

## Re: Creat .msi or .zap files

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Hi Philip:

Thank you for your help. Do you have any recommendation on software to return the system back to a "clean" machine? Currently, I'm doing manual uninstall and since it's a low end system, it takes up a great deal of time.

Thanks again.

"Philip Nunn" <philipnunn@yahoo.com> wrote in message  
news:%23HYGaxOHEHA.1528@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
> Answer 1) You dont need the 2k3 disk to get the tool. the windows 2000  
disk  
> does have winInstall on it, but it is an older version. If you download  
and  
> install winInstall LE 2003 from the website, it will give you instructions  
> on how to run and use the program. Basically all you do to repackage  
> software into the msi is run the discover tool on the pc you are  
installing  
> the package on and it creates a "before" snapshot, you then install the  
> software, and then create an "after" snapshot or the pc and it repackages  
it  
> into an msi to reflect the changes.  
> 2) WinInstall LE 2003 is ok for simple packages, I have also used Install  
> Shield's "AdminStudio 5.5" and it works extremly well with superior  
> capabilities. As far as deploying Office updates via AD, I would just  
wait  
> for SUS 2.0 to be released the second half of this year  
> <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserversystem/sus/wusfaq.msp> because  
Office  
> updates will be suported. Good luck!  
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> Philip Nunn  
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> "Roget" <Roget168@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:uNGHgEOHEHA.3696@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...  
>> New to software deployment from the server so sorry for my ignorance.  
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> > *I'm trying to find detail "How to" information on creating .msi or /.zap  
> > files to deployment software and MS Office updates using GP. I did find  
> an  
> > article on this for Windows 2000 server (Step-by Step Guid to Creating  
> > Windows Installer Packages and Repackaging Software for the Windows  
> > Installer Using Veritas WinInstall LE), but we are on 2003 server. I  
also  
> > checked out the WinInstaller LE from <http://www.ondemandsoftware.com/>,  
but  
> > they don't seem to have detail instructions on how to use the program.  
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> > My questions are:  
> > 1. Does Server03 comes with a WinInstall tool, if so, where and how to  
> use  
> > it?  
> > 2. If answer to 1 is no, then when can I find tools and information on  
> > creating .msi files?  
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> > Any help in pointing me to the right path is greatly appreciated.  
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