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Create Advanced Installations	Premier	Professional	Express
Create Windows Installer (MSI) Installations	✅	✅	✅
Create Windows Installer Major and Minor Upgrades	✅	✅	✅
Create Windows Installer Patches (MSP)	✅	✅	Limited
Create and edit Windows Installer Transforms (MST)	✅	✅	
Create InstallScript (Setup.exe) Installations	✅	✅	
Create Advanced Bootstrappers with Suite Installations	✅		
Streaming Installations that Download Installation Components as Needed	✅		
Create Traditional Installations and Microsoft App-V Packages from the Same Build Process	✅		
Multi-instance Product Installations	✅	✅	
Upgrade Multi-instance 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	Basic
Billboard Support for Custom Branding	✅	✅	
Support for HTML Controls on InstallScript Dialogs	✅	✅	
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	✅	✅	

Develop Using Best Practices	Premier	Professional	Express
Ensure Compatibility with Application Virtualization Formats	✅		
Windows Logo Validation Testing	✅	✅	
InstallShield Best Practices Validation Testing	✅		
Create ISO/IEC 19770-2 Software Identification Tags	✅	✅	✅
Include Microsoft® System Center 2012 Configuration Manager App Model Metadata for Enterprise Deployments	✅	✅	
Digitally Sign Installations	✅	✅	✅
Design DPI-Aware Installations	✅	✅	✅

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Develop and Deploy Globally	Premier	Professional	Express
Multilingual Support – 35 languages	✓		
Unicode Support in most InstallShield Views	✓	✓	✓

Support the Latest Platforms	Premier	Professional	Express
Support for Microsoft® Windows® 8.1 and Windows Server® 2012 R2	✓	✓	✓
Create Pure 64-Bit Installations (Windows Installer)	✓	✓	
Install 64-bit Applications (Windows Installer)	✓	✓	✓
Install 64-bit Applications (InstallScript)	✓	✓	
Sideload Windows Store Apps	✓		
Install Windows Device Drivers using DIFx 2.1.1	✓	✓	
Support for .NET Framework 4.5 (32-bit and 64-bit)	✓	✓	✓

Create Installations for Web and Multi-tier Applications	Premier	Professional	Express
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	✓	✓	
Deploy databases to Microsoft Azure SQL Databases	✓	✓	
Deploy databases to Oracle	✓	✓	
Deploy databases to MySQL	✓	✓	
Database Import Wizard	✓	✓	
Deploy Websites to IIS 8 with SSL certificates	✓	✓	Limited
IIS Web Services Support	✓	✓	✓
IIS Tools for Web Apps	✓	Limited	Limited
XML File Updating	✓	✓	
Configure Windows Users and Groups	✓	✓	

Save Time and Develop Efficiently	Premier	Professional	Express
Automation Interface	✓	✓	
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	✓	✓	✓

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Library of Redistributable Prerequisites for InstallScript installations	✓	✓	
Associate Prerequisites with Features	✓	✓	✓
Prerequisite Editor	✓	✓	
Upgrade Installation Project Files From Any Previous Version of InstallShield	✓	✓	✓
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	✓	✓	
Static and Dynamic File Dependency Scanners	✓	✓	✓
LZX Compression Option (Windows Installer Projects)	✓	✓	✓
Display Installation Progress on the Taskbar	✓	✓	✓
Easily Edit Installation Strings	✓	✓	
Specify Custom Icon and Version Resource Properties	✓	✓	Partial
Support for Restart Manager	✓	✓	✓
Virtual Machine Detection	✓	✓	
Easily Edit XML Files During Installation	✓	✓	
Easily Edit Text Files on the Destination Machine During Installation	✓	✓	
Easily Create System Searches	✓	✓	Limited
Mark Files for Deletion as Part of an Installation through Interaction with MSI RemoveFiles Action	✓	✓	✓
Set Windows Permissions	✓	✓	✓
Enforce End User License Agreement (EULA) Reading before installing	✓	✓	
Print the End User License Agreement while Installing the Application	✓	✓	✓
Call .NET Assemblies from InstallScript	✓	✓	
Command-Line Builder	✓	✓	✓
Complete Project Debugging	✓	✓	
File Dependency Scanning	✓	✓	✓
MSI Log Analyzer	✓	✓	
Source Code Control Integration	✓	✓	
Save InstallShield Projects as XML	✓	✓	
MSI Difference Checking	✓	✓	

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Detailed Build Reports	✅	✅	✅
Microsoft Team Foundation Server Integration	✅	✅	✅
Microsoft Build Engine (MSBuild) Support	✅	✅	✅
Microsoft® Visual Studio® 2013 Integration	✅	✅	✅
InstallShield Standalone Build	5 Licenses	1 License	
InstallShield Collaboration Tools	5 Licenses		

*For detailed summary of features see release notes.