

how to find where file is downloaded



Find out where a file was downloaded from.

In Mac OS X, there is a very useful file property called "Where from" which tells you the URL that the file was downloaded from, available via the "Get Info" context menu within the "More Info" section, as seen below:

My question is this: Can this information be accessed in Windows?

I've never seen that kind of information displayed anywhere before so I would assume the answer to be no and put it down to either a limitation of Windows or its file systems BUT every now and again I open a file and get the following warning:

So, Windows is obviously aware that the file has been downloaded from the Internet somehow - whether that be simply via a `fileDownloadedFromInternet: true` flag or something I don't know but it's enough for me to ask.

1 Answer 1.

Your computer is able to tell that the file was downloaded from the Internet using ADS, or Alternate Data Streams, a feature of the NTFS file system. Being an NTFS feature, if the item in question is transferred to another file system, such as FAT on a USB, the ADS will be lost. In the case of files downloaded from the internet, an ADS extension is added on to the file that identifies that file from coming from a "zone" of Internet - where a zone is defined (in Internet Explorer, at least) in Internet Options -> Security . Different zones mean the files come from different places (see here).

To see where an ADS is located, you use the `Dir /R` command, which has an output similar to this:

According to the link above, the contents of the ADS stream go something like this for a file downloaded from the Internet, where the zone is the one specified by your browser. You can view what is in the ADS by running `notepad kitty_portable.exe:Zone.Identifier` , in my case:

As seen on this site there are six Zone Transfer IDs, with 3 being Internet Zone as seen above.

Now, when you try to open a file that has that ZoneID set, you are met with an annoying prompt like the one you mentioned. There is a way to remove it, however, by right-clicking on the file, going to Properties, and clicking "Unblock" at the bottom:

What this does is removes the ADS that is appended to the file, which no longer makes your computer worry about opening it. This removal of the ADS can be verified by doing `Dir /R` in the same directory. You will see that the ADS is now gone:

All gone! Basically, as soon as you clear out the downloads in Internet Explorer (or another browser), Windows has no idea what website the file came from, just that it came from the Internet. If the file had a location associated with it, it would most likely have been saved in the ADS.

Where is my downloaded file.

It does not exist. Where can I find the downloaded file ?

2 Answers 2.

Using your `wget` command I found the following file name after the download completed.

Rename the file to `jre-8u45-linux-x64.rpm` and you should be able to execute your `rpm` command.

EDIT.

Your actual file name may differ. The above is just an example.

Try finding the file using

It'll search for whole directory structure and return you the value.

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How to check downloaded files Selenium WebDriver?

I wrote an automation test in Selenium webdriver using C#, and one of steps requires to download a XLSX file from server. How to validate if file has downloaded successfully and get his name?

2 Answers 2.

I found the solution with following source code:

In the below code, i have taken the list of excel files in the download folder. If you have only one file then use file.name property or if you have multiple files try the below code.

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Thank you for posting your query in Microsoft Community.

We would be glad to help you with the issue you are facing today. I understand the difficulty with the problem.

I would require some more information to help you better.

How did you download maps is it through Microsoft store?

Method: 1.

I would suggest you to follow the below steps.

Press "Windows + E" and click on C: drive . Select folder "User ". Select the "username " which you are logged in. Click on "downloads".

Method: 2.

Open "Microsoft store". Select the option next to search. Select " Download & Updates ".

Hope this helps in resolving the issue. If the issue persists, do get back to us. We will be happy to assist you.

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Thank you for your help I did as you indicated and found user/ david/ downloads but no maps.

I used the built in "map" program supplied with win 10 the map progress bar indicated the map was downloaded but did not indicate where the map was located the only option shown on the window display in system maps was delete all maps see image thank you again for your help do you need more information from me? elete.

detecting a file downloaded in selenium.java.

I wrote an automation test in selenium.java that detects if the page is redirecting (the automation detects if a new page is opened, the page redirects to other page, a new tab is opened and if an alert window is opened)

Now to the problem. one of the redirects i can't find any way to detect is an automatic downloaded file (you enter a website and the website automatically downloads a file without any trigger from the user)

I know the download process may differ in each browser, I need it to work mainly on chrome.

11 Answers 11.

I had the same question and here is what I found somewhere on the Internet (maybe on stackoverflow, I cannot remember). I just added a line to delete the file so that by calling this method at the beginning of my test, I'm making sure the file does not exist anymore when trying to download it again.

You just have to call with this single line: `isFileDownloaded("C:\Path\To\Your\Folder", "yourPdfFile.abc");`

Hope this helps!

My solution in the end was to count the files in the download directory before and after i open the page.

I'll be glad to know if someone knows a way to find the trigger for the download.

I am handling a similar condition in my automation.

Step1: set the download path in chrome using chrome preference.

Make sure that there is no file with the expected file name in the folder where you are downloading.

Step 2: navigate to the url in chrome, the file will be automatically downloaded to the specified folder.