

Software Download Authenticity Cheat Sheet

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Download Source Verification Connection encrypted? CI on website correct? Domain in URL correct? Seems anything else weird? NO

According to the questions and the good answers on the right. If the website fulfils these points it's safe to assume the website is correct and authentic.

Download Verification

Direct Download URL delivered by Vendor?	YES
No further redirection with suspicious action?	YES
MD5/SHA1 or 2 Hash provided?	YES

If all question can be answered with "Yes" the download is verified to be secure enough. Always keep in mind, if something on the page or download gives you a second guess, second guess it!

Official Site: Software safe to use



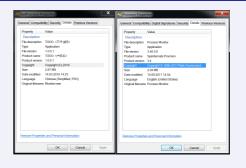
Unofficial Site, do NOT use this Software



Software Verification: Found in "properties" Verify Software Signature Verified Correct Compare Hashes Compared identical Check File Size Checked Verify Software Version Software Version correct

These information can be checked in the "Properties" of each file. Simply by checking the meta information of the software, most if not all concerns about a software can be eradicated easily. Keep in mind to check the hashes as well as the software version. If a software of a vendor does not own a signature nor normal meta data, discard the software at all costs.

Meta Information



Suspicious Indication

Unknown signatures or missing signatures

Only available of third party download sources

Ad banners and free hosting pages

Hidden links in emails (SPAM?)

If you're insecure regarding the software, always ask for help or reassurance



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