Training Day 2022

FileWave Technical Sessions



Using Installomator to support 3rd party apps (macOS)

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2 main approaches to Mac app management

Always be on the latest release (Installomator)

- Fileset revisions are irrelevant
- Fileset will automatically update app to latest version on regular basis
- Everyone always gets the latest revision
- Set it and forget approach = less work



Tightly controlled testing, versioning, and release management by IT (AutoPkg)

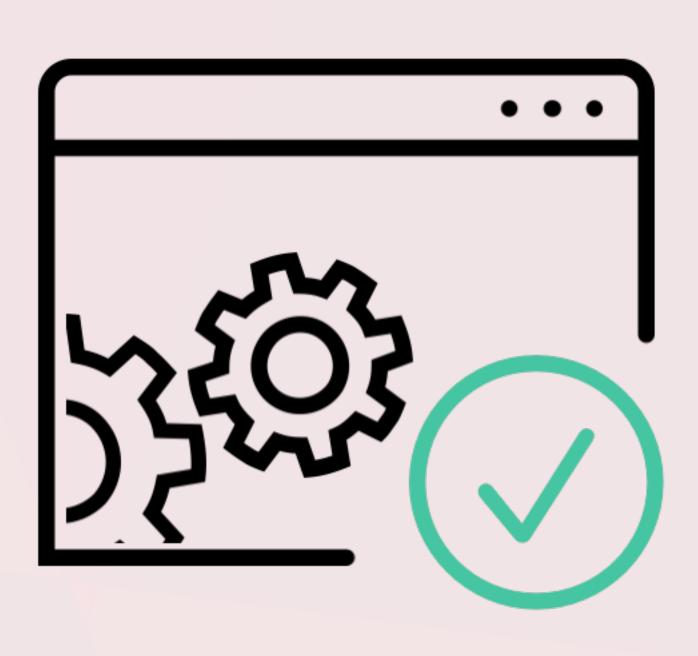
- New versions are imported as revisions of a fileset
- IT admins test and choose when to switch default revision to latest release
- Lets you deploy different versions/revisions of an app to different groups of Macs
- More control = more work on your part
- Less likely to deploy a bad release of an app



Introducing Installomator

Shell script that downloads and installs > 450 different Mac apps

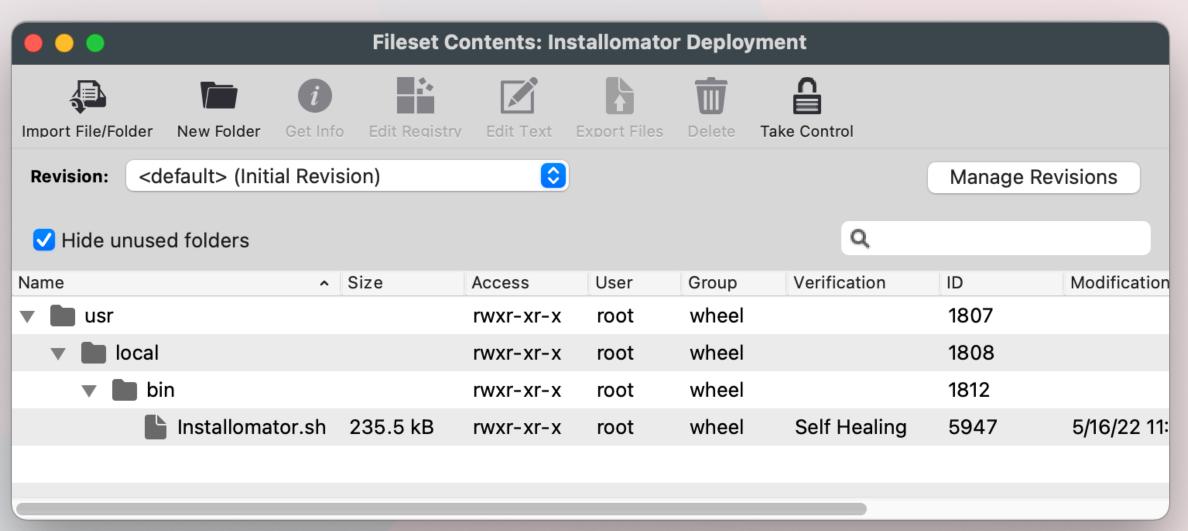
- · Takes a parameter, a label, for name of the app to install
- · Normally only installs app if latest version is newer than installed version
 - Be careful there are exceptions to this so test, test, test
- Single FileWave fileset to install and update app
- Handy configuration options to
 - Notify the user when done
 - Close app before installing (important)
 - Prompt user before closing app (really important)
 - Re-launch app after update if it was open
 - Ignore App Store apps





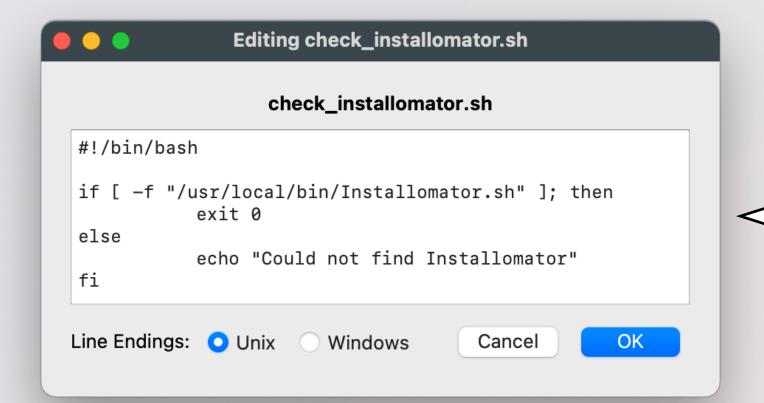
Deploy Installomator to all your Macs

- 1. Download PKG from https://github.com/Installomator/Installomator and install on Mac Admin
 - Script file installed to /usr/local/Installomator/Installomator.sh
- 2. Edit Installomator.sh to customize configuration options
- 3. Create empty fileset and add Installomator.sh to /usr/local/bin folder
- 4. Assign fileset to all your Macs



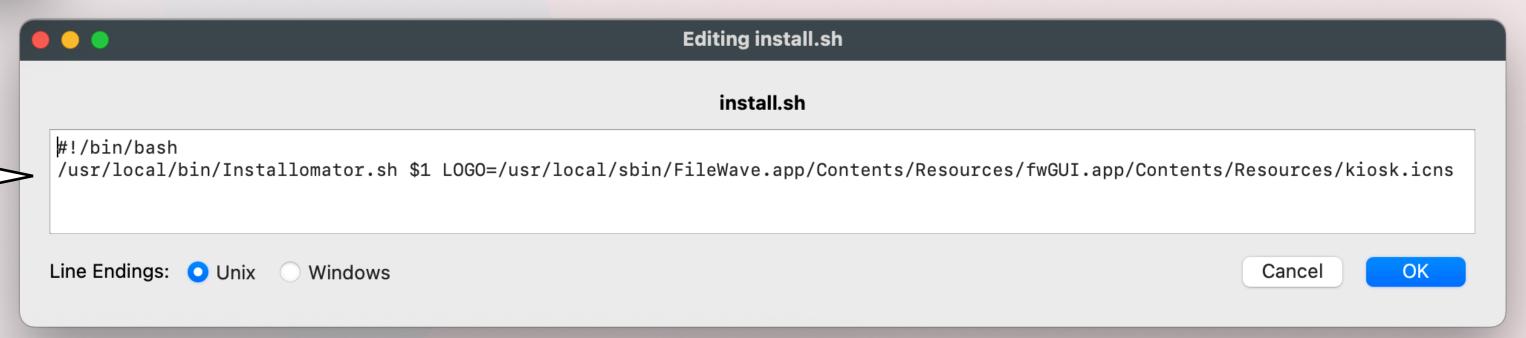


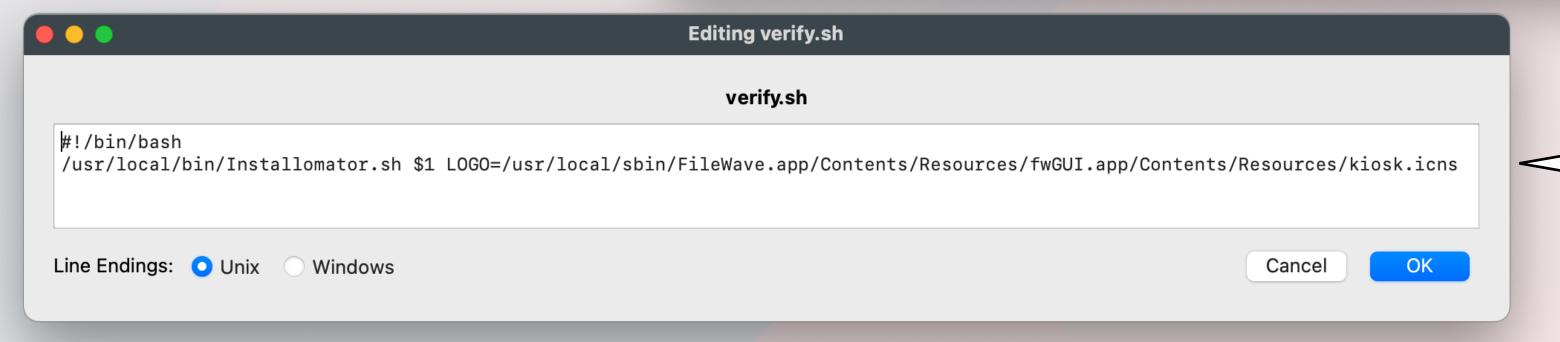
Build fileset to deploy & update app via Installomator



Requirements script: Activate fileset only if Installomator is present

Activation script for initial deployment



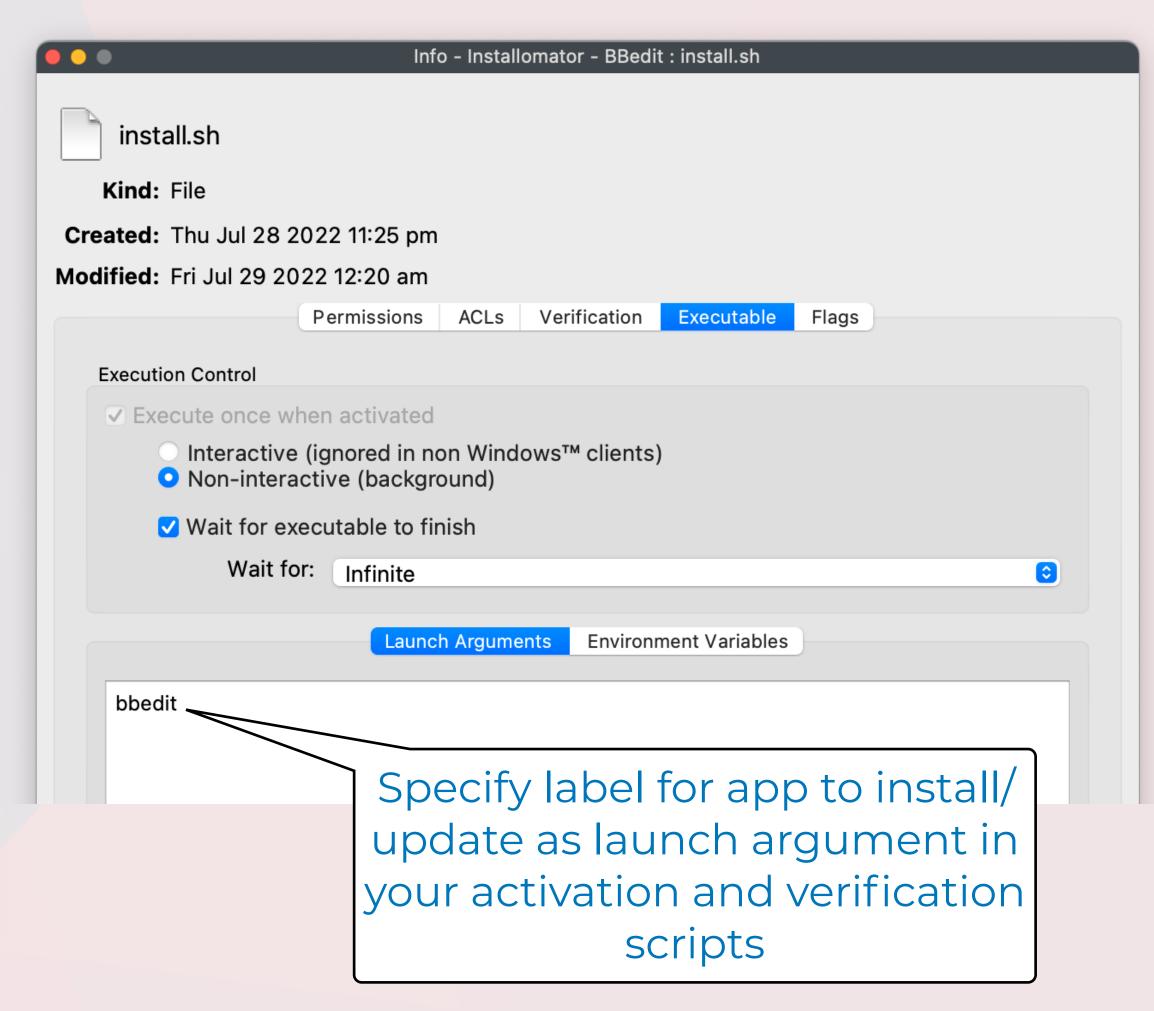


Verification script for automatic updates



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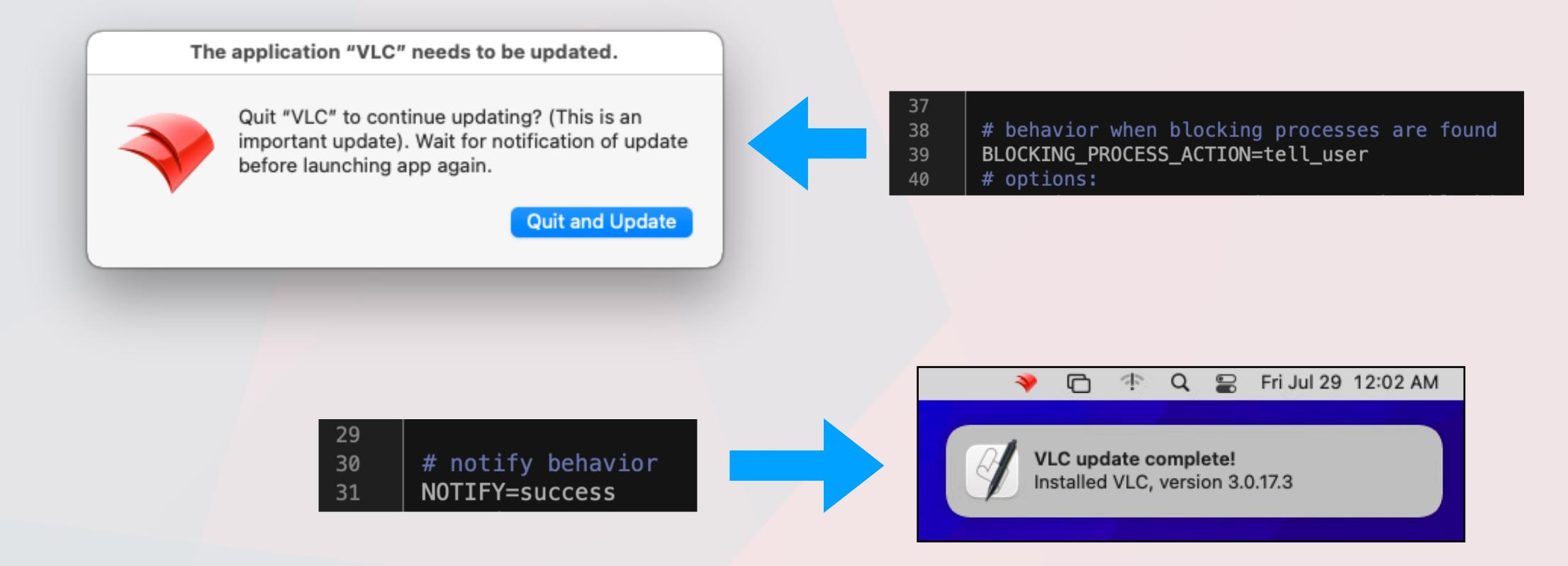




Duplicate your fileset, rename it, and change launch argument to label for next app



What it looks like from the client side



Be careful as some apps/labels may install even if the app is already on the latest version



Q&A

Next is Using winget to support 3rd party apps (Windows) with Tony

