

This is documentation for WiX Toolset **v3**, which is no longer actively maintained.

For up-to-date documentation, see the **[latest version](#)** (v4.0).

Version: v3

# How To Guides

This section includes How To documentation for performing common WiX tasks.

## Files, Shortcuts and Registry

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# Redistributables and Install Checks

- Check for .NET Framework versions
- Install the .NET Framework using a bootstrapper
- Install DirectX 9.0 with your installer
- Install the Visual C++ Redistributable with your installer
- Block installation based on OS version

# User Interface and Localization

- Build a localized version of your installer
- Make your installer localizable
- Run the installed application after setup
- Set your installer's icon in Add/Remove Programs

# Product Updates

- Implement a major upgrade in your installer

# Others

- Get a log of your installation for debugging
- Look inside your MSI with Orca

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