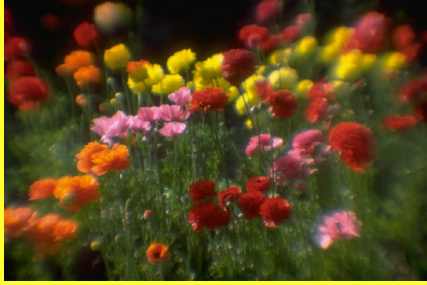


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What Is Downloading, How Do I Do It and What Software Can I Get?

What Is Downloading?

One of the more fun aspects of computers is finding a new piece of software on the Internet and installing it on your computer.

Downloading is simply transferring a file from another computer to your own. **Uploading** is transferring a file from your computer to another computer. In this issue of the *PC Tutor Times* I will bring together in one place 12 downloads that I use every week with my clients. Some programs are free, some are Shareware (Shareware means try it and if you like it please pay the program author for it.) and others require a fee.

How Do I Download?

Downloading a file can take many forms. For example, when you update your antivirus program or update Windows you are downloading updates, but the process happens almost automatically. You don't have to do anything special to download the update and have it install on your computer.

With most other programs you will have to download and install the program in order for it to work. Most programs these days use a File Download window that asks you whether you would like to **Open** or **Save** the file. In most cases you can simple click on **Open**.

Wildfire Season In Colorado



The Colorado Springs Fire Department's FireWise program maintains a web site with about 40,000 city addresses, ranking their risk of fire.

[Look up your address at FireWise](#)

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In the File Download window click **Open** to download and install the program.

In the File Download window is a stern warning about "Malicious code". Basically, downloading a file from the Internet is a prime way to get a virus on your computer (another is from e-mail), so be sure that the file is from a safe source. All the programs I have included in this newsletter and on my web site are known to be safe.

If you use the **Save** button this does not also install the program. That is why it is best to click on **Open** in the File Download window. When you use **Open** your computer will download the file and start the installation program. If you want to only download the file and install it later then you would click on the **Save** button. You will then be asked what folder on your computer you would like to save the file in. I usually use C:\Download as my download folder. Then later you could go to the C:\Download folder and double click on the file you want to install.

When you click on **Open** the program will start to install after it has downloaded. Follow the onscreen instructions to install the program. Every program has a different set of windows, but you usually just click Next through them all to install the program with the standard settings, which is best for most people.

For more information on how to Download see cNet's [The Ultimate Guide to Download.com](#).

What Software Can I Get?

Below is a list of 12 different downloads that I use every week with my clients. Some of these programs have been around a very long time and may be very familiar, but other programs may be new even to the most seasoned computer user. Click on each one to read more about the program and then use the **Back** button to return to this newsletter.

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- [SpamNet](#) (Stop spam in Outlook and Outlook Express, free to try then \$3.99/mo.)
- [WinZip](#) (Open and create .zip files, free to try then \$29)

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- Audio & Video
- Internet
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- and more...

So have some fun and I hope you find something useful.