

Should You Use Save or Run?

Downloading a File from the Internet

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The primary difference between **Save** and **Run** when downloading an application from the Internet is where the downloaded file is stored.

When you select **Save**, you are given the option of selecting where to store the installation files. This is handy if you ever need to reinstall the application or want to install it on multiple computers. Simply select the location, and when the download is complete, double-click the installer to begin the installation wizard (after doing a virus scan, of course).

In contrast, when you select **Run**, the application installation files are downloaded to a temporary folder, and the installation routine is started automatically. When the application has finished its installation routine, these install files are left in your Temporary Internet Files folder. When you clear out Internet Explorer's temporary files, these are deleted like any cached content.

The option you select generally doesn't make any significant difference in terms of security or faster installation, nor are the end results any different. However, cautious users who download installation programs from the Internet will **Save** the file to the desktop where it can be checked for viruses.