

Distributed installation of the HELBLING Media App on Windows PCs

Overview

The HELBLING Media App requires a local installation on each PC due to user-specific data storage. Running the application directly from a network location is not possible. To avoid installing the application individually on each PC, distribution can be automated using Windows GPO (Group Policy Objects).

Note: The HELBLING Media App installer is available only as an EXE file. An **MSI package is not available**.

Installation method

The installer supports **silent installation**, meaning no user interaction is required. Silent installation can be carried out using command-line parameters or configuration management tools (e.g., Microsoft Intune).

Silent installation example:

```
C:\Temp\Helbling>"HELBLING Media App Setup.exe" /S /D="C:\Program Files\HELBLING Media App"
```

When deploying the application via GPO, installation **must be controlled by a script**. Otherwise, the application would be reinstalled automatically each time the Windows computer is restarted.

Version Control and Update Logic

The following example demonstrates a PowerShell script that checks whether the HELBLING Media App is already installed and verifies the installed version number. The application is installed or updated only if it is not present or if the installed version is older than the required version.

The version number defined in the script must be updated accordingly whenever a new version of the application is released.

Prerequisites:

- The installer must be stored on a network share that is accessible with read permissions for all target computers.
- All target computers must be members of the Active Directory domain.

Disclaimer:

The PowerShell script provided below is intended **solely as an example**. Prior to deployment in a production environment, the script must be reviewed, adapted to the local infrastructure, and thoroughly tested by the responsible system or network administrator.

PowerShell Deployment Script (Example)

```
$appName = "Helbling Media App"
$requiredVersion = "2.1.38"
$installerPath = "\\deinserver\share\HELBLING Media App Setup.exe"

$app = Get-ItemProperty "HKLM:\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\*" -ErrorAction
SilentlyContinue | Where-Object { $_.DisplayName -like $appName }

$shouldInstall = $false

if (-not $app) {
    Write-Host "HELBLING Media App not installed - Installation started"
    $shouldInstall = $true
}

elseif ([version]$app.DisplayVersion -lt [version]$requiredVersion) {
    Write-Host "Version $($app.DisplayVersion) is older than $requiredVersion - Update started"
    $shouldInstall = $true
}

if ($shouldInstall) {
    $arguments = '/S /ALLUSERS /D="C:\Program Files\HELBLING Media App"'
    Start-Process -FilePath $installerPath -ArgumentList $arguments -Wait
}
```