

## Re: MSI based wrapper for other installs?

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Bob wrote:

I heard there was a good installation component called TSetup.  
However the guy who wrote it got lazy and didn't update it past Delphi 3 ;->

There was a product called TSetup. And it didn't get past Delphi 3. A (very) small part of going defunct was laziness. A bigger part was those three kids that popped out into my wife's and mine life (yeah, yeah – excuses, excuses). Another substantial part was the MSI requirement. Many of the installs that I was maintaining were required to shift to MSI by the IT departments that deployed the apps. Consequently, my little Delphi built installers went by-by.

MSI is still evolving and the latest evolution seems to be indicative of where things are going. MSI seems exceptionally good (we could argue this, I suppose) and putting files onto a system and making registry changes and stuff like that. But boot-strapping, installing pre-reqs, chaining multiple installs, and providing a super UI all seem to be less about MSI. So maybe there is a good place for Delphi: building nice standalone EXEs that works as boot-strappers/chainers and provide an above-average GUI to a MSI installation.

Jason

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