

Wise Installation System

Version 3.0j

Read Me File

The Wise Installation System creates installation programs for Windows 3.1 and Windows NT programs and data files. It combines all of the files to be installed into a Windows Self-Installing Executable. This single file is then executed on the target computer to perform the installation. No additional software (i.e. dearchive program) is required. The installer does not need to execute the program under DOS first and then execute the extracted setup program. The installation executable is a true Windows program. The installation executable can be directly uploaded to a BBS or on-line service or sent via e-mail. Wise adds less than 55 K bytes overhead to the size of the compressed files.

Any complex program such as the Wise Installation System will have "Features" which are more commonly referred to as bugs. Even though this program has been tested thoroughly, please test any installation executables before distributing them. If you find a bug in Wise or have any comments or suggestions, please contact GLBS at:

Fax Line:	(313) 981-9746
GLBS BBS:	(810) 363-6418
Compuserve:	75111,606
America On-Line:	GLBSInc
Voice Line:	(313) 981-4970

UPGRADE NOTE: New installer messages have been added. You should translate/customize these new messages. Please select the Installer Messages item from the Languages menu to view the new messages. In addition, the installer message "Not Enough Disk Space" has changed. The new text of this message should read:

This software requires an additional %ld K bytes free on the %c: drive to install.
Please remove any unnecessary files and try again.

The installer message "Select Files to Extract" has been changed to:

Please select the files from the list below to extract. Please press the OK button to extract the files. Press the Cancel button to exit.

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

- * The Wise Uninstaller does not support editing of AUTOEXEC/CONFIG/SYSTEM files to remove added lines. It is currently available in an English language version only.
- * Windows 3.1 is supported only (Windows 3.0 would make the installation executable 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 2.2 of the drivers. This appears to be a problem in the driver dithering code.
- * The custom dialog editor only supports one directory listbox or editbox per dialog.
- * Under Windows NT 3.50 the default directory can be opened as a file. This can cause an error in the Browse for Directory on network drives in some situations.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Wise Installation System, please read the ordering instructions in the Wise help file.

Modification History:

<u>Release</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.0j	<p>The same component variable can now be used in multiple Select Component script items.</p> <p>UnWise.exe now removes keys that have no sub-keys or sub-values</p> <p>Directory names are reduced to 8.3 in Browse for Directory if long filenames are not being used.</p> <p>The progress dialog now has the No Prefix setting.</p> <p>UnWise.exe does not remove the StartUp group, even if it is empty.</p>
3.0i	<p>Changed serial number confirmation to no prefix.</p> <p>Now overrides ver.dll removing old version of DLL in a shared Windows directory.</p> <p>Fixed date/time problem on some builds of beta Windows 95.</p> <p>You can now set the default drive on a drive combo-list in a custom dialog.</p>
3.0h	<p>Added support for Borland Database Engine (BDE) installations.</p> <p>Support for checking if a EXE/DLL is loaded in memory has been added.</p> <p>A horizontal scrollbar has been added to the installation script list.</p> <p>Added support for reading binary files as well as writing null terminated values to binary files.</p> <p>Documentation has been added to the on-line help for editing PIF files.</p> <p>Fixed problem with Set Variable and removing trailing backslashes with a root pathname.</p> <p>Support has been added for retrying a file install if the installation is corrupted.</p> <p>The BACKUPDIR variable can now be turned off during the installation.</p> <p>Fixed problem with a very large number of files being installed (many hundreds/thousands) in a single installation.</p>
3.0g	<p>Added support for ODBC installations. Both ODBC drivers and sources may be added.</p> <p>You can now set the default value on a Drop List combo box in the custom dialog editor.</p> <p>The UNWISE.EXE will ignore files that were copied to the floppy drives during the installation.</p> <p>Control install speed is now disabled for floppy based installation.</p> <p>You can now set whether an edit control is a tab stop in the custom dialog editor.</p> <p>The Set Variable script item can convert a variable to upper or lower</p>

case.

The Actions list is now sorted.

Support has been added for suppressing the background gradient.

The Get System Information script item now supports returning the disk type of a given pathname. It also supports returning the first network drive or CD-ROM drive on the system.

Added support for detecting if a file or directory (not both) exists as well as detecting if the user has write access to a directory.

A new value has been added to the RESTART variable. The "E command" value will exit Windows and execute the command during the restart.

The Wise Uninstall can now remove itself from the installation directory.

3.0f

Added support for beeping when prompting for a new disk.

Fixed a problem in the custom dialog editor when switching between a graphic and a text static control.

Blank remark script items now display as a blank line in the installation script.

The default disk drive and leading backslash are added to a directory prompt if they are not entered by the user.

Added support for date/time checking that replaces files that are older but not the same date as the file to install.

Fixed problem with Get Name/Serial Number dialog with non-english installations.

3.0e

Added support for silent installs/uninstalls with the /S command line option.

The uninstaller now has a command line option /A that selects an automatic uninstall.

The uninstaller will remove files from the System directory in automatic mode if they have shared DLL counters under Windows 95.

A problem with using a variable reference as the default with multiple language installations in a Prompt for Directory dialog has been fixed.

Partially installed files from user aborts or disk full conditions are now removed. This corrects problems with partially installed files and date/time checking.

3.0d

Added support for reading the registered user name and company name. Now uses the Win32 version.dll under Win NT/95 with long filename support.

The progress bar can be hidden during file installation.

Added support for Windows 95 shared DLL counters.

New context sensitive right-mouse button menu added to custom dialog editor.

Added Background Processing option to the Properties->Preferences dialog.

Increased compression speed by 50%.

3.0c

Date/Time version checking has been fixed.

3.0b

The Wise Uninstaller now accepts a second command line option that sets the title of the main window.

The Developers Version of Wise now supports reading and writing the Win32 Registry.

The installation executable can include a ZIP compatible directory in the Developers Version.

Fixed a timing problem with PC Tools 2.0 and icon addition.

Support for light fonts in dialog and message boxes.
Support has been added for Wise to run a program and monitor the
DLL/VBXs that it loads.

3.0a

Added right mouse button context sensitive menu.
Progress bar is now script item based in test mode.
Wise uninstall now supports long filenames.

3.0

Initial Release.