

ChangeBASE AOK Delivers World's First Automated .exe Extraction Tool To Transform Unmanaged Apps to MSI's

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ChangeBASE delivers new utility that transforms unmanaged applications into managed ones - Almost instantly.

ChangeBASE AOK has announced today the launch of its automated .EXE extraction tool. Named AOK Convert IT, the tool allows users to transform their unmanaged applications into MSI's, ready to be deployed in a managed environment.

"This is a very significant development". Says Grant Ford, Chief Operations Officer at ChangeBASE AOK. "Managed environments are the new era for business. The advantages are amazing. They provide huge cost savings, greater control of patches, better security, the ability to deploy up to the minute applications across thousands of desktops, real time management of those applications, even if they are in diverse, global locations.

"But many businesses are unable to capitalise on these advantages because often, their applications are not configured as MSI's; the industry standard format that allows them to be deployed in a managed environment. And the process of converting them is longwinded, complicated and expensive. So they sit land locked often on some out of date platform, with all those benefits unrealised".

"But" says Grant, "Not for much longer, AOK Convert IT allows you to take those applications, load them in and within a few seconds they will emerge as MSI's, ready to be deployed into your managed environment. This means that applications that are currently on Windows platforms such as 98, 2000, and XP can now be easily deployed on Vista ."

Nick Martin from SCC comments: "SCC has been working with ChangeBASE AOK on the beta programme since last March. The results of that programme have proven to be very positive and we now have the AOK product set built into our core application packaging solution. This is delivering very significant cost and time savings to our clients and we are winning new contracts for our service throughout Europe .

He continues: "The AOK ConvertIT tool for EXE files is a really exciting development that we are currently testing. We hope to be the first to launch with it when it goes into live production. Great news, especially for organisations that are currently frustrated, looking at two year timeframes to roll out VISTA for example. Now they have a better option because the whole process can be managed in a fraction of the time".

According to Microsoft, around 75% of all applications are currently in non MSi formats and therefore unusable in a managed environment.

The AOK Convert IT utility is automated and therefore manages the whole process in seconds. All a user has to do is to point at any folder containing an application. AOK will then import all the files; registry settings, shortcuts and dependencies into the AOK database and from there generate a standard MSi. And if any are discovered that are incompatible, the AOK Discovery and Fix tools can be introduced

to remedy the problem.

The other major beauty of AOK Convert IT is that applications that are in non-standard installation routines and where the media is lost can be simply and easily migrated. Should it be desired, the migration of applications can be managed on a rolling basis, with minimum disruption.

ABOUT ChangeBASE Limited

Founded in 2006 and headquartered in London , England , ChangeBASE is the provider and developer of AOK, a product that automates the management and upgrade of applications in a Microsoft environment.

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