

# How do I disable zone markers for downloaded files, so that Explorer stops being a nag about running downloaded files and just trusts me to do the right thing?

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My Little Program about manipulating the zone identifier for downloaded files appears to have struck a nerve with commenter Tess, who [launched into some sort of diatribe about how Microsoft should stop being a busybody and warning users about opening files that they downloaded](#). You are welcome to disable the feature if it offends you so. In the Group Policy editor, go to User Configuration, Administrative Templates, Windows Components, Attachment Manager, and enable *Do not preserve zone information in file attachments*. For bonus points, you can set a bunch of other policies to make your computer even more dangerous. [Here's a list of them](#). For example, if your goal is to create the most insecure deployment of Internet Explorer, you can set *Inclusion list for moderate risk file types* and *Inclusion list for low risk file types* both to `*.*`, and then on top of that, set *Launching applications and unsafe files* to *Enabled (not secure)* so that Internet Explorer never warns you about running anything.

Welcome to 1995. Enjoy your stay.

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