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# Deploying Windows 7 with MDT 2010 – Basic scenarios

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#### 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purposes of this document

When I have started my job at Microsoft, I have to work with Business Desktop Deployment 2.0, then BDD 2.5, BDD2007, MDT 2008 and now MDT 2010.

There is a lot of information about these Solution Accelerators, but not a document that lead you in a way like: "What do I need to do first?"

So this White Paper will try to:

- Explain the basics of MDT 2010 and Windows 7 deployment
- Give guidance to realize a complete Proof of Concept for a basic Deployment Methodology for Windows 7
- Give best practices from the field expert

This document is the third I have made, but the two first versions have never been published, they were for internal purpose only.

I hoped this document will help you to apprehend correctly these exciting technologies.

#### 1.2 Known limitations and restrictions

This document is based on Beta and RC products. So, some features, captured screens or scripts, could be different from the RTM and RTW one.

## 2 Understanding MDT 2010

#### 2.1 What is MDT 2010?

Microsoft Deployment Toolkit 2010 is a Solution Accelerator

Solutions Accelerators are a set of documents, scripts, job aids and methodology to help customer in designing, deploying and maintaining Microsoft technologies and products.

Solutions Accelerators are completely free!

You could find all the Solutions Accelerators here: <a href="http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/solutionaccelerators/default.aspx">http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/solutionaccelerators/default.aspx</a>

## 2.2 What's new since MDT 2008 Update 1?

MDT 2010 main changes' are:

- Whole new interface
- Multi user simultaneous access
- PowerShell based
- Selection Profile Feature
- Task Sequence and log capability optimized

- Deployment on any partition

#### 2.3 Do I need to be PowerShell trained?

In fact, no. Only the advanced scenarios need PowerShell competencies.

But if you want to begin with PowerShell, you have access to these aids:

- In MDT 2010, at the end of each wizard, you will have a button that leads you to the PowerShell scripts performing the actions.
- On TechNet web site, "Scripting with PowerShell": http://www.microsoft.com/technet/scriptcenter/hubs/msh.mspx

## 2.4 What's the WAIK?

Windows Automated Installation Kit is the set of tools used by MDT 2010 to perform its operations.

This is a requisite for MDT 2010.

WAIK gave to us the following main tools:

- IMAGEX, our imaging tool that generates WIM image.
- DISM, the tool that performs off-line servicing of the WIM image.
- WSIM, the graphical interface used to edit unattend.xml files.

A lot of other tools, help and documentation are also in this kit.

The particularity of MDT 2010 is that it will encapsulate the utilization of these tools. So, we will not cover these tools in this guide, the documentation in the WAIK are very complete and easy to use if you want to deep dive in these subjects.

#### 2.5 LTI, ZTI or SCCM, what do I need?

You need to know 2 things:

- First, if you have SCCM installed in your enterprise, add MDT 2010 to extend deployment, scenario and have more customization options.
- Second, if you don't have SCCM, use MDT 2010 to organize and help you in the deployment

SCCM without MDT is also a solution, but indeed, MDT 2010 eases the deployment that it would be an error to not evaluate it.

We will not see the usage of SCCM I this document.

## 2.6 What's the purpose of the SQL Database?

The SQL database is not needed by MDT 2010. This is just an optional component that will open the more advanced scenarios and the way to a full automation with a central provisioning.

We will not see in this document the installation and the parameters for the use of a SQL server.

## 3 Description of the scenario

This scenario will be followed along this document:

Your enterprise need to deploy a international Windows 7 image with corporate applications.

The deployment must be the shorter possible, and some specific applications need to be installed only on laptop.

French division needs specific application too.

You need to do this work with MDT 2010. At this time, there is not any automation need.

## 4 Preparing the environment

First, before anything else, we must prepare the MDT server and the Sources Folder.

#### 4.1 MDT Server

The MDT Server could be virtual or physical. Just keep in mind that a virtual environment could be slower than a physical machine, if you use a low end material.

Prepare a machine with the following material:

- 512 Mo to 2048 Mo of RAM, depending of the roles installed on it (DC, and/or SQL)
  - o 1024 Mo recommended
- A partition with 60 Go free

The machine, with 2008 must have installed:

- File services Role
- WDS Role (If in a Domain)
- ADDS Role (If a Domain Controller)
- DHCP Role (If necessary)
- Windows PowerShell Feature

SQL Server will be installed later in this document, but on the same machine.

## 4.2 Preparing the installation sources folder

There are three reasons to prepare a sources folder:

- You can prepare this with an online PC, and then work off-line in a lab environment
- The sources prepared could be reused for another POC or project without downloading all the necessary sources again.
- You will spend time when you begin the installation process if you don't have all you need at start.

So first, create a folder named "Sources":

C:\Sources\

\Drivers

**\Applications** 

\OS

**\OS** packages

\Languages Pack

\Security packages

\Feature Packages

\Tools

## **4.2.1** Base Components

Some basic tools and kit are necessary to realize the deployment process.

Download all the components and put them in the C:\Sources\tools\folders. Take the correct platform version (x86 or x64).

Tools/Components	Download URL
	Mandatory
MDT 2010	http://Connect.microsoft.com
MDT Wizard	http://mdtwizardeditor.codeplex.com
SCCM Toolkit	http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=948e477e-
	fd3b-4a09-9015-141683c7ad5f&DisplayLang=en
<b>WAIK 2.0</b>	http://connect.microsoft.com
SQL 2008 Express	http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=7522A683-
With tools	4CB2-454E-B908-E805E9BD4E28&displaylang=en
	Optional
Pismo File Mount	http://www.pismotechnic.com/pfm/ap/
Audit Package	
ImgBurn	http://www.imgburn.com/
Crimson Editor	http://www.crimsoneditor.com/
PowerShell for	http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?displaylang=fr&FamilyID
Windows 2003	<u>=C6EF4735-C7DE-46A2-997A-EA58FDFCBA63</u>
PowerShell GUI	http://powergui.org/index.jspa

## 4.2.2 Operating system

Put in the C:\sources\OS, all the images of the deployed version of Windows 7.

Usually, Windows 7 x86 and x64 VLK versions are used, but you can use all the versions available.

In this document, the assumption is made that an Enterprise VLK EN-US product is used.

You can copy here the ISO files, you do not need to expand them. PISMO will let you mount ISO easily.

## 4.2.3 Applications packages

Create a sub folder for each application package.

These applications packages must be silent and fully automatized. You could use the packages already done for SCCM, or other management software.

The package must not reboot by itself! We will reboot after installation, with the correct process in MDT 2010.

For example, for a MSI based installation: MSIEXEC /i:name\_of\_msi.msi /qn /norestart

Office 2007 could be packaged within MDT 2010.

For the silent packaging of Office 2007 see Annex 1

For Demonstration purpose, this document will use these specific applications:

Name	Link
Office 2007 Enterprise	On MVLS, MDSN or Technet
ForeFront Client Security	On MVLS, MSDN or Technet
XMLNotepad	http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=72d6aa49-787d-4118-ba5f-4f30fe913628&displaylang=en
NetWorkMonitor 3.3	http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=983B941D-06CB-4658-B7F6-3088333D062F&displaylang=en

But you should add the Antivirus of your own.

## 4.2.4 Drivers

Windows 7 has a lot of drivers already included. But you may want use newer one, or add some unknown one.

First, in "drivers" folder, create a subfolder structure based on ".\Name\_of\_OEM\Name\_of\_model".

For example:

Drivers\

HP\

\NX6125

DELL\

\D600

LENOVO\

\T61P

\W500

For each model you want to install by MDT 2010, you need to do the following:

- 1. Download the drivers from the OEM
- 2. For each driver, expand the archive or installer in a temporary folder
- 3. Identify where the driver only is located, and just copy these files in the correct "Sources" subfolder.

There are multiple reasons to do that:

- 1. Archives or installers are not usable to install a desktop in an industrial manner and are not usable in WINPE and offline servicing.
- 2. Installers always install tools and agent with the drivers:
  - a. Agents will slow the startup and the responsiveness of the machine
  - b. Agents and tools could add some security or instability concerns and should need to be patched
  - c. Generally, your users will not use these agents or tools.

But, if you need a tools or an agent, for example for a 3G WWAN modem, then you may launch the installer as an application.

## 4.2.5 OS Packages

OS Packages are Hotfixes, Language pack or feature pack needed to be installed before the first launch of the OS.

Language Packs have a shorter install if they are installed by this way.

The OS Packages are installed during the offline servicing pass, that's mean just after the wim image is applied during the winpe phase.

For demonstration purposes, this document will use the following OS Packages:

Name	Link
Language pack (FR-FR	http://Connect.microsoft.com
in particular)	
Windows 7 Virtual PC	http://www.microsoft.com/windows/virtual-pc/download.aspx
KB971180 – IE8 update	http://catalog.update.microsoft.com/v7
package	Do the search with the KB name. Download both 32 and 64 bits versions.

When you done offline servicing, Windows 7 will start with all fix already installed. If security is a primary concern, then you must use these feature of offline servicing to integrate security fix before the first boot of Windows 7.

## 4.2.6 How to: Retrieve specific drivers or Hotfixes for Windows 7 and others products? You could download specific hotfixes and drivers at this location: http://catalog.update.microsoft.com/v7/site/home.aspx



This web site is based on Microsoft Update, but here, you can download any fix and used it later, during the deployment for example.

## 4.3 Prepare the environment

Now that the sources are complete, we could start installing MDT 2010 and all the tools needed.

In this chapter we will install and fill the environment with all the sources, and we will prepare the WorkBench for the Imaging process and the Deployment Process.

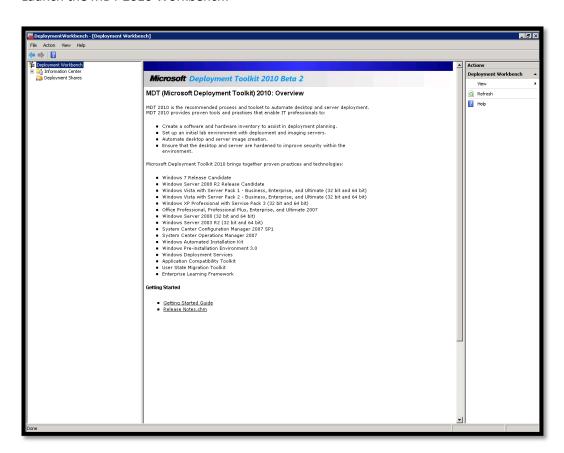
#### 4.3.1 Product installation

On the MDT Server, install, with default parameters, the following products:

- 1. Windows AIK 2.0
- 2. MDT 2010
- 3. SCCM ToolKit
- 4. PISMO File mount Audit package (or another tool for mounting an ISO file)

## 4.3.2 Preparing the environment

Launch the MDT 2010 Workbench:



On the left frame, you could see the explorer part of the WorkBench.

Expand the different folders here, and you could see:

- Information center where you could find all the documentation needed for MDT 2010
- Components needed for MDT 2010 and the links to download them if necessary.



You can see also "Deployment Shares". In MDT 2010 Deployment

Shares are the primary element needed to start a deployment. In MDT 2008 and before, these were name "Deployment Point".

Deployment Points were known also as DP. The new name will not be confusing anymore with the Distribution Point (AKA DP) for SCCM.

## 4.3.2.1 Create a Share for the First" Deployment Share"

Before you could create your first Deployment Share you must create... A share! ©

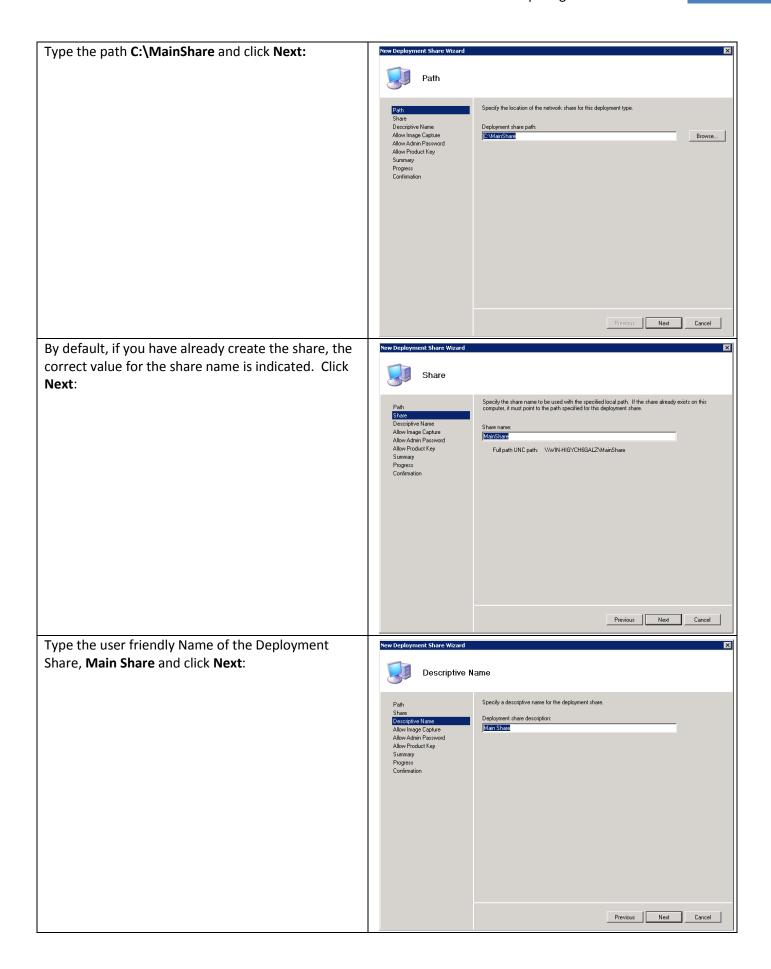
So, let's create a folder on C:\, name it MainShare and share it as MainShare.

Put the correct security right to let the administrator of the MDT Server a Full control of the folder, across the share.

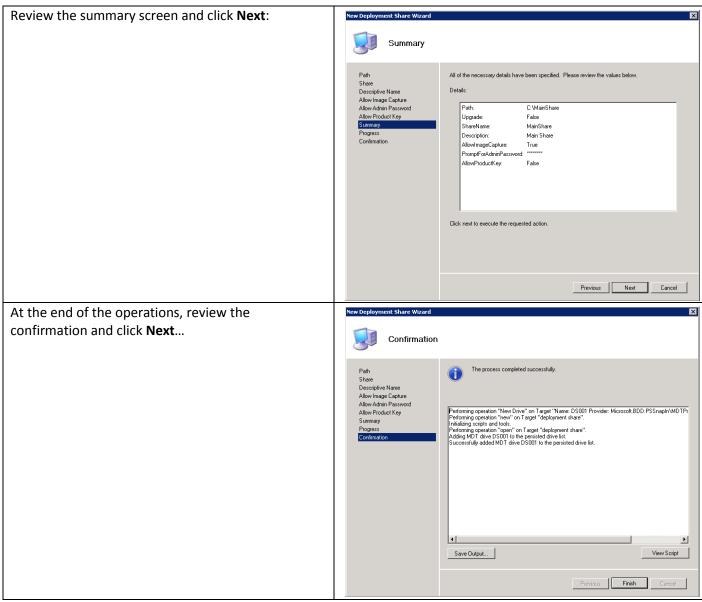
## 4.3.2.2 Create the First" Deployment Share"

Let's go back to the workbench.

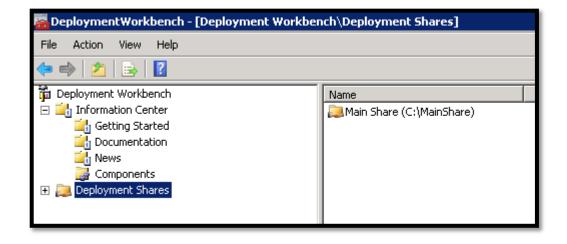
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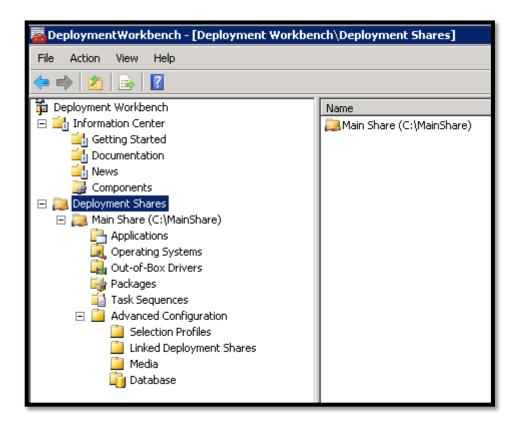
This pane asks you, if you want to do an image capture on this Deployment Share. Yes you will, so Allow Image Capture keep the box checked. Click Next: Ask if an image should be captured. Progress Confirmation Previous Next Cancel New Deployment Share Wizard During the installation process of the image, you could type the local admin password. You will Allow Admin Password configure that in another manner. Keep the box unchecked and click Next: During deployments, users can be prompted to set the local Administrator account password. In some scenarios, you may wish to prevent the local user from accessing the local Administrator's account for security reasons. Ask user to set the local Administrator Password. Progress Confirmation Previous Next Cancel During the installation process, the Wizard could ask New Deployment Share Wizard you for a Windows 7 product key. In this document, Allow Product Key you will use Volume License media that will not use Product Key but a KMS services. During deployments, users can be prompted to specify an installation or activation product key. In some scenarios, you may wish to prevent this. Path Share Descriptive Name Allow Image Capture Allow Admin Passwo Product Key And, more, with this deployment share, you will only Ask user for a product key. install desktops for the imaging process. These installations do not need to be activated. Keep the box unchecked and click Next: Previous Next Cancel



Now, you will have the **Main Share** appeared in **Deployment Shares**:



You can expand the root of the **Deployment Shares** folder:



You could see the following folders

Name of the SubFolder	Purpose
Applications	All applications will be add here
Operating Systems	All OS will be add here
Out-Of-Box-Drivers	All drivers will add here
Packages	All packages ( Security, fix, feature and language)
Task Sequences	The Task Sequences (TS) are the backbone of the deployment. All the TS you create are stored here.
Adv Conf : Selection Profiles	SP are logical group of resources (OS, App, Drives, TS and packages) that let you make advanced filtration and selective replication
Adv Conf : Linked Deployment Shares	LDS are used to synchronize multiple Deployment Shares with the same main DS.
Adv Conf : Media	This part let you generate a deployment media (DVD, USB Flash or Disk)
Adv Conf : Database	In this folder, you could create and connect to the SQL Database needed in the more advanced scenarios.

## 4.3.2.3 Adding applications to the "Main Share " DS

## 4.3.2.3.1 Create folder for the Selection profiles

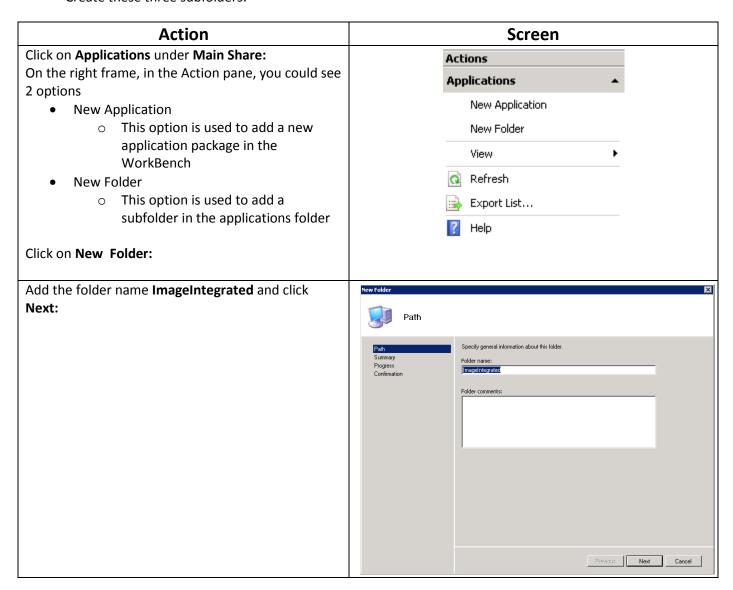
We have different type of applications, for different purpose and different perimeter.

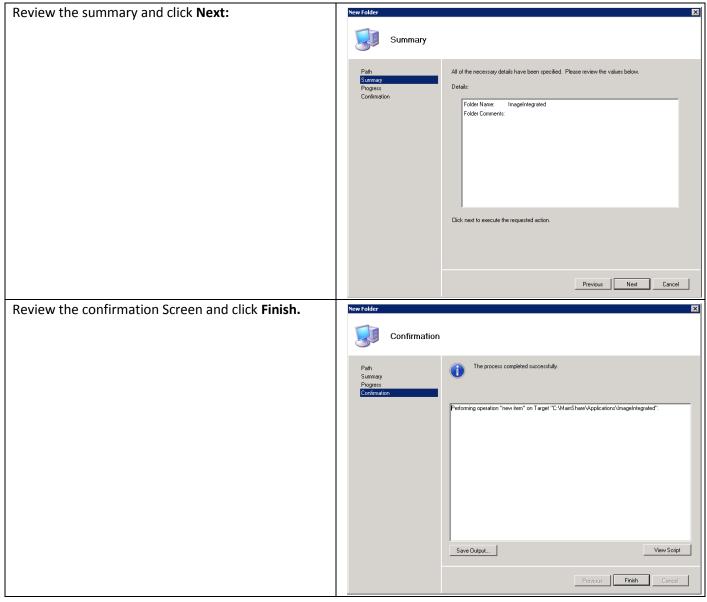
The sub folders created here must reflect the way you will install and use these applications.

For example, you should have these types of applications:

Subfolder name	Purpose
ImageIntegrated	All the applications needed in the image
ForLapTop	All the applications needed by a laptop
FrenchUser	All the applications and language pack needed for
	French users

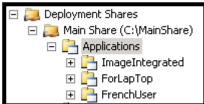
#### Create these three subfolders:





Do these actions for each subfolder needed.

You should have the following folder structure.



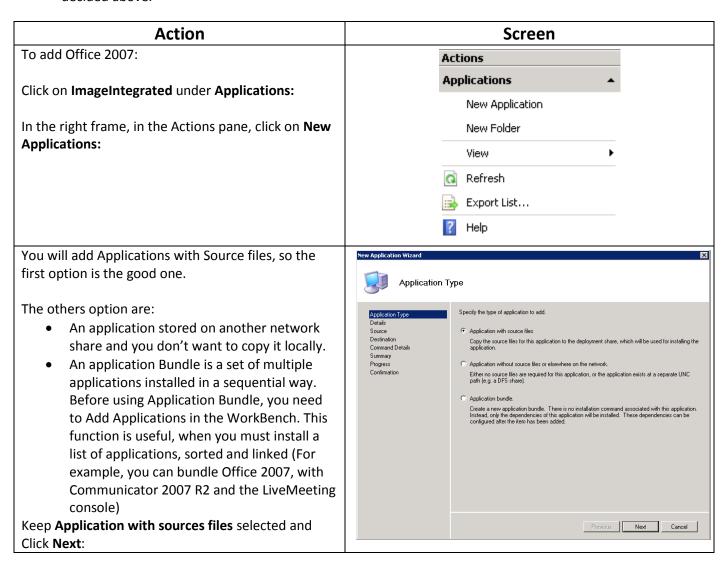
## 4.3.2.3.2 Adding applications to the Workbench

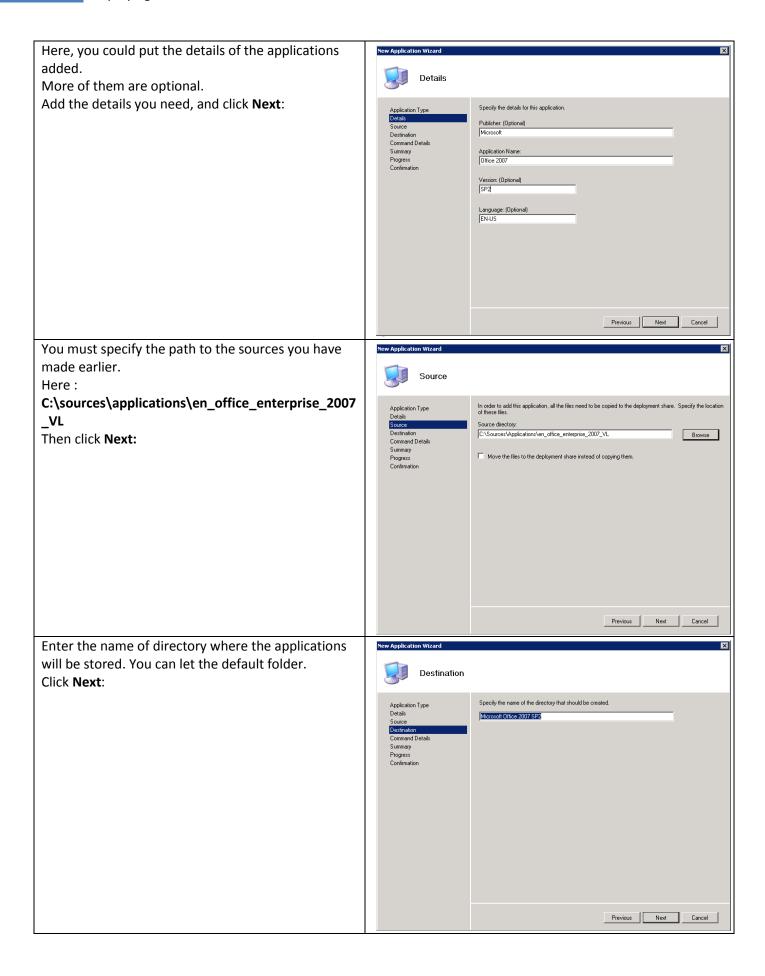
Now it's time to add your applications.

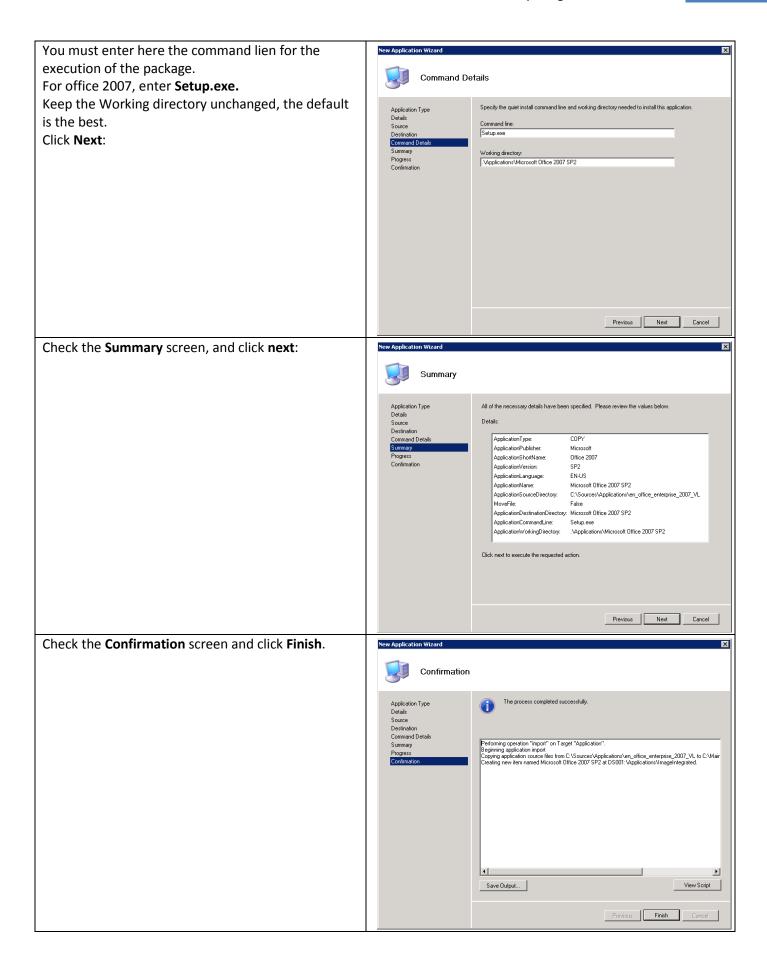
Add all applications, based on the following Table:

Name	SubFolder	Command line
XMLNotepad	FrenchUser	msiexec.exe /i XmlNotepad.msi /qn /norestart
NETMON	ForLaptop	NM33_x86.exe /Q
Office 2007	ImageIntegrated	Setup.exe
Antivirus (here FCS)	ImageIntegrated	Setup.exe /nomom

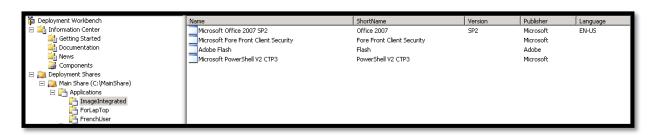
For each application, do the following actions. Choose the correct subfolder, based on the structure decided above.

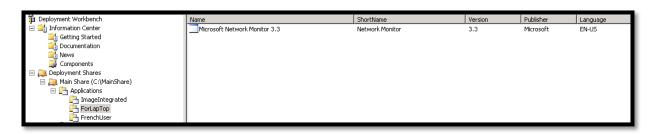


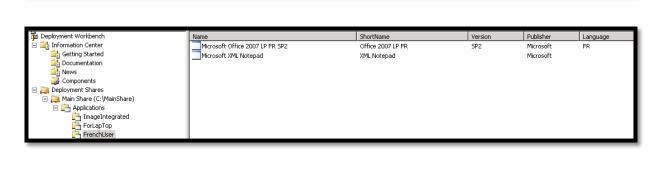




Now you should have at least, the following structure:







## 4.3.2.4 Adding Operating Systems to the "Main Share" DS

## 4.3.2.4.1 Create folder for the Selection Profiles

Like Applications, we need to create subfolders, for the future use of Selection Profile.

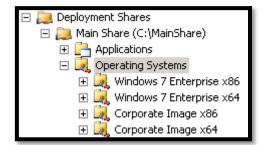
Create the Structure based on the following tables:

Subfolder name	Purpose
Windows 7 Enterprise X86	Image of Windows 7 Enterprise x86
Windows 7 Enterprise X64	Image of Windows 7 Enterprise x64
Corporate Image x86	Master (captured image) x86
Corporate Image x64	Master (Captured image) x64

The needed operations to do these subfolders are identical in the manner to the Applications

subfolder. So, there is not screen capture and step-by-step for this part.

You should have this structure in the Workbench:



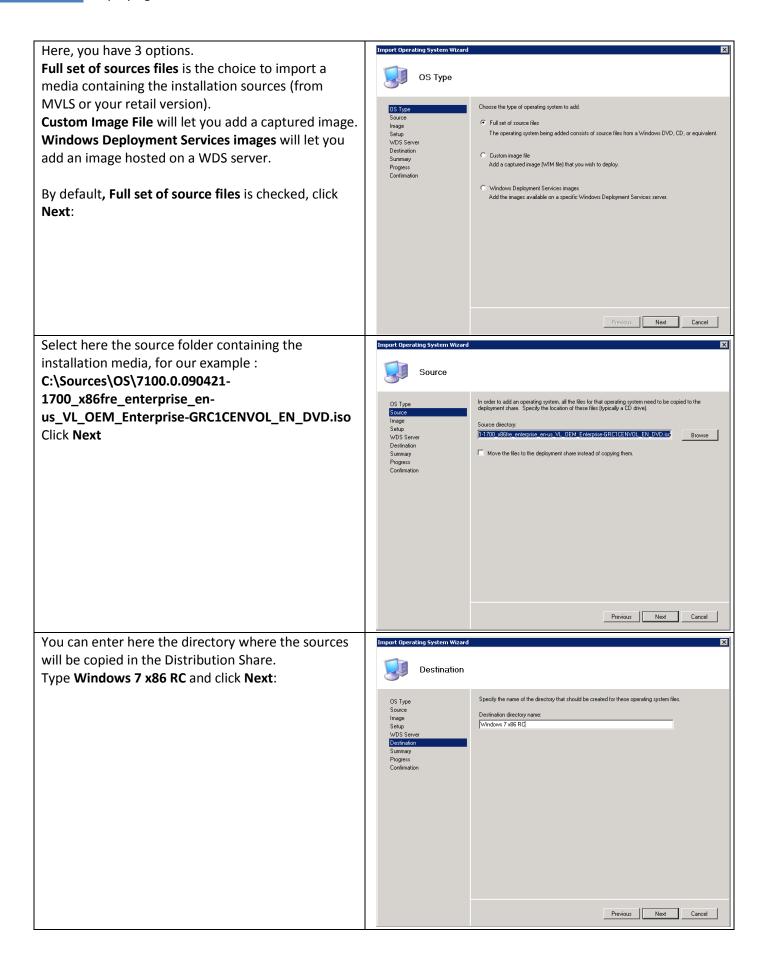
## 4.3.2.4.2 Adding Operating Systems to the WorkBench

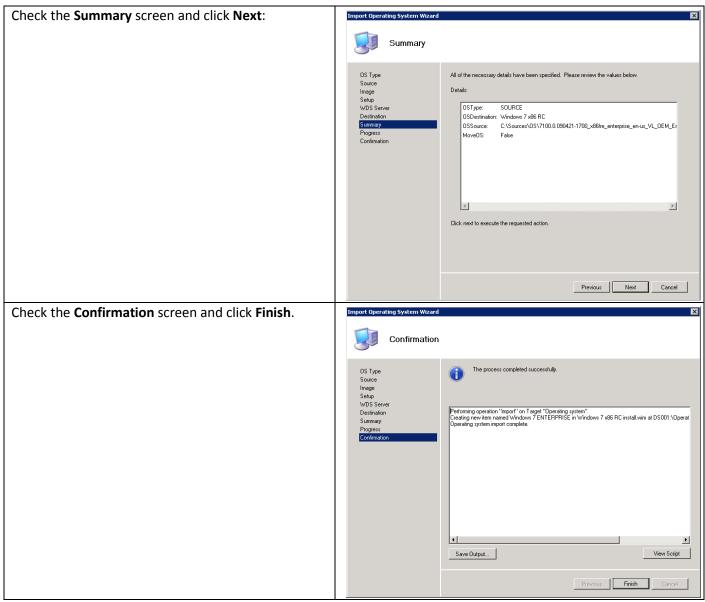
Add all operating systems, based on the following Table:

Name	SubFolder
Windows 7	Windows 7
Enterprise x86	Enterprise X86
Windows 7	Windows 7
Enterprise x64	Enterprise X64

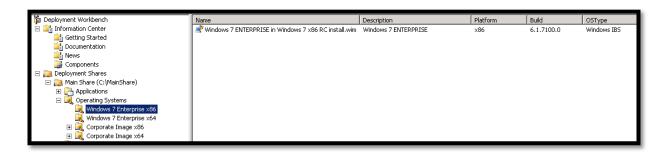
You can use PISMO FMP, for mounting the ISO you have put in the sources.

Action	Screen
	Actions
Click Windows 7 Enterprise x86 under Operating Systems:	Windows 7 Enterprise x86 🕒 🔺
Systems.	Import Operating System
In the right frame, in the Actions pane, click on	New Folder
mport Operating Systems:	





You should have the following structure:





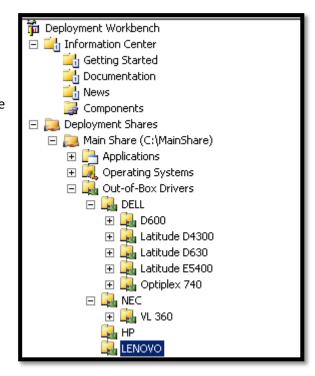
#### 4.3.2.5 Adding Drivers to the "Main Share" DS

#### 4.3.2.5.1 Create folder for the Selection Profiles

Again, create the folder structure based on same folder as you have done during the preparation of the sources.

The needed operations to do these subfolders are identical in the manner to the Applications subfolder. So, there is not screen capture and step-by-step for this part.

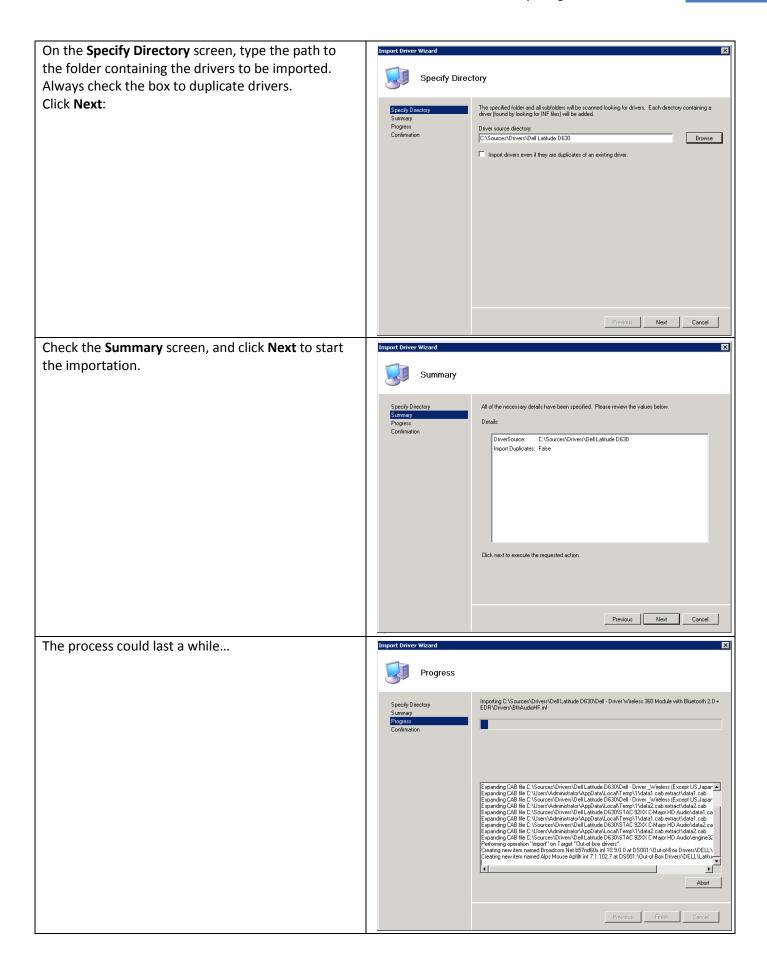
You should have this type of structure in the Workbench:

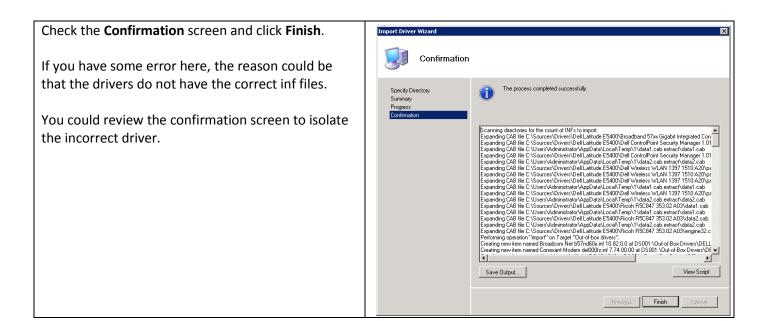


## 4.3.2.5.2 Adding Drivers to the WorkBench

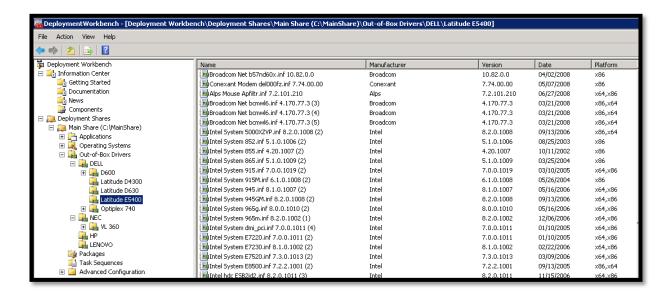
Add the drivers, in each correct subfolder. If, during the preparation of the sources, you have filtered only the drivers, you can import all the drivers for a machine, in one action. Else, it is recommended to import driver by driver to avoid the import of useless files.

Action	Screen	
Click <b>Dell Latitude D630</b> under <b>Out-of-Box Drivers:</b>	Actions	
	Latitude D630	
On the right frame, in the action pane, Click on	Import Drivers	
Import Drivers:	New Folder	
	View	





You should have structure like these, in each folder you have created:



Eventually, you may create on folder per driver type. This will be easier to change or remove a specific one.

## 4.3.2.6 Adding OS packages to the "Main Share " DS

## 4.3.2.6.1 Create folders for the Selection Profiles

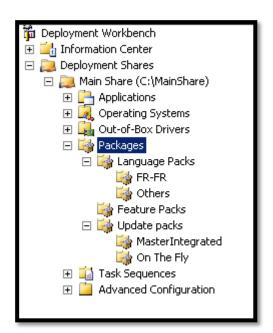
Again, we need to create the folder structure for the future Selection Profiles.

The table below will guide to create the needed subfolders for the scenario:

Subfolder name	Purpose
Language Packs\FR-FR	Store the French Language Pack
Language Packs\Other	Store the others language Pack
Feature Packs	Store the feature pack needed in the image
Update Packs\MasterIntegrated	Store the security fix needed in the image
Update Packs\On the Fly	Will Store the security fix not already integrated in the
	image

The needed operations to do these subfolders are identical in the manner to the precedent subfolders. So, there is not screen capture and step-by-step for this part.

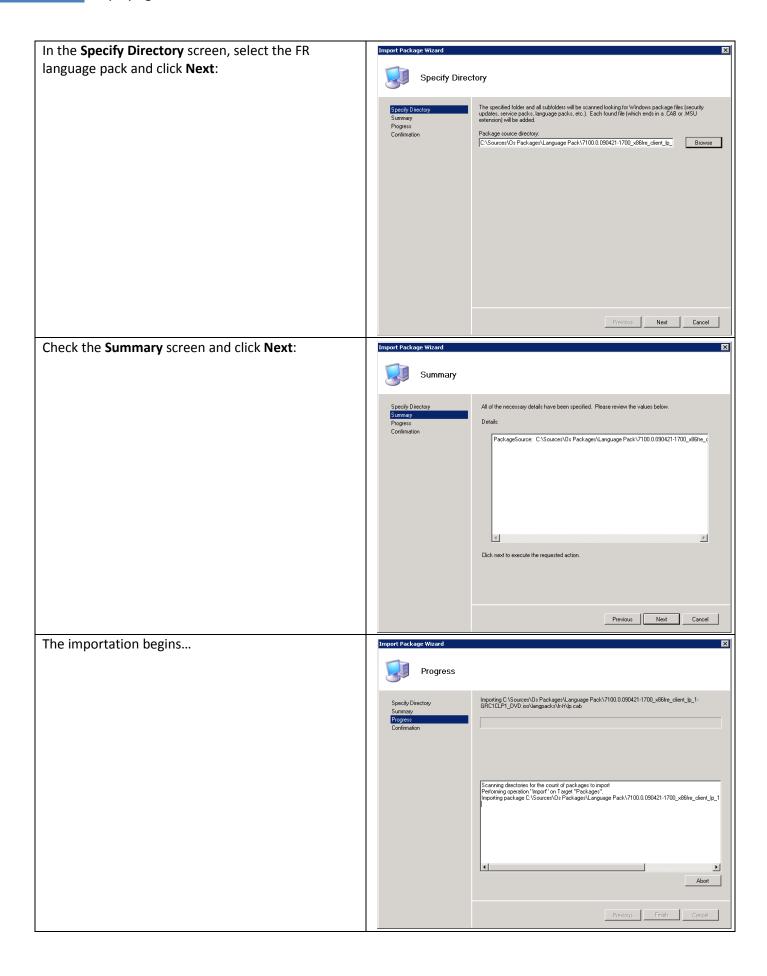
You should have this type of structure in the Workbench:

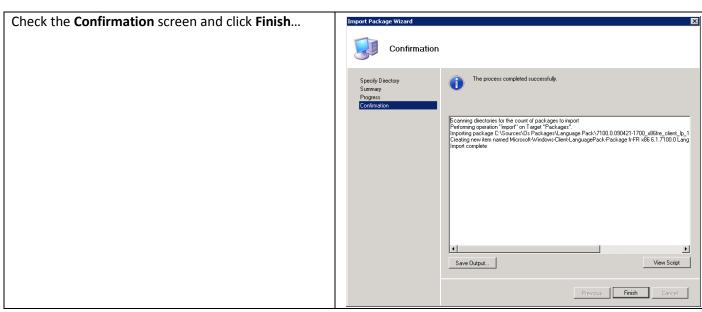


## 4.3.2.6.2 Adding Os packages to the WorkBench

Add the OS packages, in each correct subfolder.

Action	Screen
Click FR-FR under Packages\Language Packs:	Actions
	FR-FR
In the right frame, in the Actions pane, click on	Import OS Packages
Import OS Packages:	New Folder

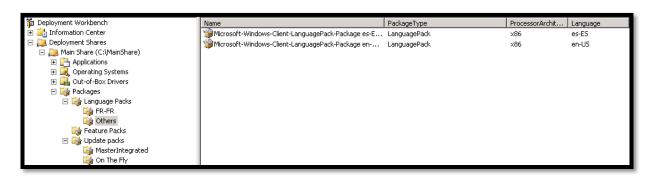


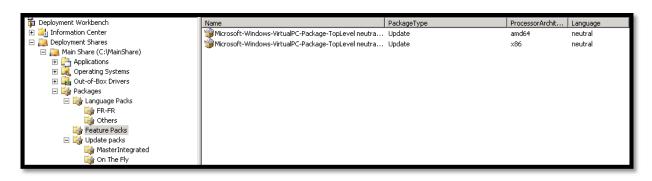


Do this procedure for each folder containing OS packages.

You should obtain the following structures:









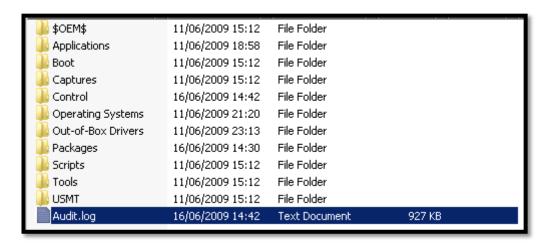
At this time, you do not have Os packages in the **On The Fly** folder. This is because the next step is to create the Reference image. The Reference Image must be up to date when you create it.

## 4.4 Quick Look: MDT 2010 files and folders structure

Now, you have imported all what you need to create the reference Image.

Let's have a look to files and folders which powered MDT 2010 in back-scene.

In an Explorer view, you can expand the folder C:\MainShare:



The table below explains the purposes of each folder:

Name	Purposes	
\$OEM\$	Needed by MDT 2010 for retrocompatibility with Windows XP and 2003	
Applications	Store each application package you add in the workbench	Adobe Flash  Microsoft Fore Front Client Security  Microsoft Network Monitor 3.3  Microsoft Office 2007 LP FR SP2  Microsoft Office 2007 SP2  Microsoft PowerShell V2 CTP3  Microsoft XML Notepad
Boot	Store the boot image with WINPE, in WIM format and ISO format	
Captures	Store the images captured during Imaging Process	

Control	Store all the XML files configuring the MDT 2010 environment	ApplicationGroups.xml Applications.xml Bootstrap.ini CustomSettings.ini DriverGroups.xml Drivers.xml LinkedDeploymentShareGroups.xml LinkedDeploymentShares.xml MediaGroups.xml Medias.xml OperatingSystemGroups.xml OperatingSystemGroups.xml PackageGroups.xml PackageGroups.xml SelectionProfileGroups.xml SelectionProfiles.xml Settings.xml TaskSequenceGroups.xml TaskSequences.xml
Operating Systems	Store the different images you add in the workbench (Sources or captured)	Windows 7 x64 RC Windows 7 x86 RC
Out-Of-Box Drivers	Store all the drivers you add in the workbench	Bluetooth Display hdc HIDClass Keyboard MEDIA Modem Mouse Net PCMCIA Ports SCSIAdapter SmartCardReader USB
Packages	Store all the OS package you add in the workbench	LanguagePack Update
Scripts	Store all the script needed by the task Sequences	LiteTouch.wsf LTIApply.wsf LTICleanup.wsf LTICopyScripts.wsf LTIGetFolder.wsf LTIGEM.wsf LTISuspend.wsf LTISysprep.wsf ZTIApplications.wsf ZTIAppXmlGen.wsf ZTIAuthorizeDHCP.wsf

Tools	Contain all the tools needed to create, service and deploy Windows 7	<u>III</u> x64 <u>III</u> x86	
USMT	Will contain the User State Migration Tool		
Audit.log	This is the log where each action in the Workbench is filed.		

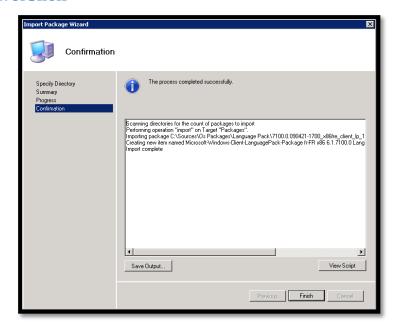
In normal scenario, you do not have to manipulate files and folders manually. MDT 2010 will do it for you.

## 4.5 Quick Look: MDT 2010 and PowerShell

All the actions you have performed during the preparation of the environment are PowerShell based.

So, that's mean that you can manage MDT only with command line.

If you have read this document from the first page, you should have read that at the end of each wizard, you have a button that's lead to a powershell script: **View Script** 



If you hit View Script, you will obtain something like that:

Add-PSSnapIn Microsoft.BDD.PSSnapIn

New-PSDrive -Name "DS001" -PSProvider MDTProvider -Root "C:\MainShare"

import-mdtpackage -path "DS001:\Packages\Language Packs\Others" -SourcePath "C:\Sources\Os Packages\Language Pack\7100.0.090421-1700\_x86fre\_client\_lp\_1-GRC1CLP1\_DVD.iso\language Packs\ja-jp" -Verbose

This PowerShell command adds a language pack to the folder **DS001:\Packages\Language Packs\Others**.

**DS001**, is the name of the **PSDRIVE**. **PSDRIVE** is an instance mounting C:\mainshare as a **Deployment** Share.

# **Implementing the Imaging process**

So, let's have a quick look of the job done.

You have imported all you need to create the Imaging process and the Deployment process.

You have, Operating systems, Applications, Drivers and Os Packages.

But, to realize your first image, you lack something... The Task Sequence!

## **5.1** The Task Sequence

What is a task sequence? Well this is the backbone of the deployment solution.

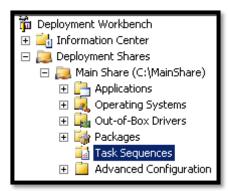
This is the object linking together all the components you have add in the workbench, and all the variables you will manage through the customization files and the Wizard.

The Task Sequence engine is a powerful tool, which will help you to realize all the action you need at the time you need, without scripting complex VBS file.

So, let's create your first Task Sequence.

## 5.1.1 Create the imaging process Task Sequence

Expand the Workbench and the Deployment share.



Action	Screen	
Click Task Sequences:	Task Sequences	•
Chek rusk sequences.	New Task Sequence	
In the right frame, in the Actions pane, click on <b>New Task Sequence:</b>	New Folder	

#### In General Settings:

Type the Task Sequence ID: CRE\_REF\_32

Type the Task sequence name: Creation of the 32

bits Reference Image

If needed, you can add some comments...

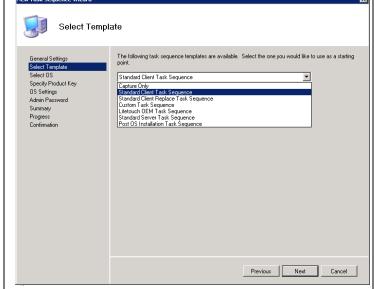
Click Next:

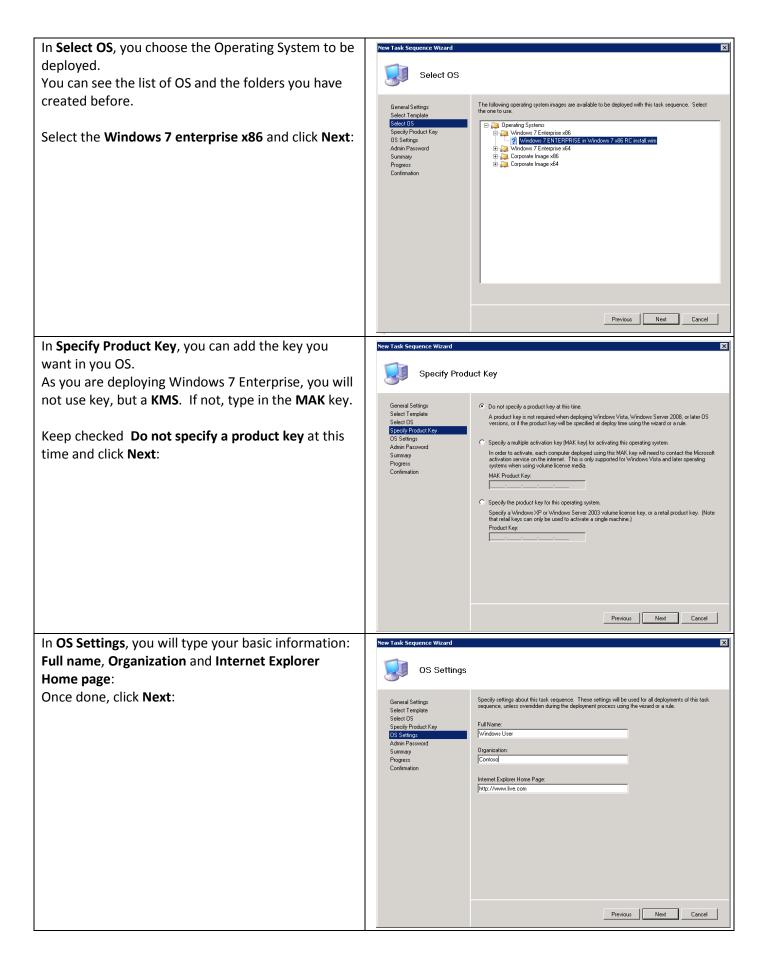


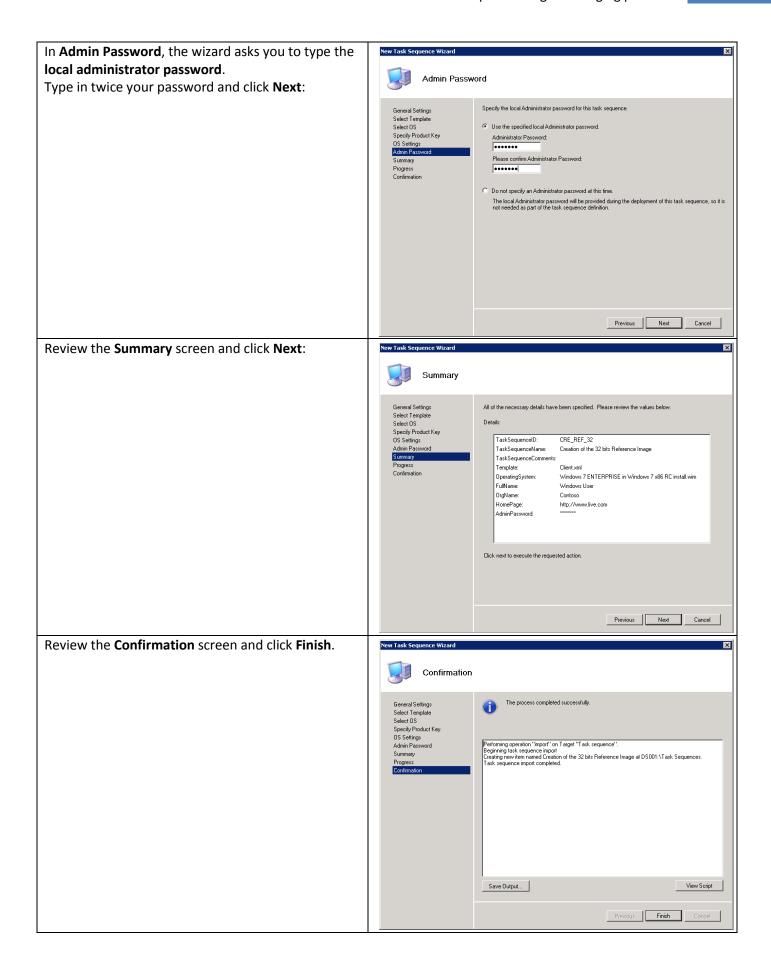
In **Select Template**, you can choose between multiple pre-created Task Sequences:

- Capture Only
  - Used to capture a computer you have made by yourself (manually)
- Standard Client Task Sequence
  - Used to deploy or create an image on a new computer
- Standard Client Replace Task Sequence
  - Used to backup a computer that will be replaced by a newer one.
- Custom Task Sequence
  - If you want to create your own task sequence...
- LiteTouch OEM Task Sequence
  - Used to create an OEM image
- Standard Server Task Sequence
  - Used to Install a Server with Roles
- Post OS installation Task Sequence
  - Used to install a computer only with the last action (OS already deployed before)

Select **Standard Client Task Sequence** and click **Next**:







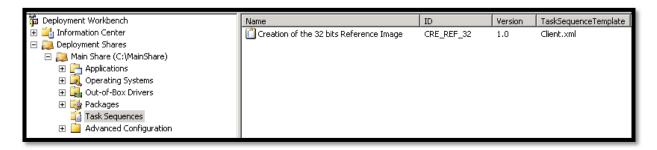
The PowerShell script used to realize the creation of the Task Sequences is the following one:

Add-PSSnapIn Microsoft.BDD.PSSnapIn

New-PSDrive -Name "DS001" -PSProvider MDTProvider -Root "C:\MainShare"

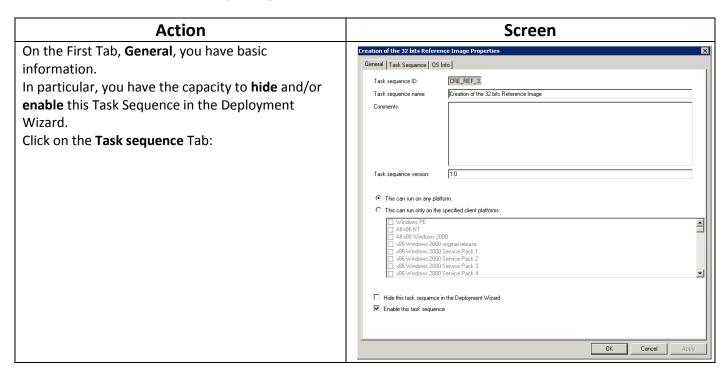
import-mdttasksequence -path "DS001:\Task Sequences" -Name "Creation of the 32 bits Reference Image" -Template "Client.xml" Comments "" -ID "CRE\_REF\_32" -Version "1.0" -OperatingSystemPath "DS001:\Operating Systems\Windows 7 Enterprise x86\Windows 7
ENTERPRISE in Windows 7 x86 RC install.wim" -FullName "Windows User" -OrgName "Contoso" -HomePage "http://www.live.com" AdminPassword "Azerty1" -Verbose

In the WorkBench, you should have this:



#### 5.1.2 Exploring the Task Sequence

Double click on the Task sequence just created:



This is the Heart of the Task Sequence!
All the processes realize during the installation of a computer are linked all together.

Here you can view, add, modify or delete the different tasks you need.

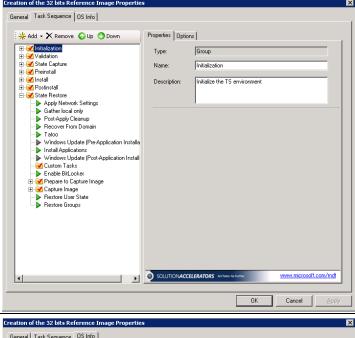
Feel free to explore now the task Sequence; but we do not have to modify anything at this time.

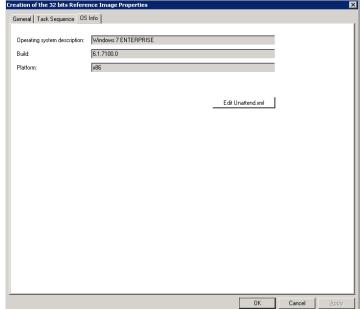
Click on the **OS Info** Tab:

Here, you can edit the unattend.xml file needed to perform the installation.

If you want, you can explore the unattend.xml files with the Windows Setup Image Manager. But, again, at this time we do not have to modify anything.

Click Cancel.

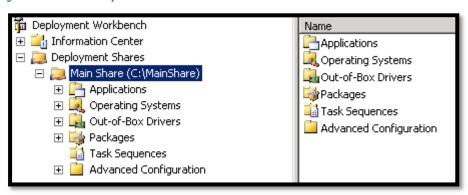


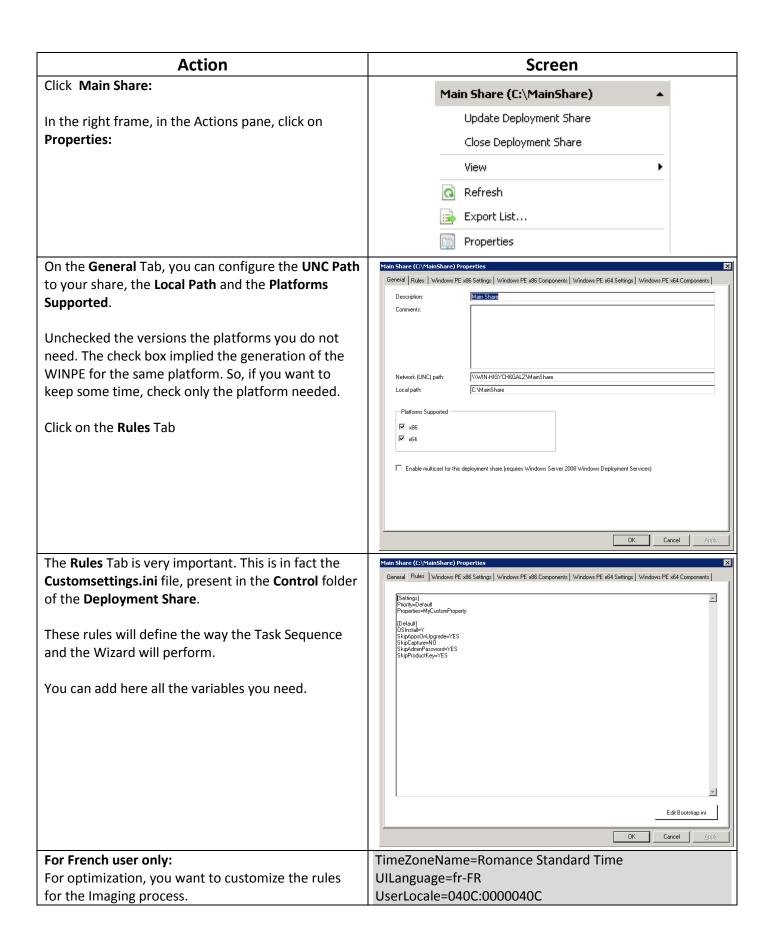


#### 5.2 Manage the Deployment Share / Creation of the WINPE wim

Now, you are at one step to create your first automated Windows 7 RC image with MDT 2010.

Expand the Workbench and click on your Deployment share, Main Share:





Type the rules on the right in the Default section of InputLocale= 040C:0000040C the Rules tab of your Deployment Share KeyboardLocale= 040c:0000040c SkipBitLocker=YES SkipBitLockerDetails=YES SkipComputerBackup=YES SKipDeploymentType=YES SkipDomainMemberShip=YES SkipLocaleSelection=YES SkipTimeZOne=YES SkipUserData=YES For other user: SkipBitLocker=YES For optimization, you want to customize the rules SkipBitLockerDetails=YES for the Imaging process. SkipComputerBackup=YES Type the rules on the right in the Default section of SKipDeploymentType=YES the Rules tab of your Deployment Share SkipDomainMemberShip=YES SkipLocaleSelection=YES Note: If you want to customize the environment SkipTimeZOne=YES based on your own local, just take the French model, SkipUserData=YES and replace the local code with yours. You must obtain something like that: General Rules | Windows PE x86 Settings | Windows PE x86 Components | Windows PE x64 Settings | Windows PE x64 Components | Then, click on the **BootStrap.ini** button: Properties=MyCustomProperty

[Default]

OSInstall=Y

SkipAppst0nUpgrade=YES

SkipAppst0nUpgrade=YES

SkipAppst0nUpgrade=YES

SkipAppst0nUpgrade=YES

SkipAppst0nUpgrade=YES

SkipProductEve=YES

TimeZoneName=Romance Standard Time

UlLanguage=HC00000040C

InputLocale=040C:0000040C

Keyboard.ocale=040C:0000040C

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SkipBlLockerDetails=YES

SkipBlLockerDetails=YES

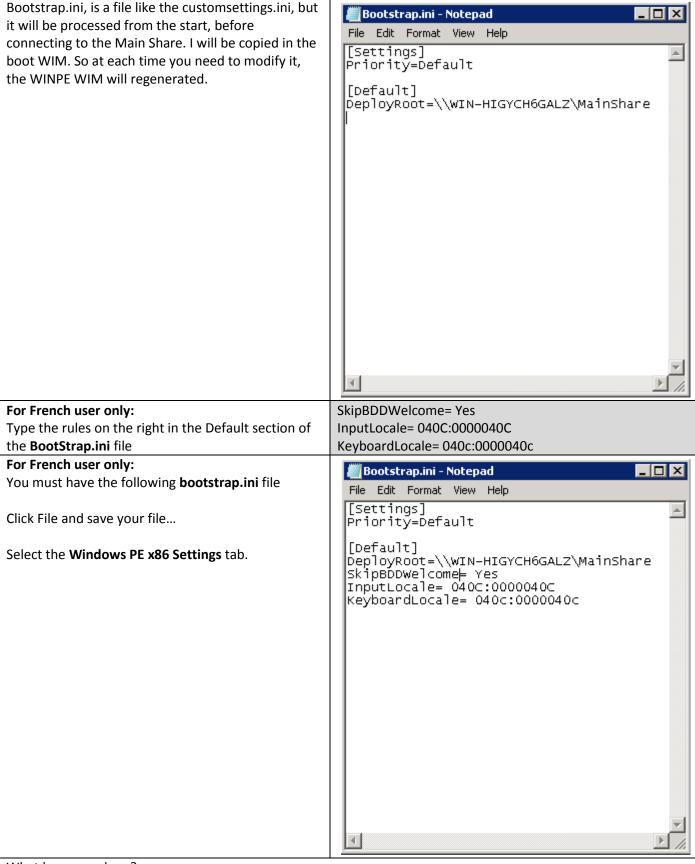
SkipComputeRead=Skup=YES

SkipComputeRead=Skup=YES

SkipLocaleSelection=YES

SkipUserData=YES

SkipUserData=YES Edit Bootstrap.ini OK Cancel



What have you done?

In fact MDT comes with a lot of wizard.

Generally, be prompted by a wizard where you always type the same thing is particularly annoying! So you just have disabled the following Wizard:

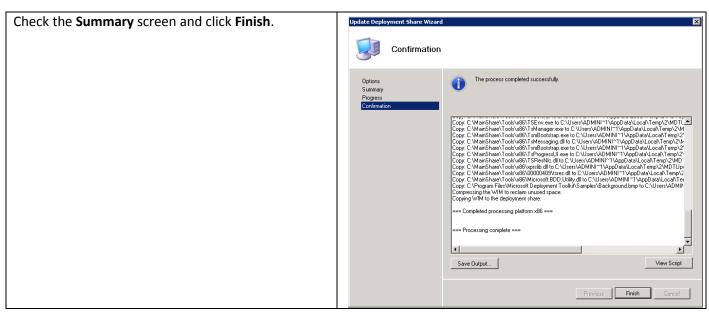
- Bitlocker
- Computerbackup
- Locals, time zone etc...
- Admin password
- Etc...

You're welcome to try without these rules of course! But this is a first look to the customization capacity of MDT 2010.

If you want to see all the properties you can use in MDT Rules files, then check the **Toolkit Reference**, in the Help of **MDT 2010**.

The Windows PE x86 Settings tab let General Rules Windows PE x86 Settings Windows PE x86 Components Windows PE x64 Settings Windows PE x64 Components Lite Touch Boot Image Settings Unchecked Generate a Lite Touch Bootable Iso The Lite Touch boot image is required when performing deployments. Image if you don't need to use a CD-ROM to boot ☑ Generate a Lite Touch Win Image description: Lite Touch Windows PE (x86) WINPE. Generate a Lite Touch bootable ISO image ISO file name: You can also choose a **background** (BMP file) of your Generic Boot Image Settings A generic boot image is useful for troubleshooting purposes. It contains all the same components and drivers, but no scripts own if you want to. ☐ Generate a generic Windows PE WIM file Image description: Ge Generate a generic bootable ISO image Select the Windows PE x86 Components tab. Windows PE Customizations Custom background bitmap file: ||%INSTALLDIR%\Samples\Background.bmp OK Cancel In this tab, you can customize the components and General Rules | Windows PE x86 Settings | Windows PE x86 Components | Windows PE x64 Settings | Windows PE x64 Components | the drivers that will be imported in WINPE. The **ADO Components** is for the SQL request. You Optional Components need this later, so let it checked. Optional Fonts Chinese (ZH-CN) ☐ Japanese (JA-JP) You can also select the drivers you want into WinPE. Chinese (ZH-HK) ☐ Korean (KO-KR) Appears here for the first time, a selection profile combo list. Selection profile: All Drivers and Packages -C Include all drivers from the selected driver group Some **Default Selection Profiles** are already created. Include only drivers of the following types ✓ Include all network drivers in the selected group ☐ Include all video drivers in the selected group For this part of the document, the default one is ✓ Include all mass storage drivers in the selected group sufficient. Here, the WinPE will be filled with all the network and mass storage drivers you have imported in the workbench. OK Cancel Apply You can do the same for x64 tabs, if you need to. Click **Ok** to Apply and Exit the properties. Click Main Share: Main Share (C:\MainShare) Update Deployment Share In the right frame, in the Actions pane, click on **Update Deployment share:** Close Deployment Share

On the **Options** screen, you can choose between two choices: Options Optimize the boot image process Completely regenerate the boot image In fact, MDT 2010 is now smart enough to no regenerate WinPE at each time you need to update the Deployment Share. The first option let you just modify the WinPE and potentially compress it if needed. The second on will force the regeneration of the Winpe. Choose the first one, and click **Next**: Previous Next Cancel Check the Summary and click Next: Summary All of the necessary details have been specified. Please review the values below. Force: False Compress: False Click next to execute the requested action. Previous Next Cancel The generation process begins... It will take a while to complete... Progress Be patient... Updating tools. = Making sure the deployment share has the latest x86 tools === Abort



The PowerShell script used to Create the WinPE WIM is the following one:

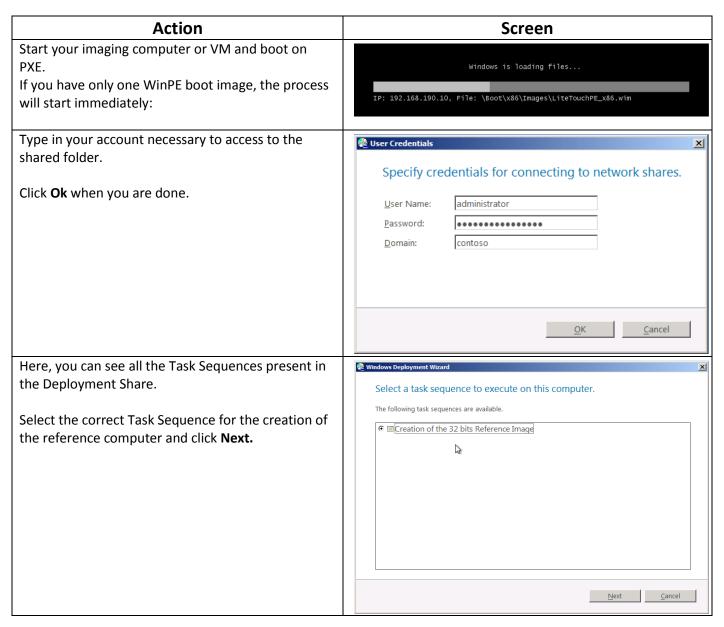


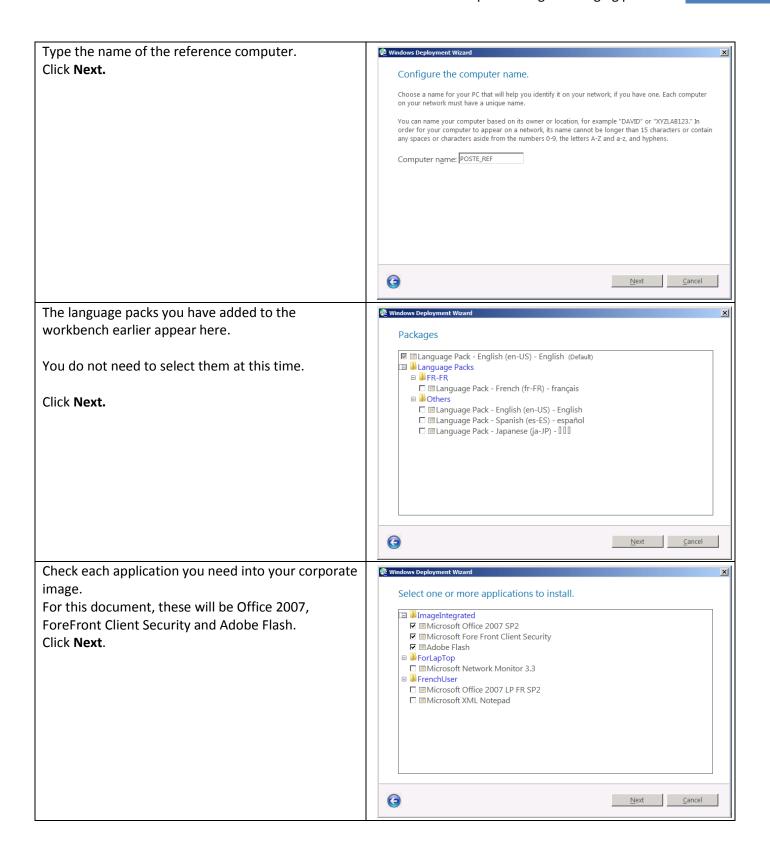
## 5.3 Create and capture the Reference image

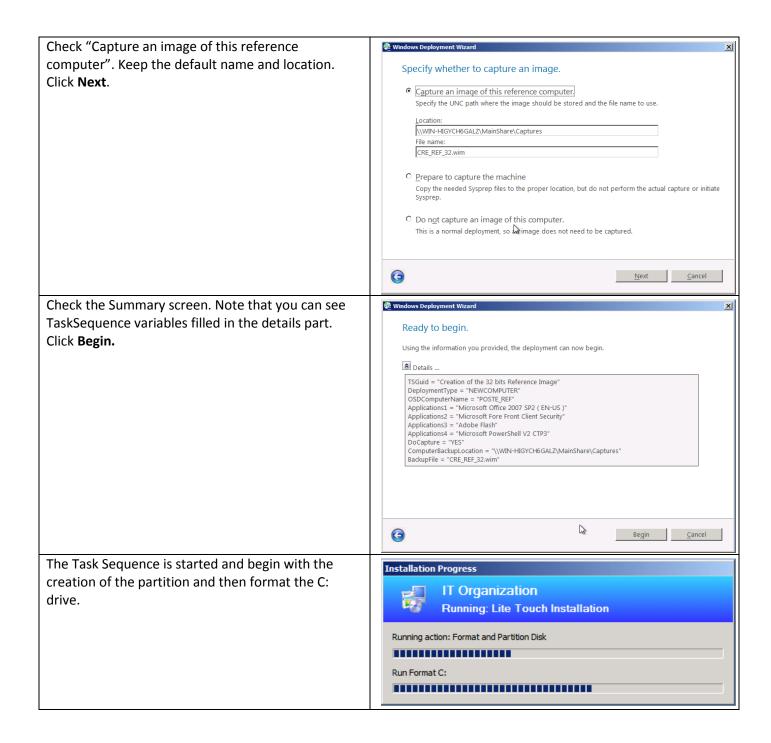
Put the WIM file on the WDS Server and start your machine on PXE mode.

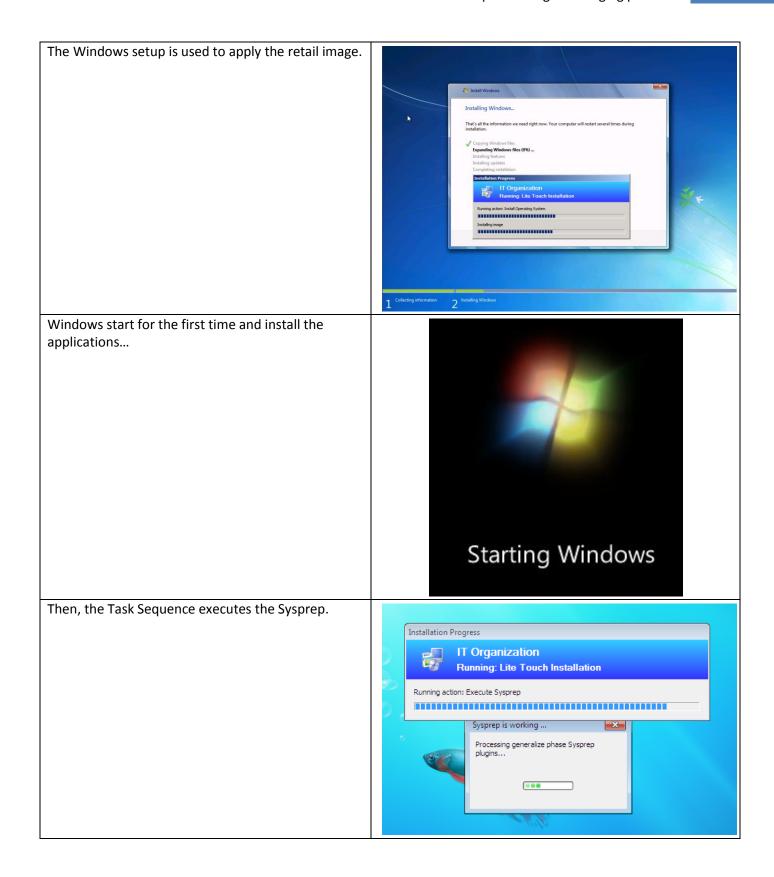
See Annex 2 if you need help about WDS management.

The document will show you captured screen from a Virtual PC environment.









The Task Sequence captures the Reference image in the WIM format.

This will take a while... Because the capture process will heavily compress and optimize the wim image.

The deployment time will be really shorter.

The capture Process is now finished.

Shutdown the computer.

The capture Process is now finished.

Shutdown the computer.

During the deployment completed successfully.

The computer is now ready to use.

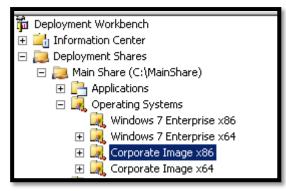
During the deployment process, 0 errors and 0 warnings were reported.

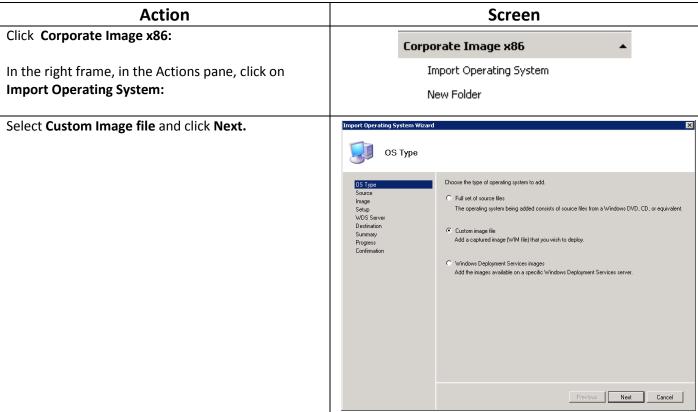
During the deployment process, 0 errors and 0 warnings were reported.

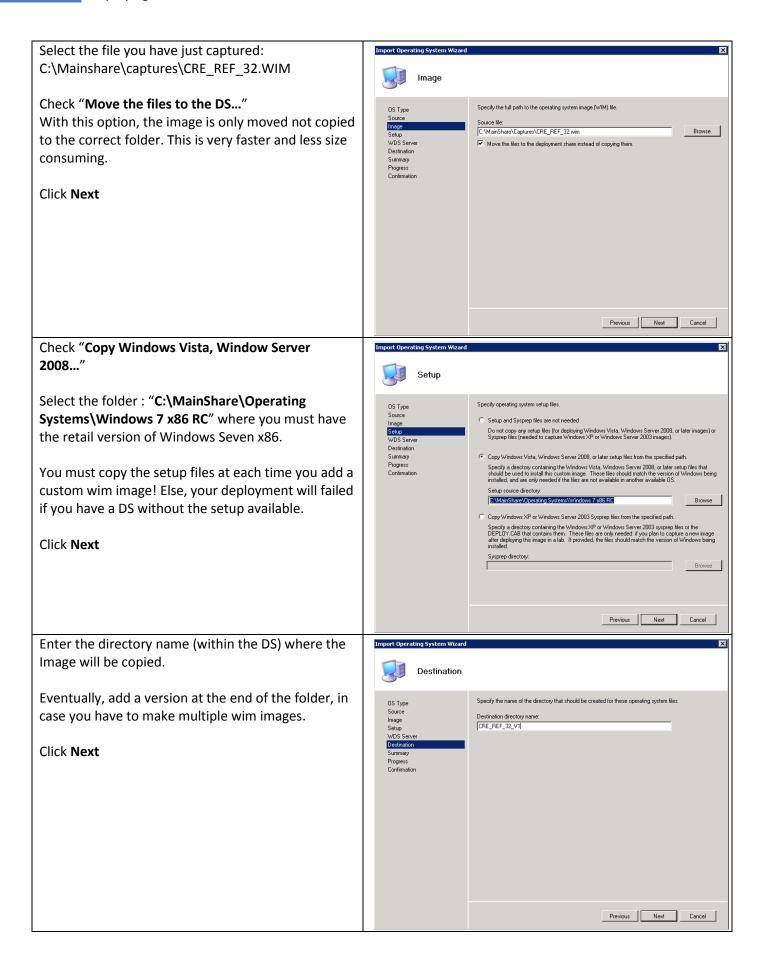
# 5.4 Adding the Reference image to the WorkBench.

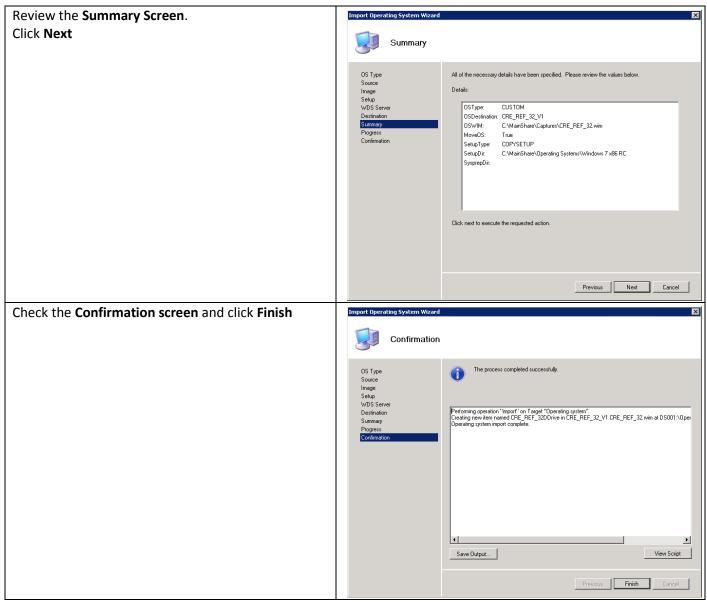
Now, you need to add the recently captured image to the WorkBench.

In the WorkBench, browse to Mainshare\Operating Systems\Corporate image x86:









You have added a Custom image in the WorkBench.

# **Implementing the Deployment process**

Now, we have the corporate image, and we will create the Deployment Process.

For this, we need a new Deployment Share, named Production.

On this DS, only the elements needed for production purposes will be replicated by the way of the Linked Deployment Share.

The LDS could be used to replicate specific part of the MainShare, with filter base on a selection profile.

So, in the first part of this chapter, we will create a new deployment share, create the selection profile for production purpose and create the Linked Deployment Share to replicate.

## 6.1 Creation of the Production Deployment Share

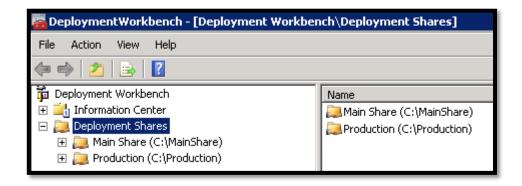
Some steps are already detailed earlier in this document, so we will not detail them.

Create and share a folder named Production (Shared as Production\$) on the Deployment Server.

Put the correct security right to let the administrator of the MDT Server a Full control of the folder, across the share.

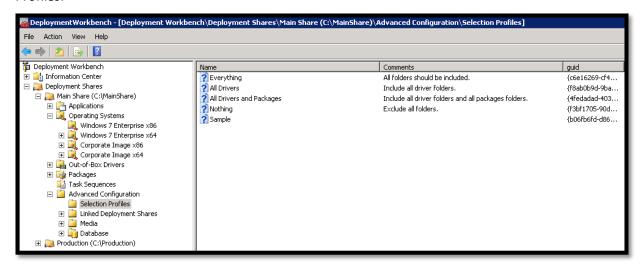
In the Work bench, add the Production DS, keep the default parameters.

You must have this:



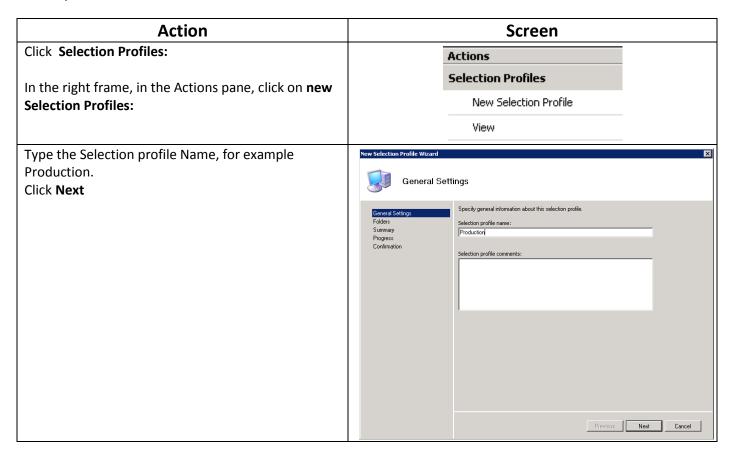
#### 6.1.1 Creation of the Production Selection Profile

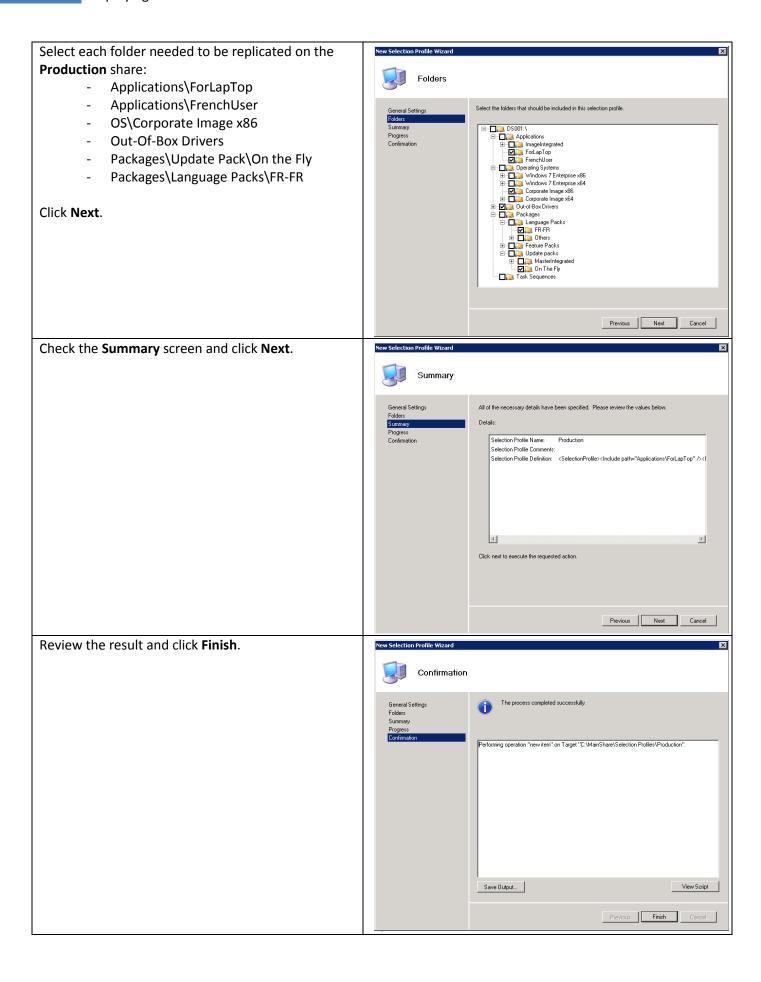
Now open the Mainshare DS in the Workbench and browse to advanced Configuration\Selection Profiles:



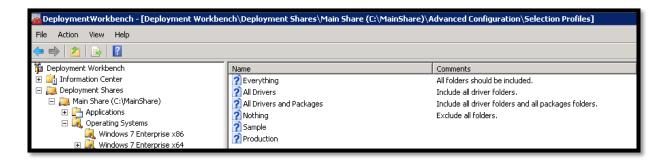
You can see some basic Selection profiles.

You will now create a specific selection profile that contains all you need to deploy a computer in the production area.





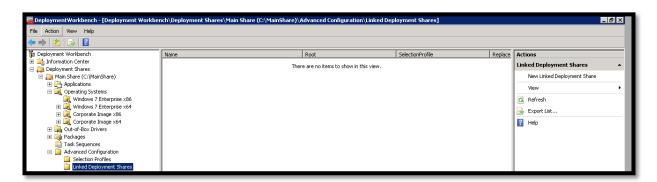
You can see this in the WorkBench:



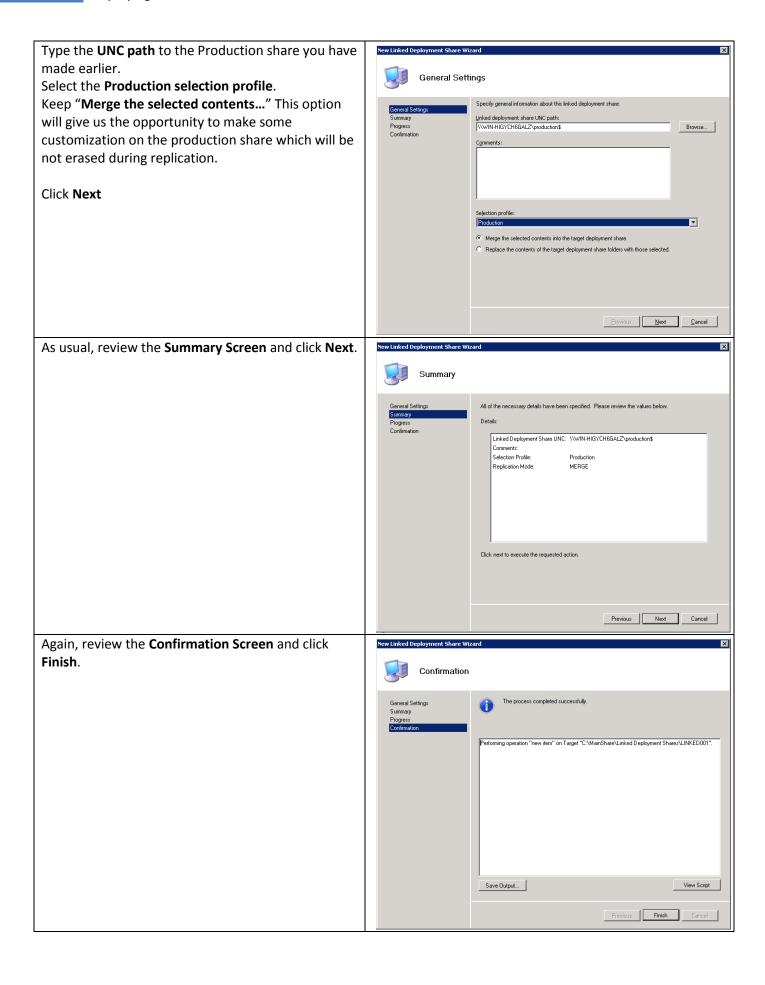
With the Selection Profile, you can filter easily what you need to be replicated, or to be added to the computer during the deployment.

### 6.1.2 Creation of the Production Linked Deployment Share

In the WorkBench, in the MainShare DS, browse to advanced configuration\Linked Deploymenet Share:



Screen	
Actions	
Linked Deployment Shares	
New Linked Deployment Share	

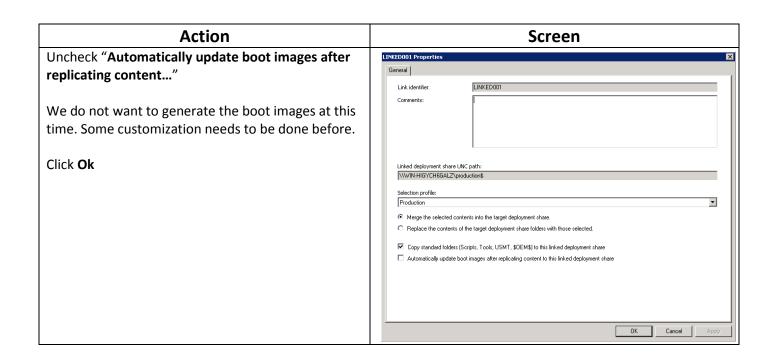


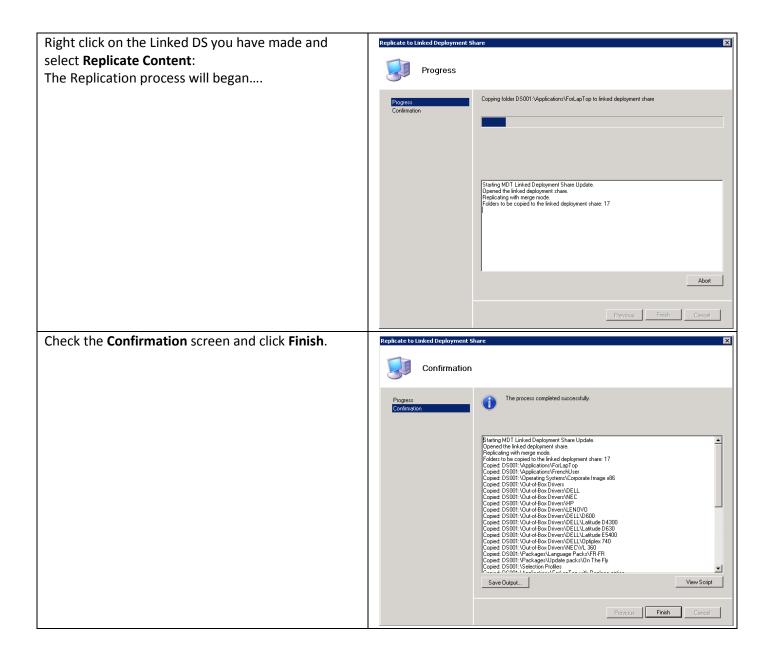
Now, you have linked the Mainshare with the Production share, through the filter made by the Production Selection profile.

This is a very easy way to manage multiple DS across your enterprise.

Right Click on the Linked DS you have made and select Properties:







## 6.2 Customization of the Production Deployment Share

Now, you have a production share with all you need in a computer.

We have to create:

- The Rules and Selection profiles for Driver Filtering, needed to present the correct set of drivers to the correct computer.
- The deployment Task Sequence needed to do the installation.
- The Tasks to add specific Applications for the LapTop
- The Rules to automatize

#### **6.2.1** Implementing the Driver Filtering

The Driver Filtering is recommended as a very Best practice!

The intention is to avoid the presentation of incorrect drivers to every computer.

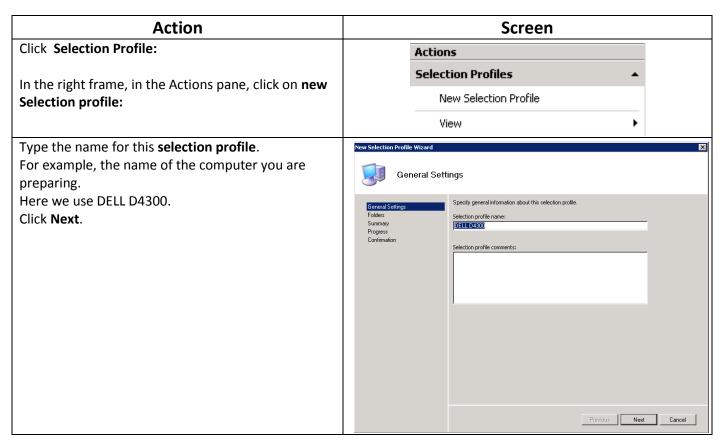
In the best of the world, with Plug'n'play, all will be detected by process, but in the real world, the different vendors, do not evolve the drivers version when the hardware changes. So, some time, the driver for the N version of a network card, does not work for the N+1 version. But they have the same ID, and so on, the PNP process will choose the better driver to fit, the latest in date.

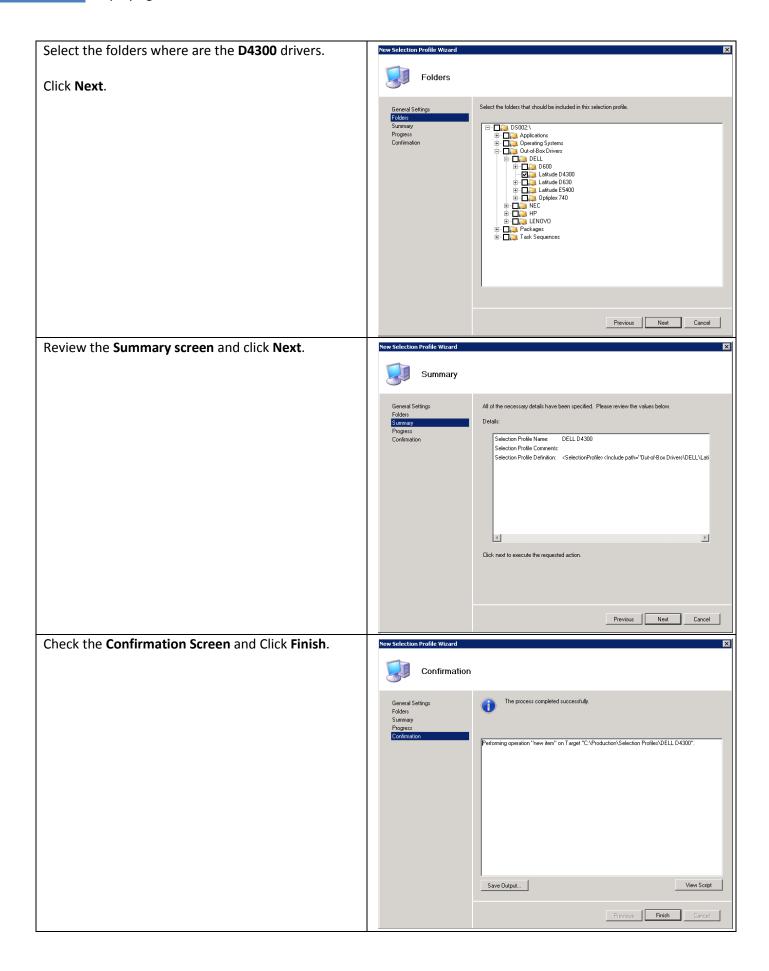
#### 6.2.1.1 Create the Selection profile

Let's go to create the Selection Profiles needed by the process.

In the WorkBench, in the Production DS, browse to advanced configuration\Selection profile:







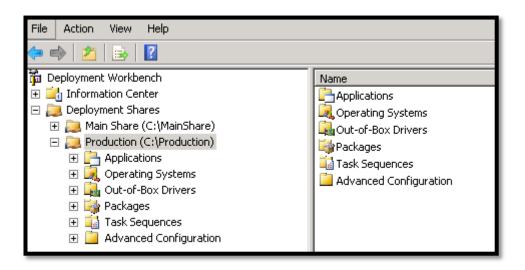
Do this procedure, for all the models you have to deploy.

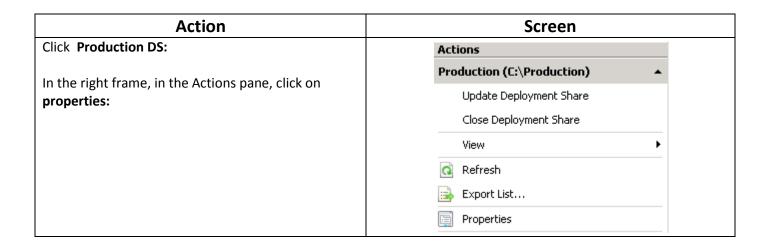
#### 6.2.1.2 Create the Rules

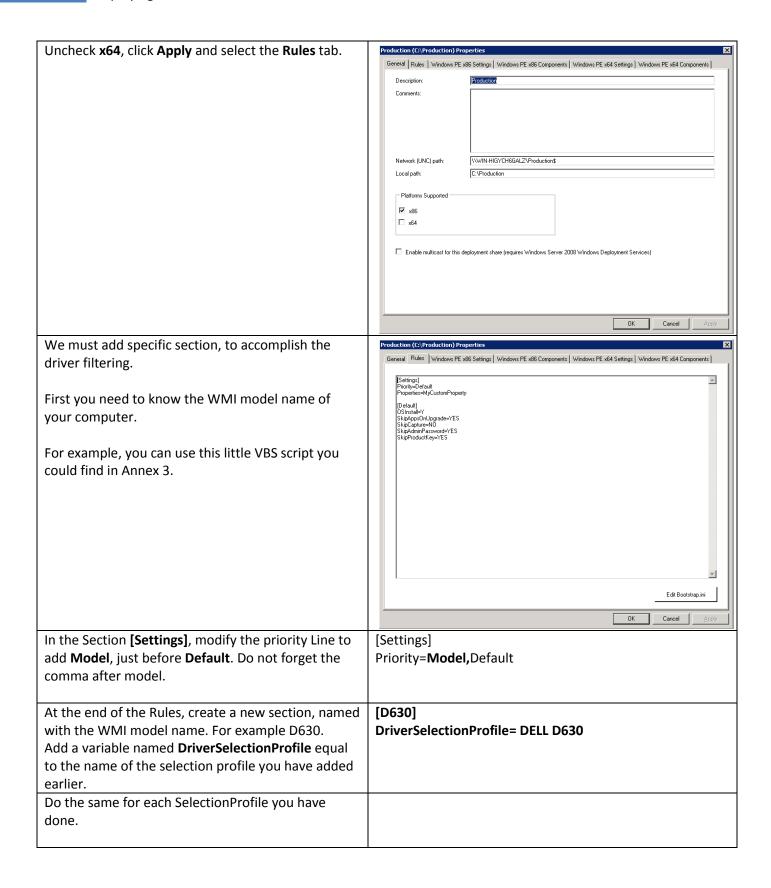
Now you must have some Selection profiles, each filtering on type of model.

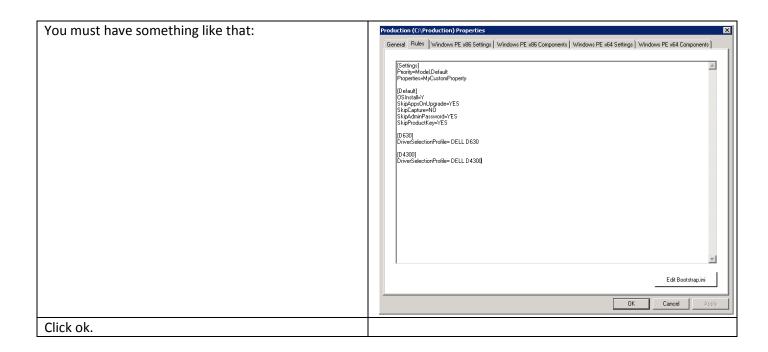
The Rules will be the part of the process that will map, during the deployment, the drivers and the computer.

In the WorkBench, select the Production DS:







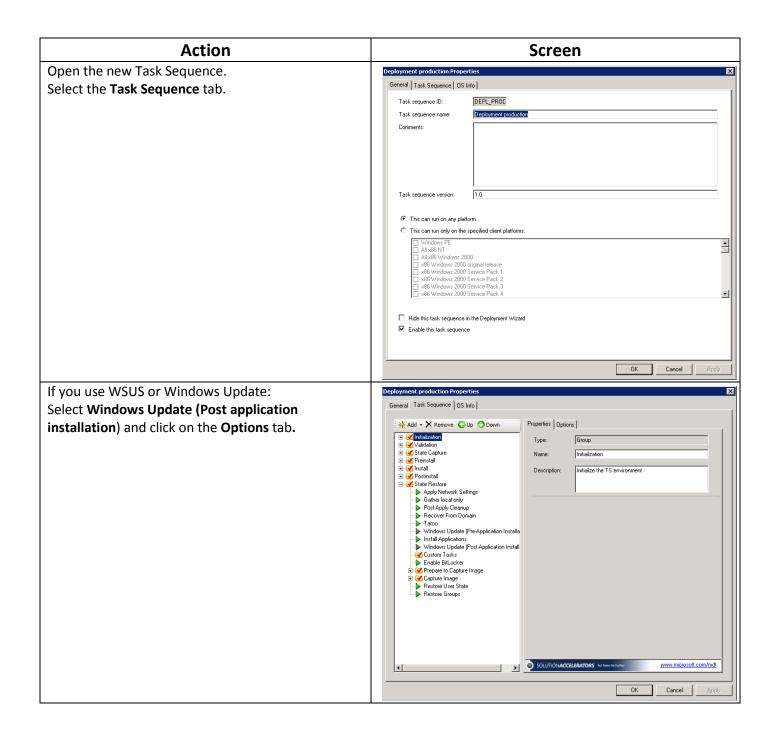


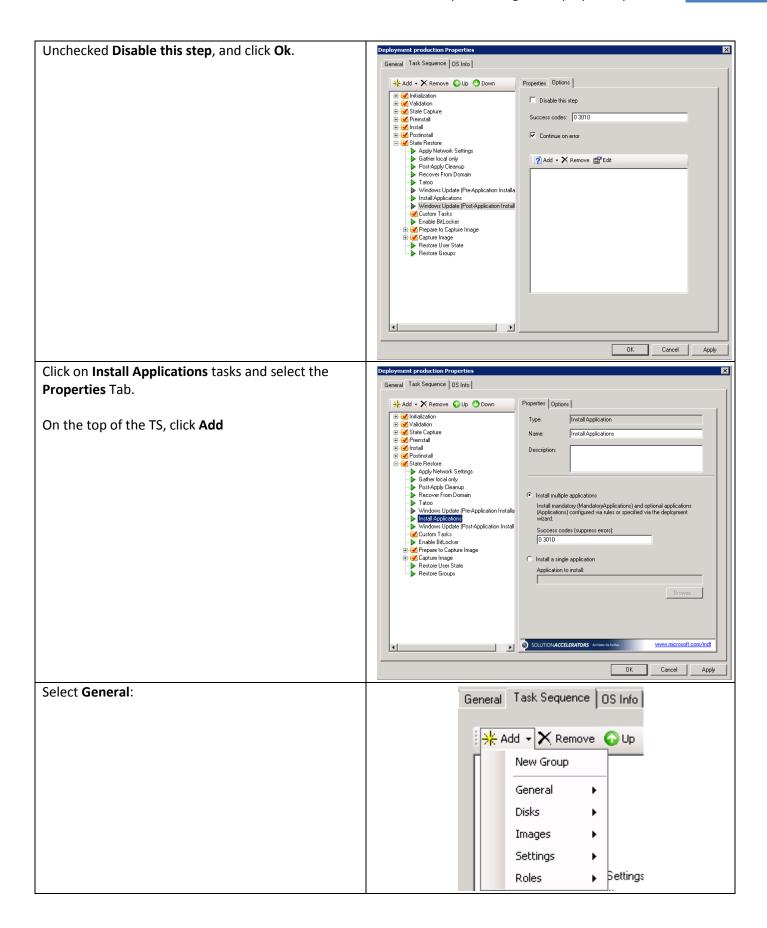
In this chapter, you have seen how to deliver the correct drivers to the correct computer. This will save you a lot of time during test and deployment.

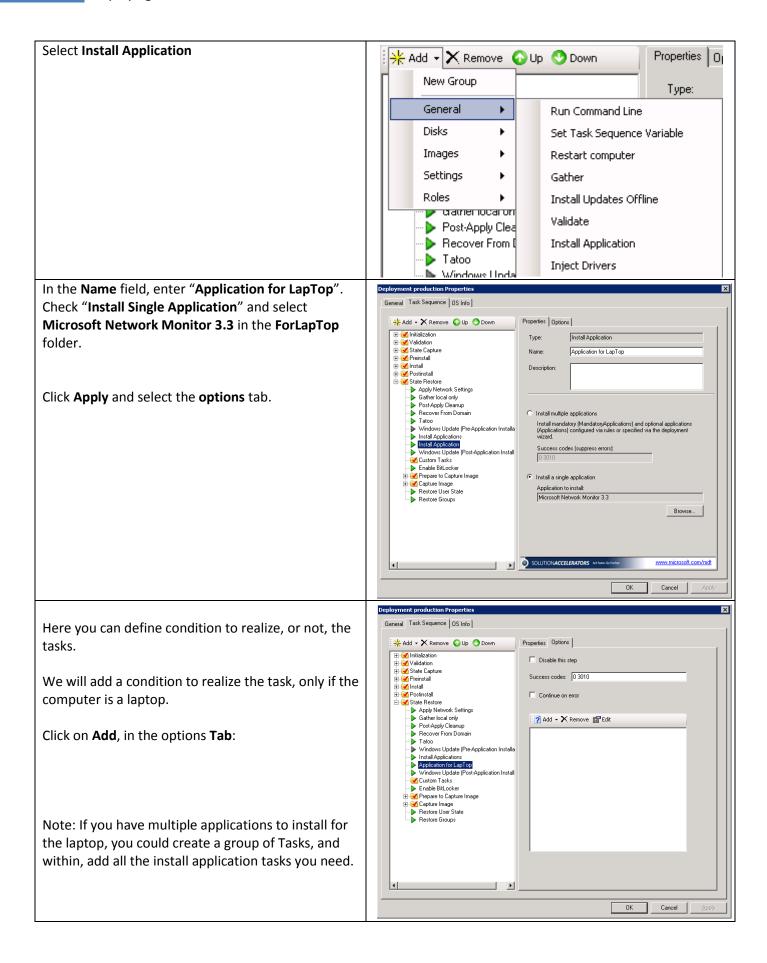
# **6.2.2 Creating the Deployment Task Sequences**

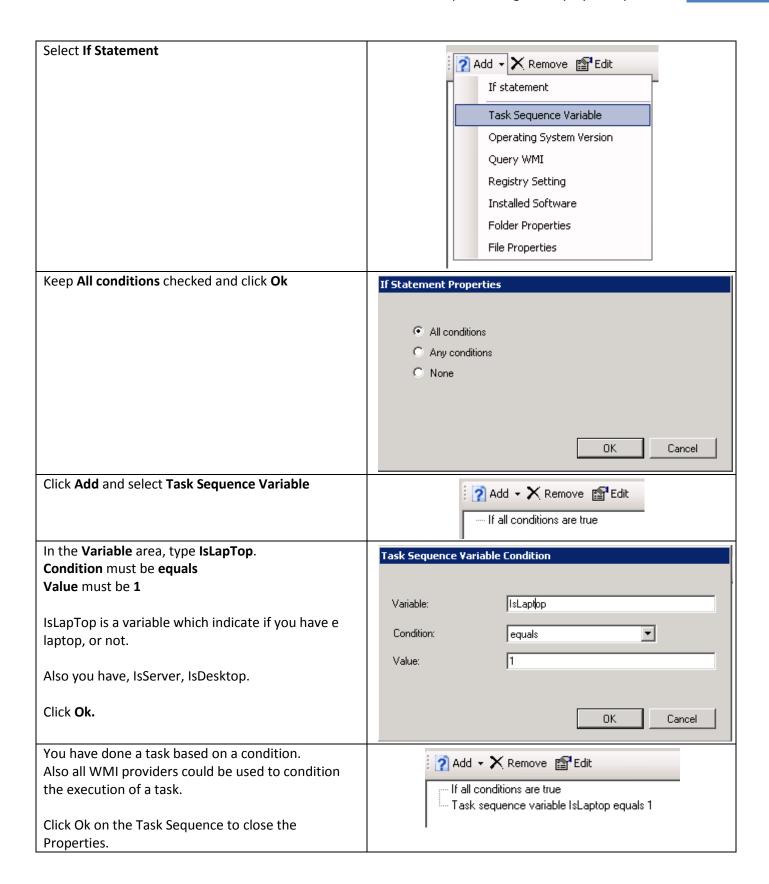
In the WorkBench, in the Production TS create a new Client Task Sequence based on the custom image you have added.

Reference	Value
Task Sequence ID	DEPL_PROD
Task Sequence Name	Deployment Production
Template	Standard Client task Sequence
Select OS	The custom image CRE_REF_32.WIM
Product Key	None
Full Name	Your organization
Organization	Your service
Passsword	Type the password for the local admin









#### 6.2.3 Create the automation Rules

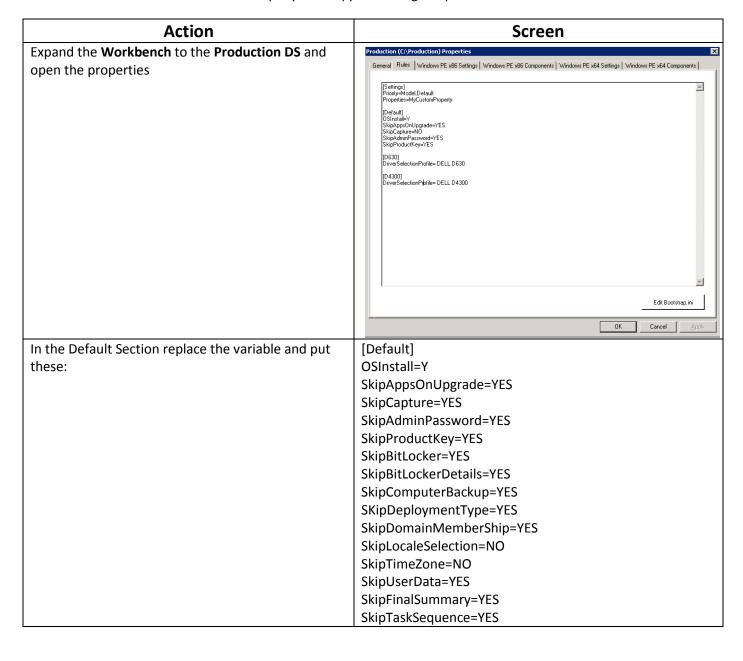
The deployment must be the more silent as possible.

So, only the necessary wizard will be presented to the technician.

- Selection for keyboard layout and TimeZone
- Prompt for credentials (used for domain insertion)
- Name of the computer
- Selection of the Options for French Entity

Also, the deployment solution must ensure:

- At the end, the computer must be shutdown.
- The logs of the installation must be logged in realtime on a share, for debugging purpose
- The WSUS server already in place must be used during the deployment process.
- The name of the company must appear during the process.



;Variable to set the Task sequence that will be used to install

TaskSequenceID=DEPL\_PROD

; Variable to customize the name that appears during installation

\_SMSTSORGNAME= CONTOSO IT — DEPLOYMENT SOLUTION

;Name of the WSUS server to be used. Only need for a WSUS. Else MDT will use Windows Update Server. WSUSServer=http://WSUSServerName

;Variable for the last action at the end of the deployment FinishAction=SHUTDOWN

;Variable for the dynamic log for debug purpose SLShareDynamicLogging= \\WIN-HIGYCH6GALZ\logs\$

### ; Variables for the insertion in the domain

JoinDomain=%UserDomain%

DomainAdmin=%Userid%

DomainAdminDomain=%UserDomain%

DomainAdminPassword=%UserPassword%

Based on the Drivers filters you have add, you should obtain something like this:

[Settings]

Priority=Model,Default

Properties=MyCustomProperty

[Default]

OSInstall=Y

SkipAppsOnUpgrade=YES

SkipCapture=YES

SkipAdminPassword=YES

SkipProductKey=YES

SkipBitLocker=YES

SkipBitLockerDetails=YES

SkipComputerBackup=YES

SKipDeploymentType=YES

 ${\bf Skip Domain Member Ship = YES}$ 

SkipLocaleSelection=NO

SkipTimeZone=NO

SkipUserData=YES

SkipFinalSummary=YES

SkipTaskSequence=YES

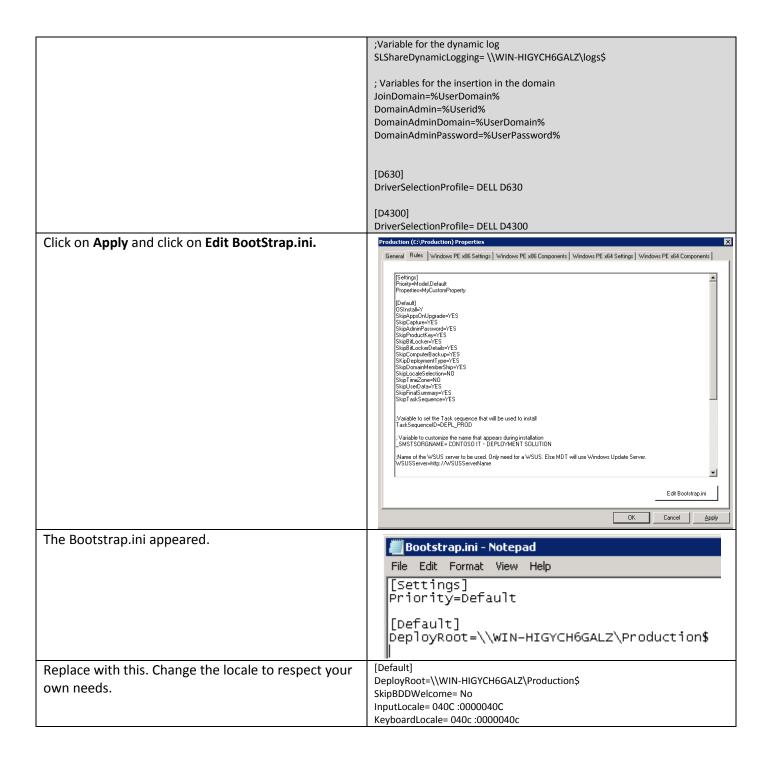
;Variable to set the Task sequence that will be used to install TaskSequenceID=DEPL\_PROD

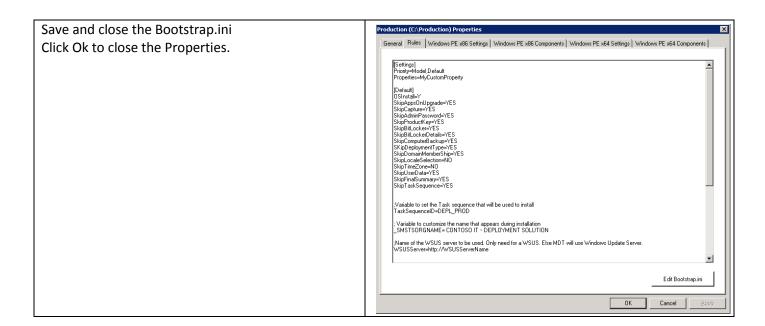
; Variable to customize the name that appears during installation \_SMSTSORGNAME= CONTOSO IT – DEPLOYMENT SOLUTION

; Name of the WSUS server to be used. Only need for a WSUS. Else MDT will use Windows Update Server.

 $WSUSServer \hbox{=} http://WSUSServer Name$ 

;Variable for the last action at the end of the deployment FinishAction=SHUTDOWN





Now, you just need to create the share for the logs.

### 6.2.4 Hide the Netmon 3.3 application

In the Workbench, right click on the NEtmon 3.3 application and select Properties:

Check the the case "Hide this application" and click Ok.



The NetMon app, will be only deployed to Laptop, and therefore do not need to appears to the technician.

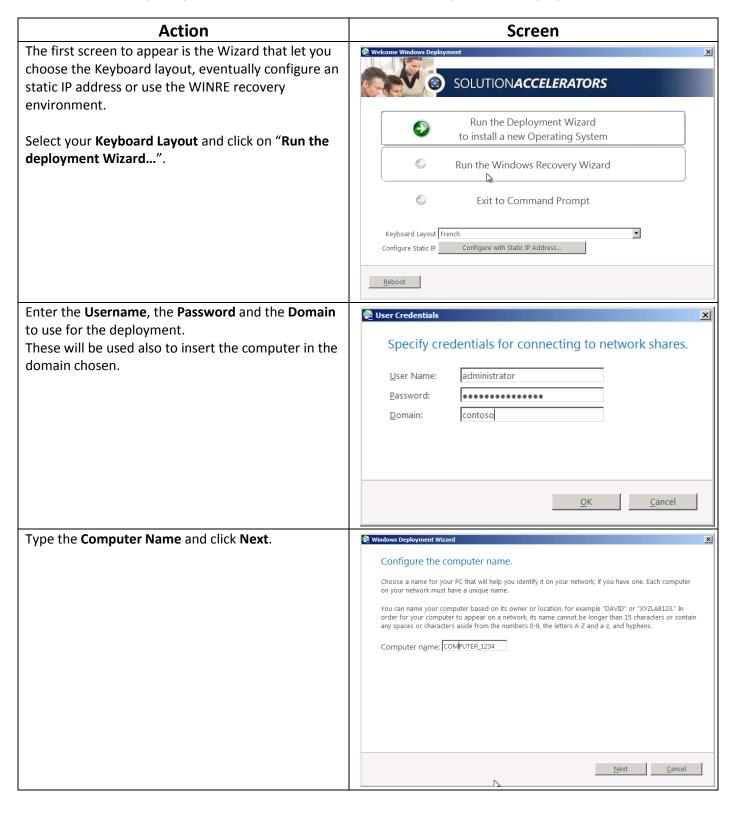
### 6.2.5 Create the WinPE for the deployment

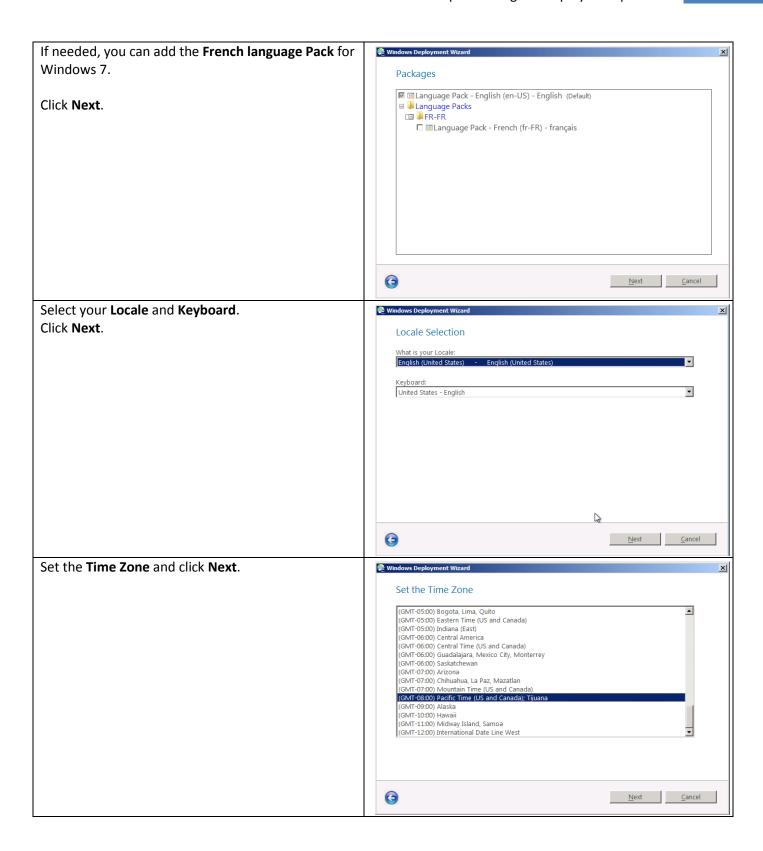
As already done before, you just have to **Update** the **Production** Deployment Share.

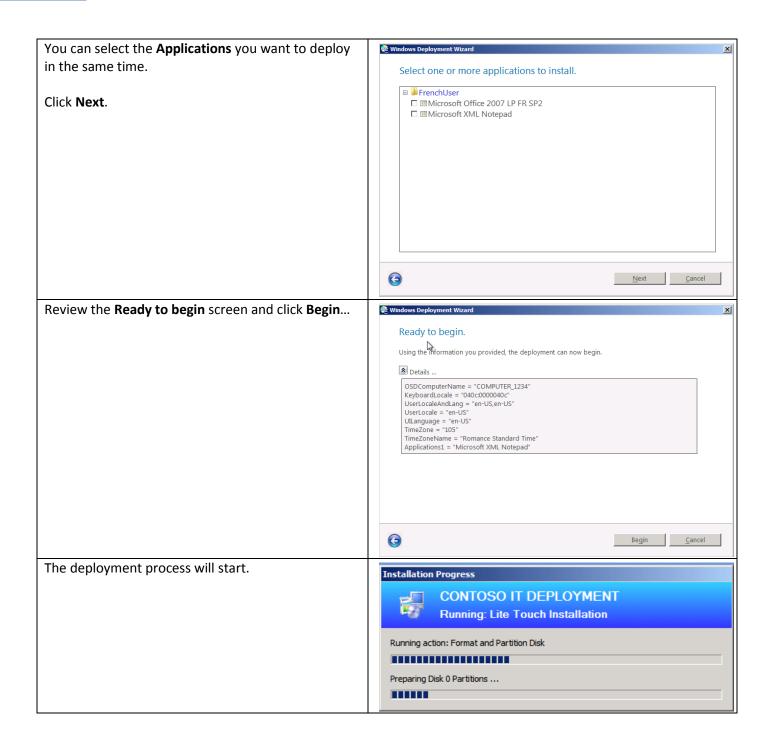
The WIM will be generated, and if selected, the iso file for a CD-ROM.

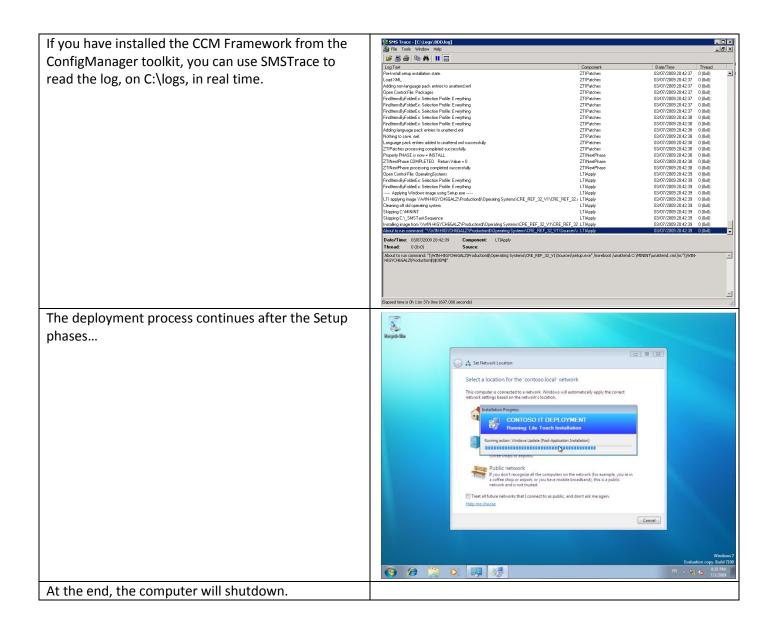
### 6.3 Deploy a computer in Production

Start the computer you need to install with WINPE based on the production Deployment Share.



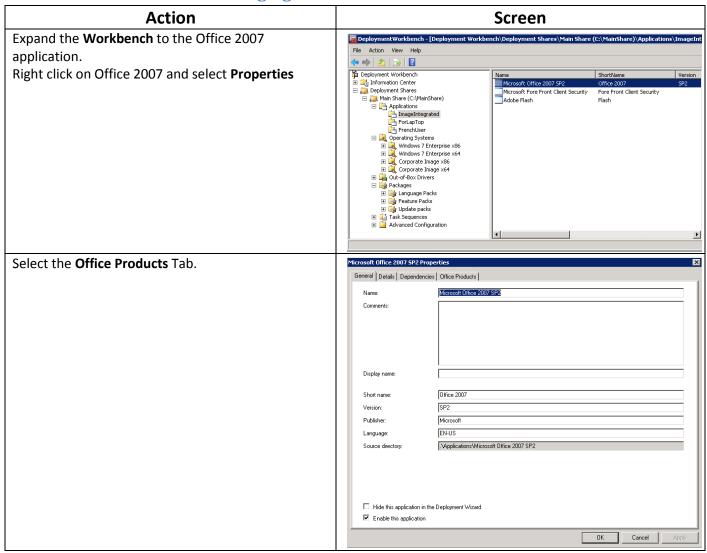


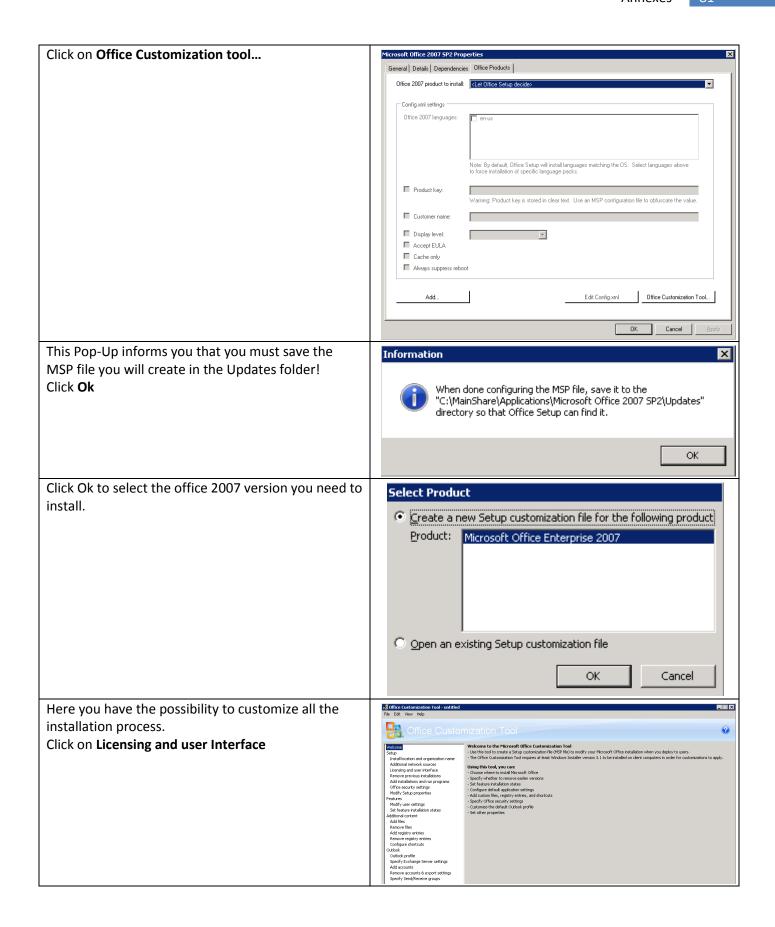


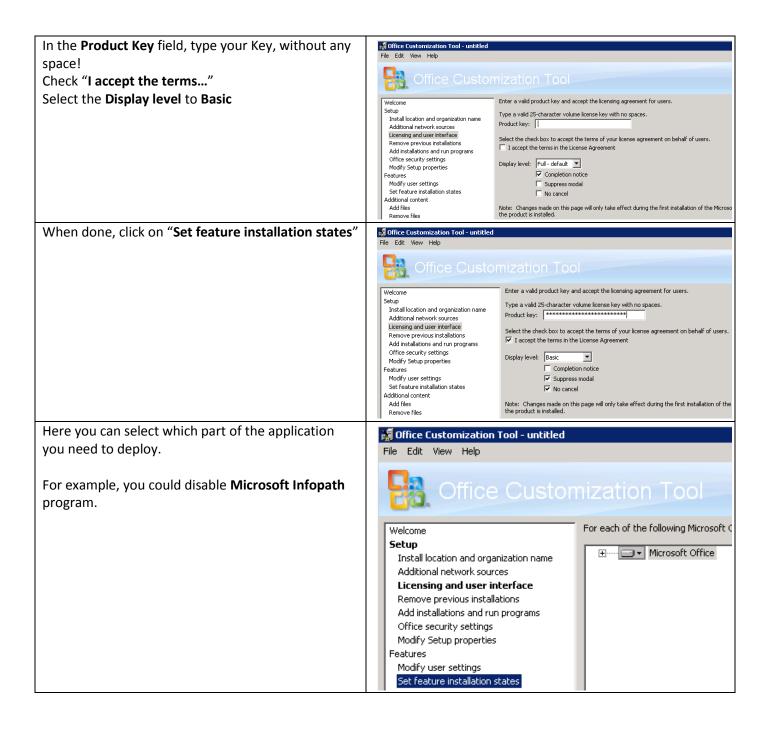


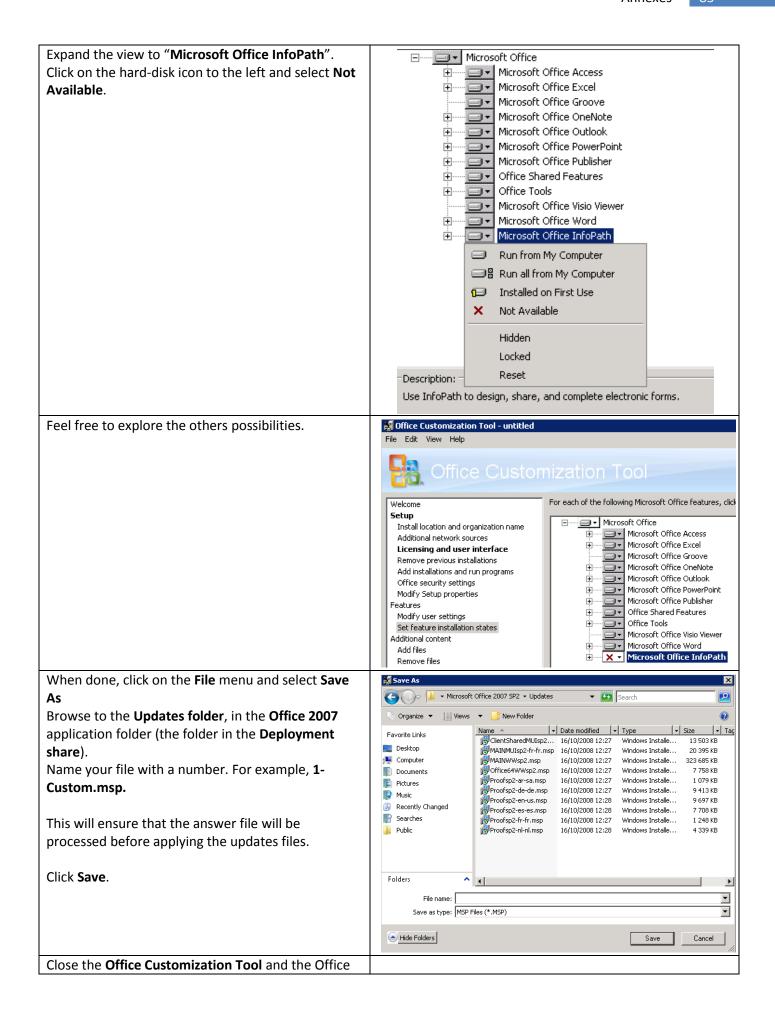
### 7 Annexes

# 7.1 Annex 1: Basic Packaging of Office 2007 within MDT 2010.









#### 2007 properties.

With this, the Setup will automatically parse the MSP file, and apply your customization file and then the updates files. In the Updates folder, you can put any update you need to patch Office 2007.

All you need is the MSP files, not the executable one. Add these, from the older to the newer, and erase the existing when ask.

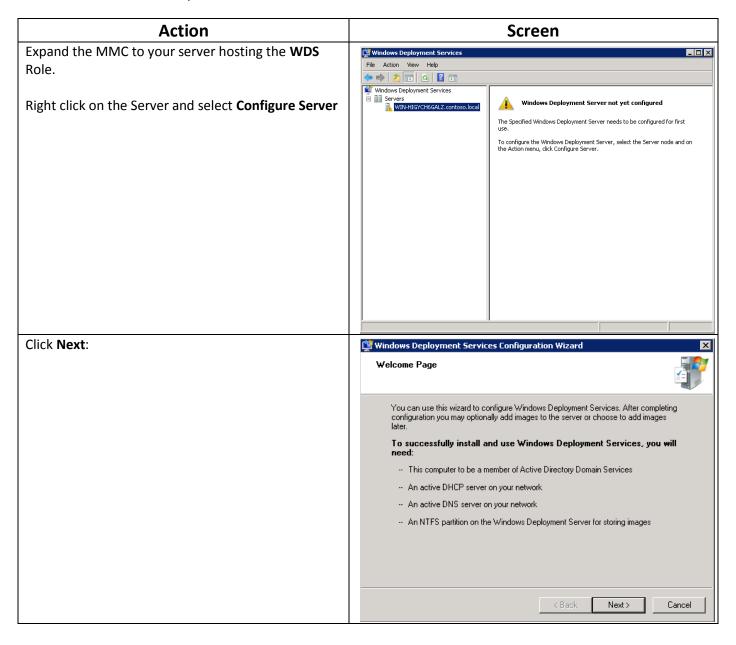
On TechNet, you will find all you need to perform an advanced packaging for Office 2007.

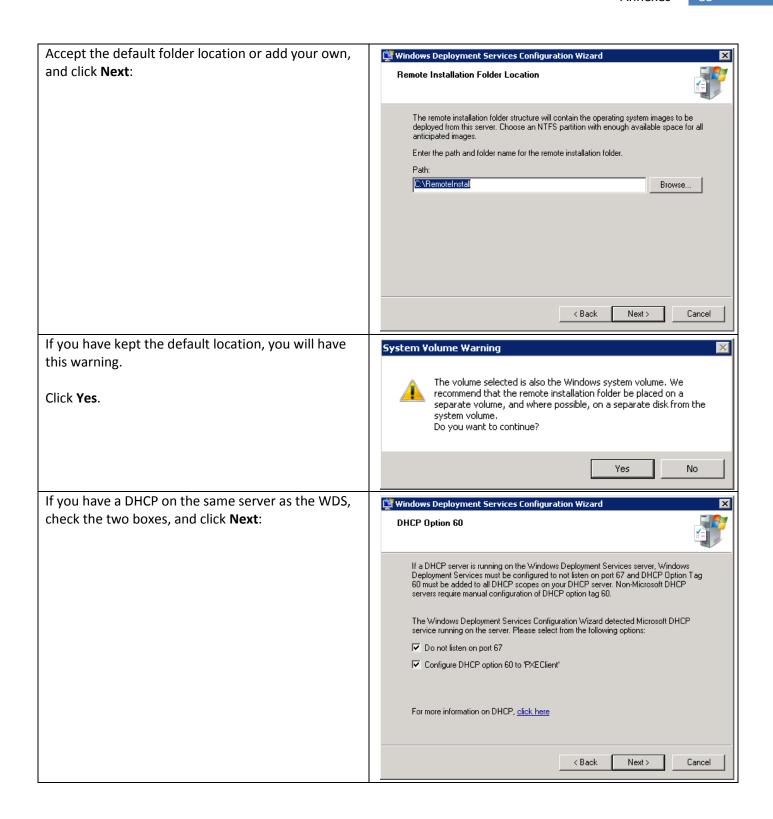
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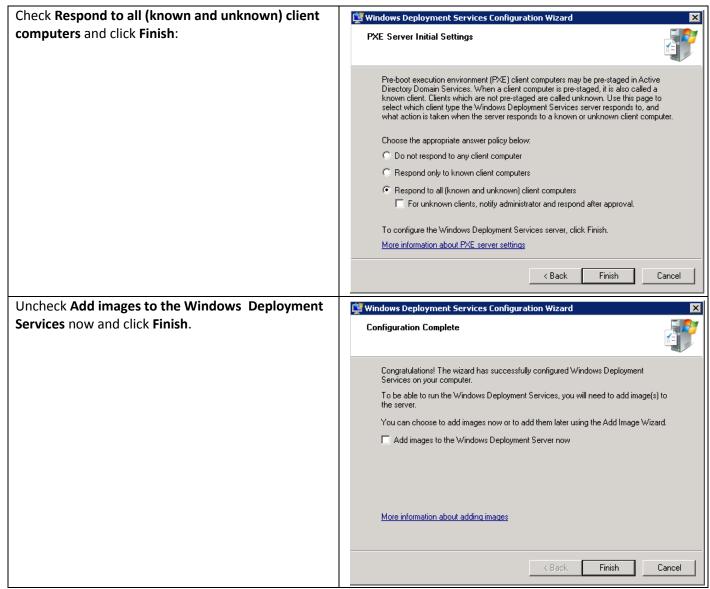
### 7.2 Annex 2 : Using Windows Deployment Services to boot WinPE Images

### 7.2.1 Initial configuration

Launch the WDS snap-in:

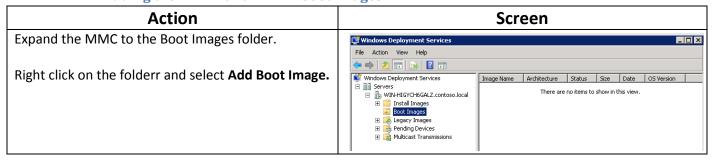


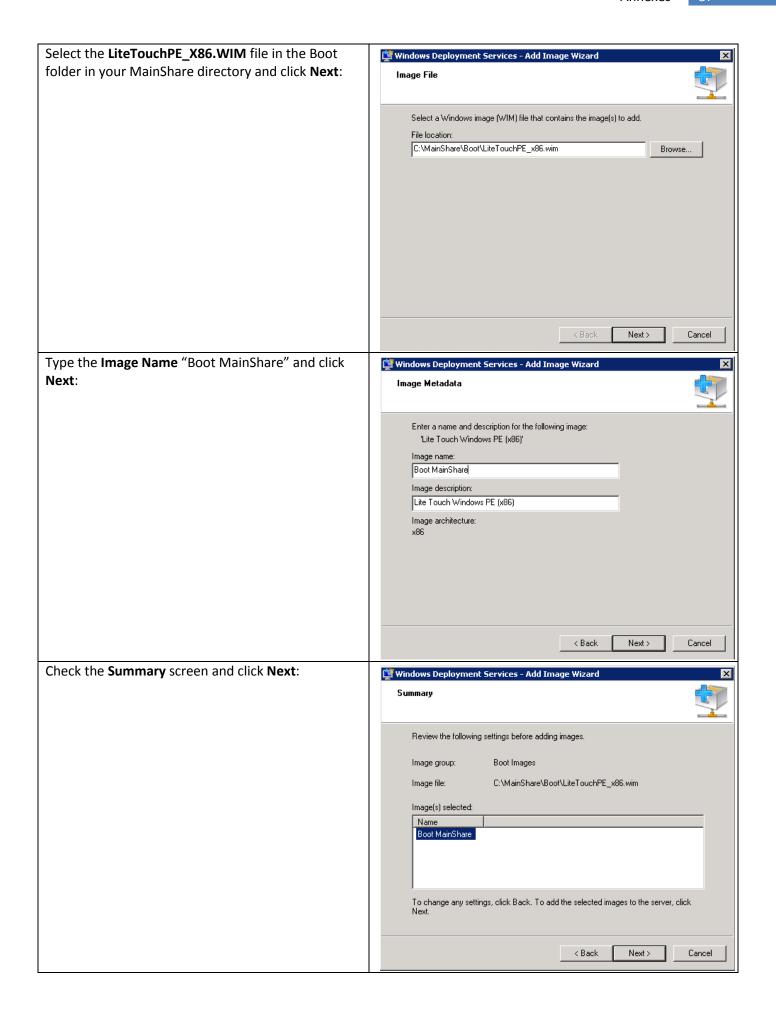


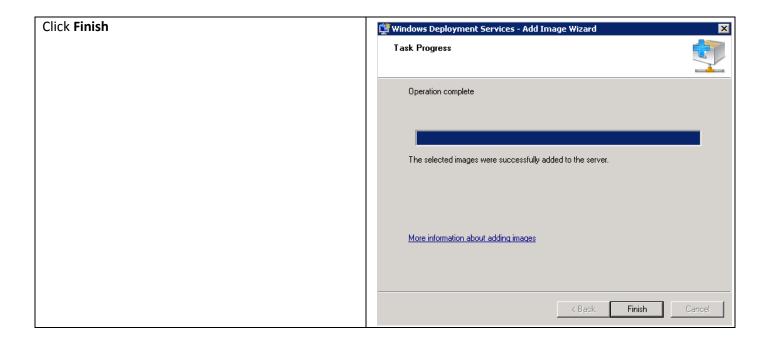


The Initial configuration is done.

## 7.2.2 Adding the MDT 2010 WinPE boot images







You have added a Winpe boot image to your WDS server.

# 7.3 Annex 3: Script to retrieve WMI Computer Make and Model variables

Just create a VBS File with the following code.

strComputer = "."

Set objWMlService = GetObject("winmgmts:\\" & strComputer & "\root\CIMV2")

Set colltems = objWMlService.ExecQuery("SELECT \* FROM Win32\_ComputerSystem")

For Each objItem In colltems

WScript.Echo "In MDT Variable Make will be: " & objItem.Manufacturer

WScript.Echo "In MDT Variable Model will be: " & objItem.Model

Next

Once launched, it will give you the manufacturer (make variable in MDT) and the model.

For example, for a LENOVO T61P:



As you can see, the model variable could be quite confused some time! ©