

Compare Features Across InstallShield Editions

	InstallShield Premier	InstallShield
Create Professional Installations	The most powerful, capable, and widely used solution among installation developers worldwide. Get immediate access to our new Suite Installation functionality, installation streaming, 64-bit enhancements and more.	A powerful yet easy-to-use solution, ideal for both novice and seasoned installation developers.
Support for Custom Extensions in MSIX Projects	✓	✓
Create MSIX Packages Checking for Updates Using App-Installer	✓	✓
Modern and Simple Installers	✓	✓
Support for Cloud Builds	✓	-
Enhanced support for Windows 11 and Windows Server 2022	✓	✓
Full ARM Support	✓	✓
+ Support for fonts in MSIX	✓	✓
+ Build InstallShield Projects in an Azure DevOps Pipeline	✓	-
MSIX – Modification Packages	✓	✓
MSIX – Support for MSIX Core	✓	✓
+ Pure 64 installers	✓	✓
MSIX Bundles	✓	✓
MSIX – Support for Services	✓	✓
AWS CloudHSM-based Digital Signing	✓	✓
Simplified Builds Within Docker	✓	✓
Automated Patch Design	✓	✓
Create Windows® Installer (MSI) Installations	✓	✓
Create Windows Installer Patches (MSP)	✓	✓
Create MSIX packages	✓	✓
Full support for MSIX Core	-	-

Easily convert any MSI file into an MSIX package	✓	✓
+ Create InstallScript (Setup.exe) Installations	✓	✓
+ Create Advanced Bootstrappers with Suite Installations	✓	-
+ Streaming Installations that Download Installation Components as Needed	✓	-
Install/Upgrade Multi-Instance Product Installations	✓	✓
+ Check for the Latest Version of a Setup Any Time an Installation is Run	✓	✓
+ Advanced UI Editor	✓	✓
Windows Installer Dialog Editor	✓	✓
End-User Dialog Themes for Windows Installer-Based Projects	✓	LIMITED
Billboard Support for Custom Branding	✓	✓
One-Click Installations from the Web	✓	✓
DLL, EXE, VBScript, and JScript Custom Actions	✓	✓
Extend Suite/Advanced UI Projects with C# and InstallScript Actions	✓	-
PowerShell Custom Actions	✓	✓
Managed-Code Custom Actions	✓	✓
Easily View MSI Table Relationships'	✓	✓
Support for Microsoft® Certificate Requirements including SHA 1 and SHA-256	✓	✓
Design DPI-Aware Installations	✓	✓

DEVELOP AND DEPLOY GLOBALLY

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Develop and Deploy Globally		
Multilingual Support – 35 Languages	✓	-
Unicode Support in Most InstallShield Views	✓	✓

Create Pure 64-Bit Installations (Windows Installer)	✓	✓
Install 64-bit Applications	✓	✓
Install Windows Device Drivers Using DIFx 2.1.1	✓	✓
Support for .NET Framework 4.5 (32-bit and 64-bit)	✓	✓
Multi-Tier Installation Template	✓	-
Install Web Applications to Microsoft® Azure™ and Microsoft® IIS using Microsoft Web Deploy	✓	-
PowerShell Suite Actions for Server Configuration	✓	-
Enable Windows Roles and Features During Your Installation	✓	-
Deploy Databases to Microsoft SQL Server/Oracle/MySQL/Azure SQL Databases	✓	✓
Database Import Wizard	✓	✓
Deploy Websites to IIS 8 with SSL Certificates	✓	✓
IIS Web Services Support	✓	✓
IIS Tools for Web Apps	✓	LIMITED
XML File Updating	✓	✓
Configure Windows Users and Groups	✓	✓

SAVE TIME AND DEVELOP EFFICIENTLY

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Save Time and Develop Efficiently		
Integration with Visual Studio 2022	✓	✓
Install Packages from Windows Package Manager	✓	✓
Identify what existing InstallShield projects require change to meet Microsoft MSIX standards	✓	✓

Provision Virtual Machines from the InstallShield IDE for Testing Installations	✓	-
Monitor for COM Extraction (32-bit and 64-bit)	✓	✓
Registry-Free COM Registration (Application Manifests)	✓	✓
COM+ Support	✓	✓
Library of Redistributable Prerequisites for Windows Installer Installations	✓	✓
Library of Redistributable Prerequisites for InstallScript Installations	✓	✓
Associate Prerequisites with Features	✓	✓
Prerequisite Editor	✓	✓
Network Repositories to Share Dialogs, Scripts and Templates with Team Members	✓	-
Local Repositories to Share Dialogs, Scripts and Templates Across Multiple Projects	✓	✓
Automate Events at Build Time	✓	-
Reusable Project Templates	✓	✓
LZX Compression Option (Windows Installer Projects)	✓	✓
Display Installation Progress on the Taskbar	✓	✓
Easily Edit Runtime Installation Strings	✓	✓
Specify Custom Icon and Version Resource Properties	✓	✓
Virtual Machine Detection	✓	✓
Easily Edit XML Files During Installation	✓	✓
Easily Edit Text Files on the Destination Machine During Installation	✓	✓
Easily Create System Searches	✓	✓
Mark Files for Deletion as Part of an Installation Through Interaction with MSI RemoveFiles Action	✓	✓
Enforce End User License Agreement (EULA) Reading Before Installing	✓	✓
Call .NET Assemblies from InstallScript	✓	✓
Command-Line Builder	✓	✓

Complete Project Debugging	✓	✓
Source Code Control Integration	✓	✓
Microsoft Team Foundation Server Integration	✓	✓
Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild) Support	✓	✓
Microsoft® Visual Studio® 2019 Integration	✓	✓
InstallShield Standalone Build	5 LICENSES	2 LICENSES