

How to unpackage an *.msi file

This is just a example from unpackaging and wireless adapter's *.msi file

What we're going to do is run the setup software, which will extract the MSI package to a temporary directory. Then, we'll extract the files from the MSI package and manually install the drivers from there.

Uninstall the software if you've already installed it from the CD.

Browse to C:\Users\[Your Username Here]\AppData\Local\Temp\ and keep this window open.

Plug your adapter in. Run the setup from the CD, but let it sit at the license agreement. Look in the Temp directory you've browsed to already and a new directory will have been created. Inside, you'll find WNA1000.msi and some other files. Copy WNA1000.msi and move it to a convenient place... let's say C:\wifi (make the directory easy to type because you'll need to do so shortly).

Now, press WINDOWS-R and run cmd. Type the following: msiexec /a C:\wifi\WNA1000.msi /qb TARGETDIR=C:\wifi\extracted

NOTE: The target directory must be different than the directory WNA1000.msi is located in. The target directory will be created automatically.

Now, simply open the Device Manager in the control panel and find your (currently non-working) adapter. Right click, Properties, Update Driver, and point it to C:\wifi\extracted