

# Portable Applications and the PortableApps.com Suite

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# Overview

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- Why use a portable app?
- Where to get portable apps.
- Recommended portable apps
- Using the PortableApps.com Platform



# What is a Portable App?

## Wikipedia

“A portable application (portable app), sometimes also called standalone, is a computer program designed to run independently from an operating system. This type of application can be stored on a removable storage device such as a CD, USB flash drive, flash card, or floppy disk – storing its program files, configuration information and data on the storage medium alone. Portable versions of applications can usually also be used instead of the normal installable version, which some users find beneficial.”

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portable\\_application](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portable_application)



# What is a Portable App?

## The Portable Freeware Collection

“In recent years, the term "portable" has quickly come to be associated with apps that you run off a USB memory stick. However, to me, "portable" has always meant that I could easily move apps from one machine to another without too much inconvenience. In fact, in the earlier days, I had my portable apps in a separate partition on the harddisk so that when I reinstall or upgrade Windows, I didn't have to reinstall/reconfigure my favorite apps. So in my mind at that time, portability didn't involve a removable storage device at all.”

<http://www.portablefreeware.com/about.php>



# What is a Portable App?

## PortableApps.com

“A portable app is a computer program that you can carry around with you on a portable device and use on any Windows computer. When your USB flash drive, portable hard drive, iPod or other portable device is plugged in or your cloud drive is synced, you have access to your software and personal data just as you would on your own PC. And when you unplug the device, none of your personal data is left behind.”

[http://portableapps.com/about/what\\_is\\_a\\_portable\\_app#definition](http://portableapps.com/about/what_is_a_portable_app#definition)



# What is a Portable App? Me

It runs without installation

It runs on older versions of Windows

Does not rely on Internet Explorer, codecs, DirectX, etc.

Does not write settings to the registry or local file system

It must not leave any trace on the host machine

It must run without administrative rights





# Why Use A Portable App?

Does not add anything to the registry

Can be run without administrative privileges

Can be run from CD, USB, or other external drives

I have heard it said that they will work in Dropbox, OneDrive, Google Drive, etc., but I have not tried myself so can not verify that.

Generally leaves no trace behind on the host PC



# Where To Get Portable Apps

My favorite:

<http://portableapps.com>

A different portable freeware collection site:

<http://www.portablefreeware.com/>

A software website such as:

[http://calibre-ebook.com/download\\_portable](http://calibre-ebook.com/download_portable)



# Recommended Portable Apps

Besides the Calibre portable app for organizing my ebooks, I will show some recommendations especially for a first install of the PortableApps.com Platform, in categories as shown at the PortableApps.com site.



# Recommended Portable Apps

If you are already using the installed application of some of these you might be able to copy your current settings to the portable app.

Just check the portable app's individual support section listing for instructions.



# Recommended Portable Apps

## Development

*Notepad++* - a powerful text editor and very useful for those who are blogging or working on websites



# Recommended Portable Apps

## Graphics and Photo Editing

*Irfanview* - my go to for quick and easy graphic editing such as crop, resize, etc. It does require a license agreement for install

*GIMP* - for the heavy duty graphic editing. Almost as powerful as PhotoShop, but with a large learning curve.



# Recommended Portable Apps

## Internet

*Google Chrome*

*Firefox*

*Opera*

(I like to put all three of these browsers in my PortableApps.com Platform. Just in case I find a site that doesn't want to work right in one of them.)



# Recommended Portable Apps

## Music and Video

*VLC* - my default media player in both Windows and on my Androids. I have yet to find a format that won't play.





# Recommended Portable Apps

## Office

*Foxit Reader* - a must for me. Adobe Reader is just too bloated and slow in my opinion. Foxit Reader also lets you make notations and comments, as well as form filling

*LibreOffice* - my Microsoft Office replacement of choice. It will open most Microsoft Office formats, however the formatting may need to be adjusted, but your data will be there.



# Recommended Portable Apps

## Security

*ClamWin* - a standalone antivirus, just in case.

*KeePass Classic* - a good password manager if you don't already have one.



# Recommended Portable Apps

## Utilities

*7zip* - a good file archiver/compressor I use instead of PKZip

*CamStudio* - screen recorder/video producer

*FileZilla* - an FTP tool. Good for working with websites and self hosted blogs

*Revo Uninstaller* - comes in handy if trying to help someone clean up their computer



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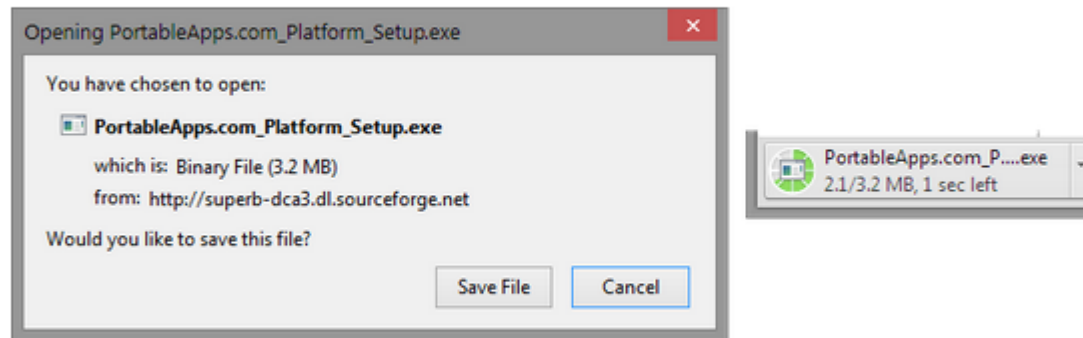


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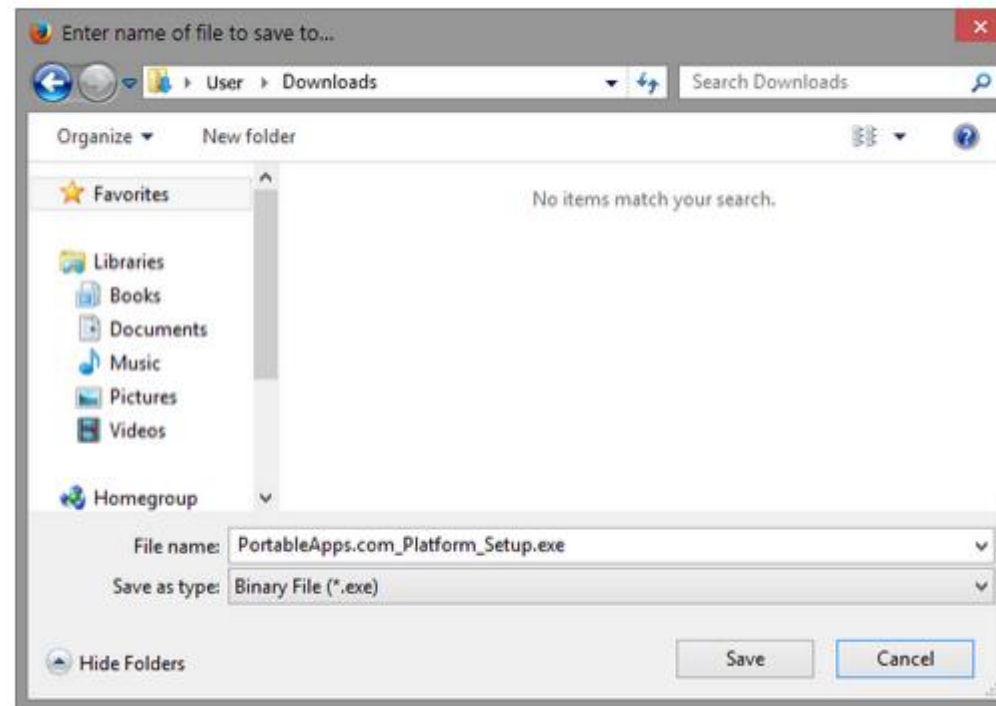
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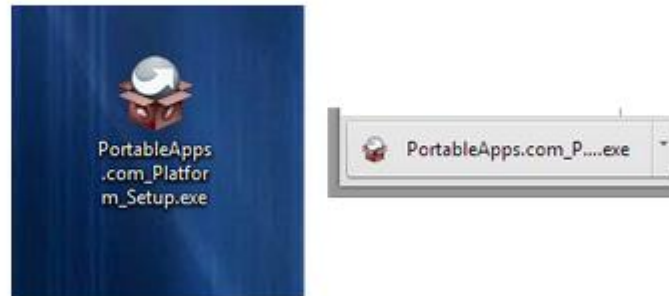




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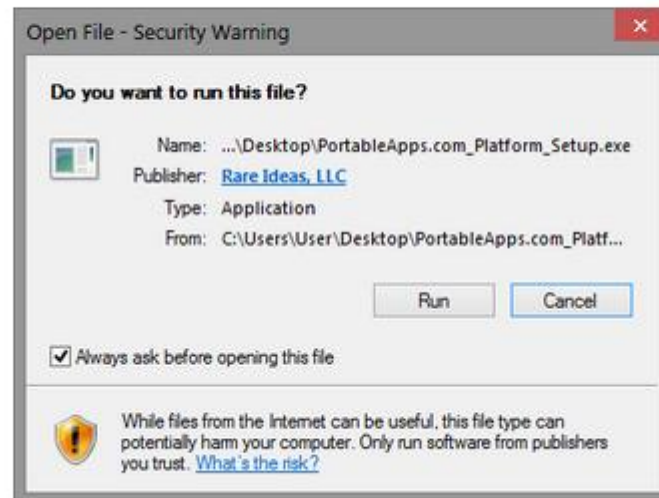
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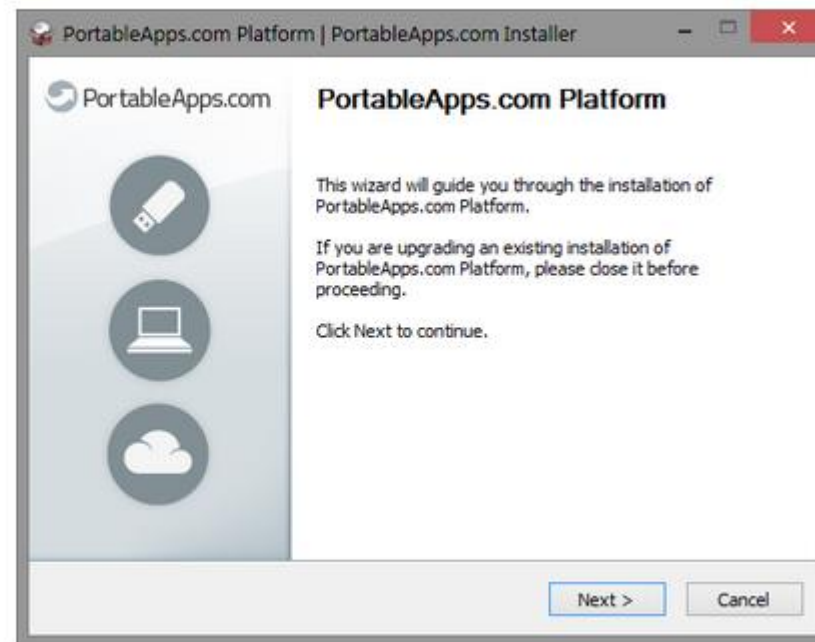
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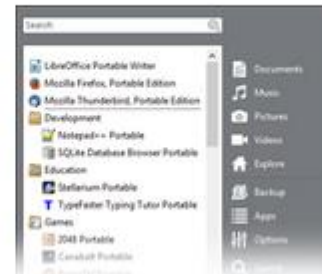


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6. Enjoy using the PortableApps.com Platform and apps!



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