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Regsvcs.exe (.NET Services Installation Tool)

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The .NET Services Installation tool performs the following actions:

• Loads and registers an assembly.

- Generates, registers, and installs a type library into a specified COM+ application.
- Configures services that you have added programmatically to your class.

To run the tool, use Visual Studio Developer Command Prompt or Visual Studio Developer PowerShell.

At the command prompt, type the following:

Syntax

```
regsvcs [/c | /fc | /u] [/tlb:typeLibraryFile] [/extlb
[/reconfig] [/componly] [/appname:applicationName]
[/nologo] [/quiet]assemblyFile.dll
```

Parameters

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Argument	Description
assemblyFile.dll	The source assembly file. The assembly must be signed with a strong name. For more information, see Signing an Assembly with a Strong Name.

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Option	Description
/appdir: path	Specifies the root directory of the application.
/appname: applicationName	Specifies the name of the COM+ application to either find or create.

/c	Creates the target application.
/componly	Configures components only; ignores methods and interfaces.
/ехарр	Specifies to the tool to expect an existing application.
/extlb	Uses an existing type library.
/fc	Finds or creates the target application.
/help	Displays command syntax and options for the tool.
/noreconfig	Does not reconfigure an existing target application.
/nologo	Suppresses the Microsoft startup banner display.
/parname: name	Specifies the name or id of the COM+ application to either find or create.
/reconfig	Reconfigures an existing target application. This is the default.
/tlb: typelibraryfile	Specifies the type library file to install.
/u	Uninstalls the target application.
/quiet	Specifies quiet mode; suppresses the logo and success message display.
/?	Displays command syntax and options for the tool.

Remarks

Regsvcs.exe requires a source assembly file specified by assemblyFile.dll. This assembly must be signed with a strong name. For more information on strong name signing, see Signing an Assembly with a Strong Name. The names of the target application and the type library file are optional. The applicationName argument can be

generated from the source assembly file and will be created by Regsvcs.exe, if it does not already exist. The *typelibraryfile* argument can specify a type library name. If you do not specify a type library name, Regsvcs.exe uses the assembly name as the default.

When Regsvcs.exe registers a component's methods, it is subject to the demands and link demands on those methods. Because the tool executes in a fully-trusted environment, most demands for a permission succeed. However, Regsvcs.exe cannot register components with methods protected by a demand or link demand for the StrongNameIdentityPermission or the PublisherIdentityPermission.

You must have administrative privileges on the local computer to use Regsvcs.exe.

If Regsvcs.exe fails while performing any of these actions, it displays corresponding error messages.

Examples

The following command adds all public classes contained in myTest.dll to myTargetApp (an existing COM+ application) and produces the myTest.tlb type library.

```
regsvcs /appname:myTargetApp myTest.dll
```

The following command adds all public classes contained in myTest.dll to myTargetApp (an existing COM+ application) and produces the newTest.tlb type library.

```
regsvcs /appname:myTargetApp /tlb:newTest.tlb myTest.dll
```

See also

- Tools
- How to: Sign an Assembly with a Strong Name
- Developer command-line shells

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