

Re: Cleaning up files after MSI uninstall

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I don't know whether WISE/MSI might have a better solution, but I would think you could just install dummies. In other words, install a dummy file as a placeholder for the one that will be created and create Registry entries at install time that will be used later.

On the other hand, it's "traditional" not to uninstall created files. Most installers, in my experience, will just leave the Program Files folder behind with the new files in it if they're not on the uninstall list.

I'm not sure if the word WISE deterred anyone to respond...so...just in case....

Anyone have good solution to removing "non-shared" program files and directories after uninststall of MSI package..(which I'm currently

deploying

via GPO software installation)

Thanks.

Shawn

"shawn" <shawnl.liggett@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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All,

Created MSI install with Wise Installer for Windows for a VB6 Outlook Addin.

After deploying application...and user running addin...additional

registry

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entries are added into HKCU area and additional directories and files

are

placed in application directory.

Question: When uninstalling the application, I want to "clean up" registry entries and files/directories that are "left behind". Wise

does

not appear to give you option to remove registry entries/files that it

did

not install. What is the best way to achieve "clean up" for a project built with Wise? (i.e. MSI script, "run once" script, Wise custom action script. etc)

I've been searching for couple days and have not come across a valid solution...yet.

Any direction would be appreciated.

(More info can be provided as needed)

Thanks in advance.

Shawn