Basic PSADT / Source File Installation Framework Directions:

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The original ‘User Installation Framework’ directions are located here: <https://github.com/albddnbn/powershellnexusone/raw/main/UserInstallationFramework/using-framework-directions-3-2-24.docx>. I’ve realized the original version of the framework included some steps that are unnecessary or overly cautious for a standard application installation.

This new version of the framework makes a few important changes:

1. The Public/Private ‘User’ installation concept of the previous version was abandoned in favor of an approach that copies source files to a specified directory, and then gives a specified AD group a specified set of permissions to access/use the source files.
   1. This means that in the new version there are no more scheduled tasks, userinstall.ps1 files, or manual shortcut creations to worry about.
2. This version of the framework compiles an ‘uninstall-appname.exe’ that is cited in a registry key to be used if/when the application source files/etc. need to be quickly/efficiently removed from the system.
3. When creating a deployment package using this new version of the framework, all necessary changes/edits can be made in the Deploy-AppName.ps1 file, and if required - JSON files contained in the ./Supportfiles directory.
4. The JSONs in the ./SupportFiles directory allow for:
   1. Checking for / installing any required dependencies (dependencies.json)
   2. Creating shortcuts on public desktop and system start menu by default (shortcuts.json)
   3. Creating an uninstall registry key