

Unblocking Download Files

Windows File Blocking

Windows 10/11 Attachment Manager automatically marks most files received over the Internet as Blocked, regardless of the source. This is true for both downloaded files and files received as e-mail attachments.

Both exe and zip files need to be Unblocked prior to installation.

Fortunately, the process of Unblocking a file is simple and is described below.

Antivirus and other Security Software

Third-party security products can interfere with the downloading and execution of program files, particularly if the Unblock instructions in the next section are not followed. The programs provided with Windows 10 and 11, Windows Defender and Firewall, typically will not cause problems once a file has been Unblocked. Depending on your Windows security settings, you may have to bypass a Windows Defender SmartScreen message during installation by selecting “Run anyway.”

If you use a non-Microsoft security product, such as an antivirus and/or firewall, you may need to temporarily disable that product in order to download and/or install the Version 6.1 setup program. If you have difficulty with this, you will need to refer to that product’s documentation, or to contact Technical Support for that product. APBA Games cannot provide technical support for issues caused by security software vendors’ products.

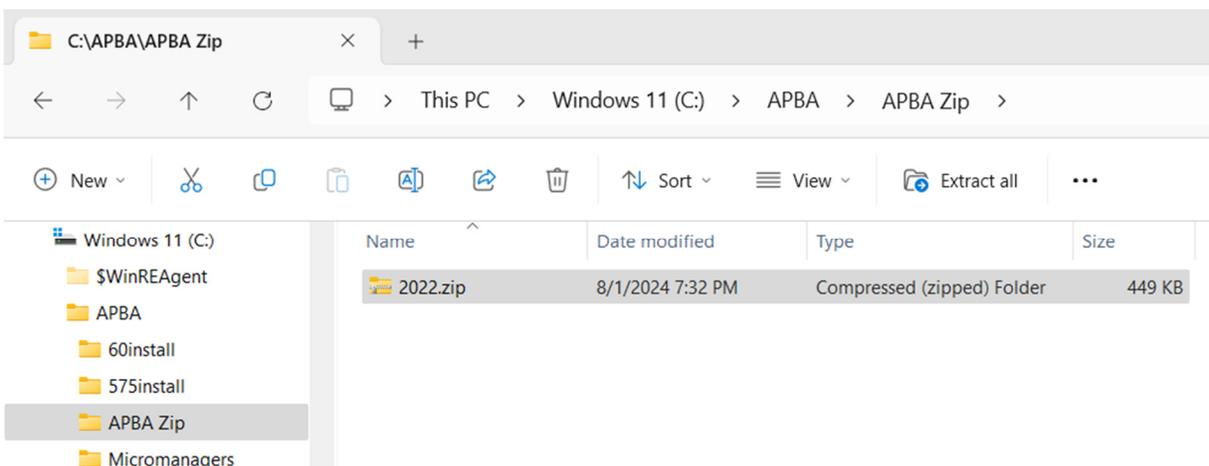
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The steps below demonstrate how to Unblock a download file using Windows 11 File Explorer.

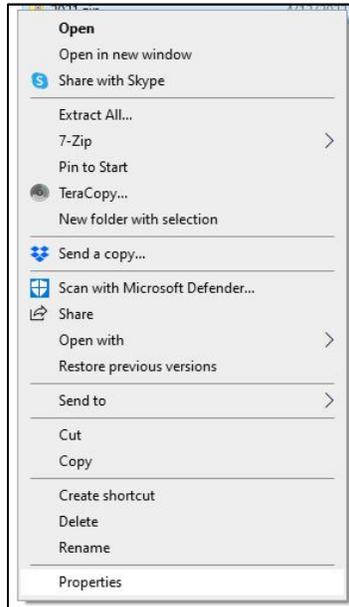
In this example, the file being Unblocked is an official season file named “2022.zip.”

The same procedures must be used for both downloaded exe and zip files.

1. Download the file to a folder on your computer. Remember where you saved it!



2. Right-click on the downloaded file and select “Properties” (it will be at the bottom of the menu).



3. In the “Security” section at the bottom of the “Properties” window, click the “Unblock” checkbox, then click the “Apply” button, followed by the “OK” button.

If you do not see a Security section and Unblock checkbox, your computer did not Block the file, and you can simply click the “OK” button.

