

How to Download a Software Program from the Internet

1. Logon to <http://www.tucows.com>. At this page you will see many options. Browse at your leisure. Click the Downloads Tab on the upper left hand side of the screen. Now click the Design Tab on the top of the screen and then click on Image link. At the next screen click Image Viewer on the left hand side of the screen. (you will need to scroll down) Now you will see a number of downloadable software in alphabetical order. Find IrfanView (4th page). It allows you to view various types of graphic images as well as save graphic images under a different file type. For example gif to jpeg, jpeg to bmp, etc. The purpose of this exercise is two-fold. First, you will learn how to download software onto your home computer and second, you should be able to use this software to view most types of clipart.

NOTE: The next two steps may come before or after where I have placed them

2. Click on the word IrfanView. At the next screen click on your platform (the version of windows that you have on your system) (right hand side of the screen). This will start the downloading process.

3. At this page you choose a mirror or local Tucows provider. Choose any that of the three listed. The closer to South Dakota the better.

4. A download dialog box will appear on your screen. Click Save this file to a disk (this also means your hard drive).

5. You will now see a Save As dialog box. You should save this program (at this point this program is in a compressed file format, so it is just one file) onto your desktop. Click the drop down arrow in the Save In: text box. Click the desktop icon. Click Save.

6. You will now see a Saving Location dialog box. It gives you information pertaining to the process of downloading this software program. Depending on the speed and type of computer, this process may take a couple of minutes. The older the computer, the longer this process will take. You should get a message on the top of this dialog box that says download complete when the download is complete.

7. Minimize your browser, do not close it just yet.. You should now see an icon on your desktop called iview397. This file is a compressed or zipped file. In order to use it you must uncompress or unzip it.

8. Double-click this icon. If your system has a zip program installed on it, Irfan View will automatically be installed on your system, just follow the prompts. Just make sure to, again, save this unzipped program on your desktop for ease of use.

If, however, when you double-click this icon you get an 'Open With' dialog box, this means that you do not have a zip program on your system and must download one from Tucows. Follow the instructions below that follow.

9. Go back to the Tucows home page. To do this, click the Download tab at the top of your screen. Now click on IS/IT tab and then click on File Management and then on Compression Utilities (left hand side of the screen). Find a program called CamUnZip (pg 11) or any other free Zip program. Download this program to your desktop using the above instructions. When you are finished downloading you should see another icon on your desktop called cuzsetup.exe or another .exe file depending on which program you download

10. Double-click this icon to install this program on your system. Follow the prompts. When you have completed the installation, you will have this program added to your start menu. After you are sure that you have this program on your start menu, you can delete the usdtzexplo icon on your desktop. Just highlight this icon and press the Delete key.

11. Now you should be able to unzip IrfanView. Double click the iview397 icon on your desktop. The zip program you just installed should automatically come up. You may have to enlarge the window it is in by dragging it larger. You will need to Click on File Open or something similar to open that zipped IrfanView file in your zip program. Click the Open Zip Archive tab or in other programs the Extract tab/ button. In the Select a Zipped file to open dialog box you will see C:\ Find the Irfan View.exe file and choose it. Now click open.

Your program should now be extracted and ready to use on the desktop. You should find a little red guy icon (shortcut actually) on your desktop

12. You can use the above instructions, with a few variations, to download any type of program from the Internet.