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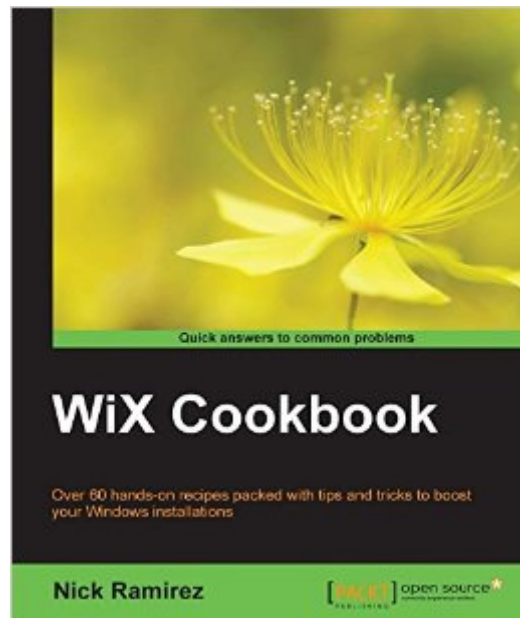Over 60 hands-on recipes packed with tips and tricks to boost your Windows installations

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Synopsis

Over 60 hands-on recipes packed with tips and tricks to boost your Windows installationsAbout This BookBuild WiX projects within Visual Studio, as part of a continuous-integration build process and from the command-lineInstall, configure and populate relational databases up front to complement your applicationAutomate your day-to-day administration tasks such as setting up performance counters and exceptions to the Windows firewallWho This Book Is ForIf you are a developer with a good understanding of WiX projects and would like to further explore advanced WiX topics, this book is for you. To get the most out of this book, knowledge of proper XML syntax is recommended.What You Will LearnInstall websites, application pools, and virtual directories in IISAdd a wizard to your installer and customize it with your own dialogsSet up new user accounts, add security groups, and secure files and folders on installationPrevent deployment to unsupported systems by using launch conditionsUpdate XML files during installationConfigure shortcuts to your applicationInclude prerequisites with a bootstrapperCreate custom actions using C#Add environment variables to the systemIn DetailWiX is a dialect of XML used to make installers for Windows. Its declarative style avoids the complexity and limitations of procedural code, providing you with everything you need to package up an entire application into a single MSI file.This book gives you a good overview of WiX's capabilities to develop your own installer packages with functionalities beyond those available in Windows Installer. In the recipes of this book, you will see ways in which WiX can cut down on your installation time and help you streamline your deployment processes. You will see how to make customized installer UIs, write custom actions, create shortcuts, and also set your application as the default for a file type.

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An excellent follow-up to Nick's other book "A Developer's Guide to Windows Installer XML". I would suggest that first or as a pair. The former will help you understand how WIX is organized and best practices to integrating it in your projects. Once you have a sense of using WIX in your projects, Nick will save you a ton of time figuring out the approach to a bunch of common installer requirements with these recipes.For me, the initial purchase was around handling registry keys. Just sorting that out was worth the very reasonable price of the book.This is not necessarily a book you will read cover to cover but will dive in when a specific need arises. Should even one of the 50 recipes apply to your project it is worth the very reasonable price. I've gone back to it on several occasions.Nice job and the perfect WIX book set.

I bought this Cookbook to get a quick start on WiX which I needed for a small project. I must say that this book really did enable me to accomplish what I wanted (in just one day). The bite size examples help you get started quickly. You may have to read from other sources in order to get a better bigger picture but this book is very helpful in getting quickly started with WiX and enabling you in creating installation kits. There are other parts of the book which are useful and I will continue to read it and refer to it.I wish there was a least one chapter which also provided a big picture overview of the installation process and various steps/install sequences - however this book is still a great quick start resource on using WiX in Visual Studio.---After few days of reading this book I would like to add that this book makes WiX appear simple and easy for you (and part of it is due to its simple and highly structured presentation). I highly recommend it!

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