

# RE: Package Wizard – Installation and registration of components

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....and following this, given that it seems the product does not do what it claims to and I am considering asking Mr Gates politely to stick his disk somewhere very dark and intimate, is there in fact a single piece of software available that will perform this simple task – package a Microsoft Access application for distribution and have it work?

I have a full version of Visual Studio .NET, which presumably should package other applications, but purchased the Office Tools specifically for this purpose.

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Peter

"Peter F" wrote:

- > In attempting to create a distribution package for a pretty "vanilla" Access
- > 2003 application (default libraries only) using the PDW I find that, while it
- > works ok on machines which have older versions of Access already installed,
- > it gives an ActiveX error while running some code on a 'clean' machine
- > (untouched by MS Office).
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- > I need to send the application out to computers which are running unknown
- > Windows operating systems and having an unknown (and possibly non-existent)
- > version of Microsoft Access. Just the stuff that the PDW is supposed to do.
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- > I've been using the Office 2000 PDW, but it doesn't work on XP operating
- > systems, so I've upgraded in the perverse belief that Microsoft will in fact
- > have improved the product. This doesn't seem to be the case.
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- > I've read the other posts relating to the PDW and note that the Wizard has
- > been found to be by no means magical, and the process of picking up the
- > references and including them in the package (which in the 2000 version was
- > at least transparent) does not always work.
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- > I have seen advice suggesting that any redundant References be removed and
- > have done this where possible. I'm certainly aware of what happens when

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> Access can't find one of its References, so cutting out any of the components  
> which aren't necessary from the install package makes sense.  
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> Given that there are still one or 2 which I can't remove, save by completely  
> rewriting my application (the DAO library in particular, even though I will  
> have to do it eventually when DAO is phased out), the only solution I can  
> think of is to manually add those references into the package.  
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> I have wandered aimlessly in circles down the halls of the Microsoft site in  
> search of detail on how to get the PDW to place a library file in a specific  
> location on the client machine, and how to then register this library for  
> use. Can anyone point me toward a more detailed set of instructions and  
> examples?  
>  
> If I place the .dll file in the Additional Files list it copies the file  
> into the program s installation folder (or a subfolder if I specify the name  
> in the Install Subfolder list), but there is no apparent means of getting it  
> to place the file in any other location on the machine, such as where it  
> would normally reside in. Having to manually create registry keys, when all I  
> want is for the wizard to register the damn things seems a bit too much like  
> playing Russian Roulette with someone else s PC for me to want to contemplate.  
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> The old PDW produced, as part of its outputs, this kind of lovely code in  
> the Setup.lst file:  
>  
> [Bootstrap Files]  
> File1=@xxxxxxxxxxxxx,\$(WinSysPathSysFile),,,11/3/98 12:00:00  
> AM,101888,6.0.82.67  
> File2=@xxxxxxxxxxxxx,\$(WinSysPathSysFile),\$(DLLSelfRegister),,11/3/98 12:00:00  
> AM,22288,4.71.1460.1  
> File3=@xxxxxxxxxxxxx,\$(WinSysPathSysFile),\$(TLBRegister),,3/31/03 9:30:00  
> PM,17920,3.50.5014.0  
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> The new one has no such code. Obviously the old wildcard syntax indicates  
> the method of placing and self-registering. I WILL stoop to modifying the  
> Setup.lst file if similar code would work, but that surely isn t the way a  
> \$500 US piece of software should need to be used, is it?  
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> Peter  
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