

Re: One package, three uninstalls

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So with all that said... does anyone have any suggestions as to what the problem might be? I'd really rather get it working structured the way I have it now, as opposed to breaking it down into separate .EXE's and wrapping those in one "master" installation. That's a viable alternative, if I have no other choice – thanks for the suggestion, Terry. I just don't have the time to totally restructure the installation. I've got a customer who is fairly ticked off that they can't uninstall my product from a test server, and they're not willing to move to production until uninstall works. (Yes, we tested uninstall before release. I have no idea how this problem slipped past in testing.)

>-----Original Message-----

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>To expand a bit... the first component is my main software package; the second component is a collection of "runtime" files, supporting DLL's and such; the third component is some communications software to assist the main application with, uh, communicating. Depending on the situation, the second and third components may or may not be needed for a particular delivery. All three components are conditionally compiled into the package. For reasons difficult to explain, I cannot leave it up to the user at the other end to decide which components to install.

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>Upon further experimentation, it is only the main component's logfile that disappears. If this particular compilation includes only the main applicatoin software, its logfile is created properly. If the second and/or third components are also included, they get their proper logfiles, but the main application does not.

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>*Finally, this is unrealistic but theoretically possible,*
>*if I don't include the main application, but include the*
>*second and third components, they both get their proper*
>*logfiles – so it doesn't seem to be a situation where*
the
>*first logfile used is discarded if subsequent logfiles*
>*are also used. It appears to be something directly*
>*related to my main component and its logfile. Darned if*
>*I can figure out what, though.*
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>>-----Original Message-----
>>Hmm, interesting.
>>You could create three scripts, one for each component,
>compile them as
>>exe's with the correct add/remove and uninstall info.
>Then create another
>>SMSI script that is just a wrapper script and contains
>the three other
>>setups and launch from within that?
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>>Or even just create the three scripts and deploy them
to
>the client
>>separately??
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>>As for the modifications you are trying to make, I have
>not tried to do that
>>before. But I think the method above will work.
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>>Terry
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>>"Chad"
><chad.varnerREMOVE_CAPS_BUT_DONT_OFFER_ME_AN_SMS_JOB@eds.
c
>om> wrote
>>in message news:9cf801c405e6\$28bc69f0
\$a101280a@phx.gbl...
>>> I have a single SMS Installer script that installs
>three
>>> separate components; I want the components to be
>totally
>>> separate applications, each with its own entry
>>> on "Add/Remove Programs", each to be logged and
>>> uninstalled separately.
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>>> I've tried to accomplish this by slightly modifying
>>> UNINSTAL.IPF, changing it to use a regular variable %
>>> LOGFILE_PATH% instead of the default global variable %
>>> _LOGFILE_PATH_% (note leading and trailing

underscores.

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>>> *As I enter each section of the install, I set the*

>>> *APPTITLE and LOGFILE_PATH variables appropriately,*

>>> *I "open new installation log file %LOGFILE_PATH%",*

then

>>> *call uninstal.ipf.*

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>>> *At the end of each section, I "Stop writing to*

>>> *installation log".*

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>>> *The end result is that sometimes it writes a log file*

>and

>>> *sometimes it doesn't. I tried adding a "Open new*

>>> *installation log file" with no filename specified, at*

>the

>>> *end of each section, to try to force the old one*

closed

>>> *and flush it to disk. That had no effect.*

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>>> *What am I missing?*

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