KiXtart

KiXtart is a closed source free-format scripting language for Windows. It is described as a logon script processor and enhanced batch scripting language by the official website.[2] Its name is a portmanteau of "kick start".

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KiXtart	
Developer(s)	Ruud van Velsen
Initial release	1991
Stable release	4.67 / October 10, 2016[1]
Operating system	Microsoft Windows
Type	Scripting language Automation
License	Closed source Careware
Website	KiXtart.org (http://www.kixtart.org/)

Overview

KiXtart is developed by Ruud van Velsen of Microsoft Netherlands. It is now provided as careware. Development started in 1991 to provide login scripting for the Microsoft LAN Manager environment.

It has rich built-in functionality for easy scripting and provides access to ADSI, ADO, WMI, etc. The language can be used to display information, set environment variables, start programs, connect to network drives, read or edit the registry, change the current drive and directory, and much more.

With KiXforms, the user can create a GUI for KiXtart.

Code example

Read the Windows product ID

```
; Read value from registry
$ProductID = ReadValue("HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion","ProductId")

; Display result or error message
If @ERROR = 0
    ? "ProductID=$ProductID"
Else
    ? "Error reading product ID"
Endif
?

; Done
Exit @ERROR
```

Versions

Development of KiXtart as a logon scripting language started in 1991. Later versions were released on these dates:[2]

- **3.63** 23 October 2000

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- **4.00** 19 November 2001
- **4.02** 21 January 2002
- **4.10** 8 July 2002
- **4.11** 26 August 2002
- **4.12** 11 November 2002
- **4.20** 17 February 2003
- **4.21** 15 July 2003
- **4.22** 14 November 2003
- **4.23** 31 December 2004

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- **4.50** 1 July 2005
- **4.51** 6 October 2005
- **4.52** 21 July 2006
- **4.53** 15 September 2006
- **4.60** 3 October 2007
- **4.61** 24 September 2009
- **4.62** 12 August 2011
- **4.63** 4 September 2012
- **4.64** 25 February 2014
- **4.66** 24 July 2015
- **4.67** 10 October 2016

Books

- Kelly, Bob. *Start to Finish Guide to Scripting with KiXtart* / Bob Kelly. Greenland, NH : Agility Press, 2004. ISBN 1-932577-09-2
- Jesse M. Torres. *Windows Admin Scripting Little Black Book, 3rd Edition* / Jesse M. Torres. Paraglyph Press, 2006. ISBN 1-933097-10-8

See also

- AutoHotKey
- AutoIt
- AutoKey (for Linux)
- Automator (for Macintosh)
- Automise

- Bookmarklet
- FastTrack Scripting Host
- iMacros for Firefox
- Macro Express
- Winbatch

References

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2. KiXtart.org - home of KiXtart (http://www.kixtart.org)

External links

- KiXtart.org (http://www.kixtart.org/)
- KiXforms.org (http://www.kixforms.org/)

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