

Wise Installation Studio 9 Feature Matrix

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Share, Collaborate, Communicate, Standardize

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Wise Software Repository™	A collection of application information and related resources, stored in a database and accessed through your Wise product. The repository includes information and resources for all software applications and related components used by an organization, including files, directories, registry keys and merge modules.	✓		
Package Meta Data	Create meta data elements to store additional package information, such as package owner, license information, and installation details.	✓		
Package Dependencies	Specify dependencies between packages in the repository as well as a required installation order.	✓		
Patch File Support	Save patch files in the Wise Software Repository, including links to specific .MSIs. For multiple patches associated with a package, you can specify the order in which the patches are to be applied.	✓		
Wise Software Manager	An easy-to-use interface for the Wise Software Repository that manages the information and resources stored in the repository, allowing you to create databases, import software,	✓		



	subscribe to and update information, delete software, and view detail and summary information about the contents of the repository.			
Universal Import	Import setup.exe files into the Wise Software Repository, even if you don't have the original setup script. Bring all of your organization's software into the Wise Software Repository, facilitating resource sharing and conflict checking.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Shared Resource Reports	Check a current package against all existing packages, an application group or a specific package and create a report that shows the name and version information about any resources the applications share.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Distribute to the Wise Software Repository	Check completed installations into the Wise Software Repository, which makes it easy for system administrators in your organization to find, test and approve packages before they are distributed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Manage Merge Modules	Store and pull the correct versions of merge modules from the Wise Software Repository to include in installation builds.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wise SharePoint	Share commonly used items such as templates, component rules and validation rules between development teams.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Design Demystified

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Component Rules	Pick a set of rules to manage installation components. Specify the rules associated with each component, and the components will be automatically built based on those rules. Also ensures updates have the correct component version.	✓	✓	✓
Task List	When compilation, component, table or validation errors occur, a list of the errors appears in a new Task List, where you can double-click an error to jump to the part of the code that created the error.	✓	✓	✓
Installation Themes	Customize installation fonts and graphics with a list of editable themes. Each theme has a scheme for text fonts and graphic elements. Themes do not introduce proprietary code into the .MSI database and adhere to the Windows Installer standard.	✓	✓	✓
Dialog Support	Significant enhancements to Installation Expert include a visual preview of dialogs from Installation Expert, and the ability to pick installation themes and instantly see the visual effects on each dialog.	✓	✓	✓
VB.NET and C# Import Wizard	Includes support for importing projects created in VB.NET and C#.	✓	✓	✓
Installation Expert™	A step-by-step graphic guide to designing and building a superior installation. This unique tool walks you through the design process by highlighting the steps involved in creating an installation.	✓	✓	✓
Pre-built Templates	Save commonly used settings and consistently apply them to subsequent installations.	✓	✓	✓

Supports Latest Microsoft Technologies	Support for today's Microsoft ecosystem including modern .NET runtimes, ARM64 and x64 systems, secure cloud-connected services, and full compatibility with Windows 10, Windows 11, and Windows Server platforms.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Simplified Authoring				
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Configure SQL Server Databases	Use the new SQL Server page in Installation Expert to easily verify end user permissions and choose from several methods of getting SQL code to the SQL server.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Web Services Support	Set a default document list, set custom error pages and control the user account used for anonymous access.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Setup Editor	All the advanced tools you need to fully customize an installation. Provides an alternate view of your installation, giving you more control over organizing features and components, designing dialogs, editing database tables, creating and editing properties, and developing a wide range of custom actions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Installation Expert	A graphical, step-by-step interface that guides you through the installation authoring process. Simply point, click, and fill in the required information.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Merge Modules	Merge modules, commonly used for third-party runtimes, can now be included in your installation. You can author your own modules, including support for creating static or configurable modules.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Built-In Scripting Actions	Wise's industry-leading scripting engine can be used to create special routines in your installation or add security to your installation when installing license files.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



File Management	The Files page in Installation Expert now supports adding files to the installation, copying files, moving files, deleting files from the destination machine, and changing permissions on folders.	✓	✓	✓
Environment Variable Support	Create new environment variables within Installation Expert.	✓	✓	✓

Complete Customization

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Dialog Editor	Create your own specialized dialogs or modify any of the included dialog templates. Edit dialog appearances and behaviors using a variety of specialized controls such as directory trees, masked edit fields, progress bars, billboards, and much more.	✓	✓	✓
Multi-Language Installations	Includes six language programs: English, French, Italian, German, Spanish, and Portuguese. Get the add-on Language Pack to support an additional 20 languages. The result is intuitive translations that automatically match the default language of the end-user's PC.	✓	✓	✓
Resource Manager	Manages binary resources in the .MSI file through Installation Expert. Provides an easy-to-use interface to the Binary table, which contains all of the resources used in the installation, such as icons, graphics, VB scripts, and more.	✓	✓	✓



Build Acceleration

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New! ExpressBuild™	Distribute the compilation of large setups across multiple processors, dramatically reducing the amount of time it takes to compile.	✓		
Clean Build	Enhance installation quality by building installations on "clean" build PCs. All the necessary source files are copied to a build PC, and the installation is built without impacting your pristine build environment.	✓	✓	
Manage Files in a Single Interface	Completely integrate your existing build process when you use a version control system that supports the SCC Interface standard—such as Visual SourceSafe or PVCS. Check files in and out, obtain the latest installation versions, as well as view the history of revisions made to installation files in source control.	✓	✓	✓
Macro Editor	Create specific macros that perform repetitive tasks. Automate routine steps during your build.	✓	✓	

Testing Essentials

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Creating Validation Rules	Create your own validation rules that conform to your organizational standards, for more specific testing of your installations.	✓		
Custom Validation	Choose which validation rules will be tested when validating an installation for conformance to Microsoft's Application Specification for Windows 2000.	✓	✓	
Validation Wizard	Reviews your installation for Windows 2000 compliance prior to applying for the "Certified for Microsoft Windows" logo. Provides additional verification for valid component design, proper advertising support, uninstall support, and many other crucial installation guidelines.	✓	✓	✓
Installation Testing	The one-touch Test button allows you to perform a test-run without initiating changes to your development machine. Easily check the appearance and logical flow of your installation without writing changes to your hard drive.	✓	✓	✓

Flexible Distribution

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WebDeploy™	Easily create Web-based installations for Internet/intranet distribution. A specialized 30K installation downloads to the end user's PC and initiates the remainder of the download from the Web. Users then select desired features to be installed. WebDeploy economizes bandwidth and accelerates installations by selectively downloading only preferential features.	✓	✓	
WiseUpdate	The WiseUpdate client, installed on the destination PC, routinely scans the Web for updates and automatically downloads and installs new files.	✓	✓	
Patch Wizard	Create patch installations containing only the binary differences between your software versions.	✓	✓	✓
UpgradeSync™	Identifies potential patch-creation problems. In most cases, UpgradeSync proactively resolves the issue.	✓	✓	
Wise Digital Signatures	Digitally sign an .MSI with an .exe wrapper or an .MSI wrapped with external CAB files, ensuring the integrity of every package.	✓	✓	✓
Release Management	Create multiple releases — such as full, evaluation and demo versions — from a single project file, reducing labor and costs.	✓	✓	✓
Media Options	Create installations for various types of media including CD, DVD, or custom media sizes. Define how each individual component within your installation is compressed and what type of media it will be delivered on.	✓	✓	✓