Execute, Copy, Install and Active Setup Commands

List of commands:

1) Execute-MSI

Executes msiexec.exe to perform the following actions for MSI & MSP files and we can install, uninstall, update etc as per the parameter -Action.

- Execute-MSI -Action 'Install' -Path 'Adobe_FlashPlayer_11.2.202.233_x64_EN.msi'
- Execute-MSI -Action 'Install' -Path
 'Adobe_FlashPlayer_11.2.202.233_x64_EN.msi' -Transform
 'Adobe FlashPlayer 11.2.202.233 x64 EN 01.mst' -Parameters '/QN'
- Execute-MSI -Action 'Uninstall' -Path '{26923b43-4d38-484f-9b9e-de460746276c}'
- Execute-MSI -Action 'Patch' -Path 'Adobe Reader 11.0.3 EN.msp'
- Execute-MSI -Action Install -Path \$AppMSIName -SkipMSIAlreadyInstalledCheck
 -ContinueOnError \$False -LogName "\${AppMSIName}_MSI"

2) Execute-Process

Execute a process with optional arguments, working directory, window style.

- Execute-Process -Path 'uninstall_flash_player_64bit.exe' -Parameters '/uninstall' -WindowStyle 'Hidden'
- Execute-Process -Path "\$dirFiles\Bin\setup.exe" -Parameters '/S' -WindowStyle 'Hidden'
- Execute-Process -Path 'setup.exe' -Parameters '/S' -IgnoreExitCodes '1,2'
- Execute-Process -Path 'setup.exe' -Parameters "-s -f2`"\$configToolkitLogDir\\$installName.log`""
- Execute-Process -Path 'setup.exe' -Parameters "/s /v`"ALLUSERS=1 /qn /L*
 "\$configToolkitLogDir\\$installName.log`"\""

3) Execute-MSP

Reads SummaryInfo targeted product codes in MSP file and determines if the MSP file applies to any installed products.

- Execute-MSP -Path 'Adobe Reader 11.0.3 EN.msp'
- Execute-MSP -Path 'AcroRdr2017Upd1701130143_MUI.msp' -AddParameters 'ALLUSERS=1'

4) Copy-File

Copy a file or group of files to a destination path.

- Copy-File -Path "\$dirSupportFiles*.*" -Destination "\$envTemp\tempfiles"
- Copy-File -Path "\$dirSupportFiles\MyApp.ini" -Destination "\$envWinDir\MyApp.ini"

5) Install-MSUpdate

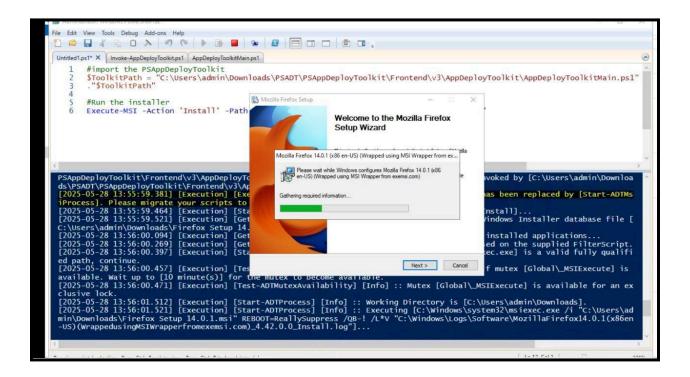
Install all Microsoft Updates of type ".exe", ".msu", or ".msp" in a given directory.

Install-MSUpdates -Directory "\$dirFiles\MSUpdates"

6) Set-ActiveSetup

Creates an Active Setup entry in the registry to execute a file for each user upon login.

- Set-ActiveSetup -StubExePath
 'C:\Users\Public\Company\ProgramUserConfig.vbs' -Arguments '/Silent'
 -Description 'Program User Config' -Key 'ProgramUserConfig' -Locale 'en'
- Set-ActiveSetup -StubExePath "\$envWinDir\regedit.exe" -Arguments "/S
 ""%SystemDrive%\Program Files (x86)\PS App
 Deploy\PSAppDeployHKCUSettings.reg`"" -Description 'PS App Deploy Config'
 -Key 'PS_App_Deploy_Config' -ContinueOnError \$true



Executing MSI Installation and Uninstallation

Execute-MSI is a function used for installing, uninstalling, patching, repairing or performing active setup on MSI and MSP files or using MSI product codes. For installation it defaults to using the /i (install) switch of msiexec.exe while for uninstallation it uses the /x (uninstall) switch.

1) Installation

- **Basic Usage:** Provide the path to the MSI file and the -Action parameter set to "Install".
- Parameters: We can add or override default parameters to customize the installation process such as /qn for silent installation, /norestart to prevent a system restart or /L*v for verbose logging.
- **Example:** Execute-MSI -Action Install -Path "C:\path\to\app.msi" -Parameters "/qn REBOOT=ReallySuppress"

2) Uninstallation

- Basic Usage: Set -Action to "Uninstall" and provide the path to the MSI file.
- **Parameters:** Similar to installation we can use parameters to control the uninstallation process such as /qn for silent uninstallation or /L*v for logging.
- **Example:** Execute-MSI -Action Uninstall -Path "C:\path\to\app.msi" -Parameters "/qn REBOOT=ReallySuppress".

Important Considerations

- **Product Code:** We can also use the product code of an installed MSI to uninstall it rather than providing the MSI file path.
- **Logging:** Use the -LogName parameter to specify the log file path and name for more detailed information about the installation or uninstallation process.
- Pre-flight Checks: By default, Execute-MSI will check if the MSI is already installed before attempting to install it. You can disable this check using the -SkipMSIAlreadyInstalledCheck parameter.
- **Error Handling:** We can use the -ContinueOnError parameter to control how the script behaves if an error occurs during the installation or uninstallation process.

Commands for Installation and Uninstallation

In PSADT, the main commands for installation and uninstallation are Execute-MSI and Uninstall-ADTApplication. Execute-MSI is used to run MSI installers while Uninstall-ADTApplication handles uninstalling applications.

1) Installation

- Execute-MSI: This cmdlet is used to execute MSI files. We can specify the path
 to the MSI file and various parameters like -Action Install, -Path and
 -DeployMode.
- Example: Execute-MSI -Action Install -Path "C:\path\to\your.msi" -DeployMode Silent

2) Uninstallation

- Uninstall-ADTApplication: This cmdlet uninstalls applications that were previously installed using PSAppDeployToolkit.
- **Execute-MSI:** We can also use Execute-MSI with -Action Uninstall to uninstall applications.
- **Example:** Execute-MSI -Action Uninstall -Path "{GUID of the product}"
- **Start-Process with msiexec:** We can also use the Start-Process cmdlet to call the msiexec.exe command with uninstall arguments.
- Example: Start-Process -FilePath "C:\Windows\System32\msiexec.exe"
 -ArgumentList "/x{GUID of the product} /qn" -Wait

Other related Commands

- **Get-RunningProcesses:** Checks for running processes that might need to be closed before an installation or uninstallation.
- **Show-WelcomePrompt:** Displays a welcome prompt to the user.
- Remove-MSIApplications: Removes specified MSI applications.
- Unblock-ADTAppExecution: Unblocks the execution of an application that was blocked.
- Unregister-ADTDII: Unregisters a specific DLL.