

Using Dialog Box Themes in InstallShield 2008

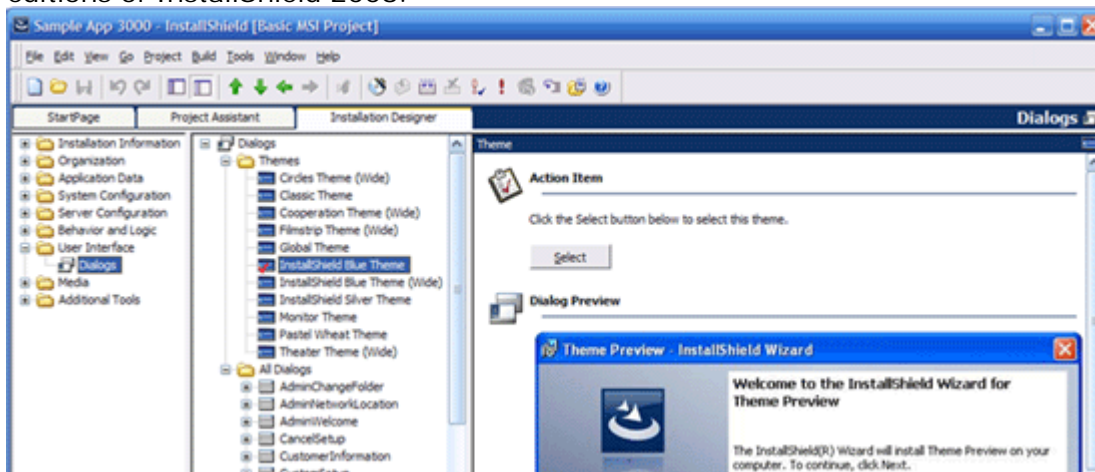
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Abstract

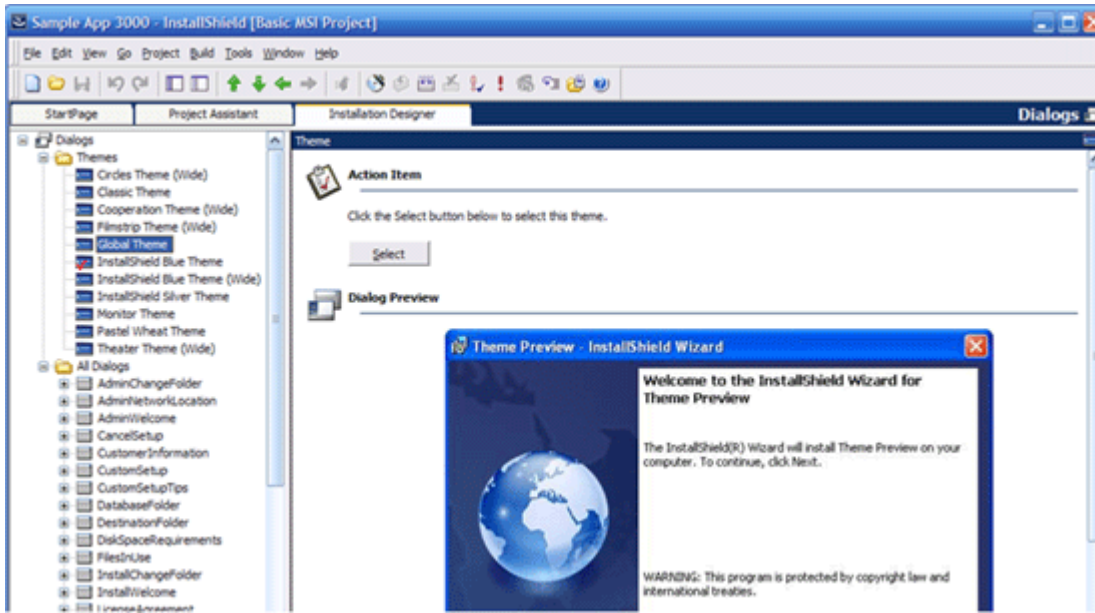
InstallScript and InstallScript MSI projects have long supported skins, which are changes to the overall look and feel of end-user dialog boxes. A new feature in InstallShield 2008 is support for dialog box themes, which are similar changes to the overall appearance of the end-user experience for a Basic MSI project.

Specifying the Dialog Box Theme

To see a list of available themes, open the Dialogs view and expand the Themes icon. A list of supported themes is displayed, with the currently active theme highlighted with a red check mark. The list of supported themes is different between the Premier and Professional editions of InstallShield 2008.



To preview a theme, select the theme icon in the Theme list. A sample dialog box that uses the theme is displayed in the right side of the InstallShield 2008 environment. For the example, the following figure shows a preview of the Global theme.



To select a theme, right-click the theme icon and choose Select, or click the Select button above the preview. Note that the selected theme will also be reflected in the Dialog Editor.

After you rebuild the project, the end-user dialog boxes will be displayed using the new theme. For example, here is an "exterior" dialog box (InstallWelcome) using the Global theme.



And here is an "interior" dialog box (CustomerInformation) using the Global theme.

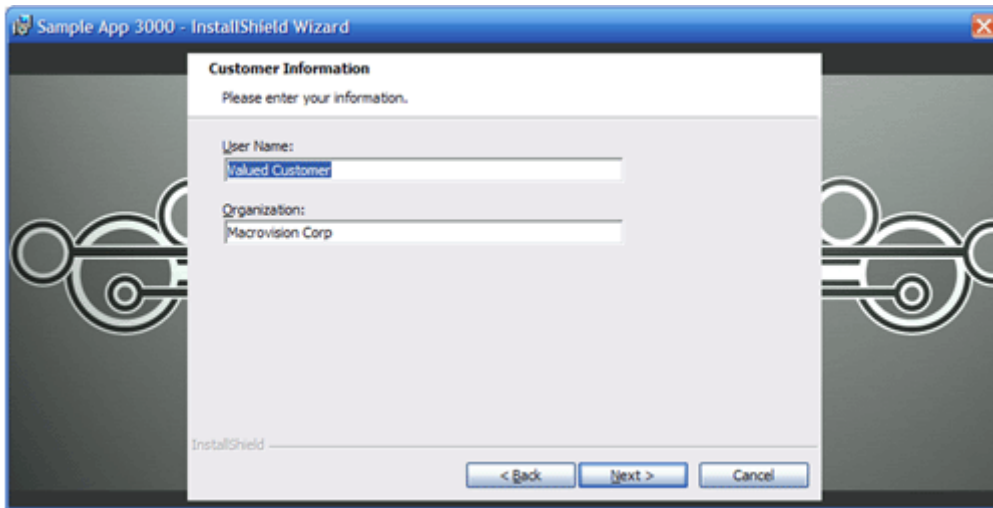


Note that some of the themes dramatically alter the appearance of your installation. For example, here are exterior and interior dialog boxes using "Circles Theme (Wide)".

InstallWelcome:



CustomerInformation:



Note that themes do not apply to smaller dialog boxes such as message boxes.