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Overview

The Wise Installation System makes it easier for you to distribute your programs, and easier for your clients to install those programs. The Wise Installation System also supports splitting your installation file across multiple disks (in the Professional version). You can split the installation executable up to make downloading from a BBS easier. With other installation systems you must do the following to install a software package downloaded from an On-Line service:

- Find the correct "Dearchive" program if the file is not a self-extracting DOS program
- Create a temporary directory
- Execute the self-extracting program or run the "Dearchive" program with the proper command line arguments
- Switch back to windows and execute the Windows Setup program
- Delete the temporary directory if the installation was successful

On the other hand, when you install a Wise executable you need to do the following:

- Double-Click the installation programs name in the File Manager

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Wise Features

The Wise Installation System gives you great flexibilty in creating professional quality installation programs. It supports the following features in the Professional Version:

- Single File, self-installing, Windows executable
- Bitmap graphics, both transparent and opaque displayed during the installation
- Multiple prompts for file locations
- Subsets of the files can be loaded
- Very low installation program overhead
- Very high compression ratios
- Executing external programs
- Version Checking
- Disk space checking
- Installation Log
- Making backup copies of replaced files
- Adding keys to the registration database
- Checking DLL/VBX dependencies
- Multiple Disk Installations
- Calls to DLL based functions
- Customizing the installation with Visual Basic programs
- A free distributable uninstaller
- Support for multiple languages in a single installation script
- Editing the AUTOEXEC.BAT/CONFIG.SYS/SYSTEM.INI
- Component based installations
- Searching for a file on the destination system
- Radio button dialogs
- Reading the values of Envronment Variables, INI entries, and Registration Database keys into script variables.

The Developers Version of Wise has all of the features of the Professional Version as well as:

- Custom Dialog Editor
- 256 Color Bitmap Support
- Long filename support under Windows NT and Window 95
- Password Protected Installations

Installation Log

A log is created during the installation that describes the changes that were made to the destination system. It lists the files that were copied, the icons that were added, and the INI files that were edited.

The installation log is called INSTALL.LOG and it is placed in the same directory as the first file that you copy to the destination system. You should make sure that your first file is copied into your main application directory.

Variables

The use of variables is fundamental to the creation of an installation script. Variables hold the pathnames of where your files will be copied. They can also be used to hold the names of groups you will add to the Program Manager. Variables can be created by a Prompt script item or in a DLL function call. When referencing a variable, you must enclose it in percent (%) signs. There are four pre-defined variables:

1. WIN: This variable holds the pathname to the Window directory (usually C:\WINDOWS).
2. SYS: The Windows System directory pathname is contained in this variable (usually C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM).
3. TEMP: This varible holds the directory where temporary files may be placed. This variable is useful for placing DLLs before you call their functions.
4. INST: The pathname of the location of the installation executable is held in this variable. This can be useful if you want to display a readme.txt that is located on the same disk as the installation executable.
5. RESTART: When this variable is set to 'W' Windows will be restarted at the end of the installation. If the variable is set to 'S' the system will be rebooted. If this variable is set to E followed by a command line, the command will be executed during a Windows restart. A number of advanced script items (editing autoexec/config) set this variable.
6. BACKUPDIR: If this variable is set, all files replaced by the installation will be placed into this directory.
7. PASSWORD: If your installation is password protected this variable will be used as the password. If this variable is not set, the user will be prompted to enter the password.
8. CMDLINE: This variable holds the command line options that were passed to the installation executable.
9. LANG: This variable holds the language the user selected in a multi-language installation.
10. HELPFILE: You can set this variable to the pathname of a Windows Help file that will be used in any custom dialogs.

In addition to the four pre-defined variables, there is a special variable that you may choose to place in a Prompt script item. If you create the variable BACKUPDIR, all files replaced by the installation will be placed into that directory. If you need to place a percent sign into your script, you must place two percent signs next to each other as in:

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There is a 100%% chance this will work!
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When the installation executable is run, this will display as:

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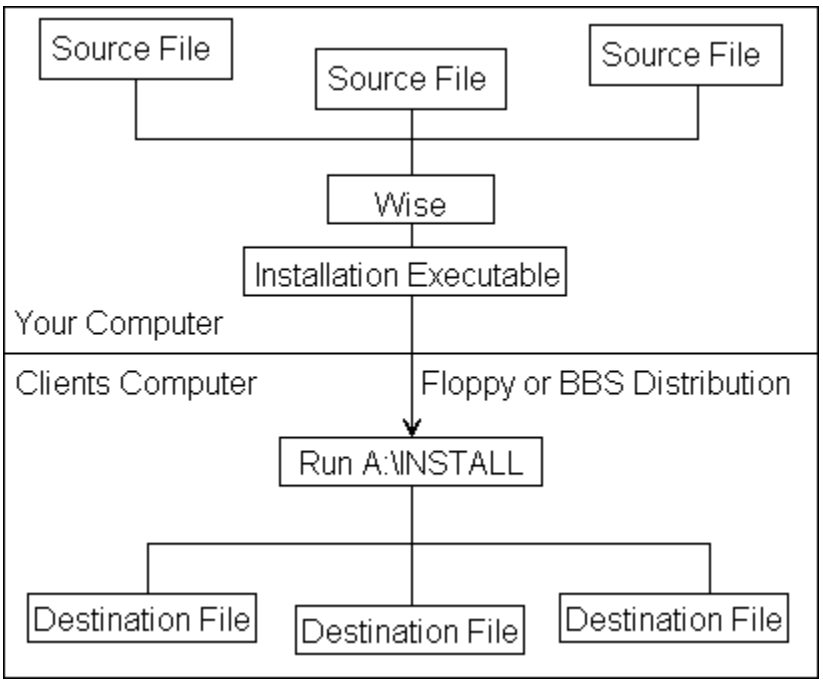
Installation Process

There is a two step process in the installation. First you (the programmer) use Wise to create an installation script. After you have created the installation script, you press the Create button to copy all of the files into an installation executable. You can then upload this executable to a BBS or place it on a floppy.

Your client (the installer) then receives the installation executable from you either via modem or floppy. They run the installation executable under Windows (either via Program Manager File->Run or File Manager double-click). The installation executable then extracts the files from itself and copies them onto the client's computer.

The following graphic describes the installation process:



Installation Executable Options

The executable files that are created have command line options that can be used to test the installation script and to install software manually.

Test Mode

When you run the Wise executable with the /T command line option, the installation script will be tested. Although the installation will look the same, no changes to your system will be made. No files will be copied and no INI or Program Manager changes will be made. This mode is useful when testing an installation script before it is distributed.

Manual Mode

The /M option runs the installation in manual mode. You will be prompted for the locations of your Windows, System, and Temp directories. You can specify any directories, if they do not exist they will be created. Any changes to INI files will be saved into the Windows directory you specify. With this option you can have the installation run without installing any files into your real Windows and System directory. You can then manually copy the files to their proper destination.

Extract Mode

The /X command line option allows you to extract single files from the installation executable. The files that are contained in the Wise executable will be listed along with the file dates and sizes. You can then select a file and choose the directory to place the file into. If you follow the /X option with a pathname, all of the files in the installation executable will be placed into that directory. If the directory does not exist, it will be created. The /Z command line option acts exactly like to /X option except Windows will be exited after the files are extracted. This can be useful for BBS operators that want to perform virus scanning on all of the files in the Wise executable.

Silent Mode

The /S command line option must be placed at the beginning of the command line. This option can be used to create a silent installation, no background or progress dialogs are displayed during the installation when this option is specified. Normally this option is followed by the pathname of an INI file that contains all of the answers to the normal prompts displayed during the installation. Your installation script can use these values instead of prompting the user (using the Read INI Value script item). This option can be useful for network administrators that wish to install software remotely over a network.

Getting Started

This section describes the basic steps you must take to create an installation script using the Wise Installation System. You may press the F1 button at any time to receive context sensitive help on the current operation.

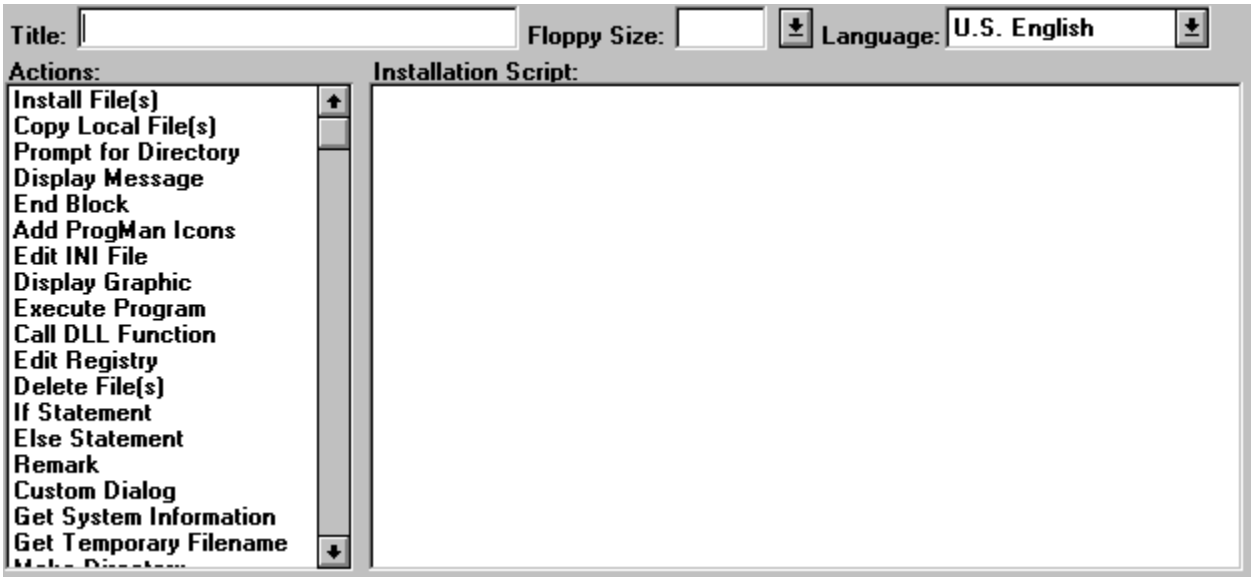
To create a basic installation script perform the following steps:

- Select the Script Assistant item from the File Menu. (You may have to save the previous script if you have changed it)
- Enter a title (for example: My Test Installation) into the Title field.
- Enter the default directory the user will be prompted with in the Default Dir field. Press the OK button.
- Change the directory in the directory list box to where your software files are located. Select the files to install by selecting then in the File Name box and pressing the Add File button. Press the OK button when done.
- Enter the default Program Manager group name of your software into the Default Group Name field. Select any files that you want icons added for in the files list. Press the OK Button.

NOTE: You can add blank lines into message text by pressing the Ctrl-Enter key.

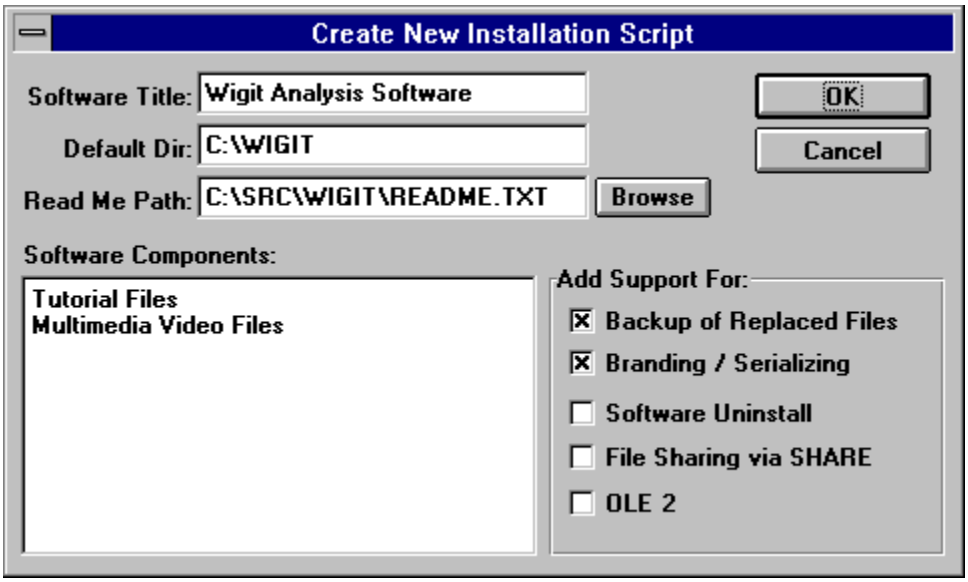
Editing the Installation Script

When you first run the Wise Installation System, you will see the following screen. This screen shows you everything about the installation executable that you will create. You can press on parts of the screen below for a description of their function:



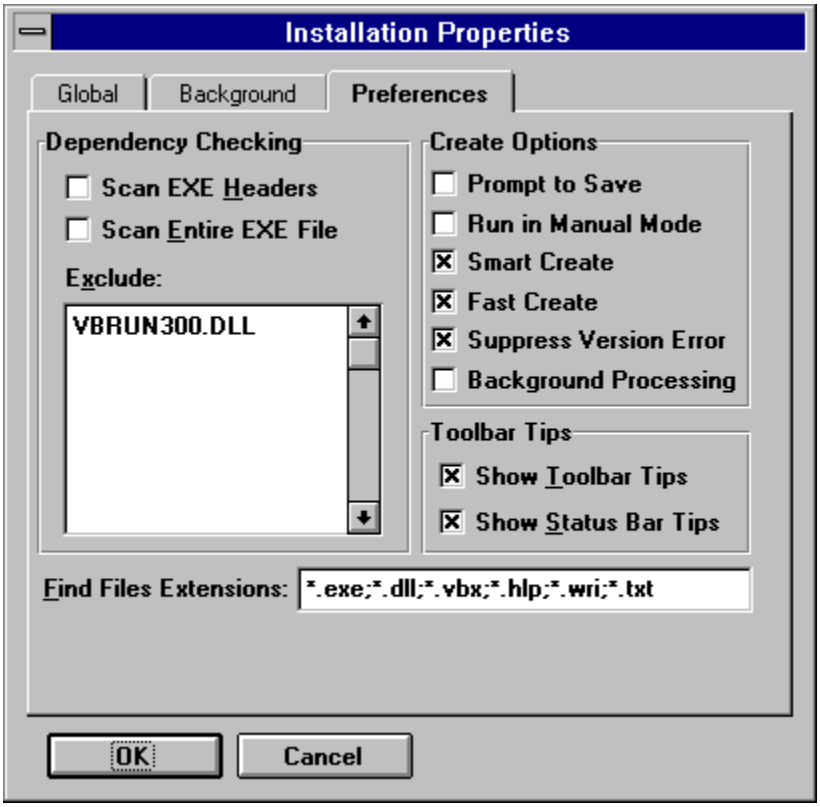
Create New Installation Script

You start the Script Assistant by selecting the New item from the File menu. The following dialog is displayed and will lead you through the process of creating a new installation script. You can press the Cancel button to start with a blank installation script. Press the parts of the dialog below to get help on the individual fields. You can press the F1 key on any of the dialog boxes to receive context sensitive help on that dialog.



Preferences

This property sheet contains the preferences of your installation script. To get more detailed information on the options, click on the dialog below.



Create Executable

When you press this button, a Windows Self-installating Executable will be generated from the script that you have entered. It will have the same name as your script file but have the EXE extension.

Test Executable

Press this button to test your installation script. In this the test mode, no changes will be made to your computer system.

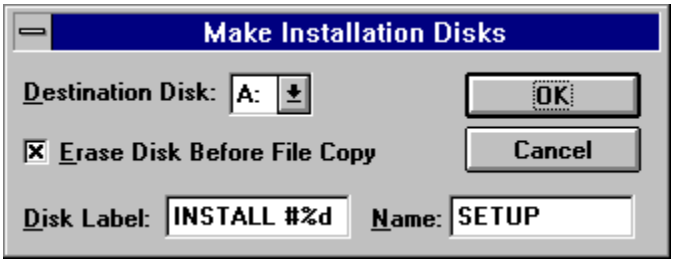
Run Executable

This button will run the installation executable and install the software on your system. It runs the installation in manual mode. You will be prompted for where you want the Windows, System, and Temp directories to be placed.

Make Floppy Disks Button

This button will copy the installation executable file to a floppy. If you have split your installation executable, you will be prompted for a new floppy for each file.

NOTICE: This feature is availiable in the Profession Version only.

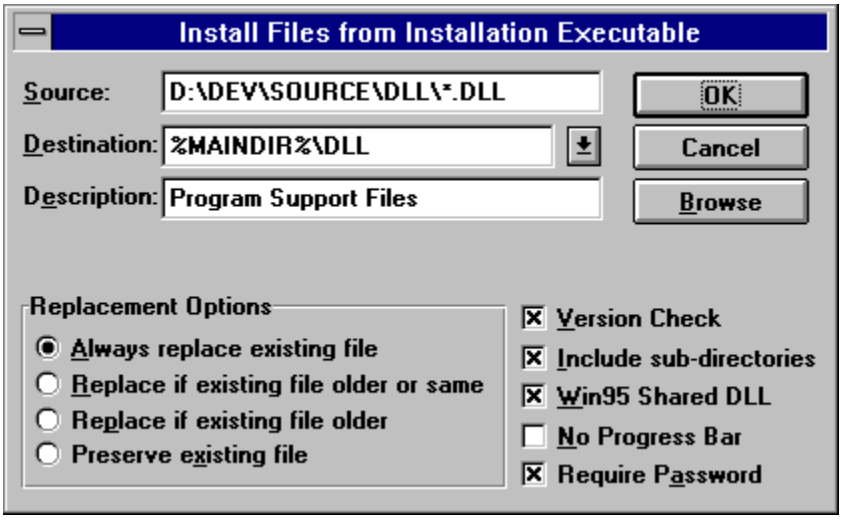


Changing Source Directories

If the directories that contain the files in your installation change, you can use this dialog to modify the source directories for your installation script. To change a source directory select the source directory from the list and modify its value in the editbox. If the Change Sub-Directories box is checked all of the directories below that directory will also be changed. You can access this command from the Source Directory item in the Edit menu.

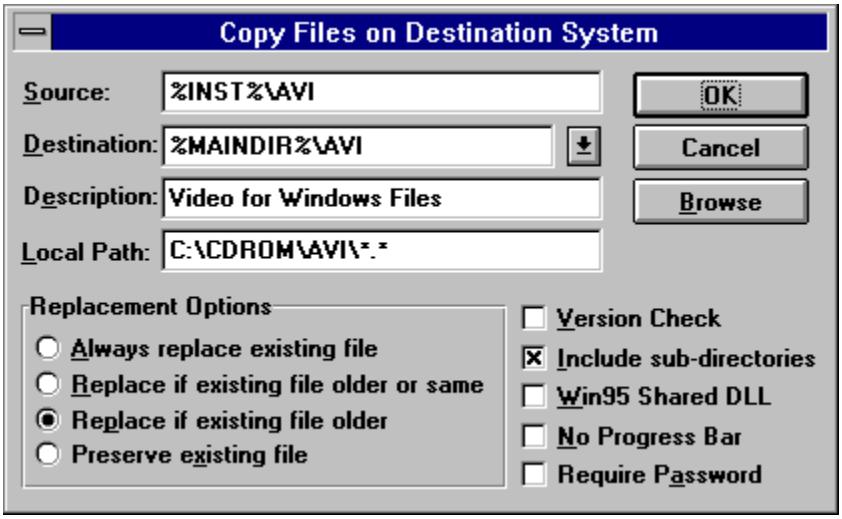
Install File(s)

This item will copy a single file into the installation executable. During installation, the file will be copied into the destination directory. The destination directory must begin with a variable name.



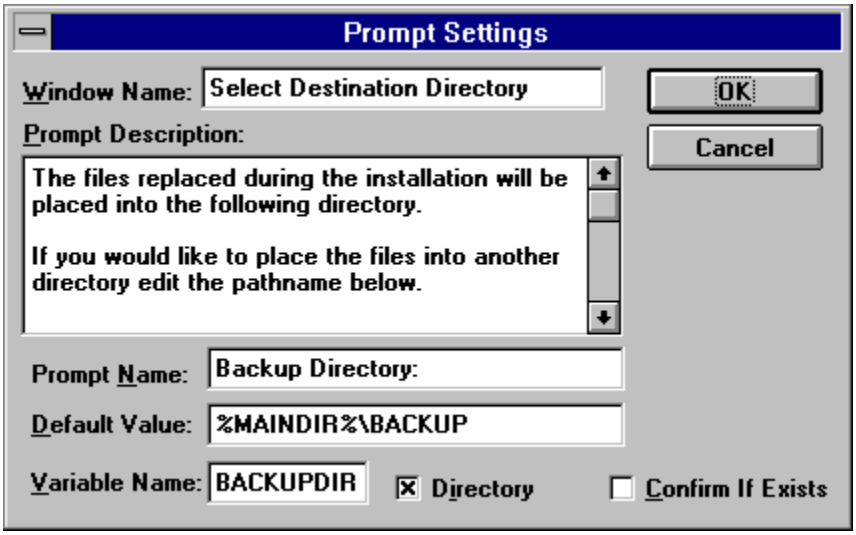
Local File Copy

The local file copy script item can be used to copy files that are not inside of the installation executable. You should use this script item to copy a license or serial number file from the installation floppy to the users hard disk. You can also use this option to copy files from a CD-ROM to the hard disk.



Prompt for Text

This script item will prompt the installer for information. This is usually a directory name where they would like to install your program. It can also be a group name of a Program Manager group to add your icons to. If you choose, you can have a default value already filled in the prompt to make your installation easier.



Message/Message Block

The message item will display a message on the screen. It can also be used to ask the installer a Yes/No question. When you select the Start Block checkbox a Yes/No dialog will be displayed. If the user answers "No" then none of the script lines will executed until the matching End Message Block is reached.

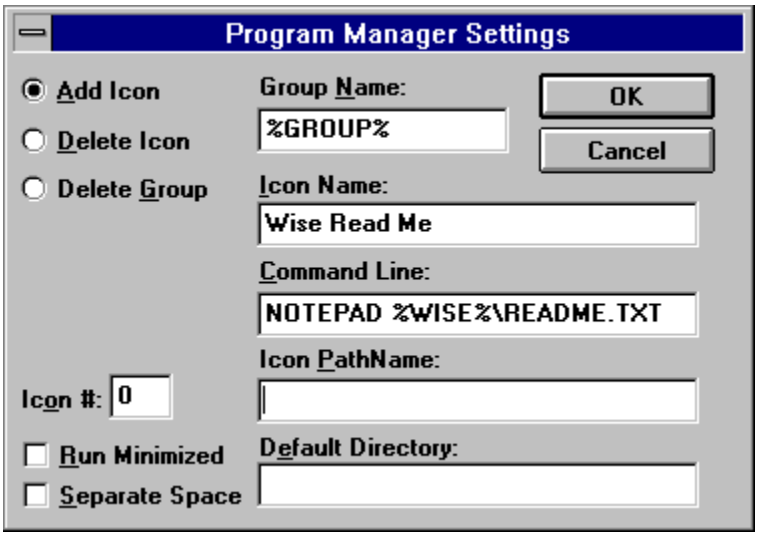
End Message Block

This script item ends a message or a DLL block. These blocks are used to determine which items in the script will be executed. You must have one End Message Block for each Message Block or DLL Block.

Program Manager Icons

You can add this item to your script to add and delete icons from the Windows Program Manager. Click on the picture below for more information about the information you must provide.

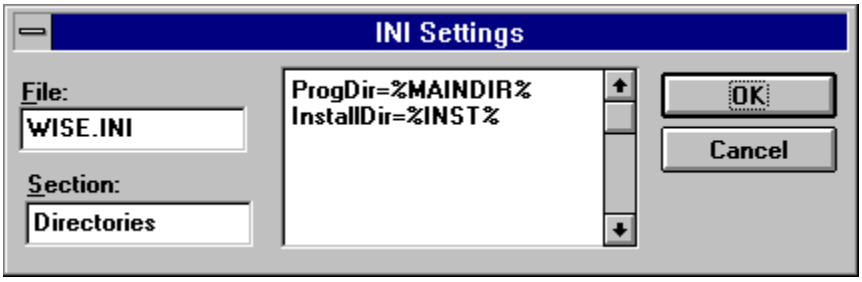
NOTE: Not all Program Manager replacement shells allow parentheses "( )" and commas "," in the icon name. You should avoid using these characters in your icon names.



INI File

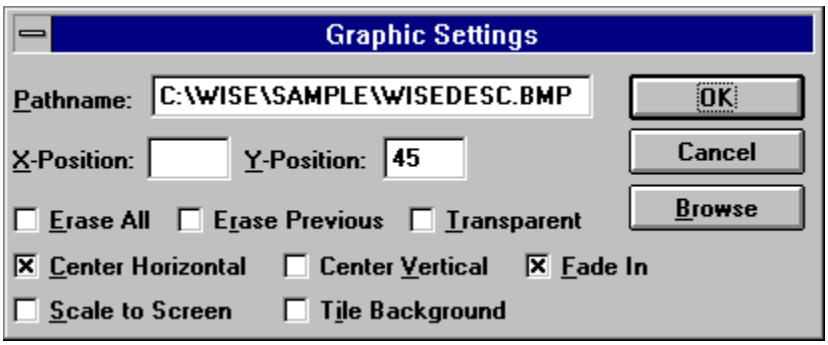
This script item should be used to add, delete, and modify the values in various Windows INI files.

NOTE: You should NOT use this script item to edit device entries in the SYSTEM.INI file! This should be used to edit the WIN.INI or your private INI files only.



Graphic

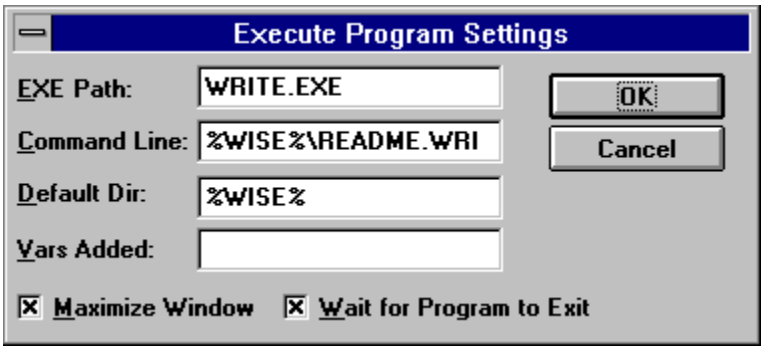
You can add bitmap graphics to the installation screen that are displayed during the installation process. The file type of the graphic files you use should be BMP. A transparent graphic will make any solid blue color (Red=0, Green=0, Blue=255) in the graphic transparent as it is being displayed.



Execute Program

This script item can be used to execute a Windows or DOS program. You should enter the pathname on the destination system and the command line.

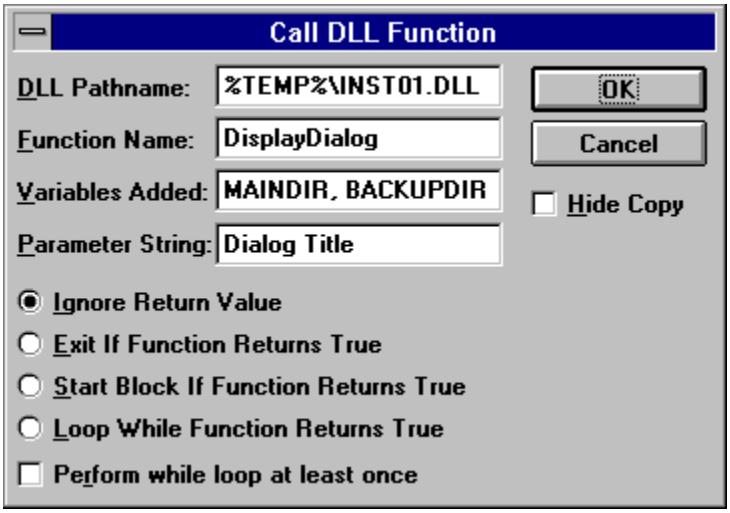
NOTE: If you do not check the Wait for Program to Exit checkbox, you should only use this at the end of your installation script.



Call DLL Function

You use this script item to call a function in a DLL library. The DLL function must be declared as specified in the Professional version documentation. You should copy the DLL to the TEMP directory before you call the DLL function. If you copy the DLL file to any directory other than the TEMP directory, you will not be able to run the installation script in test mode.

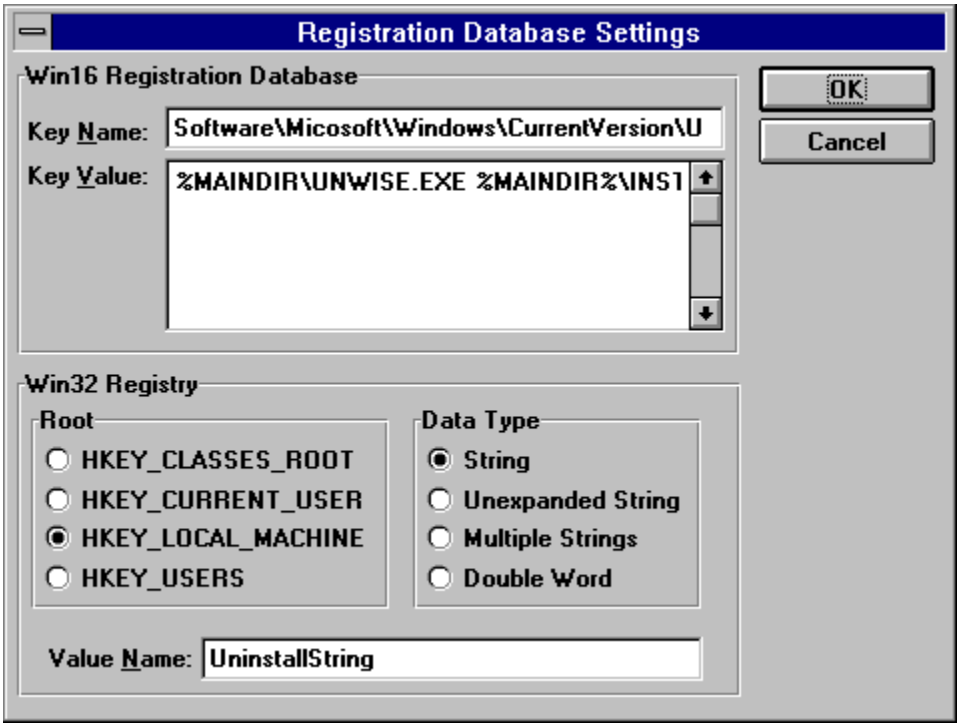
NOTICE: This function only works in the Wise Installation System Professional version. Please refer to the registration screen for more information. For additional information, please refer to the Professional version's documentation.



Registration Database

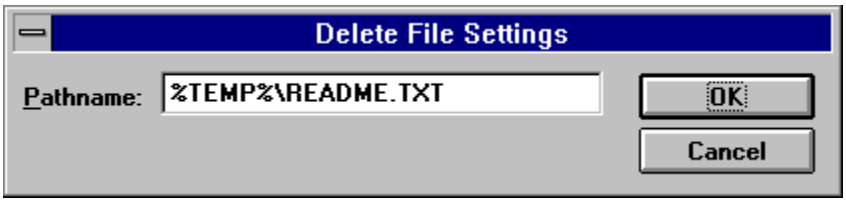
You can add keys to the registration database by using this script item. This can be used to register document types and DDE/OLE with the shell.

NOTICE: This feature is enabled in the registered versions of the Wise Installation System.



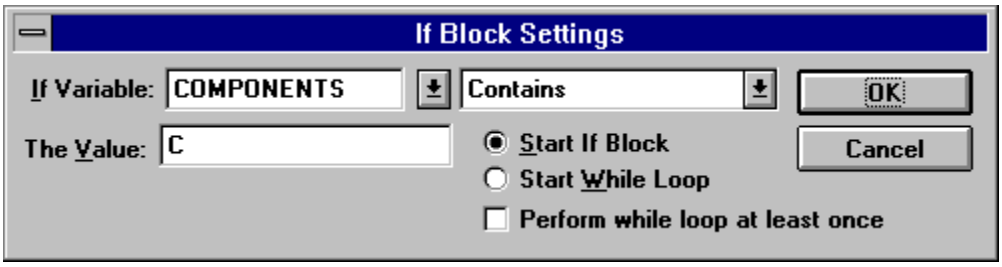
Delete File

This script item will delete a file on the destination system.



If Statement

The if statement can be used to check the contents of a variable and branch depending on the value.

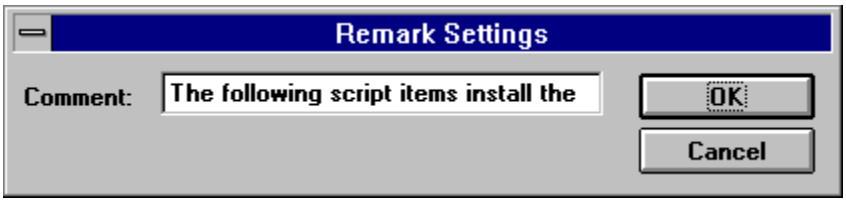


Exit Installation

This installation script item will cause the installation to be exited.

Remark

The remark script item can be used to place comments into your installation script.



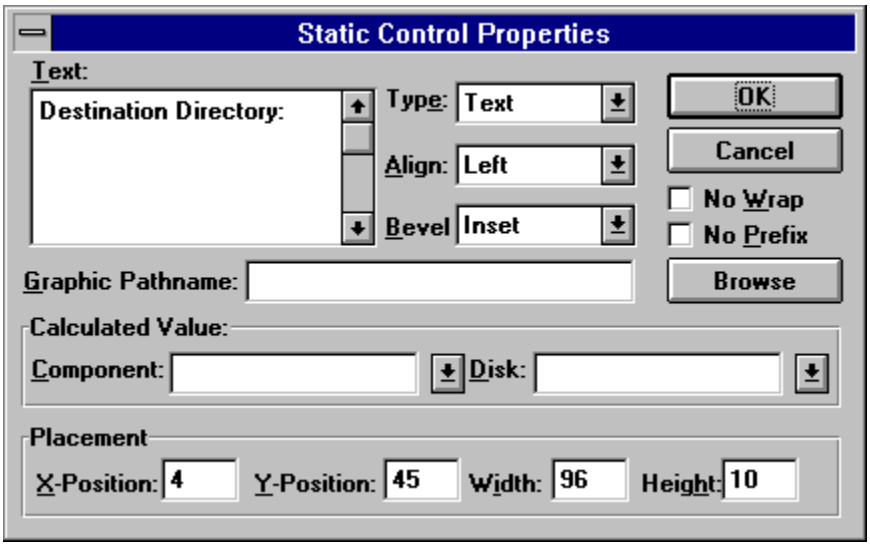
Custom Dialog

The custom dialog editor creates and edits dialog sets. These dialog sets display and gather information from the user during the installation. Each dialog box contains one or more controls that display information, gather information, or perform an action.

Controls

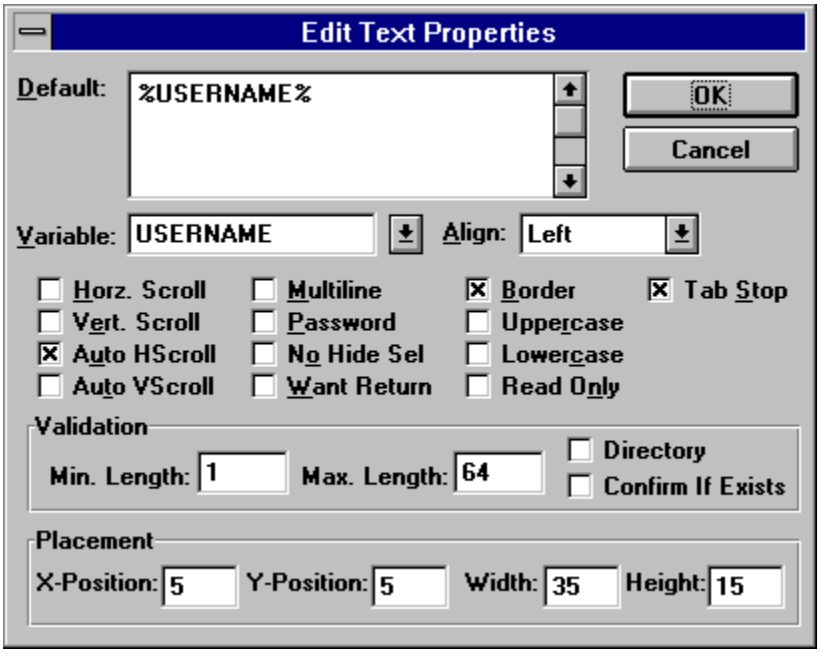
Static Control

The static control is used to display information, either textual or graphical in the dialog box.



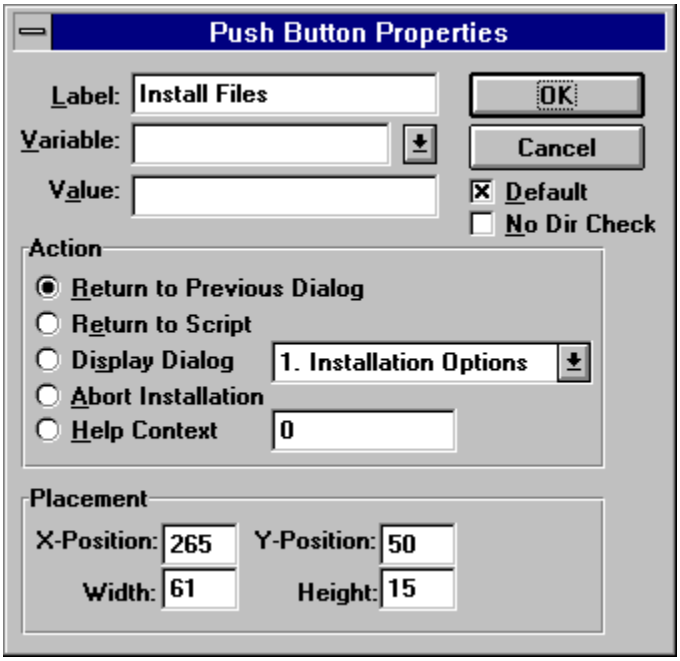
Edit Text Control

The edit text control should be used to display a large amount of textual information (such as a read-me file) or to gather textual information from the user. The information that is gathered can be up to 255 characters long.



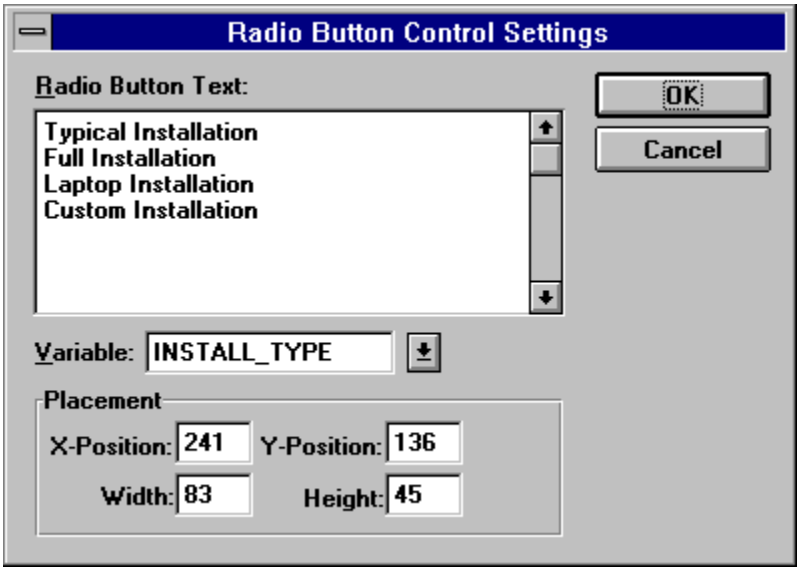
Push Button Control

The push button control will perform an action when it is pressed. It may also set a variable to a specified value.



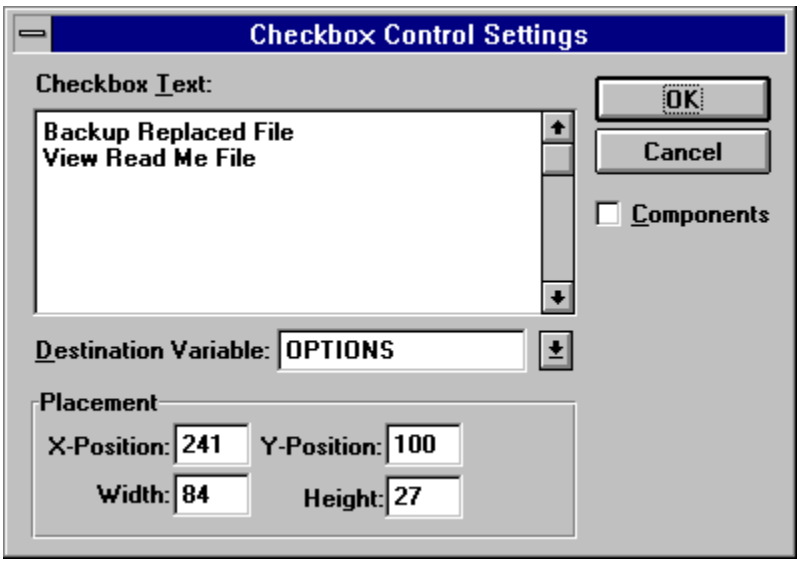
Radio Button Control

The radio button control gathers either-or information from the user. It allows the user to choose one of a specified list of possible values. The radio button chosen by the user is returned as a single letter (A for the first button, B for the second, etc.) into the specified variable.



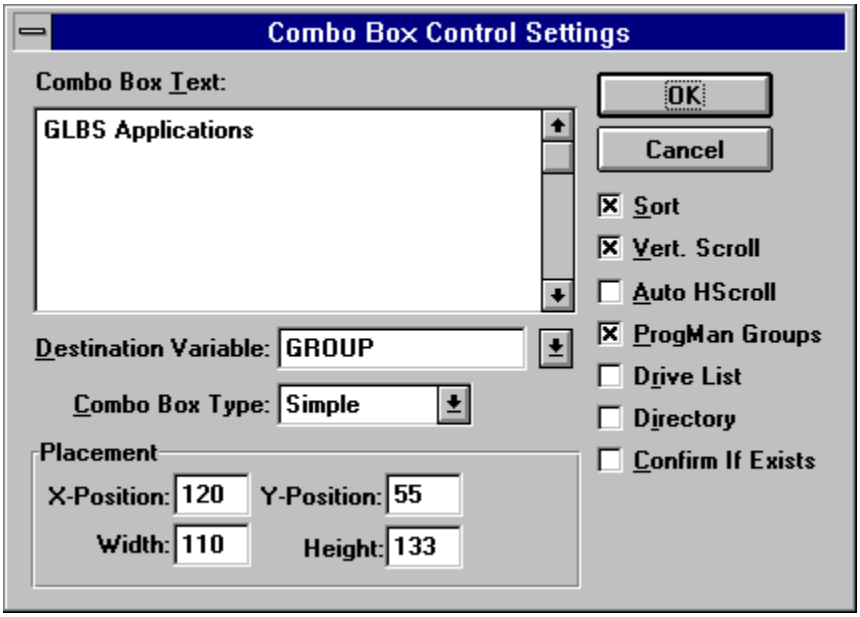
Checkbox Control

The checkbox control should be used to present the user will yes/no options. For each option that they check the corresponding letter (A for the first checkbox, B for the second, etc.) will be appended to the variable.



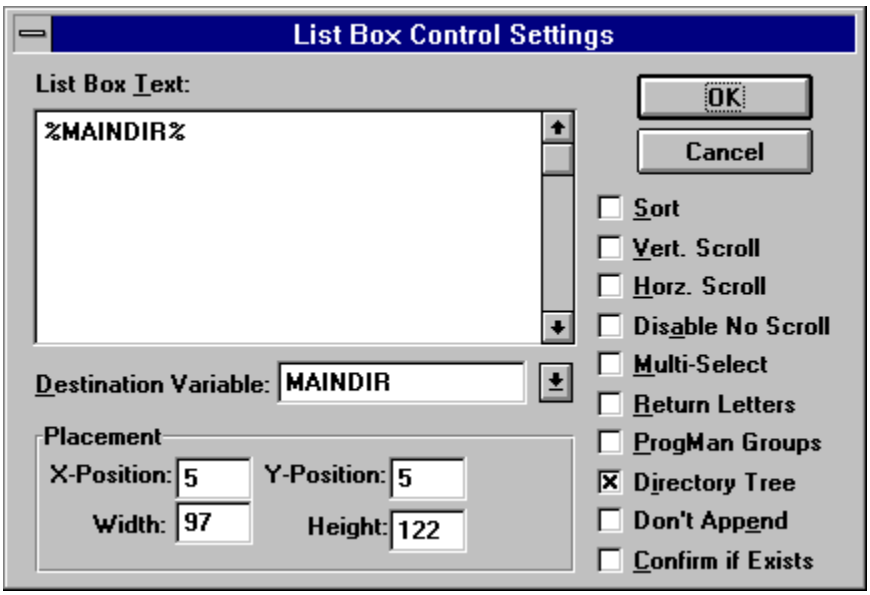
Combobox Control

The combobox control combines a edit text control with a listbox control. This control can be used to present the user with a list of possible choices and also allow them to edit the returned text as well.



Listbox Control

The listbox control allows the user to select one or more choices from a list. The actual text of the selection or a letter representing the position of the choice can be returned into the specified variable.



Get System Information

This script item will retrieve information into a variable. The following information can be gathered.

- Current Date/Time
- Windows Version
- DOS Version
- K Bytes of Available Memory: this is the amount of free space when the installation is running, not the amount of physical memory in the computer.
- File Date Time Modified: The Pathname field holds the name of the file to return the information on.
- File Version Number: This return the version number of a EXE/DLL that contains a version resource. If the file specified in the Pathname field does not contain a version resource the returned value will be empty.
- Registered Owner Name: Returns the value entered by the user in the user name field when Windows was first installed. This is a useful default value for the Get Name/Serial Number dialog.
- Registered Company Name: Returns the value entered by the user in the company name field when Windows was first installed. This is a useful default value for the Get Name/Serial Number dialog
- Drive Type for Pathname: This returns the type of drive the given pathname is on. The following values may be returned: F (floppy or removable drive), H (hard or local disk), N (network or remote disk), C (CD-ROM drive), or R (ram disk). If the pathname does not point to a valid disk drive, the variable is set to nothing (blank).
- First Network Drive: Returns the first drive in the system that is a remote or network drive. For example, if the first network drive is F, the returned value is F:. If there are no network drives, the variable will be empty.
- First CD-ROM Drive: The first CD-ROM drive on the system is returned into the variable. For example, if the CD-ROM is on drive D, the returned value is D:.

Get Temporary Filename

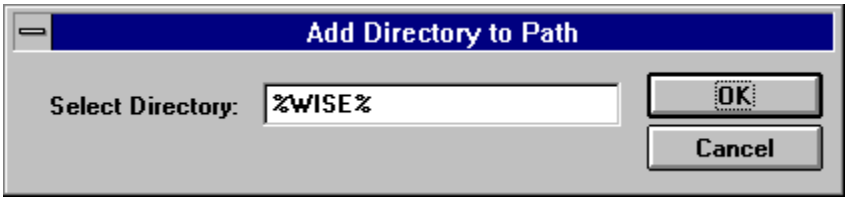
This script item creates a temporary file in the %TEMP% directory and places the filename into the variable. All temporary files are automatically removed when the installation is completed. This script item is useful for creating temporary files (DLLs, help files) that are used only during the installation. Since this script item returns only a filename, you **must** reference the temporary file with the %TEMP%\ prefix. For example, if you retrieve a temporary filename into the variable HELPFILE the full pathname of the file is %TEMP%\%HELPFILE%.

Create Directory

This installation script will create an empty directory on the destination computer. If the directory already exists, no action is taken.

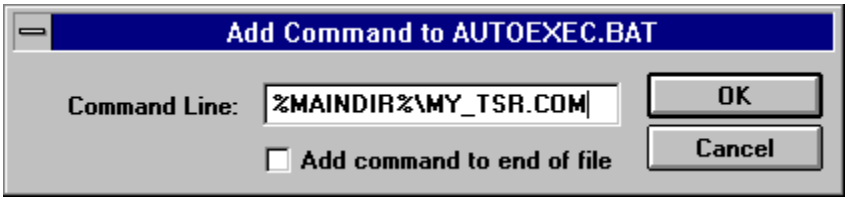
Add Directory to Path

You can add a directory to the PATH environment variable with this script item. A backup copy of the AUTOEXEC.BAT will be made. (AUTOEXEC.001) If the directory is already in the path, it will not be re-added.



Add Command to Autoexec.bat

This script item will add a command to the AUTOEXEC.BAT file. If the command already exists (it must match the added command exactly), it will not be re-added. A backup file AUTOEXEC.001 is created.

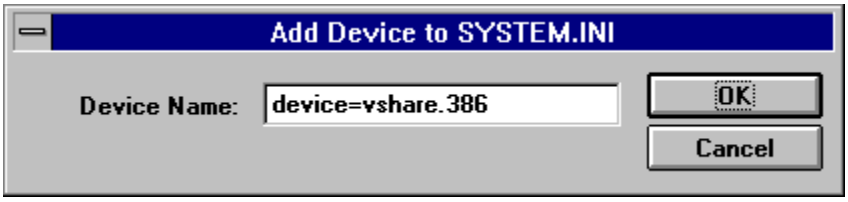


Add Command to Config.sys

You can add commands to the CONFIG.SYS file using this script item. A backup file (CONFIG.001) will be created. If the command already exists in the CONFIG.SYS, it will not be re-added.

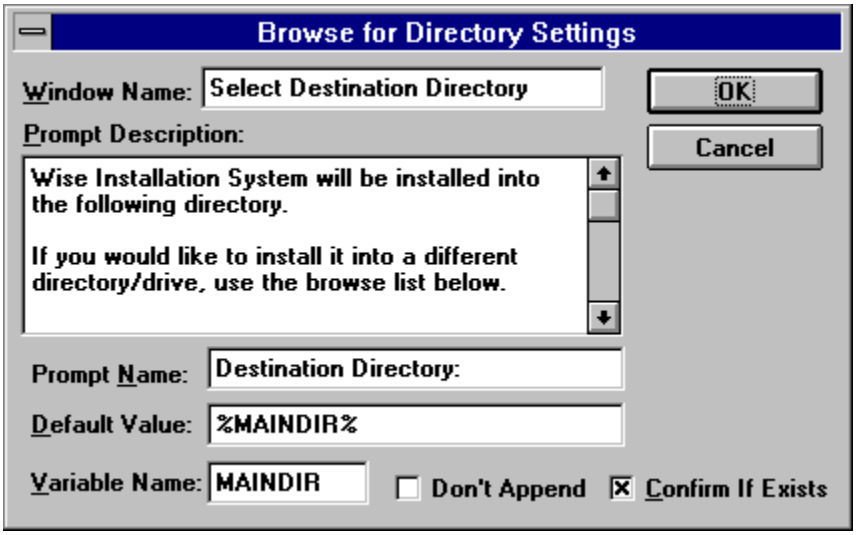
Add Entry to System.ini

This script item will add an entry to the [386Enh] section of the SYSTEM.INI file. A backup file (SYSTEM.001) will be created if changes are made. You should enter the full name of the line to add (i.e. device=vshare.386). If the line already exists, it will not be re-added.



Browse Directory Tree Prompt

This script item will get a pathname into a variable. The dialog will display the directory tree and allow the user to select the drive and pathname to install to. If you place a full treename into the default, it will be the default directory. If you do not enter a full pathname, the root will be the current directory.



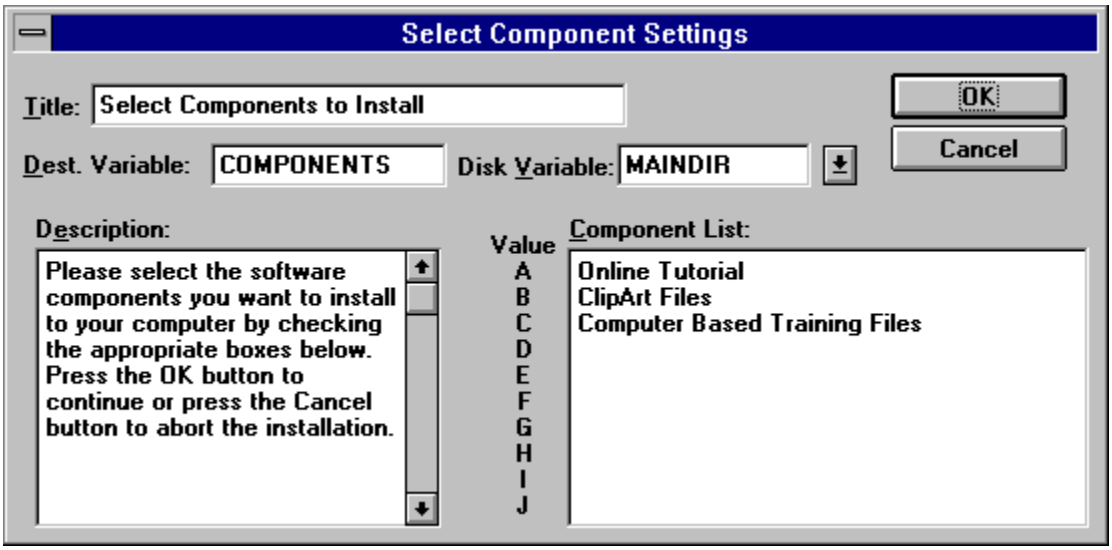
Install Components Dialog

This script item will allow you to prompt the user for the components of your software they would like to install. The destination variable will be filled with a list of the letters of the components that the user chooses. You should use the If variable Contains script item to copy the proper files.

To have some of the checkboxes initially checked when the dialog is displayed use the Set Variable script item to set the value of the components variable to the letters that correspond to the boxes you want checked. For example, if you want the first and third checkboxes initially selected you use the script item:

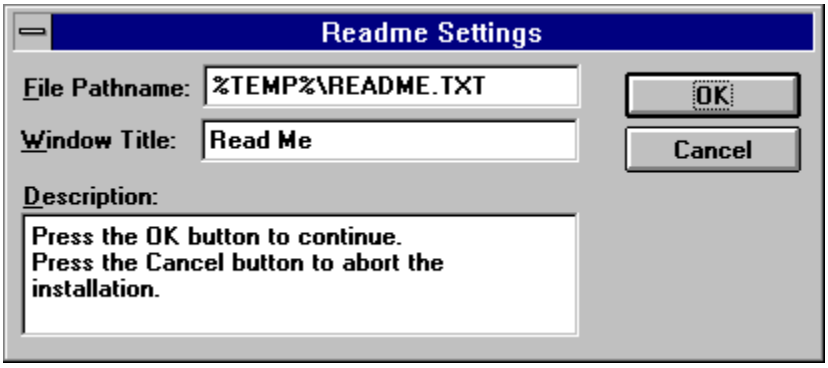
Set Variable COMPONENTS to AC

You must use uppercase letters in the set variable script item and the script item must preceed the components dialog script item.



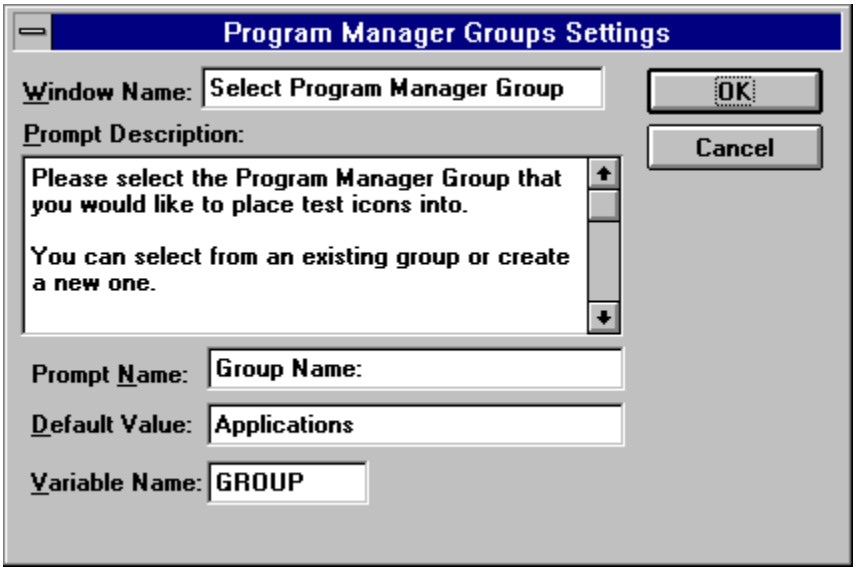
Display Read Me Dialog

You can display a text file into a dialog box with this script item. The file must contain only text characters and be 30K or smaller in size.



Browse Program Manager Groups

This script item will display a dialog that lists the existing Program Manager groups and allows the user to select one.

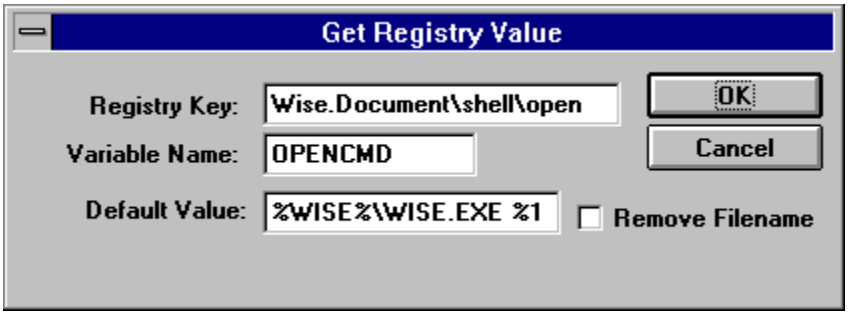


Get INI Entry Value

This script item reads the value from a INI file into a variable.

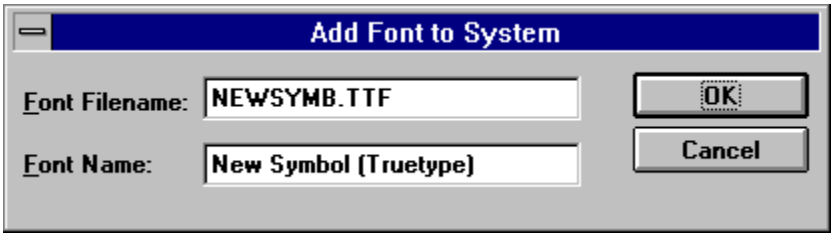
Read Registration Database Key

This script item will read the value of a Registration Database Key into a variable. If the key does not exist, the default value will be returned.



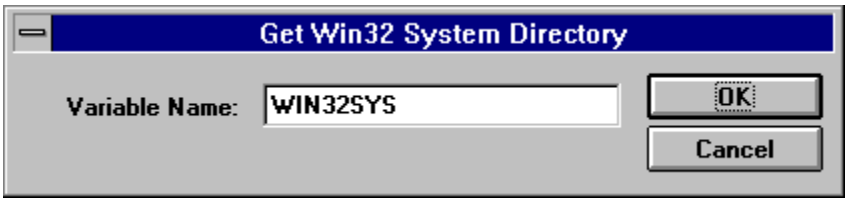
Add Font to System

This script item will add a font to your system. You must not specify a full pathname. The font file must have already been copied into the Windows System directory.



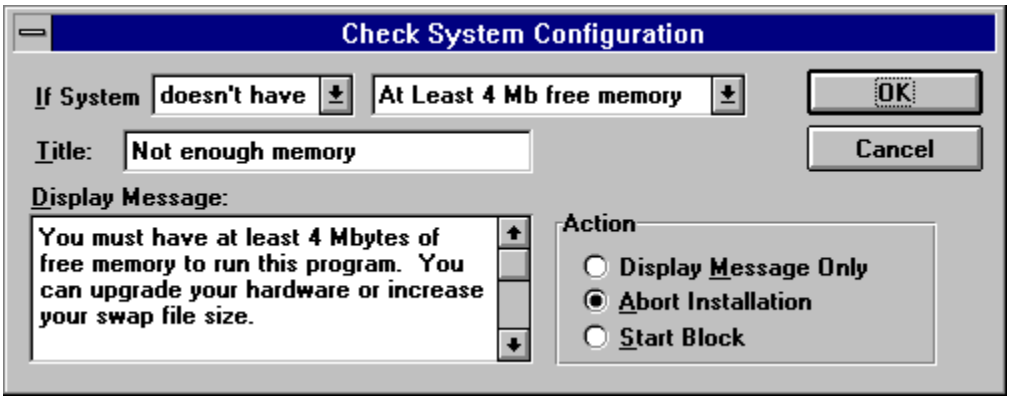
Get Win32 System Directory

The system directory pathname will be placed into the variable.



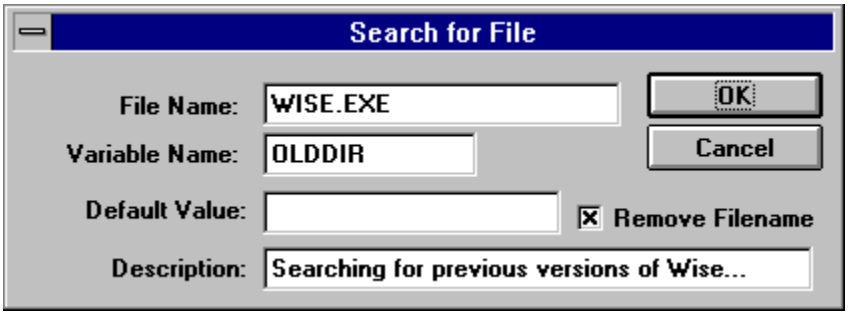
Check System Capabilities

You can add this script item to check the capabilities of the system your software is being install on.



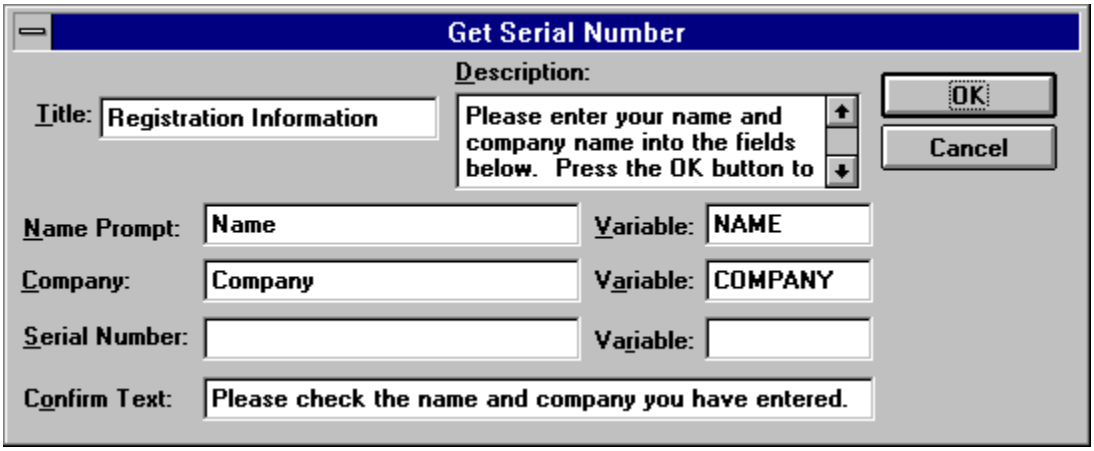
Search for File

This script item will scan the users disk drives for the file name given. No wildcard character may be used. If the file is not found, the default value is returned.



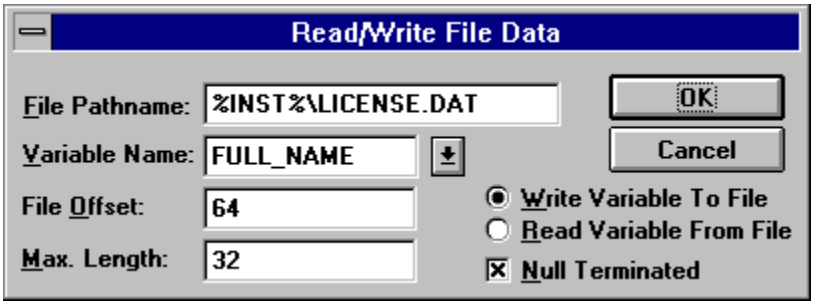
Name/Company/Serial Number Dialog

A dialog will be displayed that prompts for the users name, company, and the serial number of the product that is being installed. The values that are entered are returned into variables.



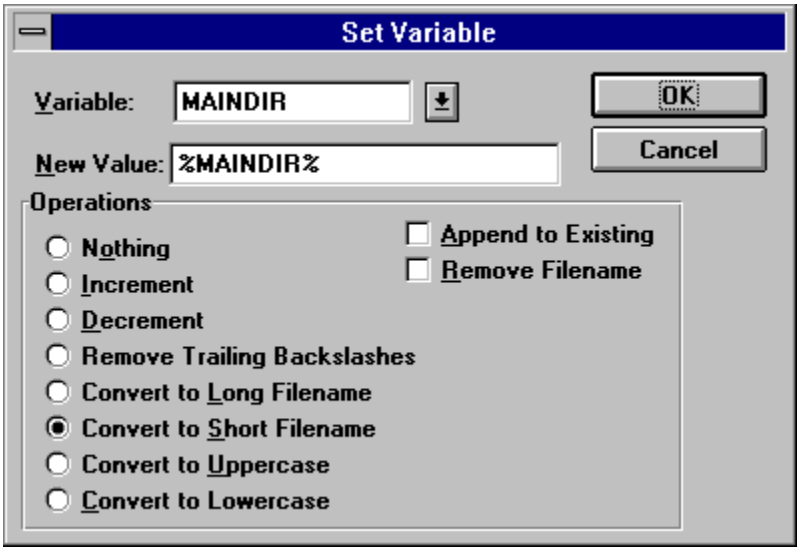
Read/Write File Data

This script item will write the value of a variable into a binary file at the specified location. This can be useful for place a serial number into your EXE files.



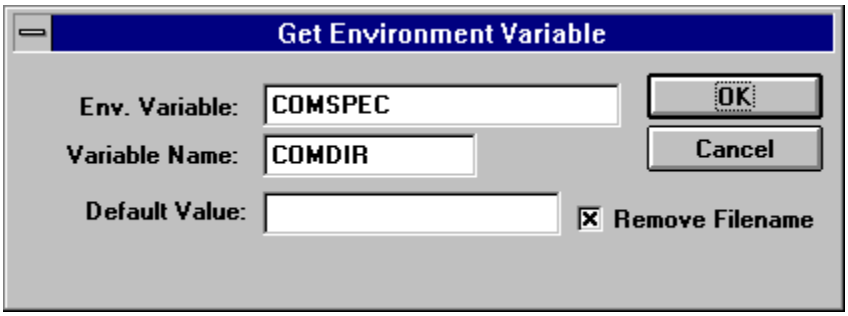
Set Variable Value

This script item can be used to set the value of a variable. A number of operations can be performed on the variable as it is being set.



Get Environment Variable

You can read the value of an environment variable into a installation variable with this script item.



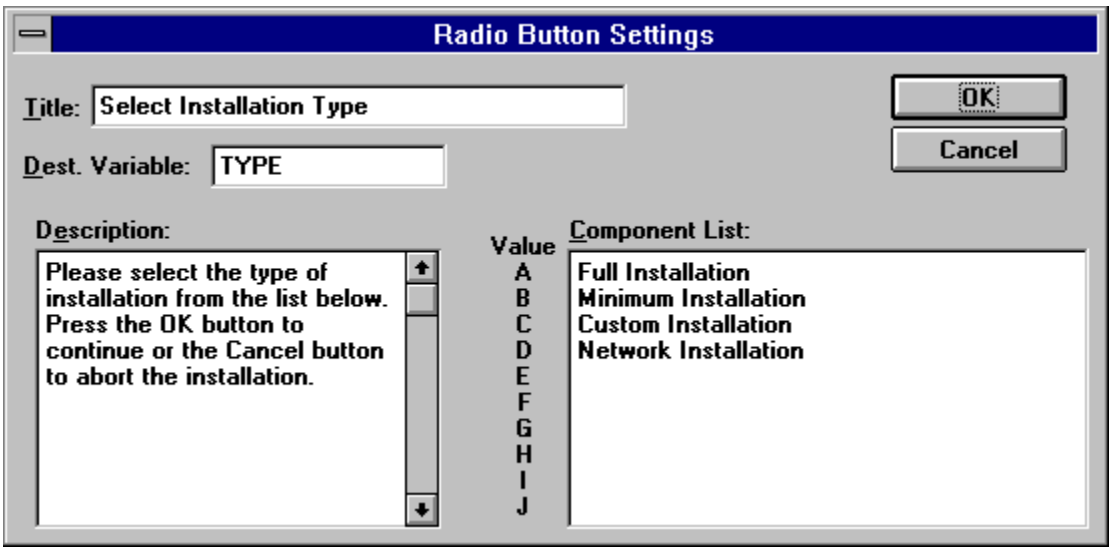
Radio Button Dialog

This script item will display a dialog with a list of radio buttons. The letter that corresponds to the button the user selected will be returned in the destination variable.

To have a radio button other than the first initially selected use the Set Variable script item to set the value of the destination variable to the letter that correspond to the radio button you want selected. For example, if you want the second initially selected you use the script item:

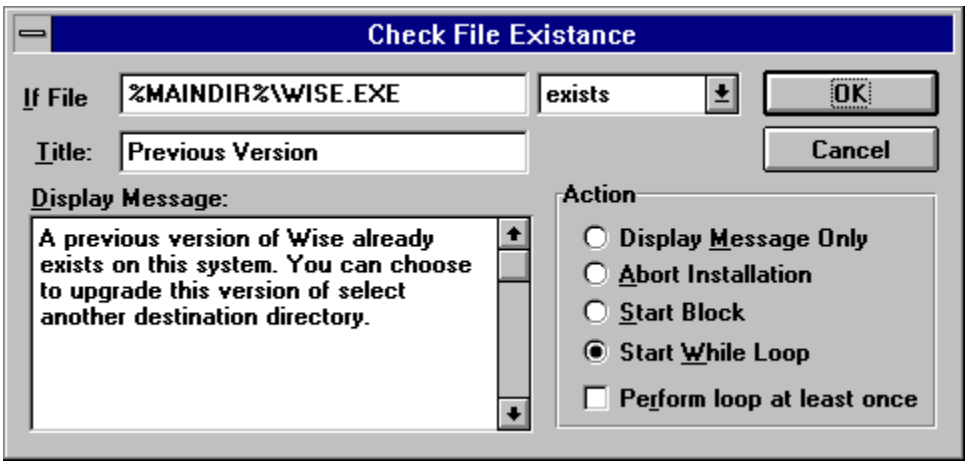
Set Variable COMPONENTS to B

You must use uppercase letters in the set variable script item and the script item must preceed the radio button dialog script item.



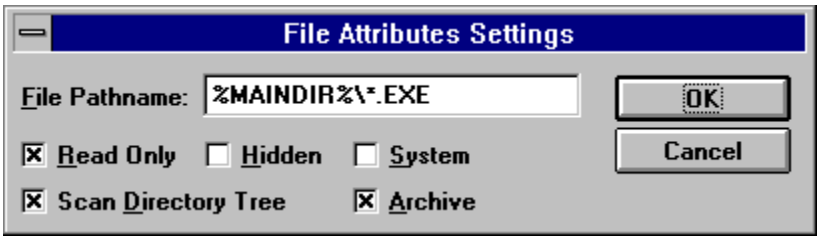
Check If File Exists

This advanced script item can be used to determine if a certain file exists on the destination computer system. This can be useful in network installations or when detecting previous versions of software.



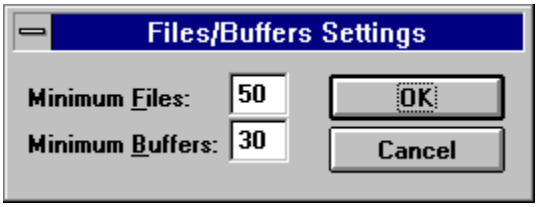
Set File Attributes

This script item can be used to modify the file attributes for one or many files.



Set Minimum Files/Buffers

This script item edits the CONFIG.SYS file and changes the "Files=" or "Buffers=" settings if they are below the values indicated.

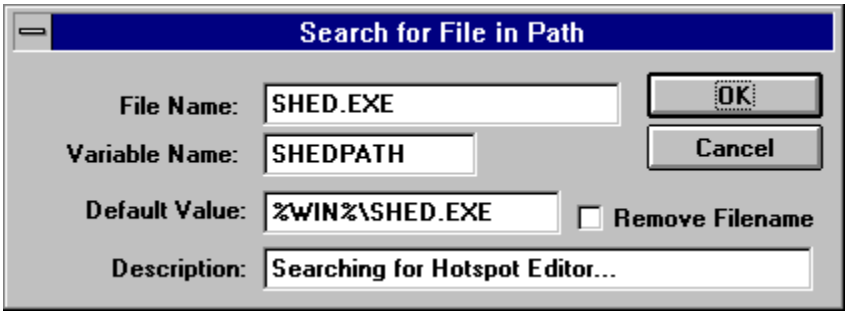


Play Wave File

This script item will load the specified WAV file into memory and play it. The Wave Pathname field should hold the full pathname of the WAV file. There must be enough memory to load the entire WAV file into memory to play it. The Loop continuously checkbox can be used to cause the WAV file to be played over and over. You can turn off playing of a WAV file by setting the Wave Pathname field to blank.

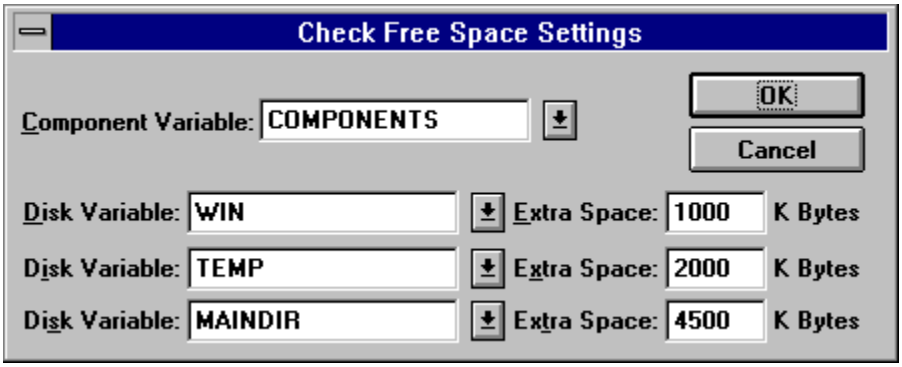
Find File in Path

This script item will search all of the directories in the PATH environment variable for the file specified.



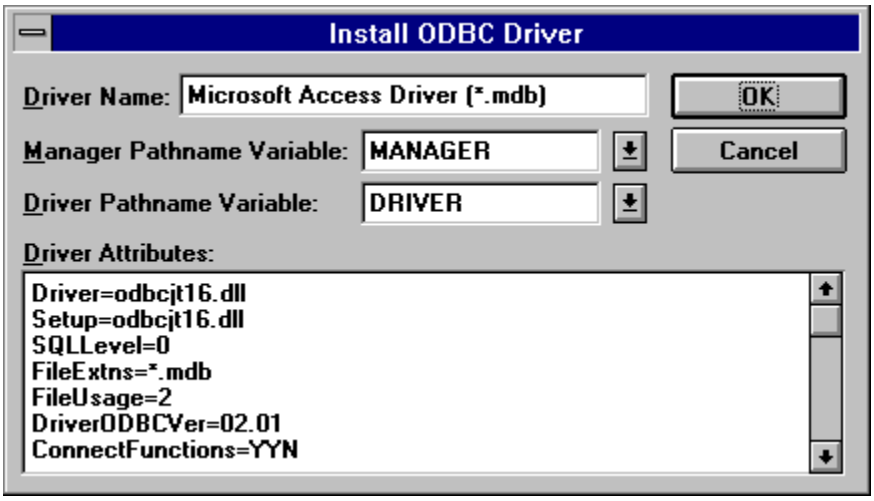
Check Free Disk Space

This script item should be used to check that enough free space is available on the destination computer for the installation to succeed. You can also indicate how much free space should be on the disks after the installation finishes.



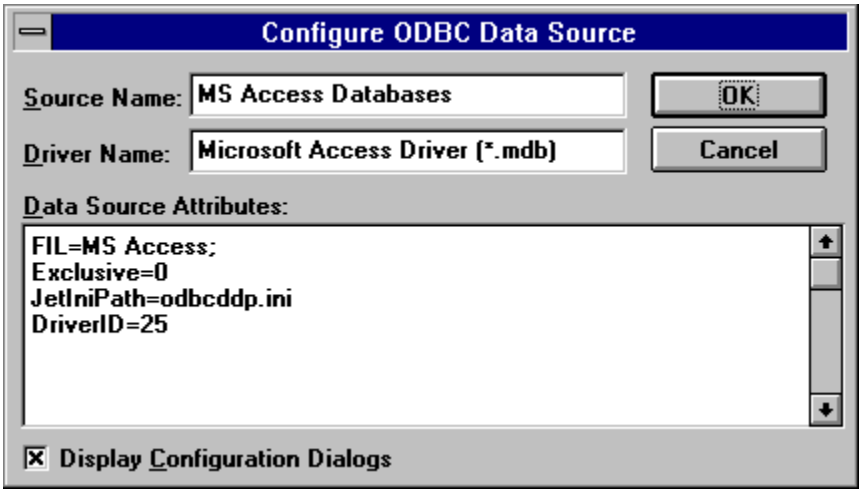
Install ODBC Driver

This script item will install an ODBC driver and/or the ODBC driver manager INI files. The ODBCINST.DLL and ODBCINST.HLP files must already be installed before you use this script item. You must install the ODBC.DLL file into the directory returned into the Manager Pathname Variable. You must install all of the files for the ODBC driver into the directory returned into the Driver Pathname Variable. If ODBC could not be installed, the returned variables will be blank.



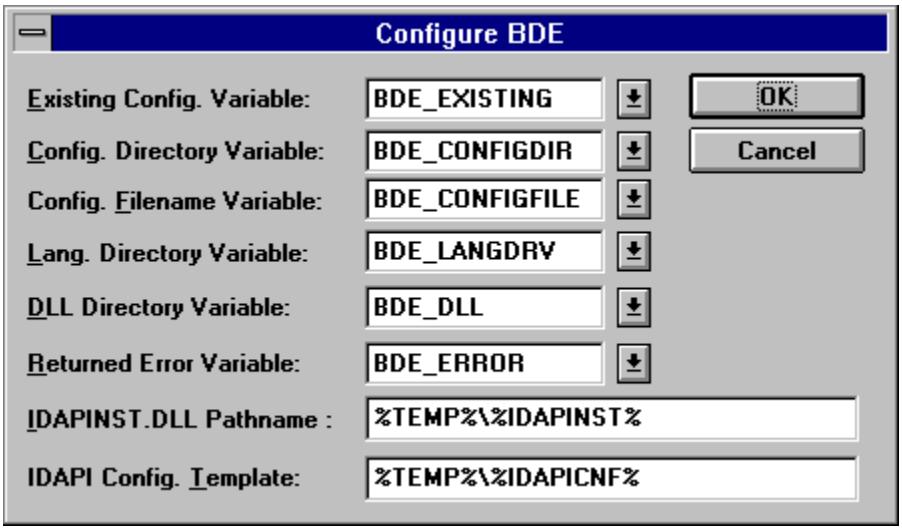
Configure ODBC Data Source

You can configure ODBC data sources with this script item. The ODBC driver must already be installed and all driver files must have been installed.



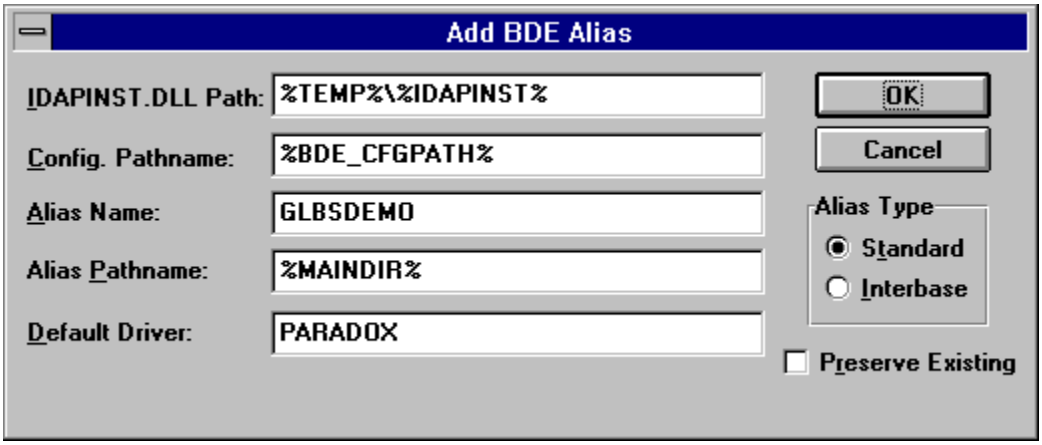
Configure BDE

The script item configures the Borland Database Engine during the installation. If the IDAPINST.DLL Pathname and IDAPI Config. Template are blank then this script item will retrieve the default values from the installation files and directories. The script item will start a block if the configuration succeeds. Please refer to the sample installation script SAMPLE\BDEINSTL.WSE for an example of a BDE installation.



Add BDE Alias

This script item will add an alias to the Borland Database Engine (BDE) configuration. The Borland Database Engine must be installed in the IDAPINST.DLL file must be installed before this script item is used. Please refer to the sample installation file SAMPLE\BDEALIAS.WSE for an example of adding BDE aliases.



Adding Support for SHARE

File sharing capabilities are required by many programs. There are two ways of adding support for SHARE to Windows: 1) via the DOS SHARE.EXE program and 2) via the Windows VSHARE.386 file. It is recommended that the Window VSHARE.386 method be used to add support for SHARE. A copy of VSHARE.386 is included with Wise in the ADVANCED sub-directory. The following steps are required to add support for SHARE:

1. Check if SHARE is already running (use the Check System Capabilities script item), if it is skip the following steps.
2. Check if the VSHARE.386 file is already in the %SYS% directory. If it is not, install the VSHARE.386 file to %SYS%. (use the Check If File Exists script item and the Install File(s) script item).
3. Add the line device=vshare.386 to the SYSTEM.INI file. (use the Add Device to SYSTEM.INI file)

The Script Assistant has a checkbox (Support File Sharing via SHARE) that will add the appropriate script items to your installation script.

Adding Uninstall Support

The Wise Uninstall program (UnWise.EXE) is located in the same directory as the Wise program. You can freely distribute this program in your installation executables. This program reads the INSTALL.LOG file and uninstalls the program/data files that were installed. To add an uninstall option to your installations:

1. Copy the UnWise.EXE file from the Wise directory to the Windows directory on the destination system.
2. Create an icon with the command name of %WIN%\UNWISE.EXE and a parameter of your installation directory and the INSTALL.LOG name as in: %WISE%\INSTALL.LOG
3. You can add an optional second command line parameter to the UNWISE command line, the title of the window displayed during the installation. You should place the title in double quotes.

You may rename the UNWISE.EXE program to anything you like. There are two optional switches that you may place at the beginning of the UNWISE command line: /A or /S. The /A option will run the uninstall in automatic mode without prompting the user. The /S command line switch will run the uninstall in silent mode, nothing will be dispayed to the user as the software is being removed. This can be useful for a network administrator to silently remove packages from networked computers. Only one of these command line switches may be used at a time and they must be placed at the start of the command line.

Controlling the Install via DDE

The programs that are executed via the Execute script item can establish a DDE link to the installation program using the program name WiseInst. The programs can then do one of the following:

- Send a DDE request with a topic name of the name of a variable to read. The value returned is the variable value. The item name is not used.
- Execute a DDE command with a topic name of a variable to set/create. The command string should contain the value of the variable. The item name is not used.
- Execute a DDE command with a topic name of Cancel. This will cause the installation to be aborted.

The example program VBDDE in the DDE subdirectory demonstrates using a DDE link to read and set run time installation variables.

Sample Wise Installation Script

In the SAMPLE subdirectory below the WISE main directory there is a sample installation script. This is the same installation script that installed Wise onto your system. Included in this directory are the two bitmap graphics that were used during the installation.

The pathnames in this sample installation script assume that you installed the Wise Installation System into the directory C:\WISE. If you get "cannot find file" errors, edit the source pathnames to point to the directories where you installed Wise.

File In Use Errors

During the installation you may receive File In Use with the options to Abort, Retry, or Ignore. This indicates that the file you attempted to install is currently being used by another program and cannot be updated. Normally the user should exit all other applications are press the Retry button to continue the installation.

There are some files that are almost always in use by Windows and should not normally be placed into your installation. These files are included in the standard Windows 3.1 installation and do not need to be re-installed: COMMDLG.DLL, DDEML.DLL, and VER.DLL

In addition, the CTL3D.DLL or CTL3DV2.DLL files may be used by the installation, if your install updates these files you must check the Use Internal 3D Effects checkbox in the Global Properties dialog.

Version Checking

Wise uses the VerFindFile and VerInstallFile routines to perform version checking on installed files. If you install a shared DLL/VBX to the Windows or System directory these routines will normally move a file from the Windows directory into the System directory on a non-network Windows installation. In a networked environment the shared DLL/VBX will be placed into the Windows directory.

If an existing file has the exact same version number as the file to be installed it is still replaced. This is done to ensure a proper installation. If the existing file has become corrupted and it is not re-installed your software would not function properly.

Long Filename Support

The Windows NT and Window 95 operating systems support filenames longer than the DOS standard 8.3 filenames. The installations created by the Wise Developers version can support long filenames under this operating systems. You enable long file filenames by checking the Support Long Filenames box in the global properties dialog. There are a number of compatibility issues that must be considered when using long filenames:

- Some program do not support long filenames, you should convert any long filenames to short filenames (via the Set Variable script item) before writing your long filenames to INI files, the Registry.
- The Windows NT Program Manager does not support long filenames when adding icons. You should convert your filenames to short filenames before adding icons to the Program Manager.
- You can use long filenames in your installation even if your program does not support long filenames. Make sure you convert any references to your program directory before writing them to your applications INI file.

Editing PIF Files

NOTE: The internal format of PIF files has not been formally documented by Microsoft and is subject to change in future operating systems.

You can use the Write Variable to File script item to modify a Windows 3.1 PIF file. The following table lists the locations of the fields within the PIF file:

Field Description	Offset	Max. Length	Null Terminated
Window Title	2	30	No
EXE Pathname	36	63	Yes
Command Options	481	63	Yes
Start-Up Directory	101	63	Yes

Whats New

The following features have been added to Wise version 3.0:

- You add new script items to your installation script by dragging them from the actions list to the installation script directly.
- A custom dialog editor has been added to the Developers Version of Wise. This allows you to create custom dialogs without programming that include buttons, checkboxes, radio buttons, graphics, and text fields.
- The speed of the create process has been improved.
- Support has been added for looping within the installation script.
- Support has been added for wildcard local file copies.
- The Developers Version of Wise support 256 color bitmaps and 256 color gradient background colors.
- Support has been added for long filenames under Windows NT and Windows 95 in the Developers Version
- The Exit Installation script item has been added.
- A create directory script item has been added.
- The Get System Information script item can get information on the system and files (version number, date time modified) and place them into a variable.
- The If Statement support numeric, date, and version based comparisons.
- You can now increment and decrement numeric variables.
- The Create Temporary Filename script item has been added. All temporary files are automatically deleted when the script is exited.

- Support has been added for a graphic to "Fade In" as it is being displayed.

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The following is a list of know problems or restrictions with this version of Wise:

- The demo version creates installation executables that can only be used on the computer that created them.
- Windows 3.1 is supported only (Windows 3.0 would make the installation program larger since it would have to include copies of VER.DLL, DDEML.DLL, LZEXPAND.DLL)
- The graphics import supports only Windows Paintbrush BMP file format. If you have problems importing graphics from other packages, load and re-save the file from Paintbrush.
- The background pattern is slightly distorted when run using an ATI Graphic Ultra video controller using version 2.1 of the drivers. This appears to be a problem in the driver dithering code.
- Calling DLL functions is supported only thru the Professional version of the Wise Installation System.

Add Item

You should select this button to add a new Icon to the Windows Program Manager. You will have to fill in the Group Name, Item Name, and Command Line to the right.

Add Command To End of File

Normally the command will be placed at the start of the file. Checking this box will cause the command to be appended to the end of the file.

Abort Installation

If this button is checked, the installation will be aborted after the message is displayed.

Append

Check this button to append the value to any existing value of the variable.

Start Block

If this button is checked, a new block will be started if the given check is true.

Description

This fields holds the text of the message that will be displayed if the check is true.

System Check

This list holds the possible items that can be checked on the destination system.

Command

This field holds the command that will be added to the file. You should use full pathnames when referencing files.

Component List

This field holds the list of components, one per line, that will be installed. For each component you list, you should add a If script item that checks for a letter (A-J) to be contained in the destination variable.

Destination Variable

This variable will receive a list of letters that correspond to the selections made by the user. If the user selects the first component, the letter 'A' will be added to this variable. You should use the If-Contains script item to create a block that copies all of the files the each of the components.

Default Value

This field holds the default value of the dialog box.

Description

This text will be displayed in the dialog box. It should explain the actions that the user to perform to fill out the dialog box.

Device Name

This field holds the command that will be added to the [386Enh] section of the SYSTEM.INI file. This command normally starts with the device= prefix.

Directory Name

This field holds the name of the directory to add to the PATH environment variable in the AUTOEXEC.BAT file.

Disk Variable

You should place the name of the variable that holds the pathname where your software will be installed. The free space on the drive that holds that directory will be used in the display of the free space left.

Environment Variable Name

This field holds the name of the environment variable to read.

File Offset

This is the number of bytes (starting at 0) from the beginning of the file to write the data to.

Font Name

This field holds the full name of the font. This name will be added to the Fonts section of the WIN.INI file.

Font Filename

You should enter the file name of the font file (TTF or FON) that you want to add to Windows. The file must have been already copied to the System directory.

Compare Type

This field selects the type of comparison that is done. You should select whether the system should or should not have the selected feature for the action to be performed.

INI Item Name

This holds the INI entry name to be read from.

INI Pathname

This field holds the pathname of the INI file to read.

INI Section Name

This field holds the name of the INI file section (without the []'s) to read.

Advanced Script Items

This list contains a list of advanced script items that you can add to your installation script. Select an item from this list and press the OK button.

Display Message Only

If this button is selected only the message will be displayed if the system meets the selected criteria.

Append Null Terminator

If this box is checked, a null byte (a zero byte) will be appended to the string that is written to the data file.

Variable Operation

As the variable is being set the following operations may be performed on it:

- Increment: add one to a numeric variable
- Decrement: subtraction one from a numeric variable
- Remove trailing blackslashes: format a variable to be a valid directory name by removing any trailing backslashes
- Convert to Long Filename: converts an **existing** pathname to a long filename. If you are not running under Windows NT or Windows 95 this operation keeps the pathname unchanged.
- Convert to Short Filename: converts an existing long pathname to it short alias pathname. If you are not running under Windows NT or Windows 95 the pathname will remain unchanged.
- Convert to Uppercase: converts the value to all uppercase letters.
- Convert to Lowercase: all of the characters in the value will be changed to lowercase letters.

Prompt Name

This is a short description of the information that the user should enter. This will be displayed directly below the window title.

Radio Button List

This list holds the labels for the radio buttons, one per line, that will be displayed. The destination variable will contain a single letter (A thru J) representing the radio button that was selected.

Read Me Pathname

This field holds the pathname on the destination system that holds the text to be displayed in the readme dialog box.

Read or Write File Data

These radio buttons select whether the data is read into the variable from the binary data file or written into the data file from the variable.

Registration Database Key

This field holds the registration database key that will be read.

Remove Filename

By checking this box, any filename that is at the end of the pathname will be removed. For example, if the variable has the value C:\WISE\WISE.EXE the new pathname would be C:\WISE. NOTE: The default value will not have any file names removed.

Description

This text will be displayed on the screen while the search is taking place.

Search Filename

You enter the name of the file that you want to search for into this field. No wildcard characters are allowed (*, ?).

Company Name

This field will be displayed next to the edit box that will hold the company name entered by the user.

Name Prompt

This field holds a short description that will appear next to the field where the name will be entered.

Serial Number

This field holds a short description of the serial number field.

New Variable Value

This field holds the new value of the variable.

Variable Name

This field holds the name of the variable that will receive the results.

Window Title

This field holds the title of the dialog box that will be displayed. This field must be filled in for each language that your script uses.

Read/Write File Pathname

This field holds the pathname for the file that you will reading from or writing to. The file must already exist and must contain space for the variables data.

Read/Write Variable

This the value in this variable will be written to the binary file or read from the binary file..

Archive

This checkbox will set the archive bit for the selected files. The archive bit is used by many backup programs to determine which files are backed up in an incremental backup.

Hidden

Checking this box will make all of the selected files hidden.

File Pathname

This field contains the filename or wildcard pathname of the files to change.

Read-Only

Checking this box will make all of the selected files read-only.

Scan Sub-directories

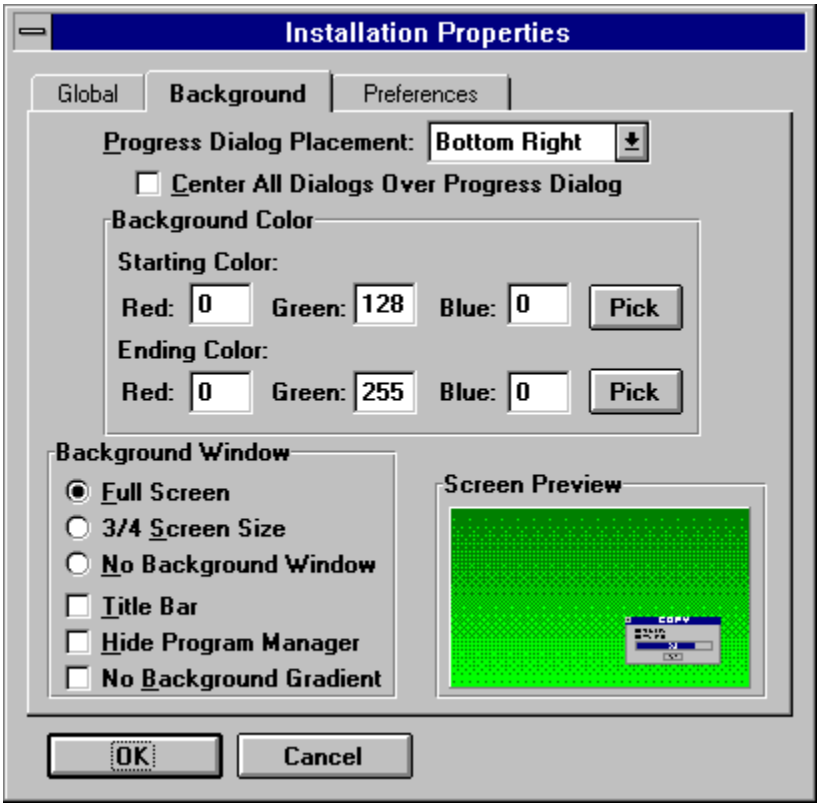
You should check this box to search for all of the matching files in the directories below the search directory.

System

Checking this box will make all of the selected files system files.

Background Settings

This dialog lets you configure the background window that is displayed during the installation. You can set the color, gradient, and size of the background window.



Background Uses 256 Colors

The background gradient colors normally use the default 16 colors Windows provides. You can check this box for the background to use 96 palette entries to display the background gradient on computers that support this. You should not use this option when placing 256 color bitmaps on the background. The background gradient will appear distorted if your 256 color graphic has more than 120 unique colors in it.

Background Processing

If this box is checked your system will be able to process background tasks during the compile process. This will slow down the compile process by 50%. If this box is not checked Windows will not respond to user input during the compile.

Alias Name

This field holds the name of the BDE alias to add/update.

Alias Pathname

This field contains the pathname to the database directory for the alias.

Alias Type

These radio buttons select which type of BDE alias to add, standard (DBASE/PARADOX) or Interbase (SQL).

Configuration Directory Variable

When the IDAPINST.DLL field is empty, this variable receives the default directory for the IDAPI.CFG file. When the IDAPINST.DLL field is filled, the IDAPI.CFG file will be created in the specified directory.

Configuration Filename

If an existing IDAPI configuration file exists, its name will be placed into this variable. The filename is this field will be used to create a new IDAPI configuration file.

Configuration Pathname

This field holds the BDE configuration file pathname. The pathname is located in the IDAPI section of the WIN.INI file as the entry CONFIGFILE01.

Default Driver

When adding a standard alias, this field holds the default driver for the databases, either PARADOX or DBASE. If a Interbase alias is being added then you must specify the Server Name and User Name required to access the databases.

BDE DLL Directory

This variable receives the default location for the BDE DLLs. This is normally C:\IDAPI or the existing location of the BDE DLLs.

Error String

If an error occurs during the configuration of BDE, a string describing the error will be placed in the specified variable. This variable may be displayed to the user with the Display Message script item.

Existing Configuration Pathname

The variable in this field will receive the full pathname of the existing IDAPI.CFG file (or ODAPI.CFG). If no existing IDAPI configuration file exists, the value of variable will be blank.

IDAPINST.DLL Pathname

This field holds the pathname of the IDAPINST.DLL file. This file must be installed for BDE to be configured. This file is normally placed into the %TEMP% directory and removed at the end of the installation. If this field is blank, the default values for the installation directories will be retrieved only.

IDAPINST.DLL Pathname

This field holds the full pathname for the IDAPINST.DLL file. The file IDAPINST.DLL must be installed to add an alias to BDE. This file is normally placed in the %TEMP% directory prior to adding aliases. The file is normally deleted at the end of the installation.

Language Driver Directory

This field holds the variable that will receive the pathname where all of the BDE language driver files will be placed.

Preserve Existing

Normally, if an alias already exists with the specified name it will be overwritten. You can check this box to not update an alias if it already exists.

IDAPI Configuration Template

The IDAPI.CNF file is used during the installation to provide default values for BDE. This file must be installed prior to BDE configuration. This file is normally placed in the %TEMP% directory and removed at the end of the installation.

Font Weight

Normally, all messages and dialog boxes use a bold font to display text. Windows 95 now uses non-bold fonts at the default. You can use these radio buttons to select whether the fonts displayed will be bold or light in message and dialog boxes.

Browse Button

Pressing this button will allow you to browse the files and directories on your disks to select the proper source files and directories. If you are not sure what the file and/or directory names are, press this button.

Cancel Button

This button cancels the changes you are about to make. Any changes that you have made to THIS dialog box will be gone when you press this button.

Center Dialogs Over Progress Dialog

If you check this box, all dialogs and message boxes will be centered of the same part of the screen as the progress dialog. This is useful if you do not want any graphics located on one portion of the background to be covered during the installation.

Center Horizontal

Checking this button will cause the graphic image to be centered on the screen left to right.

Center Vertical

This button, when checked, will cause the graphic to be displayed centered on the screen vertically.

Check Disk Free Space

This checkbox controls when the amount of free space on the disk drive selected in the prompt will be checked. If the total size of the files on the installation is larger than the amount of free space on the destination drive, an error will be reported. This disk space check does not take components or mulitple destination directories into account. You should use the Check Disk Space advanced script item for advanced disk space checking.

Component Variable

If you are performing a component based installation, place the component variable into this field. The disk space check will only check the files will be installed based on the components selected by the user. The component script item must appear before the check disk space item.

Exists

This list selects whether the action is performed if the file exists or does not exist on the destination computer.

File Pathname to Check

This field holds the pathname on the destination computer to search for. The pathname should begin with a variable. No wildcard characters are allowed in the file pathname.

Extra Space

You should enter the amount of K bytes that should be free after the installation of your software on the given disk.

Extra Space Variables

You can add up to three variables that extra space must be available at the end of the installation. This will ensure that space is available for printing, temporary files, or save files.

Clear Button

This button will delete all script items. Use this button with care!

Starting and Ending Colors

You can set the starting color (at the top of the screen) and ending color (at the bottom of the screen) on the background screen. The numbers you place in the boxes indicate the amount of red, green, or blue in the background. The numbers in each box can range from -255 to 512. The small the number the less of that color will appear, the larger the color the more will appear.

Pick Color

This button will display a dialog that will allow you to graphically choose a color for the background starting or ending color.

Maximum Compression

This selects a higher compression ratio for files that are being placed into the installation executable. If you check this box, it will take longer to create the installation executable. The resulting installation executable will be slightly smaller.

Confirm If Directory Already Exists

If you check this checkbox and the installer specifies a directory that already exists, they will be prompted if they want to continue. If they answer no, they will be returned to the prompt dialog.

Confirmation Text

This field contains the text that will be displayed to confirm the users choices. If this field is blank, no confirmation is done.

Current Language

This field holds the current language that you are working on. When you change this field, all of the script items will change to reflect that language. If you are creating a multi-lingual script, modify the installer messages by selecting the Languages item from the View menu.

DDE Support

The Wise Installation System allows you to control the installation process from a program (such as a Visual Basic program). This can be useful if you do not want to write DLL functions to customize the installation. The DDESAMP installation script demonstrates the use of a Visual Basic program that reads the values of variables and creates new variables during the installation. The source code to the Visual Basic program is in the DDE subdirectory below the WISE main directory.

NOTE: This feature is only available in the Wise Professional Version.

Default Directory

This is the directory that the program will be placed in when it is first executed. If this field is left blank, the default directory will be the directory where the program is located.

Delete Button

This button will delete the currently selected script item. You should select a script item by clicking on it in the list to the left.

Delete Group

This button can be used to delete an entire Program Manager group. You should fill in the group name to the right.

Delete Item

You can select this button to delete an icon from a Windows Program Manager group. You should fill in the group name and the icon name to the right.

Delete File Pathname

This field holds the pathname on the destination system of the file to delete. You may want to delete installation DLLs after you have used them.

Destination Disk Drive

This list selects which floppy disk drive the installation executable will be copied to.

Filename on Floppy Disk

This field holds the name that you want your installation executable to be called on the floppy disk. If this field is blank, the file will have the same name as the installation script. Common names for this field are INSTALL and SETUP.

Disk Label

This field holds the volume label for the disks that you are creating. The label should be up to 11 characters long and contain valid file name characters. You can include a %d in your label to include the disk number. If you want a two digit disk number you should include %02d as in the example:

INSTALL #%02d

This would label the first disk "INSTALL #01", the second "INSTALL #02", etc.

Push Button Action

This list selects the action to be performed when the button is pushed. The valid actions are:

- Return to Previous Dialog: the last dialog displayed before this dialog will be displayed. If this is the first dialog, the dialog set will be exited.
- Return to Script: the dialog set is exited.
- Display Dialog: another dialog is displayed. Select the dialog to display from the list to the right.
- Abort Installation: the user is asked if they want to abort the installation. If they answer yes, the installation is aborted.
- Help Context: The help context number is displayed. The variable HELPFILE must be set to the pathname of a valid Windows help file.

Align

This field determines how the text in aligned in the edit field. The text can be left justified, centered, or right justified.

Auto HScroll

Scroll the text horizontally if it extends past the end of the end of the control.

Auto VScroll

Scroll the text vertically if it extends past the bottom of the control.

Bevel

This field determines how frame and rectangles will be displayed.

Border

Display a border around the edit control. This should normally be set.

Display Component Sizes

If this box is checked, the sizes of the components are displayed to the right of the checkboxes. The variable specified in the Destination Variable field is used to check for the component sizes.

Checkbox Text

Each line of text in this field will be displayed next to a checkbox. References to variables are allowed in this field.

Destination Variable

The variable that will receive the value that represents the checkboxes selected by the user. If the user selects the first checkbox, the variable is set to A. If the user selects the second checkbox, the variable is set to B, etc. If more than one checkbox is selected the values are concatenated (i.e. AC for first and third checkbox).

Combobox Text

The text in this field will be used to fill the listbox portion of the combobox. Each line of text will be displayed as another line in the combobox.

Combobox Type

This field selects the type of combobox to display: Simple (edit control with a listbox), Dropdown (edit control with a drop-down listbox), Droplist (no edit control, listbox only).

Destination Variable

This variable will receive the value the user enters/selects into the edit field of the combobox.

Component Variable

If this field is filled with the name of previously set component variable, the sum of the sizes of the files in the currently selected components will be displayed in the static control.

Confirm If Exists

If the directory exists, the user will be prompted to continue.

Default

This value will be filled in as the default value of the control. This field may contains variable references.

Default Button

Check this box to select this button to be the default button for the dialog box. Only one button should be the default button per dialog box. The default button will be selected if the user presses the enter key.

Directory

If this box is checked the text returned will have any trailing backslashes removed. If the user does not enter a disk drive letter, the default one will be pre-pended.

Directory Tree

This checkbox selects a directory browse listbox. An edit control, a listbox with the directory tree listing, and a combobox with the valid drives will be displayed.

Disable No Scroll

Normally, if there are not more items than will fit into the listbox, the vertical scrollbars are not displayed. You should check this box if you want to suppress this behavior.

Disk Variable

If this field is set, the variables value is used to display the remaining disk space on the drive referenced in the variable. If the component field is also filled, the total disk space minus the amount used by the selected components is displayed.

Don't Append

If you select a directory tree, this checkbox will set whether the default value will be appended to the default directory as the user changes directories. This is normally set when installing into a new directory. If you are installing files into an existing directory or upgrading software, this box should not be checked.

Display Drive List

The box will cause the combobox to display the current list of valid disk drives. The returned value will be the drive letter an a colon (i.e. D:).

Graphic Pathname

This field holds the pathname of a BMP file (either 16 or 256 color) that will be displayed in a graphic static control. If you display more than two 256 color BMP files, they must use the same palettes.

Height

The height of the control is set with this field.

Horz. Scroll

The control will contain a horizontal scroll bar.

Label

This field holds the text that will be displayed in the push button.

Listbox Text

Each line of this text will be displayed as a line in the listbox. References to variables are allowed in this field.

Destination Variable

The variable will receive the value from the selections made by the user. If Return Letters is selected the letters (A, B, etc.) representing the lines selected will be returned. Otherwise, the actual text in the listbox line will be returned. If this variable has already been set, it's value is used to select the default listbox line.

Lowercase

This checkbox will cause all characters that are entered to be converted to lower case.

Maximum Length

This field defines the maximum length of text the user may enter. If the user enters more than the number of characters specified, they will not be able to leave the dialog box.

Minimum Length

This field defines the minimum length of text the user may enter. If the user enters less than the number of characters specified, they will not be able to leave the dialog box.

MultiLine

Check this box to support multiple lines of text in the text control.

Multi-Select

Check this box if you want the user to be able to select multiple items from the listbox. The values will be concatenated together in the destination variable.

No Check Directory

If checkbox is checked, no directories will be checked in edit fields as the dialog exited. This can be used if another dialog that edits the directory will be called.

No Hide Selection

If the text control loses focus, any selected text will remain selected. Normally the selected text is not displayed as inverse if the control loses focus.

No Prefix

Normally, the amperstand character "&" is used to indicate that the next character will be underlined. If you check this box, the "&" will be displayed an no underlining performed.

No Wrap

This will cause the static text to not be wrapped if it is too long to be displayed on a single line.

Password

Echo all of the characters entered as an asterisk '*'. This is useful for passwords or other secure information.

ProgMan Groups

Check this box to display the current list of Program Manager groups in the control.

Set Variable to Value

If this field is set, the variable will be set to the value specified if the button is pushed.

Radio Button Text

Each line of text in this field will be displayed next to a radio button. References to variables are allowed in this field.

Destination Variable

The variable that will receive the value that represents the radio button selected by the user. If the user selects the first radio button, the variable is set to A. If the user selects the second radio button, the variable is set to B, etc.

Read Only

The user will not be able to modify the text in the edit control. This is useful for read-me displays.

Return Letters

Normally, the actual text of the listbox lines selected is returned into the destination variable. If you check this box the letter A will be returned if the first line is selected, B for the second line, etc.

Sort

The values in the list are sorted before they are displayed.

Tab Stop

If this box is checked the edit control can be reached with the tab key. You should un-check this box for read-me text displays.

Text

This text will be displayed as part of the static dialog box. This field is ignored for a graphic static control. You may use variable references in this field. This maximum number of characters in this field is 511.

Type

This field sets the type of the static control. The valid types are:

- Text: Static text will be displayed.
- Group Box: A rectangle will be draw as well as the text. This static control is useful for grouping common controls together.
- Graphic: A graphic will be displayed. The pathname must be set in the Graphic Pathname field.
- Frame/Rectangle: Draws a box on the dialog.

Uppercase

This checkbox will cause all characters that are entered to be converted to upper case.

Variable

This variable will receive the value from the control.

Vert. Scroll

A vertical scroll bar will be part of the control.

Want Return

Checking this box will allow the user to press the enter or return key to add blank lines to the edit control. Normally, you must press the Ctrl-Entry key sequence to add a blank line to the edit control.

Width

The width of the control in dialog units (a device independent measurement) is set with this field.

X-Position

The field holds the left-right position of the control in the dialog box.

Y-Position

The field holds the top-bottom position of the control in the dialog box.

Exit If Function Returns True

The DLL function returns a boolean value (true or false). If you select this button, the installation program will exit if the DLL function returns a TRUE.

DLL Function Name

This is the name of the function within the DLL to call. The function should be exported to be called. It must also match the parameters and return value specified exactly.

Hide Copy Dialog During DLL Install

Checking this box will cause the "Installing" dialog box to not be displayed while the DLL is being installed onto the system. This checkbox may be used on DLLs that are copied at the beginning of the installation.

Ignore Return Value

The DLL function returns a boolean (true or false) value. If you select this button the value will be ignored by the installation program.

Parameter String

You can pass a string to your function with this field. For example, you way want to pass a pathname of the file you want the DLL function to operate on.

DLL Pathname

You should enter the pathname of the DLL to call. This pathname should be specified for the destination system. The DLL should have already be copied to the destination system.

Start Block If Return Value True

The DLL Function can return TRUE (non-zero) or FALSE (zero). If it returns FALSE, all script items will be ignored until the matching End Message Block is found.

Variables Added

Since the DLL function has access to the variable list of the running installation program, you may decide to have it add new variables. List the names of the variables you will add separated by commas.

Do Loop At Least Once

Normally the While Loop checks the condition first before the loop is executed. If you check this box, the first check will not be performed. This will be guarantee that the script items in the block will executed at least once.

Drag and Drop Support

You can use Drag and Drop to quickly add many files and directories to your installation script. To use Drag and Drop, do the following:

- Minimize the Wise Installation System so that it is an icon at the bottom of the screen.
- Select the files and/or directories that you would like to add to your installation script in the File Manager. You should use the Shift-Click and Ctrl-Click combinations to select as many files/directories as desired.
- Click and hold one of the selected files and drag it until the mouse of over the icon of the Wise Installation System. Release the mouse button.
- Fill in the Drag and Drop dialog box. The destination field should contain the directory name (without a file name or trailing backslash) where the files will be installed on the destination system.

Duplicate Button

This button will duplicate the currently selected script item. The new item will be added directly below the selected item.

Edit Button

Press this button to edit the values in an existing script item. Select the script item from the list to the left first. You can also double-click the script item to edit it.

Else Block

This script item ends the current block and starts an else block. The script items in this block will be executed if the matching start block was false.

3D Effects

This checkbox controls whether the installation will embed the CTL3D.DLL into the installation executable. This will add about 11K bytes to the size of the installation. Checking this box will guarantee that the dialog boxes will have a 3D effect. It also allows you to update the CTL3D.DLL on the destination computer without getting a sharing error.

Erase All Graphics

If this button is checked all previous graphics that were displayed will be erased from the screen.

Erase Destination Disk

If this checkbox is selected, all files that are on the floppy will be deleted before the installation file is copied to the disk.

Erase Previous

This button will cause the last graphic that was drawn to be erased and replaced with this graphic.

Exclude List

This list contains the DLLs and VBXs that you do not want to be included in the dependency checking. For example, since VBRUN300.DLL is commonly downloaded separately, you would include that file in this list. All DLL files should have the .DLL extension (ex: VBRUN300.DLL) and all VBX files should have the .VBX extension (ex: THREED.VBX).

Command Line

Enter the command line for the program you will execute. This field is optional.

Default Directory

You may place the default directory for the program into this field. This field may contain variables.

Maximize Window

If this box is checked, the window for the executed program will take up the entire screen. This is useful if you want to execute Notepad or Write at the end of an installation.

Program Path

Enter the pathname of the program on the destination system that you want to execute. If you leave this field blank, the file extension on the command line will be used to determine the program to execute on the destination system.

Variables Added By Program

A program can query and modify variables via DDE during the installation. You should add all of the variables that this program will add to this field.

Wait for Program to Finish

This checkbox controls whether the installation waits for the program to complete before continuing. You can use this checkbox to allow external programs (via a DDE link) to control the installation process.

Fade In

Check this box to have the graphic slowly fade in as it is being displayed. This option does not work with transparent bitmaps.

Fast Create

This option speeds up the installation creation process by copying the compressed version of a file from the previous installation executable to the new one. If the size or date of a file has changed, it will be re-compressed.

File Description

This field holds the description that will be displayed while the file is being copied.

Destination

Enter the pathname of the file on the destination system. This pathname must begin with a variable name. This allows the installer to determine where all of the files will be installed on their system. The variable names must be enclosed in percent signs (example: %MYDIR%). There are three pre-defined variables, WIN (the Windows directory), SYS (the Windows System directory), and TEMP (the Windows temporary directory).

For example: if you have prompted for the destination directory and given the prompt the variable name DESTDIR a valid pathname would be %DESTDIR%\MYFILE.EXT

Source

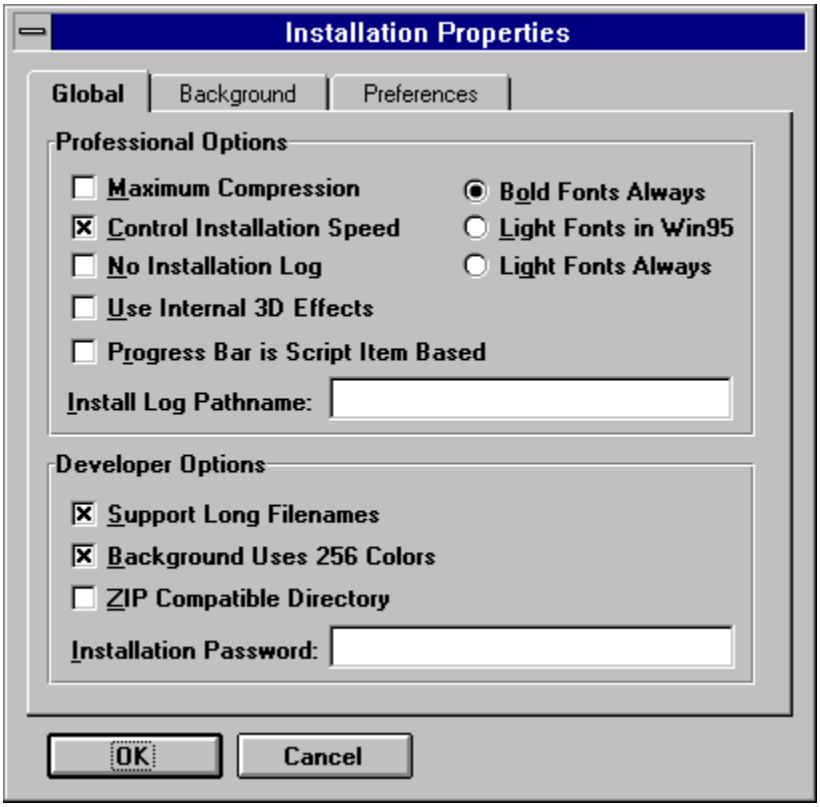
Enter the full pathname of the source file into this field. You can use the browse button to locate a file.

Find File Extensions

This field holds the wildcards used in the Find Files and Script Assistant program files selection. You should edit this list to contain those extensions that make up your program files (*.VBX, *.DLL, etc.).

Global Properties

These options effect the way the installation script runs. The options in the developers section are only valid in the Developers version of Wise. You can click to on the dialog box below to get more detailed information on the global properties.



Graphic Pathname

This is the full pathname of the graphic file on your machine. This file must be a Windows Paintbrush BMP file. It should be 16 colors or less.

Group Name

This is the name of the Program Manager group that you want to effect.

Hide Program Manager

If this box is checked, the Program Manager will not appear as icons are added or deleted.

No Progress Bar

Checking this box will cause the progress dialog box to be hidden as the file is being installed to the system. This can be useful for small temporary files that will be installed (install DLLs, temporary readme files, etc.)

Icon Number

If your executable file has more than one icon in it, you can select the icon number in the executable file with this field.

Icon Path

This is the pathname of the icon file to use for display. If this is blank, the icon is pulled from the file itself.

If Compare

The type of comparison to make is listed in this field. The contains comparison can be useful when used with a radio dialog or a component dialog.

If Value

The value to compare against the variable. This value is case sensitive, that is the value 'a' is different that the value 'A'.

If Variable

This field holds the name of the variable to check. This variable must have been previously created.

Include Sub-Directories

Checking this box will cause all matching files in all of the directories below the directory you specified to be scanned as well.

Include Sub-Directories

Checking this box will cause the installation to scan all of the directories below the directory you specify for matching files.

INI Filename

Enter the name of the INI file you want to edit. If you leave this field blank, the WIN.INI file will be edited. You can use variables to prefix the filename if you want to edit INI files in program directories.

INI Section

This field holds the name of the section to edit. This field is required.

INI Item Lines

You place items into this list to edit the INI file. If you leave this field blank, the entire section will be deleted. If you specify a line with an equal sign at the end but no value, that item will be deleted from the section. New items can be added by entering:

ItemName=ValueStr

You can use variable names in the item lines.

Insert Before

When this box is checked, the new script item that you all will be inserted before the currently select script item. If this box is not checked, the item will be added after the current item.

Install Log Pathname

Normally the INSTALL.LOG file is placed into the first directory that files are copied to. You can place the full pathname (including the filename) of the INSTALL.LOG into this field to place the INSTALL.LOG into another directory. The directory must exist for the INSTALL.LOG to be placed into that directory. You should create the directory before you install any files to the destination computer.

Installation Password

The installation password can be used to protect part or all of your installations from being installed without the user entering the proper password. If you prompt the user for the password from the installation you must place the password into the variable PASSWORD. If the PASSWORD variable is blank or incorrect the installation will prompt the user for a proper password when a file that requires a password is first encountered.

Icon Name

This is the name of the icon that you are adding or deleting. If the icon already exists in the Program Manager group you have specified, it will be updated with the new information.

Copy Default Language

This checkbox controls whether the text of the default language will be copied to all other languages in your script items. This can be useful when translating from one language to the next. For example, if you set english as your default language (in the far left column), the english text you enter would be copied to any other languages you define in your script. After you have translated the english to another language, you would delete the english text.

Default Language

This column defines which of the languages is the default. The default language can be copied to any other with the Copy Default checkbox.

Language Dialog Text

This field holds the text that is displayed in the language dialog that is initially displayed. You should instruct the user that they should select the proper language from the list below (you may want to repeat the destription in a few different languages).

EXE Language Order

This column controls which of the languages in the installation script will be written into the installation executable. If you know which language your client speaks, you may want to create an installation executable with only that language in it. The number appearing next to the checkbox defines the order that the languages will appear to the person running the installation executable.

Langage Messages

This list holds all of the messages that can be displayed during the installation. You should select an item from this list to change its value.

Language Name

This list holds the names of all of the languages that Wise supports. These languages will be detected on the destination computer. Select a language from this list to edit the messages for that language.

Language Message Text

This field holds the actual text of the message that will be displayed on the destination computer.

Language Dialog Title

This field holds the title of the dialog box that will be displayed when the installation initially starts. This dialog will let the user choose which language the installation should use.

Language Translated Name

This field holds the name of the language translated into the language itself. This value will appear in the list of languages that can be selected when the installation starts.

Languages Overview

Wise supports multiple languages in a single installation script. When the installation executable is first run, the user is prompted for the language they would like the installation to be in. There are two steps required in creating a multi-lingual installation executable:

1. Create language specific messages for the installation by selecting the Languages menu and Installation Message menu item. You will need to translate all of the messages that may appear during this installation.
2. Define which of the 15 languages you would like you installation script to use. To do this, select the Languages Menu and Scipt Languages item.
3. Create the language specific messages for an installation script by changing the Current Language list on the main screen.

Languages Dialog

This dialog box edits the messages that may be displayed during the installation. You may customize the messages or translate them into different languages. You may use the ampersand character (&) with the OK and Cancel button texts. You can modify the messages that installations will display by selecting a language (from the Language Name list) and a message (from the Messages list) and editing the text in the Message Text field.

The Dialog Title and Dialog Text fields are used when an installation includes more than one language. These fields will be displayed to allow the user to select which language to run the installation in.

Languages Used

This column selects which of the 15 available languages your installation script will use. Each language you select must have been translated in the Installation Messages dialog.

Local Path

Wise needs to create a list of the files that will be copied and their sizes. This field holds the pathname or wildcards of the files on your computer that will be copied. If you leave this field blank, you can only copy single files and the progress bar will not be updated as the file is being copied (the size of the file will not be known until install time). If you place a directory name of use wildcards in this field, the Source and Destination fields should contain directory names.

Support Long Filenames

The Windows NT and Windows 95 operating systems support long filenames. You can check this box for your installation to support creating files and directories that have long filenames. You must ensure that your program can handle the long filenames that may be entered by the user before selecting this option.

Minimum Buffers

You should enter the smallest number of buffers your program will run with. If the number of buffers in the CONFIG.SYS is lower that this number, it will be increased to this number. You may leave this field blank to leave the number of buffers unchanged.

Minimum Files

You can set the minimum files in the CONFIG.SYS with this box. If you leave the box empty the Files= line will not be changed.

Asterisk Icon

An icon of an asterisk will be displayed in the upper left hand corner of the message dialog box.

Start Block

If this box is checked the message will not display OK and Cancel buttons. Instead it will display Yes, No, and Cancel. If the user enters No, all script items between this item and the matching End Message Block item will be ignored.

You can use this feature to implement conditional installation of components of your software. Message blocks can be nested within each other.

Exclamation Mark Icon

An icon of an exclamation mark will be displayed in the upper left hand corner of the message dialog box.

No Icon

Selecting this radio button will display the message without any icon at the upper left corner.

Question Mark Icon

An icon of a question mark will be displayed in the upper left hand corner of the message dialog box.

Stop Sign Icon

An icon of a stop sign will be displayed in the upper left hand corner of the message dialog box.

Message Text

This is the actual text that will be displayed on the screen. You can use the Ctrl-Enter key combination to put blank lines in the message box. You can use variable names in your message text.

Message Title

This will appear in the window title of the message that is displayed on the screen.

Network and CD-ROM Installations

In network and CD-ROM installations uncompressed files are copied from a network server disk or a CD-ROM onto a users computer. The files should be copied with the Local File Copy checkbox on the file script item. The source field should contain the location of the file to copy on the destination computer. The %INST% variable holds the pathname of the installation executable. This variable can be used to locate the files to copy.

Don't Append Directory Name

Normally, the default directory name is appended to the end of the default directory is the directory name field. This checkbox will suppress this feature. This can be useful if you want the user to select an existing directory.

No Cancel Button

If this box is checked, the message will not have a Cancel button in it.

No Background Gradient

No background gradient will be displayed during the installation. This option can be used if a full screen graphic or tiled graphic will be displayed througout the installation.

No Installation Log

Checking this box will cause no installation log file to be created. This can be useful if you are copying files only to the Windows, System, or Temporary directories. You cannot use the Wise Uninstaller if you check this box.

Suppress Version Error

This option will allow you to check the Version Check option in the install file script item on files that do not have version resources. When a file is detected without a version resource version checking is suppressed an no error is generated.

Clients Computer

This is the computer that will receive the copy of the software that you are distributing.

Display Configuration Dialogs

If this box is checked the source configuration dialogs will be displayed to the user. These dialogs allow the user to configure the source for their computer system. If this box is not checked, the source will be installed silently.

Driver Name

This is the name of the ODBC driver that this data source uses. This driver must have already been added to the system as well as it's support files.

Driver Attributes

This field contains a list of attributes for the ODBC driver. This information is contained in the ODBCINST.INI file.

Driver Name

This field holds the name of the ODBC driver to install. This name will appear in the ODBC drivers list.

Driver Pathname Variable

This field holds the variable that will receive the pathname that all of the driver files should be placed into.

Manager Pathname Variable

If this field is not blank, the directory that the ODBC.DLL file should be installed into will be placed into this variable. If you are installing multiple ODBC drivers, only the first driver needs to fill in this field.

Source Attributes

The attributes for the ODBC data source, these can be found in the ODBC.INI file in the Windows directory.

Source Name

This field holds the name of the ODBC data source. The value of this field will be displayed in the ODBC data sources list.

Destination File

These files are copies of the ones that are on your computer. They are created on your clients computer by the installation executable.

Floppy or BBS Distribution

The installation executable must be delivered to your client for them to execute it. You can place it on a BBS or other on-line service. You can also mail it to them on any type of floppy disk or CD-ROM.

Installation Executable

The installation executable is a Windows EXE file (located in the same directory as your installation script) that contains all of the files and instructions from the installation script. This file is uploaded to a BBS or placed on a floppy and mailed to your client (the installer).

OK Button

Press this button when you are done with this dialog box. This button will save the changes that you have made to this dialog.

Run Installation Executable

Your client runs the installation executable on their computer. They usually select the Run item from the File menu in the Program Manager. They then type the name of your installation executable and press the OK button.

Source File

These are the files that comprise your program. The are usually the EXE, VBX, DLL, HLP, and other support files that are located on the programmer's computer.

Wise Installation System

The Wise Installation System reads the files that are given in the installation script and creates an installation executable.

Your Computer

The is the computer where the program that is to be distributed has been written. It holds the program and all of its support files.

Copy Window Placement

This list selects where the copy dialog box will appear during the installation. If you want to place graphics on the screen during the installation, you can move the box to another part of the screen.

Command Line

This is the command line to execute when the icon is double-clicked in the Program Manager. You should use a variable name to select where the program is located. For example: %DESTDIR% \MYPROG.EXE

Confirm Dialog

This checkbox will cause the user to be prompted if they want to add the icons to the Program Manager. Otherwise, the icons will be added automatically.

Files to Add Icons For

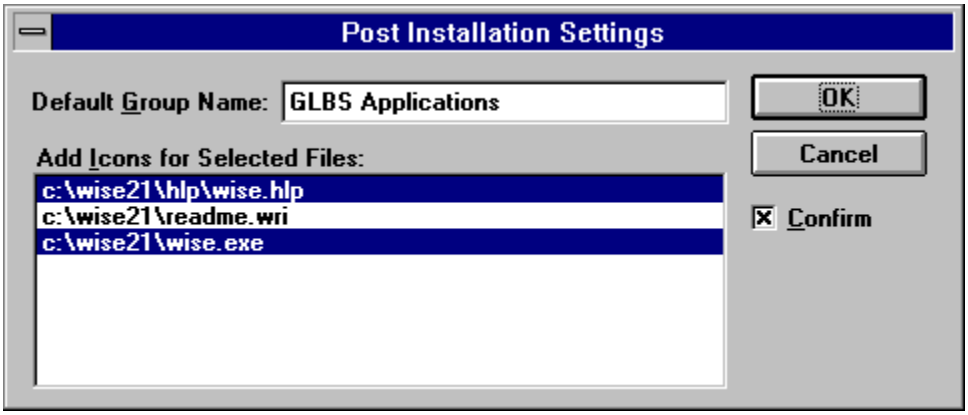
You should select those files from this list to add icons to the Program Manager.

Default Group Name

This group name will be the default that is placed into the prompt that is displayed to the user.

Post Installation Settings

This dialog controls which icons will be placed into the Program Manager at the end of the installation.



Backup Replaced Files

You can check this box if you want to ask the user if the files replaced files during the installation should be backed up.

Branding

This checkbox controls whether the user is asked for their name and a company name during the installation. The name and company will be stored on the floppy disk the software was installed from.

Browse for ReadMe Path

Press this button to locate a text file to display as your read me file.

Software Components

This text box contains a list of the components of your software. If your software will be installed as a single component, leave this field blank. Each line should contain a label for the components. You will be prompted for the files that are associated with each component.

Default Directory

This directory is the default that the user will be prompted with during the installation. It should be a top level directory, normally located on the C drive.

OLE 2

This checkbox will copy the OLE 2 files onto the destination computer. You must have a working copy of OLE 2 on your computer to check this box.

ReadMe PathName

If you want to display a read me file before the installation begins, place the pathname of a text file into this field.

File Sharing via Share

This checkbox will cause file sharing to be installed onto the destination computer system. The file VSHARE.386 will be installed if share is not already installed.

Software Title

This field holds the title of your software package. An example of a software title is "Wise Installation System". This title will be displayed in messages and in the title bar during the installation.

Uninstall

You should check this box if you want the Wise Uninstall program to be copied to the destination computer. An icon will be added that will allow the user to remove the software from their computer.

Progress Bar is Script Based

Normally, the progress bar is based on the percentage of files that have been extracted from the installation exectable. If you are creating an installation executable that does many local file copies (i.e. Network or CD-ROM installations) you should check this box. The progress bar will then be based on the percentage of script items that have been executed.

Prompt Default Value

If you place a value in this field, it will be pre-filled in when the prompt is displayed.

Prompt Description

The text entered into this field give the installer information about what they should enter into the prompt.

Directory Name

If this box is checked, any trailing backslashes will be deleted from the string that the user enters in the prompt. This is useful when prompting for a destination directory name.

Prompt Name

This should contain a description of the information you are asking for. For example, if you want to ask for the directory to install you program, you should enter: Enter Directory to Install My Program:

NOTE: You should end the title with a ":" colon.

Prompt To Save

If this checkbox is checked you will be prompted if you want to save your installation script each time you create a new installation executable. If this box is not checked the installation script will be automatically saved for you each time you create a new installation EXE.

Prompt Variable Name

This is the name that you will refer to this prompt as in your other script items. This must not contain a percent sign (%). It should be no longer than 14 characters.

Prompt Window Name

This field holds the name of the window that the prompt will appear in. An example of a prompt window name would be: Select Destination Directory

Read Environment Variable

This field holds the name of the environment variable to read. For example, COMSPEC, PATH, and PROMPT are all valid environment variables. This field is case sensitive (for Windows NT).

Registry Data Type

Each key in the Win32 registry can have different possible types. Windows 95 supports String and Double Word types. Windows NT supports all possible data types while Win16 only supports the String data type. If you use the Double Word data type you must enter the number as a decimal integer into the value field.

Registration Database Key Name

This holds the name of the key in the registration database to add. It is added directly below the root specified by the Root radio buttons. An example of a valid key name is:

NewAppDocument\protocol\StdFileEditing

Win32 Registry Root

The Win32 registry consists of a set of keys, arranged hierarchically, all beginning at the root key. The four possible root keys are: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, HKEY_USERS, HKEY_CURRENT_USER, and HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT. You must use the HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT root to add an entry to the Win16 registration database.

Registration Database Key Value

This field holds the value of the key you are adding. You can use variable names in this field. If the data type is Multiple Strings, you can enter a list of values, one per line, into this field. For all other data types you must enter only a single line of information.

Registry Value Name

The Win32 registry allows multple values to be placed into a single registry key. This field holds the name of the value to be placed into the key. The Win16 registration database does not support value names.

Remark Comment

The comment you would like to place into your installation script should be entered into this field.

Remove Directory Containing Files

This option will remove any directories that contain matching files. The directory must be empty (i.e. you must have deleted all of the files in ti) for this option to work.

Replacement Options

These radio buttons control when an existing file is replaced during the installation. The replacement options are:

- Always replace existing file: will replace any existing file, this option can be used with Version Checking to check the version resource of a file.
- Replace if existing file older or same: will replace an existing file it's date/time modified is the same or earlier than the file to install.
- Replace if existing file older: will replace an existing file it's date/time modified is the earlier than the file to install. If the existing file has the same date/time modified as the file to install, it will not be replaced.
- Preserve existing file: will not install the file if a file already exists with the same pathname.

Require Password

If this box is checked the user will be prompted for a password before this file is installed. The password will be prompted for only once during the installation. You can use this option to select certain files that can be installed without a password (i.e. demo files). The option will not be displayed if your installation does not have a password.

Run in Manual Mode

The installations created by Wise support a manual mode that allows you to select where to place files that will normally be copied to the Windows, System, or installation directories. If you check this box, you will be prompted to select the locations of these directory each time you run your installation from inside of Wise.

Run Minimized

This checkbox will cause the program to be run as an icon when the user double-clicks on it in the Program Manager.

Scale To Screen

Windows supports many different screen resolutions. If you check this checkbox, the graphic image will be scaled to be the same size at any screen resolution.

Scan EXE Header

Checking this box will cause all executable files (EXE, DLL, VBX) to be scanned for the DLL files that they use. This will slow down the create processes somewhat. The list of DLLs will be checked against the files that you have included in your installation script. Any DLLs that are referenced but not included will be displayed after the installation executable is created.

NOTE: The EXE header is scanned for import references. Any DLLs that are loaded dynamically (i.e. with LoadModule) will not be detected.

Scan Entire EXE File

Checking this box will cause all EXE files to be scanned for the VBXs/DLLs files that they use. This will slow down the create process somewhat. The list of VBXs/DLLs that are referenced will be checked against the files that you have included in your installation script. Any VBXs that are referenced but not included will be displayed after the installation executable is created.

NOTE: Since VBX files can be loaded dynamically, there are cases where a VBX reference may not be detected. There is also the possibility that extra references will be reported.

Add All Files in Directory

This button will add all of the selected files in the file names listbox to your installation script. No files in sub-directories will be added.

Add File

Press this button to add the currently selected file in the File Name list to your installation script. The file will be added to the list to the left.

Add Makefile

Press this button to add all of the files in a Visual Basic makefile into your installation script. Only Visual Basic makefiles are currently supported.

Add Directory Sub-Tree Files

Pressing this button will add all of the selected files for the current directory and all sub-directories below it.

Delete

Press this button to delete the currently selected file in the "Files Added to Installation Script" list.

Destination Directory

This directory variable will be used to select the destination of the installed files.

Directory

This is allows you to select the directory where the files to install are located.

Drives

This list select which of your disk drives to locate the files to place into the installation script.

Files Added to Installation Script

This list contains all of the files that will be added to the installation script. The buttons to the right control the adding and deleting of files from this list.

This list box will hold your installation script items. This script determines how your software will be installed when the Wise executable is run. If you double-click on a item in this box, you can edit the information about that item. The buttons to the right should be used to add, edit, and delete items from this list.

Script Actions

This list contains all of the possible actions that can be performed by Wise during the installation. You can add a new action to your installation script by double clicking on an item within this list or by dragging an action to the appropriate location in the installation script.

Script Languages

The script languages dialog is used to determine the languages that your installation script can use. It also defines which of the languages should be exported into the installation executable (and in which order). Select all of the languages to include in your installation from the list. The number to the right indicates the order the languages will be displayed to the user at the beginning of the installation. The Copy Default checkbox will copy all of the text from the default language to all of the other languages (to assist the translation).

FileName

This list selects the files to add to your installation script.

Run EXE

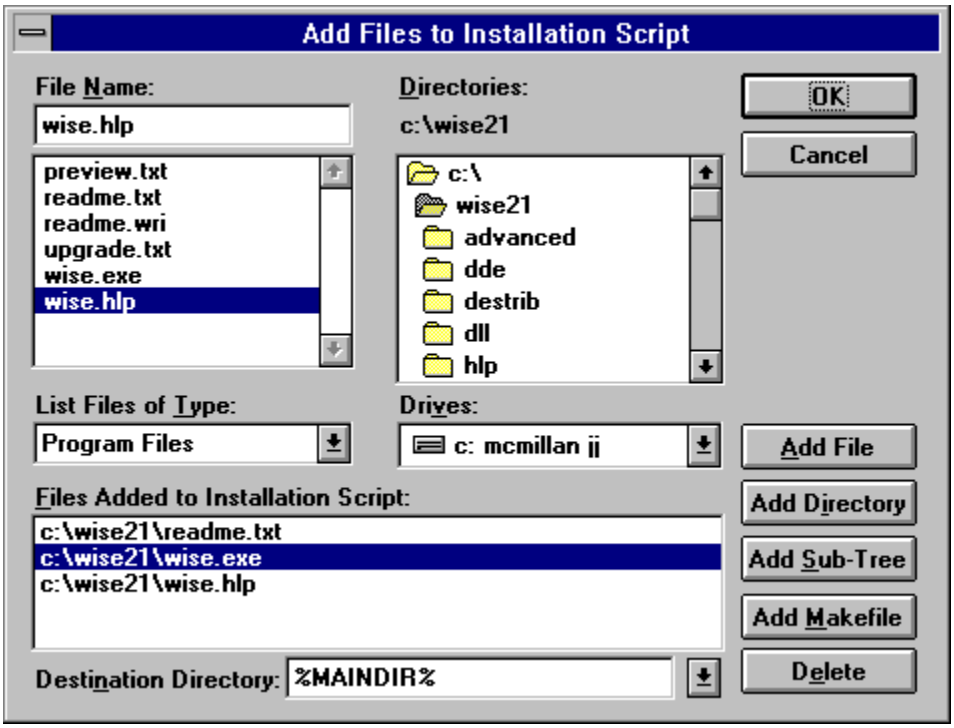
This button will execute the selected program and monitor the DLLs and VBXs that the program loads, adding them to the files to install. When you press this button you should test all of the features of your program to ensure that all DLL/VBXs are detected. When you are done, exit your program. This feature currently works with Win16 programs only.

File Type

You can select which type of files to display in the files list. The Program Files list can be customized in the View->Preferences dialog.

Select Files to Install

This dialog is used to select which files will be placed into the installation script.



Separate Address Space

You should check this box if you want the program to run in a separate address space under Windows NT 3.5 or higher. This box can only be checked if your are installing to a Windows NT 3.5 or higher system.

Win95 Shared DLL Counter

Windows 95 supports the shared DLL/VBXs by using a counter stored in the registry. Each time an application that uses the DLL attempts to install the file, the counter is incremented. When an application is un-installed this counter is decremented. If the counter returns to zero, the user is prompted to delete the file from their system. You should check this box on any DLL/VBX files that will be shared by more than one application.

Show TitleBar

You can check this box to display the title bar at the top of the installation screen. If this box is not checked, no title will be displayed.

Smart Create

The smart create option will check the date time modified and size of all of the files in your installation to see if they have changed since the last time the installation executable was created. If any of the files has changed, the installation executable will be re-created. This option will add a small amount of time to the Run and Make Disk commands.

Default Value

This field holds the value that the variable will be set to if the file is not found in any of the search paths.

Control Install Speed

This checkbox controls whether the installation process is slowed on fast computers that run the installation executable from a hard disk. This ensures that the installer will have enough time to read the graphics that you place on the screen.

Filename

This field holds the name of the file to search for. All of the directories in the PATH environment variable will be searched for this file.

Split EXE

This selects how big a Wise executable can become before it is split into another file. If this is left empty, the executable can be as large as necessary. You would normally set this to be the size of the floppy disks that you ship your software on. The split files will have the file extension W02, W03, etc.

NOTICE: This feature is only available in the Wise Installation System Professional Version. Please refer to the registration screen for more information.

Variable Name

This variable will receive the full pathname for the file if it is found. If the file does not exist in any of the directories searched, it will contain the default value.

Start If Block

Select this option if you want to script items in the enclosed block to be executed once if the If statement is true.

Start While Loop

Select this option to cause the enclosed script items to be executed repeatedly until the condition is false.

Show Status Bar Tips

Checking this box will enable the status bar tips. As you move the mouse over the tool bar buttons, a description of what each button does will appear in the status bar at the bottom of the window.

Tile Graphic as Background

You should check this box to have the graphic used as a tiled background during the installation. The graphic will be repeated for the entire size of the background window.

Window Title

This holds the title of the installation script. This will appear at the top of the window during the installation.

Example: A common title would be "MyProgram Installation"

Tool Bar Icons

Below is the toolbar that is located directly below the Wise menu. Click on one of the buttons for a description.

About Wise

This button will bring up a dialog box describing the version of Wise you are running.

Comment Script Items

This button will "comment out" the selected script items. Script items that are commented out are ignored by the Create, Test and Run commands. Pressing this button again will uncomment the selected items if they are already commented out.

Copy Script Item

This button will copy the currently selected script item into the clipboard.

Cut Script Item

This button will delete the currently selected script item and place it into the clipboard.

Move Script Item Down

Pressing this button will move the currently select script item down in the installation script.

New File

Pressing this button will clear your workspace so you can start a new installation script. If you have made changes to your old installation script, you will be prompted to save your changes.

Open Existing File

Press this button to open an installation script that you have already created. You will be prompted for the pathname of the installation script.

Paste Script Item

Pressing this button will insert the script item that is in the clipboard into the script before the currently selected script item. If no script items are selected, it will be appended to the end of the script.

Print Installation Script

This button, when pressed, will print your installation script to a printer. You must have the Professional Version of Wise to print installation scripts.

Save Installation Script

Press this button to save your changes to the installation script. If you have not saved it previously, you will be prompted for the name of this installation script.

Show Tool Bar Tips

Checking this box will enable the tool bar tips. If you stop the mouse over a button in the toolbar, a small window will appear describing what that button does.

Move Script Item Up

Pressing this button will move the currently selected script item up by one.

Transparent Graphic

This button allows you to place a graphic into the installation where parts of the background show thru. Everywhere that you use the solid blue color (Red=0, Green=0, Blue=255) will become transparent to the background and to each other.

Tree Description

This field holds the description that will be displayed while the files are being copied.

Tree Destination

This is the name of the directory where the files will be placed. This should start with a variable name.

Tree Source

This is the pathname of the directory tree that you want to place into your installation executable. You can use the browse button to select the tree.

Version Check

You should use this checkbox to install DLLs or VBXs that contain a version resource. A good example of files to use version checking on are CTL3D.DLL and THREED.VBX. You may use version checking for files that are not to be installed into the Windows System directory (i.e. application private files). This check reads the version resource from each of the files and installs the file if it is newer than the existing file.

Window Preview

A small preview of the background window is displayed here.

Background Window Size

These three radio buttons determine the size of the background window. You can make the background window the size of the entire screen, most of the screen, or to not have a background window.

Maximum Length to Read or Write

This field holds the maximum number of bytes to write to the file from the variable (for writing). For reading, this field holds the number of bytes to read from the file. And trailing spaces will be removed from the read data.

X-Position

This determines where the graphic is placed in the installation window. A larger value will move the graphic more to the right.

Y-Position

This value determine how high up in the window the graphic will appear. A larger value will move the graphic down in the window.

Zip Compatible Directory

You can check this box to make your installation executable compatible with programs that read the standard ZIP file format. This is useful when uploading a file to a public on-line service or BBS system. Your file can be scanned for viruses automatically by the on-line service or BBS operator. If you make your installation ZIP compatible, you cannot place a password on it or split the EXE across multiple floppies.

Installation Executable

The Windows self-installating executable that is created by the Wise Installation System.

Shareware

Shareware software allows you to try a software package for a limited time (in this case 30 days) before you decide to purchase it. If you find that you want to continue using this software you can purchase a registered copy.

WISE

W.I.S.E. stands for WIndows Self-Installing Exectable. This is a program that contains compressed copies of software and the installation script.