

# MSIEXEC Command Line Options Cheat Sheet

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#### **General Syntax**

msiexec /Option <Required Parameter> [Optional Parameter]

#### **Install Options**

- Installs a Product
- Administrative install Installs a product on the network
- Use Transform List (.MST)
- Uninstalls the product

# **Display Options**

/quiet	Quiet mode, no user interaction
/passive	Unattended mode - progress bar only
/qn	No UI
/qb	Basic UI
/qr	Reduced UI
/qf	Full UI (default)
/help	Help information

#### **Restart Options**

/norestart	Do not restart after the installation is complete
/promptre start	Prompts the user for restart if necessary
/forceresta rt	Always restart the computer after installation

#### **Repair Options**

Syntax	/f[p e c m s o d a u v] <product.msi productcode=""  =""></product.msi>
/fp	only if file is missing
/fo	if file is missing or an older version is installed (default)
/fe	if file is missing or an equal or older version is installed
/fd	if file is missing or a different version is installed
/fc	if file is missing or checksum does not

match the calculated value

# **Repair Options (cont)**

- /fa forces all files to be reinstalled
- all required user-specific registry entries (default)

#### **Logging Options**

Syntax	/l[i w e a r u c m o p v x + ! *] <logfile></logfile>
/li	Status messages
/lw	Nonfatal warnings
/le	All error messages
/la	Start up of actions
/lr	Action-specific records
/lu	User requests
/lc	Initial UI parameters
/lm	Out-of-memory or fatal exit information
/lo	Out-of-disk-space messages
/lp	Terminal properties
/lv	Verbose output
/lx	Extra debugging information
/I+	Append to existing log file
/!!	Flush each line to the log
/ *	Log all information, except for v and x options

# Multiple uses of the above switches may be combined behind a single "/I" (/lawe)

#### **Update Options**

Syntax	/update <update1.msp> [;Update2.msp]</update1.msp>
/p or /update	Applies update(s)
/uninstall	Remove update(s) for a product

# **Misc Options**

- /j Advertises a product
- Generates an SMS status .mif file
- /? Displays help
- or
- /h
- Calls the system function DIIUnRegisterServer to unregister modules passed in on the command line
- Advertises a new instance of the product
- Specifies a particular instance of the product

Examples	
Basic Installation	msiexec /i A:\Example.msi
Installation & Apply Patch	msiexec /i A:\Example.msi PATCH=msipatch.msp
Installation Files	msiexec /a A:\Example.msi
Installation with Transform	msiexec /i A:\Example.msi /T transform.mst
Installation With Logging	msiexec /i A:\Example.msi /LIME logfile.txt
100% Silent Installation	msiexec /i A:\Example.msi /qn
Installation Only Showing Progress	msiexec /i A:\Example.msi /qb
Uninstall Using Installer File	msiexec /x A:\Example.msi
Uninstall Using Product Code	msiexec /x {Installed App's Product Code}
Install & Suppress Restart	msiexec /i A:\Example.msi /norestart
Install & Force Restart	msiexec /i A:\Example.msi /forcerestart



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