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Hi,

Thanks for the info. It's reassuring to actually hear from someone using the script. I know it has a good reputation, but lots of people recommend it based on the reputation (even me!) who haven't actually used it.

I have absolutely no problem with buying the script, as long as it does what it says on the tin. Our 97 script was free, but the trouble it saved over PDW is worth many times more than the price sagekey ask for the scripts – as long as theirs are as good.

Before we settled on Inno, I'd used the demo of wise to recreate our 97 installation and i've used the visual studio edition of Installshield to create installers for other apps. I've also used msi but couldn't stand it! I think we'll settle on Wise for price reasons (especially if it's a stop gap to another setup engine), and as Installshield appear to have given up on their script based installers in favour of msi.

The quantity of registry entries shouldn't be an issue, there's a wise to inno convertor kicking around somewhere IRC. As long as there isn't too much complex scripting I have to convert. And if we can't convert it, we can always just use wise I suppose!

"tim" <sales@REMOVESPAM_istechology.com.au> wrote in message news:uCb0XSRAEHA.2796@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

> Andrew,

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> I assume that you are a programmer, so to support other programmers – you should buy the script. SageKey have a 30 day money back guarantee.

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> We have used their 200/XPscripts over 4 years for several hundred customer installations.

> Our customers use Windows 98/Me/NT4/2000/XP Home & Professional – We don't know how many that don't have Access installed, but many have Access 97/2000

> or XP – some have Access 2003.

> We have found almost no support problems, and when the occasional problem with a new patch/version of Office has occurred, SageKey's support has

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been

> *excellent.*

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> *The scripting is fairly simple, but you would need a basic understanding of*

> *the Wise or InstallShield installer.*

> *The Wise installer is cheaper so we use that. The products can also install*

> *the MSDE/SQL 2000 desktop engine.*

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> *We have no experience of the MSI wizard.*

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> *Almost anything that installs a working version of Access will make hundreds*

> *of changes to the Registry....*

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> *Tim Strutt*

> *Information Services & Technology*

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> *"Andrew Brill" <dragon@ReplyToNewsgroup.dragon2000.co.uk> wrote in message*
> *news:OTHiKSqAEHA.2040@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...*

>> *Does anyone have the sagekey access xp script for wise?*

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>> *If so:*

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>> *i) Is it as good as they claim? We have a flawless Access97 script in*

> *Inno*

>> *Setup and I'd like to get an XP script of the same quality. ie. Able to*

>> *install on all OS's either with or without any existing copy of full or*

>> *runtime access.*

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>> *ii) How complex is the script? Is it mainly just a list of files and*

>> *registry settings? I'd prefer to translate the script into Inno Setup*

and

>> *use that if it's not stupidly complex.*

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