
Subject: Win32 install: going .msi

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 07 Mar 2015 18:04:21 GMT

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I came to conclusion that producing .exe Win32 installer was adequate in 2006, but no more good today.

So, for the next release I think we will need .msi (and perhaps straight .7z archive - it looks like like alternative option nowadays).

Initial quick investigation revealed that for .msi, currently the best option is WiX. Anybody has experience with this or some suggestions?

Mirek

Subject: Re: Win32 install: going .msi

Posted by [chickenk](#) on Tue, 10 Mar 2015 18:09:59 GMT

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Yes! I tried WiX some years ago and I was quite happy with the toolchain. It helps describing an installation in a formal manner and in a declarative way. At that time, I created some bash scripts using xmlstarlet utility to generate the xml, and the harvest tool to gather the source files, in an attempt to create a WiX-based installer for the EFL (the libraries from the Enlightenment project).

So I'd say, definitely go for it! And Upp XML manipulation libraries will be a great help to generate the declarative installation xml files.

Lionel

Subject: Re: Win32 install: going .msi

Posted by [chickenk](#) on Tue, 10 Mar 2015 18:45:15 GMT

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Here is an example script I made for another project, it's in ruby but you should get the point...

File Attachments

1) [shoes_wix.rb](#), downloaded 338 times
