PSADT Commands: Execute-MSI, Execute-MSP, Execute-Process, Copy-File

The PowerShell App Deployment Toolkit (PSADT) simplifies complex deployment tasks through specialized functions (cmdlets) for installing, uninstalling, and managing applications and files.

1. Execute-MSI:

This command handles installation, uninstallation, patching, or repairing of Microsoft Installer (MSI) files.

Command Examples:

Install an MSI silently
Execute-MSI -Action 'Install' -Path 'Adobe_FlashPlayer_11.2.202.233_x64_EN.msi'
-Parameters '/QN'

Uninstall an MSI using its product code
Execute-MSI -Action 'Uninstall' -Path '{26923b43-4d38-484f-9b9e-de460746276c}'

Install an MSI with logging and skip already installed check
Execute-MSI -Action Install -Path \$AppMSIName -SkipMSIAlreadyInstalledCheck
-ContinueOnError \$False -LogName "\${AppMSIName} MSI"

2. Execute-MSP:

This command is used to apply Microsoft Patch (MSP) files to existing installations.

Command Examples:

Apply an MSP patch Execute-MSP -Path 'Adobe_Reader_11.0.3_EN.msp'

Apply an MSP patch with additional parameters
Execute-MSP -Path 'AcroRdr2017Upd1701130143_MUI.msp' -AddParameters
'ALLUSERS=1'

3. Execute-Process:

This versatile command executes any executable file or script, including non-MSI installers.

Command Examples:

Execute an uninstaller silently

Execute-Process -Path 'uninstall_flash_player_64bit.exe' -Parameters '/uninstall' -WindowStyle 'Hidden'

Execute a setup.exe silently from a subfolder

Execute-Process -Path "\$dirFiles\Bin\setup.exe" -Parameters '/S' -WindowStyle 'Hidden'

Execute a setup.exe ignoring specific exit codes

Execute-Process -Path 'setup.exe' -Parameters '/S' -IgnoreExitCodes '1,2'

Execute a setup.exe with verbose logging

Execute-Process -Path 'setup.exe' -Parameters "-s

-f2`"\$configToolkitLogDir\\$installName.log`""

4. Copy-File:

This command is used for copying files or entire directories during the deployment process.

Command Examples:

Copy all files from the SupportFiles directory to a temporary location Copy-File -Path "\$dirSupportFiles*.*" -Destination "\$envTemp\tempfiles"

Copy a specific INI file to the Windows directory

Copy-File -Path "\$dirSupportFiles\MyApp.ini" -Destination "\$envWinDir\MyApp.ini"