

Difference between Run And Save

Q: What's the difference between "run" and "save" when I download a program? Which one should I choose?

A: When you are downloading a file off the Internet, you may get the option to "Run" or "Save." Either of these options will lead you to the setup for the program and install it on your computer, but the difference lies in where the setup file opens from.



If you click "Save," you can specify where the setup file goes (My Downloads or the desktop). From there, you could put it on a disk just in case you need to reinstall it or want to put it on another computer.

By choosing "Run" the setup process starts once the setup file is downloaded to your temporary Internet file. When you empty your temporary file, the setup download goes away. This is great if you aren't a download packrat, but you should be clearing out your temp files often, or they can get clogged with downloads.

What do I do? Well, I usually download it to my Desktop, then delete it after the install is done, but I have also saved it to a Downloads folder and have sent it to a disk before. It's really all in your own preference.

P.S. – Keep in mind that if you have Windows XP and the file is zipped (.zip extension), you will get the option to "Save" or "Open" the folder.

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