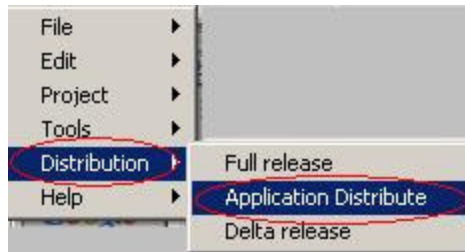


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1 Start Application Distribution

Choose menu “Distribution | Application Distribute” to start making distribution package:



It allows you to choose one of 3 distribution options:

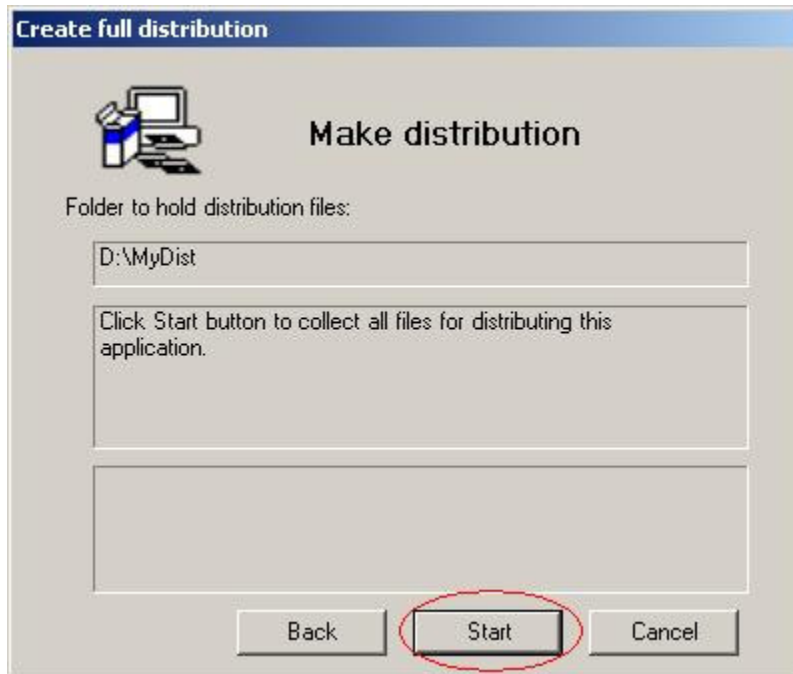


Choose one distribution type, click Next, it lets you to give a working folder for collecting files:

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Click Next, then click Start button to start collecting files:

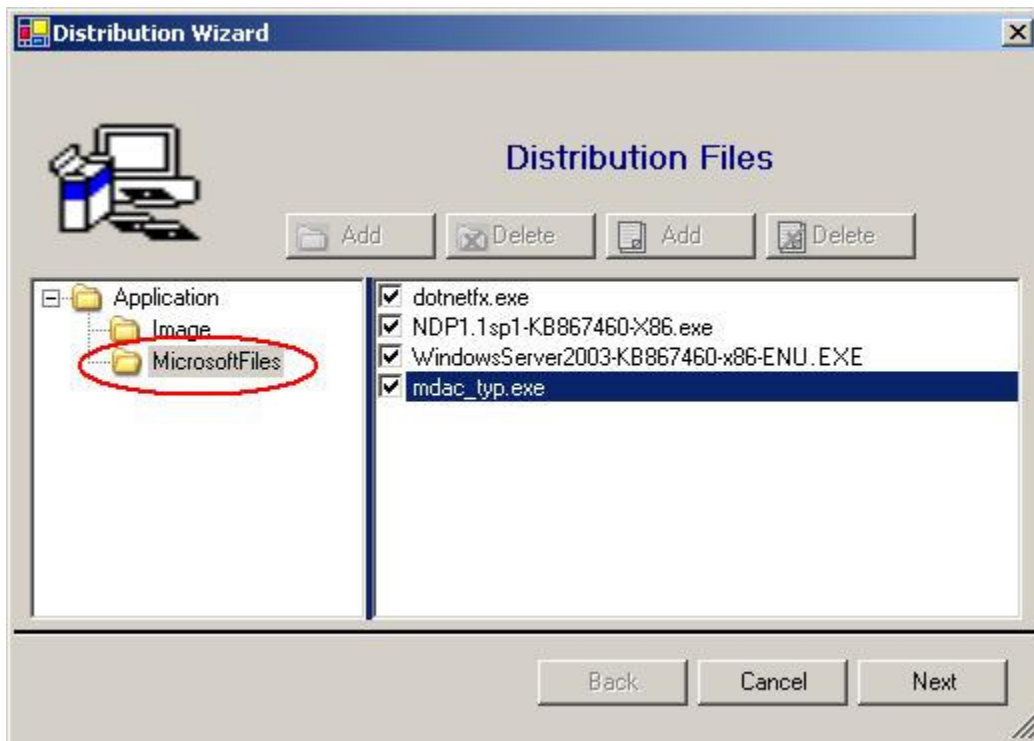


The files for the application are collected, including the executable file <app>.EXE:

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You may choose to include Microsoft .NET Framework files and Microsoft Data Access Component files:



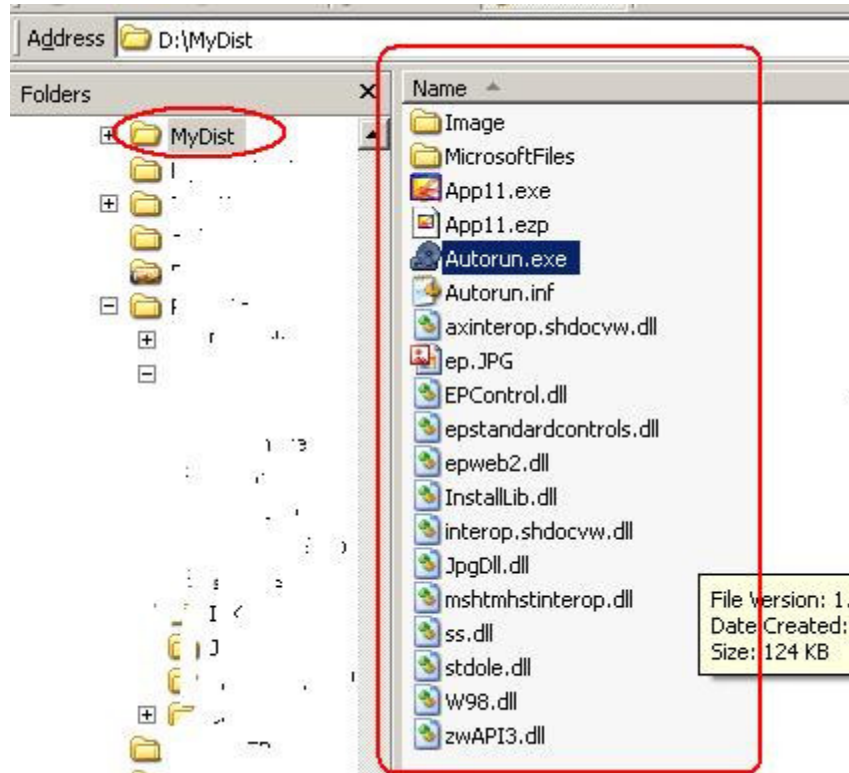
2 Run Application from CD-ROM

If the distribution type is “Run from CD” then we are done:

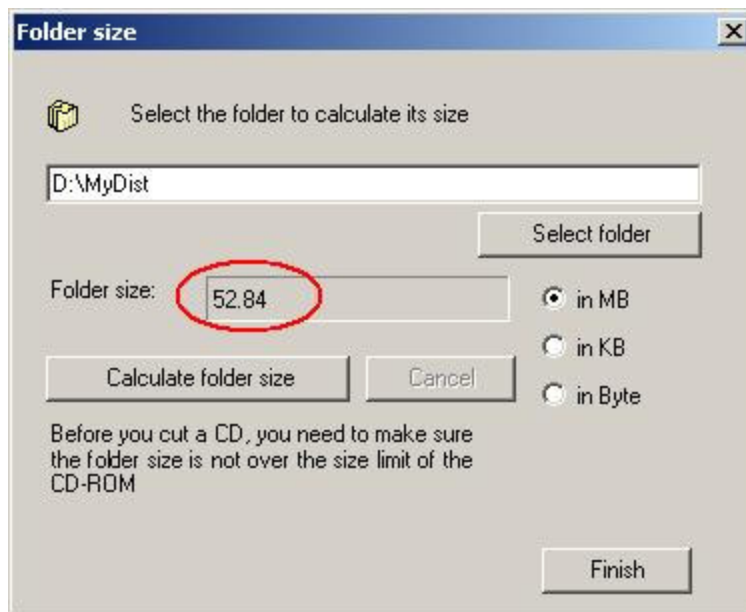


You may copy all files in the working folder to your CD-RW drive and cut a CD:

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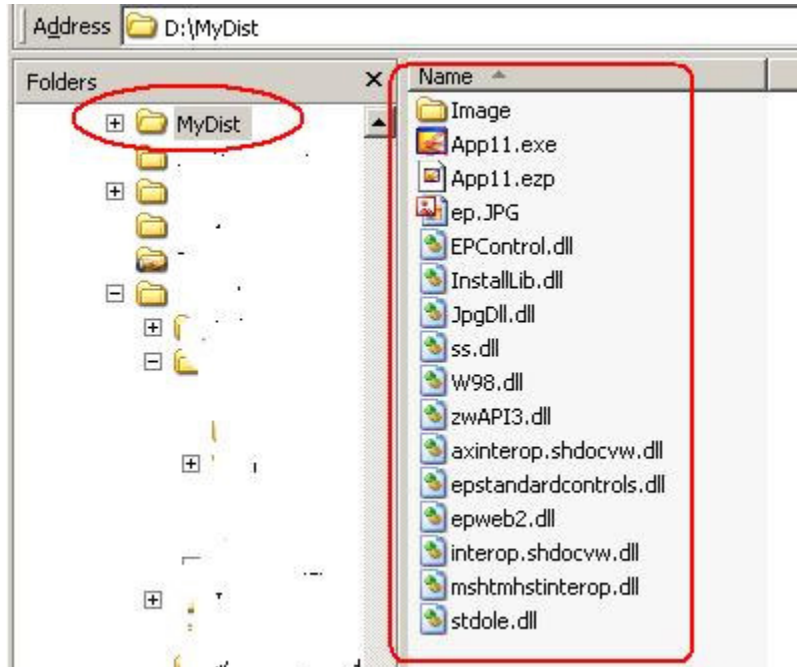
When you click Finish, it may calculate the folder size so that you know whether it will fit into a CD:



When such a CD is inserted into a CD-ROM drive, program `autorun.exe` will automatically start. It will check to see whether Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1 and Microsoft Data Access Component 2.7 are in the computer, and install them if needed. Then `autorun.exe` will start the application. In above example, it is `App11.exe`.

3 Prepare Files for Third-party Installers

If you choose “Prepare files for third-party installers” then the collected files are similar to that used for “Run from CD” except that the files “autorun.inf” and “autorun.exe” are not included:



The task for you third-party installers is simple: copy all the files and folders to client computer and keep the folder structure. Your third-party installer should also create shortcuts for application executable, in the above example, it is App11.exe.

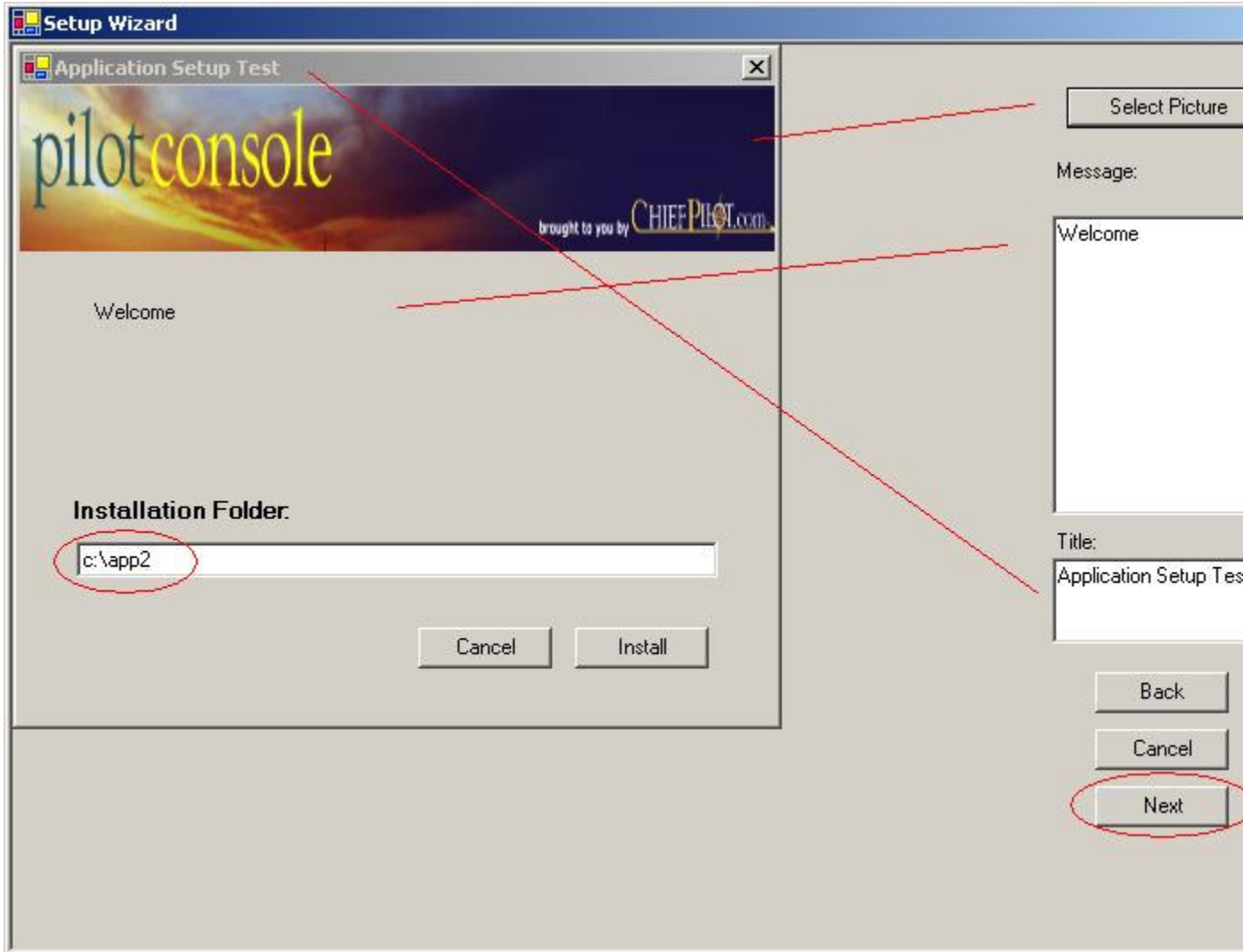
4 Create Distribution Package

If you choose “Create distribution package” then it will compress all the collected files and let you specify shortcut titles:



If you want to create an icon on desktop then check “Desktop icon title:” and give a title for the icon. If you want to create a program item then check “Program Item” and give Program Group name and Program Item name.

Click Next, it allows you to customize the installation user interface:



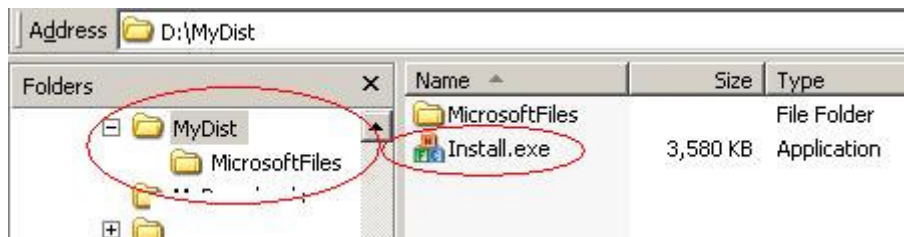
You may click “Select Picture” button to choose a picture for the installer.

You may clear the Message box so that there will be no text appears in the middle of the installer. You may use bigger picture to cover more space.

You may specify the Title of the installer.

You may specify the default installation folder.

When you are done, click Next. All files will be packaged into one single file INSTALL.EXE:



You may put file Install.exe on your web site for your users to download and install your application.

When your customers run INSTALL.EXE, it will check the computers to see whether the required Microsoft support files are installed. If INSTALL.EXE detects that a Microsoft file is missing then it

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will try to find it in the same folder or under a sub folder named “MicrosoftFiles” and automatically install it. If the file is not found then INSTALL.EXE will give download information.

If you want to provide downloading information on your web site, below are the URLs

File to be downloaded	Download URL
Microsoft Data Access Component 2.7	http://download.microsoft.com/download/3/b/f/3bf74b01-16ba-472d-9a8c-42b2b4fa0d76/mdac_typ.exe
Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1	http://download.microsoft.com/download/a/a/c/aac39226-8825-44ce-90e3-bf8203e74006/dotnetfx.exe
The following files are not needed by Limnor applications. They are optional.	
Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1 SP1 for XP	http://download.microsoft.com/download/8/b/4/8b4add8-e957-4dea-bdb8-c4e00af5b94b/NDP1.1sp1-KB867460-X86.exe
Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1 SP1 for Windows 2003	http://download.microsoft.com/download/b/2/2/b229569f-12a6-4707-a3db-20f09826d2cf/WindowsServer2003-KB867460-x86-ENU.EXE

If you use CD to distribute Install.exe then you may distribute the Microsoft support files together on the CD. Install.exe will automatically use them when needed.