

# AdminStudio

The way IT prepares reliable MSI and virtual software packages for deployment



## Improve Application Reliability

Easily prepare MSI and virtual packages that deploy seamlessly and function reliably.

## Cut Deployment Costs with Virtual Applications

AdminStudio automatically converts your MSIs to virtual packages for you. No repackaging is needed.

## Cut Packaging Time by 70%

Automated tools help you get applications to end users up to 70% faster.

## Migrate MSIs to Windows Vista Automatically

AdminStudio can proactively migrate your MSIs to Windows Vista without a second round of repackaging.

## Effectively Manage the Packaging Process

Enterprise-class tools help IT maintain the security and efficiency of the packaging and virtualization process.

"AdminStudio helps IT departments reduce the time needed to prepare applications for deployment by up to 70%."

Fred Broussard  
Analyst, IDC

The deployment of applications, updates, and patches is one of the most important – and risky – functions of IT. Deploying a poorly prepared software package can crash mission-critical applications, slow productivity, and increase help desk costs.

## AdminStudio Cuts Software Packaging Time by up to 70%

AdminStudio® from Acreesso Software makes it easy to quickly prepare reliable software packages and virtual applications for error-free deployment. AdminStudio combines powerful MSI packaging and virtualization technologies with Web-based management tools to significantly reduce your organization's desktop management costs and increase IT productivity.

## Choose from Multiple Virtualization Formats for Conflict-Free Deployment

Virtual applications cut IT costs by preventing software conflicts. AdminStudio gives you the ability to quickly convert applications into both VMware® ThinApp®\* (formerly Thininstall Virtualization Suite) and Citrix® XenApp™ virtual packages. It's the only packaging solution that supports multiple virtualization formats. AdminStudio simplifies your move to virtualization by identifying which MSIs are good virtualization candidates and converting them to virtual packages automatically – no extra repackaging needed.

## Migrate MSIs to Windows Vista without Repackaging

Migrating to Windows Vista™ can be a real challenge for IT, but it doesn't have to. AdminStudio has PackageExpert that can run automated tests on your MSIs and identify any Vista-related problems. It then fixes most errors for you automatically. AdminStudio can even move your MSIs to Vista over the weekend while

you're relaxing at home! You don't have to throw away all your previous MSI packaging work.

## Package Software Quickly for Error-Free Deployment

AdminStudio is loaded with automated tools that make MSI packaging a snap – including Repackager for quickly migrating software to MSI, Editor for advanced package customization, ConflictSolver for conflict testing and resolution, and QualityMonitor and PackageExpert for automatically correcting package validation and QA issues. AdminStudio is also the only tool that can see inside InstallScript MSI setups and convert them to pure MSI packages.

## Enterprise-Class Tools for Packaging Process Management

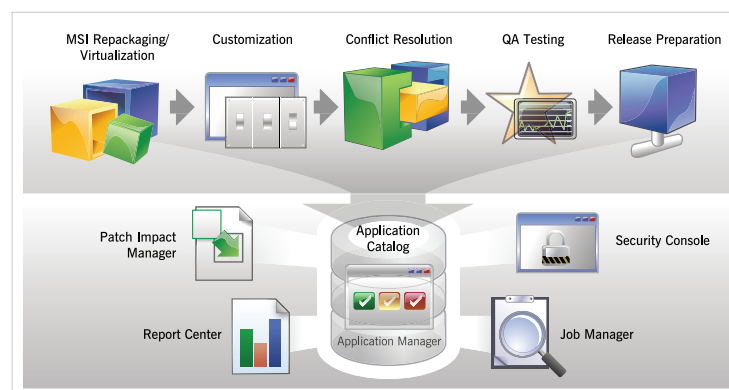
AdminStudio has the enterprise-class functionality packaging teams need to work together securely and efficiently, including the Application Catalog that holds software binary files and metadata for MSI and virtual packages, Report Center and Application Manager for accessing and sharing that data, Job Manager for scheduling tasks to run without human intervention, and Security Console for managing AdminStudio access rights.

## Tight Integration with Software Deployment Solutions

AdminStudio is a truly neutral packaging solution, supporting the leading software deployment tools – including Microsoft® Configuration Manager, Novell® ZENworks®, LANDesk®, BMC® Configuration Management, Citrix, Tivoli®, and ManageSoft® -- so even if your deployment tool changes, AdminStudio has you covered. Microsoft, Citrix, and Novell have even named AdminStudio their preferred packaging solution.



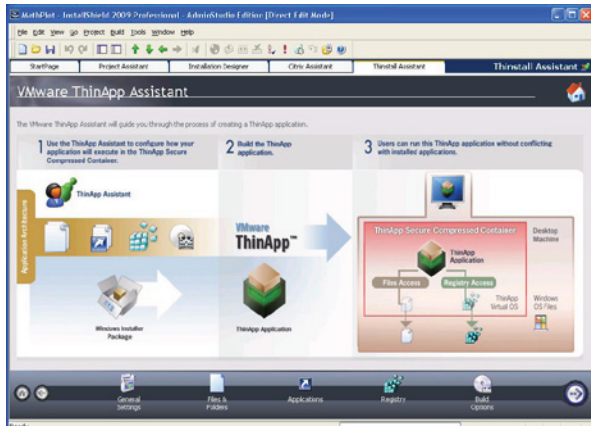
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AdminStudio provides tools for streamlining the packaging and virtualization process.

\* Requires separate purchase of VMware ThinApp

## MSI Packaging and Application Virtualization



**VMware ThinApp Support** – Easily convert applications to VMware ThinApp virtual packages in minutes. The AdminStudio ThinApp Assistant walks you through the entire process, significantly reducing your learning curve. ThinApp packages require no client-side agents or server infrastructure, making them ideal for most environments.



**ENHANCED! Citrix Virtualization Support** – For Citrix XenApp™ customers, AdminStudio can convert MSIs to Citrix virtual profiles in minutes. The AdminStudio Citrix Assistant guides you through the process in a few simple mouse clicks. Citrix XenApp 4.5.1 is also now supported.

**NEW! Pre-Virtualization Scanning** – Automatically determine which MSIs are good candidates for virtualization using the AdminStudio scanner.

**NEW! Virtual Application Suiting** – AdminStudio can suite several applications together in a single virtual container, enabling them to work together properly.

**MSI Process Assistant** – The MSI Process Assistant speeds you through the entire packaging process, from MSI repackaging and feature customization to conflict and QA testing and deployment handoff.

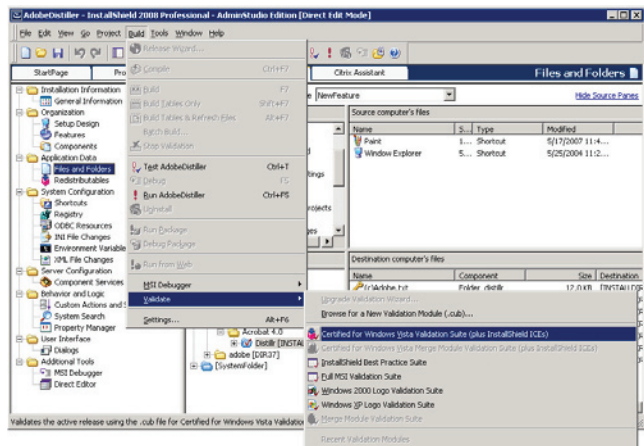
**Convert Software to Vista-Ready MSIs** – AdminStudio helps ensure software runs reliably on Windows Vista (or any Windows® OS) by automatically repackaging any setup to a fully compliant MSI package.

**ENHANCED! Snapshot-Free MSI Repackaging** – Save time and improve MSI quality with Repackager's installation monitoring. No more waiting for snapshots or scrolling through file exclusion lists – all system changes and data (including context data) are captured quickly and correctly.

**Reliably Package InstallShield Setups** – Only AdminStudio can properly scan installations authored using InstallShield® technology (including InstallScript MSI setups), accurately preserve the original feature organization, and package them as MSIs.

**Setup Intent** – The Setup Intent Wizard scans your source project files for any uncaptured DLLs or dependencies and automatically prompts you to add them to your package.

## Package Editing and Authoring



**InstallShield 2009** – AdminStudio is now powered by the latest version of the world's leading MSI authoring and editing tool, InstallShield 2009. New enhancements include support for Windows Installer 4.5, managed-code custom actions, Visual Studio® 2008, installation chaining, Arabic and Hebrew setup text, and four new graphical MSI troubleshooting tools.

**Customize Virtual Applications** – Edit every aspect of Citrix and ThinApp virtual packages, from modifying registry settings to controlling isolation options at a granular level, quickly and easily.

**MSI Editing** – Directly customize MSIs to meet your specific needs and corporate standards.

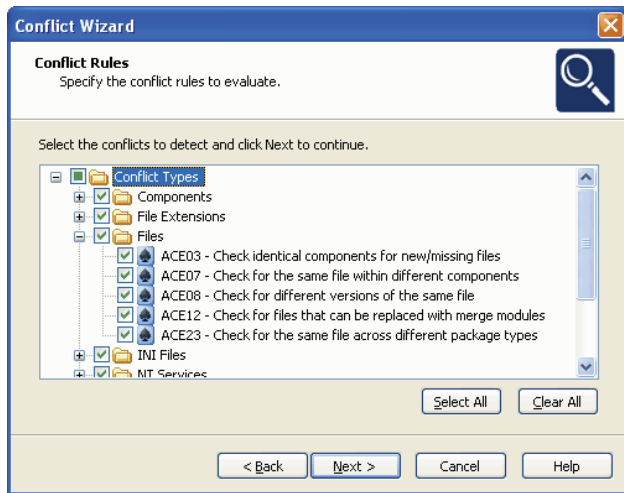
**Create Your Own Packages** – AdminStudio also makes it easy to author your own MSI installations (including Windows Vista-compatible setups), virtual profiles, patches, and transforms.

**Language Pack Included** – Automatically localize installation UIs into 33 languages, eliminating hours of tedious translation effort.

**VBScript Custom Action Editor** – Easily edit and format your VBScript custom action code directly inside the AdminStudio interface.

**Prerequisite Support** – Check for and install any prerequisite applications or system components before your MSI package is executed.

## Conflict Identification and Resolution



**Conflict Identification and Elimination** – Test packages for conflicts against the applications and OSs (including Vista) in your environment before you deploy. Depending on the conflict, AdminStudio either corrects it for you or helps you fix it according to your policies.

**Customizable Conflict Resolution** – Set up conflict rules based on your own requirements and allow AdminStudio to resolve the associated conflicts automatically.

**Application Isolation Wizard** – Ensure new MSIs won't interfere with installed applications by automatically isolating their shared DLLs and other dependencies before deployment.

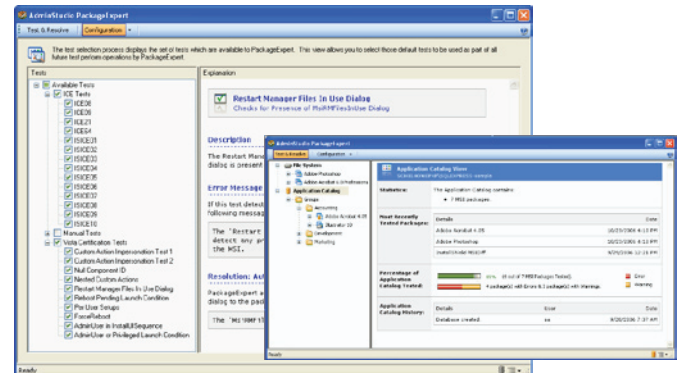
**ENHANCED! Patch Impact Testing** – Speed up predeployment patch testing by automatically identifying which applications in your environment a patch will impact. IT can then focus patch testing against those applications, saving significant time. AdminStudio can easily import new Microsoft® patches, saving you time.

**Support for Terminal Services** – Automatically validate that applications requiring terminal service environments will function properly once deployed. Those that won't can be quickly corrected.

**Conflict Testing Process Assistant** – The ConflictSolver Process Assistant seamlessly guides you through the entire conflict identification and elimination process.

**System Snapshot Analysis** – Capture the state of an operating system and import it directly into the AdminStudio Application Catalog to use for resolving conflicts.

## Quality Assurance Testing and Validation



**PackageExpert** – PackageExpert saves you time by running MSI validation and QA tests on your MSIs and automatically fixing any errors. You can also create and run your own custom tests. It helps you ensure MSIs deploy smoothly and run properly on any Windows platform, including Vista.

**Configuration Testing** – QualityMonitor automatically verifies before deployment that all installation elements, including shortcuts, file associations, and type libraries, will be configured correctly. It also ensures MSIs will uninstall without incident.

**Locked-Down User Testing** – QualityMonitor performs predeployment security checks to verify that a package has sufficient access rights to operate in a locked-down environment.

**Diagnose and Repair Installed Applications** – MSI Doctor determines if an installed application needs repair, what repair is needed, and why.

**Ensure MSIs Meet Corporate Standards** – Easily create custom rules that identify applications violating your corporate standards and define how you wish AdminStudio to correct them.

**Risk-Free Predeployment Testing** – Simulate the real deployment of a package without physically installing it on any machine. AdminStudio will determine any issues with install conditions, access rights, and conflicts with other packages.

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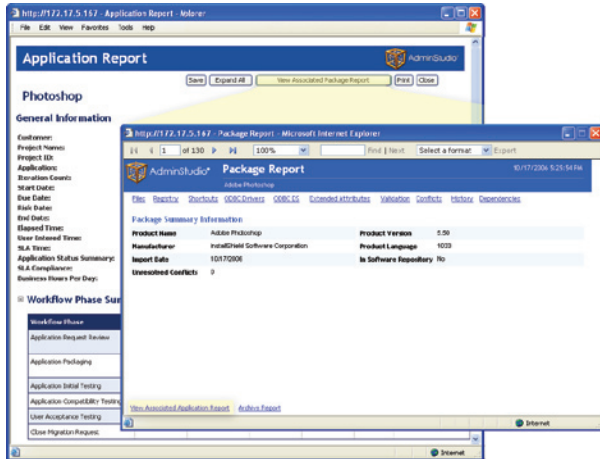
**Release Packages to Any Deployment Solution** – Automatically prepare packages for deployment via any deployment solution, including Microsoft Configuration Manager, Novell ZENworks, LANDesk, BMC Configuration Management, Citrix, Tivoli, and ManageSoft.

**Configuration Manager Web Console** – Prepare, publish, and distribute applications through Microsoft Configuration Manager without switching over to the Configuration Manager console.

**Support for Other Deployment Methods** – AdminStudio also facilitates distributing packages and patches via network destinations, FTP servers, administrative installations, and more.



## Centralized Process and Resource Management



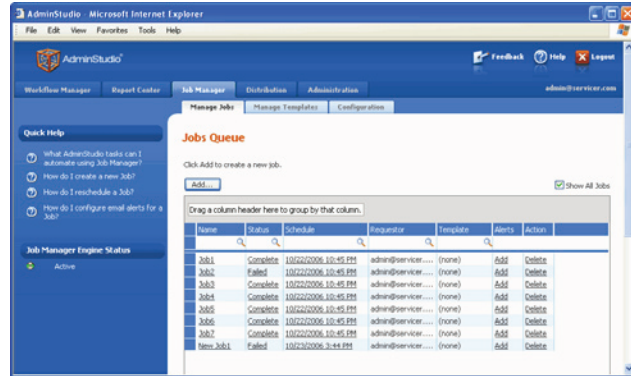
**Report Center** – Report Center makes it easy to generate application data reports that you can use to improve the packaging and management of software. It includes a streamlined UI, links to important package data, and advanced search features that make it even easy to find the data you need. You can also enter custom SQL queries to generate reports on all data on a given package.

**Application Catalog** – At the core of AdminStudio is the Application Catalog, a fully searchable, centralized database of every application file, patch, and OS in your enterprise and all related metadata. It provides a foundation for Definitive Software Library (DSL) support in your ITIL or Microsoft MOF and BDD implementations.

**NEW! Virtual Application Management** – AdminStudio now provides unprecedented support for managing virtual applications, making it as easy as managing MSIs. It stores virtual application files and related metadata in the same location as the binaries and information on your non-virtual packages.

**Application Manager** – Application Manager provides a single view into all the data in the Application Catalog. It includes a summary dashboard showing high-level statistics, a list of recently modified packages, and recent catalog management activity.

**Security Console** – Save time by using your LDAP database – including Microsoft Active Directory and Novell eDirectory databases – to establish user roles and access rights to AdminStudio. You can grant access to users on a feature-by-feature basis, further improving the security of your software packaging process.



**Job Manager** – Make conflict testing more efficient by scheduling common tasks to run anytime without human intervention. Job Manager is integrated with Security Console, simplifying the management of user roles and permission for Job Manager-related tasks.

**Packaging Process Management** – A process-oriented interface allows you to step through projects lists, visually tracking what's been done and what tasks remain.

**Package Version Management** – Quickly locate and check out multiple package versions directly from the Application Catalog, edit them as needed, and re-import them into the Catalog.

**Enabling License Usage Tracking** – The FLEXwrap™ Assistant can inject license tracking capabilities into applications. When used with Acresso Software's FLEXnet Manager® (sold separately), it enables you to cut licensing costs by tracking license usage.

**ENHANCED! Workflow Manager Integration** – AdminStudio has improved its integrated with Workflow Manager (sold separately) from Acresso. Together they make it easy to standardize and manage the packaging, virtualization, and Vista migration process, as well as implement packaging best practices such as ITIL and Microsoft's BDD.

**Next Step:**  
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