

Installing applications on Windows Mobile devices

There are two types of installation files which can be installed on a Windows Mobile device:

.EXE files. These must be run and installed from your computer with your Windows Mobile device connected. You install these files in the following way:

1. Connect your mobile device to the computer.
2. To run the .EXE file, on the computer, locate the .EXE file that you want to install on your mobile device and then double-click the file.
3. A message box will pop up that asks you to check your device if any further steps are required to complete the installation. Click **OK**.
4. On the Today screen of your mobile device, a message box will appear asking you to confirm the installation, tap **Yes**.
5. A dialog box will open asking the location where you want to install the application. Select the location as **Device** or **Storage card**, as required (certain applications may not present you with this option).
6. To install the application, tap **Install**, and then tap **OK**.

.CAB (or cabinet) files. A .CAB file contains several compressed files that are used to install an application directly from your mobile device. This is a particularly useful option if you do not have a computer, or if you wish to distribute an application to a number of remote users. You could distribute a .CAB file by email, memory card or by placing the .CAB file on a website and requiring the users to browse to the site and download the .CAB file using Pocket Internet Explorer. To install a .CAB file perform the following, which assumes the .CAB file has already been transferred to the device via one of the aforementioned methods:

1. On the Today screen, tap **Start > Programs > File Explorer**.
2. Browse to the .CAB file.
3. To run the .CAB file, tap the .CAB file, and then follow device-specific instructions to install the application.