

## Re: Remove programs with a script?

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I found this on running scripts on remote machine:

My purpose is to use the script below to pass "uninst\_notes.bat" to a remote machine and run it there. While I execute this I get error:

Error: ActiveX component can't create object

Code: 800A01AD

Source: Microsoft VBScript runtime error

What could cause this? I'm running the script below on a DC with domain admins member account. The "uninst\_notes.bat" is in the same folder as the script below.

Here's the code:

```
Dim objController, objRemoteScript, objFSO
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```
Dim objTSIn, objTSOut, strComputer
```

```
'Create objects
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```
Set objController = CreateObject("WshController")
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```
Set objFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
```

```
'Read computer names from file
```

```
Set objTSIn = objFSO.OpenTextFile("targets.txt")
```

```
'Open output file for log
```

```
Set objTSOut = objFSO.CreateTextFile("log.txt", True)
```

```
Do Until objTSIn.AtEndOfStream
```

```
'Deploy script to remote computer
```

```
strComputer = objTSIn.ReadLine
```

```
objTSOut.WriteLine strComputer & ": Deploying at " & Now
```

```
Set objRemoteScript = objController.CreateScript( _
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"uninst_notes.bat", strComputer)
```

```
WScript.ConnectObject objRemoteScript, "remote_"
```

```
objRemoteScript.Execute
```

```
Do Until objRemoteScript.Status = 1
```

```
WScript.Sleep 1000
```

```
Loop
```

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```
objTSOut.WriteLine strComputer & " Completed at " & Now  
Set objRemoteScript = Nothing
```

Loop

```
objTSIn.Close  
objTSOut.Close  
WScript.Echo "Deployment script complete."
```

```
Sub remote_Error  
Dim objError  
Set objError = objRemote.Error  
objTSOut.WriteLine strComputer & ": Error at " & Now  
objTSOut.WriteLine " Line: " & objError.Line & _  
", Char: " & objError.Character & vbCrLf & _  
"Description: " & objError.Description  
WScript.Quit -1  
End Sub
```

Thank you  
-William

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Hello,

Found out what you referred to and tested this locally. My next question is naturally how to execute this on remote computers?

The command is:  
msiexec /x {EACF4962-0476-41D4-A04D-4AD7961F8829} /passive /Lire  
"c:\uninstlog.txt"  
(The ID is identical in all clients)

I need some way to launch this from my admin PC to run on other workstations so there's no user action required. I don't want to use logon/logoff scripts cause they require logging on/off. Is there a way to do this?

Thanks a LOT  
-Will

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"You just have to find said uninstaller and the command line options."

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Each install via "msiexec", that is "microsoft installation executable".

sets a unique GUID in the registry that contains all unique values used, containing all installation setting the package allowed.

And hence will do an uninstall when calling GUID and uninstall switch from msiexec prefix.

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Unfortunately MS went later to require an extra per "OS Version" file written out and to be used to allow using "msiexec", in that manner.

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You likely will be unsuccessful, using this post's information with '2007' type ms product installations.

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I gave up in installing Window Media Player on 2003 Server, to entertain myself with news, blog's Windows media player references used on 2003 Server and so forth.

Ms now has 'killed' the Windows Media Player" plug in for Firefox on 2003 Server. E.g killing my watching the Ron Paul happening during work.

Ms, -- do not stand in line for the flavor you are asking for. The respective community has rejected your pledge, for sanity as well as sanitary purposes. Yes, you can, but it does not please the world any more.

It registers as your case for dividing not uniting computer users.

"Shenan Stanley" <newshelper@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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William Stokes wrote:

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Is it possible to remove installed programs from XP SP2 computers with a script? And I mean manually installed (=setup.exe) programs not any centrally deployed or published applications.

I would need to remove old Lotus Notes installations from 40 PC's. I can of course do it manually via Add/Remove programs but it may take a while (40x20min=800min = a boring weekend).

I havent yet tested installing newer version on top of the old one since the old one has a bit "funny" configuration and I would be pleased just to get rid of it and then centrally deploy new version with MSI package.

Yes – if the application has an uninstaller. You just have to find said uninstaller and the command line options.

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How To Ask Questions The Smart Way  
<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>