

## InstallShield Silent response file

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InstallShield setups can use a Silent response file for installations. While a standard installation requires user input through dialogues, a silent installation retrieves this input from an InstallShield Silent response file (.iss file) without prompting the user.

This kind of InstallShield setup supports a recording mechanism, using the `"/r"` switch. Doing a manual installation (preferably on a clean VM in which the prerequisites are installed), will create a `c:\windows\setup.iss` file. After copying this file into the same directory as the `setup.exe` file, you can run the setup again (on a clean VM) using the `"/s"` switch. This will read the `setup.iss` file read the selections you've made in the recording phase and then run a silent installation.

