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition.
Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

ISWiLanguage represents a language whose string entries are included in the current project.

To include or exclude languages, use the IsIncluded property on each relevant ISWiLanguage object.

### Members

Table 13-77 • ISWiLanguage Object Members

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddStringEntry</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a new string entry to a language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteStringEntry</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a string entry from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Id</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Stores the language identifier of the current language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IsIncluded</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Includes or excludes a language, or checks its current status.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiStringEntries</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the string entries in the current language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets the name of the current language.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

See Also

- Translating String Entries
- Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
- Language Identifiers

AddStringEntry Method
Call AddStringEntry to add a new string entry to a language and return ISWiStringEntry.

**Syntax**

AddStringEntry (sLangId) As ISWiStringEntry

**Parameter**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sLangId</td>
<td>Specify the identifier of the language that should contain the string entry.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiLanguage

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**DeleteStringEntry Method**

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***Project***

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Call DeleteStringEntry to delete a string entry from a language.

**Syntax**

DeleteStringEntry (pLangId As ISWiStringEntry)
Parameter

Table 13-79 • DeleteStringEntry Method Parameter

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pLangId</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiStringEntry object to specify a string entry that you want to remove from the project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiLanguage

ISWiLatestSetup Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Indicates the Latest Setup (or UpgradedImage) item for a patch configuration where you specify settings for the latest version of your installation.

Each patch configuration must contain at least one latest setup and one previous setup in order for you to create a patch. You can have multiple previous setups per latest setup.

Every application or setup that you intend to patch to a latest setup must be added to the previous setup node.

For example, your company supports versions 1.0 and 1.1 of an application, and you want to upgrade both of these applications to version 2.0. To create a single patch to upgrade both versions, you would add V1.0 and V1.1 as previous setups to the latest setup. Your latest setup would contain V2.0.
Members

Table 13-80 • ISWiLatestSetup Object Members

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddPatchExternalFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a ISWiPatchExternalFile object to the current latest setup configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Patching an additional external file provides the ability to create a binary file patch against versions of an application file that have not been shipped as part of the previous setup. For example, if one of your application files was potentially updated by another setup, you should reference that file version to ensure that the file level patch can be successfully applied at runtime.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddPatchWholeFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a ISWiPatchWholeFile object to the current latest setup configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To include all of your files as whole files, set the IncludeWholeFilesOnly property of patch configuration to True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddPreviousSetup</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a ISWiPreviousSetup object to the current latest setup configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeletePatchExternalFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes specified external file object from the current latest setup configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeletePatchWholeFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes specified whole file object from the current latest setup configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeletePreviousSetup</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes specified previous setup object from the current latest setup configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiPatchExternalFiles</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the external file objects belonging to this latest setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiPatchWholeFiles</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the whole file objects belonging to this latest setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiPreviousSetups</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the previous setups belonging to this latest setup (or upgraded image).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiPath</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets or Sets the latest setup path. The latest setup should be the latest version of your installation for which you want to create a patch. The default setting, &lt;ISLatestRelease&gt;, resolves to the last full release that you build. The release path that you specify in this property should be an uncompressed release, ideally created with an administrative installation if the previous product versions were compressed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets name of the latest setup item.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Applies To

- ISWiPatchConfig

AddPreviousSetup Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the AddPreviousSetup method to add previous setup item to the latest setup item. Using this method is similar to adding a previous setup item with the Patch Design View of the IDE. You can set the properties of the new previous setup with the ISWiPreviousSetup object.

Syntax

AddPreviousSetup(PreviousSetupName As String) As ISWiPreviousSetup

Parameter

Table 13-81 • AddPreviousSetup Method Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PreviousSetup Name</td>
<td>Holds the name of previous setup item.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiLatestSetup

DeletePreviousSetup Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the DeletePreviousSetup method to remove specified previous setup object from the latest setup configuration.

Syntax

DeletePreviousSetup (PreviousSetup As ISWiPreviousSetup) As Long
### Parameter

**Table 13-82 • DeletePreviousSetup Method Parameter**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PreviousSetup</td>
<td>Holds the previous setup item object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Applies To

- ISWiLatestSetup

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**ISWiMsiPatchSequence Object**

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface*

- **Project**
  - This information applies to the following project types:
    - Basic MSI
    - InstallScript MSI

Contains all the information that the installer requires to determine the sequence of application of a small update patch relative to all other patches.
## Members

### Table 13-83 • ISWiMsiPatchSequence Object Members

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FamilyName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets the patch family name. Patches in the same patch family that target the same product version are sorted by the values in the Sequence column. The patches within the patch family are applied to the target product in the order of increasing sequence. The PatchFamily is also used to determine which patches are to be superseded. A patch may be listed in multiple rows and belong to multiple patch families if it applies to more than one product or includes multiple fixes. The Windows Installer does not interpret the PatchFamily value in any way other than comparisons for equality against other PatchFamily values. A PatchFamily value must be unique within the ProductCode targeted by the set of patches. In the complex patching scenarios the PatchFamily identifier may need to be globally unique.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sequence</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or Sets the sequence of this patch within the specified PatchFamily. The value in Sequence is expressed in the format of Version data. The value contains between 1 and 4 fields and each field has a range of 0 to 65535. Members of PatchFamily are sorted and applied to the target product in the order of increasing Sequence values. For example, the following six values are increasing: 1, 1.1, 1.2, 2.01, 2.01.1, 2.01.1.1.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supersede</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this Boolean property to True to indicate that the small update patch supersedes the updates provided by all patches with lesser Sequence values in the same PatchFamily.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or Sets target product code. A value in this property is optional. If a product code GUID is set in this property and the patch is being applied to the specified product, the patch is sorted and applied as a member of the specified PatchFamily. If a product code GUID is set in this field and the patch is not being applied to the product specified by ProductCode, this row is ignored. If the value in ProductCode is NULL, the patch is sorted and applied as a member of PatchFamily for all targets of the patch regardless of the product code. A patch can have multiple rows in the same PatchFamily and a different ProductCode for each product targeted by the patch. One row for the PatchFamily can specify NULL for ProductCode. If the target product matches a row with a non-NULL ProductCode, the installer uses the matching row and ignores the row with the NULL ProductCode. If none of the specified product codes match the target, the patch is sorted and applied as a member of PatchFamily for all targets of the patch regardless of the product code.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Applies To
- ISWiProject
ISWiObject Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• InstallScript
• InstallScript Object

The ISWiObject object represents an InstallScript object belonging to your project. The InstallScript object can be an existing one from the InstallShield user interface’s Objects view or one added by calling AddObject.

Use the project’s ISWiObjects collection to access a specific InstallScript object. You must specify either an index number or the moniker for the Item property of ISWiObjects. The moniker is visible in the IDE only as the Moniker in the Direct Editor view’s ISFeatureExtended table.

Members
None.

Example
The following Visual Basic code illustrates the use of the ISWiObject:

```vbscript
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
Dim pObject As ISWiObject

Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item(2)
Set pObject = pFeature.ISWiObjects.Item("@ismk2:755142B0-1EB4-11D3-8B09-00105A9846E9")
pFeature.RemoveObject pObject

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

Applies To
• ISWiFeature

ISWiPatchConfig Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

ISWiPatchConfig represents a patch configuration in the Patch Design view of the InstallShield user interface. You can retrieve a configuration by specifying an item in the ISWiPatchConfigs collection.
Build Status Events

The ISWiPatchConfig object raises the following status events:

- Public Event ProgressIncrement(ByVal lIncrement As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
- Public Event ProgressMax(ByVal lMax As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
- Public Event StatusMessage(ByVal sMessage As String, pbCancel As Boolean)

These events are raised during the patch build process and provide status updates. You can set pbCancel to stop the build. For sample code that demonstrates how to use these events, see Using Build Status Events.

Many feature properties and attributes are available in the automation interface through this object's methods, properties, and collections. The following table lists the ISWiPatchConfig object members.

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<tr>
<td>AddLatestSetup</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a ISWiLatestSetup object to the current patch configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddMsiPatchSequence</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a ISWiMsiPatchSequences object to the current patch configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AllowProductCodeMismatches</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want the patch creation executable to suppress build-time prompts if product codes differ between the original and latest installations. For a major upgrade, be sure to set True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AllowProductVersionMajorMismatches</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want the patch creation executable to suppress build-time prompts if product versions differ between the original and latest installations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AllowRemoval</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you would like the patch to be uninstallable without having to uninstall and reinstall the entire application and other patches. For more information, see Removing Patches in the Windows Installer help.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BuildPatch</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Calling this method builds the current patch configuration. This action has the same effect as right-clicking on a patch configuration in the Patch Design view and then selecting 'Build Patch'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Classification</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the category of upgrade. Examples include Critical Update, Hotfix, and Service Pack.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreateUpdateLauncher</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want to create an Update.exe update launcher for the current patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteLatestSetup</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes specified latest setup object from the current patch configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteMsiPatchSequence</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes specified patch sequence object from the current patch configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the brief description of your patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisableDefaultSequencing</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to False if you want to use the default sequencing for the patches of your product. This default sequence accounts for obsolete patches, superseded patches, and patches that have already been applied to the product. If you set this property to True, you can add your own custom sequence. If set True but do not add a sequence, no sequencing information is built into your patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisplayName</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of your patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EnablePatchCache</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>When you set this property to True, InstallShield creates intermediate files that are used in subsequent builds to improve performance speed. These intermediate files are left indefinitely on your system. Do not select this check box if you have limited disk space.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GenerateMsiPatchOldAssembly</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True to automatically generate entries for the MsiPatchOldAssemblyFile and MsiPatchOldAssemblyName tables, which allow a patch package that is running under Windows Installer 3.0 or later to patch an assembly in the global assembly cache (GAC) without making a run-time request for the original installation source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GeneratePatchGuid</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want a new GUID generated each time that you build your patch. If you select No, the GUID listed for the Patch GUID property is used. The default setting is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IncludeWholeFilesOnly</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True to include whole files for every file included in the patch package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiLatestSetups</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the latest setups belonging to this patch configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Type</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiMsiPatchSequences</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the patch sequences belonging to this patch configuration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| LauncherCompanyName           | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the company name. This will override the default company name for Update.exe with your company name.  
The company name is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Update.exe file and then click Properties.  
To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher. |
| LauncherCopyright             | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the launcher copyright notice. This will override the default copyright notice for Update.exe with your product’s copyright notice, enter your product’s copyright notice.  
The copyright notice is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Update.exe file and then click Properties.  
To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher. |
| LauncherDescription           | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the launcher description. This will override the default description for Update.exe with your own description, enter the appropriate description.  
The description is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Update.exe file and then click Properties.  
To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher. |
### LauncherIcon

**Type:** Read-Write Property

**Description:**
Gets or sets the icon for the Update.exe file. To use your own icon for the Update.exe file, set the fully qualified name of the file that contains the icon. To specify a file, type an absolute path or a path that is relative to a path variable.

By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, either select an icon in the Change Icon dialog box or append the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) to the file name. For example, `C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,2` indicates the icon with an index of 2, and `C:\Temp\MyLibrary.dll,-100` indicates the icon with a resource ID of 100.

If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses a default icon for your Update.exe file.

### LauncherPassword

**Type:** Read-Write Property

**Description:**
Gets or sets the password to protect your application. You must set True for the PasswordProtected property to activate password protection.

When you password-protect your patch, any end user who wants to apply your patch must enter a case-sensitive password to launch your update.

This setting is applicable only to patches that use an Update.exe file.

### LauncherProductName

**Type:** Read-Write Property

**Description:**
Gets or sets the product name. This will override the default product name for Update.exe with your product name.

The product name is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Update.exe file and then click Properties.

To learn more, see [Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher](#).

### LauncherProductVer

**Type:** Read-Write Property

**Description:**
Gets or sets the product version. This will override the default product version for Update.exe with your product version.

The product version is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the update launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Update.exe file and then click Properties.

To learn more, see [Customizing File Properties for the Update Launcher](#).
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LeaveIntermDecompressed</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set True to leave all .msp file information in a temporary folder. This information can be useful when troubleshooting. If you do not want this information stored, select No.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| ListOfPatchGuidsToReplace | Read-Write Property | To replace one or more earlier installed patches with the current patch, set this property to the patch GUIDs of those patches, and separate each with a comma. For example: 
 {C86838C9-DEDC-4451-B96F-94AFB9460F15}, {C8633E5B-AC44-45d8-B487-C68B3B1F60D6}  
 Setting this property is typically not required, even if you have several patch configurations in the Patch Design view. However, if your patch does not overwrite files added in an earlier patch, it may be necessary to set this property. |
| ListOfTargetProductCodes | Read-Write Property | Set this property with the product codes that you want to target with this patch, and separate each with a comma. If you enter an asterisk (*) for this setting, InstallShield replaces it at build time by the product codes of the installations that are listed as previous images in this patch configuration. |
| ManufacturerName         | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the name of the application’s manufacturer. |
| MinimumRequiredMsiVersion | Read-Write Property | Specify the minimum version of Windows Installer that is required by the patch. For example, for a minimum of Windows Installer 2.0, enter 200. For a minimum of Windows Installer 3.0, enter 300. For a minimum of Windows Installer 3.1, enter 301. |
Set this property to True if you want your minor-upgrade patch to essentially remove all of the patches up to the release to manufacturing (RTM) version of the product (or the most recent major upgrade of the product, if one has been installed) before applying the current minor-upgrade patch. With this option, all patches (with or without sequencing data) are removed. You do not need to target additional baseline versions and thus increase the patch payload. All end users can successfully apply the patch without applying any intermediate patches.

If you do not want your minor-upgrade patch to remove all of those earlier patches, set False. If you select this option, it may be necessary for your patch to contain the information needed to target each of the earlier minor upgrades that were created after the RTM (or the most recent major upgrade of the product, if one was created).

For example, if you are creating a minor-upgrade patch for service pack 2 and you select No for this property, your patch needs to target the minor-upgrade patch for service pack 1. You could also optionally target other baselines (such as RTM); doing so would increase the patch payload. Note that if you do not target the RTM version, any end user who has the RTM version but not the service pack 1 minor-upgrade patch would need to install service pack 1 before service pack 2.

Versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.1 ignore this setting.

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<th>Name</th>
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</table>
| MinorUpdateTargetRTM | Read-Write Property | MSI 3.1 Required

Gets or sets the uniform resource locator (URL) of the support URL that you would like your customers to visit for technical support.

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MoreInfoURL</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the uniform resource locator (URL) of the support URL that you would like your customers to visit for technical support.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Name</td>
<td>Type</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>OptimizedInstallMode</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want Windows Installer 3.1 to optimize the patching process so that it reduces the time that is required to apply the current patch. If the patch only modifies a select list of tables, Windows Installer 3.1 ignores the actions that are associated with all other tables. For more information, including the list of tables, see “Patch Optimization” in the Windows Installer Help Library. If you set True for this property, Microsoft Corporation recommends that you test your patch extensively to ensure that it behaves as expected. If you do not want Windows Installer 3.1 to optimize the patching process for the current patch, set False. Windows Installer will run a complete repair of the application when the patch is applied to the target machine. Versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.1 ignore this property. Windows Installer 3.0 optimizes patches if the patch only modifies the select list of tables. To avoid patch optimization by Windows Installer 3.0, you must use the DisableFlyWeightPatching policy. For more information, see DisableFlyWeightPatching in the Windows Installer Help Library. Versions of Windows Installer earlier than 3.0 run a complete repair of the installation when a patch is applied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>OptimizeForLargeFiles</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to create small bit-level patches for all application files larger than 4 MB in your installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PasswordProtected</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to password-protect your patch, and then set a password using LauncherPassword property. When you password-protect your patch, any end user who wants to apply your patch must enter a case-sensitive password to launch your update. This setting is applicable only to patches that use an Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PatchCacheDirectory</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specify a directory where the temporary files from patch caching should be stored. These intermediate files are left indefinitely on your system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<tr>
<td>PatchCommandLine</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the MSI Command-Line Arguments. These Windows Installer arguments are written to Setup.ini.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>[Startup]</td>
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<td></td>
<td>CmdLine=Your Value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The default value for this property is REINSTALLMODE=omus REINSTALL=ALL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The REINSTALL property is a string that contains letters specifying the type of reinstallation to be performed. For more information, see REINSTALLMODE Property in the Windows Installer Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PatchGuid</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set the patch GUID is used to uniquely identify a patch package. InstallShield automatically generates a new GUID for this property every time you build the patch if the Generate Patch GUID property is set to True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PatchOutputPath</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Specify where you want your patch file built or browse for an existing folder. InstallShield appends the following subdirectories to your output location: \PatchConfigName\Patch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SignatureDescription</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the signature description that you want to use for the patch package and Update.exe file, if applicable. The description that you specify is displayed on the User Account Control (UAC) box to the right of the “Program Name:” label. The UAC dialog box opens when an end user launches the signed file and elevated privileges are required. If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the name of the file without its extension as the description to the right of the “Program Name:” label on the UAC dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SignaturePassword</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the password for .pfx file that you are using. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism). At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
AddLatestSetup Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**

Call the AddLatestSetup method to add latest setup item to the current patch configuration. Using this method is similar to adding a latest setup item with the Patch Design View of the IDE. You can set the properties of the new latest setup with the ISWiLatestSetup object.

**Syntax**

```
AddLatestSetup(LatestSetupName As String) As ISWiLatestSetup
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SignatureSPC</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the digital certificate information that you want to use to sign your patch package. Use either the location of the .pfx file or information about the certificate store that contains the certificate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SignatureURL</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the fully qualified URL—for example, <a href="http://www.mydomain.com">http://www.mydomain.com</a>. This URL is used in your digital signature to link to a site that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SignPackage</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want to digitally sign your patch package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SignUpdateExe</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want to digitally sign Update.exe file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TargetProductName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the application or the target application suite.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UpdateLauncherName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets file name (without the .exe file extension) for update launcher that InstallShield should use for the update launcher file that it generates at build time. If this setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default value of 'Update', and the update launcher file is called Update.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ValidateAtBuild</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want to use the upgrading and patching validation every time you build a patch.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Parameter

Table 13-84 • AddLatestSetup Method Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LatestSetupName</td>
<td>Holds the name of latest setup item.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiPatchConfig

DeleteLatestSetup Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the DeleteLatestSetup method to remove specified latest setup item from the current patch configuration.

Syntax

DeleteLatestSetup (LatestSetup As ISWiLatestSetup) As Long

Parameter

Table 13-85 • DeleteLatestSetup Method Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LatestSetup</td>
<td>Holds the latest setup item object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiPatchConfig

ISWiPatchExternalFile Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
Indicates the external file object that you want to create a binary file patch against versions of an application file that have not been shipped as part of the previous setup.

For example, if one of your application files was potentially updated by another setup, you should reference that file version to ensure that the file level patch can be successfully applied at runtime.

**Members**

**Table 13-86 • ISWiPatchExternalFile Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets or Sets the file path for the external file to associate with the File key that you specified in the FileKey property. This is the file that may need to be updated when the patch is applied.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileKey</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets or Sets the file key with which you want to associate the external file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets the previous setup name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**ISWiPatchWholeFile Object**

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Indicates the file object that you want to include as whole file in your patch rather than have the build perform a bit-level difference of the files.

*Important • To include all of your files as whole files, set the Include Whole Files property for the patch configuration to Yes.*
Members

Table 13-87 • ISWiPatchWholeFile Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets or Sets the component name that the whole file belongs to.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileKey</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets the FileKey property of whole file. This value is set by passing argument to AddPatchWholeFile method</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiPathVariable Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

ISWiPathVariable represents a path variable that is included in the current project. The path variable can be an existing one that was created from the Path Variables view in InstallShield, or one that was added by calling the AddPathVariable method.

Important • Predefined path variables cannot be modified or deleted. If you attempt to do so, exception error 3142 occurs. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.
Members

Table 13-88 • ISWiPathVariable Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the name of the path variable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PathVarType</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This enumerated integer property specifies the type of the path variable. Available values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <code>epvtPreDefined (1)</code> — Predefined path variables are variables that are set to certain standard Windows directories. These variables cannot be renamed or modified, but they can be used in your installation project to point to predefined directories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <code>epvtCustom (2)</code> — Custom path variables are sometimes referred to as standard path variables or user-defined variables. These variable types are defined through InstallShield. These variables do not rely on any outside sources, such as the registry or system paths.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <code>epvtEnvironment (4)</code> — Environment path variables are based on the values of your system's environment variables. You can set an environment path variable in your project to an existing environment variable on your machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <code>epvtRegistry (8)</code> — Registry path variables enable you to define your own variables based on the default value of a specified registry key. The registry key must already be present when you set a path variable to the value of the key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TestValue</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the test value of the path variable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the value of the path variable.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For Standard Path Variables

For standard variables, enter the directory to which you would like your variable to point.

**Note** • You can also refer to other path variables in the defined value by enclosing the referenced path variable name in angled brackets. For example, if you have a path variable called `MyRoot` with a value of `C:\`, you can refer to it in a path variable definition for another variable, such as `Games`. The actual path for the `Games` variable might be `C:\Programs\GameFiles`, but you can define `Games` as `<MyRoot>\Programs\GameFiles`. However, if you attempt to self-reference a path variable, the literal string is used instead. For example, defining `Games` as `<MyRoot>\Programs\<Games>` actually results in `Games` defined as `C:\Programs\<Games>`. 
Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiPreviousSetup Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Indicates the Previous Setup (or TargetImage) item that needs to be patched to latest setup.

Table 13-88 • ISWiPathVariable Object Members (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Value (cont.)</td>
<td></td>
<td>For Registry Path Variables</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enter the complete registry key, with the final “subkey” being the name of the value whose data contains the folder. For example, define MyRegVar as follows:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey\TestValue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Assume that TestKey has the following subkey and values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>@=&quot;C:\MyPath1&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;TestValue&quot;=&quot;C:\MyPath2&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\TestKey\TestValue]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>@=&quot;C:\MyPath3&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Even though HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey has a subkey called TestValue, MyRegVar points to the value TestValue, and the current value will be C:\MyPath2. (Note, however, that if a value named TestValue does not exist, InstallShield reads the default value (C:\MyPath3) of the subkey HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey\TestValue.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>For Environment Path Variables</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>For environment path variables, enter the name of the variable as it appears on the Environment dialog box.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Members

Table 13-89 • ISWiPreviousSetup Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IgnoreMissingFiles</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Set this Boolean property to True to exclude the files from the patch package that are included in two separate versions cannot be found in a more recent version, unless they have changed in the later version. The advantage of ignoring the files is that only the modified files need to be added to the package. A complete setup image is not required if you choose to ignore missing source files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MsiPath</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets or Sets the previous version setup path that needs to be patched.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets the previous setup name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Order</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets or Sets the sequence of this patch within the specified PatchFamily. The value in Sequence is expressed in the format of Version data. The value contains between 1 and 4 fields and each field has a range of 0 to 65535. Members of PatchFamily are sorted and applied to the target product in the order of increasing Sequence values. For example, the following six values are increasing: 1, 1.1, 1.2, 2.01, 2.01.1, 2.01.1.1.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ValidateFlags</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Set this Boolean property to True to indicate that the small update patch supersedes the updates provided by all patches with lesser Sequence values in the same PatchFamily.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiProductConfig Object

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects contain only one element in ISWiProductConfigs; it is named Media.

Only some of the members of ISWiProductConfig apply to InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects.
ISWiProductConfig represents a product configuration in the Releases view of the InstallShield user interface. You can retrieve a configuration by specifying an item in the ISWiProductConfigs collection.
## Members

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>AddRelease</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a release to the current product configuration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **ArchitectureValidation** | Basic MSI, Merge Module                         | Read-Write Property | Set this property to one of the following values to indicate what type of build-time architecture validation you want to perform:  
  - epvtLenient (0)—Lenient architecture validation, which is the default type of validation, does not trigger build errors or warnings if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the product files or the custom action files that are being included in the release.  
  - epvtStrict (1)—Strict validation may trigger build errors and warnings if the architecture that the Template Summary property specifies does not match the architecture for one or more of the product files or custom action files that are being included in the release.  
  The value of this property also influences whether InstallShield includes 32-bit or 64-bit versions of the built-in InstallShield custom action DLLs.  
To learn more, see [Selecting the Appropriate Type of Architecture Validation for Builds](#). |
| **ConfigFlags**       | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets a string that contains the release flags that you want to use to filter your features. Separate multiple flags with a comma. |
| **DeleteRelease**     | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Method            | Deletes the specified release from the current product configuration.        |
### Table 13-90 • ISWiProductConfig Object Members (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GeneratePackageCode</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to generate a new package code for every release you build under this product configuration. If this property is not specified or set to False, then the existing package code under the product configuration is used. However, the Summary Information Stream’s package code is used if you have not specified one here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiReleases</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the releases belonging to this product configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSIPackageFileName</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the MSI Package File Name setting of the current product configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Returns the name of the current product configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PackageCode</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a string GUID for the package code that is built into this product configuration’s releases. Neither the package code you enter in this property nor the Summary Information Stream’s package code is used if you set the GeneratePackageCode property, above, to True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductCode</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a string GUID for the product code that is built into this product configuration’s releases.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductName</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the product name that is built into this product configuration’s releases.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note** • *The GUID must be surrounded by braces* `{12345678-1234-1234-1234-1234567890AB}`, for example.
### Table 13-90 • ISWiProductConfig Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
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<th>Project</th>
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</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ProductVersion</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a string that contains the product's version number, which overrides the Product Version property for every release you build under this product configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupFileName</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Setup File Name setting for the current product configuration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Setup64bitLauncher| Basic MSI               | Read-Write Property       | Gets or sets the value of the 64-Bit Setup Launcher setting for the current product configuration. The possible values are:  
  • TRUE - to 64-bit Setup Launcher.  
  • FALSE - to 32-bit Setup Launcher. |
| Subject           | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property       | Gets or sets the value of the Subject setting for the current product configuration.              |
| Title             | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property       | Gets or sets the value of the Title setting for the current product configuration.                |
| UpgradeCode       | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property       | Gets or sets the resulting setup package’s Upgrade Code property.                                  |

### Applies To

- ISWiProject

### AddRelease Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
Call the AddRelease method to add a release to the current product configuration. Using this method is similar to creating a release in the Release Wizard or the Releases view of the IDE.

**Syntax**

AddRelease (ReleaseKey As String) As ISWiRelease

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ReleaseKey</td>
<td>Pass the name of the release you would like to create in the current product configuration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProductConfig

**DeleteRelease Method**

Call the DeleteRelease method to delete a release from the current product configuration. Using this method is similar to deleting a release in the Releases view of the IDE.
Syntax

DeleteRelease (Release As ISWiRelease)

Parameters

Table 13-92 • DeleteRelease Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ReleaseKey</td>
<td>Pass the name of the release you want to delete from the current product configuration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProductConfig

ISWiProperty Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

ISWiProperty represents a Windows Installer property in the Property Manager of the InstallShield user interface. You can retrieve a property by specifying an item in the ISWiProperties collection.

Members

Table 13-93 • ISWiProperty Object

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the comments associated with the Windows Installer property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Contains the name of the property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the property’s value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following example sets the property ApplicationUsers to “OnlyCurrentUser,” which means that the option “Only for me” is selected by default in the CustomerInformation dialog:
Dim pProject As ISWiProject

Set pProject = New ISWiProject
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\ISWiProperties.ism"

Dim pProperty As ISWiProperty
Set pProperty = pProject.ISWiProperties.Item("ApplicationUsers")

pProperty.Value = "OnlyCurrentUser"
pProperty.Comments = "Make ""Only for me"" the default radio button " & _
"in the CustomerInformation dialog."

pProject.SaveProject

Applies To
• ISWiProject

ISWiRelease Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

Project specific differences are noted where appropriate.

ISWiRelease represents an existing release in the Releases view of InstallShield. You can retrieve a release by specifying an item in the ISWiReleases collection. The release must have been created through the Release Wizard, the Releases view, or the command-line tool ISCmdBld.exe.
## Members

**Table 13-94 • ISWiRelease Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BatchFileName</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release’s Execute Batch File property, which specifies the filename of a batch file or executable file to execute after the release build is complete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| BrowsersToSupport| Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI    | Read-Write Property | This property indicates which browsers a One-Click Install type of installation will support. Specify the following value:  
  -  `eocitbIE (0)`: Internet Explorer  
  This property applies only to One-Click Web releases. |
| Build            | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Method | Builds the current release. This is a full and complete build. |
| BuildErrorCount  | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Only Property | After the Build method is run on the ISWiRelease object, BuildErrorCount contains the number of errors that occurred while the build process was running. |
| BuildLocation    | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets a string that identifies the top-level directory where the release will be built. |
| BuildTablesOnly  | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Method | Builds only the Windows Installer tables of the current release. |
| BuildTablesRefreshFiles | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | Method | Rebuilds your .msi file and updates the Files table, including any new or changed files in your release. |
### BuildUTF8Database

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>If you want the Windows Installer database, along with any instance or language transforms, to be built using the UTF-8 encoding, set this Boolean property to True. The UTF-8 encoding supports characters from all languages simultaneously, enabling you to mix and match, for example, Japanese and German, or Russian and Polish, both in text shown to end users and in file names and registry keys. These mixed languages work correctly regardless of the current language of the target system. However, some scenarios result in user interface issues. For example, if an end user specifies the /qb command-line option or uninstalls the product from Add or Remove Programs, Windows Installer uses very small fonts to display the user interface text in a UTF-8 database. If you set this property to True, InstallShield creates an ANSI database when you build your release. This option does not let you mix characters from languages in different code pages.</td>
</tr>
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### BuildWarningCount

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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>After the Build method is run on the ISWiRelease object, BuildWarningCount contains the number of warnings that occurred while the build process was running.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
CabCompressionType

If the Compressed property is set to True, you can use this CabCompressionType property to specify the type of compression that InstallShield should use when building this release’s .cab files. Available options are:

- **ectLZX (3)**—InstallShield uses LZX compression to compress your product’s data files into .cab files. This option results in the smallest .cab files; however, it also takes the most time to extract the data from these .cab files at run time.
- **ectMSZIP (1)**—InstallShield uses MSZIP compression to compress your product’s data files into .cab files.
- **ectNone (0)**—InstallShield does not use any compression when creating the .cab files.

**Important** • Using compression generally decreases the size of your compressed files, but the build process may take more time to complete. Depending on the number and size of the files being compressed, the LZX compression and the build may take hours to complete. Therefore, if you select the LZX option, it is recommended that your build machine have the latest hardware to minimize the time that it takes for the build to complete.

CachePath

Specifies where cached installation files should be stored on the end user’s system. Use a hard-coded value such as \C:\CachedFiles.

This property is used only if the CacheWebDownload property for the current build is set to True.
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<tr>
<td>CacheWebDownload</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Specifies whether the installation files for the current build should be cached on the target system. Set this to True to cache the installation files on the target system for use with application maintenance and repair. Use the CachePath property to indicate where the cached files should be stored on the end user’s system. This property is used only if the WebType property for the current build is set to ewtOneExe (2) (one executable).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CertificatePassword</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Write-Only</td>
<td>Sets the password for the .pfx file if the file has a password. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism). At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails. <strong>Note</strong> • This property is not applicable if the certificate that you are using for signing is in a certificate store. Note that if the certificate was imported into the store with password protection, you will be prompted to enter the password at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CertificateURL</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the URL that is used in your digital certificate to link to a location that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company. Use a fully qualified URL—for example, <a href="http://www.mydomain.com">http://www.mydomain.com</a>.</td>
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<td>Compressed</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want all of the package’s files compressed into the .msi file, the .msm file, or Setup.exe, if selected. A value of False means that your application files are placed uncompressed in subfolders of the release location. Unlike the flexibility available in the Release Wizard’s Custom Compression Settings panel, this property either compresses all or none of the files in the release.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CompressScript</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property gets or sets the release’s Compress Script property, which specifies whether the compiled script file (.inx file) is placed in a cabinet file (True) or is placed uncompressed in the Disk1 disk image folder (False).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CopyToFolder</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release’s Copy To Folder property, which specifies a folder location to which to copy the release’s disk image folders after the release build is complete. Existing folders with the same names as copied folders are overwritten but no folders are deleted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreateAutorunINF</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to create an Autorun .inf file at the root of your release location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreatePDF</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to generate a package definition file for your installation, False otherwise.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CubFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the validation module (.cub file) that InstallShield uses to validate the built release.</td>
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<td>DefaultLang</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the language identifier for the default language of a given release. This property value overrides the default project language that is configured in the General Information view or the String Editor view. For more information, see Setting the Default Project Language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DelayMSIEngineReboot</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies whether you want to postpone any reboot associated with installing or updating the Windows Installer engine on the target system until after your installation has completed. Set this to True to postpone the reboot, if one is necessary. Set this to False to allow the system to reboot, if necessary, immediately after the Windows Installer engine has been installed or updated and before performing your installation. This option requires Windows Installer version 2.0.</td>
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| DigitalCertificateInfo | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release. InstallShield lets you choose between the following options:  
- To specify the .pfx certificate file that you want to use for signing, set this property equal to the fully qualified path and file name of the .pfx file on your build machine.  
  Instead of hard-coding a path, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view or part of the ISWiPathVariables collection. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.  
- To reference a certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use for signing, set this property equal to a certificate store string. To pass a certificate store string as the value, use the following convention:  
  *Store*StoreLocation:Cert Subject  
  For Store, pass one of the following values:  
  - MY  
  - CA  
  - Trust  
  - Root  
  For StoreLocation, pass one of the following values:  
  - User  
  - Machine  
  For Cert Store, pass the subject of the certificate that you want to use.  
  To learn more, see Digital Signing and Security. |
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<tr>
<td>DisplayDotNetOptionDialog</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want the installation to display the .NET option message box at run time. This message box allows the end user to specify whether to install the .NET Framework.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, InstallScript</td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Set this property to False if the installation should not allow end users to determine whether they want to install the .NET Framework.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Object, Merge Module</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>DistributeAfterBuild</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this to True if you want the build engine to automatically distribute the current release after each build to the location that you specify for the DistributeLoc or DistributeToURLLoc properties.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Merge Module</td>
<td>Property</td>
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**Note** • *This property does not determine whether your installation includes the .NET Framework, only whether the end user has a choice to install it.*

**Note** • *When both the DistributeLoc and DistributeToURLLoc properties are specified, the release is copied to only the FTP location.*
If you want to be able to automatically distribute your release to a folder, specify the location for this property. The DistributeAfterBuild property must be set to True.

Note • If you need to distribute your release to a path outside the FTP default folder, use a double slash (/). For example, to distribute your release to a root-level folder called myproduct, where the URL of the FTP server is ftp://ftp.mydomain.com, enter ftp://ftp.mydomain.com///myproduct for the FTP location.

When both the DistributeLoc and DistributeToURLLoc properties are specified, the release is copied to only the FTP location.
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<td>DistributeToURLPassword</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Write-Only Property</td>
<td>If a password is required to upload to the FTP location that you are specifying, specify the password for this property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DistributeToURLUserName</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>If a user name is required to upload to the FTP location that you are specifying, specify the user name for this property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetBaseLanguage</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set the language of the user interface of the .NET framework installation. If you set DotNetVersion to '1', then you must set this property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetBuildConfiguration</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this to the active release name in your corresponding .NET Project file. Typical values would be Release and Debug.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetDelayReboot</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies whether you want to postpone any reboot associated with installing or updating the .NET Framework on the target system until after your installation has completed. Set this property to True to delay any prompts to reboot until after the installation is finished.</td>
</tr>
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**Note** • The .NET Framework may not function until after the target system is restarted. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you set this property to False if the .NET Framework is used during the installation.
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<td>DotNetFrameworkLocation</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this to one of the following values to indicate how you want to package the .NET Framework redistributable into your installation:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eelSourceMedia (0)</strong>—Leaves the .NET Framework runtime on the root of the source media.</td>
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<tr>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eelSetupExe (1)</strong>—Extracts the .NET Framework from Setup.exe at run time.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eelWeb (2)</strong>—Downloads the .NET Framework runtime from a default URL or a URL specified with the DotNetFrameworkURL property, described below.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>eelDotNetNone (3)</strong>—Does not include the .NET Framework in the setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetFrameworkURL</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>If DotNetFrameworkLocation is set to eelWeb (2), this property allows you to override the default location of dotnetfx.exe on the Internet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetFxCmdLine</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set the command line that you want to pass to the setup inside of the .NET 1.1 redistributable (dotnetfx.exe).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetLanguagePackCmdLine</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set the command line that you want to pass to the setup inside the .NET 1.1 language pack redistributables (langpack.exe).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetLanguagePacks</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specify the language identifiers representing the additional .NET 1.1 language packs that you want to install.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetUI</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True if you want to the user interface (UI) from the .NET Framework installation displayed at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DotNetVersion</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to 1 if you want to ship .NET 1.1.</td>
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<td>EnableDifference</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property gets or sets the release's Differential Media property, which specifies whether the current release (the release that is selected in the Releases view) is a differential release—that is, a release that contains only those files that were absent from one or more of a specified set of existing releases—or a full release, which contains all your product's files, so that your product can be installed on a system on which no version of your product is currently installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EnableLangDlg</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to display the Language Dialog from Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExpirationDate</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets an expiration date (ISWiDate) for Setup.exe. If this property is set, end users cannot launch the Setup.exe file on or after the specified date.</td>
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<td>Following is sample Visual Basic code that sets the expiration date to December 30, 2012.</td>
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<td>ISWiDate date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>date.wYear = 2012</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>date.wMonth = 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>date.wDay = 30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td></td>
<td>pISWiRelease.ExpirationDate = date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>If you use this property to get or set an expiration date, you can use the ExpirationMessage property to get or set the message that you want to be displayed at run time when an end user tries to launch Setup.exe on or after the expiration date.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExpirationMessage</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>If you use the ExpirationDate property to set an expiration date, you can use the ExpirationMessage property to get or set the message that you want to be displayed at run time when an end user tries to launch Setup.exe on or after the expiration date.</td>
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<td>Following is sample Visual Basic code that sets an expiration message.</td>
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<td>pISWiRelease.ExpirationMessage = &quot;This setup expired on %s. The setup will now exit.&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>FilterLangs</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Set this property to True to filter language-specific components according to your settings in the SupportedLangsData property, below.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTPFolder</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release's FTP Site Folder property, which specifies the folder on the FTP server to which you want to copy the disk image folders. This property is applicable only if the FTPHostAddress property is not empty.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTPHostAddress</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release's FTP Host Address property, which specifies the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of an FTP server to which the build process should upload the disk image folders. Leave this property empty if you do not want this release uploaded to an FTP server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTPPassword</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release's FTP Site Password property, which specifies the password for the user name that you enter in the FTPUserName property. This property is applicable only if the FTPHostAddress property is not empty.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTPUserName</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release's FTP Site User Name property, which specifies the user name with which you want to gain access to the FTP server. This property is applicable only if the FTPHostAddress property is not empty.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GenerateFileHashValues</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Indicates whether you want to populate the MsiFileHash table for every unversioned file in your build. Set this to True to populate the MsiFileHash table for every unversioned file in your build. Set this to False if you do not want to populate the MsiFileHash table. If this property is set to False, InstallShield builds any entries that are found in the project’s MsiFileHash table (populated using the Direct Editor). If you have already populated the MsiFileHash table for a particular file, the build uses that information instead of generating the information at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GenerateOneClickInstall</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True to create a One-Click Install. If this property is set to True, you must specify file names in the OneClickHTMLBaseName and OneClickCabJarBaseName properties for this release. This property is ignored unless the release's Media Format property is set to Web via the Release Wizard's Media Type panel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IFTWCabSizeInKb</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Specifies the size, in kilobytes, of the cabinet (.cab) files built for the Web media type. Specify the value 0 (zero) to build a separate cabinet file for each component. This property is used only if the WebType property for the current release is set to ewtIFTW (1) (Install From The Web).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InitDlgProductName</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release's Init Dialog Product Name property, which specifies the product name to display in the setup initialization dialog box. If you leave this property empty, the product name that you specify in the General Information view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JSharpCmdLine</td>
<td>Basic MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Specify a command-line parameter to pass to vjredist.exe. Consult Microsoft Support for valid command-line parameters.</td>
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<td>JSharpOptionalIfSilent</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True to install the J# redistributable even if the J# Option dialog cannot be displayed (for example, if the installation is run silently).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JSharpOptionDlg</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True to display the J# Option dialog, which asks whether the end user wants to install the J# redistributable. If .NET 1.1 is also included in the setup, the dialog states that .NET 1.1 will also be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JSharpRedistLocation</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this to one of the following values to indicate how you want to package the J# redistributable into your setup.</td>
</tr>
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<td>• <strong>eelSourceMedia (0)</strong>—Leaves the J# redistributable on the root of the source media.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>eelSetupExe (1)</strong>—Extracts the J# redistributable from Setup.exe at run time.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>eelWeb (2)</strong>—Downloads the J# redistributable from a default URL or a URL specified with the DotNetFrameworkURL property.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>eelDotNetNone (3)</strong>—Does not include the J# redistributable in the setup.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
KeepUnusedDirectories

Specify whether you want InstallShield to remove unused directories from the Directory table of the .msi file when you build this release. Available options are:

- **False**—If a directory that is listed in the Directory column of the Directory table is not referenced in any known location in the .msi file, InstallShield removes it from the Directory table of the .msi file that it creates at build time. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, this occurs after any merge modules are merged, but only directories that are present in the .msi file are removed; therefore, if a merge module contains new unused directories in its Directory table, the new unused directories are added to the installation.

- **True**—InstallShield does not remove any directories from the Directory table of the .msi file that it creates at build time.

The default value is False.

**Note** • Under some conditions, predefined directories cannot be resolved, causing an installation to fail. Removing unused directories from the Directory table enables you to avoid unnecessary failures. Therefore, it is recommended that you do not keep unused directories.

LauncherCopyright

Specifies the copyright information for the Properties dialog box of the Setup.exe file. You must set the UseMyVersionInfo property to True to override the default copyright information.

To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.

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<tr>
<td>KeepUnusedDirectories</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specify whether you want InstallShield to remove unused directories from the Directory table of the .msi file when you build this release. Available options are:</td>
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<tr>
<td>LauncherCopyright</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the copyright information for the Properties dialog box of the Setup.exe file. You must set the UseMyVersionInfo property to True to override the default copyright information.</td>
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To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.
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<td>LauncherFileDescription</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the file description for the Properties dialog box of the Setup.exe file. You must set the UseMyVersionInfo property to True to override the default file description. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.</td>
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</table>
| LauncherPassword      | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Specifies a password to protect your application. You must set the PasswordProtectLauncher property to True to activate password protection. This property is applicable only to releases that meet the following criteria:  
  - Single-file Setup.exe  
  - Compressed files  
  - Network image media type |
| LogFileName           | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Project | Read-Only Property | Saves the log file location of the last build. Using this file location, you can view the log file of the last build. |
| MediaType             | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object | Read-Only Property | Gets the type of distribution media for the release. Possible values are:  
  - 0—CD-ROM  
  - 1—Network image  
  - 2—Custom  
  - 3—DVD  
  - 4—Web  
  - 5—144 MB floppy disk  
  - 6—InstallScript Object |
| MSI30EngineURL        | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the uniform resource locator (URL) for the location of the engine. This is the location that the installation file uses at run time to download the engine. |
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<td>MsiEngineLocation</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Specifies where the MSI engine installers should be located. Set this property to one of the following:</td>
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<td>Property</td>
<td>• eelSourceMedia (0)—Copy from the source media. Leans the MSI engine installers you selected on the root of the source media. This option is not available for Web media types or Network Image media types with all of your files compressed into Setup.exe.</td>
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<td>• eelSetupExe (1)—Extract engine from Setup.exe.</td>
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<td>• eelWeb (2)—Download engine from the Web. If you use this setting, be sure to set the MSI30EngineURL property to appropriate Web locations.</td>
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<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Name of the current release.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Property</td>
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<tr>
<td>ObjDiffOptions</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release’s Object Difference property, which specifies the conditions for including InstallShield objects in your differential release. Use the following constants to set this property:</td>
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<td>Property</td>
<td>• eodoAll (0)—The differential release will include all objects that would be included in the equivalent full update release.</td>
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<td>• eodoExcludeAll (1)—The differential release will not include any objects.</td>
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<td>• eodoIncludeIfChanged (2)—The differential release will include those objects that would be included in the equivalent full update release and that are not found in, or are different from, the corresponding object in at least one of the comparison releases.</td>
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<td>This property is applicable only if the EnableDifference property is set to True.</td>
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### OneClickCabJarBaseName

**Project:** Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI  
**Type:** Read-Write Property  
**Description:** Specifies the base file name for the cabinet (.cab) file generated by the build process for a One-Click installation. The “.cab” extension is appended to the name you specify here. The generated file (or files) will be created in the Disk1 folder for the current release.

This property is used only if the GenerateOneClickInstall property for the current build is set to True.

### OneClickHTMLBaseName

**Project:** Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI  
**Type:** Read-Write Property  
**Description:** Specifies the base file name of the HTML file generated by the build process. The “.htm” extension is appended to the base name you specify, and the generated file is created in the Disk1 folder of the current release location.

This property is used only if the GenerateOneClickInstall property for the current build is set to True.

### OptimizeSize

**Project:** Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI  
**Type:** Read-Write Property  
**Description:** Specifies the level of compression to use in your release’s cabinet files. Setting this property to True generally decreases the size of your compressed files, but the build process may take more time to complete.

This property is used only if your release compresses some or all of its files.
**OSFilter**

Gets or sets the release's Platform(s) setting, which specifies the operating systems that you want this release to support. If the platform specified for a component does not match one of the platforms that is selected for this property, the component is not included in the release.

Use the following constants to set this property:

- `eosOSIndepedent = 0`
- `eosWin95 = &H10 (16)`
- `eosWin98 = &H40 (64)`
- `eosWinMe = &H80 (128)`
- `eosWinNT4 = &H10000 (65536)`
- `eosWin2000 = &H100000 (1048576)`
- `eosWinXP = &H400000 (4194304)`
- `eosWinServer2003 = &H800000 (8388608)`
- `eosWinVista = &H1000000 (16777216)` — These constants are for Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008.
- `eosWin7 = &H2000000 (33554432)` — These constants are for Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2.
- `eosWin8 = &H4000000 (67108864)` — These constants are for Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012.
- `eosWin81 = &H8000000 (134217728)` — These constants are for Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2.
- `eosAll = &HFD100D0 (265355472)`

You can specify multiple platforms; for example, `eosWin7 Or eosWinServer2008 Or eosWinVista Or eosWinServer2003`. 

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| OSFilter     | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the release's Platform(s) setting, which specifies the operating systems that you want this release to support. If the platform specified for a component does not match one of the platforms that is selected for this property, the component is not included in the release. Use the following constants to set this property:  
- `eosOSIndepedent = 0`  
- `eosWin95 = &H10 (16)`  
- `eosWin98 = &H40 (64)`  
- `eosWinMe = &H80 (128)`  
- `eosWinNT4 = &H10000 (65536)`  
- `eosWin2000 = &H100000 (1048576)`  
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<td>PasswordProtectLauncher</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True to password-protect your setup. Specify a password in the LauncherPassword property.</td>
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<td>Property</td>
<td>This property is applicable only to releases that meet the following criteria:</td>
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<td>• Single-file Setup.exe</td>
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<td>• Compressed files</td>
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<td>• Network image media type</td>
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<tr>
<td>PathVariableOverrides</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI,</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of a path variable in your project for the specified release. If this property is used to set the value of a path variable, it overrides any value that is set in the Path Variables view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, InstallScript</td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Note that you can use this variable to get or override user-defined path variables, environment variables, and registry variables that are configured in the Path Variables view; however, you cannot override predefined path variables such as &lt;WindowsFolder&gt;.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Object, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
<td>Following is sample Visual Basic code that overrides the value of a path variable called PathVar1:</td>
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<td>pISWiRelease.PathVariableOverrides = “PathVar1=C:\Test1” + vbCrLf + “PathVar2=C:\test2”</td>
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<td>To learn more about path variables, see Using Path Variables.</td>
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Read-Write Property

Gets or sets the command that you want to be run after InstallShield has built and signed the release.

When you are specifying a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands. To learn more, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds.

Following is sample Visual Basic code that sets two commands:

```vbnet
pISWiRelease.PostbuildEvent = "Event1" + vbCrLf + "Event2"
```

At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one.

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**Edition** • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.
PrebuildEvent

Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module

Read-Write Property

Gets or sets the command that you want to be run before InstallShield starts building the release. This event runs after InstallShield creates the release folder and log file, but before InstallShield starts building the release.

When you are specifying a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands. To learn more, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds.

Following is sample Visual Basic code that sets two commands:

```vb
pISWiRelease.PrebuildEvent = "Event1" + vbCrLf + "Event2"
```

At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one.

**Edition** • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.
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| PrecompressionEvent| Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the command that you want to be run after InstallShield has built the .msi package and the .cab files (if your product’s data files are to be stored in .cab files). Note that this event occurs after .cab files are streamed into the .msi package, but before the .msi package has been digitally signed and streamed into the Setup.exe file. When you are specifying a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands. To learn more, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds. Following is sample Visual Basic code that sets two commands:  
  ```vb
  pISWiRelease.PrecompressionEvent = "Event1" + vbCrLf + "Event2"
  ```  
  At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one.

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<td>PreProcessorDefines</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release’s Compiler Preprocessor Defines setting, which specifies any preprocessor variable definitions.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PreviousPackage</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the fully qualified path to a previous release (.msi file) to minimize the size of future patch packages.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ReleaseFlags</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a string that contains the release flags that you want to use to filter your features. Separate multiple flags with a comma.</td>
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### RequiredExecutionLevel

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| RequiredExecutionLevel | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the minimum level required by your installation’s Setup.exe file for running the installation (the setup launcher, any InstallShield prerequisites, and the .msi file) on Windows Vista and later platforms. The available options are:  
  - `erelAsInvoker (0)`—Setup.exe does not require administrative privileges, and all users can run it without administrative privileges. Setup.exe does not display any UAC messages prompting for credentials or for consent. This is the default option for Basic MSI projects.  
  - `erelAsHighestAvail (1)`—Setup.exe prefers administrative privileges. Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators run it without administrative privileges. This is the default option for InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects.  
  - `erelAsAdmin (2)`—Setup.exe requires administrative privileges to run. Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators must authenticate as an administrator.  

For more information, see [Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Installation](#).

### SetupCmdLine

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<tr>
<td>SetupCmdLine</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release’s Setup Command Line property, which specifies any command line parameters you want to pass to Setup.exe when the setup is launched.</td>
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<td><strong>SetupEXE</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to True to create a Setup.exe setup launcher for the current release. The SetupEXE property and the TargetOS property correspond with the Setup Launcher setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view. To learn about scenarios that require a setup launcher, see Creating a Setup Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ShallowFolderStructure</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Set this property to create the .msi file and related files directly in the Release Location without any of the subfolders.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>ShowPasswordDlg</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This Boolean property gets or sets the release's Show Password Dialog property, which specifies whether to execute the password-checking code in the OnCheckMediaPassword event handler function's default code. This property is applicable only if you specify a non-null password in the Media Password property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SignFiles</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>If you want to sign any of the files in your release, set this Boolean property to True and then use the SignFilesInclude and SignFilesExclude properties to indicate which files should be signed.</td>
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**Windows Logo** • All executable files (including .exe, .dll, .ocx, .sys, .cpl, .drv, and .scr files) in an installation must be digitally signed for the Windows logo program.
Specify any files and file patterns that you do not want to be digitally signed at build time. Note the following guidelines:

- To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*). For example, if you do not want to sign any .drv files, specify the following: 

  

  *.*

  

  Using wild-card characters is especially helpful if you include dynamically linked files in your project and you want to avoid signing any files that match a certain pattern.

- Put each file and each file pattern on its own line, with each separated by a carriage return.

- Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify *.*exe for the SignFilesInclude property and the SignFilesExclude property, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files.
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| SignFilesInclude   | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Specify the files and file patterns that you want to be digitally signed at build time. Note the following guidelines:  
  • To indicate a wild-card character, use an asterisk (*). For example, if you want to sign all .exe files, specify the following: `*.exe`  
    Using wild-card characters is especially helpful if you include dynamically linked files in your project and you want to sign all files that match a certain pattern.  
  • Put each file and each file pattern on its own line, with each separated by a carriage return.  
  • Note that the files and file patterns that should not be signed override any files and file patterns that should be signed. For example, if you specify `*.exe` for the SignFilesInclude property and the SignFilesExclude property, InstallShield does not sign any .exe files. |
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| SignFilesInPlace| Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Specify whether you want InstallShield to sign your original files or just the files that are built into the release:  
  - **False**—InstallShield signs a temporary copy of each file and then uses that signed temporary copy to build a release. Note that with this behavior, InstallShield will not modify or sign your original files.  
  - **True**—If you want InstallShield to sign your original files, set this property to True.  

The default value of this property is set to False.  

The benefit of specifying True for a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI project is that it helps create one patch that updates both compressed and uncompressed versions of a release that contains originally unsigned files. |
|                 | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Set this property to True to digitally sign your Setup.exe file.                                                                                   |
| SignLauncher    | This varies. (To learn more, see SignMedia.) | Read-Write Property | Set this property to indicate whether to digitally sign your media, and if so, which files should be signed.                                   |
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| SignSignedFiles     | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | If any of the files in your project are already digitally signed, specify whether you want InstallShield to replace those existing digital signatures with the digital signature that you specify through the DigitalCertificateInfo property:  
  - **True**—Use the digital signature information that you are providing through the DigitalCertificateInfo property instead of any existing digital signature information that is already included with the file.  
  - **False**—Leave the existing digital signature information intact for any files that are already signed. This is the default value.  
  
  Note that this affects only files that meet the requirements that are specified in the SignFilesInclude and SignFilesExclude properties. |
<p>| SingleEXEFileName    | InstallScript, InstallScript Object         | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the release’s Single Exe File Name setting, which specifies the file name (including extension) of a self-extracting executable file that runs the installation. If the property’s value is null, no self-extracting executable file is created. |
| SingleEXEIconName    | InstallScript, InstallScript Object         | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the release’s Single Exe Icon File setting, which specifies the fully qualified name of the file from which the executable file’s icon is taken at build time. If the property’s value is null, a default icon is used. |
| SkinName             | InstallScript, InstallScript Object         | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the release’s Specify Skin setting, which specifies the dialog box skin that is applied to this release. This property is applicable only if the UseProjectSkin property is set to True. |
| SmallInitializationDialog | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Property | Set this property to display a small initialization dialog when the end user runs this release.                                                                                                           |</p>
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<td>SupportedLangsData</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a list of language IDs that determines which components are included in the release. Only language-independent components and components of the specified languages are built into the release if the FilterLangs property is set to True. Use the decimal value of the language ID and separate multiple language with a comma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SupportedLangsUI</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a comma-delimited string of decimal language IDs that determines the release languages.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SupportedVersions</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript Object</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release's Supported Version(s) property, which specifies a semicolon-delimited list of version numbers (for example, 1.2.3;1.2.4) of the earlier versions of your product to which this release can be applied as an update. If you leave this field blank, the setup can be run on a system on which any earlier version, or no version, of your product is currently installed. This property is applicable only if the EnableDifference property is set to False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SuppressLauncherWarning</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>If the Windows Installer service cannot be installed or updated on a target system, the setup program displays a warning if this property is set to False. Set this to True to suppress the warning. This property applies only if you create a Setup.exe to launch your package.</td>
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TargetOS

Specifies the directory from where your data cabinet files will be downloaded. This property accepts a URL in the form http://www.yourcompany.com/download.

This property is used only if the WebType property for the current release is set to ewtDownloader (0) (Downloader) or ewtIFTW (1) (Install from the Web).
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| **UseMyVersionInfo**        | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI      | Read-Write      | Set this property to True to override the default InstallShield copyright information for Setup.exe. You can specify your copyright information in the LauncherCopyright property. This property is applicable only to releases that meet the following criteria:  
  - Single-file Setup.exe  
  - Compressed files  
  - Network image media type |
| **UsePathVariableTestValues** | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write      | If you used test values for any of your path variables, set this property to True to set those variables to their actual values at this time.                                                                   |
| **UseProjectSkin**          | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | Read-Write      | This Boolean property gets or sets whether the release’s Specify Skin property is set to Use Project Setting, which uses the skin that is selected in the Dialogs view’s Skins folder. |
| **VMConfig**                | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write      |  
  Edition • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.  
  Gets or sets the name of the group of VM configuration settings that you want to use when distributing the selected release to a VM.  
  To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand. |

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  - Single-file Setup.exe  
  - Compressed files  
  - Network image media type |
| **UsePathVariableTestValues** | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Read-Write      | If you used test values for any of your path variables, set this property to True to set those variables to their actual values at this time.                                                                   |
| **UseProjectSkin**          | InstallScript, InstallScript Object | Read-Write      | This Boolean property gets or sets whether the release’s Specify Skin property is set to Use Project Setting, which uses the skin that is selected in the Dialogs view’s Skins folder. |
| **VMConfig**                | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write      |  
  Edition • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.  
  Gets or sets the name of the group of VM configuration settings that you want to use when distributing the selected release to a VM.  
  To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand. |
Table 13-94 • ISWiRelease Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>VMMachinePassword</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Edition • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. If a password is specified for the VM configuration that is selected through the VMConfig property, that password is considered to be the default value for the VMMachinePassword property. To override the password for the selected release, set the VMMachinePassword property. To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VMMachineUserName</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Edition • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. If a user name is specified for the VM configuration that is selected through the VMConfig property, that user name is considered to be the default value for the VMMachineUserName property. To override the user name for the selected release, set the VMMachineUserName property. To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
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<tr>
<td>VMSnapShot</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td><strong>Edition</strong> • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

|                                                                                       |
| Optionally gets or sets the name of the snapshot that you want to use for distributing the release. |
| If a snapshot is specified for the VM configuration that is selected through the VMConfig property, the name of that snapshot is considered to be the default value for the VMSnapShot property. |
| If no snapshot is specified for the VM configuration, InstallShield does not revert to a specific snapshot. InstallShield powers on the VM without reverting it to a specific snapshot, and copies your installation to the VM. |
| To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand. |
Table 13-94 • ISWiRelease Object Members (cont.)

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| VMStageMachineCopyPath        | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write String Property | **Edition • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.** The copy path identifies the location on the VM where the release is to be distributed. The last subfolder in the path can be a path that InstallShield creates on the VM; the other folders in the path must already exist. If a destination path is specified for the VM configuration that is selected through the VMConfig property, that destination path is considered to be the default value for the VMStageMachineCopyPath property. To override the destination path for the selected release, set the VMStageMachineCopyPath property. To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.

| VMStagePostBuild             | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Read-Write Boolean Property | **Edition • This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.** Specify whether you want InstallShield to automatically distribute the selected release each time that it is successfully built. Distributing the release to the VM involves the following tasks: 1. Revert the VM to the designated snapshot (if one is specified). 2. Power on the VM. 3. Copy the built release to the VM to make it available for testing. To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand. |
### Table 13-94 • ISWiRelease Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>WebCreateDefaultPage</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property gets or sets the release’s Create Default Web Page setting, which specifies whether InstallShield should create a default Web page (.htm file) and place it in the Disk1 folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WebPageUrl</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release’s Web Page URL setting, which specifies the location of the Web page that should be launched if you click the Run From Web command on the Build menu in InstallShield: If nothing is entered for this property, InstallShield creates a Setup.htm file at build time and places it in the Disk1 folder. If you do enter a URL for this property, do not include the name of the page, and do not include an ending forward slash. For example, if the full URL for the Setup.htm file is <a href="http://www.mypages.com/setup/Setup.htm">http://www.mypages.com/setup/Setup.htm</a>, enter the following as the Web page URL: <a href="http://www.mypages.com/setup">http://www.mypages.com/setup</a>. When you click the Run from Web command on the Build menu, InstallShield launches the appropriate URL (<a href="http://www.mypages.com/setup/Setup.htm">http://www.mypages.com/setup/Setup.htm</a>, in the aforementioned example).</td>
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<tr>
<td>WebType</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Indicates the configuration of your Web installation setup package. Set this property to one of the following:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• ewtDownloader (0)—Downloader. Builds this release as a combination of Setup.exe and your MSI package, where the end user downloads and launches Setup.exe, which in turn downloads and runs the MSI database, which contains all of your files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>• ewtIFTW (1)—Install from the Web. Builds this release as a combination of Setup.exe, your MSI database, and external cabinet (.cab) files. The end user downloads and runs Setup.exe, which in turn downloads and runs the MSI database. Based on the end user's setup type and feature selections, only the requested CAB files are downloaded and installed to minimize download time. Application maintenance and repair use the URL specified in the URLForYourFiles property as the installation source.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• ewtOneExe (2)—One executable. Builds this release as a single self-extracting Setup.exe. This setting is ideal for a package that is to be downloaded from many Web or FTP sites, since the installation package is self-contained. Note that the entire installation package is downloaded, so the download time is greater than the ewtIFTW (1) (Install from the Web) setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WrapMSIIntoCab</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies whether to place the release's MSI database inside a cabinet (.cab) file. This property applies only if the WebType property for the current release is set to ewtDownloader (0) (Downloader).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example

The following lines of Visual Basic demonstrate opening a project and showing a message box of several of a release's properties:

```vbnet
Dim pProject As ISWiProject
Set pProject = New ISWiProject
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Commercial.ism", True

Dim pProdConfig As ISWiProductConfig
Set pProdConfig = pProject.ISWiProductConfigs.Item("Version 1")
' In an InstallScript project, there is only one element
' in ISWiProductConfigs, which is named "Media".

Dim pRelease As ISWiRelease
Set pRelease = pProdConfig.ISWiReleases.Item("NewRelease1")

Dim sProps As String
sProps = pRelease.Name & " has these properties:" & vbCrLf
sProps = sProps & "Build Location: " & pRelease.BuildLocation & vbCrLf
sProps = sProps & "Compressed: " & pRelease.Compressed & vbCrLf
sProps = sProps & "Default Language: " & pRelease.DefaultLang & vbCrLf

MsgBox sProps
pProject.CloseProject
```

Build Status Events

The ISWiRelease object raises the following status events:

- Public Event ProgressIncrement(ByVal lIncrement As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
- Public Event ProgressMax(ByVal lMax As Long, pbCancel As Boolean)
- Public Event StatusMessage(ByVal sMessage As String, pbCancel As Boolean)

These events are raised during the build process and provide status updates. You can set pbCancel to stop the build. For sample code that demonstrates how to use these events, see Using Build Status Events.

Build Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module
Call the Build method to build the current release. This is a full and complete rebuild of your release.

**Syntax**

Build()

**Applies To**

- ISWiRelease

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**BuildTablesOnly Method**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Call the BuildTablesOnly method to build only the Windows Installer tables of the current release.

**Note** • If you have not built this setup already, a new .msi file is created, but no files are added to your setup. If you have built your setup already, the .msi file is updated when all the tables are built, but no files are transferred.

**Syntax**

BuildTablesOnly ()

**Applies To**

- ISWiRelease

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**BuildTablesRefreshFiles Method**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the BuildTablesOnly method to rebuild your MSI file and update the Files table, including any new or changed files in your installation.
Note • Changed files are updated only if the size or time stamp differs from the copy already included in the build. References to deleted files are removed from the setup, but the file remains in the build location. This type of build can be run only after a complete build has been performed, and it works only when the media is an uncompressed network image.

Syntax

BuildTablesRefreshFiles ()

Applies To

• ISWiRelease

CubFile Property

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

CubFile is a read-write property which you must specify prior to ISWiRelease.Build. This is a build option which is the same as building a release at the command line using ISCmdBld.exe.

The string parameter associated with this property is .cub file name.

Applies To

• ISWiRelease

SignMedia Property

InstallShield 2020 • Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

The ISWiRelease.SignMedia property enables you to indicate whether to digitally sign your media, and if so, which files should be signed.
The following table lists the four states that can be assigned or retrieved from the ISWiRelease.SignMedia property.

Table 13-95 • ISWiRelease.SignMedia Property Values

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<tr>
<th>Return Value</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>esBoth (3)</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: Sign the Windows Installer package (.msi file) and Setup.exe. For InstallScript projects: Sign both the media header file (Data1.hdr) and Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>esMsi (2)</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>For Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects: Digitally sign only the Windows Installer package (.msi file or .msm file). For InstallScript projects: Sign the media header file (Data1.hdr).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>esNone (4)</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>For Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects: None of the media files (Setup.exe, Windows Installer package, or the header file) are signed at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>esSetupExe (1)</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>For Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects: Digitally sign only Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiRelease Object

ISWiRemoveFile Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

ISWiRemoveFile represents a file or folder removal entry in the InstallShield user interface. To retrieve a file or folder removal entry, specify an item in the ISWiRemoveFiles collection.
Members

Table 13-96 • ISWiRemoveFile Object Members

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>FileKey</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the FileKey property for this file or folder removal entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the FileName property for this file or folder removal entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirProperty</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the DirProperty property for this file or folder removal entry.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| InstallMode | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the InstallMode property for this file or folder removal entry. Specify one of the following types:  
  • erfimOnInstall (1)—Remove the file or folder only when the associated component is being installed.  
  • erfimOnUninstall (2)—Remove the file or folder only when the associated component is being removed.  
  • erfimOnBoth (3)—Remove the file or folder when the associated component is being installed or removed. |

See Also
Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems

ISWiSequenceRecord Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
  • Basic MSI
  • InstallScript MSI

ISWiSequenceRecord represents an action in the Custom Actions and Sequences view of the InstallShield user interface.
Members

Table 13-97 • ISWiSequenceRecord Object Members

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<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Holds the string name of the specified action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets comments for the specified action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the condition for the specified action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sequence</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the sequence number for the specified action.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following VBScript code displays the sequence number of the LaunchConditions action in the project’s Installation User Interface sequence.

```vbscript
Set oISM = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
oISM.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\MyProject.ism", True ' open read-only
Set oSequenceRecord = oISM.InstallUISequence("LaunchConditions")
MsgBox "LaunchConditions is at sequence number " & oSequenceRecord.Sequence
oISM.CloseProject
```

Applies To

• ISWiSequence

ISWiSetupFile Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object

ISWiSetupFile represents a support file in your project. The support file can be an existing one from the Support Files view (or the Support Files/Billboards view) in InstallShield or one that is added by calling `AddSetupFile`.

Use the project’s ISWiSetupFiles collection to access a specific support file. You must specify either an index number or the file key for the Item property of ISWiSetupFiles.
Members

Table 13-98 • ISWiSetupFile Object Members

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<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets the name of the support file (without the path).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets the string that identifies the language identifier for the support file; for example: m_pFile.Language = “1033”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Path</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Gets the fully qualified path (including the file name) of the support file’s source location. Any path variables are resolved to the actual path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Splash</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies whether this support file is a splash screen (True) or not (False).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the support file’s target directory within SUPPORTDIR. The following line specifies the support file to be stored in the MyFolder1\MyFolder2 folder under SUPPORTDIR: m_pFile.Target = ”MyFolder1\MyFolder2”</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The file key is visible in the IDE only as the first entry in the Direct Editor view’s ISSetupFile table. Instead of using the file key, you could write code similar to the following example to check for a certain file name:

```vba
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pSetupFile As ISWiSetupFile

For Each pSetupFile In pProj.ISWiSetupFiles
    If UCase(pSetupFile.FileName) = "MYSUPPORTFILE.EXT" Then
        Exit For
    End If
Next

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

If the file name MySupportFile.ext is found among the project’s setup files, the For loop ends, and pSetupFile holds a copy of the ISWiSetupFile object for MySupportFile.ext.
ISWiSetupType Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

ISWiSetupType represents a setup type belonging to your project. The setup type can be an existing one from the Setup Types view in the InstallShield user interface or one added by calling AddSetupType.

Use the project’s ISWiSetupTypes collection to access a specific setup type. You must specify either an index number or the setup type name for the Item property of ISWiSetupFiles. The setup type name is visible in the IDE in the Setup Types view’s tree control.

**Members**

Table 13-99 • ISWiSetupType Object Members

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Stores the name of the setup type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property specifies the setup type’s description. (This description is displayed to end users during the installation process only if you call SdSetupTypeEx in your script.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisplayName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property specifies the name of this setup type as you would like it displayed to your users.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic code illustrates how you would set a property for a specific setup type:

```vba
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pSetupType As ISWiSetupType

Set pSetupType = pProj.ISWiSetupTypes("CSSaveSpace")
pSetupType.DisplayName = "Client Setup - Save Space"

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```
ISWiShellProperty Object

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISWiShellProperty object represents a shortcut property that you want the Windows Shell to set. The properties that the Shell can set are defined in `propkey.h`, which is part of the Windows SDK.

Members

Table 13-100 • ISWiShellProperty Object Members

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets the primary key name for a Shell property that is specified in the <code>MsiShortcutProperty</code> table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PropertyName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets a Shell property. The properties are defined in <code>propkey.h</code>, which is part of the Windows SDK. PropertyName typically consists of a GUID and a property ID; for example: <code>{9F4C2855-9F79-4B39-A8D0-E1D42DE1D5F3}, 9</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PropertyValue</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Retrieves or sets a string value for the property.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

- Setting Custom Shell Properties

ISWiShortcut Object

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.
The ISWiShortcut object represents a shortcut in the Shortcuts explorer. The shortcut can be an existing item in an ISWiShortcuts collection or one you just created by calling AddShortcut.

Use this object’s properties to set the shortcut’s attributes in much the same manner as you would in the IDE.
Members

Table 13-101 • ISWiShortcut Object Members

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<th>Name</th>
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>AddShellProperty</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a Shell property for the current shortcut object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Arguments          | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets the command-line arguments that will be passed to the target file. You can substitute "%1" for the file name. The following statement might launch the target file in silent mode:  
```csharp
m_pShortcut.Arguments = "-s"
```
| DeleteShellProperty| Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Method     | Deletes the specified Shell property from the current shortcut object.      |
| Description        | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Contains any descriptive text you have entered for this shortcut. The description is displayed as a tooltip. If this property uses a string entry, Description gives you the value for the string entry identified by the ActiveLanguage property of ISWiProject. |
| DisplayName        | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Contains the display name you have entered for this shortcut. This name is a localizable value that will be used for the shortcut’s name when it is installed instead of the name that identifies the shortcut in the Shortcuts explorer. If this property uses a string entry, DisplayName gives you the value for the string identified by the ActiveLanguage property of ISWiProject. |
| DoNotHighlightAsNew| Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | Read-Write Property | Gets or sets a Boolean property that indicates whether the shortcut is configured to be highlighted on the Start menu as new after end users install the product. This has the same effect as clearing the Highlight newly installed programs check box in the Customize Start Menu dialog box for an individual item on a target system.  
To prevent the Start menu shortcut from being highlighted as newly installed, set this Boolean property to True. To enable the shortcut to be highlighted, set this Boolean property to False.  
For more information about this highlight functionality, see Preventing a Shortcut on the Start Menu from Being Highlighted as Newly Installed. |
Table 13-101 • ISWiShortcut Object Members (cont.)

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EnableWin8StartPin</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a Boolean property that indicates whether the shortcut is configured to be pinned by default to the Start screen on Windows 8 target systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
<td>To pin the shortcut by default, set this Boolean property to True. To disable pinning, set this Boolean property to False.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>For more information about this pinning functionality, see Supressing Initial Pinning of a Shortcut to the Windows 8 Start Screen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HotKey</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Stores the accelerator key for this shortcut as a Long.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IconFile</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the file that contains the icon for this shortcut. You must specify either an executable file that contains the icon resource or an .ico file. (Windows Installer based projects only:) If you leave this property blank, the key file of the component will automatically be set as the shortcut’s icon. Because Windows Installer requires a separate icon when the component is advertised, InstallShield extracts the icon from the executable you specify. You must set the IconIndex property if there is more than one icon resource in the executable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IconIndex</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Contains the index for the specified icon as a Long if there is more than one icon resource in IconFile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td></td>
<td>A nonnegative integer refers to the order of the icon resources in the executable. For example, 0 is for the first icon in the file, 1 for the second, 2 for the third, and so on. Use a negative number to refer to a specific resource ID. For example, the icon index -12 points to the icon with a resource ID of 12.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InternetShortcut</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Internet Shortcut property for this shortcut, which specifies whether the shortcut is an Internet shortcut that points to the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) specified in the shortcut’s Target property. This property is Boolean.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Project</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiShellProperties</td>
<td>Basic MSI, DIM, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the Shell properties for the current shortcut object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Retrieves the name of the shortcut. This is the same name that appears in the Shortcuts explorer; do not confuse it with the shortcut's Display Name property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PreventPinning</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a Boolean property that indicates whether you want the context menu commands for pinning a shortcut to the taskbar and to the Start menu to be displayed after end users install your product. To hide the context menu commands for pinning the shortcut to the taskbar or Start menu, set this Boolean property to True. To display the context menu commands and allowing pinning, set this Boolean property to False. For more information about this pinning functionality, see Specifying Whether End Users Should Be Able to Pin a Shortcut to the Taskbar or Start Menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReplaceExistingIfFound</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Replace Existing (If Found) setting for this shortcut, which specifies whether the shortcut should replace an already existing shortcut with the same display name in the same location on the target system. This property is Boolean.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ShowCmd</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specify one of the following options for determining what mode the file is opened with:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>● <strong>scNormal (1)</strong>—The program launches in a normal-sized window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>● <strong>scMaximized (3)</strong>—The program launches in full-screen view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>● <strong>scMinNoActive (7)</strong>—The program launches in a minimized window, visible only on the taskbar.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-101 • ISWiShortcut Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Target</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Provide the path and file name for this shortcut’s target file. Instead of hard-coding a path, you can use a Windows Installer directory property in square brackets—for example, [INSTALLDIR]MyApp.exe—or, in an InstallScript project, a system variable in angle brackets—&lt;TARGETDIR&gt;\MyApp.exe. (Windows Installer based projects only:) If you leave this property blank, the key file of this component will automatically be set as the shortcut’s target.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Uninstall</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Uninstall property for this shortcut, which specifies whether the shortcut is removed when the application is uninstalled. This property is Boolean.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>UserType</strong></td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Type property for this shortcut, which specifies whether you want the shortcut to appear in the list of personal shortcuts for the user installing your application, in the list of shortcuts that are common to all users, or if you would like the setup to decide automatically based on the value of the ALLUSERS system variable. Specify one of the following options for determining what mode the file is opened with:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>estAutomatic (0)</strong>—The shortcut appears in the list of common shortcuts if ALLUSERS is non-zero, or in the list of personal shortcuts if ALLUSERS is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>estCommon (1)</strong>—The shortcut appears in the list of shortcuts that are common to all users.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>estPersonal (2)</strong>—The shortcut appears in the list of personal shortcuts for the user installing your application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>WorkingDirectory</strong></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specify the string that becomes the shortcut’s “start in” folder. Instead of hard-coding a path, you can use a Windows Installer directory property in square brackets—for example, [INSTALLDIR]MyApp.exe—or, in an InstallScript project, a system variable in angle brackets—&lt;TARGETDIR&gt;\MyApp.exe.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**
- ISWiFolder
AddShellProperty Method

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The AddShellProperty method adds a Shell property for the current shortcut object. The properties that the Shell can set are defined in propkey.h, which is part of the Windows SDK.

For more information on setting Shell properties for a shortcut, see Setting Custom Shell Properties.

**Syntax**

Function AddShellProperty (sName As String) As ISWiShellProperty

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sName</td>
<td>Pass a string to specify the name of a Shell property that you want to add to the shortcut.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Return Values**

The AddShellProperty method returns an ISWiShellProperty object.

**Example**

The following sample VBScript snippet adds a Shell property to a shortcut:

```vbnet
Dim pShellProperty As ISWiShellProperty
Set pShellProperty = pShortcut.AddShellProperty("MyShellProperty")
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiShortcut

DeleteShellProperty Method

**InstallShield 2020**

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*
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- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The DeleteShellProperty method deletes the specified Shell property from the current shortcut object.

For more information on setting Shell properties for a shortcut, see Setting Custom Shell Properties.

Syntax

DeleteShellProperty (pShellProp As ISWiShellProperty) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-103 • DeleteShellProperty Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pShellProp</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiShellProperty object to specify a Shell property that you want to remove from a shortcut.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following sample VBScript snippet deletes all of the Shell properties from a shortcut:

```vbscript
Dim pShellProperty As ISWiShellProperty
    For Each pShellProperty In pShortcut.ISWiShellProperties
        pShortcut.DeleteShellProperty pShellProperty
    Next
```

Applies To

- ISWiShortcut

ISWiSISProperty Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

ISWiSISProperty represents a property in the Summary Information Stream. You can retrieve a property by specifying an item in the ISWiSISProperties collection. The following Summary Information Stream property names are supported:

- Title
Several of these properties use string entries, as required by InstallShield. In that case, they contain the value for the string identified by the ActiveLanguage property of ISWiProject.

### Members

**Table 13-104 • ISWiSISProperty Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Contains the property’s name. Must be one of the existing Summary Information Stream properties listed above.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the property's value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If this property uses a string entry, Value gives you the value for the string identified by the ActiveLanguage property of ISWiProject.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Example

The following VBScript example sets the property Title to **Windows Installer Setup Package**:

```vb
Option Explicit

Dim pProject
Set pProject = CreateObject ("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\SampleProject.ism"

Dim pTitle, sTitle
sTitle = "Windows Installer Setup Package"
Set pTitle = pProject.ISWiSISProperties.Item("Title")
pTitle.Value = sTitle

pProject.SaveProject
pProject.CloseProject
```

### Applies To

- ISWiProject
ISWiSQLConnection Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

ISWiSQLConnection represents a SQL Server connection in the SQL Scripts view of the InstallShield interface. You can retrieve an ISWiSQLConnection object by using the ISWiSQLConnections collection.
## Members

### Table 13-105 • ISWiSQLConnection Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddSQLRequirement</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Call the AddSQLRequirement method to target specific server versions and determine whether the SQL Server meets your application’s minimum requirements.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSQLScript</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Call the AddSQLScript method to add a new script file to a SQL connection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note</td>
<td></td>
<td><em>The AddSQLScript method generates the ISSQLScriptFile table key with a name such as SQLScript1, SQLScript2, or SQLScript3. If you have multiple SQL script files in your project, it may be difficult to distinguish one from the other with this naming convention. Therefore, if you want to be able to specify the key, use the AddSQLScriptEx method.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSQLScriptEx</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Call the AddSQLScriptEx method to add a new script file to a SQL connection, and generate a valid name from the passed string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Authentication</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the authentication mode when connecting to a SQL Server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets any internal comments you want to include within your installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Database</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the database name. At runtime, the installation uses this as the default database for installing the SQL script files contained in this connection. This value can be a property. Using a property allows you to dynamically set the name of this database at runtime.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSQLScript</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Call the DeleteSQLScript method to remove a SQL script file from a SQL Connection in the InstallShield interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GetDatabaseServer</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>The GetDatabaseServer method returns an ISWiSQLDatabaseServer object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InsertSQLScript</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Call the InsertSQLScript method to insert an existing script file to a SQL Connection in the InstallShield interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the connection name. Type an internal name used to uniquely identify this connection in the setup project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-105 • ISWiSQLConnection Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Order</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This integer property gets or sets the connection order.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the password when you choose to connect to a server using SQL Server authentication.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveSQLRequirement</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a specified SQL requirement from the target product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelectDatabaseServer(Name As String) As Boolean</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the selected database server name. At runtime, the installation will establish a connection and perform specified requirement checks on the designated database servers based on the sequence of the servers as they are listed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Server</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the server name. At runtime, the installation uses this server name to connect to a SQL Server. This server will be used to install the SQL scripts contained within this connection. This value can be a property. Using a property allows you to dynamically set the name of this server at runtime. You must use the [Property] notation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the user name when you choose to connect to a server using SQL Server authentication.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddSQLRequirement Method

InstallShield 2020

![Project](image) • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The AddSQLRequirement adds a SQL requirement to the target product and returns an ISWiSQLRequirement object.
**Syntax**

Function AddSQLRequirement() As ISWiSQLRequirement

**Return Values**

This method returns ISWiSQLRequirement object.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLConnection

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### AddSQLScript Method

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Call the AddSQLScript method to add a new script file to a SQL connection.

**Note**  
The AddSQLScript method generates the ISSQLScriptFile table key with a name such as SQLScript1, SQLScript2, or SQLScript3. If you have multiple SQL script files in your project, it may be difficult to distinguish one from the other with this naming convention. Therefore, if you want to be able to specify the key, use the AddSQLScriptEx method.

**Syntax**

Function AddSQLScript() As ISWiSQLScript

**Return Values**

This method returns an ISWiSQLScript object.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLConnection

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### AddSQLScriptEx Method

InstallShield 2020

**Project**  
This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
Call the AddSQLScriptEx method to add an ISSQLScriptFile entry to a SQL connection. This method generates a valid name from the passed string. The method ensures that the name of the entry that is being added to the ISSQLScriptFile table is unique and less than 47 characters in length.

**Syntax**

Function AddSQLScriptEx (ByVal sCandidateName As String) As ISWiSQLScript

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sCandidateName</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the script that you want to add to the SQL connection.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that file names may contain invalid characters or may be too long for the key. However, if you pass a file name in this parameter, the AddSQLScriptEx method creates an entry with a valid key that is based on the file name; the result is the same as if you had added the SQL script to a connection in the SQL Scripts view.

If you specify an empty string (""), the AddSQLScriptEx method generates the ISSQLScriptFile table key with a name such as SQLScript1, SQLScript2, or SQLScript3—the same as if the AddSQLScript method was used to add the ISSQLScriptFile entry.

**Return Values**

This method returns an ISWiSQLScript object.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLConnection

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**DeleteSQLScript Method**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Call the DeleteSQLScript method to remove a SQL script file from a SQL Connection in the InstallShield interface.
Syntax

Function DeleteSQLScript(Script As ISWiSQLScript) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-107 • DeleteSQLScript Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Script</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the script you want to remove from the SQL connection in the InstallShield interface.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSQLConnection

GetDatabaseServer Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Call the GetDatabaseServer method to return an ISWiSQLDatabaseServer object.

Syntax

Sub SetPredefinedRequirement(RHS As ISWiSQLServerVersion)

Return Values

This method returns the ISWiSQLDatabaseServer object.

Applies To

- ISWiSQLConnection

InsertSQLScript Method

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
Call the InsertSQLScript method to insert an existing script file to a SQL Connection in the InstallShield interface.

**Syntax**

Function InsertSQLScript(strScriptPath As String) As ISWiSQLScript

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strScriptPath</td>
<td>Specifies the path to the script file you want to insert under the SQL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Connection in the InstallShield interface.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Return Values**

This method returns ISWiSQLScript object.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLConnection
- ISWiSQLDatabaseServer

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**RemoveSQLRequirement Method**

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The RemoveSQLRequirement method removes a specified SQL requirement from the target product.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLConnection
ISWiSQLDatabaseServer Object

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

ISWiSQLDatabaseServer represents a database server that you can choose to target by version requirements at run time. You can retrieve an ISWiSQLDatabaseServer object by using the ISWiSQLDatabaseServers collection.
# Members

## Table 13-109 • ISWiSQLDatabaseServer Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>InsertSQLScript</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Call the InsertSQLScript method to insert an existing script file to a SQL Connection in the InstallShield interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSQLRequirements</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Returns the collection of ISWiSQLRequirements associated with this connection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSQLScripts</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Returns the collection of ISWiSQLScripts associated with this connection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the connection name for the database server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Order</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This integer property gets or sets the connection order.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the password when you choose to connect to a server using SQL Server authentication.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SelectDatabaseServer(Name As String) As Boolean</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the selected database server name. At runtime, the installation will establish a connection and perform specified requirement checks on the designated database servers based on the sequence of the servers as they are listed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Server</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the server name. At runtime, the installation uses this server name to connect to a SQL Server. This server will be used to install the SQL scripts contained within this connection. This value can be a property. Using a property allows you to dynamically set the name of this server at runtime. You must use the [Property] notation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string gets or sets the user name when you choose to connect to a server using SQL Server authentication.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Applies To

- ISWiSQLConnection

## ISWiSQLReplace Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:
ISWiSQLReplace allows you to get and set properties in the Text Replacement tab associated with a script file in the InstallShield interface. You can retrieve an ISWiSQLReplace object using the ISWiSQLReplaces collection.

**Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the name of the SQL Script Replacement object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Search</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the text string you want to find.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Replace</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the text string with which you want to replace the existing string during text replacement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MatchWholeWord</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This is a Boolean property. During installation, this property helps identify only whole-word matches.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MatchCase</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This is a Boolean property. During installation, this property indicates that the case for words found during text replacement must match.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReplaceOnce</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This is a Boolean property. During installation, this property indicates that the string you want to search and replace with a different string should be replaced only once.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PreserveCase</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This is a Boolean property. During installation, this property indicates that case should be preserved during text replacement.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLScript

**ISWiSQLRequirement Object**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
InstallScript MSI

ISWiSQLRequirement represents the requirements property tab for a new SQL connection in the InstallShield interface. You can retrieve the ISWiSQLRequirement object using the ISWiSQLRequirements collection.

**Members**

**Table 13-111 • ISWiSQLRequirement Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AnyGreaterServicePack</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This is a Boolean property. Gets or sets a limit on the ServicePackLevel requirement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AnyGreaterVersion</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This is a Boolean property. Gets or sets a limit on the MajorVersion requirement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property disables the SQL requirement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MajorVersion</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the MajorVersion requirement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the name of the SQL Requirement object, which is necessary for determining which SQL Server versions are supported for a connection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ServicePackLevel</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the ServicePackLevel requirement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetPredefinedRequirement</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Configures the requirement from a set of predefined values which the installation author determines.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLConnection

**SetPredefinedRequirement Method**

InstallShield 2020

**Project • This information applies to the following project types:**

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
Call the SetPredefinedRequirement method to specify requirements for adding a SQL connection to your installation project.

**Syntax**

Sub SetPredefinedRequirement(RHS As ISWISQLServerVersion)

**Constants**

The following is a list of constants associated with the ISWISQLServerVersion object type.

- essv2K
- essv2Ksp1
- essv2Ksp2
- essv2Ksp3
- essv65
- essv65sp1
- essv65sp2
- essv65sp3
- essv65sp4
- essv65sp5
- essv65sp5a
- essv65sp5aUpdate
- essv7
- essv7sp1
- essv7sp2
- essv7sp3
- essv7sp4

**Return Values**

This method returns the ISWISQLRequirement object.

**Applies To**

- ISWISQLRequirement
ISWiSQLScript Object

InstallShield 2020

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

ISWiSQLScript represents a SQL script file in the SQL Scripts explorer of the SQL Scripts view in InstallShield. You can retrieve an ISWiSQLScript object by using the ISWiSQLScripts collection.
## Members

### Table 13-112  •  ISWiSQLScript Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddSQLScriptError</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates and returns ISWiSQLScriptError objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSQLScriptReplacement</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Creates and returns ISWiSQLReplace objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets any internal comments you want to include within your installation project. You can enter any notes regarding the script. These notes will be saved and used only within the installation project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Component</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the name of the component which is associated with the feature that is associated with the SQL script object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Project  • This property is available for the following project types:&lt;br&gt;• Basic MSI&lt;br&gt;• DIM&lt;br&gt;• InstallScript MSI&lt;br&gt;This property specifies the condition that is evaluated at runtime to determine whether the SQL script should be run during installation or uninstallation. If the condition evaluates to true, the script is run.&lt;br&gt;This property corresponds with the condition that is entered in the Script Condition area of the Runtime tab for a SQL script in the SQL Scripts view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSQLReplace</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes an ISWiSQLReplace object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSQLScriptError</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes an ISWiSQLScriptError object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ErrorHandling</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets one of the following values.&lt;br&gt;• esehAbort (2)—On error, abort the installation.&lt;br&gt;• esehGotoNextScript (0)—On error, go to the next script.&lt;br&gt;• esehGotoNextStatement (1)—On error, go to the next statement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FullPath</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the path of the .sql file associated with the SQL script object you want to execute by the installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-112 • ISWiSQLScript Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>InstallText</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the status text when a script is run during install. This status text appears in the status message, which is displayed to the end-user while the script is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSQLScriptErrors</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Returns the collection of ISWiSQLScriptErrors that are associated with this SQL script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the name of the SQL script object that you want to execute by the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Order</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This integer property gets or sets the order of execution of the script file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RunOnInstall</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property specifies whether to schedule the execution of the SQL script during installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RunOnLogon</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property specifies whether to run the selected SQL script during login. This property corresponds with the Run Script During Login check box on the Runtime tab for a SQL script in the SQL Scripts view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RunOnRollback</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property specifies whether to schedule the execution of the SQL script during rollback. This property corresponds with the Run Script During Rollback check box on the Runtime tab for a SQL script in the SQL Scripts view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RunOnUninstall</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This Boolean property specifies whether to schedule the execution of the SQL script during uninstallation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UninstallText</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This string property gets or sets the status text when a script is run during uninstall. This status text appears in the status message, which is displayed to the end-user while the script is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>This property gets or sets the version number for the SQL script file. For more information, see Specifying a Version Number for a SQL Script File.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

AddSQLScriptError Method

InstallShield 2020

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
Call the AddSQLScriptError method to add a custom error handling entry to a SQL script.

**Syntax**

Function AddSQLScriptError()

**Return Values**

This method returns an ISWiSQLScriptError object.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLScript

### AddSQLScriptReplacement Method

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Call the AddSQLScriptReplacement method to specify a string and replace it with a different string in a SQL script file.

**Syntax**

Function AddSQLScriptReplacement() As ISWiSQLReplace

**Return Values**

This method returns the ISWiSQLReplace object.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLScript

### DeleteSQLReplace Method

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:
Call the DeleteSQLReplace method to remove a text replacement entry that you have added.

**Syntax**

Function DeleteSQLReplace(Replace As ISWiSQLReplace) As Long

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLScript

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**DeleteSQLScriptError Method**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

Call the DeleteSQLScriptError method to remove a custom error handling entry that you have added.

**Syntax**

Function DeleteSQLScriptError(ByVal pScriptError As ISWiSQLScriptError)

**Applies To**

- ISWiSQLScript

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**ISWiSQLScriptError Object**

InstallShield 2020

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

ISWiSQLScriptError represents a custom error handling entry for a SQL script file in the SQL Scripts view in InstallShield. You can retrieve an ISWiSQLScriptError object by using the ISWiSQLScriptErrors collection.
Members

Table 13-113 • ISWiSQLScriptError Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ErrorHandling</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets one of the following values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>esehAbort</code> (2)—On error, abort the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>esehGotoNextScript</code> (0)—On error, go to the next script.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>esehGotoNextStatement</code> (1)—On error, go to the next statement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ErrorNumber</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a numeric value that indicates the SQL error number for which you want to customize error handling.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ISWiStringEntry Object

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

The ISWiStringEntry object represents a string entry for a specific language.

Members

Table 13-114 • ISWiStringEntry Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Id</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the language-independent identifier for the string. Each string identifier in a project is linked to one or more values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the run-time string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets an internal note about the string entry.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiLanguage
ISWiUpgradeTableEntry Object

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

ISWiUpgradeTableEntry represents an upgrade item in the Upgrades view of InstallShield. You can retrieve an upgrade item by specifying an item in the ISWiUpgradeTableEntries collection.
**Members**

**Table 13-115 • ISWiUpgradeTableEntry Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Delete</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes the StaticUpgradeEntry from the project file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisplayName</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the upgrade entry. This is the internal name that is displayed for an upgrade item in the Upgrades view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UpgradeCode</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the upgrade table entry's Upgrade Code. The upgrade code is a GUID representing a related set of products. It is used in the Upgrade Table to search for related versions of the product that are already installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VersionMin</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the lower bound of the range of product versions detected by FindRelatedProducts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VersionMax</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the upper boundary of the range of product versions detected by FindRelatedProducts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Specifies the set of languages detected by FindRelatedProducts. Enter a list of numeric language identifiers (LANGID) separated by commas.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Attributes</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>Contains the bit flags specifying attributes of the Upgrade table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remove</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>The formatted string entered for this property must evaluate to a comma-delimited list of feature names.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ActionProperty</td>
<td>Read-Write Property</td>
<td>When the FindRelatedProducts action detects a related product installed on the system, it appends the product code to the property specified in this field.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject

**Delete Method**

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface*

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:*
- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**
Call the Delete method to remove the StaticUpgradeEntry from the project file.

**Syntax**

`Delete()`

**Applies To**

- [ISWiUpgradeTableEntry](#)

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## Automation Collections

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

Each InstallShield automation collection is a set of objects. For example, the ISWiFeatures collection is a set of ISWiFeature objects in the current project. This section describes each of the InstallShield automation collections.

### ISWiAdvancedFiles Collection

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object

ISWisAdvancedFiles is a collection that contains every advanced file (as an ISWiAdvancedFile object) in your project. For example, the following Visual Basic code illustrates how you would set a property for a specific advanced file:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject(“IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject”)  
pProj.OpenProject “C:\MySetups\Project1.ism”

pProj.ISWiAdvancedFiles(1).Disk = edtOther

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```
Members

Table 13-116 • ISWiAdvancedFiles Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of advanced files in the ISWiAdvancedFiles collection.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Item | Read-Only Property    | Provide the index number or name of the advanced file to retrieve the ISWiAdvancedFile object. For example, the following statements create references to the first advanced file in the collection and the advanced file named CSSaveSpace:  
  
  ```vbs
  Set pSetupFile1 = pProj.ISWiAdvancedFiles.Item(1)
  Set pSetupFile2 = pProj.ISWiAdvancedFiles.Item("CSSaveSpace")
  ```

  Item is the default property for ISWiAdvancedFiles, which means that pProj.ISWiAdvancedFiles.Item("CSSaveSpace") is equivalent to pProj.ISWiAdvancedFiles("CSSaveSpace").

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries Collection

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries returns a collection of ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntry items as they are defined in the IDE.
Members

Table 13-117 • ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or upgrade code in order to retrieve the ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries items. Item is the default property for ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries, which means that m_ISWiProject.ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries.Item(&quot;12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012&quot;) is equivalent to m_ISWiProject.ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries(&quot;12345678-1234-1234-123456789012&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

```vba
Dim m_ISWiProj As ISWiProject
Dim m_AutomaticUpgradeEntries As ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries

Set m_ISWiProj = New ISWiProject
m-ISWiProj.OpenProject "C:\mysetups\build 34.ism"

For Each m_AutomaticUpgradeEntries In m_ISWiProj.ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries
    m_AutomaticUpgradeEntries.Name = "Upgrade Msi Item1"
Next

m_ISWiProj.SaveProject
m_ISWiProj.CloseProject
```

The following line illustrates how to access a particular automatic upgrade entry:

```vba
Set m_AutomaticUpgradeEntries = ISWiProject.ISWiAutomaticUpgradeEntries ("Upgrade Msi Item1")
```

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiComponents Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

- Project • This information applies to the following project types:
  - Basic MSI
  - DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

Project-specific differences are noted where appropriate.

The ISWiComponents collection contains all of the components associated with a specified feature. ISWiComponents provides an interface for enumerating all of the components in a feature. When ISWiComponents is a member of ISWiProject, it contains all of the components in the project, not just those belonging to a specified feature.

**Members**

**Table 13-118 • ISWiComponents Collection Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiComponents collection.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Item  | Read-Only Property | Provide the index number or name of the component in order to retrieve the ISWiComponent object.  

The name of the component is case-sensitive—for example, “Help_Files” and “Help_files” are two different components.

Item is the default property for ISWiComponents, which means that m_ISWiFeature.ISWiComponents.Item(“Help_Files”) is equivalent to m_ISWiFeature.ISWiComponents(“Help_Files”).

**Examples**

The following Visual Basic code opens a project, loops through each component in the feature NewFeature1, sets the RemoteInstallation property for each component to run from source, and finally saves and closes the project.

```vbnet
Dim m_ISWiProj As ISWiProject
Dim m_Feature As ISWiFeature
Dim m_Comp As ISWiComponent

Set m_ISWiProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
m_ISWiProj.OpenProject "C:\mysetups\build 34.ism"

Set m_Feature = m_ISWiProj.ISWiFeatures("NewFeature1")

If Not m_Feature Is Nothing Then
    For Each m_Comp In m_Feature.ISWiComponents
        m_Comp.RemoteInstallation = rfsSource
        Next
EndIf

m_ISWiProj.SaveProject
```
The following line illustrates how to access a particular component:

```
Set m_Comp = m_ISWiProj.ISWiFeatures("MyFeature").ISWiComponents("MyComponent")
```

### Applies To
- ISWiFeature
- ISWiProject

### ISWiComponentSubFolders Collection

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![Project](image)

*This information applies to the following project types:
- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object*

ISWiComponentSubFolders is a collection that contains every component subfolder (as an ISWiComponentSubFolder object) in the current component or component subfolder. For example, the following Visual Basic code illustrates how you would apply a method to a specific component subfolder:

```vba
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
Dim pComponent As ISWiComponent

Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item("MyFeature")
Set pComponent = pFeature.ISWiComponents.Item("MyComp")
pComponent.ISWiComponentSubFolders.Item("MyCompSubFolder").AddFile("C:\My Files\MyFile.ext")

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```
**Members**

**Table 13-119 • ISWiComponentSubFolders Collection Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of component subfolders in the ISWiComponentSubFolders collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the component subfolder to retrieve the ISWiComponentSubFolder object. For example, the following statements create references to the first component subfolder in the collection and the component subfolder named MyCompSubFolder:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

```
Set pComponentSubFolder1 = pProj.ISWiComponentSubFolders.Item(1)
Set pComponentSubFolder2 = pFeature.ISWiComponentSubFolders.Item("MyCompSubFolder")
```

Item is the default property for ISWiComponentSubFolders, which means that
pFeature.ISWiComponentSubFolders.Item("MyCompSubFolder")
is equivalent to
pFeature.ISWiComponentSubFolders("MyCompSubFolder").

**Applies To**

- ISWiComponent
- ISWiComponentSubFolder

**ISWiConditions Collection**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project • This information applies to the following project types:**

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The ISWiConditions collection contains all of the conditions associated with a specified feature. ISWiConditions provides an interface for enumerating all of the conditions in a feature.
Members

Table 13-120 • ISWiConditions Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiConditions collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number of the condition in order to retrieve the ISWiCondition object. Item is the default property for ISWiConditions, which means that m_ISWiFeature.ISWiConditions.Item(2) is equivalent to m_ISWiFeature.ISWiConditions(2).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiFeature

ISWiCustomActions Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISWiCustomActions collection contains all of the custom actions in the current project.

The VBScript example below displays a string with each custom action in the project:

```vbscript
Set pProject = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\MyProject.ism", True ' open read-only

sNames = "This project contains the following custom actions:" & vbNewLine

iCount = pProject.ISWiCustomActions.Count
For i = 1 to iCount
    sNames = sNames & vbTab & pProject.ISWiCustomActions(i).Name & vbNewLine
Next

pProject.CloseProject

MsgBox sNames
```
Members

Table 13-121 • ISWiCustomActions Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Returns the number of elements in the ISWiCustomActions collection.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Item   | Read-Only Property | Provide the index number or name of the custom action in order to retrieve the ISWiCustomAction object.  
Name of the custom action is case-sensitive—for example, “MyAction” and “myAction” are two different actions. 
Item is the default property for ISWiCustomActions, which means that pProject.ISWiCustomActions.Item(“Action1”) is equivalent to pProject.ISWiCustomActions(“Action1”).

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiDynamicFileLinkings Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISWiDynamicFileLinkings collection contains all of the dynamic file links that are associated with a specified component.
Members

Table 13-122 • ISWiDynamicFileLinkings Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of dynamic file links in the ISWiDynamicFileLinkings collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the dynamically linked folder to retrieve the ISWiDynamicFileLinking object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiComponent

ISWiEnvironmentVars Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • The ISWiEnvironmentVars collection applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript MSI
• Merge Module

The ISWiEnvironmentVars collection contains all of the environment variables that are associated with a specified component.

Members

Table 13-123 • ISWiEnvironmentVars Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiEnvironmentVars collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the environment variable to retrieve the ISWiEnvironmentVar object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiComponent
ISWiFeatures Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

ISWiFeatures is a collection that contains every feature (as an ISWiFeature object) in your project.

When ISWiFeatures is a member of ISWiProject, it contains all of the top-level features in the project. To retrieve a collection of subfeatures, access the Features property of the ISWiFeature object. The result is an ISWiFeatures collection that contains the immediate subfeatures of the current top-level feature. Repeat for further levels of subfeatures.

Members

Table 13-124 • Members of ISWiFeatures Collection

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiFeatures collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the feature to retrieve the ISWiFeature object. For example, the following statements create a copy of the first item in the collection and of the feature named Help_Files: Set pFeat1 = m_ISWiProject.ISWiFeatures.Item(1) Set pFeat2 = m_ISWiProject.ISWiFeatures.Item(&quot;Help_Files&quot;) The name of the feature is case-sensitive—for example, &quot;Help_Files&quot; and &quot;Help_files&quot; are two different features. Item is the default property for ISWiFeatures, which means that m_ISWiProject.ISWiFeatures.Item(&quot;Help_Files&quot;) is equivalent to m_ISWiProject.ISWiFeatures(&quot;Help_Files&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic code builds a string with all of the features and components in your project:

    Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
    Dim pComponent As ISWiComponent

    For Each pFeature In m_ISWiProject.ISWiFeatures
' Add feature to string  
strProject = strProject & "Feature: " & pFeature.Name & vbCrLf  
strProject = strProject & "Components: "  
For Each pComponent In pFeature.ISWiComponents  
' Add feature's components to string  
strProject = strProject & pComponent.Name & " "  
Next  
strProject = strProject & vbCrLf  
Next

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject

**ISWiFiles Collection**

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » ISWiComponent Object and ISWiComponentSubFolder Object*

*Project* • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The ISWiFiles collection contains all of the files associated with a specified component or, in InstallScript projects, a component subfolder. ISWiFiles contains several read-write properties that allow you to set component properties and file attributes as you would in the IDE.

The following Visual Basic code illustrates how you would set a property for a specific file in a component. For the purposes of this example, assume that the variable m_oMyComp already has a reference to a component.
m_oMYComp.ISWiFiles("F1028_MyFile.dll").Hidden = True

Members

Table 13-125 • ISWiFiles Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiFiles collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or file key of the file in order to retrieve the ISWiFile object. You cannot use the file name; you must specify the file key. You can view this value in the Direct Editor view (in the File column of the File table) or, in Windows Installer–based projects, the Key column of a component’s file list. Be aware that file keys are subject to change when the files are dynamically linked. Item is the default property for ISWiComponents, which means that m_ISWiComponent.ISWiFiles.Item(&quot;F1036_MyFile.exe&quot;) is equivalent to m_ISWiComponent.ISWiFiles(&quot;F1036_MyFile.exe&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiComponent

ISWiFolders Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

ISWiFolders contains every program folder belonging to a specified component.

At minimum, each component has the default folders listed below in its ISWiFolders collection. In addition, you could have added a predefined folder to the Shortcuts explorer by right-clicking on Shortcuts and choosing “Show Folder.”

- [TaskBarFolder]
- [SendToFolder]
- [DesktopFolder]
The following code demonstrates accessing the ISWiFolder object that represents the taskbar:

```vbscript
Dim m_pFolder As ISWiFolder
Set m_pFolder = m_pComponent.ISWiFolders("[TaskBarFolder]")
```

The taskbar, in turn, has subfolders of its own. These subfolders are contained in its SubFolders property, which is itself an ISWiFolders collection. Continuing the example above, you can now create a copy of the object for the Start menu, which is a subfolder of the taskbar in the Shortcuts explorer:

```vbscript
Set m_pFolder = m_pFolder.SubFolders("[StartMenuFolder]")
```

We can go ever farther with this example and get a copy of the folder MyProgFolder under the Programs menu:

```vbscript
Set m_pFolder = m_pFolder.SubFolders("[ProgramMenuFolder]").SubFolders("MyProgFolder")
```

### Members

#### Table 13-126 • ISWiFolders Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiFolders collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the folder in order to retrieve the ISWiFolder object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Item** is the default property for ISWiFolders, which means that `m_ISWiComponent.ISWiFolders.Item("[DesktopFolder]")` is equivalent to `m_ISWiComponent.ISWiFolders("[DesktopFolder]")`.  

### Applies To

- ISWiComponent

### ISWiLanguages Collection

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface*

**Edition** • Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition.

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

The ISWiLanguages collection contains all of the languages that are included in the current project.

Members

Table 13-127 • ISWiLanguages Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of languages in the ISWiLanguages collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the language to retrieve the ISWiLanguage object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiProject

ISWiLatestSetups Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

Contains all of the latest setup (Upgraded Image) objects belonging to the current patch configuration.

Table 13-128 • ISWiLatestSetups Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiLatestSetups collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or family name of the patch sequence in order to retrieve the ISWiLatestSetup object. The name of the upgraded image is case-sensitive—“Latest1” and “latest1” are two different upgraded image configurations. Item is the default property for ISWiLatestSetups, which means that pPatchConfig.ISWiLatestSetups.Item(&quot;Latest1&quot;) is equivalent to pPatchConfig.ISWiLatestSetups (&quot;Latest1&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Applies To

- ISWiPatchConfig

AddMsiPatchSequence Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the AddMsiPatchSequence method to add a ISWiMsiPatchSequence object to the current patch configuration.

**Syntax**

AddMsiPatchSequence (FamilyName As String) As ISWiMsiPatchSequence

**Parameter**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FamilyName</td>
<td>Holds the family name of patch sequence</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiPatchConfig

DeleteMsiPatchSequence Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the DeleteMsiPatchSequence method to remove specified patch sequence from the current patch configuration.

**Syntax**

DeleteMsiPatchSequence (MsiPatchSequence As ISWiMsiPatchSequence) As Long
**Parameter**

Table 13-130 • DeleteMsiPatchSequence Method Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MsiPatchSequence</td>
<td>Holds the patch sequence object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiPatchConfig

**ISWiMsiPatchSequences Collection**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Contains all of the patch sequences belonging to the current patch configuration.

Table 13-131 • ISWiMsiPatchSequences Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiMsiPatchSequences collection.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Item     | Read-Only Property    | Provide the index number or family name of the patch sequence in order to retrieve the ISWiMsiPatchSequences Object. The family name of the patch sequence is case-sensitive—“FamilyName” and “familyname” are two different configurations. Item is the default property for ISWiMsiPatchSequences, which means that pPatchConfig.

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject
BuildPatch Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call BuildPatch to build the patch configuration identified by the current patch object. This action has the same effect as right-clicking on a patch configuration in the Patch Design view and then selecting Build a Patch.

Syntax

BuildPatch()

Parameter

Table 13-132 • Properties Associated with BuildPatchConfiguration Method

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PatchConfigErrorCount</td>
<td>Include the error count associated with a particular patch build.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PatchConfigWarningCount</td>
<td>Include the warning count associated with a particular patch build.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:
'Create the project object

`dim pProject`  
`set pProject = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")`

'Call the OpenProject method

'*******************************************************************************

'# THIS SAMPLE WILL NOT EXECUTE PROPERLY WITHOUT A VALID PROJECT PATH

'*******************************************************************************

`'pProject.OpenProject("\Your project.ism")`  
`pProject.OpenProject("C:\Documents and Settings\Testlab\My Documents\MySetups\your project name-21.ism")`

'Call the OpenProject method

' Get existing configuration

Set oMyConfig = pProject.ISWiProductConfigs.Item("Product Configuration 1")

' Assume project already has release configuration...

Set oNewRelease = oMyConfig.ISWiReleases.Item("Release 1")

' Make sure release setting is uncompressed to build the patch...

oNewRelease.Compressed = False

oNewRelease.SetupEXE = True

' Create and set signing parameters...

Set oMyPatchConfig = pProject.AddPatchConfig("PatchDemo1")

oMyPatchConfig.SignPackage = True

oMyPatchConfig.SignUpdateExe = True

oMyPatchConfig.SignatureSPC = "C:\Users\TestLab\Desktop\Test.pfx"

oMyPatchConfig.SignaturePassword = "XX"

Set oMyLatestImage = oMyPatchConfig.AddUpgradedImage("LatestImg1")

Set oMyPreviousImage = oMyLatestImage.AddTargetImage("PrevImage1")

' Set base image...

oMyPreviousImage.MsiPath = "<ISProjectFolder>BaseImage\PatchDesignInterfaceDemo.msi"

' Set base MSI path to the existing patch configuration

'oMyPatchConfig.ISWiUpgradedImages.Item("LatestImg1").ISWiTargetImages.Item("PrevImage1").MsiPath = "<ISProjectFolder>BaseImage\PatchDesignInterfaceDemo.msi"

pProject.SaveProject

oNewRelease.Build()

oMyPatchConfig.BuildPatch

MsgBox "Patch Configuration Config1 build with " & _
   oMyPatchConfig.PatchConfigErrorCount & " Errors and " & _
ISWiObjects Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

ISWiObjects is a collection that contains every InstallScript object (as an ISWiObject object) in your project. The following Visual Basic code illustrates the use of this collection:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"
Dim pFeature As ISWiFeature
Dim pObject As ISWiObject

Set pFeature = pProj.ISWiFeatures.Item(2)
Set pObject = pFeature.ISWiObjects.Item("@ismk2:755142B0-1EB4-11D3-8B09-00105A9846E9")
pFeature.RemoveObject pObject

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```
### Members

#### Table 13-133 • ISWiObjects Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of InstallScript objects in the ISWiObjects collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or moniker of the InstallScript object to retrieve the ISWiObject object. (To get an InstallScript object’s moniker, create a new Professional project in the IDE and add the InstallScript object to a feature, then go to the Direct Editor view's ISFeatureExtended table and see the Moniker column.) For example, the following statements create references to the first InstallScript object in the collection and the InstallScript object with moniker @ismk2:755142B0-1EB4-11D3-8B09-00105A9846E9:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

```
Set pObject1 = pProj.ISWiObjects.Item(1)
Set pObject2 = pFeature.ISWiObjects.Item("@ismk2:755142B0-1EB4-11D3-8B09-00105A9846E9")
```

```
Item is the default property for ISWiObjects, which means that pFeature.ISWiObjects.Item("@ismk2:755142B0-1EB4-11D3-8B09-00105A9846E9") is equivalent to pFeature.ISWiObjects("@ismk2:755142B0-1EB4-11D3-8B09-00105A9846E9").
```

### Applies To

- ISWiFeature

### ISWiPatchConfigs Collection

*InstallShield 2020 ➔ Automation Interface*

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI
### Members

**Table 13-134 • ISWiPatchConfigs Collection Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiPatchConfigs collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the patch configuration in order to retrieve the ISWiPatchConfig Object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The name of the patch configurations is case-sensitive—“Patch One” and “Patch one” are two different configurations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Item is the default property for ISWiPatchConfigs, which means that pProject.ISWiPatchConfigs.Item(&quot;Patch1&quot;) is equivalent to pProject.ISWiPatchConfigs(&quot;Patch1&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Example

The VBScript example below simply displays a string with each patch configuration in the project:

```vbscript
Dim pProject
Set pProject = CreateObject ("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Vegetarian.ism", True

Dim sNames
sNames = "This project contains the following patch configurations: " & vbNewLine & vbTab

Dim pPatchConfigs
For Each pPatchConfigs In pProject.ISWiPatchConfigs
    sNames = sNames & pPatchConfigs.Name & vbNewLine & vbTab
Next

pProject.CloseProject

WScript.Echo sNames
Object
```

The following line illustrates how to access a particular patch configuration:

```vbscript
Set pPatchConfig = pISWiProj.ISWiPatchConfigs.Item("Patch 1.1")
```

### Applies To

- ISWiProject

### ISWiPatchExternalFiles Collection

This information applies to the following project types:
- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**

Contains collection of external file objects belonging to the latest setup

### Members

#### Table 13-135 • ISWiPatchWholeFiles Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiPatchExternalFiles collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or FileKey in order to retrieve the ISWiPatchExternalFile object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Applies To

- **ISWiLatestSetup**

### AddPatchWholeFile Method

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

#### Project

This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**

Call the `AddPatchWholeFile` method to add an ISWiPatchWholeFile object to the latest setup item.

#### Syntax

```
AddPatchWholeFile (FileKey As String) As ISWiPatchWholeFile
```

#### Parameter

#### Table 13-136 • AddPatchWholeFile Method Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileKey</td>
<td>Holds the file key of whole file object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Applies To

- **ISWiLatestSetup**
DeletePatchWholeFile Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the DeletePatchWholeFile method to remove ISWiPatchWholeFile object from the latest setup item.

**Syntax**

DeletePatchWholeFile (PatchWholeFile As ISWiPatchWholeFile) As Long

**Parameter**

Table 13-137 • DeletePatchWholeFile Method Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PatchWholeFile</td>
<td>Holds the whole file object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiLatestSetup

ISWiPatchWholeFiles Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Contains collection of whole file objects belonging to the latest setup
Members

Table 13-138 • ISWiPatchWholeFiles Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiPatchWholeFiles collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or FileKey in order to retrieve the ISWiPatchWholeFile object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiPathVariables Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The ISWiPathVariables collection contains all of the path variables that are associated with the current project. You can add a path variable with the AddPathVariable method and delete a path variable with the DeletePathVariable method.

The following VBScript code retrieves a list of every path variable in the project and displays the path variables in a message box:

Option Explicit
Dim pProject
Set pProject = CreateObject("ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\ISWiPathVariables.ism", True
Dim sPathVars
Dim pPathVar
For Each pPathVar In pProject.ISWiPathVariables
    sPathVars = sPathVars & pPathVar.Name & ": " & pPathVar.Value & vbCrLf
Next
WScript.Echo sPathVars
pProject.CloseProject
The following line illustrates how to access a particular path variable:

Set pPathVar = pProject.ISWiPathVariables.Item("MyPathVar")

**Important** • Predefined path variables cannot be modified or deleted. If you attempt to do so, exception error 3142 occurs. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.

**Members**

**Table 13-139 • ISWiPathVariables Collection Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of path variables in the ISWiPathVariables collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the path variable to retrieve the ISWiPathVariable object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**ISWiPreviousSetups Collection**

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Basic MSI**
- **InstallScript MSI**

Contains collection of all previous setups belonging to the latest setup

Each patch configuration must contain at least one latest setup and one previous setup in order for you to create a patch. You can have multiple previous setups per latest setup.

Every application or setup that you intend to patch to a latest setup must be added to the previous setup node.

For example, your company supports versions 1.0 and 1.1 of an application, and you want to upgrade both of these applications to version 2.0. To create a single patch to upgrade both versions, you would add V1.0 and V1.1 as previous setups to the latest setup. Your latest setup would contain V2.0.
Members

Table 13-140 • ISWiPreviousSetups Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiPreviousSetups collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the previous setup in order to retrieve the ISWiPreviousSetup object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>The name of the previous setup is case-sensitive—&quot;Prev1&quot; and &quot;prev1&quot; are two different configurations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Item is the default property for ISWiPreviousSetups, which means that pLatestSetup. ISWiPreviousSetups.Item(&quot;Prev1&quot;) is equivalent to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>pLatestSetup. ISWiPreviousSetups(&quot;Prev1&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddPatchExternalFile Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the AddPatchExternalFile method to add a ISWiPatchExternalFile object to the latest setup item.

Syntax

AddPatchExternalFile (Name As String) As ISWiPatchExternalFile

Parameter

Table 13-141 • AddPatchExternalFile Method Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Holds the name of external file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiLatestSetup
DeletePatchExternalFile Method

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript MSI

Call the DeletePatchExternalFile method to remove ISWiPatchExternalFile object from the latest setup item.

Syntax

DeletePatchExternalFile (PatchExternalFile As ISWiPatchExternalFile) As Long

Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PatchExternalFile</td>
<td>Holds the external file object to be deleted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiLatestSetup

ISWiProductConfigs Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object
• Merge Module

InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects contain only one element in ISWiProductConfigs; it is named Media.

The ISWiProductConfigs collection contains all of the product configurations in the current project.
Members

Table 13-143 • ISWiProductConfigs Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiProductConfigs collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the product configuration in order to retrieve the ISWiProductConfig object. The name of the product configurations is case-sensitive—“Product One” and “Product one” are two different configurations. Item is the default property for ISWiProductConfigs, which means that pProject.ISWiProductConfigs.Item(&quot;Version 1&quot;) is equivalent to pProject.ISWiProductConfigs(&quot;Version 1&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The VBScript example below simply displays a string with each product configuration in the project:

```vbnet
Dim pProject
Set pProject = CreateObject ("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Vegetarian.ism", True

Dim sNames
sNames = "This project contains the following product configurations: " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf

Dim pProductConfigs
For Each pProductConfigs In pProject.ISWiProductConfigs
    sNames = sNames & pProductConfigs.Name & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
Next

pProject.CloseProject

WScript.Echo sNames
```

The following line illustrates how to access a particular product configuration:

```vbnet
Set pProdConfig = pISWiProj.ISWiProductConfigs.Item("Version 1.1")
```

Applies To

- ISWiProject
ISWiProperties Collection

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISWiProperties collection contains all of the Windows Installer properties in the current project. This interface is similar to the Property Manager. You can add a property with the AddProperty method and delete a property with the DeleteProperty method.

The VBScript code below retrieves a list of every property in the project and displays them in a message box:

Option Explicit

Dim pProject
Set pProject = CreateObject ("ISWiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")

pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\ISWiProperties.ism", True

Dim sProps
Dim pProp

For Each pProp In pProject.ISWiProperties
    sProps = sProps & pProp.Name & ": " & pProp.Value & " // " & 
    pProp.Comments & vbCrLf
Next

WScript.Echo sProps

pProject.CloseProject
Members

Table 13-144 • ISWiProperties Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiProperties collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the property in order to retrieve the ISWiProperty object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The name of the property is case-sensitive—“UpgradeCode” and “Upgradecode” are two different properties.

Item is the default property for ISWiProperties, which means that pISWiProject.ISWiProperties.Item("UpgradeCode") is equivalent to pISWiProject.ISWiProperties("UpgradeCode").

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiReleases Collection

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The ISWiReleases collection contains all of the releases belonging to the current product configuration.

The following line illustrates how to access a particular ISWiRelease object:

```vbscript
Set pRelease = pProject.ISWiProductConfigs("Version 1").ISWiReleases("NewRelease1")
' In an InstallScript project, there is only one element
' in ISWiProductConfigs, which is named "Media".
```
Members

Table 13-145 • ISWiReleases Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiReleases collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the release in order to retrieve the ISWiRelease object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The name of the release is case-sensitive—“NewRelease1” and “Newrelease1” are two different releases.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Item is the default property for ISWiReleases, which means that m_ISWiBldLbl.ISWiReleases.Item(&quot;NewRelease1&quot;) is equivalent to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>m_ISWiBldLbl.ISWiReleases(&quot;NewRelease1&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProductConfig

ISWiRemoveFiles Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

The ISWiRemoveFiles collection represents a collection of ISWiRemoveFile objects in the InstallShield user interface.
Members

Table 13-146 • ISWiRemoveFiles Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiRemoveFiles collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or key of the file or folder removal entry in order to retrieve its ISWiRemoveFile object. You must specify the key. You can view this value in the Direct Editor view (in the FileKey column of the RemoveFile table). Item is the default property for ISWiRemoveFiles, which means that m_ISWiComponent.ISWiRemoveFiles.Item(&quot;RemoveFile1&quot;) is equivalent to m_ISWiComponent.ISWiRemoveFiles(&quot;RemoveFile1&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiComponent

See Also
Removing Files and Folders from Target Systems

ISWiSequence Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The ISWiSequence collection is a virtual collection that contains all of the actions of the current project, sorted by sequence number.
Members

Table 13-147 • ISWiSequence Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSequence collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>InsertCustomAction</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Use this method to insert a custom action into the selected sequence. This method returns an ISWiSequenceRecord object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of an action in order to retrieve its ISWiSequenceRecord object. The name of the action is case-sensitive. That is, “ThisAction” and “thisAction” are two different actions. Item is the default property for ISWiSequence, which means that pProject.InstallUISequence.Item(“ThisAction”) is equivalent to pProject.InstallUISequence(“ThisAction”).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemoveSequenceRecord</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Use this method to remove an item from a sequence in the project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The VBScript example below displays a string with each action name and sequence number in the project’s Installation User Interface sequence:

```vbnet
Dim pProject
Set pProject = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\YourProject.ism", True ' open read-only

Dim sNames
sNames = "The Installation UI sequence contains the following actions:" & vbNewLine & vbTab

For i = 1 to pProject.InstallUISequence.Count
    sNames = sNames & pProject.InstallUISequence.Item(i).Name & " " & _
              pProject.InstallExecuteSequence.Item(i).Sequence & vbNewLine & vbTab
Next

pProject.CloseProject

MsgBox sNames
```

Applies To

- ISWiProject
InsertCustomAction Method

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the InsertCustomAction method to insert a custom action into one of the project's sequences.

**Syntax**

```vba
InsertCustomAction (CustomAction As ISWiCustomAction, Comment As String, Condition as String, SequenceNumber as Long) as ISWiSequenceRecord
```

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CustomAction</td>
<td>The custom action you want to create.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>An optional string comment about your custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>An optional string condition for your custom action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SequenceNumber</td>
<td>The numeric sequence number for your custom action.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Return Values**

The InsertCustomAction method returns an ISWiSequenceRecord object.

**Applies To**
- ISWiSequence

RemoveSequenceRecord Method

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

Call the RemoveSequenceRecord method to remove an item from a sequence in the current project.
Syntax

(sName As String) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-149 • RemoveSequenceRecord Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sName</td>
<td>Pass an ISWiSequenceRecord object to specify a sequence record that you want to remove from the project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return Values

Table 13-150 • RemoveSequenceRecord Method Values

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Return Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>The item was successfully removed from a sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>The item was not removed from a sequence.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSequence

ISWiSetupFiles Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI
• InstallScript Object

ISWiSetupFiles is a collection that contains every support file (as an ISWiSetupFile object) in your project.
Members

Table 13-151 • ISWiSetupFiles Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of support files in the ISWiSetupFiles collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the support file to retrieve the ISWiSetupFile object. For example, the following statements create references to the first support file in the collection and the support file named MySupportFile.bmp: Set pSetupFile1 = pProj.ISWiSetupFiles.Item(1) Set pSetupFile2 = pProj.ISWiSetupFiles.Item(&quot;MySupportFile.bmp&quot;) Item is the default property for ISWiSetupFiles, which means that pProj.ISWiSetupFiles.Item(&quot;MySupportFile.bmp&quot;) is equivalent to pProj.ISWiSetupFiles(&quot;MySupportFile.bmp&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic code illustrates how you would set a property for a specific support file:

Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"

pProj.ISWiSetupFiles(1).Splash = True

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject

Applies To

• ISWiProject

ISWiSetupTypes Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

ISWiSetupTypes is a collection that contains every setup type (as an ISWiSetupType object) in your project.
Members

**Table 13-152 • ISWiSetupTypes Collection Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of setup types in the ISWiSetupTypes collection.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Item      | Read-Only    | Provide the index number or name of the setup type to retrieve the ISWiSetupType object. For example, the following statements create references to the first setup type in the collection and the setup type named CSSaveSpace:  
  ```vbnet
  Set pSetupFile1 = pProj.ISWiSetupTypes.Item(1)
  Set pSetupFile2 = pProj.ISWiSetupTypes.Item("CSSaveSpace")
  ```  
  Item is the default property for ISWiSetupTypes, which means that pProj.ISWiSetupTypes.Item("CSSaveSpace") is equivalent to pProj.ISWiSetupTypes("CSSaveSpace"). |

Example

The following Visual Basic code illustrates how you would set a property for a specific setup type:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("IswiAutoAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.ism"

pProj.ISWiSetupTypes("CSSaveSpace").DisplayName = "Client Setup - Save Space"

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

Applies To

- ISWiProject

**ISWiShellProperties Collection**

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface**

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:*

- Basic MSI
- DiM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

ISWiShellProperties is a collection of all of the Shell properties for a specified ISWiShortcut object.
Members

Table 13-153 • ISWiShellProperties Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiShellProperties collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the Shell property in order to retrieve the ISWiShellProperty object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following sample VBScript snippet retrieves the ISWiShellProperty object for the primary key MyShellProperty from the ISWiShellProperties collection:

```vbscript
Dim pShellProperty As ISWiShellProperty
Set pShellProperty = pShortcut.ISWiShellProperties("MyShellProperty")
```

Applies To

- ISWiShortcut

ISWiShortcuts Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

ISWiShortcuts contains every shortcut belonging to a specified ISWiFolder object.

The following example makes a copy of the shortcut named MyShortcut under the program folder contained in m_pFolder:

```vbscript
Dim m_pShortcut As ISWiShortcut
Set m_pShortcut = m_pFolder.ISWiShortcuts("MyShortcut")
```
Members

Table 13-154 • ISWiShortcuts Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiShortcuts collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the shortcut in order to retrieve the ISWiShortcut object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Item is the default property for ISWiShortcuts, which means that m_pFolder.ISWiShortcuts.Item("MyShortcut") is equivalent to m_pFolder.ISWiShortcuts("MyShortcut").

Applies To

- ISWiFolder

ISWiSISProperties Collection

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript MSI
- Merge Module

This collection contains all of the values for the Summary Information Stream settings in the current project. By accessing an element in this collection, you can set all of the Summary Information Stream settings in the General Information view.

The following Visual Basic code reads every Summary Information Stream setting in your project and displays each setting and its value.

```vbnet
Dim pProject As ISWiProject
Set pProject = New ISWiProject
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\SampleApp.ism", True

Dim sSISProps As String
sSISProps = "This package's Summary Information Stream has the following " & _
pProject.ISWiSISProperties.Count & " properties:

Dim pSISProp As ISWiSISProperty
For Each pSISProp In pProject.ISWiSISProperties
    sSISProps = sSISProps & vbNewLine & vbTab & _
        pSISProp.Name & ": " & pSISProp.Value
Next
```
MsgBox sSISProps

pProject.CloseProject

Members

Table 13-155 • ISWiSISProperties Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSISProperties collection. Since the Summary Information Stream contains seven items at present, Count always has a value of 7.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the property in order to retrieve the ISWiSISProperty object. The name of the property is case-sensitive—“TemplateSummary” and “Templatesummary” are two different properties. Item is the default property for ISWiSISProperties, which means that pISWiProject.ISWiSISProperties.Item(&quot;Subject&quot;) is equivalent to pISWiProject.ISWiSISProperties(&quot;Subject&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiProject

ISWiSQLConnections Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

The ISWiSQLConnections collection contains all of the SQL Server connections in the current project.
Members

Table 13-156 • ISWiSQLConnections Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSQLConnections collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the connection in order to retrieve the ISWiSQLConnection object. The name of the connection is case-sensitive—&quot;SQLConnection&quot; and &quot;SQLconnection&quot; are two different items. Item is the default property for ISWiSQLConnections, which means that pISWiProject.ISWiSQLConnections.Item(&quot;SQLConnection&quot;) is equivalent to pISWiProject.ISWiSQLConnections(&quot;SQLConnection&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiSQLDatabaseServers Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The ISWiSQLDatabaseServers collection contains all the database servers that you can choose to target by version requirements at run time.
Members

Table 13-157 • ISWiSQLDatabaseServers Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSQLDatabaseServers collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the property in order to retrieve the ISWiSQLDatabaseServer object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The name of the database server is case-sensitive—“SQLDatabaseServer” and “SQLDatabaseserver” are two different items.

Item is the default property for ISWiSQLDatabaseServers, which means that pISWiSQLConnection.ISWiSQLDatabaseServers.Item("SQLDatabaseServer") is equivalent to pISWiSQLConnection.ISWiSQLDatabaseServers("SQLDatabaseServer").

Applies To

• ISWiSQLConnection

ISWiSQLReplaces Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Basic MSI
• DIM
• InstallScript
• InstallScript MSI

The ISWiSQLReplaces collection contains all the ISWiSQLReplace objects in the current project.
Members

Table 13-158 • ISWiSQLReplaces Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSQLReplaces collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the property in order to retrieve the ISWiSQLReplace object. The name of the collection is case-sensitive—“SQLReplaces” and “SQLreplaces” are different. Item is the default property for ISWiSQLReplaces, which means that pISWiSQLScript.ISWiSQLReplaces.Item(“SQLReplace”) is equivalent to pISWiSQLScript.ISWiSQLReplaces(“SQLReplace”).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSQLScript

**ISWiSQLRequirements Collection**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

ISWiSQLRequirements returns a collection of all ISWiSQLRequirement objects associated with the database server.
Members

Table 13-159 • ISWiSQLRequirements Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSQLRequirements collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the property in order to retrieve the ISWiSQLRequirement object. The name of the property is case-sensitive—“SQLRequirements” and “SQLRequirements” are different. Item is the default property for ISWiSQLRequirements, which means that pISWiSQLConnection.ISWiSQLRequirements.Item(&quot;SQLRequirement&quot;) is equivalent to pISWiSQLConnection.ISWiSQLRequirements(&quot;SQLRequirement&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSQLConnection

ISWiSQLScriptErrors Collection

This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The ISWiSQLScriptErrors collection contains all of the custom SQL script error handling entries for the ISWiSQLScriptError object.
Members

Table 13-160 • ISWiSQLScriptErrors Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSQLScriptErrors collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the property in order to retrieve the ISWiSQLScriptError object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSQLScript

ISWiSQLScripts Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI

The ISWiSQLScripts collection contains all the SQL scripts in the SQL Connection.
Members

Table 13-161 • ISWiSQLScripts Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSQLScripts collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the property in order to retrieve the ISWiSQLScript object. The name of the script is case-sensitive—“SQLScript” and “SQLscript” are two different items. Item is the default property for ISWiSQLScripts, which means that pISWiSQLConnection.ISWiSQLScripts.Item(&quot;SQLScript&quot;) is equivalent to pISWiSQLConnection.ISWiSQLScripts(&quot;SQLScript&quot;).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSQLConnection

ISWiStringEntries Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- DIM
- InstallScript
- InstallScript MSI
- InstallScript Object
- Merge Module

The ISWiStringEntries collection contains all of the string entries in the current language.
Members

Table 13-162 • ISWiStringEntries Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of string entries in the ISWiStringEntries collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the string entry to retrieve the ISWiStringEntry object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiLanguage

See Also

Translating String Entries
Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
Language Identifiers

ISWiUpgradeTableEntries Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Basic MSI
- InstallScript MSI

The ISWiUpgradeTableEntries collection contains all the static major upgrade items, as they are defined in the Upgrades view as well as the Upgrade table in the Direct Editor.
Members

Table 13-163 • ISWiUpgradeTableEntries Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiUpgradeTableEntries collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or upgrade code in order to retrieve the ISWiUpgradeTableEntries items.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

Dim oProj As ISWiProject
Dim oUpgradeItem As ISWiUpgradeTableEntry

Set oProj = New ISWiProject
oProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetup.ism"

For Each oUpgradeItem In oProj.ISWiUpgradeTableEntries
    oUpgradeItem.Language = "1033"
Next

oProj.SaveProject
oProj.CloseProject

To target a specific item, replace the For Each loop in the above code with this code:

For Each oUpgradeItem In oProj.ISWiUpgradeTableEntries
    If oUpgradeItem.UpgradeCode = "{12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456789012}" Then
        oUpgradeItem.Language = "1033"
    End If
Next

Applies To

* ISWiProject
Automation Objects for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Each InstallShield automation object represents an installation element such as a feature, a component, or a file. This section describes each of the InstallShield automation objects.

The highest-level object in the automation interface is the ISWiProject object. The first thing you must do to access the interface is create this object. Then, you can use its objects, methods, and properties to modify your project.

ISWiProject Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiProject contains the interface for opening, closing, and saving an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project (.issuite) file. When InstallShield is installed on your system, you can instantiate a copy of ISWiProject with the following VB and VBScript syntax:

```vbscript
Set m_ISWiProject = CreateObject("ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
```

To open an installation project, call the OpenProject method, as follows:

```vbscript
' Build path to the .ism file
strFile = "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\Test.issuite"

m_ISWiProject.OpenProject strFile
```
Important • If you are using the automation interface on a 64-bit machine, you may need to load the automation interface through a 32-bit executable file. Otherwise, you may encounter an error when you instantiate a copy of ISWiProject, or any other object. For more information, see Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System.

Members

The following members of the ISWiProject object are available in the automation interface. Note that some methods, properties, and collections are available only for a particular project type.

Table 13-1 • ISWiProject Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ActiveLanguage</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the default language of the project. Specify a single language as a language identifier; for example: project.ActiveLanguage = &quot;1033&quot;;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddExitCondition</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds an exit error message that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to display under various conditions before ending the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddLanguage</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a language to the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddPathVariable</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a path variable to the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddProperty</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property with a specified name to the project</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSetupFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a support file with the specified name to the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSuiteAction</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds an action to the project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-1 • ISWiProject Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>AddSuiteFeature</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a feature to the project or as a subfeature of an existing feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>AddSuitePackage</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a package to the project along with the specified target file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>and options for adding additional files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>AddSuiteRelease</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a release to the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>AddSuiteTransaction</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a Windows Installer transaction to the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Once your project contains a transaction, you can add .msi and .msp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>packages to the transaction.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ArpComments</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write String</td>
<td>Gets or sets comments about your product. This information is</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>displayed for your product’s entry in Programs and Features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ArpDisableChange</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Disable Change Button setting in the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>General Information view. This setting is where you specify whether you</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>want to disable the Change button for your product’s entry in Programs and</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Features. The Change button enables end users to change installation options</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>after the product has been installed. End users can remove or add features</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>as needed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ArpDisableRegistration</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Inhibits or allows registration of the product in Programs and</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean Property</td>
<td>Features. If registration is disabled, the other Arp properties are</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ignored. Available values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>False</strong>—Your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product’s entry is</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>displayed on the target system in Programs and Features. This is the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>default value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>True</strong>—Your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI product’s entry is not</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>displayed on the target system in Programs and Features. The end user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>cannot use Programs and Features to remove the product, perform maintenance,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>or view support information. If you select this option, the other Arp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>properties are irrelevant.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-1 • ISWiProject Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ArpDisableRemove</td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Disable Remove Button setting in the General Information view. This setting is where you specify whether you want to disable the Remove button for your product’s entry in Programs and Features. The Remove button enables end users to remove the product by clicking one button, which runs your uninstaller with a reduced user interface. If the end user clicks the Remove button to remove your product, actions in the User Interface sequence of the project are executed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ArpHelpContact</td>
<td>Read-Write String</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the person or department that end users should contact for technical support. On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product’s entry in Programs and Features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ArpHelpTelPhone</td>
<td>Read-Write String</td>
<td>Gets or sets the technical support phone number for your product. On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product’s entry in Programs and Features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ArpHelpUrl</td>
<td>Read-Write String</td>
<td>Gets or sets the URL that you would like end users to visit for technical support information for your product. This URL is displayed for your product’s entry in Programs and Features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ArpIcon</td>
<td>Read-Write String</td>
<td>Gets or sets the path on your development system to the .ico, .exe or .dll file that contains the icon resource that you want to be used for your product’s entry in Programs and Features. If you want to use the icon in a file that is present on target systems (for example, in a file that is installed by one of the packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation), you can use a directory property as part of the path for the icon file. If you leave this property empty, InstallShield uses the icon that is specified in the Setup.exe Icon File setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### ArpIconIndex
- **Type:** Read-Write Integer
- **Description:** If the icon file that you specify contains more than one icon resource, you can use the ArpIconIndex property to specify the index.
  - A nonnegative integer refers to the order of the icon resources in the executable file. For example, 0 refers to the first icon in the file, 1 refers to the second icon, and 2 refers to the third icon.
  - Use a negative number to refer to a specific resource ID. For example, the icon index -12 refers to the icon with a resource ID of 12.

### ArpProductUrl
- **Type:** Read-Write String
- **Description:** Gets or sets a general URL for your company or product—for example, http://www.mycompany.com.

  On some versions of Windows, the publisher name on the Support Info dialog box is a hyperlink to this URL. The Support Info dialog box is displayed when an end user clicks the support information hyperlink for your product’s entry in Programs and Features.

### ArpPublisher
- **Type:** Read-Write String
- **Description:** Gets or sets the name of the company that created the product. This information is displayed for your product’s entry in Programs and Features.

### ArpReadMe
- **Type:** Read-Write String
- **Description:** Gets or sets a valid URL for a Readme file or Customer Support page for your product.

  On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product’s entry in Programs and Features.

### ArpUpdateUrl
- **Type:** Read-Write String
- **Description:** Gets or sets a URL where end users can get information about product updates or download the latest version.

  On some versions of Windows, this information is displayed on the Support Info dialog box for your product’s entry in Programs and Features.

### CloseProject
- **Type:** Method
- **Description:** Closes an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

### CreateProject
- **Type:** Method
- **Description:** Creates a new InstallShield project file (.issuite) for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

### DeleteExitCondition
- **Type:** Method
- **Description:** Removes an exit error message from the project.
## Table 13-1 • ISWiProject Object Members (cont.)

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>DeleteLanguage</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a language from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>DeletePathVariable</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a path variable from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>DeleteProperty</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>DeleteSetupFile</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a support file from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>DeleteSuiteAction</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes an action from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>DeleteSuiteFeature</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a feature from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>DeleteSuitePackage</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a package or a Windows Installer transaction from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>DeleteSuiteRelease</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a release from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>ForceUpgrade</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Upgrades the project from an earlier version of InstallShield to the current version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>GenerateGUID</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Generates a new, unique GUID that is returned as a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>OpenProject</code></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Opens an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project so that you can modify it through the automation interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>ISWiLanguages</code></td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the languages in the current project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>ISWiPathVariables</code></td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI path variables in the current project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### ISWiProperties
- **Type**: Collection
- **Description**: Contains all of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI properties in the current project.

### ISWiSetupFiles
- **Type**: Collection
- **Description**: Contains all of the support files in the current project.

### ISWiSuiteActions
- **Type**: Collection
- **Project**: This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.
- **Edition**: The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.
- **Description**: Contains all of the Suite/Advanced UI actions that are included in a project.

### ISWiSuiteEvent
- **Type**: Method
- **Project**: This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.
- **Edition**: The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.
- **Description**: Accesses a specific event in the project.

### ISWiSuiteEvents
- **Type**: Collection
- **Project**: This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.
- **Edition**: The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.
- **Description**: Contains all of the events that are in a project.

### ISWiSuiteFeatures
- **Type**: Collection
- **Description**: Contains every feature (as an ISWiSuiteFeature object) in your project.

When ISWiSuiteFeatures is a member of ISWiProject, it contains all of the root-level features in the project. To retrieve a collection of subfeatures, access the Features property of the ISWiSuiteFeature object. The result is an ISWiSuiteFeatures collection that contains the immediate subfeatures of the current root-level feature. Repeat for further levels of subfeatures.
### Table 13-1 • ISWiProject Object Members (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteExitConditions</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the exit conditions in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuitePackages</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains every package (as an ISWiSuitePackage object) and every Windows Installer transaction (also as an ISWiSuitePackage object) in your project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteReleases</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the releases in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductName</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the product. For information on how the product name is used, see Specifying a Product Name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectType</td>
<td>Read-only Integer Property</td>
<td>Gets the project type. The valid value is:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• eptSuite (16)—Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductVersion</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the version number for your product. The version must contain only numbers. It is typically in the format aaa.bbb.ccccc or aaa.bbb.ccccc.ddddd, where aaa represents the major version number, bbb represents the minor version number, ccccc represents the build number, and ddddd represents the revision number. The maximum value for the aaa and bbb portions is 255. The maximum value for ccccc and ddddd is 65,535. Note that although you can include the fourth field (ddddd), the installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions. To learn more, see Specifying the Product Version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SaveProject</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Saves the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SuiteGuid</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a GUID that uniquely identifies the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. To have generate a different GUID, call GenerateGUID. Since this code uniquely identifies your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, changing the Suite GUID after you have already distributed your release is not recommended.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also

Using the Automation Interface on a 64-Bit System
AddExitCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddExitCondition method adds an exit condition to the project. Using this method is similar to defining an exit condition in the General Information view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the exit condition with the ISWiSuiteExitCondition object.

**Syntax**

AddExitCondition (Message As String)

**Parameters**

**Table 13-2 • AddExitCondition Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Specify the error message that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to display at run time if the condition that you are configuring is true. As an alternative, you can enter a string identifier whose value is the error message that you want the installation to use.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**See Also**

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

AddLanguage Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.
Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition.

The AddLanguage method adds a language to the project. Using this method is similar to adding a language in the General Information view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new language with the ISWiLanguage object.

**Syntax**

AddLanguage (LangId As String)

**Parameters**

**Table 13-3 • AddLanguage Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LangId</td>
<td>Specify the language ID (as a string) that you want to add to the current project. For example: oProject.AddLanguage &quot;1035&quot;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

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The AddPathVariable method adds a path variable to the project. Using this method is similar to adding a path variable in the Path Variables view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new path variable with the ISWiPathVariable object.

**Important**

Predefined path variables cannot be modified or deleted. If you attempt to do so, exception error 3142 occurs. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.

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Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

Edition • Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition.

The AddPathVariable method adds a path variable to the project. Using this method is similar to adding a path variable in the Path Variables view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new path variable with the ISWiPathVariable object.

**Important**

Predefined path variables cannot be modified or deleted. If you attempt to do so, exception error 3142 occurs. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.
**Syntax**

AddPathVariable (sName As String) As ISWiPathVariable

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sName</td>
<td>Specify the name of the path variable that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

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**AddProperty Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddProperty method adds an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property with a specified name to the project.

**Syntax**

AddProperty (Name As String) As ISWiProperty

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.issuite"

Dim pProperty As ISWiProperty
Set pProperty = pProj.AddProperty ("MYPROP")
pProperty.Value = "MyPropValue"

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject

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### AddSetupFile Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddSetupFile method adds a support file with the specified name to the project. Using this method is similar to adding a path variable in the Support Files view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new path variable with the ISWiSetupFile object.

**Syntax**

AddSetupFile (FileName As String) As ISWiSetupFile

**Parameters**

**Table 13-6 • AddSetupFile Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Specify the fully qualified path and file name of the support file that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

```
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
```
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.issuite"
Dim pSetupFile As ISWiSetupFile

Set pSetupFile = pProj.AddSetupFile ("C:\My Files\MySupportFile.ext")

pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject

Applies To
- ISWiProject

AddSuiteAction Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddSuiteAction method adds an action to the project.

Syntax

AddSuiteAction (ActionName As String, ActionType As ISWiSuiteActionType) as ISWiSuiteAction
Parameters

Table 13-7 • AddSuiteAction Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ActionName</td>
<td>Specify the name of the action that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ActionType</td>
<td>Specify the type of action. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esatDll (1)—Calls a function in a DLL file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esatPowerShell (2)—Runs a PowerShell script to perform system configuration tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esatExe (4)—Launches an executable file. The Suite/Advanced UI engine waits for the action to complete before proceeding with the next part of the installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esatStartExe (8)—Launches an executable file. The Suite/Advanced UI engine runs the action simultaneously as the next part of the installation proceeds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esatSetProperty (16)—Sets a Suite/Advanced UI property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esatIScript (32)—Runs InstallScript code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esatClr (64)—Calls a public method in a managed assembly.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddSuiteFeature Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddSuiteFeature method creates a feature with the specified name. AddSuiteFeature is a member of ISWiProject. The new feature is added to the current project as a root-level feature, but when this method is a member of an ISWiSuiteFeature object, the new feature is added as a subfeature of the current feature.

The feature is created with the same default properties that new features have when you add them in InstallShield.

After you have added the feature, you can set its other properties and associate packages with it.
Syntax

AddSuiteFeature (SuiteFeatureKey As String) As ISWiSuiteFeature

Parameters

Table 13-8 • AddSuiteFeature Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SuiteFeatureKey</td>
<td>The feature key is the same as the name of the feature that is displayed in the Features view. The name becomes the index for the new ISWiSuiteFeature object. This string must contain only alphanumeric characters, dots (.), or underscores (_), and it must begin with a letter or an underscore. FeatureKey must be unique among your project's feature names. Feature names are case-sensitive.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate calling AddSuiteFeature to add a feature and a subfeature:

Dim pProject As ISWiProject
Set pProject = New ISWiProject
pProject.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\SampleApp.issuite"

Dim pFeat1, pFeat2 As ISWiSuiteFeature
Dim sFeat1Name, sFeat2Name As String

sFeat1Name = "ParentFeature"
sFeat2Name = "SubFeature"

' Add the feature ParentFeature, then SubFeature under ParentFeature
Set pFeat1 = pProject.AddSuiteFeature(sFeat1Name)
Set pFeat2 = pFeat1.AddSuiteSubFeature(sFeat2Name)

pProject.SaveProject
pProject.CloseProject

Applies To

• ISWiProject

AddSuitePackage Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI
Project-specific differences are noted where applicable.

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see *Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects*.

The AddSuitePackage method adds a package (such as an .msi package, an InstallScript package, an .exe package, or other supported type) along with the specified target file and options for adding additional files. Using this method is similar to adding a package in the Packages view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new package with the ISWiSuitePackage object.

**Syntax**

AddSuitePackage (PackageType As ISWiSuitePackageType, TargetFileName As String, AdditionalFiles As ISWiAdditionalFiles) As ISWiSuitePackage
**Parameters**

**Table 13-9 • AddSuitePackage Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PackageType</td>
<td>Specify the type of package that you are adding to the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TargetFileName</td>
<td>Specify the file in the package (such as the .msi file) that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should invoke.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdditionalFiles</td>
<td>Specify the type of additional files that you want to add for the package. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **eaftNothing (0)**—Add nothing. This package does not need any additional files.
- **eaftAdjacentFiles (1)**—Add adjacent files; that is, add the files next to this package.
- **eaftSubFolders (2)**—Add files in subfolders; that is, add the files below this package.
- **eaftAdjacentFilesAndSubFolders (3)**—Add adjacent files and files in subfolders; that is, add the files next to and below this package.

** Applies To**

- **ISWiProject**
AddSuiteRelease Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddSuiteRelease method adds a release with the specified name to the project. Using this method is similar to adding a release in the Releases view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new release with the ISWiSuiteRelease object.

Syntax

AddSuiteRelease (ReleaseName As String) as ISWiSuiteRelease

Parameters

Table 13-10 • AddSuiteRelease Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ReleaseName</td>
<td>Specify the name of the release that you want to add.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddSuiteTransaction Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddSuiteTransaction method adds a Windows Installer transaction to a Suite/Advanced UI project, and it returns a package. Once your project contains a transaction, you can add .msi and .msp packages to the transaction.
**Syntax**

AddSuiteTransaction () As ISWiSuitePackage

**Parameters**

The AddSuiteTransaction method does not take any parameters.

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

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**CloseProject Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI*

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition**

The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

To close the .issuite file that you opened with OpenProject, call CloseProject.

**Syntax**

CloseProject ()

**Return Values**

CloseProject always returns 0.

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

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**CreateProject Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI*

**Project**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The CreateProject method creates a new InstallShield project file (.issuite) for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

**Syntax**

CreateProject (strISWiProjectFile As String, ByVal ProjectType As ISWiProjectType)

**Parameters**

**Table 13-11 • CreateProject Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strISWiProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the .issuite file that you want to create. Include the full file name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectType</td>
<td>Specify the type of project that you want to create. The valid value is:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>•  <strong>eptSuite (16)</strong>—Creates an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following sample code creates an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project and sets its product version to 2.00.0000.

```vba
dim proj
set proj = CreateObject("ISWiAutoSuite22.ISWiProject")

proj.CreateProject "d:\scratch\packagetest.issuite", 16   '16: ISWiProjectType.eptSuite
proj.OpenProject "d:\scratch\packagetest.issuite", false
proj.ProductVersion = "2.00.0000"
proj.SaveProject
proj.CloseProject
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

DeleteExitCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project • This information applies to the following project types:**

- Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

The DeleteExitCondition method removes an exit condition from the project. Using this method is similar to removing an exit condition in the General Information view in InstallShield.

**Syntax**

DeleteExitCondition (ExitCondition As ISWiSuiteExitCondition)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ExitCondition</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteExitCondition object that you want the method to remove from your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

• ISWiProject

**See Also**

[Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#)
[Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#)
[Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation](#)

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**DeleteLanguage Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

**Project** • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

**Edition** • Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition.

The DeleteLanguage method removes a language from the current project. Using this method is similar to removing a language in the General Information view in InstallShield.

**Syntax**

DeleteLanguage (Language As ISWiLanguage)
Parameters

Table 13-13 • DeleteLanguage Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiLanguage object that you want the method to remove from your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

DeletePathVariable Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeletePathVariable method removes a path variable with a specified name from the project.

Important • Predefined path variables cannot be modified or deleted. If you attempt to do so, exception error 3142 occurs. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.

Syntax

DeletePathVariable (pPathVar ISWiPathVariable) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-14 • AddPathVariable Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pPathVar</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiPathVariable object for the path variable that you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject
DeleteProperty Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteProperty method removes an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property with a specified name from the project.

**Syntax**

DeleteProperty(ByVal pProperty As ISWiProperty) As Long

**Parameters**

**Table 13-15 • DeleteProperty Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiProperty object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

```vbnet
Dim proj As ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject
Set proj = New ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject
proj.OpenProject "c:\mysetups\your project name-3.issuite"
Dim pProp As ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProperty
Set pProp = proj.ISWiProperties.Item("MyProperty")
proj.DeleteProperty pProp
```

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject

DeleteSetupFile Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteSetupFile method removes the specified support file from the project.

**Syntax**

`DeleteSetupFile (pSetupFile As ISWiSetupFile) As Long`

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pSetupFile</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiSetupFile object that you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetsups\Project1.issuite"
Dim pSetupFile As ISWiSetupFile
Set pSetupFile = pProj.ISWiSetupFiles.Item("MySupportFile.abc")
pProj.DeleteSetupFile pSetupFile
pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

DeleteSuiteAction Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteSuiteAction method removes an action from the project.

**Syntax**

```plaintext
DeleteAction (SuiteAction As ISWiSuiteAction)
```

**Parameters**

**Table 13-17 • AddSuiteAction Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SuiteAction</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteAction object that you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**DeleteSuiteFeature Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

The DeleteSuiteFeature method permanently removes a feature from the current project.

**Syntax**

```plaintext
DeleteSuiteFeature (Feature As ISWiSuiteFeature) As Long
```
Parameters

Table 13-18 • DeleteSuiteFeature Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feature</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteFeature object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

DeleteSuitePackage Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteSuitePackage method removes a package or a Windows Installer transaction from the current project.

Syntax

DeleteSuitePackage (Package As ISWiSuitePackage) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-19 • DeleteSuitePackage Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Package</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuitePackage object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject
DeleteSuiteRelease Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteSuiteRelease method removes a release from the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

Syntax
DeleteSuiteRelease (SuiteRelease As ISWiSuiteRelease)

Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SuiteRelease</td>
<td>Pass the ISWiSuiteRelease object that you want to delete.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To
- ISWiProject

ForceUpgrade Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ForceUpgrade method upgrades the project from an earlier version of InstallShield to the current version.
**Syntax**
ForceUpgrade (ISWiProjectFile As String)

**Parameters**

**Table 13-21 • ForceUpgrade Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ISWiProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project file (.issuite) that you want to upgrade. Include the full file name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject

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**GenerateGUID Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI**

*Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

*Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The GenerateGUID method generates a new, unique GUID that is returned as a string.

**Syntax**
GenerateGUID ()

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject

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**ISWiSuiteEvent Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI**

*Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.*
**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see *Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects*.

The ISWiSuiteEvent accesses a specific event in the project.

**Syntax**

ISWiSuiteEvent (EventType as ISWiSuiteEventType) as ISWiSuiteEvent
Parameters

Table 13-22 • ISWiSuiteEvent Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Specify the type of event. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnBegin (0)—The OnBegin event is the first event in a Suite/Advanced UI installation. Actions that are scheduled for this event are executed during all modes (install, maintenance, repair, etc.) unless the conditional statement that is defined for the action evaluates as false.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnResuming (1)—The OnResuming event launches its actions when a Suite/Advanced UI installation is resuming after the target machine has been restarted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnStaging (2)—The OnStaging event launches its actions immediately before the Suite/Advanced UI installation is staged; that is, before the Suite/Advanced UI installation downloads its package (if applicable), extracts its packages from the Setup.exe file (if applicable), and copies its packages to a directory that the end user specifies on the BrowseStageFolder wizard page or by setting the ISRootStagePath property through the command line.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnStaged (3)—The OnStaged event launches its actions after the Suite/Advanced UI installation has downloaded its packages (if applicable), extracted them from the Setup.exe file, and copied them to the staging directory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnPackagesConfiguring (4)—The OnPackagesConfiguring event launches its actions immediately before the packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation are being installed, modified, repaired, or removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnPackagesConfigured (5)—The OnPackagesConfigured event launches its actions when the packages in the Suite/Advanced UI installation have been installed, modified, repaired, or removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type (cont.)</td>
<td>• esetOnRebooting (6)—The OnRebooting event launches its actions immediately before the Suite/Advanced UI installation triggers a restart of the machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnEnd (7)—The OnEnd event launches its actions immediately before the end of a successful Suite/Advanced UI installation. If the end user cancels the Suite/Advanced UI installation or the installation encounters an error, the OnEnd event does not run.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnPackageConfiguring (8)—This event launches the actions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should launch before installing, removing, repairing, or modifying a package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esetOnPackageConfigured (9)—This event launches the actions that the Suite/Advanced UI installation should launch after installing, removing, repairing, or modifying a package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more information, see Types of Events in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

Applies To
OpenProject Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

To open your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project so that you can modify it through the automation interface, call OpenProject with the fully qualified path to your .issuite file. This method is equivalent to loading a project in InstallShield.

Note • The OpenProject method fails if the project is open in InstallShield.

Syntax

OpenProject (strISWiProjectFile As String, Optional ByVal bReadOnly As Boolean) As Long

Parameters

Table 13-23 • OpenProject Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strISWiProjectFile</td>
<td>Enter the fully qualified path to the project file (.issuite).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bReadOnly</td>
<td>Determines whether the project is opened with write privileges. True opens the project as a read-only file. The default value for this optional parameter is False.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Return Values and Errors

Table 13-24 • OpenProject Method Return Values and Errors

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Return Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>The project was successfully opened.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>The project was opened, but it is locked by some other process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Attempted to open project for write access, but project opened in read-only mode.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The following Visual Basic lines demonstrate this method:

```vbnet
Dim pProj As ISWiProject
Set pProj = CreateObject("ISWiAutoSuiteAutomation Interface Version.ISWiProject")
pProj.OpenProject "C:\MySetups\Project1.issuite"
' Modify project here.
pProj.SaveProject
pProj.CloseProject
```

** Applies To **

- ISWiProject

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## SaveProject Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

** Edition **
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

To save any changes that you have made to your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project file through the automation interface, call the SaveProject method.

** Syntax **

`SaveProject()`
Return Values and Errors

Table 13-25 • SaveProject Method Values

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Return Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ERROR_SUCCESS (0)</td>
<td>Project is saved.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error Code 1104</td>
<td>Unable to save file: %1. The project is open in read-only mode or is being used by another process.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiLanguage Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition.

This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiLanguage object represents a language whose string entries are included in the project; it provides access to the translated strings.

To include or exclude languages, use the IsIncluded property on each relevant ISWiLanguage object.
Members

Table 13-26 • ISWiLanguage Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddStringEntry</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a new string entry to a language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteStringEntry</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a string entry from the project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Id</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Gets the identifier of the language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IsIncluded</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Includes or excludes a language, or checks its current status.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>Gets the name of the current language.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

See Also

- Translating String Entries
- Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
- Language Identifiers

AddStringEntry Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddStringEntry method adds a new string entry to a language.

Syntax

AddStringEntry (StringId) As ISWiStringEntry
Parameters

Table 13-27 • AddStringEntry Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>StringId</td>
<td>Specify the identifier for the string entry.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiLanguage

DeleteStringEntry Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteStringEntry method removes a string entry from the project.

Syntax

DeleteStringEntry (StringEntry As ISWiStringEntry)

Parameters

Table 13-28 • DeleteStringEntry Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>StringEntry</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiStringEntry object that you want to remove from the project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiLanguage
ISWiPathVariable Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project**  •  This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition**  •  The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiPathVariable object represents a path variable that is included in the project. Path variables help make projects’ build paths more portable across machines.

To add or remove path variables, call ISWiProject.AddPathVariable or ISWiProjectDeletePathVariable.

**Important**  •  Predefined path variables cannot be modified or deleted. If you attempt to do so, exception error 3142 occurs. For more information, see Predefined Path Variables.
Members

Table 13-29 • ISWPathVariable Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the path variable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PathVarType</td>
<td>Read-Write Integer Property</td>
<td>This enumerated integer property gets or sets the type of the path variable. Available values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>epvtPreDefined (1)</code>—Predefined path variables are variables that are set to certain standard Windows directories. These variables cannot be renamed or modified, but they can be used in your installation project to point to predefined directories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>epvtCustom (2)</code>—Custom path variables are sometimes referred to as <em>standard path variables</em> or <em>user-defined variables</em>. These variable types are defined through InstallShield. These variables do not rely on any outside sources, such as the registry or system paths.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• <code>epvtEnvironment (4)</code>—Environment path variables are based on the values of your system’s environment variables. You can set an environment path variable in your project to an existing environment variable on your machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
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<td>• <code>epvtRegistry (8)</code>—Registry path variables enable you to define your own variables based on the default value of a specified registry key. The registry key must already be present when you set a path variable to the value of the key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TestValue</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the test value of the path variable.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Table 13-29 • ISWiPathVariable Object Members (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the path variable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
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</table>

**For Standard Path Variables**

For standard variables, enter the directory to which you would like your variable to point.

*Note* • You can also refer to other path variables in the defined value by enclosing the referenced path variable name in angled brackets. For example, if you have a path variable called *MyRoot* with a value of `C:\`, you can refer to it in a path variable definition for another variable, such as *Games*. The actual path for the *Games* variable might be `C:\Programs\GameFiles`, but you can define *Games* as `<MyRoot>\Programs\GameFiles`. However, if you attempt to self-reference a path variable, the literal string is used instead. For example, defining *Games* as `<MyRoot>\Programs\<Games>` actually results in *Games* defined as `C:\Programs\<Games>`.

**Value (cont.)**

**For Registry Path Variables**

Enter the complete registry key, with the final “subkey” being the name of the value whose data contains the folder. For example, define *MyRegVar* as follows:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey\TestValue

Assume that TestKey has the following subkey and values:

\[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey\]
\@="C:\MyPath1"
"TestValue"="C:\MyPath2"
\[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\TestKey\TestValue\]
\@="C:\MyPath3"

Even though HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey has a subkey called *TestValue*, *MyRegVar* points to the value *TestValue*, and the current value will be `C:\MyPath2`. (Note, however, that if a value named *TestValue* does not exist, InstallShield reads the default value (C:\MyPath3) of the subkey HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\TestKey\TestValue.)

**For Environment Path Variables**

For environment path variables, enter the name of the variable as it appears on the Environment dialog box.

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject
Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiProperty object represents an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property. You can retrieve a property by specifying an item in the ISWiProperties collection.
Members

Table 13-30 • ISWiProperty Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Comments</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets an internal note about the string entry. The comments are not displayed at run time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FormatPropertyValue</td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the check box in the Formatted column in the Property Manager view. The check box that lets you indicate whether the value is a formatted expression that contains property names, environment variable references, or other special strings that you want to be resolved at run time. The run-time resolution occurs early at run time, before the installation executes the actions in the OnBegin event. To leave the property value as is at run time, set this property equal to False. Square brackets and other characters have no special meaning. To replace the formatted expressions at run time, set this property equal to True. To learn about the syntax that is available for formatted expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property.</td>
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Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiSetupFile Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSetupFile object represents a support file in your project.

To add or remove support files, call ISWiProject.AddSetupFile or ISWiProject.DeleteSetupFile.

**Members**

Table 13-31 • ISWiSetupFile Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FileName</td>
<td>Read-only String Property</td>
<td>Gets the name of the support file (without the path).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets the string that identifies the language identifier for the support file; for example: m_pFile.Language = &quot;1033&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Path</td>
<td>Read-only String Property</td>
<td>Gets the fully qualified path (including the file name) of the support file’s source location. Instead of hard-coding a path, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view or part of the ISWiPathVariables collection. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the support file's target directory within SETUPSUPPORTDIR. The following line specifies the support file to be stored in the MyFolder1\MyFolder2 folder under SETUPSUPPORTDIR: m_pFile.Target = &quot;MyFolder1\MyFolder2&quot;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**ISWiSuiteAction Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

*This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.*
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteAction object represents an action in the Suite/Advanced UI project.


Note that some ISWiSuiteAction properties are applicable to only certain action types.
Members

Table 13-32 • ISW ISuiteAction Object Members

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>AbortCode</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>String Property</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Note • This property applies to .exe actions.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Gets or sets a comma-delimited list of the codes that the action could</td>
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<td></td>
<td>return when the installation should be aborted. Note that if the action</td>
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<td>cannot be launched or loaded, the installation is aborted.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>This property is available if the value of the action’s WaitForExit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>property is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ActionName</td>
<td>Read-Only</td>
<td>String Property</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arguments</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>String Property</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Note • This property applies to .exe actions.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If appropriate, gets or sets the command-line parameters that should</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>be used with the action. Separate multiple parameters with spaces.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CancelCode</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>String Property</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Note • This property applies to .exe actions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Gets or sets a comma-delimited list of the codes that the action could</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>return when the installation should be cancelled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This property is available if the value of the action’s WaitForExit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>property is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>String Property</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Note • This property applies to managed-code actions.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the class for the managed method that you</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>want the selected action to call.</td>
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<td>To learn more, see Working with a Managed-Code Action in a Suite/</td>
</tr>
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<td>Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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### Table 13-32 • ISWiSuiteAction Object Members (cont.)

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DefaultResponse</td>
<td>Read-Write Integer Property</td>
<td><em>Note</em> • <em>This property applies to .exe actions.</em>&lt;br&gt;Gets or sets a string that describes how you want the installation to respond if the code that the action returns is not specified for the IgnoreCode, AbortCode, RebootCode, or CancelCode properties. Available values are:&lt;br&gt;• <em>esadcIgnore</em> (0)—The installation proceeds with the next part of the installation. This is the default option.&lt;br&gt;• <em>esadcAbort</em> (1)—The installation is aborted.&lt;br&gt;• <em>esadcReboot</em> (2)—The target system is restarted.&lt;br&gt;• <em>esadcCancel</em> (3)—The installation is cancelled.&lt;br&gt;This property is available if the value of the action’s WaitForExit property is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FormatPropertyValue</td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean Property</td>
<td><em>Note</em> • <em>This property applies to actions that set a property.</em>&lt;br&gt;Gets or sets the value of the Format Property Value setting in the Events view. This setting lets you indicate whether the value that you enter in the Property Value setting (or through the PropValue property in the automation interface) is a formatted expression that contains property names, environment variable references, or other special strings that you want to be resolved at run time. Available options are:&lt;br&gt;• <strong>True</strong>—Replace the formatted expressions at run time.&lt;br&gt;• <strong>False</strong>—Leave the property value as is at run time. The value that you are entering does not include formatted expressions.&lt;br&gt;To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see <em>Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FunctionName</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td><em>Note</em> • <em>This property applies to DLL and InstallScript actions.</em>&lt;br&gt;For a DLL action: Gets or sets the name of the function in the DLL that you would like to call.&lt;br&gt;For an InstallScript action: Gets or sets the InstallScript function that you want to call.</td>
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Table 13-32 • ISWiSuiteAction Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>IgnoreCode</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets a comma-delimited list of the codes that the action could</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>return when the installation should proceed with the next part of the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This property is available if the value of the action’s WaitForExit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>property is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the public method that you want the selected action to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PropName</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>call.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PropValue</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RebootCode</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets a comma-delimited list of the codes that the action could</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>return when the target system should be restarted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>This property is available if the value of the action’s WaitForExit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>property is True.</td>
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</table>
| **RequireAdminPrivileges** | Read-Only Boolean Property | Gets or sets the value of the Requires Administrative Privileges setting in the Events view. This setting indicates whether this action requires administrative privileges on systems that have Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later.  
To learn more, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations. |
| **SourcePath**         | Read-Write String Property | Gets or sets the source path to the PowerShell script (.ps1) that you want to use for your action.  
If the file is not present on target systems at run time, and if none of the packages in your Suite/Advanced UI installation are going to install it, you can reference a file that is included in your project as a support file. At run time, the file is available on the target system only during your product’s installation process.  
Instead of hard-coding a location, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value. |
| **TargetFile**         | Read-Write String Property | Gets or sets the run-time path to the file that you want to use for your action.  
If the file is not present on target systems at run time, and if none of the packages in your Suite/Advanced UI installation are going to install it, you can reference a file that is included in your project as a support file. At run time, the file is available on the target system only during your product’s installation process. |
| **Type**               | Read-Only Integer Property | Gets the type of action. Available value are:  
- esatDll (1) — Calls a function in a DLL file.  
- esatPowerShell (2) — Runs a PowerShell script to perform system configuration tasks.  
- esatExe (4) — Launches an executable file.  
- esatSetProperty (16) — Sets a Suite/Advanced UI property.  
- esatScript (32) — Runs InstallScript code.  
- esatClr (64) — Calls a public method in a managed assembly. |
Table 13-32 • ISWISuiteAction Object Members (cont.)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Verb</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> <em>This property applies to .exe actions.</em> Gets or sets the verb that should be used with the selected action’s file. If you leave this property blank, the verb that is the default one on the target system for this file is used. If the default verb is not available, the open verb is used. If neither verb is available, the first verb that is listed in the registry is used. The use of the runas verb is not recommended. If the action requires administrative privileges, select True for the action’s RequireAdminPrivileges property. For more information, see Minimizing the Number of User Account Control Prompts During Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| WaitForExit| Read-Write    | **Note** *This property applies to .exe actions.* Gets or sets the value of the Wait for Exit setting in the Events view. This setting is where you indicate whether you want the installation to wait for the action to complete before proceeding with the next part of the installation. Available options are:  
- **True**—The installation waits for the action to complete before resuming. This is the default option.  
- **False**—The installation runs the action simultaneously as the next part of the installation proceeds.  
If you select True for this setting, you can use the IgnoreCode, AbortCode, RebootCode, and CancelCode properties to specify the various codes that the action may return. |
A reference to the scheduling of an action during a Suite/Advanced UI event. You can schedule an action multiple times—even in a single event.

To schedule actions, call ISWiSuiteEvent.AddSuiteActionRef. To remove the references to the scheduling of actions, call ISWiSuiteEvent.DeleteSuiteActionRef.

### Table 13-32 • ISWiSuiteAction Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Window</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the initial window state of the .exe action when it is launched. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td><em>This property applies to .exe actions.</em></td>
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</table>

*See Also*
Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

### ISWiSuiteActionRef Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI*

*Project* • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

*Edition* • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteActionRef object represents a reference to the scheduling of an action during a Suite/Advanced UI event. You can schedule an action multiple times—even in a single event.

To schedule actions, call ISWiSuiteEvent.AddSuiteActionRef. To remove the references to the scheduling of actions, call ISWiSuiteEvent.DeleteSuiteActionRef.
Members

Table 13-33 • ISWiSuiteActionRef Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DisplayText</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Note • This property applies to .exe, DLL, PowerShell, InstallScript, and managed-code actions. Gets or sets the text that describes the selected action. For example, if the action is running a script that configures the target system, you could enter the following string: Configuring the system If the installation launches the action when the InstallationProgress wizard page is displayed, the text that you enter is displayed on the wizard page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-only</td>
<td>Gets the name of the action that is scheduled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiProject

See Also

Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action

MoveTo Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The MoveTo method reschedules a Suite/Advanced UI action to occur directly after the specified other action.
Syntax

MoveTo (PrecedingActionRef As ISWiSuiteActionRef)

Parameters

Table 13-4 • MoveTo Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PrecedingActionRef</td>
<td>Specifies the action that precedes the action that you want to reschedule. The default value of Nothing indicates the top position.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteActionRef

See Also

Using Actions to Extend the Behavior of a Suite/Advanced UI Installation
Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action

ISWiSuiteCondition Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteCondition object represents the following types of conditions:

• Exit condition (used for the Condition property of the ISWiSuiteExitCondition object)
• Feature condition (used for the Condition property of the ISWiSuiteFeature object)
• Detection condition (used for the DetectionCondition property of the ISWiSuitePackage object)
• Eligibility condition (used for the EligibleCondition property of the ISWiSuitePackage object)

The ISWiSuiteCondition object can also exist in the Conditions collection of an All, Any, or None condition group.

To add or remove conditions from a condition group, call AddCondition, AddGroup, AddExtensionCondition, or DeleteCondition.
## Members

**Table 13-35 • ISWiSuiteCondition Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddCondition</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a condition to a condition group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddExtensionCondition</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds an extension condition to a condition group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddGroup</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds an All, Any, or None operator to a setting for a condition group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddParameter</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a parameter for an extension condition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ChangeGroupType</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Changes the All, Any, or None operator in a condition group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteCondition</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes a condition object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteParameter</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Deletes a parameter for an extension condition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteConditionParameters</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the settings for a conditional statement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteConditions</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the conditional statements under a condition group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Move</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Moves a condition or a condition group within a condition tree.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>For extension conditions: Gets or sets the part of the name of the DLL entry points. For other condition types: Gets the name of the condition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the source of the condition. For extension conditions, the value of this property is set to the name of the DLL file. For the other types of built-in conditions, the value of this property is read-only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Read-only</td>
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Table 13-35 • ISWiSuiteCondition Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Read-only Integer Property</td>
<td>Gets the type of condition, condition group, or condition check. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• esctAll (0)—An All condition group operates like a logical AND operation. All of the conditions that are in the All group must evaluate to true in order for the condition group to evaluate to true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• esctAny (1)—An Any condition group operates like a logical OR operation. If any of the conditions that are in the Any group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to true. If none of the conditions that are in the Any group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to false.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• esctNone (2)—A None condition group operates like a logical NOR operation. If none of the conditions that are in the None group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to true. If any of the conditions that are in the None condition group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to false. Note that if the None condition group consists of only one conditional statement, it operates like a logical NOT operation.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• esctBuiltin (11)—A built-in condition check has one or more subsettings. Examples of the built-in condition checks are Platform, File Exists, Eligible Package, and Feature Operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• esctExtension (21)—An extension condition uses a C/C++ DLL that you created to implement your own custom condition that checks target systems for factors that the other types of condition checks do not evaluate.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To identify group conditions, use the following:
```
pCondition.Type < 10
```
AddCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

- **Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
  - Advanced UI
  - Suite/Advanced UI

- **Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

  The AddCondition method adds a condition to a condition group.

  To add an extension condition to a condition group, use the AddExtensionCondition method.

**Syntax**

AddCondition (ConditionCheckName As String) As ISWiSuiteCondition
## Parameters

### Table 13-36 • AddCondition Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ConditionCheckName</td>
<td>Specify the name of the type of condition check. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Platform</strong>—Check target systems for one or more characteristics such as the operating system version, the architecture, and other platform details on target systems. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Platform Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>FileExists</strong>—Check target systems for the presence of a particular file. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see File Exists Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>FileVersion</strong>—Check target systems for specific information—date, version number, or content—for a particular file. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see File Comparison Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>RegistryExists</strong>—Check target systems for the presence of a particular registry key, and optionally a specific value name. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Registry Exists Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>RegistryValue</strong>—Check target systems for specific information—DWORD, QWORD, string, multistring, file version, or product version—for a particular registry entry. If you do not specify a value name, the default value for the key that you specify is used for the comparison. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Registry Comparison Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>PropertyValue</strong>—Check the value of a particular built-in Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property, or a property that is defined in the Property Manager view. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Property Comparison Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>MsiInstalled</strong>—Check target systems for the presence of a product that was installed by a particular .msi package. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see MSI Package Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>MsiRelated</strong>—Check target systems for the presence of a version of a product that you want to update, or for the presence of future versions of a product that you do not want to downgrade. In either case, the product whose presence is being checked is installed by an .msi package. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see MSI Upgrade Condition Settings.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Applies To

- ISWiSuiteCondition

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Table 13-36 • AddCondition Method Parameters (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| ConditionCheckName (cont.) | • ParcelRef—Check whether a different package or a feature in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is eligible for installation on a target system. For example, if a patch package is eligible for installation only if the base package is eligible for installation, you can create an Eligible Package condition to tie the patch’s eligibility to the base package’s eligibility. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Eligible Package Condition Setting.  
  • IspInstalled—Check target systems for the presence of a product that was installed by a particular InstallScript package. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see InstallScript Package Condition Settings.  
  • Locale—Match one or more locale-related settings on target systems. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Locale Condition Settings.  
  • SuiteInstalled—Check whether a particular version of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is already installed on a target system. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Suite Installed Condition Settings.  
  • AppxInstalled—Check target systems for the presence of a particular Windows App. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Windows App Package Condition Settings.  
  • ParcelAction—Check the target state of a particular package in the Suite/Advanced UI installation. This type of condition is available only for actions that are associated with an event in the Events view or Packages view. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Package Operation Condition Settings.  
  • FeatureAction—Check the target state of a particular feature in the Suite/Advanced UI installation. This type of condition is available only for actions that are associated with an event in the Events view or Packages view. For descriptions of each of the settings that are displayed for this type of condition check, see Feature Operation Condition Settings. |

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Project • The ParcelAction and FeatureAction type of conditions are available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.
AddExtensionCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddExtensionCondition method adds an extension condition to a condition group.

Syntax

AddExtensionCondition (ConditionCheckName As String, Resource as String) As ISWiSuiteCondition

Parameters

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ConditionCheckName</td>
<td>Specify the name of the condition; this is part of the name of the DLL entry points.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resource</td>
<td>Specify the name of the DLL file. For the other types of built-in conditions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSuiteCondition

See Also

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
AddGroup Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddGroup method adds an All, Any, or None operator to a setting for a condition group.

Syntax
AddGroup (GroupType As ISWiSuiteConditionType) As ISWiSuiteCondition

Parameters

Table 13-38 • AddGroup Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>GroupType</td>
<td>Specify the operator that you are adding to a setting for a condition group. Available options are:</td>
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<tr>
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<td>- esctAll (0)—An All condition group operates like a logical AND operation. All of the conditions that are in the All group must evaluate to true in order for the condition group to evaluate to true.</td>
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<td>- esctAny (1)—An Any condition group operates like a logical OR operation. If any of the conditions that are in the Any group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to true. If none of the conditions that are in the Any group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to false.</td>
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<td>- esctNone (2)—A None condition group operates like a logical NOR operation. If none of the conditions that are in the None group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to true. If any of the conditions that are in the None condition group evaluate to true, the entire condition group evaluates to false. Note that if the None condition group consists of only one conditional statement, it operates like a logical NOT operation.</td>
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</table>

Applies To
- ISWiSuiteCondition
**See Also**
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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### AddParameter Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI**

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

The AddParameter method adds a parameter for an extension condition to a conditional statement.

**Syntax**

```
AddParameter (Name As String) As ISWiSuiteConditionParameter
```

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the parameter that you are adding for an extension condition.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteCondition

**See Also**

- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

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### ChangeGroupType Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

**InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI**

**Project** • *This information applies to the following project types:*

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• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ChangeGroupType method changes the All, Any, or None operator in a condition group.

Syntax

ChangeGroupType (GroupType As ISWiSuiteConditionType)

Parameters

Table 13-40 • ChangeGroupType Method Parameters

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>GroupType</td>
<td>Specify the operator that you want to use for a condition group. Available options are:</td>
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<td>• esctAll (0)—An All condition group operates like a logical AND operation. All of the conditions that are in the All group must evaluate to true in order for the condition group to evaluate to true.</td>
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</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteCondition

See Also

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
DeleteCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteCondition method removes a condition object (a built-in condition, an extension condition, or a condition group).

Syntax

DeleteCondition (pCondition As ISWiSuiteCondition)

Parameters

Table 13-41 • DeleteCondition Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pCondition</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteCondition object for the condition that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSuiteCondition

See Also

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

DeleteParameter Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteParameter method removes a parameter for an extension condition from a conditional statement.

**Syntax**

DeleteParameter (pParam As ISWiSuiteConditionParameter)

**Parameters**

**Table 13-42 • DeleteParameter Method Parameters**

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pParam</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteConditionParameter object that you want to remove from the conditional statement for an extension condition.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteCondition

**See Also**

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

**Move Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

**Edition •** This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

The Move method moves a condition or a condition group within a condition tree.

**Syntax**

Move (Direction As ISWiDirection)
Parameters

Table 13-43 • Move Method Parameters

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Direction</td>
<td>Specify the direction in which you want to move a condition or a condition group within a condition tree. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• edUp (0)</td>
<td>Move the item up in the condition tree.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• edDown (1)</td>
<td>Move the item down in the condition tree.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• edLeft (2)</td>
<td>Move the item to the left in the condition tree.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• edRight (3)</td>
<td>Move the item to the right in the condition tree.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteCondition

See Also

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

ISWiSuiteConditionParameter Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteConditionParameter object represents a parameter for a condition check. It is the equivalent of the value that is configured in a condition subsetting for a conditional statement. You can retrieve a parameter value by specifying an item in the ISWiSuiteConditionParameters collection.

The ISWiSuiteConditionParameters collection contains all of the available parameters for built-in conditions. To add or remove parameters for an extension condition, call ISWiSuiteCondition.AddParameter or ISWiSuiteCondition.DeleteParameter.
Members

Table 13-44 • ISWiSuiteConditionParameter Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Content</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The only time that it is appropriate to customize the Name property is when you are configuring an extension condition in your project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSuiteCondition

See Also

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

ISWiSuiteDFLFilter Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteDFLFilter object represents a filter for a dynamic link that includes additional files that a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project requires.
Members

Table 13-45 • ISWiSuiteDFLFilter Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CanMove</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Indicates whether a filter can move up or down in the filter criteria; the result is returned as a Boolean value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteDFLFilters</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the filters that are associated with a dynamic link for the additional files that a package requires.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MoveDown</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Moves a filter down below the filter that follows it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MoveUp</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Moves a filter up above its preceding filter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Pattern      | Read-Write String Property | Specify the name of the dynamic folder whose files you want to include or exclude in your dynamic link, or specify the name of a dynamic file that you want to include in your dynamic link. To include all .htm files, you could enter *.htm in an Include File setting. To refer to the root folder (the one that contains the package file) in a path, use a dot and a backslash: .\
For example, to refer to a ReadMe.txt file in a subfolder called MyDirectory, where MyDirectory is a subfolder of the folder that contains the package, you could use the following filter: .\MyDirectory\ReadMe.txt
For more information, including background on how InstallShield determines which files and folders to include in and exclude from the release, see Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project. |

Applies To

- ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink

CanMove Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The CanMove method indicates whether a filter can move up or down in the filter criteria; the result is returned as a Boolean value.

Syntax

CanMove (Direction As ISWiDirection)

Parameters

Table 13-46 • CanMove Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Direction</td>
<td>Specify one of the following ISWiDirection values to check whether it is possible to move the filter in this direction within the list of filter criteria:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- edUp (0)—Verify whether it is possible to move the filter higher in the list of filter criteria.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- edDown (1)—Verify whether it is possible to move the filter lower in the list of filter criteria.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteDFLFilter

See Also

Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

MoveDown Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
The MoveDown method moves a filter down below the filter that follows it.

**Syntax**

```
MoveDown()
```

**Applies To**

- `ISWiSuiteDFLFilter`

**See Also**

- Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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The MoveUp method moves a filter up above the filter that precedes it.

**Syntax**

```
MoveUp()
```

**Applies To**

- `ISWiSuiteDFLFilter`

**See Also**

- Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

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**ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

This information applies to the following project types:

- **Advanced UI**
- **Suite/Advanced UI**

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The MoveUp method moves a filter up above the filter that precedes it.

**Syntax**

```
MoveUp()
```

**Applies To**

- `ISWiSuiteDFLFilter`

**See Also**

- Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink object represents a dynamic link for the additional files that a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project requires.

To add or remove dynamic links, call AddDynamicFileLink or DeleteDynamicFileLink.

Members

Table 13-47 • ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddFilter</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a filter to a dynamic link for the additional files that a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project requires.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteFilter</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a filter from a dynamic link.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteDFLFilters</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the filters that are associated with a dynamic link for the additional files that a package requires.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the path to the source folder that contains the package that you want to include in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. It also is the source of dynamically included files for the package. Instead of hard-coding a location, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSuiteFolder

See Also

- Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

AddFilter Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)
• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddFilter method adds a filter to a dynamic link for the additional files that a package requires.

Syntax

AddFilter (FilterType As ISWiSuiteDFLFilterType) As ISWiSuiteDFLFilter

Parameters

Table 13-48 • AddFilter Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FilterType</td>
<td>Specify the type of filter that you want to add to a dynamic link. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esdfIncFolder (301)—Include folders that match the specified filter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esdfExcFolder (302)—Exclude folders that match the specified filter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esdfIncFile (303)—Include files that match the specified filter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esdfExcFile (304)—Exclude files that match the specified filter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink

See Also

Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

DeleteFilter Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteFilter method removes a filter from a dynamic link for the additional files that a package requires.

**Syntax**

DeleteFilter (Filter As ISWiSuiteDFLFilter)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Filter</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteDFLFilter object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink

**See Also**

- Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

**ISWiSuiteEvent Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

The ISWiSuiteEvent object represents a Suite/Advanced UI run-time event. Actions that are scheduled for a given event are executed at run time under certain conditions.
Members

Table 13-50 • ISWiSuiteEvent Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddSuiteActionRef</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Schedules a Suite/Advanced UI action during a run-time event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSuiteActionRef</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes an action from a run-time event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteActionRefs</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the Suite/Advanced UI actions that are scheduled for a specific event in a package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

See Also
Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action
Types of Events in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

AddSuiteActionRef Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddSuiteActionRef method schedules a Suite/Advanced UI action during a run-time event. You can schedule an action to run multiple times during an event if necessary.

Syntax

AddSuiteActionRef (Action As ISWiSuiteAction)
Parameters

Table 13-51 • AddSuiteActionRef Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Specify the action to schedule in this event.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteEvent

See Also

Scheduling a Suite/Advanced UI Action
Types of Events in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation

DeleteSuiteActionRef Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteSuiteActionRef method removes a Suite/Advanced UI action from a run-time event.

Syntax

DeleteSuiteActionRef (ActionRef As ISWiSuiteActionRef)

Parameters

Table 13-52 • DeleteSuiteActionRef Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ActionRef</td>
<td>Specify the action as an ISWiSuiteActionRef object that you want to delete from an event.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteEvent
ISWiSuiteExitCondition Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteExitCondition object represents an exit condition in the Suite/Advanced UI project.

To add or remove exit conditions, call ISWiProject.AddExitCondition or ISWiProject.DeleteExitCondition.

Members

Table 13-53 • ISWiSuiteExitCondition Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Message</td>
<td>Read-Write String</td>
<td>Gets or sets the error message that you want the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to display at run time if the conditions that are defined for this message are true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Read-only Object</td>
<td>This property accesses the ISWiSuiteCondition object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Gets the root-level condition group (Any, All, or Not) that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation evaluates at run time for the exit condition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Exit conditions always have a condition, so there is no need to add a condition.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

See Also

- Defining Exit Conditions for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
- Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
- Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
ISWiSuiteFeature Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteFeature object represents a root-level feature or a subfeature in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. You can retrieve a feature by specifying an item in the ISWiSuiteFeatures collection.
## Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddCondition</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a condition to a feature without a condition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSuiteSubFeature</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a subfeature to an existing feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AllowSelectionChange</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Allow UI Selection Change setting for the feature. This setting indicates whether end users should be allowed to select or deselect the feature on the InstallationFeatures wizard page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AttachPackage</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Associates a package in the project with a feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Read-only</td>
<td>This property accesses the ISWiSuiteCondition object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Object</td>
<td>Gets the feature’s condition, if one is associated with the feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets how much space (in bytes) that the feature requires on the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteCondition</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a condition from a feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteSubSuiteFeature</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a subfeature from a feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the description for this feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisplayName</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example

The following VBScript lines display information about a feature. Since feature can include subfeatures, the script is implemented recursively.

```vbnet
Sub WriteFeature(indent, f)
    out.WriteLine indent & f.DisplayName & " (" & f.Name & ")"
    out.WriteLine indent & "  Release Flags:" & f.ReleaseFlags
    If f.Visible Then out.WriteLine indent & "  Visible"
    If Not f.AllowSelectionChange Then out.WriteLine indent & "  Disabled"
```

Table 13-54 • ISWiSuiteFeature Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FollowParentState</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This property is available for subfeatures; it is not available for root-level features.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Follow Parent State setting for the subfeature. This setting indicates whether you want the subfeature’s state to be determined by its parent feature. Available values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• True—The selected subfeature will be installed whenever its parent feature is installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• False—If the selected subfeature’s parent feature is installed, the selected subfeature can be either installed or not installed. This is the default option. Note that if the selected subfeature’s parent feature is not installed, the selected subfeature cannot be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This setting is especially useful if you want the subfeature to be hidden on the InstallationFeatures wizard page, but its parent feature is not hidden.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteFeatures</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the subfeatures that are assigned to a feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuitePackages</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the packages that are associated with a feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the feature in the collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReleaseFlags</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release flags that are associated with this feature. Separate multiple flags with a comma. You can specify which release flags you want to use to filter the project’s features in the ReleaseFlags property of ISWiRelease.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RemovePackage</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a package from a feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visible</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the feature’s Visible setting, which specifies whether the feature will be visible on the InstallationFeatures wizard page during installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If f.FollowParentState Then out.WriteLine indent & "  Follow Parent"
If Not f.Condition Is Nothing Then
    out.WriteLine indent & "  Condition:
    WriteCondition indent & "  ", f.Condition
End If
out.WriteLine indent & "  Packages:
For Each p in f.Packages
    out.WriteLine indent & "    " & IDS(p.DisplayName)
Next
out.WriteLine indent & "  Child Features:
For Each sf in f.SubFeatures
    WriteFeature indent & "  ", (sf)
Next
End Sub

**Applies To**
- ISWiProject
- ISWiSuiteFeature

**AddCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see [Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects](#).

The AddCondition method adds a condition to a feature without a condition.

**Syntax**

AddCondition () As ISWiSuiteCondition

**Parameters**

The AddCondition method does not take any parameters.

**Applies To**
- ISWiSuiteFeature
See Also
Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

AddSuiteSubFeature Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 > Automation Interface > Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddSuiteSubFeature method adds a subfeature to an existing feature in the project.

Syntax

AddSuiteSubFeature (InternalName As String) As ISWiSuiteFeature

Parameters

Table 13-55 • AddSuiteSubFeature Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>InternalName</td>
<td>Specify the internal name (which is displayed in the Features pane of the Feature view) of the subfeature that you want to add to the existing feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteFeature

AttachPackage Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 > Automation Interface > Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AttachPackage method associates a package with a feature in the project.

**Syntax**

AttachPackage (Package As ISWiSuitePackage)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Package</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuitePackage object that you want to be associated with the feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteFeature

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The DeleteCondition method removes a condition from a feature.

**Syntax**

DeleteCondition ()

**Parameters**

The DeleteCondition method does not take any parameters.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteFeature
DeleteSuiteSubFeature Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteSuiteSubFeature method removes a subfeature from a feature in the project.

Syntax

DeleteSuiteSubFeature (SubFeature As ISWiSuiteFeature)

Parameters

Table 13-57 • DeleteSuiteSubFeature Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SubFeature</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteFeature object that you want to remove from the feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteFeature

RemovePackage Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The RemovePackage method removes a package from a feature in the project.

**Syntax**

RemovePackage (Package As ISWiSuitePackage)

**Parameters**

**Table 13-58 • RemovePackage Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Package</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuitePackage object that you want to remove from the feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteFeature

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**ISWiSuiteFile Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

The ISWiSuiteFile object represents a file in a package of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project. You can change the file or its source path. The file’s other properties are read-only.
Members

Table 13-59 • ISWiSuiteFile Object Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FullPath</td>
<td>Read-Only String Property</td>
<td>Gets the full path of the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LinkPath</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the source path to the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Instead of hard-coding a path, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view or part of the ISWiPathVariables collection. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modified</td>
<td>Read-Only String Property</td>
<td>Gets the last-modified date of the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the file in the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Size</td>
<td>Read-only Integer Property</td>
<td>Gets the size of the file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>Read-Only String Property</td>
<td>Gets the version number of the file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSuiteFolder

ISWiSuiteFolder Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
**Edition** • *The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.*

The ISWiSuiteFolder object represents a folder of files in a package of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

### Members

**Table 13-60 • ISWiSuiteFolder Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddDynamicFileLink</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a dynamic link for the additional files that a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project requires.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a file to a folder in the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddFolder</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Adds a subfolder to a folder in the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteDynamicFileLink</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a dynamic link for the additional files that a package requires.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteFile</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a file from a folder in the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeleteFolder</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Removes a subfolder from a folder in the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLinks</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains every dynamic file link in a folder in a package of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteFiles</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the files in a folder of a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteFiles</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the files in the folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteFolders</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>Contains all of the subfolders in the current folder.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the folder in the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the folder in the package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Applies To

- ISWiSuitePackage
AddDynamicFileLink Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddDynamicFileLink method adds a dynamic link for the additional files that a package requires.

**Syntax**

AddDynamicFileLink (SourceFolder As String)

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SourceFolder</td>
<td>Specify the path to the source folder of dynamically included files for the package. Instead of hard-coding a location, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteFolder

**See Also**

- Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

AddFile Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddFile method adds a file to a folder in a package of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

**Syntax**

AddFile (Name As String) As ISWiSuiteFile

**Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the file that you want to add to a folder in a package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteFolder

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The AddFolder method adds a subfolder to a folder in a package of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

**Syntax**

AddFolder (Name As String) As ISWiSuiteFolder
Parameters

Table 13-63 • AddFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Specify the name of the subfolder that you want to add to a folder in a package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSuiteFolder

DeleteDynamicFileLink Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteDynamicFileLink method removes a dynamic link for the additional files that a package requires.

Syntax

DeleteDynamicFileLink (DynamicFileLink As ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink)

Parameters

Table 13-64 • DeleteDynamicFolderLink Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DynamicFileLink</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSuiteFolder

See Also

Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
DeleteFile Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see *Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects*.

The DeleteFile method removes a file from a folder in a package of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

**Syntax**

DeleteFile (File as ISWiSuiteFile)

**Parameters**

Table 13-65 • DeleteFile Method Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>File</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteFile object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteFolder

DeleteFolder Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:
- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see *Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects*.

The DeleteFolder method removes a subfolder from a folder in a package of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.
**Syntax**

DeleteFolder (Name As ISWiSuiteFolder)

**Parameters**

**Table 13-66 • DeleteFolder Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteFolder object that you want to remove.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteFolder

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**ISWiSuiteOperation Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSuiteOperation object represents an operation on a package.

Note that some ISWiSuiteOperation items are not applicable to all types of Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package files.
## Members

**Table 13-67 • ISWiSuiteOperation Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CmdLine</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>If applicable, gets or sets the command line that should be used to launch the target file whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running with a user interface. Do not include the name of the file in this property. The value of this property can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. For more information, including valid types of entries for this property, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Support varies</td>
<td>Gets or sets a value to indicate whether an operation for a package is enabled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ExitBehavior

The ExitBehavior property indicates the behavior that should occur if one or more of the detection conditions still indicate that the package needs to be launched. Available options are:

- `epseDetectPrompt (0)` — Ask whether to continue the setup.
  The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays a message box that prompts the end user to specify whether the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should continue.
- `epseDetectAbort (1)` — Abort the setup.
  The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation ends without proceeding further.
- `epseDetectIgnore (2)` — Continue the setup.
  The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation essentially ignores the executable file’s unmet condition and proceeds to the next package in the installation (if one is required).

ForceApplicationShutdow

If the selected sideloading app package (or any package that depends on this package) is in use at installation run time, you can require that the processes that are associated with the package are forced to shut down so that registration can proceed. Use this property to indicate whether you want to force application shutdown in that scenario.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| ExitBehavior       | Read-Write | .exe                 | If a detection condition is still not met on a target system after the package has been run, either one of the following may be true:  
  - The executable file package was not run successfully.  
  - The detection conditions that were specified for the package were not accurate.  
  For example, a detection condition may indicate that the executable file needs to be launched if a particular file does not exist on the target system. If the file is still missing even after the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation has run the executable file package, it is possible that the condition was created erroneously.  
  The ExitBehavior property indicates the behavior that should occur if one or more of the detection conditions still indicate that the package needs to be launched. Available options are:  
  - `epseDetectPrompt (0)` — Ask whether to continue the setup.  
    The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays a message box that prompts the end user to specify whether the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should continue.  
  - `epseDetectAbort (1)` — Abort the setup.  
    The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation ends without proceeding further.  
  - `epseDetectIgnore (2)` — Continue the setup.  
    The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation essentially ignores the executable file’s unmet condition and proceeds to the next package in the installation (if one is required). |
| ForceApplicationShutdow | Read-Write | .appx                | If the selected sideloading app package (or any package that depends on this package) is in use at installation run time, you can require that the processes that are associated with the package are forced to shut down so that registration can proceed. Use this property to indicate whether you want to force application shutdown in that scenario. |
If the selected package requires that the target system be restarted after the product is installed, this property gets or sets one or more return codes. If multiple return codes exist, each one separated by a comma.

For more information on Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages that require a restart, see Restarting a Target System for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Package.

The RebootRequest property indicates the behavior that should occur if the package requires that a target system be restarted. Available options are:

- **epsrDetectExit (1)**—Allow the machine to reboot.
- **epsrDetectReboot (2)**—Prompt, then exit or reboot the machine.
- **epsrDetectIgnore (4)**—Ignore the reboot request.
- **epsrAlwaysRebootPrompt (8)**—Always prompt, then exit or reboot the machine.
- **epsrAlwaysRebootSilent (16)**—Always reboot the machine.
- **epsrDetectDelay (32)**—Delay the prompt, then exit or reboot the machine.
**Table 13-67 • ISWtSuiteOperation Object Members (cont.)**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Silent</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>If applicable, gets or sets the command line that should be used to launch the target file whenever the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running silently (that is, without a user interface). Do not include the name of the file in this property. The value of this property can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time. For more information, including valid types of entries for this property, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Support varies</td>
<td>Gets or sets the file in the package that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should invoke. This property is available in the following scenarios:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• When the Type property is esotInstall (1) and the type of package file is .msi, .msp, .exe, and InstallScript packages</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• When the Type property is esotRemove (2), esotRepair (3), or esotModify (4), and the type of package file is .exe packages</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Applies To

- **ISWiSuitePackage**

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### ISWiSuitePackage Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

*InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI*

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- **Advanced UI**
- **Suite/Advanced UI**

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see *Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects*.  

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Read-only String Property</td>
<td>Support varies</td>
<td>Gets the type of operation. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>esotInstall (1)</strong> — The package is launched as a first-time installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This operation is available for the following types of package files: .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>esotRemove (2)</strong> — The product that the package installed is removed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This operation is available for the following types of package files: .msi, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>esotRepair (3)</strong> — The product that the package installed is repaired.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This operation is available for the following types of package files: .msi, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>esotModify (4)</strong> — The package is launched in maintenance mode to enable end users to install, remove, or modify the product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This operation is available for the following types of package files: .msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The ISWiSuitePackage object represents a package or a Windows Installer transaction that is included in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

To add or remove packages and transactions, call ISWiProject.AddSuitePackage or ISWiProject.DeleteSuitePackage.

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**Important** • Note that some ISWiSuitePackage items are not applicable to all types of Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package files. Use the PackageType property to determine the package type. If one of the other ISWiSuitePackage properties returns an empty value, that property is not applicable to that package type.

Also note that the Advanced UI project type, which is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield, does not have support for most of the types of package files; the only ones that it does support are .msi, msp, and InstallScript packages.
### Members

**Table 13-68 • ISWiSuitePackage Object Members**

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AddDetectCondition</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Adds a detection condition to a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddEligibleCondition</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Adds an eligibility condition to a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AddSuitePackage</td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>.msi, .msp</td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • <em>This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Edition</strong> • <em>The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Adds an .msi or .msp package to a Windows Installer transaction.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
CachePath
Read-Write String Property
Gets or sets where the cached package and other package files should be stored on the end user’s system. You can enter a hard-coded value such as C:\CachedFiles, but it is recommended that you use a destination property for the path. The default value is as follows:

\[\text{LocalAppDataFolder}\text{\textbackslash}\text{Downloaded Installations}\]

The Setup.exe tab in the Releases view lets you specify whether you want to cache the packages on target systems for any packages that are run on target systems and that have a cache path defined. If you are building an uncompressed release, you may want to avoid caching packages on the target system.

The value of this property can include one or more formatted expressions that contain property names, environment variable references, and other special strings; at run time, the installation expands the values of these expressions. To learn about the syntax that is available for these expressions, see Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time.

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CerFile
Read-Write String Property
Gets or sets the .cer file that you are using in your sideloading package.

The versions of Windows that support Windows App packages do not install a sideloading Windows App package unless they trust the source of the package. If you are using a custom certificate, such as the one that is generated in Visual Studio, the Suite/Advanced UI installation can make Windows trust the source of your package by adding the custom certificate to the certificate store of target systems.

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**Table 13-68 • ISWiSuitePackage Object Members (cont.)**

<table>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>CachePath</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
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<tr>
<td>CerFile</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>.appx</td>
<td>Gets or sets the .cer file that you are using in your sideloading package.</td>
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**Project** • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.

**Edition** • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.
## Table 13-68 • ISWiSuitePackage Object Members (cont.)

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<td><strong>DeleteCondition</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Removes a detection or eligibility condition from a package.</td>
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<td><strong>DetectCondition</strong></td>
<td>Read-only Object Property</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>This property accesses the ISWiSuiteCondition object. Gets or sets the conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the package is already installed on target systems.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>DisplayName</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Gets or sets the name that is displayed for the package at run time.</td>
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</table>
| **DynamicParcelProduct Config** | Read-Write String Property | Basic MSI project | **Project** • *This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.*

**Edition** • *The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.*

Gets or sets the path to the product configuration that contains the release in the InstallShield project that you want to associate with the selected package.
### ISWiSuitePackage Object Members (cont.)

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<td>DynamicParcelRelease</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Project • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects. Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. Gets or sets the release in the InstallShield project that you want to associate with the selected package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DynamicParcelSourcePath</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Project • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects. Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. Gets or sets the source path of the Basic MSI or InstallScript project (.ism) that you are including in the Suite/Advanced UI project.</td>
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<td>Elevate</td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean Property</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Require Elevated Privileges setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates whether the package requires elevation on Windows Vista and later and Windows Server 2008 and later systems.</td>
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<tr>
<td>EligibleCondition</td>
<td>Read-only Object Property</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>This property accesses the ISWiSuiteCondition object. Gets or sets the conditions that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to determine whether the target system meets the requirements that are necessary for the package to be run.</td>
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IsPrimary

**Boolean Property**

- **.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project**

- **Project** - In Suite/Advanced UI projects, this property is available for edit. In Advanced UI projects, this setting is read-only, since an Advanced UI project has support for only one primary package.

- **Edition** - The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

- **Description**

  Gets or sets the Package Type setting for a package in the Packages view. This setting identifies whether the presence of this package on the target system should influence whether the Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in first-time-installation mode or maintenance mode.

  Available options for this property are:

  - **True** — The selected package is a primary package; that is, a main part of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

    At run time, if all of the primary packages in the installation are absent from the target system, the installation runs as a first-time installation. If any of the primary packages are present on the target system, the installation runs in maintenance mode.

  - **False** — The selected package is a dependency package; that is, it should not be a factor in determining which mode is used to run the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

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<td>ISWiSuiteActionRefs</td>
<td>Collection</td>
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<td>ISWiSuiteEvents</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Project: This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.</td>
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<td>Edition: The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.</td>
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<td>Contains all of the events that are associated with a package in a project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISWiSuiteFolders</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Contains every folder in a package of your project.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISWiSuitePackages</td>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>transaction</td>
<td>Contains every package (as an ISWiSuitePackage object) in a Windows Installer transaction.</td>
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<td>LoggingCmdLine</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>.exe, InstallScript, InstallScript project</td>
<td>This property is available if the value of the LoggingEnable property is True. Gets or sets the value of the Logging Command Line setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates the command line that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should pass to the .exe package to enable the logging. Include any appropriate supported flags. If the .exe package that you are configuring supports it, include a path that references the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property ISLogDir, enclosed within square brackets, in place of the path to the directory where the log file should be created. For example, to generate a log file that logs everything verbosely for an .msi package that is run by a Setup.exe file that InstallShield built, enter the following command line: <code>/v&quot;/1*v \&quot;[ISLogDir]\FileName.log\&quot;&quot;</code> The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation replaces [ISLogDir] with the path to the folder that will contain the log file. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI /log command-line parameter lets end users specify the path to the directory for the package log files. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>LoggingEnable</td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean Property</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Enable Logging Support setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates whether you want the package to generate a log file if the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is launched from the command line with the /log command-line parameter. Note that if a package does not have support for logging, it is recommended that you do not enable logging support for that package. If you select Yes, configure the other logging-related properties as needed. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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| **LoggingMsiLogFile** | Read-Write String Property | .msi, .msp, Basic MSI project | This property is available if the value of the LoggingEnable property is True.  
Gets or sets the value of the Logging Command Line setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates a name for the log file. Do not include a path for the file; the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI /log command-line parameter lets end users specify the directory for the package log files.  
If you leave this setting blank, the name of the log file that the installation creates is PackageGUID.log, where PackageGUID is the GUID that is assigned to the package in the Package GUID setting in the Packages view.  
For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation. |
| **LoggingMsiLogOptions** | Read-Write String Property | .msi, .msp, Basic MSI project | This property is available if the value of the LoggingEnable property is True.  
Gets or sets the value of the Log Options setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates the Windows Installer log /L flags that you want the package to use when generating the log file. For example, to generate a log file that logs everything verbosely, enter the following in this setting:  
   
   *v  
   
   For additional valid flags, see the /L description.  
If you leave this setting blank, the asterisk (*) and v flags are used to generate the log file.  
For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation. |
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<td><strong>MoveDown</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project, transaction</td>
<td>If your project has more than one package or transaction, the Packages view lists them in the same order in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches them at run time. The MoveDown method moves a package or transaction down in the ordered list, below the item that follows it.</td>
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<td><strong>MoveUp</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project, transaction</td>
<td>If your project has more than one package or transaction, the Packages view lists them in the same order in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches them at run time. The MoveUp method moves a package or transaction up in the ordered list, above the item that precedes it.</td>
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<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Gets or sets the internal name of the package.</td>
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This property accesses the ISWiSuiteOperation object.

**Operation**

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<td>Operation</td>
<td>Read-only Object Property</td>
<td>Support varies</td>
<td>This property accesses the ISWiSuiteOperation object. Gets the operation of the specified type. Available options are:</td>
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|           |                     |                      | • **esotInstall (1)**—The package is launched as a first-time installation.  
This operation is available for the following types of package files: .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project.  
• **esotRemove (2)**—The product that the package installed is removed.  
This operation is available for the following types of package files: .msi, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project.  
• **esotRepair (3)**—The product that the package installed is repaired.  
This operation is available for the following types of package files: .msi, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project.  
• **esotModify (4)**—The package is launched in maintenance mode to enable end users to install, remove, or modify the product.  
This operation is available for the following types of package files: .msi, .msp, .exe, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, and InstallScript project. |
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<td>PackageLocation</td>
<td>Read-Write String</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe;</td>
<td>This property accesses the ISWiPackageLoc object.</td>
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<td>Property</td>
<td>.appx, InstallScript,</td>
<td>Gets or sets where the package is configured to be located. Available options are:</td>
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<td>Web Deploy, Basic MSI</td>
<td>• <strong>eplSourceMedia</strong> (0)—Copy from source media. That is, store the package and its files on the source media.</td>
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<td>Install project</td>
<td>If the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation will be run uncompressed from fixed media—such as CD, DVD, or local network—use this option.</td>
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<td>• <strong>eplSetupExe</strong> (1)—Extract from Setup.exe. That is, compress the package and its files into Setup.exe, to be extracted at run time, if necessary.</td>
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<td>If the entire Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation must be self-contained in Setup.exe, use this option. Note that the Web option results in smaller installations and shorter download time; however, the Setup.exe option provides for a completely self-contained installation.</td>
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<td>• <strong>eplWeb</strong> (2)—Download from the Web. That is, download the package and its files (if necessary) from the URL that is specified for the package.</td>
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<td>This option is recommended if your installation will be downloaded from the Internet and you want to minimize the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package size and download time. An Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI package is not downloaded if the correct version is already present on the target system.</td>
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<td>Note that you can override this property for all packages when you are configuring a release.</td>
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<td>PackageType</td>
<td>Read-only</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Gets the type of package in the project:</td>
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<td>String Property</td>
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<td>• esptTransaction (-1)—Windows Installer transaction</td>
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<td>• esptMsi (1)—Windows Installer package (.msi)</td>
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<td>• esptAppx (7)—Sideloading app package (.appx)</td>
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<td>• esptWebDeploy (8)—Web Deploy package (.zip)</td>
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<td>PackageURL</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Gets or sets the URL for the root folder that will contain the selected package and its folders and files. The package and any accompanying files are downloaded from this location to target systems at run time if the package needs to be launched. This property is applicable if the value of the PackageLocation property is eplWeb (2).</td>
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| ParcelType  | Read-Write String Property | .msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project | In Suite/Advanced UI projects, this property is available for edit. In Advanced UI projects, this property is read-only, since an Advanced UI project has support for only one primary package. Gets the type of package that identifies whether the presence of this package on the target system should influence whether the Suite/Advanced UI installation runs in first-time-installation mode or maintenance mode. Available options for this setting are:

- **esplitPrimary (0)** — The selected package is a main part of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. At run time, if all of the primary packages in the installation are absent from the target system, the installation runs as a first-time installation. If any of the primary packages are present on the target system, the installation runs in maintenance mode.

- **esplitDependency (1)** — The selected package should not be a factor in determining which mode is used to run the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.

For more information, see Primary Packages vs. Dependency Packages in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects. |
ProgressCapture
String Property
.msi, .msp, Basic MSI project

Gets or sets the value of the Status Messages Reporting setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates what sort of status messages are available for displaying in the user interface of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. Available options are:

- `epsptCaptureFull (3)`—Action text. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s status messages include the action text from the standard actions and custom actions in the package.

- `epsptCaptureFullVerbose (4)`—Action text and action data. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s status messages include the action text as well as action data from the standard actions and custom actions in the package.

At run time, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation updates the ISParcelStatus property with the action text and, if applicable, the action data in the ISParcelStatus property, which is displayed on the InstallationProgress wizard page of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation by default.

For example, when the InstallFiles action in an .msi package is executing, the ISParcelStatus property is updated with the action text “Copying new files” to inform end users about the current progress of the installation. If you choose to include action data in the status messages, the ISParcelStatus property may also be updated with action data such as the name, directory, and size of each file as it is being installed on the target system.

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<td>ProgressCapture</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, Basic MSI project</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Status Messages Reporting setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates what sort of status messages are available for displaying in the user interface of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. Available options are:</td>
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<td>ReleaseFlags</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release flags that are assigned to the package. Separate multiple flags with a comma. You can use release flags to selectively include and exclude this package from different builds of your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
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<td><strong>RootFolder</strong></td>
<td>Read-only Object</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript</td>
<td>This property accesses the ISWiSuiteFolder object. Gets the root folder that contains the package and</td>
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<td>Property</td>
<td>project</td>
<td>its folders and files.</td>
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<td><strong>SharedParckage</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value for the Shared setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates whether the</td>
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<td>Property</td>
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<td>package is shared with other products and should be removed only if no other products that are left</td>
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<td>behind are using this package.</td>
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<td>UpgradeType</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>.msi, Basic MSI</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the Minor Upgrade Handling setting in the Packages view. This setting indicates the behavior that should occur when an earlier version of the package is present on the target system. Available options are:</td>
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- **epsutNone (0)**—None. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches the package without running it in minor upgrade mode. That is, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation does not set the REINSTALL or REINSTALLMODE properties for the package.

- **epsutAuto (1)**—Automatic. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches the package in upgrade mode by setting the REINSTALL property to ALL and the REINSTALLMODE property to vomus. It does not inform the end user that the product will be upgraded.

- **epsutPrompt (2)**—Ask the user. The Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation displays a secondary window that asks the end user whether they want to continue. If the end user chooses to continue, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches the package in upgrade mode. If the end user chooses to not continue, the package does not run.
The following VBScript lines demonstrate how to display information about a package in a project. Windows Installer transactions can contain multiple packages, so the script is implemented recursively.

Sub WritePackage(indent, p)
    If p.PackageType = -1 Then ' Transaction
        out.WriteLine indent & "Transaction:
        For Each sp In p.ISWiSuitePackages
            WritePackage indent & "  ", sp
        Next
    Else
        out.WriteLine indent & IDS(p.DisplayName) & " (" & p.Name & ")"
        out.WriteLine indent & "Type: " & p.PackageType
        out.WriteLine indent & "Description: " & p.Description
        out.WriteLine indent & "Shared: " & p.SharedPackage
        out.WriteLine indent & "Release Flags: " & p.ReleaseFlags
        out.WriteLine indent & "Files:
        WriteFolder indent & "  ", p.RootFolder
    End If
End Sub

Example

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Sub WritePackage(indent, p)
    If p.PackageType = -1 Then ' Transaction
        out.WriteLine indent & "Transaction:
        For Each sp In p.ISWiSuitePackages
            WritePackage indent & "  ", sp
        Next
    Else
        out.WriteLine indent & IDS(p.DisplayName) & " (" & p.Name & ")"
        out.WriteLine indent & "Type: " & p.PackageType
        out.WriteLine indent & "Description: " & p.Description
        out.WriteLine indent & "Shared: " & p.SharedPackage
        out.WriteLine indent & "Release Flags: " & p.ReleaseFlags
        out.WriteLine indent & "Files:
        WriteFolder indent & "  ", p.RootFolder
    End If
End Sub

Table 13-68 • ISWiSuitePackage Object Members (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Type of Package File</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WindowsFeatures</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>.msi, .msp, .exe, .appx, InstallScript, Web Deploy, Basic MSI project, InstallScript project</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Project • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Gets or sets a semicolon-delimited list of one or more Windows roles and features that the selected package requires be enabled on target systems that have Windows Vista or later or Windows Server 2008 or later.

The names of the roles and features should be the string that tools such as Deployment Image Servicing and Management (DISM.exe) and Package Manager (Pkgmgr.exe) use to identify the role or feature on a particular version of Windows. For a list of available Windows roles and features on each version of Windows for which you are supporting, see Microsoft TechNet.

At run time, if this package is eligible to be installed and it requires one or more Windows roles and features that are disabled, the Suite/Advanced UI installation enables them before launching the package.

For more information, see Enabling Windows Roles and Features During a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.
Applies To

- ISWiProject

AddDetectCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddDetectCondition method adds a detection condition to a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

The detection condition is a condition that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to evaluate whether the package is already installed on target systems. If this does not change from false to true (or from true to false) at run time, the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation assumes that the package failed to install (or remove) its payload. In addition, subsequent maintenance and remove operations (or subsequent maintenance and install operations) may not behave as expected.

**Syntax**

AddDetectCondition () As ISWiSuiteCondition

**Parameters**

The AddDetectCondition method does not take any parameters.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuitePackage

**See Also**

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation
AddEligibleCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddEligibleConditionPackage method adds an eligibility condition to a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

The eligibility condition is a condition that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should use to determine whether the target system meets the requirements that are necessary for the package to be run. For example, if the package should be run only on 64-bit systems, you could set up an x64 platform requirement in a condition; the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation would launch the package only on 64-bit systems. You may also want to set up an eligibility condition to prevent end users from being able to install the current package version over a future newer version.

**Syntax**

AddEligibleCondition () As ISWiSuiteCondition

**Parameters**

The AddEligibleConditionPackage method does not take any parameters.

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuitePackage

**See Also**

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

AddSuitePackage Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.
The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The AddSuitePackage method adds a package (an .msi package or an .msp patch) to a Windows Installer transaction in the project. It also adds the specified target file and options for adding additional files. Using this method is similar to adding a package to a transaction in the Packages view in InstallShield. You can set the properties of the new package with the ISWiSuitePackage object.

To add other types of packages to the project, see AddSuitePackage Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI).

### Syntax

AddSuitePackage (PackageType As ISWiSuitePackageType, TargetFileName As String, AdditionalFiles As ISWiAdditionalFiles) As ISWiSuitePackage

### Parameters

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>PackageType</td>
<td>Specify the type of package that you are adding to the transaction. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esptMsi (1)—Windows Installer package (.msi)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• esptMsp (2)—Windows Installer patch (.msp)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TargetFileName</td>
<td>Specify the file in the package (such as the .msi file) that the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation should invoke.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AdditionalFiles</td>
<td>Specify the type of additional files that you want to add for the package. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• eaftNothing (0)—Add nothing. This package does not need any additional files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• eaftAdjacentFiles (1)—Add adjacent files; that is, add the files next to this package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• eaftSubFolders (2)—Add files in subfolders; that is, add the files below this package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• eaftAdjacentFilesAndSubFolders (3)—Add adjacent files and files in subfolders; that is, add the files next to and below this package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Applies To

- ISWiSuitePackage
DeleteCondition Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The DeleteCondition method removes a detection or eligibility condition from a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

**Syntax**

DeleteCondition (pCondition As ISWiSuiteCondition)

**Parameters**

**Table 13-70 • DeleteCondition Method Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pCondition</td>
<td>Specify the ISWiSuiteCondition object for the condition that you want to remove. The ISWiSuiteCondition object that you specify should be the condition object that is returned from the package’s EligibleCondition property or its DetectionCondition property.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuitePackage

**See Also**

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

MoveDown Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

If your project has more than one package or transaction, the Packages view lists them in the same order in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches them at run time. The MoveDown method moves a package or transaction down in the ordered list, below the item that follows it.

Syntax
MoveDown()  

Parameters
The MoveDown method does not take any parameters.

Applies To
• ISWiSuitePackage

MoveUp Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)
Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

If your project has more than one package or transaction, the Packages view lists them in the same order in which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation launches them at run time. The MoveUp method moves a package or transaction up in the ordered list, above the item that precedes it.

Syntax
MoveUp()  

Parameters
The MoveUp method does not take any parameters.

Applies To
• ISWiSuitePackage
ISWiSuiteRelease Object (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

*Note that some edition- and project-specific differences are noted where applicable.*

The ISWiSuiteRelease object represents a release in the Releases view of InstallShield.

To add or remove releases, call ISWiProject.AddSuiteRelease or ISWiProject.DeleteSuiteRelease.
## Members

**Table 13-71 • ISWiSuiteRelease Object Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Build</strong></td>
<td>Method</td>
<td>Build a release. Note that to get any feedback about the build process, you must subscribe to events on the release. To learn more, see Using Build Status Events.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>BuildLocation</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the top-level directory where the release will be built.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CachePackagesLocally</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Cache Packages Locally setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view. This setting lets you specify whether you want to cache the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI packages that are run on a target system in the location that is defined for each package in the Packages view. The default value is True. If you are building an uncompressed release, you may want to specify No for the value of this setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CertPassword</strong></td>
<td>Write-only</td>
<td>Sets the password for the .pfx file if the file has a password. InstallShield encrypts the password and stores it in your project file (.ism). At build time, InstallShield uses the password to sign files with a .pfx file. If your certificate is protected by a password but you do not enter it in this setting, signing with a .pfx file fails. <strong>Note</strong> This property is not applicable if the certificate that you are using for signing is in a certificate store. Note that if the certificate was imported into the store with password protection, you will be prompted to enter the password at build time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DefaultLanguage</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the language identifier for the default language of a given release. This property value overrides the default project language that is configured in the General Information view or the String Editor view. For more information, see Setting the Default Project Language.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 13-71 • ISWtSuiteRelease Object Members (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| DigitalCertificateInfo | Read-Write String Property | Gets or sets the digital certificate that you want to use to sign your release.  
To specify a .pfx certificate on your machine, specify the path and file name.  
To reference a certificate store that contains the certificate, use a string in the following format:  
*Store*StoreLocation:C*ert Subject  
**Store** refers to the name of the certificate store that contains the certificate: Available options are:  
• My  
• Root  
• Trust  
• CA  
**StoreLocation** refers to the location of the certificate store that contains the certificate. Available options are:  
• User  
• Machine  
**Cert Subject** refers to the subject of the certificate. |
| DigitalURL         | Read-Write String Property | Gets or sets the URL that is used in your digital certificate to link to a location that you would like end users to visit to learn more about your product, organization, or company. Use a fully qualified URL—for example, http://www.mydomain.com. |
| EnableLangSelectionDialog | Read-Write Boolean Property | Gets or sets the Languages Dialog setting on the Build tab in the Releases view. This setting lets you specify whether you want your installation to display the language selection wizard page when the installation is run with a full user interface. |
### LauncherPrivileges

This property gets or sets the Required Execution Level setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view. This setting is where you specify the minimum level that is required by your project’s Setup.exe file for running on Windows Vista and later platforms. The available options are:

- **erelAsAdmin** (2) — Setup.exe requires administrative privileges to run. Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators must authenticate as an administrator.
- **erelAsHighestAvail** (1) — Setup.exe prefers administrative privileges. Administrators must authorize it; non-administrators run it without administrative privileges.
- **erelAsInvoker** (0) — Setup.exe does not require administrative privileges, and all users can run it without administrative privileges. Setup.exe does not display any UAC messages prompting for credentials or for consent. This is the default option for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects.

InstallShield embeds an application manifest in the Setup.exe launcher. This manifest specifies the selected execution level. Operating systems earlier than Windows Vista ignore the required execution level.

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<tr>
<td>LauncherPrivileges</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Required Execution Level setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view. This setting is where you specify the minimum level that is required by your project’s Setup.exe file for running on Windows Vista and later platforms. The available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PackageLocation</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the run-time location for the packages that are configured in the Packages view of the project. Available options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the password for your installation. Passwords are case-sensitive. This property is used only if you the value of the PasswordProtect property is True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean</td>
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### Additional Notes

- InstallShield embeds an application manifest in the Setup.exe launcher. This manifest specifies the selected execution level. Operating systems earlier than Windows Vista ignore the required execution level.
- To learn more, see **Specifying the Run-Time Location for Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Packages at the Release Level**.
- To learn more, see **Password Protecting an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation**.
### Table 13-71 • ISWiSuiteRelease Object Members (cont.)

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<td><strong>PasswordProtect</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Password Protect Launcher setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view. This setting lets you indicate whether you want to password-protect your installation. To learn more, see Password-Protecting an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PathVariableOverrides</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of a path variable in your project for the specified release. If this property is used to set the value of a path variable, it overrides any value that is set in the Path Variables view. Note that you can use this variable to get or override user-defined path variables, environment variables, and registry variables that are configured in the Path Variables view; however, you cannot override predefined path variables such as <code>&lt;WindowsFolder&gt;</code>. Following is sample Visual Basic code that overrides the value of a path variable called PathVar1: pISWiSuiteReleasePathVariableOverrides = &quot;PathVar1=C:\Test1&quot; + vbCrLf + &quot;PathVar2=C:\test2&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PostBuildEvent</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. Gets or sets the command that is run after InstallShield has built and signed the release. To specify more than one command, enter each command on a separate line in the string. At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one. When you are entering a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands. To learn more, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
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</table>
PreBuildEvent

### Description

This property is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

Gets or sets the command that is run before InstallShield starts building the release. This event runs after InstallShield creates the release folder and log file, but before InstallShield starts building the release.

To specify more than one command, enter each command on a separate line in the string. At build time, InstallShield runs each command in the order that they are listed. The build waits until a command finishes before proceeding to the next one.

When you are entering a command, you can use any path variables and environment variables that are defined in your project, instead of using a hard-coded path. You can also use certain variables that are defined specifically for build event commands. To learn more, see Specifying Commands that Run Before, During, and After Builds.

PreProcessorDefines

### Description

This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Gets or sets the preprocessor variable definitions. Preprocessor variable definitions that are specified here apply only to the current release; they are not used when compiling the script for other releases. Use the following format, with no spaces before or after equals signs or commas:

```
MYVARIABLE1=123,MYVARIABLE2
```

Such variables can be tested in the script by `#if` and `#ifdef` statements that control the flow of the script.

Entering the name of a preprocessor variable for this setting defines the variable. For example if you enter `MYVARIABLE` for this setting, the script commands in the following `#ifdef` loop are executed:

```
#ifdef MYVARIABLE
   // Commands
#endif
```

After you add or change a preprocessor variable definition for this setting, you must compile your installation for the addition or change to take effect.
Table 13-71 • ISWiSuiteRelease Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ProductNameOverride</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or overrides the product name that was specified in the General Information view with a new value for the selected release. For information on how the product name is used, see Specifying a Product Name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProductVersionOverride</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or overrides the product version that was specified in the General Information view with a new value for the selected release. The version must contain only numbers. The version number is typically in the format (aaa.bbb.cc)(ppp) or (aaa.bbb.cc)(ppp).(ddddd), where (aaa) represents the major version number, (bbb) represents the minor version number, (cc)(ppp) represents the build number, and (ddddd) represents the revision number. The maximum value for the (aaa) and (bbb) portions is 255. The maximum value for (cc)(ppp) and (ddddd) is 65,535. Note that although you can include the fourth field (ddddd), the installation does not use this part of the product version to distinguish between different product versions. To learn more, see Specifying the Product Version. The product version that you specify is displayed on the Properties dialog box for Setup.exe. For more information, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReleaseFlags</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a string that contains the release flags that you want to use to filter your features. Separate multiple flags with a comma. Release flags enable you to customize your installation by including or excluding certain items in each release. Once you have assigned release flags to features and packages in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, you can create a release that includes features and packages based on those flags. By default, all features and packages are included in a release. Once you specify a flag for the ReleaseFlags property (or for the Release Flags setting on the Build tab in the Releasew view), only unflagged items and items that contain the specified release flag are included in your installation. Note • If a release does not have release flags, it will include all applicable items that have release flags. To include only unflagged items, specify a flag that does not exist. For example, you might use NoFlags. This way, only unflagged items are built into a release.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### SetupExeCompany

**Type**: Read-Write String Property

**Description**: Gets or sets the value to override the default company name for Setup.exe. Note that you must also select a value of True for the UseMyVersionInfo property.

The company name is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties.

To learn more, see [Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher](#).

### SetupExeCopyright

**Type**: Read-Write String Property

**Description**: Gets or sets a custom copyright notice for Setup.exe. Note that you must also select a value of True for the UseMyVersionInfo property.

The copyright is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties.

To learn more, see [Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher](#).

### SetupExeDescription

**Type**: Read-Write String Property

**Description**: Gets or sets a custom file description for Setup.exe. Note that you must also select a value of True for the UseMyVersionInfo property.

The description is displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties.

To learn more, see [Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher](#).

### SetupExeVersion

**Type**: Read-Write String Property

**Description**: Gets or sets the value to override the default product version and file version for Setup.exe with your own version number. Note that you must also select a value of True for the UseMyVersionInfo property.

The product version and file version are displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties.

Note that the file version always contains four fields. If you specify fewer than four fields for your product version, the remaining fields are filled with zeros. For example, if you specify a product version of **1.1**, the file version that is used in the version resources of Setup.exe is **1.1.0.0**.

To learn more, see [Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher](#).
Table 13-71 • ISWiSuiteRelease Object Members (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>SetupFileName</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the file name—without the .exe file extension—that InstallShield should use for the setup launcher file that it generates at build time. If this setting is blank, InstallShield uses the default value of Setup, and the setup launcher file is called Setup.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build64bitSetupExe</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the value of the 64-Bit Setup Launcher setting for the current suite release. The possible values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>• TRUE - to 64-bit Setup Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>• FALSE - to 32-bit Setup Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SetupIcon</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the release’s Setup.exe Icon File setting, which specifies the fully qualified name of the file from which the executable file’s icon is taken at build time. If the property’s value is null, a default icon is used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>By default, the icon with index 0 is used; to specify a different icon, add a comma (,) as well as the icon’s index or resource ID (preceded by a minus sign) after the file name. For example, C:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Instead of hard-coding a path, you can use a path variable that is defined in the Path Variables view or part of the ISWiPathVariables collection. At build time, InstallShield replaces the path variable with the appropriate value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SignatureDescription</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the signature description for the Setup.exe file. The description that you specify is displayed on the User Account Control (UAC) box to the right of the “Program Name:” label. The UAC dialog box opens when an end user launches the signed file and elevated privileges are required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>If you leave this setting blank, InstallShield uses the name of the file without its extension as the description to the right of the “Program Name:” label on the UAC dialog box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SignEnabled</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Sign Setup.exe setting on the Signing tab in the Releases view. This setting lets you indicate whether you want to sign the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SuiteGuidOverride</td>
<td>Read-Write</td>
<td>Gets or overrides the GUID that uniquely identifies the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>UILanguages</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets a comma-delimited string of decimal language identifiers of the user interface languages that are included in a release. Note that if a language is not selected in the Setup Languages setting in the General Information view of the project, it is not a valid language for the UILanguages property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UpdateUrl</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>If you may want to make updates for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher available for download when they are available, use this property to specify the absolute path, including the file name, for an updated Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI setup launcher. This support makes it possible for end users to easily obtain a newer version of your product before installing an earlier version. For more information about updates for your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, including requirements for the update, see Supporting Downloadable Updates for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UseMyVersionInfo</td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean Property</td>
<td>Gets or sets the Use Custom Version Properties setting on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view. This setting lets you specify whether you want to override the default copyright notice and file description for Setup.exe with your own copyright notice and file description. If you specify a value of True, enter your own custom values for the SetupExeCopyright and SetupExeDescription properties. The copyright and description are displayed on the Properties dialog box for the setup launcher; this Properties dialog box opens when end users right-click the Setup.exe file and then click Properties. To learn more, see Customizing File Properties for the Setup Launcher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UsePathVariableTestValues</td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean Property</td>
<td>If you used test values for any of your path variables, set this property to True to set those variables to their actual values at this time.</td>
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### Table 13-71 • ISWiSuiteRelease Object Members (cont.)

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<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>VMConfig</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Project • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Gets or sets the name of the group of VM configuration settings that you want to use when distributing the selected release to a VM.</td>
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<td>To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
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<tr>
<td>VMMachinePassword</td>
<td>Read-Write String Property</td>
<td>Project • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>If a password is specified for the VM configuration that is selected through the VMConfig property, that password is considered to be the default value for the VMMachinePassword property. To override the password for the selected release, set the VMMachinePassword property.</td>
</tr>
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<td>To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
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Table 13-71 • ISWiSuiteRelease Object Members (cont.)

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</table>
| VMMachineUserName  | Read-Write String Property | **Project** • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.  
Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.  
If a user name is specified for the VM configuration that is selected through the VMConfig property, that user name is considered to be the default value for the VMMachineUserName property. To override the user name for the selected release, set the VMMachineUserName property.  
To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand. |
| VMSnapShot          | Read-Write String Property | **Project** • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.  
Edition • The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield.  
Optionally gets or sets the name of the snapshot that you want to use for distributing the release.  
If a snapshot is specified for the VM configuration that is selected through the VMConfig property, the name of that snapshot is considered to be the default value for the VMSnapShot property.  
If no snapshot is specified for the VM configuration, InstallShield does not revert to a specific snapshot. InstallShield powers on the VM without reverting it to a specific snapshot, and copies your installation to the VM.  
To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand. |
## Table 13-71 • ISWiSuiteRelease Object Members (cont.)

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<td><strong>VMStageMachineCopyPath</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write String</td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Property</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Edition</td>
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<td>The copy path identifies the location on the VM where the release is to</td>
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<td>be distributed. The last subfolder in the path can be a path that</td>
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<td>InstallShield creates on the VM; the other folders in the path must</td>
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<td>already exist.</td>
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<td>If a destination path is specified for the VM configuration that is</td>
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<td>selected through the VMConfig property, that destination path is</td>
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<td>considered to be the default value for the VMStageMachineCopyPath</td>
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<td>property. To override the destination path for the selected release, set</td>
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<td>the VMStageMachineCopyPath property.</td>
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<td>To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a</td>
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<td>Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>VMStagePostBuild</strong></td>
<td>Read-Write Boolean</td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • This is available in Suite/Advanced UI projects.</td>
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<td>Property</td>
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<td>Specify whether you want InstallShield to automatically distribute the</td>
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<td>selected release each time that it is successfully built. Distributing the</td>
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<td>release to the VM involves the following tasks:</td>
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<td>1. Revert the VM to the designated snapshot (if one is specified).</td>
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<tr>
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<td></td>
<td>2. Power on the VM.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>3. Copy the built release to the VM to make it available for testing.</td>
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<td>To learn more about VM distribution, see Distributing Releases to a</td>
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<td>Virtual Machine that InstallShield Provisions at Build Time or on Demand.</td>
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### Applies To

- ISWiProject
Build Method (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI)

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

To build a release in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project, call the Build method.

Is this method documented correctly? How would someone get status messages?

**Syntax**

Build ()

**Build Status Events**

The ISWiSuiteRelease object uses the following build status events:

- StatusMessage (string Message, ref bool Cancel)
- ProgressMax (int Max, ref bool Cancel)
- ProgressIncrement (int Increment, ref bool Cancel)
- TextCancel (ref bool Cancel)
- GetDotNetLibrary (out object ???)
- WarningMessage (string Message)
- ErrorMessage (string Message)
- IsCancelledByUserAnError (ref bool IsError)
- StatusMessageEx (string Message, object Tag, ref bool Cancel)

These events occur during the build process; they provide status updates. You can set pbCancel to stop the build.

**Applies To**

- ISWiRelease

**See Also**

Using Build Status Events
Automation Collections for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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Each Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI automation collection is a set of objects. For example, the ISWiSuiteFeatures collection is a set of ISWiSuiteFeature objects in the current project. This section describes each of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI automation collections.

ISWiLanguages Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • Support for multilanguage installations is available with InstallShield Premier Edition.

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiLanguages collection contains all of the languages in the current language.
Members

Table 13-72 • ISWiLanguages Collection Members

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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of string entries in the ISWiLanguages collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the language to retrieve the ISWiLanguage object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

See Also

- Translating String Entries
- Run-Time Language Support in InstallShield
- Language Identifiers

ISWiPathVariables Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiPathVariables collection contains all of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI properties in the current project.
Members

Table 13-73 • ISWiPathVariables Collection Members

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<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of path variables in the ISWiPathVariables collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the path variable to retrieve the ISWiPathVariable object.</td>
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</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiProperties Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

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The ISWiProperties collection contains all of the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI properties in the current project.

Members

Table 13-74 • ISWiProperties Collection Members

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<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of string entries in the ISWiProperties collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the property to retrieve the ISWiProperty object.</td>
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</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject
ISWiSetupFiles Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

The ISWiSetupFiles collection contains all of the support files in the current project.

Members

Table 13-75 • ISWiSetupFiles Collection Members

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<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of string entries in the ISWiSetupFiles collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the setup file to retrieve the ISWiSetupFiles object.</td>
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</table>

Applies To

- ISWiProject

ISWiSuiteActionRefs Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteActionRefs is a collection that contains all of the Suite/Advanced UI actions that are scheduled for a specific event in a package.
Members

Table 13-76 • ISWiSuiteActionRefs Collection Members

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<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteActionRefs collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the event to retrieve the ISWiSuiteActionRef object.</td>
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Applies To

- ISWiSuitePackage

ISWiSuiteActions Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to Suite/Advanced UI projects.

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteActions is a collection that contains all of the Suite/Advanced UI actions that are included in a project.

Members

Table 13-77 • ISWiSuiteActions Collection Members

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<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteActions collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the action to retrieve the ISWiSuiteAction object.</td>
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Applies To

- ISWiProject
ISWiSuiteConditionParameters Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteConditionParameters is a collection that contains all of the settings for a conditional statement.

Members

Table 13-78 • ISWiSuiteConditionParameters Collection Members

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<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteConditionParameters collection.</td>
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<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the condition parameter to retrieve the ISWiSuiteConditionParameter object.</td>
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Applies To

• ISWiSuiteCondition

See Also

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

ISWiSuiteConditions Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI
Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteConditions is a collection that contains all of the conditional statements under a condition group.

Members

Table 13-79 • ISWiSuiteConditions Collection Members

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<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteConditions collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number of the conditional statement to retrieve the ISWiSuiteCondition object.</td>
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Applies To

• ISWiSuiteCondition

See Also

Building Conditional Statements in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Types of Condition Checks in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects
Creating a Custom Condition for an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation

ISWiSuiteDFLFilters Collection

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteDFLFilters is a collection that contains all of the filters that are associated with a dynamic link for the additional files that a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project requires.
Members

**Table 13-80 • ISWiSuiteDFLFilters Collection Members**

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<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteDFLFilters collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the dynamic file link to retrieve the ISWiSuiteDFLFilter object.</td>
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</table>

Applies To

- ISWiSuitePackage

See Also

- Static vs. Dynamic Files for Packages in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Creating a Dynamic Link in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project
- Defining Filters for a Dynamically Linked Folder in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Project

**ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLinks Collection**

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

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- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

chatt: The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLinks is a collection that contains every dynamic file link in a folder in a package of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.
Members

Table 13-81 • ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLinks Collection Members

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<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLinks collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the dynamic file link to retrieve the ISWiSuiteDynamicFileLink object.</td>
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Applies To

- ISWiSuiteFolder

ISWiSuiteEvents Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteEvents is a collection that contains the events for your project or the events that are associated with a package in your project.

Members

Table 13-82 • ISWiSuiteEvents Collection Members

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<td>Count</td>
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<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteEvents collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number of the event to retrieve the ISWiSuiteEvent object.</td>
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Applies To

- ISWiProject
ISWiSuiteExitConditions Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteExitConditions is a collection that contains all of the exit conditions in your project.

**Members**

**Table 13-83 • ISWiSuiteExitConditions Collection Members**

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<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteExitConditions collection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number of the exit condition to retrieve the ISWiSuiteExitCondition object.</td>
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</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

ISWiSuiteFeatures Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
ISWiSuiteFeatures is a collection that contains every feature (as an ISWiSuiteFeature object) in your project.

When ISWiSuiteFeatures is a member of ISWiProject, it contains all of the root-level features in the project. To retrieve a collection of subfeatures, access the Features property of the ISWiSuiteFeature object. The result is an ISWiSuiteFeatures collection that contains the immediate subfeatures of the current root-level feature. Repeat for further levels of subfeatures.

**Members**

**Table 13-84 • ISWiSuiteFeatures Collection Members**

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<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteFeatures collection.</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
| Item   | Read-Only Property | Provide the index number or name of the feature to retrieve the ISWiSuiteFeature object. For example, the following statements create a copy of the first item in the collection and of the feature named Help_Files:  
Set pFeat1 = m-ISWiProject.ISWiSuiteFeatures.Item(1)  
Set pFeat2 = m-ISWiProject.ISWiSuiteFeatures.Item("Help_Files")  
The name of the feature is case-sensitive—for example, “Help_Files” and “Help_files” are two different features.  
Item is the default property for ISWiSuiteFeatures, which means that the following two lines of code are equivalent:  
m-ISWiProject.ISWiSuiteFeatures.Item("Help_Files")  
m-ISWiProject.ISWiSuiteFeatures("Help_Files"). |

**Applies To**

- ISWiProject

**ISWiSuiteFiles Collection**

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI
**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteFiles is a collection that contains all of the files in a folder of a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

**Members**

**Table 13-85 • ISWiSuiteFiles Collection Members**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteFiles collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the file to retrieve the ISWiSuiteFile object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Applies To**

- ISWiSuiteFolder

**ISWiSuiteFolders Collection**

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteFolders is a collection that contains all of the subfolders in a folder of a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.
Members

Table 13-86 • ISWiSuiteFolders Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteFolders collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the subfolder to retrieve the ISWiSuiteFolder object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiSuiteFolder

ISWiSuitePackages Collection

InstallShield 2020 » Automation Interface » Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuitePackages is a collection that contains every package (as an ISWiSuitePackage object) in a Windows Installer transaction in your project.

Members

Table 13-87 • ISWiSuitePackages Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuitePackages collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the transaction to retrieve the ISWiSuitePackage object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiProject
ISWiSuiteReleases Collection

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

• Advanced UI
• Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

ISWiSuiteReleases is a collection that contains all of the releases in your Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI project.

Members

Table 13-88 • ISWiSuiteReleases Collection Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Count</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Use this property to return the total number of elements in the ISWiSuiteReleases collection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item</td>
<td>Read-Only Property</td>
<td>Provide the index number or name of the release to retrieve the ISWiSuiteRelease object.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Applies To

• ISWiProject
Object Reference for Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

Edition • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.

In various settings of Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, you can embed object expressions to query target systems for information about a file, a registry entry, or other items. Object expressions use this convention:

```object(Parameters, ...).property(Parameters, ...)```

Each object expression contains a reference to an object, which is a collection of object-specific properties. Objects and properties may contain parameters.

This section of the documentation explains each of the objects that are available for use in object expressions.

Table 13-1 • Objects That Are Available for Object Expressions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Object</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feature Object</td>
<td>Check target systems for information about a feature in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>File Object</td>
<td>Check target systems for information about a file during an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parcel Object</td>
<td>Check target systems for information about a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Platform Object</td>
<td>Check target systems for operating system details during an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registry Object</td>
<td>Check the registry on target systems during an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time
Writing Object Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects to Search Target Systems
Feature Object

InstallShield 2020 » Object Expressions for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

To create an object expression that checks target systems for information about a feature in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, use the Feature object. The Feature object has support for properties such as DisplayName, ActionState, and InstalledState.

Syntax

[@Feature(FeatureName).ActionState]
[@Feature(FeatureName).AllowSelectionChange]
[@Feature(FeatureName).Cost]
[@Feature(FeatureName).Description]
[@Feature(FeatureName).DisplayName]
[@Feature(FeatureName).InstalledState]
[@Feature(FeatureName).Visible]

Parameters

One parameter is available for the Feature object.

Table 13-2 • Parameters for the Feature Object

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FeatureName</td>
<td>Specify the name of the feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Properties

The following properties are available for the Feature object.

Table 13-3 • Properties for the Feature Object

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ActionState</td>
<td>Retrieves the currently set action state of the feature. Valid values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 0—No action will be taken for the feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 1—The feature will be installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 2—The feature will be removed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 13-3 • Properties for the Feature Object (cont.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| AllowSelectionChange   | Retrieves a Boolean value that indicates whether end users should be allowed to select or deselect the feature on the InstallationFeatures wizard page. Valid values are:
|                        | - true—End users should be able to select or deselect the feature through the wizard interface. This is the default option.  
|                        | - false—End users should not be able to select or deselect the feature through the wizard interface. If this feature is visible on the InstallationFeatures wizard page, it appears in a read-only state (either selected or deselected, based on other factors, such as the feature’s condition). |
| Cost                   | Retrieves how much space (in bytes) the feature requires on the target system if this value was specified in the Features view. |
| Description            | Retrieves the localized description of the feature. |
| DisplayName            | Retrieves the localized display name of the feature. |
| InstalledState         | Retrieves the installed state of the feature as determined by the package detection states of the packages in the feature. Valid values are:
|                        | - 0—The feature is not currently installed.  
|                        | - 3—The feature is installed. |
| Visible                | Retrieves a Boolean value that indicates whether the feature should be visible on the InstallationFeatures wizard page during installation. |

### Examples

The following examples demonstrate use of the Feature object in object expressions.

### Table 13-4 • Sample Feature Object Expressions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Expression</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[@Feature(FeatureABC).ActionState]</td>
<td>Determine whether the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI is installing the FeatureABC feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[@Feature(FeatureABC).Cost]</td>
<td>Determine how much space (in bytes) the feature requires.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See Also

- Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time
- Writing Object Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects to Search Target Systems
File Object

To create an object expression that checks target systems for information about a file during an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, use the File object. The File object has support for properties such as Date and Version.

Syntax

[@File(FilePath,64Bit).Content]
[@File(FilePath,64Bit).Date(Paramater)]
[@File(FilePath,64Bit).Version]

Parameters

The following parameters are available for the File object.

Table 13-5 • Parameters for the File Object

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FilePath</td>
<td>Specify the path to the file. You can use property directory identifiers such as [ProgramFilesFolder].</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| 64Bit       | Use this optional Boolean parameter to indicate whether the file is in a 64-bit location, such as in the System32 folder on a 64-bit system. Valid options are:  
|             | • true—Check the 64-bit location.                                           |
|             | • false—Check the 32-bit location.                                          |
|             | If you omit this property, or if or the target system is running a 32-version of Windows, the installation checks the 32-bit location. |

Properties

The following properties are available for the File object.

Table 13-6 • Properties for the File Object

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Content</td>
<td>If the file is a text file (for example, .txt, .htm, .xml, .config, .ini, or .sql), retrieves the contents of the file.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Table 13-6 • Properties for the File Object (cont.)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Date     | Retrieves the date and time for the file. Optional parameters that are available for this property are:  
  • modified—Retrieves the date and time at which the file was last modified. This is the default parameter.  
  • access—Retrieves the date and time at which the file was last accessed.  
  • create—Retrieves the date and time at which the file was created.  
  
  If you omit a parameter for the Date property, the File object returns the last-modified date. |
| Version  | Retrieves the version of the file. For an unversioned file, this property returns empty. |

**Examples**

The following examples demonstrate use of the File object in object expressions

**Table 13-7 • Sample File Object Expressions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Expression</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[@File([ProgramFilesFolder]MyCompany\MyProduct.exe,false).Date(modified)]</td>
<td>Obtain the last modified date and time for a file called MyProduct.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>On 32-bit target systems, the path may be this:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>\Program Files\MyCompany\MyProduct.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>On 64-bit target systems, the path may be this:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>\Program Files (x86)\MyCompany\MyProduct.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[@File([SystemFolder]notepad.exe).Version]</td>
<td>Obtain the version number of notepad.exe in the System32 folder on 32-bit target systems or in the SysWOW64 folder on 64-bit target systems.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See Also**

*Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time*

*Writing Object Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects to Search Target Systems*
Parcel Object

To create an object expression that checks target systems for information about a package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, use the Parcel object. The Parcel object has support for properties such as Eligible, ActionState, and DetectedState.

Syntax

```plaintext
[@Parcel(PackageGUID).ActionState]
[@Parcel(PackageGUID).DetectedState]
[@Parcel(PackageGUID).Eligible]
[@Parcel(PackageGUID).ExitCode]
[@Parcel(PackageGUID).Type]
```

Parameters

One parameter is available for the Parcel object.

Table 13-8 • Parameters for the Parcel Object

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PackageGUID</td>
<td>Specify the GUID of the package.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Properties

The following properties are available for the Parcel object.

Table 13-9 • Properties for the Parcel Object

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ActionState</td>
<td>Retrieves the currently set action state of the package. This value may change, depending on when at run time the property is queried. Valid values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 1—The package will run its install operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 2—The package will run its modify operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 3—The package will run its repair operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 4—The package will run its remove operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 5—No action will be performed for the package.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DetectedState</td>
<td>Retrieves the installed state of the package. Valid values are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 0—The package is not installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• 1—The package is currently installed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Examples
The following examples demonstrate use of the Parcel object in object expressions.

Table 13-10 • Sample Parcel Object Expressions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Expression</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[@Parcel(0F283EC0-E9D1-4D18-801D-0014F6CA96DF).DetectedState]</td>
<td>Determine whether the referenced package is installed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[@Parcel(0F283EC0-E9D1-4D18-801D-0014F6CA96DF).ExitCode]</td>
<td>Obtain the exit code for the package once its scheduled operation has completed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time
Writing Object Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects to Search Target Systems

Platform Object

InstallShield 2020 • Object Expressions for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

To create an object expression that checks target systems for operating system details during an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, use the Platform object. The Platform object has support for properties such as Architecture, FullVersion, and MajorVersion.
Syntax
[@Platform.Architecture]
[@Platform.BuildNumber]
[@Platform.CSDVersion]
[@Platform.FullVersion]
[@Platform.MajorVersion]
[@Platform.MinorVersion]
[@Platform.ProductType]
[@Platform.ServicePackVersion]
[@Platform.Value]

Parameters
The Platform object does not have any parameters.

Properties
The following properties are available for the Platform object.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Architecture</td>
<td>Retrieves the architecture (x86, x64, IA64, ARM, or Unknown) of the machine on which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BuildNumber</td>
<td>Retrieves the build number version of Windows on the machine on which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running. For a list of valid build numbers, see the dwBuildNumber member of the OSVERSIONINFOEX structure that is documented in the MSDN Library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CSDVersion</td>
<td>Retrieves the CSD version of Windows on the machine on which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running. Service Pack 2 is an example of a CSD version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FullVersion</td>
<td>Retrieves the full version number of Windows on the machine on which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running. The value is calculated as MajorVersion X 100 + MinorVersion. For example, the version number of Windows 8.1 is 6.3. The FullVersion value on a machine with Windows 8.1 is 603.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MajorVersion</td>
<td>Retrieves the major version number of Windows on the machine on which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MinorVersion</td>
<td>Retrieves the minor version number of Windows on the machine on which the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation is running.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Examples
The following examples demonstrate use of the Platform object in object expressions.

Table 13-12 • Sample Platform Object Expressions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Expression</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[@Platform.FullVersion]</td>
<td>Obtain the version number of the target system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[@Platform.Architecture]</td>
<td>Obtain the architecture of the target system.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Using Formatted Expressions that Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations Resolve at Run Time
Writing Object Expressions in Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects to Search Target Systems

Registry Object

InstallShield 2020 » Object Expressions for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Projects

To create an object expression that checks the registry on target systems during an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation, use the Registry object.

Syntax

[@Registry(RegistryPath, 64Bit).KeyValue(DataValueName)]
[@Registry(RegistryPath, 64Bit).Value]
Parameters

The following parameters are available for the Registry object.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RegistryKeyPath</td>
<td>Specify the full path of the registry key that you want to check on target systems. Use the following abbreviations for the root:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• HKCR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• HKCU</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>64Bit</td>
<td>Use this optional Boolean parameter to indicate whether to check the 64-bit view of the registry. Valid options are:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• true—Check the 64-bit view of the registry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• false—Check the 32-bit view of the registry.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you omit this property, or if the target system is running a 32-version of Windows, the installation checks the 32-bit view of the registry.

Properties

The following properties are available for the Registry object.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KeyValue</td>
<td>Retrieve the value data of the value that is passed as a parameter for the KeyValue property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Retrieve the value data of the registry key’s default value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Examples

The following examples demonstrate use of the Registry object in object expressions.

Table 13-15 • Sample Registry Object Expressions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Expression</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[@Registry(HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion, false).KeyValue(RegisteredOwner)]</td>
<td>On 32-bit target systems, obtain the value data of the RegisteredOwner value for the following registry key: HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion. On 64-bit target systems, obtain the value data of the RegisteredOwner value for the following registry key: HKLM\Software\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[@Registry(HKLM\Software[COMPANY][PRODUCT], true).Value]</td>
<td>On 32-bit and 64-bit target systems, obtain the value data of the default value for the following registry key: HKLM\Software\My Company Name\My Product Name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[@Registry(HKCR\Software\My Company Name\My Product Name, false).KeyValue(MyFile[[]1[]],.exe)]</td>
<td>On 32-bit target systems, obtain the value data of the MyFile[1].exe value for the following registry key: HKCU\Software\My Company Name\My Product Name. On 64-bit target systems, obtain the value data of the MyFile[1].exe value for the following registry key: HKLM\Software\Wow6432Node\My Company Name\My Product Name. To avoid treating the square brackets in the data value name as parameter parse indicators, the square brackets are escaped as shown in the sample expression.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

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InstallShield Custom Action Reference

InstallShield 2020

This section describes each of the built-in InstallShield custom actions that are added automatically to InstallShield projects to support different functionality.

Windows Logo • If you are applying for the Windows logo, the intended behavior of each custom action in your installation must be documented. This does not apply to custom action types 19 (displays an error, returns failure, and ends the installation), 35 (sets the installation directory), or 51 (sets a property). ISICE10 validates that each custom action is documented.

_serial_verifyCA_isx
Decreases the value of the property SERIALNUMVALRETRYLIMIT by 1.

_serial_verifyCA_isx_helper
Decreases the value of the property SERIALNUMVALRETRYLIMIT by 1.

CheckForProductUpdates
Uses FlexNet Connect to check for product updates.

This custom action launches an executable file called Agent.exe, and it passes the following:

/au[ProductCode] /EndOfInstall

CheckForProductUpdatesOnReboot
Uses FlexNet Connect to check for product updates on reboot.

This custom action launches an executable file called Agent.exe, and it passes the following:

/au[ProductCode] /EndOfInstall /Reboot

DLLWrapCleanup
Standard DLL wrapper that cleans extracted data.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is dllwrap.dll, and its entry point is DLLWrapCleanup.

DLLWrapStartup
Standard DLL wrapper that extracts data that describes calls.

This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is dllwrap.dll, and its entry point is DLLWrapStartup.

ISChainPackageCommit
Removes extracted files from a multi-package transaction.
**ISChainPackagePrepare**
Prepares and extracts files for a multi-package transaction.

**ISChainPackageRollback**
Removes extracted files from a multi-package transaction.

**ISComponentServiceCosting**
Extracts information from the ISComPlusApplication table and saves it in a temporary file for COM+ applications.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is iscomsrv.dll, and its entry point is ISComponentServiceCosting.

**ISComponentServiceFinalize**
Commits COM+ applications during installation and uninstallation.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is iscomsrv.dll, and its entry point is ISComponentServiceFinalize.

**ISComponentServiceInstall**
Installs COM+ applications during an installation.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is iscomsrv.dll, and its entry point is ISComponentServiceInstall.

**ISComponentServiceRollback**
Rolls back COM+ applications during a failed installation or uninstallation.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is iscomsrv.dll, and its entry point is ISComponentServiceRollback.

**ISComponentServiceUninstall**
Removes COM+ applications during uninstallation.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is iscomsrv.dll, and its entry point is ISComponentServiceUninstall.

**ISIISCleanup**
Removes temporary files and registry entries for an IIS installation.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is IISHelper.dll, and its entry point is ISIISCleanup.

**ISIISCosting**
Creates a list of actions in a temporary file for an IIS installation. Sets the CustomActionData property for other IIS actions.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is IISHelper.dll, and its entry point is ISIISCosting.

**ISIISInstall**
Creates Web sites, applications, virtual directories, and other items for an IIS installation.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is IISHelper.dll, and its entry point is ISIISInstall.
ISIISRollback
Removes Web sites, applications, virtual directories, and other items during rollback for IIS.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is IISHelper.dll and its entry point is ISIISRollback.

ISIISUninstall
Removes Web sites, applications, virtual directories, and other items during uninstallation for IIS.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is IISHelper.dll, and its entry point is ISIISUninstall.

ISInstallPrerequisites
Launches the installation of prerequisites that are associated with features.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is PrqLaunch.dll, and its entry point is InstallPrerequisites.

ISJITCompileActionAtInstall
Precompiles .NET assemblies at installation time.
This custom action launches a Microsoft executable file called ngen.exe.

ISJITCompileActionAtUnInstall
Deletes a precompiled .NET assemblies at uninstallation time.
This custom action launches a Microsoft executable file called ngen.exe.

ISLockPermissionsCost
Sets the CustomActionData property for the ISLockPermissionsInstall action.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISLockPermissions.dll, and its entry point is ISLockPermissionsCostAction.

ISLockPermissionsInstall
Sets permissions when the product is installed.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISLockPermissions.dll, and its entry point is ISLockPermissionsInstallAction.

ISNetApiInstall
Creates users and groups from an .ini file.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetAPI.dll, and its entry point is ISNetApiInstall.

ISNetApiRollback
Rolls back changes for users and groups.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetAPI.dll, and its entry point is ISNetApiRollback.
**ISNetCreateIniForOneUser**
Extracts operations to a temporary file for users and groups.
This is a DLL custom action called ISNetAPI.dll.

**ISNetDeleteIniFile**
Cleans up temporary files for users and groups.
This is a DLL custom action called ISNetAPI.dll.

**ISNetGetGroups**
Puts groups into a combo box.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetAPI.dll, and its entry point is ISNetGetGroups.

**ISNetGetServers**
Puts a list of servers into a combo box.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetAPI.dll, and its entry point is ISNetGetServers.

**ISNetGetUsers**
Puts a list of users into a combo box.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetAPI.dll, and its entry point is ISNetGetUsers.

**ISNetSetLogonName**
Stores the user, group, and server properties that were entered in the LogonInformation dialogs.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetAPI.dll, and its entry point is ISNetSetLogonName.

**ISNetValidateLogonName**
Verifies that a valid user name, server, and password combination were entered in the LogonInformation dialogs.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetAPI.dll, and its entry point is ISNetValidateLogonName.

**ISNetValidateNewUserInformation**
Stores the user, group, and server properties that were entered in the LogonInformation dialogs.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetAPI.dll, and its entry point is ISNetValidateNewUserInformation.
**ISNetworkSharesCosting**

Extracts information from the ISNetworkShares table and saves it in a temporary file for network sharing.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetworkShares.dll, and its entry point is ISNetworkSharesCosting.

**ISNetworkSharesFinalize**

Cleans up temporary files for configuring network shares.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetworkShares.dll, and its entry point is ISNetworkSharesFinalize.

**ISNetworkSharesInstall**

Configures network sharing for one or more folders.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetworkShares.dll, and its entry point is ISNetworkSharesInstall.

**ISNetworkSharesRollback**

Rolls back network sharing for one or more folders.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetworkShares.dll, and its entry point is ISNetworkSharesRollback.

**ISNetworkSharesUninstall**

Removes network sharing for one or more folders.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISNetworkShares.dll, and its entry point is ISNetworkSharesUninstall.

**ISPrint**

Prints the contents of a ScrollableText control on a dialog.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is SetAllUsers.dll, and its entry point is PrintScrollableText.

**ISQuickPatchFinalize**

Cleans shared reference counts for a QuickPatch.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is QuickPatchHelper.dll, and its entry point is ISQuickPatchFinalize.

**ISQuickPatchFixShortcut**

Reinstalls shortcuts for a QuickPatch.

This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is QuickPatchHelper.dll, and its entry point is ISQuickPatchFixShortcut.
**ISQuickPatchHelper**
Applies clean feature states for a QuickPatch.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is QuickPatchHelper.d11, and its entry point is ISQuickPatchHelper.

**ISQuickPatchInit**
Cleans component and feature states for a QuickPatch.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is QuickPatchHelper.d11, and its entry point is ISQuickPatchInit.

**ISQuickPatchInit9X**
Cleans component and feature states for a QuickPatch.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is QuickPatchHelper.d11, and its entry point is ISQuickPatchInit9X.

**ISQuickPatchInit9X2**
Cleans component and feature states for a QuickPatch.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is QuickPatchHelper.d11, and its entry point is ISQuickPatchInit9X2.

**ISRunSetupTypeAddLocalEvent**
Runs the AddLocal events that are associated with the Next button on the SetupType dialog. This action needs to be called when the installation does not display the SetupType dialog.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is ISXExpHlp.d11, and its entry point is RunSetupTypeAddLocalEvent.

**ISSearchReplaceCosting**
Creates a temporary file that has a list of changes that need to be made in text files.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is isschrpl.d11, and its entry point is ISSearchReplaceCosting.

**ISSearchReplaceFinalize**
Cleans up temporary files for text file changes.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is isschrpl.d11, and its entry point is ISSearchReplaceFinalize.

**ISSearchReplaceInstall**
Applies text file changes when the product is installed.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is isschrpl.d11, and its entry point is ISSearchReplaceInstall.
**ISSearchReplaceRollback**
Rolls back text file changes and cleans up temporary files for text file changes.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isschrpl.dll`, and its entry point is ISSearchReplaceRollback.

**ISSearchReplaceUninstall**
Applies text file changes when the product is uninstalled.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isschrpl.dll`, and its entry point is ISSearchReplaceUninstall.

**ISSelfRegisterCosting**
Extracts operations to a temporary file for self-registration.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isregsvr.dll`, and its entry point is ISSelfRegisterCosting.

**ISSelfRegisterFiles**
Registers self-registering files.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isregsvr.dll`, and its entry point is ISSelfRegisterFiles.

**ISSelfRegisterFinalize**
Cleans up temporary file from self-registration.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isregsvr.dll`, and its entry point is ISSelfRegisterFinalize.

**ISSetAllUsers**
Sets ALLUSERS per upgrade or initial installation requirements.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `SetAllUsers.dll`, and its entry point is SetAllUsers.

**ISSetTARGETDIR**
Sets TARGETDIR to `[INSTALLDIR]`.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `SetAllUsers.dll`, and its entry point is SetTARGETDIR.

**ISSetupFilesCleanup**
Cleans up the temp directory of support files.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `SFHelper.dll`, and its entry point is SFCleanupEx.

**ISSetupFilesExtract**
Extracts support files to a temp directory.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `SFHelper.dll`, and its entry point is SFStartupEx.
**ISSQLQueryDatabases**
Finds database catalogs that are available on a specified database server.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLQueryDatabases`.

**ISSQLServerCosting**
Extracts operations to a temporary file for SQL scripts.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLServerCosting`.

**ISSQLServerFilteredList**
Finds available servers for SQL scripts.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLServerFilteredList`.

**ISSQLServerFinalize**
 Cleans up temporary files and the state for SQL scripts.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLServerFinalize`.

**ISSQLServerInitialize**
 Adds property names for SQL login password to `MsiHiddenProperties`.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLServerInitialize`.

**ISSQLServerInstall**
 Runs SQL scripts during an installation.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLServerInstall`.

**ISSQLServerList**
Finds available servers.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLServerList`.

**ISSQLServerRemoveLoginInfo**
Removes SQL database login credentials from the Windows registry during an uninstallation.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLServerRemoveLoginInfo`.

**ISSQLServerRollback**
Runs SQL scripts during a failed installation or uninstallation.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is `ISSQLServerRollback`.
ISSQLServerRollbackLoginInfo

During a failed installation or uninstallation, rolls back SQL database login credentials that are stored in the Windows registry.

This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is ISSQLServerRollbackLoginInfo.

ISSQLServerUninstall

Runs SQL scripts during an uninstallation.

This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is ISSQLServerUninstall.

ISSQLServerValidate

Tests server connections.

This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is ISSQLServerValidate.

ISSQLServerWriteLoginInfo

Writes SQL database login credentials to the Windows registry during an installation.

This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `issqlsrv.dll`, and its entry point is ISSQLServerWriteLoginInfo.

ISUnSelfRegisterFiles

Unregisters self-registering files.

This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isregsvr.dll`, and its entry point is ISUnSelfRegisterFiles.

ISVerifyScriptingRuntime

Verifies that an InstallScript MSI installation was launched using Setup.exe, and if not, it displays the message contained in the property STANDARD_USE_SETUPEXE. This custom action is included in all InstallScript MSI projects, and it is scheduled for the beginning of the User Interface sequence.

**Note** • The ISVerifyScriptingRuntime custom action is called in an InstallScript MSI installation in which the InstallScript UI style is the traditional style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler). It is not called for the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler).

To learn more, see [Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations](#).

ISXmlAppSearch

Performs a system search for XML: finds file, performs XPath queries, and stores the results in properties. Driven by the ISXmlLocator table.

This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isxmlcfg.dll`, and its entry point is ISXmlAppSearch.

ISXmlCosting

Extracts operations to a temporary file for XML file changes.

This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isxmlcfg.dll`, and its entry point is ISXmlCosting.
**ISXmlFinalize**
Cleans up temporary files for XML file changes.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isxmlcfg.dll`, and its entry point is `ISXmlFinalize`.

**ISXmlInstall**
Applies XML file changes.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isxmlcfg.dll`, and its entry point is `ISXmlInstall`.

**ISXmlRollback**
Rolls back XML file changes.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isxmlcfg.dll`, and its entry point is `ISXmlRollback`.

**ISXmlUnInstall**
Uninstalls XML file changes.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `isxmlcfg.dll`, and its entry point is `ISXmlUnInstall`.

**LaunchProgramFileFromSetupCompleteSuccess**
Launches an executable file at the end of an installation.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `SerialNumCAHelper.dll`, and its entry point is `LaunchProgram`.

**LaunchReadmeFileFromSetupCompleteSuccess**
Launches a readme file at the end of an installation.
This is a Windows Installer DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is `SerialNumCAHelper.dll`, and its entry point is `LaunchReadMe`.

**setAllUsersProfile2K**
Initializes the ALLUSERSPROFILE directory identifier for Windows 2000 or later.

**SetAllUsersProfileNT**
Initializes the ALLUSERSPROFILE directory identifier for Windows NT 4.

**SetARPINSTALLLOCATION**
Sets the value of the `ARPINSTALLLOCATION` property to the fully qualified path for the application's primary folder.

**setUserProfileNT**
Initializes the USERPROFILE directory identifier.
ShowMsiLog
Displays the Windows Installer log file in Notepad if the end user selects the **Show the Windows Installer log** check box in the SetupCompleteSuccess, SetupCompleteError, or SetupInterrupted dialogs and then clicks Finish. This works only with Windows Installer 4.0 and later.

WiseScriptFinalize
Cleans up temporary files for a WiseScript custom action.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is **WiseScriptBridge.dll**, and its entry point is WiseScriptFinalize.

WiseScriptInitialize
Extracts required files for a WiseScript custom action.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is **WiseScriptBridge.dll**, and its entry point is WiseScriptInitialize.

WiseScriptRollback
Cleans up temporary files for a WiseScript custom action.
This is a DLL custom action. The name of the DLL file is **WiseScriptBridge.dll**, and its entry point is WiseScriptFinalize.

See Also
- Custom Action Type Overview
- Summary List of All Custom Action Types (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Summary List of All Custom Action Types (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Guidelines for Creating Custom Actions that Meet Requirements of the Windows Logo Program
Command-Line Tools

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In addition to its graphical user interface, InstallShield provides several command-line programs that you can use during build time, for instance, as part of a batch process, or during run time to customize the behavior of your installation.
Authoring-Time Programs

Table 13-1 • Descriptions of Authoring-Time Programs

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<th>Task</th>
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<tr>
<td>Scan an IIS Web site and record its settings so that you can import them into an InstallShield project</td>
<td>iisscan.exe</td>
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Build-Time Programs

Table 13-2 • Descriptions of Build-Time Programs

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<tr>
<td>Compile an InstallScript file (.rul)</td>
<td>Compile.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build a release; if applicable, also compile the InstallScript</td>
<td>ISCmdBld.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build a release (available for legacy InstallScript projects)</td>
<td>ISBuild.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sign an already-built InstallScript release</td>
<td>iSign.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build a release (InstallScript self-extracting executable files)</td>
<td>ReleasePackager.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modify a Setup.ini file that is embedded in a Basic MSI or InstallScript MSI Setup.exe file</td>
<td>SetupIni.exe</td>
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Run-Time Programs

Table 13-3 • Descriptions of Run-Time Programs

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<th>Program</th>
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<tr>
<td>Run a Setup.exe installation and pass command-line parameters (Basic MSI, InstallScript, and InstallScript MSI projects)</td>
<td>Setup.exe</td>
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<tr>
<td>Run a Setup.exe installation and pass command-line parameters (Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects)</td>
<td>Setup.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run an installation (InstallScript projects)</td>
<td>Setup.exe (InstallScript projects)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run an .msi package</td>
<td>MsiExec.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run a patch package (Windows Installer-based projects) and pass command-line parameters</td>
<td>Update.exe</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Creating a Setup Launcher
Compile.exe

InstallShield 2020

InstallShield includes a command-line compiler that you can invoke from the Command Prompt window or from a DOS batch file. This program, called Compile.exe, is in the following folder:

`InstallShield Program Files Folder/System`

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**Note** • When you build a release from the command line using ISCmdBld.exe, the build engine automatically compiles your script; therefore, you do not need to use Compile.exe directly unless you want to use compiler options that are different from those specified for the project in InstallShield. For more information, see ISCmdBld.exe.

**Syntax**

Compile script_file [iswi_obl_file] [isrt_obl_file] [ifx_obl_file] switches

You can pass any or all of your command-line parameters to Compile.exe in the form of a command file. To specify a command file to Compile.exe, use the following syntax:

`Compile @command_file`

In this example, `command_file` is the name of a text file, including any extension. You can specify an absolute or relative path with the file name.

You can specify all or part of the command line in a command file. You can use more than one command file in a Compile command. Compile.exe accepts the command file's input as if it were specified in that location on the command line.

In the command file, each parameter must begin and end on the same line—you cannot use the backslash (`\`) to combine a parameter across two lines. In the command file, arguments can be separated by spaces or tabs (as on the command line) and by newline (`\n`) characters.
## Parameters

The following parameters are available for use with the compiler.

### Table 13-4 • Command-Line Parameters for Compile.exe

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>script_file</strong></td>
<td>Specifies the name of the setup script. Note the following:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• The file name can include a drive designation and an absolute or relative path. If the file name is unqualified, the compiler will search for the script in the current directory of the current drive.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• If the specified setup script uses #include directives to include other files in the setup, and if the file names specified by #include statements do not include a path, you must specify the location of those files with the -i switch unless they reside in the current directory. Note that included files may themselves specify #include directives; be sure the -i switch specifies a search path that can be used to find all included source files.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Long path and file names must be enclosed in double quotation marks.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• By default, the setup script created as part of a new InstallShield project is named setup.rul.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>isrt_obl_file</strong></td>
<td>Specifies the name of the library file Isrt.obl. It is not necessary to include the full path for the library file, as long as the path is identified with the -libpath switch. Isrt.obl is in the following directory: InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt\Lib</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>This parameter is required unless you are using the -c or -l switch.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>ifx_obl_file</strong></td>
<td>Specifies the name of the library file Ifx.obl. It is not necessary to include the full path for the library file, as long as the path is identified with the -libpath switch. Ifx.obl is in the following directory: InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Ifx\Lib</td>
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<td><strong>iswi_obl_file</strong></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • This parameter applies to the following project types:</td>
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<td>• Basic MSI</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• InstallScript MSI</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Specifies the name of the library file Iswi.obl. It is not necessary to</td>
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<td>include the full path for the library file, as long as the path is</td>
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<td></td>
<td>identified with the -libpath switch.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Iswi.obl is in the following directory:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Iswi\Lib</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This parameter is required unless you are using the -c or -l switch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ifxobject_obl_file</strong></td>
<td><strong>Project</strong> • This parameter applies to InstallScript Object projects.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Specifies the name of the library file Ifxobject.obl. It is not necessary</td>
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<td>to include the full path for the library file, as long as the path is</td>
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<td>identified with the -libpath switch.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Ifxobject.obl is in the following directory:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Ifx\Lib</td>
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<td>This parameter is required unless you are using the -c or -l switch.</td>
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Switches

You can pass the following switches to the compiler. If you are not specifying the full path to the script files and library files, you must specify the location of the folders that contain those files by using the -i and -libpath switches (as noted in the -i and -libpath descriptions below). All of the other switches are optional.

Table 13-5 • Switches for Compile.exe

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<tr>
<td>/d or -d&lt;variable name=preprocessor define&gt;</td>
<td>Provides a preprocessor definition that is applicable to your InstallScript. Following is an example:</td>
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<td>Compile.exe -dVARIABLENAME=Value</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The variable name must be a valid InstallScript identifier; the value must be a constant. No space is permitted between the switch and the expression or within the expression.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>If you reference the preprocessor in InstallScript, use either of the following formats:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>•  #ifdef VARIABLENAME</td>
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<td></td>
<td>•  #if VARIABLENAME=Value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>That is, for #ifdef statements, you can use just the value name. For #if statements, use a name=value pair.</td>
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<td>This parameter is optional.</td>
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</table>

*Note:* It is recommended that you use this command-line parameter only if a preprocessor is not defined in either of the following areas in InstallShield:

- On the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box, which is displayed when you click Settings on the Build menu
- For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: In the Preprocessor Defines setting for the product configuration in the Releases view

*If you define a preprocessor in either of these areas in InstallShield and then you use the -d command-line parameter to define the same preprocessor, Compile.exe displays a cannot-define-symbol message to inform you that the preprocessor cannot be redefined through an InstallShield project or product configuration setting.*

| /e or -e                                    | Specifies the maximum number of error messages. The default value is 50. When the maximum number of error messages has been generated, compilation stops. |

| /g or -g                                    | Specifies that a debugging information file should be produced. This file is given the name of the installation and extension .dbg. |
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<td>/gi or -gi</td>
<td>Specifies that debugging information should be included in the compiled script file, so a debugging information file is not needed.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>This option makes the compiled script larger and the installation slower, and makes it easier for others to reverse engineer your code, so it should typically not be used when creating your final installation for distribution to end users.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/i or -i&lt;search path&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies a search path—a list of paths, each separated by a semicolon—that identifies the directories to search for source files that have been included in the main installation’s InstallScript code through #include statements. Long path names must be enclosed in double quotation marks.</td>
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<td><strong>Project</strong> • For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, you must specify the full paths for the following folders:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Ifx\Include</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt\Include</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, you must specify the full paths for the following folders:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Iswi\Include</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt\Include</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The aforementioned directories contain the script header files for built-in InstallScript functionality. If you do not specify these folders, compiler errors occur.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/libpath or -libpath&lt;path&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies a single path that identifies a directory to search for libraries such as Ifx.obl, Isrt.obl, or a custom library file. To specify multiple directories, use the -libpath switch multiple times. Long path names must be enclosed in double quotation marks.</td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>Project</strong> • For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects, you must specify the full paths for the following folders (unless you have used the full path with the library file names):</td>
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<td>- InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Ifx\Lib</td>
</tr>
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<td>- InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt\Lib</td>
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<td>For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects, you must specify the full paths for the following folders (unless you have used the full path with the library file names):</td>
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<td>- InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Iswi\Lib</td>
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<td>- InstallShield Program Files Folder\Script\Isrt\Lib</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The aforementioned directories contain the libraries that define the built-in InstallScript functions. If you do not specify these folders or the full paths with the library names, compiler errors occur.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Additional Information

- When specifying file names, you can use either short or long file names; however, long file names must be enclosed within double quotation marks.

- If you specify a relative path to a file name (for example ..\..\My Functions), that path must be relative to the current directory of the current drive at the time that you invoke the compiler.

Examples

Sample Command Line for an InstallScript Project

The following command line for an InstallScript project compiles the Setup.rul script file that is located in the C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My InstallScript Project\script files folder:

```
"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\System\Compile.exe"
"C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My InstallScript Project\script files\setup.rul"
ifx.obl
isrt.obl
-libpath"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Script\Ifx\Lib"
-libpath"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Script\Isrt\Lib"
-i"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Script\Ifx\Include"
-i"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Script\Isrt\Include"
-i"C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My InstallScript Project\script files"
```
Sample Command Line for an InstallScript MSI or Basic MSI Project

The following command line for an InstallScript MSI or Basic MSI project compiles the Setup.rul script file that is located in the C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My New Project\script files folder:

"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\System\Compile.exe"
"C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My New Project\script files\setup.rul"
ISWI.obl
isrt.obl
-libpath"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Script\Iswi\Lib"
-libpath"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Script\Isrt\Lib"
-i"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Script\Ifx\Include"
-i"C:\Program Files\InstallShield\2020\Script\Isrt\Include"
-i"C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My New Project\script files"

See Also
Command-Line Compiler

ISCmdBld.exe
InstallShield 2020

You can build a release from the command line using ISCmdBld.exe for Windows Installer–based projects and for InstallScript projects. If your project includes InstallScript, ISCmdBld.exe also compiles it before building the release.

Syntax

The following statement illustrates running ISCmdBld.exe to build the release Othello Beta:

ISCmdBld.exe -p "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My Othello Project\Othello.ism" -r "Othello Beta" -c COMP -a "Build 245"

The first parameter in the example above, starting with -p, is the path to the .ism file that you would like to build. Next, -r Othello Beta is the name of the release. The parameter -c COMP specifies that you would like your package to be compressed into one file. Finally, -a "Build 245" points to the specific product configuration.

If a command-line build completes without any errors, InstallShield sets the environment variable ERRORLEVEL to 0. If an error occurs during a command-line build, ERRORLEVEL is set to 1. If ERRORLEVEL is set to any other value, this typically indicates an invalid parameter was passed to ISCmdBld.exe, and the specific cause of the error is displayed in the Command Prompt window in which ISCmdBld.exe was running.

Command-Line Parameters

Project • Some of the ISCmdBld.exe command-line parameters are applicable to only certain project types.

Table 13-6 • ISCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameters

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-a &lt;product configuration&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the product configuration for the release. If it does not exist, it is created. Although this parameter is not required, you should include it if you are including the parameter for the release name.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Table 13-6 • iSCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameters (cont.)**

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>-b &lt;build location&gt;</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>The fully qualified path to the folder where you want the output folders and files to be placed. UNC paths are acceptable. The built installation’s files will be located in the Disk Images\Disk1 subfolder of the location that you specify. This parameter is optional. If it is left unspecified, the build will place the build package and files in the directory specified in the File Locations tab of the Options dialog box. Enclose long file names in quotation marks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-c &lt;release configuration&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter enables you to specify whether your release is compressed into one file or remains uncompressed in multiple files. The valid arguments for this parameter are COMP and UNCOMP. To specify that your release be compressed into one file, use the COMP argument. If you do not want your release compressed, use the UNCOMP argument. If the parameter is omitted for a release that already exists, the configuration is based on what was specified in the InstallShield interface. If the parameter is omitted for a new release, the files remain uncompressed.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Table 13-6 • ISCmdbld.exe Command-Line Parameters (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
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| -d <variable name=preprocessor define> | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object | Use this parameter to provide a preprocessor definition that is applicable to your InstallScript. To specify more than one preprocessor definition, separate each with a comma, as in the following example: `ISCmdbld.exe -d VARIABLENAME1=Value1,VARIABLENAME2=Value2` If you reference the preprocessor in InstallScript, use either of the following formats:  
  - `#ifdef VARIABLENAME`  
  - `#if VARIABLENAME=Value`  
  That is, for #ifdef statements, you can use just the value name. For #if statements, use a name=value pair.

This parameter is optional.  

**Note** • *It is recommended that you use this command-line parameter only if a preprocessor is not defined in either of the following areas in InstallShield:*  
  - On the Compile/Link tab of the Settings dialog box, which is displayed when you click Settings on the Build menu  
  - For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects: In the Preprocessor Defines setting for the product configuration in the Releases view  

If you define a preprocessor in either of these areas in InstallShield and then you use the -d command-line parameter to define the same preprocessor, ISCmdbld.exe displays a cannot-define-symbol message to inform you that the preprocessor cannot be redefined through an InstallShield project or product configuration setting. |
| -e <Y/N> | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module | For installation projects, this parameter specifies whether you want to create a Setup.exe file along with your installation. Specify -e Y to build Setup.exe or -e N to just create an installation.  
For merge module projects, the meaning of -e is different from installation projects. Specifying -e n will cause the merge module to be built and then copied to the merge modules folder. Specifying -e Y will cause the merge module to only be built but not copied to the merge modules folder. |
| -f <release flags> | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI | Use this parameter to specify any release flags that you would like to include in your release. Separate multiple flags with commas. |
Table 13-6  •  ISCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameters (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>-fv &lt;version number&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>If you want to override the default file version for Setup.exe with your own version number, use this parameter to specify the file version, such as -fv 2.5.0.0. This is an optional parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Note</strong> • The file version always contains four fields. If you specify fewer than four fields for your file version, the remaining fields are filled with zeros. For example, if you specify a file version of 1.1, the file version that is used in the version resources of Setup.exe is 1.1.0.0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-g &lt;minimum target MSI version&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Use this parameter to specify the minimum version of Windows Installer that the installation requires on the target machine—for example, 2.0.2600.0. This parameter is optional. The default is the latest version of Windows Installer that the InstallShield interface supports.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-h</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>To skip the upgrade validators at the end of the build, use this parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-i &lt;.ini file path&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>Instead of passing all of your parameters on the command line, you can include them all in an initialization (.ini) file and call that file from the command line. For more information, see Passing Command-Line Build Parameters in an .ini File. Absolute and relative paths are acceptable. Enclose long file names in quotation marks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-j &lt;minimum target Microsoft .NET Framework version&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the minimum version of the .NET Framework that the installation requires on the target machine—for example, 1.0.3705.2. This parameter is optional. The default is the latest version of the .NET Framework that the InstallShield interface supports.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-l &lt;path variable&gt;=&quot;new path&quot;</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Use this parameter to override a path variable that has been specified in the Path Variables view. You can specify this parameter multiple times, once for each path variable override. For example: ISCmdBld.exe -l VariableName=&quot;C:\Path&quot; -l VariableName2=&quot;C:\Path2&quot; To reference a file in a sibling project that is within the same Visual Studio solution folder, use the predefined path variable called VSSolutionFolder. For more information, see Using the VSSolutionFolder Path Variable with Visual Studio Solutions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Use this parameter to set the time period to check the availability of the license from the license server.

For example, in the following command line, `IsCmdBld` waits for the license availability in the configured license server for 40 secs and checks the availability in 15 secs intervals. If the license is available before 40 secs, then the build continues with the available license else the build fails with the existing reason (failed to get the license).

```
IsCmdBld.exe -p "C:\InstallShield 2020 projects\TestProj.ism" -licCheckTimeOut 40
```

Use this parameter if you want to validate the installation or merge module package after it is built. Pass the path of the .cub file name with this parameter.

Absolute and relative paths are acceptable. To use multiple .cub files, separate each path with a semicolon (;). Enclose long file names in quotation marks.

For example, in the following command line, the `-m` parameter indicates that validation should be performed with the InstallShield Validation Suite for Windows 7 (`ISWin7.cub`) and the Full MSI Validation Suite (`darice.cub`):

```
ISCmdBld.exe -m ..\Support\Validation\ISWin7.cub;..\Support\Validation\darice.cub
```

Specify this parameter if you do not want `Setup.rul` to be compiled as part of the build process.

Note that if you are building from the command line and specifying an .ini file with the build settings, you can specify the following in the `[Project]` section of the .ini file, instead of adding the `-n` command line build flag:

```
[Project]
CompileScript=No
```

Like the command-line build flag, this CompileScript keyword helps you specify whether `Setup.rul` should be compiled as part of the build process.

**Note** • The `-n` parameter cannot be used with the `-q3` parameter.
Table 13-6 • ISCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameters (cont.)

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<tr>
<td>-o &lt;merge module search path&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies one or more comma-delimited folders that contain the merge module files (.msm) that are referenced by your project. InstallShield provides additional ways for specifying the folders that contain merge modules. For more information, see Specifying the Directories that Contain Merge Modules.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-p &lt;project location&gt;</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>Pass the path to the project (.ism) file. This path can be fully qualified, relative, or just the file name. If only the project file name is passed, the file is retrieved relative to the current working directory. For example: ISCmdBld.exe -p &quot;C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\MyProject1\MyProject1.ism&quot; UNC paths are also acceptable. Enclose long file names in quotation marks. This is the only required parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-patch_config &lt;patch configuration&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Use this parameter to build a standard patch. Pass the name of the patch configuration in the Patch Design view that you want to build. For example, the following command line builds the patch configuration called Version 1.2 in the MyProject1.ism project: ISCmdBld.exe -p &quot;C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\MyProject1\MyProject1.ism&quot; -patch_config &quot;Version 1.2&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-prqpath &lt;InstallShield prerequisite search path&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies one or more comma-delimited folders that contain the InstallShield prerequisite files (.prq) that are referenced by your project. InstallShield provides additional ways for specifying the folders that contain InstallShield prerequisite files. For more information, see Specifying the Directories that Contain InstallShield Prerequisites.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-q1</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module</td>
<td>Builds only the Windows Installer tables for your release. If you have not built this installation already, a new .msi file is created, but no files are added to your installation. If you have built your installation already, the .msi file is updated when all the tables are built, but, again no files are transferred. Ideally, this option is to be used to test the user interface of your installation.</td>
</tr>
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Note • The -q1 parameter cannot be used with the -q2 or -q3 parameters.
Table 13-6 • ISCmdbld.exe Command-Line Parameters (cont.)

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</table>
| -q2       | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | For Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects: Builds the Windows Installer tables and refreshes files. This option rebuilds your .msi file and updates the Files table, including any new or changed files in your installation. Changed files are updated only if the size or time stamp differs from the copy already included in the build. References to deleted files are removed from the installation, but the file remains in the build location. This type of build can be run only after a complete build has been performed, and it works only when the media is an uncompressed network image. For InstallScript and InstallScript Object projects: Rebuilds only those portions of the release that have changed since the last build. If this parameter is not used, the entire file media library is rebuilt.  

**Note** • The -q2 parameter cannot be used with the -q1 or -q3 parameters. |
| -q3       | Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module | Compiles only Setup.rul. For Basic MSI projects, this parameter also streams ISSetup.dll into the Binary table of the .msi package, if one was previously built.  

**Note** • The -q3 parameter cannot be used with the -q2 or -q3, or -n parameters.  

**Note** • This parameter does not upgrade the project. If your project was created with InstallShield Developer 8 or earlier, you should upgrade it to the latest version of InstallShield before using -q3. For example, use -u to upgrade. |
<p>| -r &lt;release name&gt; | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/ Advanced UI | The release name as specified in the Releases view. You can use an existing release name or create a new one. Although this parameter is not required, you should include it if you are including -a, the parameter for product configurations. |</p>
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<tr>
<td>-s</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter enables you to build your release in silent mode. Silent builds are useful if you want to run the build without displaying any errors or warning messages. This parameter is optional.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-se or -SE</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI, QuickPatch, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter allows you to run the build without displaying any information except error messages. Use this parameter to build and get only build errors (errors, fatal errors, and validation errors). This parameter is optional.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| -t <Microsoft .NET Framework path> | Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI | Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll are utilities that are included with each version of the .NET Framework. This parameter specifies the path for the directory that contains the installed 32-bit version of these files that you want to use at build time for releases that include .NET installer classes and COM interop. This is not the path to .NET Framework redistributable files.  

**Note** • If you are using InstallShield on a 64-bit system, ISCmbdld.exe determines the location of the corresponding 64-bit version of the .NET Framework based on the path that you specify for this parameter, and ISCmbdld.exe uses the 64-bit location of Regasm.exe and InstallUtilLib.dll when appropriate. |
| -u | Basic MSI | This parameter enables you to upgrade—but not build—your release. You can use this parameter to upgrade an installation project that you created using InstallShield—Windows Installer Edition version 2.03 or earlier. |
| -v | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI | This parameter enables you to create a verbose build log file that may be useful if Revenera Support is helping you troubleshoot an issue with your installation. |
**Table 13-6 • ISCmdBld.exe Command-Line Parameters (cont.)**

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<td><code>-w</code></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>This parameter treats warnings that occur during the build process as errors. Each warning increments the error count by one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>-x</code></td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module</td>
<td>If you want the build to stop when it encounters an error, use the <code>-x</code> parameter. If you want the build to stop when it encounters a warning, use this parameter in conjunction with the <code>-w</code> parameter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| `-y <product version>` | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI | This parameter enables you to specify a product version from the command line. This is especially helpful if you want to increment the build version (the third field) of the product version. For example, to set the product version to 1.0.5:  
  ISCmdBld.exe -y "1.0.5"  
  For information on valid product version numbers, see Specifying the Product Version.  
  This parameter is optional. |
| `-z <property name=property value>` | Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI | In Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, and Merge Module projects, this parameter enables you to override the value of a Windows Installer property. In Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI projects, this parameter enables you to override the value of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI property.  
  For example, to set the value of the property called PropertyName to PropertyValue, use the following command line:  
  ISCmdBld.exe -z PropertyName=PropertyValue  
  If you want to set the value to a string that includes one or more spaces, use quotation marks; for example, to set the value of the property called PropertyName to My Property Value, use the following command line:  
  ISCmdBld.exe -z "PropertyName=My Property Value"  
  If you specify a property that does not exist in the Property table, InstallShield creates the property in the installation that it builds.  
  If you specify both the `-y` parameter to override the product version, and the `-z` parameter to override the ProductVersion property, InstallShield uses the value specified for the `-y` parameter.  
  This parameter is optional. |
Table 13-7 • Command-Line Parameters for ISBuild.exe

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>cert_password</td>
<td>Advanced UI, Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI, InstallScript Object, Merge Module, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the digital certificate password, this is an optional parameter. If it is not specified, the password configured in the project is used to sign the files.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also
Using ISCmdBld.exe to Build a Release from the Command Line
Standalone Command-Line Build

ISBuild.exe

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

ISBuild.exe is a command-line tool that is available for legacy InstallScript projects. The following parameters are associated with ISBuild.exe:

Table 13-7 • Command-Line Parameters for ISBuild.exe

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<tr>
<td>-p project file</td>
<td>This specifies the fully qualified path and file name of the project file. By default, the project file is in the following location: C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\Project Name\Project File. This parameter should be enclosed in quotation marks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-m media name</td>
<td>This specifies the media name for the media that will be built. This parameter should be enclosed in quotation marks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-b build location</td>
<td>This specifies the fully qualified path to the folder where you want the output folders and files to be placed. This parameter is optional.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-s</td>
<td>This runs ISBuild.exe in silent mode. This parameter is optional.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-r</td>
<td>This indicates that the media should refresh the build. The default is a complete rebuild. This parameter is optional.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**IISscan.exe**

InstallShield 2020

*Edition* • The ability to import IIS data into an InstallShield project is available only in the Premier edition of InstallShield.

The IIS scanner (IISscan.exe) is a tool that scans an IIS Web site and records the values of the settings that you can configure in the Internet Information Services view in InstallShield. IISscan.exe creates an XML file that contains all of the values. You can use this XML file to import the values into the Internet Information Services view. Then you can modify the settings as needed.

When you use IISscan.exe to scan a Web site, you must place the IISscan.exe file on the machine that contains the IIS Web site.

*Note* • IISscan.exe requires administrative privileges. Therefore, you may need to launch it from an elevated Command Prompt window.

IISscan.exe is installed in the following location:

*InstallShield Program Files Folder\System*

**Syntax**

iisscan.exe -website "Site Name" -outfile "C:\PathToFile\FileName.xml"

**Parameters**

*Table 13-8 • Command-Line Parameters for IISscan.exe*

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-website</td>
<td>Specify the name of the Web site on the IIS server that you want to scan.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-outfile</td>
<td>Specify the full path and name of the XML file that you want the scanner to create. This parameter is optional. If you do not pass this parameter, the IIS scanner records the IIS settings in a file called iisscan.xml in the same directory that contains the IIS scanner.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Tip* • InstallShield lets you configure filters if you want to prevent certain IIS data—such as Web sites, applications, virtual directories, application pool, or any of their settings—from ever being imported into the Internet Information Services view. To learn more, see Filtering IIS Data When Importing a Web Site and Its Settings into an InstallShield Project.

**See Also**

Scanning an IIS Web Site and Importing Its Settings into an InstallShield Project
Managing Internet Information Services
Internet Information Services View
iSign.exe

InstallShield 2020

Project • This information applies to the following project types:

- InstallScript
- InstallScript Object

Use the command-line tool iSign.exe to digitally sign a release of an InstallScript project from the command line after you have built the release.

iSign.exe is in the following directory:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\System

iSign.exe lets you choose between the following options:

- You can specify the .pfx certificate file on your machine that you want to use for signing.
- You can reference a certificate store that contains the certificate that you want to use for signing.

Syntax

iSign.exe [options] PathToData1.hdrFile

For example, for signing with a .pfx file:

iSign.exe -pfx "C:\Temp\MyFile.pfx" -p "Password" "C:\InstallShield 2020\MyProject\Media\Release 1\Disk Images\Disk1\data1.hdr"

For signing with a certificate in a certificate store:

iSign.exe -store "Root" -sl "Machine" ss "My Certificate" "C:\InstallShield 2020\MyProject\Media\Release 1\Disk Images\Disk1\data1.hdr"

Command-Line Parameters

Following is a list of the parameters that you can use with iSign.exe. Note that some are available only if you are using a .pfx file, and some are available only if you are using a certificate in a certificate store.

Table 13-9 • Command-Line Parameters for iSign.exe

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Signing Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-pfx &lt;path to .pfx file&gt;</td>
<td>.pfx file</td>
<td>Specify the fully qualified path to the .pfx file that contains the certificate that you want to use to sign your release.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ReleasePackager.exe

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Project • This information applies to InstallScript projects.

Use ReleasePackager.exe to build a self-extracting executable file from the command line. This can be useful if you are building from a batch file.

ReleasePackager.exe is installed in the following location:

InstallShield Program Files Folder\System
Syntax

ReleasePackager.exe "disk_images_folder" "package_file" ["icon_file" [icon_index]]

Parameters

Table 13-10 • Command-Line Parameters for ReleasePackager.exe

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>disk_images_folder</td>
<td>This optional parameter specifies the folder that contains the disk images to be incorporated in the self-extracting executable file. A typical value is: C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\ProjectName\Media\Releasename\Disk Images</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>package_file</td>
<td>This parameter specifies the fully qualified name of the self-extracting executable file. A typical value is: C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\ProjectName\Media\Releasename\Package\Packagename.exe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>icon_file</td>
<td>This optional parameter specifies the fully qualified name of the file that contains the icon you want to use for your self-extracting executable file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>icon_index</td>
<td>This optional parameter specifies the numeric index of the icon from icon_file that you want to use for your self-extracting executable file. If you do not specify an index, the icon at index 0 is used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-s</td>
<td>This optional parameter is available for running ReleasePackager.exe in silent mode. To pass this parameter to ReleasePackager.exe, the syntax is as follows: ReleasePackager.exe &quot;disk_images_folder&quot; &quot;package_file&quot; [&quot;icon_file&quot; [icon_index]] -s</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that the -s parameter must be specified after the other parameters. If you do not want to specify an icon file or icon index, you must specify the default values of a null string ("") for the icon file and 0 for the icon index.

Example

ReleasePackager.exe "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My Project\Media\My Release\Disk Images" "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My Project\Media\My Release\Package\MyPackage.exe" "C:\My Icon Files\MyIcons.dll" 2 -s

See Also

Building a Self-Extracting Executable File from the Command Line

SetupIni.exe

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Project • This information applies to the following project types:
SetupIni.exe is a command-line tool that enables you to modify a Setup.ini file that is embedded in a Setup.exe or Update.exe file. Setup.ini is an initialization file that is created during the build process of installation projects to control certain elements of the installation.

SetupIni.exe is installed in the following location:

**InstallShield Program Files Folder\System**

### Syntax

**SetupIni.exe PathToSetup.exe Section Key Value**

### Parameters

**Table 13-11 • Command-Line Parameters for SetupIni.exe**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| PathToSetup.exe | Specify the path and file name to the Setup.exe file that contains the Setup.ini file that you want to modify.  
If the path contains spaces, enclose it within quotation marks. |
| Section         | Specify the name of the section that you want to modify.                                                                                     |
| Key             | Specify the name of the key whose value you want to set.                                                                                   |
| Value           | Specify the value that you want to use for the specified key.  
If the value contains spaces, enclose it within quotation marks. |

### Example

SetupIni.exe "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\My Project\Media\My Release\Package\MySetup.exe" Startup CmdLine MYPROPERTY="MyValue"

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### MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters

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**MsiExec.exe** is the executable program of the Windows Installer used to interpret installation packages and install products on target systems. After you **build your release**, you can install your Windows Installer package (.msi) from the command line.

Your Windows Installer package can be accessed from the folder that contains your built release. The default location is as follows:

**C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\ProjectName\ReleaseName\DiskImages\Disk1\ProductName.msi**

After building a release of your product, you can install it from the command line:

**msiexec /i "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\ProjectName\ReleaseName\DiskImages\Disk1\ProductName.msi"**
The table below provides a detailed description of \texttt{MsiExec.exe} command-line parameters.

**Table 13-12 • MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| /i <package> or <product code> | Use this format to install the product Othello:  
\texttt{msiexec /i "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\Othello\Trial Version\Release\DiskImages\Disk1\Othello Beta.msi"}

Product Code refers to the GUID that is automatically generated in the Product Code property of your product's project view. |
| /f [p|o|d|c|a|u|m|s|v] <package> or <product code> | Installing with the /f option will repair or reinstall missing or corrupted files.  
For example, to force a reinstall of all files, use the following syntax:  
\texttt{msiexec /fa "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\Othello\Trial Version\Release\DiskImages\Disk1\Othello Beta.msi"}

Use the aforementioned syntax in conjunction with the following flags:

- p reinstalls a file if it is missing
- o reinstalls a file if it is missing or if an older version of the file is present on the user's system
- e reinstalls a file if it is missing or if an equivalent or older version of the file is present on the user's system
- c reinstalls a file if it is missing or if the stored checksum of the installed file does not match the new file's value
- a forces a reinstall of all files
- u or m rewrite all required user registry entries
- s overwrites any existing shortcuts
- v runs your application from the source and re-caches the local installation package |
| /a <package> | The /a option allows users with administrator privileges to install a product onto the network. |
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Table 13-12 • Msiexec.exe Command-Line Parameters (cont.)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/x &lt;package&gt; or &lt;product code&gt;</td>
<td>The /x option uninstalls a product.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Project • For InstallScript MSI projects in which the InstallScript UI style is the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler): If you try to uninstall the product through the command line using the statement Msiexec.exe /x {ProductCode}, the uninstallation may be successful. However, the Windows Installer displays an error dialog near the end of the uninstallation. The error dialog indicates that the Windows Installer service could not be accessed.

To perform an uninstallation from the command line in this scenario, the current recommended method is to use one of the following:

msiexec.exe /i {ProductCode} REMOVE=ALL
msiexec.exe /x {ProductCode} /qn

This is not necessary if your InstallScript MSI project is using the traditional style for the InstallScript UI (which uses the InstallScript engine as an external UI handler).

To learn more, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations.

| /j [u|m] <package> | Building with the /j <package> option advertises the components of your application on the end user’s computer |
| /j [u|m] <package> /t <transform list> | • u advertises components only to the current user |
| /j [u|m] <package> /g | • m advertises components to all users of the computer |
| /j <language ID> | • g specifies language ID |
| /j <language ID> | • t applies a transform to your advertised product |

Transforms allow the synchronization of applications across different languages. For example, if you upgrade the English version of your product, you could apply a transform to automatically upgrade the French version of your product.
Use the `/L` option to specify the path to the log file. Optionally include one or more of the following flags to indicate which information to record in the log file:

- `i` logs status messages.
- `w` logs non-fatal warning messages.
- `e` logs any error messages.
- `a` logs the commencement of action sequences.
- `r` logs action-specific records.
- `u` logs user requests.
- `c` logs initial user interface parameters.
- `m` logs out-of-memory messages.
- `o` logs out-of-disk-space messages.
- `p` logs all of the properties and their values at the end of the installation.
- `v` logs verbose output.
- `x` logs extra debugging information.
- `+` appends the information to an existing log file.
- `!` flushes each line to the log.
- `*` is a wild-card character that enables you to log all information (excluding the verbose output that `v` provides and the extra debugging information that `x` provides).

For example, to generate a log file that logs everything verbosely, use the following:

```
/L*v "C:\MyLogFiles\package.log"
```

Use the `/p` option to apply a patch to an installed product. To patch an installed administrative image, combine this option with `/a` as shown:

```
/p PatchPackage /a Package
```
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Table 13-12 • MsiExec.exe Command-Line Parameters (cont.)

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<thead>
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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/q [n</td>
<td>b</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• q or qn creates no user interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• qb creates a basic user interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The following user interface settings display a modal dialog box at the end of installation:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• qr displays a reduced user interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• qf displays a full user interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• qf+ displays no user interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• qb+ displays a basic user interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/? or /h</td>
<td>Either command displays Windows Installer copyright information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/y &lt;file name&gt;</td>
<td>This command calls the DllRegisterServer entry-point function of the DLL or OCX file specified in &lt;file name&gt;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/z &lt;file name&gt;</td>
<td>This command calls the DllUnregisterServer entry-point function of the DLL or OCX file specified in &lt;file name&gt;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/n {product code}</td>
<td>The /n &lt;product code&gt; option is available for patches that are created in the Patch Design view for Basic MSI projects that support the installation of multiple instances of a product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Use the /n option with the /p option to specify the product code of the instance to which you want to apply a patch. For example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>msiexec /p mypatch.msp /n {00000001-0002-0000-0000-624474736554}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRANSFORMS</td>
<td>Use the TRANSFORMS command-line parameter to specify any transforms that you would like applied to your base package. Your transform command-line call might look something like this:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>msiexec /i &quot;C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\Othello\Trial Version\Release\DiskImages\Disk1\Othello.msi&quot; TRANSFORMS=&quot;New Transform 1.mst&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You can separate multiple transforms with a semicolon. Because of this, it is recommended that you do not use semicolons in the name of your transform because the Windows Installer service will interpret those incorrectly.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For information on passing MsiExec.exe command-line parameters through Setup.exe, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

See Also
- Creating a Setup Launcher
- Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Standard Installer Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Standard Installer Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)

Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters

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Setup.exe can accept a number of command-line parameters. Update.exe (available only for Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI projects) accepts nearly all of the same command-line parameters. Using these parameters, end users can specify such data as the language that the installation should run in and whether to launch Setup.exe silently. For Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI, end users can also pass parameters through Setup.exe to the included .msi file.

Note • Command-line options that require a parameter must be specified with no space between the option and its parameter. For example, Setup.exe /v"ALLUSERS=2" is valid, while Setup.exe /v "ALLUSERS=2" is not. Quotation marks around an option's parameter are required only if the parameter contains spaces. If a path within a parameter contains spaces, you may need to use quotation marks within quotation marks, as in the following example:

Setup.exe /v"INSTALLDIR="c:\My Files""

Project • Some of the command-line options apply to only certain project types. Project-specific information is listed for each option.

Built-In Command-Line Parameters

This section describes valid command-line parameters for Setup.exe. The parameters are organized into the following categories:

### Properties

All public properties can be set or modified from the command line. Public properties are distinguished from private properties by the fact that they are in all capital letters. For example, COMPANYNAME is a public property.

To set a property from the command line, use the following syntax: `PROPERTY=VALUE`. If you wanted to change the value of COMPANYNAME, you would enter:

```cmd
msiexec /i "C:\InstallShield 2020 Projects\Othello\Trial Version\Release\DiskImages\Disk1\Othello.msi" COMPANYNAME="My Software Company"
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Properties</td>
<td>All public properties can be set or modified from the command line. Public properties are distinguished from private properties by the fact that they are in all capital letters. For example, COMPANYNAME is a public property. To set a property from the command line, use the following syntax: <code>PROPERTY=VALUE</code>. If you wanted to change the value of COMPANYNAME, you would enter:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For information on passing MsiExec.exe command-line parameters through Setup.exe, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.

See Also
- Creating a Setup Launcher
- Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Standard Installer Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
- Standard Installer Command-Line Options (Windows Installer Help Library)
• Silent Installations
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• Download and Cache Locations (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)
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• SMS Data
• Minimum UI
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Silent Installations

Table 13-13 • Parameters for Silent Installations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/p&quot;password&quot;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>If you configured the password-related settings for your release on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view, the end user must specify the password with the /p option when running the installation silently. A typical command is as follows: Setup.exe /s /p&quot;password&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/r</td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Use this command line to run the installation in record mode. In order to run an InstallScript MSI or InstallScript installation in silent mode, you must first run Setup.exe with the /r option to generate a response file, which stores information about the data entered and options selected by the user at run time. Launching an InstallScript MSI or InstallScript installation with the /r parameter displays all the run-time dialogs and stores the data in a file called Setup.iss, created inside the system's Windows folder. To specify an alternative response file name and location, use the /f1 option, described below. Basic MSI projects do not create or use a response file for silent installations.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For an InstallScript MSI or InstallScript project, the command Setup.exe /s runs the installation in silent mode, by default based on the responses contained in a response file called Setup.iss in the same directory. (Response files are created by running Setup.exe with the /r option.) To specify an alternative file name or location of the response file, use the /f1 option.

The command Setup.exe /s also suppresses the Setup.exe initialization dialog for a Basic MSI installation, but it does not read a response file. To run a Basic MSI installation silently, use the following command line:

```
Setup.exe /s /v/qn
```

To specify the values of public properties for a silent Basic MSI installation, you can use a command such as the following one:

```
Setup.exe /s /v"/qn INSTALLDIR=D:\Destination"
```

**Note** • Using this command-line parameter to launch an installation that includes an InstallShield prerequisite does not automatically run the prerequisite installation silently. You may also need to specify a valid silent command-line parameter for the InstallShield prerequisite in the **Specify the command line for the application when the setup is running in silent mode** setting on the **Application to Run tab** in the InstallShield Prerequisite Editor.

For more information, see **Specifying Command-Line Parameters for an InstallShield Prerequisite**.

Using the /f1 option enables you to specify where the response file is (or where it should be created) and what its name is, as in the following example:

```
Setup.exe /s /f1"C:\Temp\Setup.iss"
```

Specify an absolute path; using a relative path gives unpredictable results. The /f1 option is available both when creating a response file (with the /r option) and when using a response file (with the /s option).
When running an InstallScript MSI or InstallScript installation in silent mode (using the `/s` option), the log file `Setup.log` is by default created in the same directory and with the same name (except for the extension) as the response file. The `/f2` option enables you to specify an alternative log file location and file name, as in the following example:

```
Setup.exe /s /f2"C:\Setup.log"
```

Specify an absolute path; using a relative path gives unpredictable results.

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>/f2</code></td>
<td>InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>When running an InstallScript MSI or InstallScript installation in silent mode (using the <code>/s</code> option), the log file <code>Setup.log</code> is by default created in the same directory and with the same name (except for the extension) as the response file. The <code>/f2</code> option enables you to specify an alternative log file location and file name, as in the following example: <code>Setup.exe /s /f2&quot;C:\Setup.log&quot;</code>. Specify an absolute path; using a relative path gives unpredictable results.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Special Installation Modes

#### Table 13-14 • Parameters for Special Installation Modes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/a</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Note" /> The <code>/a</code> parameter does not work with <code>Update.exe</code>. <code>Update.exe</code> launches a patch that accesses and modifies an existing cached <code>.msi</code> file on the system, and an administrative installation does not cache the <code>.msi</code> file. The <code>/a</code> option causes <code>Setup.exe</code> to perform an administrative installation. An administrative installation copies (and uncompresses) your data files to a directory that is specified by the user, but it does not create shortcuts, register COM servers, or create an uninstallation log.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/j</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>The <code>/j</code> option causes <code>Setup.exe</code> to perform an advertised installation. An advertised installation creates shortcuts, registers COM servers, and registers file types, but does not install your product’s files until the user invokes one of these “entry points.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/x</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>The <code>/x</code> option causes <code>Setup.exe</code> to uninstall a previously installed product.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tip** • If an installation contains InstallShield prerequisites and you want to extract them from `Setup.exe`, add a path after the `/a` parameter to extract the prerequisites to that location. A sample command is `Setup.exe /a"C:\temp"`. 

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Table 13-14 • Parameters for Special Installation Modes (cont.)

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/uninst</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td><strong>Important</strong> • This parameter does not apply to InstallScript MSI projects in which the InstallScript UI style is the new style (which uses the InstallScript engine as an embedded UI handler). To learn more, see Using the InstallScript Engine as an External vs. Embedded UI Handler for InstallScript MSI Installations. The /uninst option is provided for compatibility with earlier versions of InstallShield. This option causes the InstallScript engine to execute the event handler function OnUninstall, whose default code uninstalls the previously installed product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/removeonly</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>The /removeonly option sets the REMOVEONLY system variable equal to a non-zero value. The default code for the OnMaintUIBefore event handler function conditionally displays the SdWelcomeMaint dialog, depending on the value of REMOVEONLY.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/instance=&lt;InstanceId&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI</td>
<td>The /instance=&lt;InstanceId&gt; option—which is available for Basic MSI projects that support the installation of multiple instances of a product—lets you specify which instance you want to install, update, or uninstall. &lt;InstanceId&gt; represents the value of theInstanceId property that identifies the instance. Whenever you use this option and include a valid InstanceId value, the installation suppresses the instance selection dialog. For example, the following sample command line installs the instance that has 2 as the value of the InstanceId property: Setup.exe /instance=2 Use default to identify the instance that is installed by the base installation package, as in the following example: Setup.exe /instance=default To specify the instance that you want to uninstall, include the /x option with the /instance=&lt;InstanceId&gt; option. For more information, see Naming an Instance and Run-Time Behavior for Installing Multiple Instances of a Product.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### Passing Data to the Installation

#### Table 13-15 • Parameters for Passing Data to the Installation

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>/v</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Use the /v option to pass command-line options and values of public properties through to Msiexec.exe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If you want to pass more than one argument to Msiexec.exe, you can use the /v option multiple times at the command line, once for each argument. For example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Setup.exe /v&quot;/l*v c:\test.log&quot; /v&quot;MYPROPERTY1=value1&quot; /v&quot;/qb&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>As an alternative, you can pass multiple arguments through the /v option as in the following example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Setup.exe /v&quot;/l*v c:\test.log MYPROPERTY1=value1 /v&quot;/qb&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/v&quot;ISSCRIPTCMDLINE=&quot;&lt;Option1&gt;&lt;Option2&gt;&quot;&quot;</td>
<td>Basic MSI projects that have InstallScript custom actions</td>
<td>This option specifies command-line parameters to be passed to the script. Any property supported by InstallScript MSI (where appropriate) can be specified. (The most common ones are /d and /z.) For example, the following indicates that you want to debug the script, and that the CMDLINE variable should contain TEST.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Setup.exe /v&quot;ISSCRIPTCMDLINE=&quot;-d -zTEST&quot;&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Note that as shown above, when you want to specify that a double quote character is not a delimiter for the command line but a delimiter for the property, use &quot;.&quot;. Note also that as with any public Windows Installer property, this property should be specified with all uppercase letters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/z</td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>The /z option is used to pass data to the InstallScript system variable CMDLINE, as in the following example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Setup.exe /z&quot;My Custom Data&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>When this command line is used, the variable CMDLINE contains the string My Custom Data.</td>
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### Download and Cache Locations (Basic MSI and InstallScript MSI Projects)

#### Table 13-16 • Parameters for Download and Cache Locations

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<tr>
<td>/ua</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>In the Release Wizard, you can specify download locations for the Windows Installer installers InstMsiA.exe and InstMsiW.exe. A user can specify an alternative URL at run time using the /ua option (for the InstMsiA.exe location) and /uw option (for the InstMsiW.exe location), as in the following example: Setup.exe /ua&quot;<a href="http://www.otherlocation.com/engines">http://www.otherlocation.com/engines</a>&quot; The file name is not necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/uw</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>Note • You must specify the full URL with the parameters.</td>
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<tr>
<td>/um</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>In the Release Wizard, for a Web Downloader build, you can specify a download location for your .msi database. A user can specify an alternative URL using the /um option, as in the following example: Setup.exe /um&quot;<a href="http://www.otherlocation.com/packages/product.msi">http://www.otherlocation.com/packages/product.msi</a>&quot;</td>
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<td>Note • You must specify the full URL with the parameter.</td>
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<td>/b</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>In the Release Wizard, for a Downloader build, you can specify whether to cache the contents of a compressed package on the local system. With the /b option, the user can specify the directory in which to cache the installation files, as in the following example: Setup.exe /b&quot;C:\CacheDirectory&quot;</td>
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<td>Note • You must specify the full URL with the parameter.</td>
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Debugging

Table 13-17 • Parameters for Debugging

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>/d</td>
<td>Basic MSI projects with InstallScript custom actions, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>For an InstallScript project, running the command <code>Setup.exe /d</code> runs the installation program with the InstallScript Debugger.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Note • Debugging InstallScript code requires the debug-information file `Setup.dbg` to be available. In addition, in order to debug an installation on a system other than your development machine, you need to copy certain files from your development machine to the debugging machine. To learn more, see Debugging an Installation on Any Computer.

For a Basic MSI project, the following command runs your InstallScript custom actions in the InstallScript Debugger:

```
Setup.exe /v"ISSCRIPTDEBUG=1 ISSCRIPTDEBUGPATH="path-to-Setup.dbg""
```
The `/debuglog` parameter lets you generate a log file for `Setup.exe`. To generate a log named `InstallShield.log` in the same directory as the `Setup.exe` file, pass just the command-line parameter. Note that this does not work if the `Setup.exe` file is in a read-only location. For example:

```
setup.exe /debuglog
```

To specify the name and location of the log file, pass the path and name, as in the following example:

```
Setup.exe /debuglog"C:\PathToLog\setupexe.log"
```

To generate a log file for the feature prerequisites in the installation, use the `/v` parameter to set the `ISDEBUGLOG` property to the full path and file name for the log file, as follows:

```
Setup.exe /debuglog"C:\PathToSetupLogFile\setup.log" /v"ISDEBUGLOG=prereq.log"
```

You can use directory properties and environment variables in the path for the feature prerequisite log file.

Additionally, use the option `/newlog` with the `/debuglog` parameter or set the **Always Create Debug Log** option to Yes in the IDE setting to overwrite the existing debug log and create the log(s) newly.

To overwrite the existing log named `InstallShield.log` in the same directory as the `Setup.exe` file, pass just the command-line parameter. For example, `setup.exe /debuglog /newlog`.

To specify the name and location of the existing log file to overwrite, pass the path and name, as in the following example:

```
setup.exe /debuglog"C:\PathToLog\setupexe.log" /newlog
```

**Note** • *The message “The setup command line is invalid. The Setup cannot proceed” will be shown when /newlog option was not used with /debuglog parameter or the Always Create Debug Log option is not set to Yes.*
SMS Data

Table 13-18 • Parameters for SMS Data

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| /m        | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | The /m option causes Setup.exe to generate an SMS Management Information Format (.mif) file. Following is a typical command:  
  Setup.exe /m"SampleApp"  
  Including the “.mif” file extension is not necessary. |
| /m1       | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Using the /m1 parameter (along with /m) enables you to specify a serial number to be written to the .mif file. A typical command is as follows:  
  Setup.exe /m"SampleApp" /m1"1234-5678" |
| /m2       | InstallScript, InstallScript MSI | Using the /m2 parameter (along with /m) enables you to specify a locale string to be written to the .mif file. A typical command is as follows:  
  Setup.exe /m"SampleApp" /m2"ENU" |

Minimum UI

Table 13-19 • Parameters for Minimum UI

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Project Type</th>
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| /passive  | Advanced UI, Suite/Advanced UI | Use the /passive parameter to runs a suite installer setup in a minimum UI mode (just displaying a progress panel):  
  Setup.exe /passive  
  To uninstall using a minimum UI mode, use the following command:  
  Setup.exe /passive /remove |
### Miscellaneous

Table 13-20 • Parameters for Miscellaneous

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>/delayedstart:&lt;number of seconds&gt;</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specifies the amount of time (in seconds) by which initialization of the installation is delayed after Setup.exe is launched.</td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong> • Using the -delayedstart option is recommended when manually launching an additional installation after reboot (for example, by using the RunOnce key). The delay allows the operation system to initialize completely; this prevents the problems—such as Remote Procedure Call (RPC) errors—that can occur if an installation initializes before the operating system has initialized completely. The recommended delay length is 30 seconds. Note that this option is not needed when the installation starts automatically after reboot (for example, due to a call to SdFinishReboot before reboot).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/runfromtemp</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This parameter allows the setup author to always clone the setup and run it from the temporary directory, even if the setup does not meet the conditions for running from the temporary directory. This parameter is ignored if the setup is a self-extracting executable file (.exe).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/Clone_wait</td>
<td>InstallScript, Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI, Suite/Advanced UI</td>
<td>This parameter indicates that the original setup should wait for the cloned setup process to complete before exiting.                                                                                                       By default, the original setup is enabled to wait for the completion of the installation process. For more information on Clone_wait, see Changing the Default Clone_wait Parameter for the Setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/extract_all:&lt;path&gt;</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specifies that a self-extracting package's files should not be run but simply extracted to the location that is specified by &lt;path&gt;.</td>
</tr>
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Command-Line Tools

The build engine automatically creates an installation that supports Setup.exe cloning in cases where cloning is required (for example, multi-disk installations). If you need to do this manually, pass /h to Setup.exe and it will clone itself to a temporary location and run from that location.

/hide_progress

Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI

Suppresses the display of any small and standard progress dialogs that might be shown during initialization.

The small progress dialog is usually used for installations that display a splash screen during initialization, since a standard-size progress dialog does not leave any space for the splash screen. Specifying the /hide_progress option hides the small progress dialog for those installations, so end users would see just the splash screen without any progress indication.

Note • For InstallScript installations: If you specify /hide_progress and include a splash screen in your InstallScript installation, the length of time that the splash screen is displayed depends on whether SmallProgress=Y or SmallProgress=N is specified in Setup.ini.

• If SmallProgress=Y is specified, the splash screen is shown for as long as the progress dialog would have been displayed if /hide_progress was not specified.

• If SmallProgress=N is specified, the splash screen is shown for the length of time specified in the SplashTime key; thus, using /hide_progress and SmallProgress=Y at the same time is not recommended.

For InstallScript MSI installations: If you include a splash screen, the installation automatically switches to the small progress dialog, and the splash screen is shown only during the time that the progress dialog is displayed. Note that this is true even if /hide_progress is specified. Therefore, it is recommended that you avoid using /hide_progress with a splash screen in InstallScript MSI installations.
### Table 13-20 • Parameters for Miscellaneous (cont.)

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<td>/hide_splash</td>
<td>InstallScript,</td>
<td>Suppresses the display of the splash screen if one is included.</td>
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<td>InstallScript, MSI</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>/hide_usd</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Suppresses display of the dialog that is displayed by an update-enabled installation to let the end user select which instance of your product will be updated. This dialog is displayed by default when an update-enabled installation detects multiple previous instances. When this command-line option is used and an update-enabled installation detects multiple previous instances, the installation creates a new instance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/ig{InstanceGUID}</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>Specifies the value of the system variable INSTANCE_GUID; for example, -ig{722C7440-B317-4B3B-AECA-0199EA4E7CDB}. If this option is not used, the installation automatically assigns a value to INSTANCE_GUID (for multi-instance installations, this value is a newly generated GUID; for standard installations, this value is the same as the value of PRODUCT_GUID). This option is useful if you have created an installation launcher—that is, a custom application that runs before your installation does to perform pre-setup tasks, such as determining the instance GUID that you want to use for the installation. Do not specify anything other than a valid GUID with this option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/installfromweb&quot;PathToDisk1Files&quot;</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>This option is similar to the media_path option except that this option forces the installation to behave like a launched One-Click Install installation, even if the path to the media files is not a URL. Use this option if you are launching the installation from a Web page manually. In addition, this option is added automatically if the built-in Setup.ocx file is used to launch the installation.</td>
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<td>/media_path&quot;PathToDisk1Files&quot;</td>
<td>InstallScript</td>
<td>This option indicates that the installation should look for the Disk1 files in the location that is specified. Note that only the Setup.exe file needs to be in the original launch location; the installation obtains all other required files from the specified location (including Setup.exe, which must be present in the media location). You can specify a URL as the path to the media files; in this case, the installation behaves like a launched One-Click Install installation, which always shows the security dialog. To learn more about the behavior of One-Click Install installations, see One-Click Install Installations in InstallScript Projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/L&lt;LanguageID&gt;</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>This option indicates that the installation should run in the specified language as specified. You can specify the language ID as either a hexadecimal or decimal number. If you specify the hexadecimal number, be sure to proceed the value with 0x. For example, the following commands indicate that the installation should be run in German: Setup.exe -L0x0407 Setup.exe -L1031 Note that if you specify a language ID that is not supported by the installation or you specify an invalid language ID, the parameter is ignored. Also note that if this parameter is specified and it is valid, the language dialog (if enabled) is automatically suppressed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>/w</td>
<td>Basic MSI, InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>For a Basic MSI project, the /w option forces Setup.exe to wait until the installation is complete before exiting. Note • If you are using the /w option in a batch file, you may want to precede the entire Setup.exe command-line option with start /WAIT. A properly formatted example of this usage is as follows: start /WAIT setup.exe /w</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/SMS</td>
<td>InstallScript MSI</td>
<td>For an InstallScript MSI project, Setup.exe automatically waits for the installation to finish before exiting, so this option (used by earlier versions of InstallShield Professional) is no longer necessary.</td>
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User-Defined Command-Line Parameters

**Project** • This information about user-defined command-line parameters applies to InstallScript projects.

*For user-defined command-line parameters in InstallScript MSI projects, use the -z command-line parameter that is described above.*

Along with the command-line parameters that are listed above, -bd, -f, and -zi are command-line parameters that are reserved for use in InstallScript projects. User redefinition of these command-line parameters, either uppercase or lowercase, can cause errors.

You can define your own command-line arguments, which are copied to the system variable CMDLINE as at run time. Like predefined command-line parameters, you can pass custom arguments directly to Setup.exe, place them in Setup.ini, or (for testing purposes while you are using the InstallShield IDE) place them in the Settings dialog box, which is displayed when you click Settings on the Build menu in InstallShield.

**Note** • Setup.exe initializes correctly even on systems with more than 256 MB of memory and always stays in memory until the setup is complete. Due to the nature of DOS, when you launch Setup.exe from the command line, a DOS prompt is quickly returned although Setup.exe is still in memory.

**See Also**
Creating a Setup Launcher

Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe Command-Line Parameters

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**Project** • This information applies to the following project types:

- Advanced UI
- Suite/Advanced UI

**Edition** • The Advanced UI project type is available in the Professional edition of InstallShield. The Suite/Advanced UI project type is available in the Premier edition of InstallShield. For information about the differences between these two project types, see Advanced UI Projects vs. Suite/Advanced UI Projects.
The Setup.exe setup launcher for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI installations can accept a number of command-line parameters. Note that passing undefined parameters or invalid property definitions results in an invalid command-line error.

**Table 13-21 • Parameters for Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Setup Launchers**

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<td>/d</td>
<td>The /d parameter lets you debug the InstallScript actions in your Suite/Advanced UI installation with the InstallScript Debugger.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/d&quot;PathTo.dbgFile&quot;</td>
<td>Note • Debugging InstallScript code requires the debug-information file Setup.dbg to be available. In addition, in order to debug an installation on a system other than your development machine, you need to copy certain files from your development machine to the debugging machine. To learn more, see Debugging an Installation on Any Computer.</td>
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The following command runs your InstallScript custom actions in the InstallScript Debugger:

```
Setup.exe /d
```

If the installation is located in a path at which they were originally compiled, you also need to specify the path to your debug symbols file (.dbg):

```
Setup.exe /d"Path-to-Setup.dbg"
```

For more information about InstallScript actions in Suite/Advanced UI projects, see Working with an Action that Runs InstallScript Code in a Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

For more information on debugging issues, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

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<td>/debuglog</td>
<td>The /debuglog parameter lets you generate a log file for Setup.exe.</td>
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<td>/debuglog&quot;PathToLog&quot;</td>
<td>To generate a log named InstallShield.log in the same directory as the Setup.exe file, pass just the command-line parameter. Note that this does not work if the Setup.exe file is in a read-only location. For example:</td>
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<td>Setup.exe /debuglog</td>
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<td></td>
<td>To specify the name and location of the log file, pass the path and name, as in the following example:</td>
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<td>Setup.exe /debuglog&quot;C:\PathToLog\setup.exe.log&quot;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>For more information, see Troubleshooting Issues with an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.</td>
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The `/language:LCID` parameter indicates that the installation should run in the specified language as specified. Specify the language ID as a decimal number. For example, to indicate that the installation should be run in German, pass the language ID as follows:

```
Setup.exe /language:1031
```

Note that if you specify a language ID that is not supported by the installation or you specify an invalid language ID, the parameter is ignored. Also note that if this parameter is specified and it is valid, the language wizard page (if enabled) is automatically suppressed.

The `/log` parameter lets you generate a log file for each package in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation for which logging is enabled. To generate package log files in a particular folder, pass the folder path with the `/log` parameter to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.exe file. You can optionally separate the `/log` parameter and the path with a colon. For example, both of the following command lines generate a log file in the `PathToLogFiles` folder:

```
Setup.exe /log:C:\PathToLogFiles
Setup.exe /log:"C:\PathToLogFiles"
```

Note that the path to the log file location must already exist.

To generate package log files in the `%TEMP%` directory, leave out the path. For example:

```
Setup.exe /log
```

Note that logging must be enabled for a package, and the package’s logging-related settings (which vary, depending on whether the package is an .msi package, an .msp package, some other type of package) must be configured in the Packages view. For more information, see Supporting the Creation of Package Log Files for Command-Line Launching of an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

If you configured the password-related settings for your release on the Setup.exe tab in the Releases view, the end user must specify the password with the `/password` parameter at run time during a silent installation. A typical command is as follows:

```
Setup.exe /silent /password:MyPassword
```
You can pass properties to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation in more than one way. Following are examples:

```
Setup.exe MyPropertyName=MyPropertyValue
Setup.exe /MyPropertyName:MyPropertyValue
```

To clear the value of a property, even if it is set by the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.xml file, use the following syntax:

```
Setup.exe MyPropertyName=
```

The following properties have special meaning to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation when they are passed on the command line:

- **ISFeatureInstall**—This property provides a comma-delimited list of feature names that are to be installed with the current installation operation. It is intended for a silent first-time installation.

- **ISFeatureRemove**—This property provides a comma-delimited list of feature names that are to be removed with the current installation operation. It is intended for maintenance installations.

For more information, see Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference.

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<td>PropertyName=Value</td>
<td>You can pass properties to the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation in more than one way. Following are examples:</td>
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<tr>
<td>/PropertyName:Value</td>
<td>Setup.exe MyPropertyName=MyPropertyValue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PropertyName=</td>
<td>Setup.exe /MyPropertyName:MyPropertyValue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/remove</td>
<td>The /remove parameter uninstalls the packages that are currently installed on the target system and that were installed by the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation. This option also removes the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation’s entry in Add or Remove Programs if the maintenance condition in the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Setup.xml file is false.</td>
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<tr>
<td>/repair</td>
<td>The /repair parameter repairs the packages that are currently on the target system and that were installed by the Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>/silent</td>
<td>The /silent parameter runs the installation without a user interface.</td>
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For information on how to specify command lines that you want an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI installation to use when launching one of its packages, see Passing Command-Line Parameters to a Package in an Advanced UI or Suite/Advanced UI Installation.

See Also
Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Property Reference
Creating Advanced UI and Suite/Advanced UI Installations

Setup.exe (InstallScript Projects)

Setup.exe is the main installation executable file; it performs installation initialization and launches the installation engine to execute the installation on the target system.

When you create and build a release, Setup.exe and other setup engine redistributable files are placed in the Disk1 folder. You must ship these files on Disk1 of your distribution media.
**Note** • You can rename Setup.exe to any valid file name, such as Install.exe. Note that for the installation to be launched by another installation using the DoInstall function, the launched installation’s Setup.ini file must have the new file name in the [Startup] section’s LauncherName key.

You can pass command-line options directly to Setup.exe, or you can place them in Setup.ini. For testing purposes, while you are using InstallShield, you can pass command-line options to Setup.exe through the Run/Debug tab of the Settings dialog box, which is displayed when you click Settings on the Build menu.

**Note** • A self-extracting executable file accepts any command-line parameter that Setup.exe accepts.

For a list of supported parameters, see Setup.exe and Update.exe Command-Line Parameters.
Frequently Asked Questions

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This section lists common questions (sorted by topic) and provides links to answers. Where the techniques or steps to perform a specific task are different in different project types, answers for each project type are displayed.

Project Types

- Which project type should I use?
- How do I convert my project to a different project type?
  - Why do I get “error C8025 ‘INSTALLDIR’: undefined identifier” when compiling my script after conversion?
  - Why do I get the following error: “String PRODUCT_NAME was not found in string table”?

Files and Folders

- What is the difference between INSTALLDIR and TARGETDIR?
- How does Windows Installer determine whether to overwrite an existing file?
- How do I register a COM server?
- How do I install, start, stop, delete, uninstall, or configure a Windows service?
- How do I create an empty folder?
- How do I set a key file for a dynamic file link?
- What happens if I put more than one executable file in the same component?

Features and Components

- How do I conditionally select a feature?
- How do I conditionally hide a feature?
- Why should I use uppercase directory identifiers when setting component destinations?
- How do I change the value in the Link To column for a component?
Redistributables

- How do I add the Windows Installer to my project?
- How do I add the .NET Framework to my project?

Shortcuts

- How do I create an Internet shortcut?
- How do I create a shortcut to a folder?

Registry

- How do I read data from the registry?
- How do I write a property's value to the registry?

InstallScript

- How do I find out what sort of built-in functions are available in the InstallScript language?
- What is the maximum number of statements that I can use in a compiled script file? What other limits exist for InstallScript?

INI Files

- How do I read data from an .ini file?
- How do I get all key names from an .ini file?

Properties

- How do I get or set a Windows Installer property in InstallScript?
- Why does my deferred custom action show a blank value for a Windows Installer property?

Conditions

- How do I detect administrator privileges?
- How do I detect a first-time installation?
- How do I call a function only during the installation sequence?
- How do I detect if the user has selected a specific feature?
- How do I detect if the user is running a particular operating system?

End-User Interface

- How do I populate a list box at run time?
- How do I display a file browse dialog?
- How do I display a network browse dialog?
Custom Actions

• How do I search for a file on the end user’s system?
• How do I launch my application after the installation is complete?
• How do I place a file in the .msi database and extract it during run time?
• How do I exit the installation from within a custom action?
• How can I use the INSTALLDIR variable after I have created a custom action that runs VBScript code?
• How can I change ODBC properties (like DBQ and SystemDB) through script?

SQL Scripts

• How do I override the default SQL run-time behavior?
• How can I control the execution of a SQL script based on certain conditions in an InstallScript project?
• How do I enforce a server-side installation in an InstallScript project?
• How do I enforce a SQL server-side installation in a Windows Installer-based project?
• How do I handle SQL run-time errors?
• How do I ensure that my SQL scripts run only against a full of SQL Server?

Building Releases

• How do I build my release from the command line?
• How do I change project settings from the command line?

Deployment

• How do users run my installation in silent mode?

Uninstallation

• How do I remove files that were created by my product?
• How do I remove registry data created by my product?

Answers to many other questions are available in the Knowledge Base.
### Glossary

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<td>.bin file</td>
<td>A binary file that is executable on UNIX platforms. Application files usually have a .bin extension.</td>
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<td>.bmp file</td>
<td>A bitmap file of an image represented as an array of bits. In bitmap graphics, an image is displayed on the screen as a collection of tiny squares called pixels, which together form a pattern. Each pixel in the image corresponds with one or more bits.</td>
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<td>.cab file</td>
<td>See cabinet file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.command file</td>
<td>A command file that is executable on Mac OS X platforms. Application files usually have a .command extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.cub file</td>
<td>A validation module that stores and provides access to custom actions for internal consistency evaluators (ICEs). See also custom action and internal consistency evaluator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.exe file</td>
<td>An executable binary file on Windows platforms. Application files usually have an .exe file extension.</td>
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<td>.gif file</td>
<td>A graphics interchange format file supported on the Web. This type of file is in a bit-mapped graphics file format used for displaying bitmap images. These files use lossless compression, a method of compression in which no data is lost. This type of file supports up to 256 colors; it also supports transparency, where the background color can be set to transparent to let the color on the underlying page show through. This type of file format is more suitable than the .jpg file format for images with only a few distinct colors, such as line drawings.</td>
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<td>.idt file</td>
<td>An exported Windows Installer database table.</td>
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<td>.ism file</td>
<td>The working file that InstallShield uses to store project information. When you build a release, InstallShield uses the .ism file to create an .msi file for distribution.</td>
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<td>.jar file</td>
<td>A Java archive file that contains the classes, images, and sound files for an installation, zipped up into a single file.</td>
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<td>.jpg file</td>
<td>Also known as JPEG, which is the abbreviation for Joint Photographic Experts Group, the original name of the committee that wrote the standard. This type of file is one of the image file formats supported on the Web. The file uses lossy compression, a type of compression in which color and grayscale continuous-tone images are compressed and some data is lost to eliminate redundant or unnecessary information. These images support 16 million colors and are best suited for photographs and complex graphics.</td>
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<td>.mif file</td>
<td>A management information format file used to describe a hardware or software component.</td>
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<td>.msi file</td>
<td>The Windows Installer installation package in its finished state. It includes installation resource files and can have compressed within it all of the application’s data files. The .msi file is the one that is distributed to the end users and will interact with the Windows Installer service to install your application on their machines.</td>
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<td>.msm file</td>
<td>The database file of a merge module. This type of file contains all of the installation properties and installation logic for the module. See also merge module.</td>
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<td>.msp file</td>
<td>A Windows Installer patch file. This type of file consists of a summary information stream, transform storages, and cabinet files. An .msp file contains at least one database transform that adds patching information to the database of its target installation package. The installer uses this patching information to apply the patch files that are stored in the cabinet files.</td>
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<td>.mst file</td>
<td>A transform package. This type of file is a simplified Windows Installer database that contains the differences between two .msi databases. Transforms enable administrators to apply modified settings to a database when they are deploying an installation package. See also transform.</td>
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<td>.NET</td>
<td>An operating system platform that Microsoft created for connecting information, people, systems, and devices. The .NET environment enables developers to build, create, and deploy their applications and Web services using whatever languages they prefer via the common language run time.</td>
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<td>.NET Compact Framework</td>
<td>A scaled-down version of the .NET Framework designed to run on resource-constrained devices, such as mobile devices. The .NET Compact Framework is currently available only for Pocket PC and Windows CE .NET devices, with support for more devices forthcoming.</td>
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<td>A programming infrastructure that Microsoft created for building, deploying, and running applications and services that use .NET technologies such as Web services. The .NET Framework consists of three main parts: the common language run time, a hierarchical set of unified class libraries, and a componentized version of Active Server Pages called ASP.NET.</td>
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<td>.ocx file</td>
<td>An object linking and embedding (OLE) custom control file. This type of file is a cross-platform COM file that is called by an application to perform a function, such as the ability to resize windows.</td>
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<td>.p12 file</td>
<td>A certificate file that conforms to public-key cryptography standard (PKCS) number 12, which specifies a portable format for securely storing or transporting a user’s private keys, certificates, miscellaneous secrets, and other information.</td>
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<td>.pcp file</td>
<td>A Windows Installer patch creation properties file.</td>
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<td>.prq file</td>
<td>A prerequisite file that contains information about a base application or component that must be installed on the target machine before the main application can be installed. Including setup prerequisites in installation projects enables developers to chain multiple installer files together into a single executable file.</td>
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<td>.reg file</td>
<td>See registry file.</td>
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<td>.scm file</td>
<td>A ScreenCam movie file.</td>
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<tr>
<td>.wmf file</td>
<td>A Windows metafile format file. This type of graphics file is used to exchange graphics information between Microsoft Windows-based applications.</td>
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<td>absolute path</td>
<td>An absolute path includes all of the information necessary to locate a file by starting at the root directory of a specified drive. For example, C:\Program Files\InstallShield is the absolute path to the InstallShield folder when it is installed on drive C.</td>
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<td>accessibility</td>
<td>The capacity or tendency to be available to all people, including those with disabilities.</td>
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<td>acquisition phase</td>
<td>The phase of the installation process during which the installer queries the database for instructions. The acquisition phase is followed by the execution phase.</td>
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<td>action</td>
<td>A command that performs an operation at a particular point during the execution of an installation or uninstallation wizard. Developers of installation packages can use built-in standard actions and create their own custom actions. Actions may display progress to the end user or allow the end user to cancel the operation.</td>
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<td>active directory</td>
<td>A structure supported by Microsoft Windows 2000 that enables administrators to track and locate any object on a network. Active Directory is the directory service used in Windows 2000 Server for distributed computing environments.</td>
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<td>active template library (ATL)</td>
<td>A set of classes for writing COM controls, resulting in smaller binaries than, for example, MFC.</td>
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<td>ActiveX</td>
<td>A set of object-oriented programming technologies and tools. ActiveX enables developers to write applications so that other applications and the operating system can call them. ActiveX technology makes it possible to create interactive Web pages that look and behave like applications, rather than static pages.</td>
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<tr>
<td>administration</td>
<td>The act or process of managing something.</td>
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<td>administration sequence</td>
<td>The list of actions that are executed when a user launches your installation with the /a command-line option. This is useful for network administrators who want to provide a common installation point on the network and prepare different installation criteria for multiple users. Each Administration sequence consists of a User Interface sequence and an Execute sequence.</td>
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<tr>
<td>administrative installation</td>
<td>Copies and uncompresses your data files to a directory specified by the user, but does not create shortcuts, register COM servers, or create an uninstallation log.</td>
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<tr>
<td>administrative privileges</td>
<td>The highest level of permission that can be granted to a computer user. Levels of permissions are necessary in networked environments to ensure system security and prevent damage to computer hardware and software. A user with administrative privileges can perform tasks such as install and uninstall software and change a computer’s configurations. Administrative privileges usually pertain to Windows NT 4.0, 2000, or XP machines as opposed to Windows 95, 98, or ME machines.</td>
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<tr>
<td>advertised shortcut</td>
<td>A shortcut to a product or feature that is not installed until the first time that the end user launches the shortcut. At run time of an installation, if the end user selects the &quot;This feature will be installed when required&quot; option for the product or the feature containing the shortcut, the shortcut is created but the component's files are not installed until the end user launches the shortcut. The first time the shortcut is launched, the Windows Installer service installs the component's files and other data and then the shortcut launches the target file. Every time the shortcut is used from then on, it behaves like a normal shortcut.</td>
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<td>advertisement</td>
<td>A type of “just-in-time” installation in which features are not installed immediately during the installation process. Instead, they are installed on the fly when they are requested. When you enable feature advertisement, the feature is advertised, regardless of the mode in which the installation is running, as long as no other factors prevent it from being advertised. If you launch MsiExec. exe from the command line with the /jm option, the feature is advertised to the end user’s machine. If you use the /ju function, the feature is advertised to the current end user. In the Custom Setup dialog, the end user can control which features are immediately installed and which are available later. The two types of advertising are assigning and publishing. See also assigning; publishing.</td>
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<td>advertisement sequence</td>
<td>The advertisement sequence contains the list of actions that are executed when a user launches your installation with the /j command-line option. Validation rule ICE78 requires the advertisement user interface sequence to be empty.</td>
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<tr>
<td>advertising</td>
<td>The process of presenting to end users features that are not installed immediately during the installation process. Instead, these features are installed on the fly when they are requested. See also advertisement.</td>
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<td>AlwaysInstallElevated</td>
<td>A user policy that can be configured for Windows platforms under the following registry keys: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer and HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer. To install a package with elevated (system) privileges, set the AlwaysInstallElevated value under both of these registry keys to 1.</td>
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<td>American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)</td>
<td>The code that represents letters, numbers, punctuation marks, and other characters such as numbers, with each character assigned a value between 0 to 127. This code enables different types of computers and computer applications to exchange data.</td>
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<td>animation</td>
<td>Multiple graphic images that are alternately changed and displayed at a specified number of frames per second to produce the illusion of movement.</td>
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<td>API</td>
<td>See application programming interface.</td>
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<tr>
<td>app paths</td>
<td>The registry key that Windows uses to find your application and its .dll files if their locations are not already in the system’s path. App paths entries can be set through the component’s advanced settings.</td>
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<tr>
<td>application programming interface (API)</td>
<td>A set of routines that an application uses to communicate with the computer’s operating system and that the operating system uses to make services available to the application.</td>
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<td>ASCII</td>
<td>See American Standard Code for Information Interchange.</td>
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<td>assigning</td>
<td>A type of advertisement. If an administrator assigns an application to a machine, the installation program automatically runs the next time that the machine starts or restarts. If the administrator assigns an application to a user, the installation program places a shortcut on the Start menu of the user’s machine. When the user selects the shortcut or launches a document associated with the assigned application, the application is installed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>asynchronous execution</td>
<td>A custom action that independently continues with the execution of its thread while the installer executes the main installation.</td>
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<td>ATL</td>
<td>See active template library.</td>
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<td>autonomic computing</td>
<td>A self-managed computing model named after, and patterned on, the human body’s autonomic nervous system. An autonomic computing system would control the functioning of computer applications and systems without input from users, similar to the way that the human body’s autonomic nervous system regulates and protects the body.</td>
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<td>auto-repair</td>
<td>The automatic restoring of an application to its original state by the installer. A partial or complete application reinstallation might be required if any files associated with any feature are missing or corrupted.</td>
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<td>basic UI</td>
<td>One level of the installer’s internal user interface (UI) capabilities. Typically, installation packages that are built with the basic UI level display built-in modeless dialog that show progress messages and disc prompt messages. They do not display any authored dialogs.</td>
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<td>billboards</td>
<td>Images, such as marketing messages, that can be displayed during installation.</td>
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<td>Binary table</td>
<td>A table that holds the binary data for items such as bitmaps and icons. It also contains data for custom actions.</td>
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<td>bitmap</td>
<td>A representation of an image presented as an array of bits. In bitmap graphics, an image is displayed on the screen as a collection of tiny squares called pixels, which together form a pattern. Each pixel in the image corresponds with one or more bits.</td>
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<td>cabinet file</td>
<td>A single file that holds a number of compressed files. During installation of an application, the compressed files are decompressed and copied to your computer. Cabinet files are efficient because they save space and time when distributing software. A cabinet file usually has the file extension .cab. Missing or corrupt files may prevent installations from completing. It may be necessary to replace missing or corrupt operating system files or InstallShield files by extracting them from a cabinet file.</td>
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<td>cache</td>
<td>A cache (pronounced cash) is a temporary storage area for frequently accessed data. The purpose of caching is to store frequently used information in a location that is easy to access, resulting in a faster-running computer. There are two types of cache: memory cache and disc cache. Memory cache stores the data and the address of where the data is stored in main memory. Memory caching is useful because most applications access the same data repeatedly. Disc caching uses the main memory. It is used to hold information that has recently been requested from the hard disc or has previously been written to the hard disc. In general, installations usually use the disc cache. When data is read from or written to main memory, a copy is also saved in the memory cache. When data is called for, the computer first checks the memory cache, then the disc cache, and finally main memory.</td>
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<td>caption</td>
<td>A text heading in a window. The windows caption is what users click and drag to position the active window on the screen.</td>
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<td>CBT</td>
<td>See computer-based training.</td>
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<td>CD browser</td>
<td>A graphical user interface that is launched when a CD is inserted in the drive. It is used to launch one or more applications on the CD.</td>
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<td>CD-ROM</td>
<td>See compact disc read-only memory.</td>
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<td>checksum</td>
<td>A calculated figure that is applied to data to test for possible corruption. The checksum is derived by sequentially combining bytes of data in the file in a systematic manner. After transmission or storage compression, the checksum calculation is performed again and the result is compared with the previous outcome. If the numbers do not match, this indicates that there is likely an error in the stored or transmitted data.</td>
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<td>column</td>
<td>A vertical set of information.</td>
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<td>COM</td>
<td>See component object model.</td>
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<td>COM file</td>
<td>Binary software components containing reusable code that can be shared across products. A popular example of a COM file is a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet when it is embedded in a Word document. In this example, Excel acts as the COM server and Word acts as the client.</td>
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<td>COM server</td>
<td>An executable file that exposes objects to other applications according to the Component Object Model (COM) specification. The types of objects exposed by a COM server may include ActiveX controls, ActiveX documents, Automation objects, or MTS components.</td>
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<td>COM+ file</td>
<td>An extended COM file. With regard to installations, COM+ adds greater support for building distributed components. For example, you can create appId keys and values in the registry and thereby configure various COM components to run remotely or with special privileges.</td>
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<td>command</td>
<td>(1) An instruction given to a computer.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(2) An instruction that the operating system executes from the command line or a Command Prompt window to perform a specific task. If errors occur during installation, you may, for example, need to execute commands to run utilities, search your computer’s directories, or delete files.</td>
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<td>command line</td>
<td>The area of the Command Prompt window in which commands are typed. A command line is used to pass commands to executable files (for example,.exe, .bin).</td>
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<td>command prompt</td>
<td>The Command Prompt window is the interface to MS-DOS. To access the Command Prompt window, click Run on the Start menu, and then type command.com in Windows 95, 98, and ME or cmd.exe in Windows NT, 2000, or XP. If errors occur during installation, you may need to open the Command Prompt window to enter commands to run utilities or search your computer’s directories, for example.</td>
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<td>command-line option</td>
<td>A command-line option is an argument to a command that changes how the command is executed. See also command.</td>
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<td>commit execution</td>
<td>Execution of a Windows Installer action upon completion of the InstallFinalize action, which occurs when the installation has completed transferring files, registering COM servers, and creating shortcuts and registry entries.</td>
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<td>committing databases</td>
<td>Accumulated changes made in a Windows Installer database. The changes are not reflected in the actual database until the database is committed, that is, until MsiDatabaseCommit is called.</td>
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<td>compact disc (CD)</td>
<td>A disc used for electronically recording, storing, and playing back audio, video, and other information in digital form.</td>
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<td>compact disc read-only memory (CD-ROM)</td>
<td>A type of compact disc that is only readable.</td>
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<td>component</td>
<td>Elements of the application from the installation developer’s perspective. Components are not visible to the end user. When the end user selects a feature for installation, the installer determines which components are associated with that feature, and then those components are installed. Components of an application would contain, for example, the executable binary files, data files, shortcuts, help system files, and registry entries.</td>
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<td>component object model (COM)</td>
<td>A Microsoft-developed software architecture that enables the creation of component-based applications. Component-based applications allow other components and other applications to use their features, adding functionality to these programs.</td>
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<td>compress</td>
<td>Take one or more files and create a new file whose size is less than the total size of the original file(s) and from which the original file(s) can be re-created.</td>
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<td>computer-based training (CBT)</td>
<td>Any instruction delivered by computer. CBTs often use graphics, sound, animation, and interaction to train people.</td>
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<td>condition</td>
<td>A statement of logic that compares the value of a property to a fixed value or determines whether the property is defined. The condition must evaluate to true if the object, feature, component, action, or other item associated with the condition is to be installed or performed.</td>
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<td>conditional installation</td>
<td>Installation of certain items only if certain conditions are met. For example, if an operating system condition is associated with the installation of an application, the application is installed on a target machine only if that target machine is running the specified operating system.</td>
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<td>consume</td>
<td>What an installation does to a redistributable package such as a merge module or InstallShield object.</td>
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<td>context menu</td>
<td>A context menu, also known as a right-click menu or a pop-up menu, opens when a user right-clicks an item on the desktop, in Windows Explorer, or in an application.</td>
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| converted project     | (1) A file that has been transformed from one type of file to another.  
|                       | (2) The Open MSI/MSM Wizard in InstallShield is a tool that converts .msi files and merge module (.msm) files to InstallShield installation projects (.ism files) that you can modify and build in InstallShield. |
| costing               | File costing is the process that InstallShield uses to determine the total disc space that a current installation requires.               |
| custom action         | An action that is created by an installation author as opposed to a standard action that is built into a Windows installer. The action encapsulates a function performed during the installation, uninstallation, or maintenance of an application. |
| database              | A discrete collection of data in a database management system (DBMS).                                                                     |
| database function     | A function that operates on a database.                                                                                                   |
| database handle       | A quantity that specifies a database when a database function is called.                                                                     |
| database management system (DBMS) | A set of applications that control the organization, storage, and retrieval of data for many users.                                       |
| DBMS                  | See database management system.                                                                                                          |
| DCOM                  | See distributed component object model.                                                                                                  |
| DCOM file             | Software components that are able to communicate across a network. DCOM, previously called network OLE, allows the components for a single application to be distributed across multiple networked computers. |
| decompress            | The reverse process of compression, which minimizes the size of a file by removing its space characters. This process returns the file to its original state. |
| deferred execution    | Execution of an installer action upon execution of the installation script.                                                                 |
| dependency            | A software object that is required by another software object.                                                                              |
| dialog                | Windows of information that display to the end user during installation and uninstallation. They enable the end user to interact with the operation by reading or specifying information. See also wizard. |
| dialog box            | A window that displays within an application interface that enables users to enter information or specify commands.                         |
| differential release  | A release that contains only those files that were absent from one or more of a specified set of existing releases. A differential release is used to update the versions of your product that were installed by those existing releases. |
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<td>To assure end users that the code within your application has not been tampered with or altered since publication, you can digitally sign your application. When you do so, end users are presented with a digital certificate when they download your product.</td>
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<td>distributed component object model (DCOM)</td>
<td>An extension of the component object model (COM), a Microsoft-developed software architecture that enables the creation of component-based applications.</td>
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<td>distribution media</td>
<td>A CD-ROM or other format of media deployed to users.</td>
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<td>DLL</td>
<td>See dynamic link library.</td>
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<td>drag</td>
<td>The act of selecting an item and moving it to another location.</td>
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<td>dynamic link library (DLL)</td>
<td>A shared, code-base file containing functions that can be called from other applications.</td>
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<td>edit field object</td>
<td>An interactive object that lets the user enter text into a field.</td>
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<td>elevated privileges</td>
<td>Privileges that are higher than standard privileges, and are usually temporarily. Privileges are permissions to perform certain actions on a system.</td>
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<td>end user</td>
<td>The person who installs or uninstalls your product.</td>
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<td>end user machine</td>
<td>The machine onto which an end user installs or from which uninstalls your product.</td>
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<td>engine</td>
<td>A program that performs essential functions and coordinates the overall operation of other programs. Engines work behind the scenes. InstallShield uses the InstallScript engine (ISScript.msi) and the Windows Installer engine to drive installations. InstallShield also has its own proprietary engine called ikernel.</td>
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<td>environment variable</td>
<td>A variable that can be accessed by multiple programs on the target system.</td>
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<td>EXE media type</td>
<td>All of the installation and uninstallation files that are contained in a single, self-extracting file.</td>
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<td>executable (.bin) file</td>
<td>A file that contains a program that can run on UNIX platforms.</td>
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<tr>
<td>executable (.exe) file</td>
<td>A file that contains a program that can run on Windows platforms.</td>
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<td>execution phase</td>
<td>The phase during which an installer’s actions are executed.</td>
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<td>execution script</td>
<td>Installer actions for a Windows Installer installation. The execution script is generated during the acquisition phase of installation and executed during the execution phase.</td>
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| expand                              | (1) To restore a compressed file to its original size. A compressed file is a single file that contains one or more other files, for example, a cabinet file. Compressed files are reduced in size, thus, saving space.  
(2) A DOS command used to restore compressed files. During an installation, missing or corrupted operating system files or InstallShield files may need to be expanded from a compressed file to enable the installation to complete. |
| extensible markup language (XML)    | (1) A programming language that is essentially a simplified version of standard generalized markup language (SGML). It enables developers to create customized tags to organize and deliver content efficiently.  
(2) The format of the output of MultiPlatform projects.  
(3) Windows-based projects created in InstallShield can be converted to XML so that they can be saved in source code control software. |
<p>| extract                             | A language used to describe how XML information should be presented.                                                                       |
| external user interface             | The user interface developed by the author of an installation package. It does not use the internal user interface capabilities that are available with the installer. |
| extract                             | To remove, or decompress, a file from a compressed file, such as a cabinet file. A compressed file is a single file that contains one or more other files. Compressed files are reduced in size, thus, saving space. To use a file that has been compressed, it must first be “pulled out” of the compressed file. A command-line utility called Extract.exe can be used to extract files. During installation, missing or corrupted operating system files or InstallShield files may need to be extracted from a compressed file to enable the installation to complete. |
| false positive                      | A false positive is something that gives the appearance of being true by a test, but in reality is not. Most cases of false positives are found in anti-virus software. For example, anti-virus software may claim that it has found a virus in an InstallShield file, but in fact, this is not the case; their virus definitions need to be updated. |
| feature                             | Logical representations of the functionality of the product. For example, an installation could consist of a database, the main application files, and the help system files. Database, Application, and Help System would all be features of the product. Although features are visible to the end user, the actual files that comprise the features are within the components of the features. See also component. |
| file                                | An element of data storage in a file system.                                                                                               |
| file extension                      | The portion of a file name, following the final point, that indicates the kind of data stored in the file.                                   |
| InstallShield scripting run time    | See IDriver.exe.                                                                                                                          |</p>
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<td>When data has been divided or arranged for storage or display.</td>
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<td>full update</td>
<td>An installation that installs an updated version of your product over an earlier version.</td>
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<td>full user interface (UI)</td>
<td>One level of the installer’s internal user interface (UI) capabilities. Installation packages that are built with the full UI level can display both the modal and modeless dialogs that have been included in the internal UI.</td>
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<tr>
<td>gallery</td>
<td>A collection of available resources that can be shared.</td>
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<tr>
<td>globally unique identifier (GUID)</td>
<td>A long string of numbers created by InstallShield to uniquely identify your product from others. Enter string GUIDs throughout InstallShield in the following format: {XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX}.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GUI</td>
<td>Graphical user interface.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GUID</td>
<td>See globally unique identifier.</td>
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<tr>
<td>hard drive</td>
<td>The primary storage device on a computer. A hard drive contains disks on which data is read from and written to magnetically. The term “hard” differentiates the aluminum or glass disks used in a hard drive from floppy disks, which are made of plastic.</td>
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<tr>
<td>hotfix</td>
<td>A quick, important fix for a bug whose deployment cannot wait until the next release of the application. Most hotfixes are in the form of small patches and can be downloaded from the software vendor’s Web site.</td>
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<td>HTML</td>
<td>See hypertext markup language.</td>
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<td>hypertext markup language (HTML)</td>
<td>A language used to create Web pages with hyperlinks and markup for text formatting.</td>
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<td>IAT</td>
<td>See import address table.</td>
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<td>See Internal Consistency Evaluator.</td>
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<td>IDE</td>
<td>See interactive development environment and integrated development environment.</td>
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<tr>
<td>IDriver.exe</td>
<td>The InstallShield scripting run-time engine. It is required on a computer to run some installations created with InstallShield. IDriver.exe is located in one or both of the following common file locations by default: C:\Program Files\Common Files\InstallShield\Driver\32 or C:\Program Files\Common Files\InstallShield\Driver\8\Intel 32. Some installation error messages may reference IDriver.exe.</td>
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<td>IE</td>
<td>See Internet Explorer.</td>
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<td>ikernel.exe</td>
<td>The InstallShield engine. See also engine.</td>
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<td>Installation phase terminology that generally refers to custom actions that are immediately executed when the installer builds the script in an InstallScript project.</td>
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<td><strong>Import address table (IAT)</strong></td>
<td>The table used to import .dll files or executable files.</td>
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<td><strong>Indirect build</strong></td>
<td>A full build that creates references to the payload files only. This means that at installation time, the payload must be in the same place where it was at build time. For example, if your payload is on a network server, then the installation looks for the payload on that same network server.</td>
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<td><strong>Install level</strong></td>
<td>A feature’s install level partly determines whether it is selected by default for installation. That value is compared to the Windows Installer property INSTALLLEVEL to determine which features are selected for installation: if a feature’s install level property is less than or equal to the value of the INSTALLLEVEL, the feature will be installed.</td>
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<td><strong>Installation</strong></td>
<td>The transfer of a program and its constituent files, features, and components from source media to a target system. See also installation process.</td>
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<td><strong>Installation package</strong></td>
<td>One or more files that are used together to install or uninstall an application.</td>
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<td><strong>Installation process</strong></td>
<td>The entire process of installing the contents of a package or application onto a target computer. The installation process consists of the acquisition phase, the execution phase, and, if the installation attempt is not successful, rollback.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Installation project</strong></td>
<td>The entire collection of source files, dialogs, actions, and conditions that make up your installation and uninstallation while it is under construction.</td>
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<td><strong>Installation sequence</strong></td>
<td>The sequence in which an applications files are installed, actions are executed, and dialogs display at run time. The installation sequence runs by default when the installation is launched, for example, by double-clicking the installation launcher.</td>
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<td><strong>Installation type</strong></td>
<td>A predefined group of features from which the end user can select to install or uninstall.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Installation-on-demand</strong></td>
<td>A Windows Installer capability that makes it possible to offer functionality to users and applications in the absence of the files themselves.</td>
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<td><strong>INSTALLDIR</strong></td>
<td>A system variable that specifies the root destination directory for an installation.</td>
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<td><strong>Installer</strong></td>
<td>An installation and configuration service on a computer.</td>
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<td><strong>Installer database</strong></td>
<td>A database that contains all the necessary information for the installation of an application. It consists of many interrelated tables that together comprise a relational database of information necessary to install a group of applications.</td>
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<td><strong>Installer function</strong></td>
<td>The application programming interface called by an application to obtain installer services.</td>
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installer package authoring tool
A third-party tool that lets users create installation packages.

installer properties
Variables that are used during the installation.

INSTALLLEVEL
Initial level at which features are selected “ON” for installation by default.

integrated development environment (IDE)
A software program’s interface. Also referred to as an interactive development environment.

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interface
The point at which independent systems communicate with each other. The user interface of an application often consists of toolbars, menus, buttons, windows, and other items.

Internal Consistency Evaluator (ICE)
Tests that can be run on a Windows Installer database (using Orca, Msival2, or the Premier or Professional editions of InstallShield) to warn about potential (or actual) authoring errors.

internal source files
Files that are included in the installation archive file.

internal user interface
Built-in capabilities of an installer that can be used to create a graphical user interface that is displayed to the end user during installation.

internet Explorer (IE)
The browser developed by Microsoft and distributed with their Windows operating systems.

ISM
See .ism file.

isolated application
An application that has been modified so that it always loads the versions of components, such as .dll files, with which it was originally developed and tested.

ISScript.msi
InstallScript engine installer. ISScript.msi installs the required files to run an installation. The InstallScript engine is also known as the InstallShield Scripting Run Time. InstallScript is a programming language used to create installations.

JAR
Acronym for Java archive file. See also .jar file.

Java Archive
See .jar file.

Java Native Interface (JNI)
A Java specification that enables Java code to call native code in a shared library. Native code in the JNI library can also invoke Java code through JNI.

Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
A simulated computer that interprets Java programs compiled into bytecode. The Java programs are usually stored in .class files.
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<td>See .jpg file.</td>
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<td>See Java Virtual Machine.</td>
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<td>KB</td>
<td>See knowledge base.</td>
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<tr>
<td>key file</td>
<td>A unique file for each component that Windows Installer uses to detect the component’s presence. In order to create advanced component settings or shortcuts, a key file must be specified.</td>
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<td>key path</td>
<td>A unique registry value for each component that Windows Installer uses to detect the component’s presence. A component can have either a key file or a key path, but not both.</td>
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<td>knowledge base (KB)</td>
<td>A collection of technical information, instructions, and articles that are beyond the scope of the software's help information. The Knowledge Base features tips, tricks, and techniques, answers to Frequently Asked Questions, and articles on both technical and design issues. Revenera posts periodic updates to the Knowledge Base Articles on its Web site (<a href="http://www.installshield.com">http://www.installshield.com</a>).</td>
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<td>left-click</td>
<td>The act of selecting the left button on a mouse.</td>
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<td>library</td>
<td>A collection of similar objects that are stored for occasional use, such as programs in source code or object code form, data files, scripts, and templates. A program library is a collection of (usually) precompiled, reusable programming routines that a programmer can &quot;call&quot; when writing code.</td>
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<td>load-ordering group</td>
<td>One service may require another service to already be running before it starts. For this reason, services need to be grouped and set to load in a specific order. Service load-ordering groups are listed under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControl Set\Control\ServiceGroupOrder. The service’s Start Type property determines when it loads within its group.</td>
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<td>localization</td>
<td>The process of adapting a product or service to a particular language and culture.</td>
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<td>log database (LogDB)</td>
<td>A database that is on the target machine and contains a log of everything that was configured to be logged during installation and uninstallation.</td>
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<td>log file</td>
<td>File containing a record of the activity that occurred during a software process (such as an installation, a build, a download) on a computer workstation or Web server. For example, Web servers maintain log files listing every request made to the server, summarizing files that were copied; bytes that were transferred; or which pages, images, and files are requested. A build log file lists all features, setup types, merge modules, dynamic links, and files included in the build.</td>
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<td>logging</td>
<td>The process of recording the activity of a software process (such as an installation, a build, or a download) in a log file.</td>
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<td>macro</td>
<td>An instruction that represents a sequence of instructions.</td>
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<td>maintenance mode</td>
<td>When a user runs an installation program a second (or later) time for a product already installed on their system, the installation runs in maintenance mode. Maintenance mode enables the user to modify feature selections from the first-time installation, repair the features already installed, or remove the entire program.</td>
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<td>major upgrade</td>
<td>A comprehensive update of the product that warrants a change in the ProductCode property. A new product code is required if you want to have two versions of a product installed on the same machine.</td>
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<td>managed application</td>
<td>An application is called a “managed application” if elevated (system) privileges are used to install the application.</td>
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<td>MD</td>
<td>See media descriptor.</td>
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<tr>
<td>media descriptor (MD)</td>
<td>The semantics of an installable unit (IU). It provides a mapping of the elements in the deployment descriptor (DD) to some physical source for the data, which is usually files.</td>
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<td>merge module (MM)</td>
<td>A package containing all of the logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality such as run-time .dll files and virtual machines. Merge modules are built once and can be added to any installation project.</td>
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<td>metafile</td>
<td>An image saved using the standard Windows metafile format. A metafile is a set of drawing instructions. Windows metafiles have a .wmf file extension.</td>
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<td>MFC</td>
<td>See Microsoft Foundation Classes.</td>
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<td>Microsoft Data Engine (MSDE)</td>
<td>A fully SQL Server-compatible data engine for building desktop and shared solutions. It provides an easy migration path to SQL Server 7.0. Solutions built with MSDE can be migrated to full SQL Server 7.0 without requiring a change in a single line of code.</td>
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<td>Microsoft Developer Network (MSDN)</td>
<td>A set of online and offline services designed to help developers write applications using Microsoft products and technologies.</td>
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<td>Microsoft disc operating system (MS-DOS)</td>
<td>The first operating system created by Microsoft. MS-DOS is the underlying operating system of Windows 95, 98, and ME. Windows NT, 2000, and XP operating systems support existing DOS applications.</td>
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<td>Microsoft Foundation Classes (MFC)</td>
<td>A huge set of C++ classes that developers can use to write Win32 applications. To run an application that uses MFC, the MFC engine has to be installed on a target system.</td>
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<td>See musical instrument digital interface.</td>
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<td>migrating</td>
<td>The process of moving from the use of one operating environment to another that is, in most cases, thought to be a better one. For example, moving from Windows NT Server to Windows 2000 Server would be considered a migration because it involves ensuring that new features are exploited and that old settings do not require changing; it also involves taking steps to ensure that current applications continue to work in the new environment. Migration could also mean moving from Windows NT to a UNIX-based operating system (or the reverse). You can also migrate data from one kind of database to another kind of database. This usually requires converting the data into some common format that can be output from the old database and input into the new database. Migration is also used to refer simply to the process of moving data from one storage device to another.</td>
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<td>MIME</td>
<td>See multipurpose internet mail extensions.</td>
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<td>minor upgrade</td>
<td>An update to a product in which the changes made to the installation do not warrant a change in the Product Code.</td>
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<td>MM</td>
<td>See merge module.</td>
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<td>modal</td>
<td>Requires the user to interact with it before the application can continue, restricting the user’s activities with other windows or dialog boxes. See also modeless.</td>
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<tr>
<td>modeless</td>
<td>Enables the user to interact with other windows and dialog boxes. See also modal.</td>
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<td>MSDE</td>
<td>See Microsoft Data Engine.</td>
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<td>MSDE named instance</td>
<td>A named instance of an installation of the Microsoft data engine (MSDE). See also named instance.</td>
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<td>MSDE object template</td>
<td>A base for the MSDE merge module. When you add the MSDE merge module to a Windows Installer project or an InstallScript project, the InstallShield application starts with a base file (or stub) for this merge module. You need to configure this merge module, and then the application can apply your settings to the base file.</td>
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<td>See Microsoft disc operating system.</td>
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<td>MS-DOS prompt</td>
<td>The Microsoft Disc-Operating System (MS-DOS) prompt is the visual indicator in the Command Prompt window signaling that MS-DOS is ready to accept a new command. The default MS-DOS prompt is C:&gt;, followed by a blinking cursor.</td>
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<td>MSI</td>
<td>See .msi file.</td>
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<td><strong>multimedia</strong></td>
<td>A collection of various media such as sound, video, graphics, and animation used together to convey a message.</td>
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<td><strong>multipurpose Internet mail extensions (MIME)</strong></td>
<td>The standard used by Web servers to identify the files that they are sending to Web clients. The MIME standard is a way of specifying both the type of file being sent and the method that should be used to turn it back into its original form.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>musical instrument digital interface (MIDI)</strong></td>
<td>A protocol designed for recording and playing back music on digital synthesizers. Unlike .wav files, which are digital recordings of actual sound (voice or music), MIDI files simply define the instruments and notes that are to be played, and how they should be played. A synthesizer (generally part of a MIDI-capable sound board) on the end-user’s system reads the MIDI instructions and plays the music. Since MIDI files contain only instructions and not the actual music, they are many times smaller than digital audio files of the same duration. MIDI files also use less processor power to play.</td>
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<td><strong>named instance</strong></td>
<td>An instance is a complete and independent installation of SQL Server on a given server. One default instance and any number (up to 16) of named instances can be installed on a single server. Apart from the management tools and client connectivity components that are shared between instances, each instance is effectively standalone. Each instance has its own security, can be started and stopped independently, and can even be service packed independently of other instances on the same server.</td>
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<td><strong>nested installation</strong></td>
<td>A type of custom action that installs or removes another installation package (sometimes called the child product) from within a running installation (called the parent product).</td>
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<td><strong>network</strong></td>
<td>A network is two or more computers connected together to share hardware, software, and information. During installation, it may be necessary to move installation files that are on a network to your computer’s hard drive to install the software properly.</td>
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<td><strong>NT service</strong></td>
<td>An application that is installed on Windows NT to run as a service, meaning that once it is installed, execution is automatic and transparent to any user, and a user does not have to log in for the service to start. NT manages services that are defined and described in the registry.</td>
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<td><strong>object</strong></td>
<td>A package containing all of the logic and files needed to install distinct pieces of functionality.</td>
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<td><strong>One Really Cool Application (ORCA)</strong></td>
<td>An external tool for editing Windows Installer files.</td>
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<td>One-Click Install</td>
<td>With a One-Click Install installation, the end user can download an application with minimal effort and can begin using the application immediately. The installation is automatically downloaded, uncompressed, and then executed automatically, with minimal user input. End users are not asked to specify a download location, and they are not required to manually launch the installation.</td>
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<td>operating system (OS)</td>
<td>The software that controls the operation of a computer and directs the processing of programs by assigning storage space in memory and controlling input and output functions.</td>
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<td>ORCA</td>
<td>See One Really Cool Application.</td>
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<td>OS</td>
<td>See operating system.</td>
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<td>package</td>
<td>All of the files needed to run an installation, including the installation database file, your application’s files (separate from the installation database file or compressed into it), and an executable file (which may have all of the above files compressed inside it).</td>
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<td>package code</td>
<td>The globally unique identifier for an installation package. See also globally unique identifier (GUID).</td>
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<td>panel</td>
<td>A window within a wizard that contains one or more related settings that an end user can configure. See also wizard.</td>
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<td>parent/child installation</td>
<td>See nested installation.</td>
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<td>patch</td>
<td>A special type of installation package that contains just the bits and portions of the application that is necessary to either update the application’s files and installation to a specific version or to fix a bug in an earlier version.</td>
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<td>patch file</td>
<td>A patch package used for patching. A patch package (.msp) file contains the transforms and instructions necessary for upgrading one or more installed versions of a product. Windows Installer uses a patch package to patch local or administrative installations. A patch package does not include a database like a regular installation package. Instead it contains at minimum one database transform that adds patching information to the database of its target installation package. The installer uses this information to apply the patch files that are stored in the cabinet file stream of the patch package.</td>
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<tr>
<td>patching</td>
<td>The method of updating an installation that replaces only the bits being changed rather than the entire application. This means that end users can download a patch for a product that is much smaller than the entire product.</td>
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In a computer operating system, a path is the route through a file system to a particular file. A path name is the specification of that path. Each operating system has its own format for specifying a path name. The DOS, Windows, and OS/2 operating systems use the following format: `driveletter:directorynamesubdirectorynamefilename.suffix`. UNIX-based systems use the following format: `/directory/subdirectory/filename`.

**Path variable**

A variable that represents a location that can be defined once in a central location so that it is not necessary to change every source file’s path each time that the project is moved or the folder structure is changed. You can instead use path variables to define commonly used paths once, and they are used during the development of your installation project. These paths do not apply to the target machines where the application is being installed. Rather, they are used to link to source files that need to be included in your installation project. When the project is built, those links are evaluated and the files they point to are built into the installation package.

**PKCS**

See public-key cryptography standards.

**Platform**

The operating system for which the installation program is intended. An installation technology may be limited to creating installations for a specific platform(s).

**Preview mode**

Mode for viewing the design of the user interface, or the current appearance of dialog and billboards. *Preview mode* is a term used in Windows Installer.

**Product**

The actual application to be installed or uninstalled.

**Product code**

A string that uniquely identifies a product.

**Progress bar**

The visual indication of the progress of an executable file.

**Property**

A value that has been placed on an object within an installation project that is used during installation or uninstallation by the installer or uninstaller.

**Public property**

A global variable whose value is set by the end user or system administrator. A public property can be set or changed during installation through interaction with the user interface as well as by setting the property on the command line, by applying a transform, or by using a standard or custom action. Unlike private property values, the values of public properties can be changed. Public property names cannot contain lowercase letters.

**Public-key cryptography standards (PKCS)**

Developed by RSA Security, Inc., these specifications standardize aspects of public-key cryptography that are not covered by existing standards bodies.

**Publishing**

A type of advertising (“just-in-time” installation) in which no user-interface elements are created for the component during installation, but the component can still be installed through Add and Remove Programs of the Control Panel or when an installed component requests the published component from the installer.
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<td>A method of single-level indirection that is similar to a pointer. Qualified components are primarily used to group components with parallel functionality into categories.</td>
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<td>QuickPatch</td>
<td>A special type of patch package that contains just the bits and portions of the database necessary to update your application’s files and installation to a specific version. You can create a QuickPatch in InstallShield by using the QuickPatch type of project.</td>
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<td>readme file</td>
<td>A text file that is included with the distribution of an application that contains important information. This information often pertains to the installation, uninstallation, or functionality that may not have been included in other product documentation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>red green blue (RGB)</td>
<td>The three colors of light that can be mixed to produce any other color. Colored images are often stored as a sequence of RGB triplets or as separate red, green, and blue overlays, though these are not the only possible representations. These three colors correspond to the three “guns” in a color cathode ray tube (CRT) and to the color receptors in the human eye.</td>
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<td>redistributable</td>
<td>A merge module, object, or other file that may be legally distributed with an installation or application.</td>
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<tr>
<td>reduced user interface (UI)</td>
<td>The reduced UI level displays authored modeless dialogs, built-in modal error messages, and disc-prompt messages during installation. This UI level does not display any authored modal dialogs. This UI level uses the installer’s internal user interface capabilities. See also modal, modeless, and internal user interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reference count</td>
<td>A tally that is incremented each time a shared file is installed. It is maintained under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SharedDLLs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>refresh build</td>
<td>This type of build only recompiles custom code. It can also perform single file replacement, meaning it can only rebuild and add or modify a single changed file without rebuilding the entire installation. This type of build is available for InstallScript projects only.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Regedit32.exe, Regedit.exe</td>
<td>The two versions of the Windows Registry Editor. The Registry Editor enables you to edit the entries in the registry. Regedit32 provides more functionality for editing the registry. If errors occur during installation, you may need to edit the registry to complete installation. Regedit32.exe and Regedit.exe have been merged in Windows XP computers, thus these two applications perform the same functionality in the new operating systems.</td>
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<tr>
<td>registry</td>
<td>A central database used by the Windows operating system to track the personal settings and the software and hardware installed on a computer. During installation, installation choices are written to the registry.</td>
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<td>registry file</td>
<td>A text file of a predefined format that contains keys and values that can be merged into a registry.</td>
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<td>When a product has been installed on a machine and its installation is run again, the installation reinstalls the product by overwriting its existing files, shortcuts, and registry entries.</td>
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<td><strong>relative path</strong></td>
<td>A path that includes all of the information necessary to locate a file by starting at the current folder on the current drive, for example, InstallShield\Support. That folder can be located along that relative path only if it exists in the current directory.</td>
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<td><strong>release build</strong></td>
<td>A full rebuild fit for releasing.</td>
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<td><strong>release notes</strong></td>
<td>A file that is included with the distribution of an application. This file contains important information about the installation and uninstallation of the application. It can also contain information that may not have been included in other product documentation.</td>
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<td><strong>remote procedure call</strong></td>
<td>A small routine placed in a program that is used to request a service on another computer. RPC is a protocol, or agreed-upon format for transmitting data, that allows a program to request a service from a program located in another computer. The stub accepts the request from the program and forwards it to the remote procedure. When the procedure is complete, the stub receives the result and passes it back to the program that made the request.</td>
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<td><strong>repair mode</strong></td>
<td>In repair mode, the installation checks for any type of corruption, such as missing or damaged files, incorrect registry entries, and self-registering files. If the installation detects any corruption, it attempts to repair the problem. See also maintenance mode.</td>
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<td><strong>resiliency</strong></td>
<td>The ability for the application to reinstall components as necessary. If a component is accidentally deleted or corrupted, Windows Installer technology enables the application to essentially repair itself.</td>
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<td><strong>restricted public property</strong></td>
<td>A global variable for which the installation author can limit the ability to set or change it. Usually, only system administrators can manipulate restricted public properties. Restrictions are used to maintain a secure environment.</td>
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<td><strong>result set</strong></td>
<td>The set of rows created by executing a SELECT statement.</td>
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<td><strong>RGB</strong></td>
<td>See red green blue.</td>
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<td><strong>rich text format (RTF)</strong></td>
<td>A Microsoft file format that contains special commands to indicate formatting information such as fonts and margins. RTF lets you exchange files between different word processors and operating systems.</td>
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<td><strong>rollback</strong></td>
<td>The installation keeps track of all changes that are made during the installation process so that, if an error occurs and the installation is aborted, the changes will be “rolled back,” that is, the machine will be restored to its original state.</td>
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<td><strong>row</strong></td>
<td>A set of related columns that describe a specific entity, also known as a record.</td>
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<td><strong>RTF</strong></td>
<td>See rich text format.</td>
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<td><strong>run time</strong></td>
<td>The time during which the installation interacts with the installer to install or uninstall your application on the target machine.</td>
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<td><strong>safe mode</strong></td>
<td>Safe mode is a troubleshooting mode available in Windows 95, 98, ME, and 2000. When you start your computer in safe mode, only the operating system and mouse, keyboard, and display drivers are loaded. You may be able to start your computer in safe mode when it otherwise would not start at all. Safe mode lets you troubleshoot the operating system to determine what is not functioning properly.</td>
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<td><strong>schema</strong></td>
<td>A description of the current structure of tables and views in a data source. The schema describes what columns are in each table, the data type of each column, and the relationships between tables.</td>
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<td>See Service Control Manager.</td>
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<td><strong>SDK</strong></td>
<td>See Software Development Kit.</td>
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<td><strong>Section 508</strong></td>
<td>A United States law that amended the Rehabilitation Act to require federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology accessible to people with disabilities. Section 508 was enacted to eliminate barriers in information technology, to make available new opportunities for people with disabilities, and to encourage development of technologies that will help achieve these goals. The law applies to all federal agencies when they develop, procure, maintain, or use electronic and information technology. Under Section 508, agencies must give disabled employees and members of the public access to information that is comparable to the access available to others.</td>
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<td><strong>security tool</strong></td>
<td>A privacy tool that detects and eliminates destructive pests, such as Trojans, spyware, addware, and hacker tools on your computer. It complements anti-virus and firewall software, extending protection against non-viral malicious software that can evade the end user’s existing security and invade privacy.</td>
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<td><strong>self-healing</strong></td>
<td>See auto-repair.</td>
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<td><strong>self-registering file</strong></td>
<td>A file that can enter information about itself in the Windows registry and remove that information upon uninstallation. Other types of files can be used without entering information into the registry. The installation of a self-registering file consists of installing the file to its desired location and then registering the file on your computer.</td>
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<td><strong>sequence</strong></td>
<td>A collection of actions and dialogs that is executed sequentially in an installation project.</td>
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<td><strong>sequence tables</strong></td>
<td>Tables that list the actions that control the installation process and specify their order of execution.</td>
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<td>Service Control Manager (SCM)</td>
<td>Maintains the system’s database of services and exposes an interface for controlling these services.</td>
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<td>service pack (SP)</td>
<td>An update to a software product that fixes existing problems and may provide product enhancements. The next version of a product incorporates all services packs previously released.</td>
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<td>setup</td>
<td>See installation.</td>
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<td>setup project</td>
<td>See installation project.</td>
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<td>Setup.inx</td>
<td>The compiled script file. It is the object code that the installer engine executes.</td>
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<td>shortcut</td>
<td>A file that points to an application. Clicking the shortcut is a fast way to open the application. Shortcuts are usually placed on the desktop or on the Start menu. See also advertised shortcut.</td>
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<td>silent installation</td>
<td>An installation that is run without a user interface or any end user intervention.</td>
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<td>small update</td>
<td>A patch that upgrades a package where both the installed package and the most recent one have the same version number.</td>
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<td>software development kit (SDK)</td>
<td>The documentation, samples, command-line compilers, debugging aids, utilities, and tools designed to enable developers to create applications and libraries that target a specific operating system. SDKs are usually provided by the manufacturer of the operating system.</td>
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<td>source list</td>
<td>A list that specifies the locations where the installer searches for installation files. The entries in the source list can be network locations, URLs, or compact disks.</td>
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<td>SP</td>
<td>See service pack.</td>
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<td>splash screen</td>
<td>An image that is displayed to end users during the startup of a product installation. You can specify the image to be displayed, the length of time that it should display, and whether it contains localized images.</td>
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<td>spyware</td>
<td>Any technology that aids in gathering information about a person or organization without their knowledge. On the Internet, spyware is programming that is put on someone’s computer to secretly gather information about the user and relay it to advertisers or other interested parties. Spyware can be loaded on a computer as a software virus or as the result of installing a new program. Data collecting programs that are installed with the user’s knowledge are not, properly speaking, spyware, if the user fully understands what data is being collected and with whom it is being shared.</td>
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<td>SQL</td>
<td>See Structured Query Language.</td>
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<td>SQL statement</td>
<td>A complete phrase in SQL that begins with a keyword and completely describes an action to be taken. For example, SELECT * FROM Orders.</td>
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<td>standard action</td>
<td>An action that is built into an installation development software product. InstallShield products also support the creation and use of custom actions. See also action, custom action.</td>
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<td>string table</td>
<td>A database that maintains the string IDs, values, and comments for all supported languages. These strings are used in dialogs and message boxes displayed to the end user at run time.</td>
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<td>Structured Query Language (SQL)</td>
<td>A language used to work with databases.</td>
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<td>summary information stream</td>
<td>The properties such as title, author, package code, templates, summary, and schema that are defined for a Windows Installer package and are used by the installer to install the application.</td>
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<td>synchronous execution</td>
<td>The opposite of asynchronous execution, where control of the process is not released until the entire process has completed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>system policy</td>
<td>The rules and regulations by which a system must abide.</td>
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<tr>
<td>system privileges</td>
<td>The system, programs, and functions available to each user.</td>
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<tr>
<td>table</td>
<td>A collection of rows of data.</td>
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<td>TARGETDIR</td>
<td>In a Windows Installer–based installation, the TARGETDIR property specifies the root destination directory for the installation. In an InstallScript installation, the TARGETDIR system variable, by default, specifies the root destination directory for the installation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Task Manager</td>
<td>A tool available on Windows platforms that provides information about the applications and processes running on your computer as well as your computer’s performance. Prior to installation, you may need to use the Task Manager to end running applications and processes to prevent conflicts.</td>
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<td>temp directory</td>
<td>A folder on your hard drive where the operating system or applications can temporarily store files while they are in use. When the application exits, the temporary files are deleted. It may be necessary to manually clean, or delete files from, the temp directory.</td>
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<tr>
<td>template</td>
<td>Something that establishes or serves as a pattern.</td>
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<td>transform</td>
<td>A transform (.mst) file represents the differences between two installation databases. For example, network administrators may want to distribute different configurations of a product to the various departments in the company. As a result, you can create a transform for every configuration of the product, then apply the appropriate transform as needed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>transform error condition flags</td>
<td>A set of properties that are used to set the error conditions in a transform.</td>
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<td>transform validation flags</td>
<td>The set of properties used to verify that a transform can be applied to the Windows Installer package.</td>
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<td>tree node</td>
<td>A data structure that contains zero or more “child” nodes. Nodes are tree “roots”. Tree nodes that do not have “children” are typically referred to as “leaves”.</td>
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<tr>
<td>trees</td>
<td>Data that is structured like a tree.</td>
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<td>UI</td>
<td>See user interface.</td>
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<tr>
<td>uncompress</td>
<td>See decompress.</td>
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<tr>
<td>uniform/universal resource locator (URL)</td>
<td>Represents the location of a Web site or page.</td>
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<tr>
<td>uninstallation</td>
<td>The undoing of an installation. Uninstallation is the installation maintenance option that enables the end user to remove the product files and reverse any changes that were made to the machine made during installation.</td>
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<td>uninstallation log file</td>
<td>A record of all uninstallation-related events that occurred during an installation. The log file is initialized at the beginning of the installation. If this log file becomes corrupted, it may result in an error during uninstallation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>unInstallShield</td>
<td>A component included in the Setup Wizard that uninstalls the product from the end user’s PC.</td>
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<td>unspanned CD/DVD media type</td>
<td>The payload is laid out in a CD/DVD archive, but no spanning across multiple media is used.</td>
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<td>Update Manager (Windows or Java)</td>
<td>An optional Win32 or Java-based client application that can be used by end users to set their own update schedules, or to silence the update queries performed by the agent.</td>
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<td>upgrade</td>
<td>A move from a lesser version of an application to a newer, usually improved version of an application.</td>
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<td>upgrade code</td>
<td>The code required to install a newer version of existing software.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>upgrading</td>
<td>The process of installing a newer version of existing software.</td>
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<tr>
<td>URL</td>
<td>See uniform/universal resource locator.</td>
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<tr>
<td>user interface (UI)</td>
<td>The user’s access to the software.</td>
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<tr>
<td>user profile</td>
<td>Record of an individual end user’s settings, such as shortcuts, favorites, and settings for application, display, and hardware. User profiles enable multiple users to share a single computer while maintaining their own preferences.</td>
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<tr>
<td>validation</td>
<td>The process of validating, that is, to confirm the true form of data.</td>
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<tr>
<td>value pack (VP)</td>
<td>An installation that upgrades the features and functions of an installed application.</td>
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<tr>
<td>variable</td>
<td>A value stored in the computer. Its value can be composed of any printable characters, numeric or text. Unlike a constant, whose value never changes, a variable’s value can be changed at any time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>volume</td>
<td>The total amount of space, in blocks, on one piece of media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VP</td>
<td>See value pack.</td>
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<td>Web installation</td>
<td>An installation that end users can access and run from a Web site.</td>
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<tr>
<td>WinDir</td>
<td>Stores the path to the executable file for Win16 on Win32 (WOW).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>window</td>
<td>The area in which an open application appears on a screen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows API</td>
<td>The Windows application programming interface (API), which provides the building blocks that are used by applications written for the Windows platform. Each API is a specific method prescribed by a computer operating system or by an application program. A programmer writing an application can make requests of the operating system or another application with the use of a Windows API. Each API has different system requirements to run properly.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Windows installation CD</td>
<td>The compact disc that contains the Windows operating system. If your computer manufacturer installed the operating system on your computer, the installation CD should have been included with your computer documentation. If you installed the Windows operating system on your computer, you used the installation CD to do so.</td>
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| Windows Installer           | (1) An installation and configuration service. It is based on a data-driven model and provides all installation data and instructions in a single, complete package. In the data-driven installation model, a master set of installation tables is created where every application resource (files, registry keys, and so on) is clearly tied to the component or feature it supports. The user selects the objects to install and where to install them, and the Windows Installer manages the procedural instructions.  
(2) Refers to the service, properties, and tables of an .msi package. |
| Windows Installer service   | An operating system component that centrally manages application installation configuration and application uninstallation.                   |
| Windows NT service          | See Windows service.                                                                                                                      |
| Windows service             | Long-running executable applications that run in their own Windows sessions. For example, writing messages to an event log.                |
| Windows system folder       | Contains core operating system files, which are necessary to keep the computer running properly. Errors occurring during installation may be a result of missing or corrupt files contained in the System folder. |
| wizard                      | (1) A program utility that works as an interactive guide by walking the user step-by-step through an unfamiliar task.                   
(2) The InstallShield Wizard is the wizard that displays during the run time of an installation or uninstallation. It presents the end user with a flexible, predefined series of dialogs that walk them through the installation or uninstallation process. |
| wizard dialog               | Dialogs that display to the end user during installation and uninstallation. They enable end users to interact with the operation by reading or specifying information. |
| wizard interface            | Used by the end user to interact with a wizard at run time.                                                                               |
| WYSIWYG                     | What you see is what you get.                                                                                                             |
| XCopyFile                   | An InstallScript function that copies one or more files and subdirectories to a target directory, creating subdirectories on the target machine, if necessary. |
| XML                         | See extensible markup language.                                                                                                          |
| XSL                         | See extensible stylesheet language.                                                                                                       |
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