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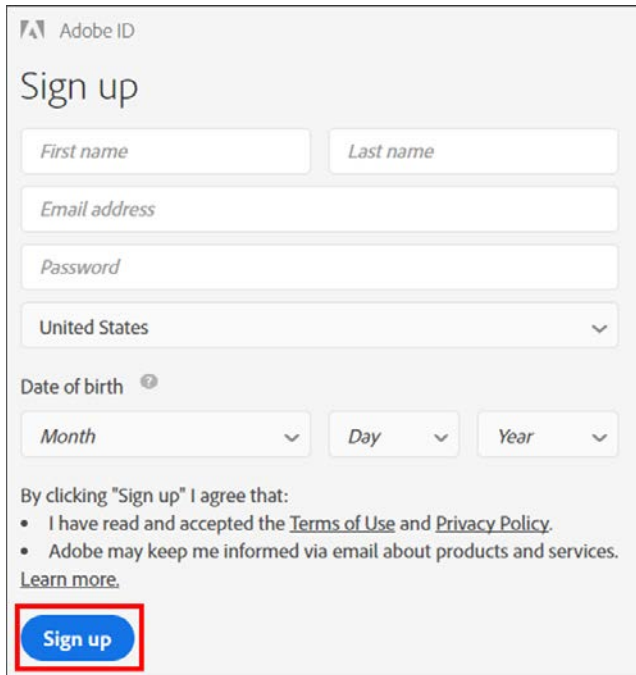
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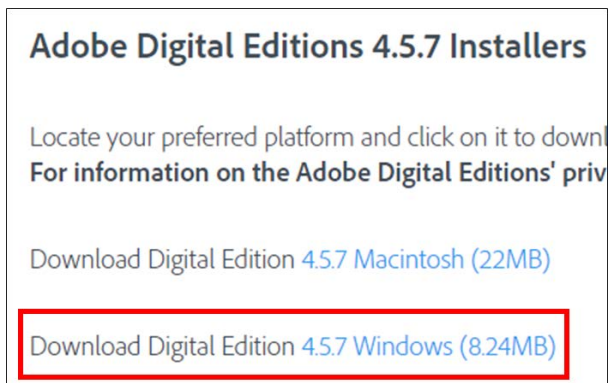
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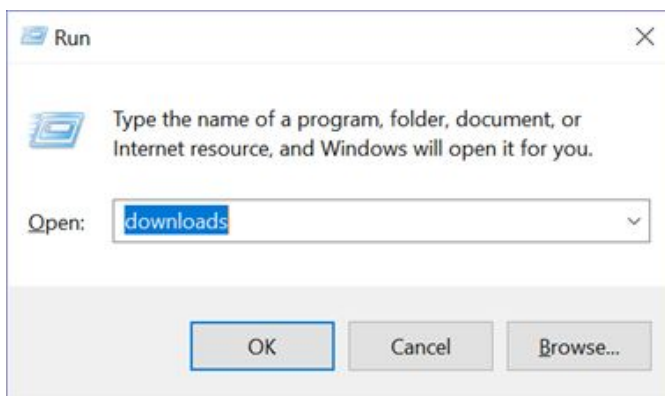
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2. After the download is complete, hold down the Windows key  on the bottom-left of your keyboard, and, while holding it, tap the **R** key on your keyboard. In the box that appears, type **downloads**, and hit **Enter** on your keyboard:



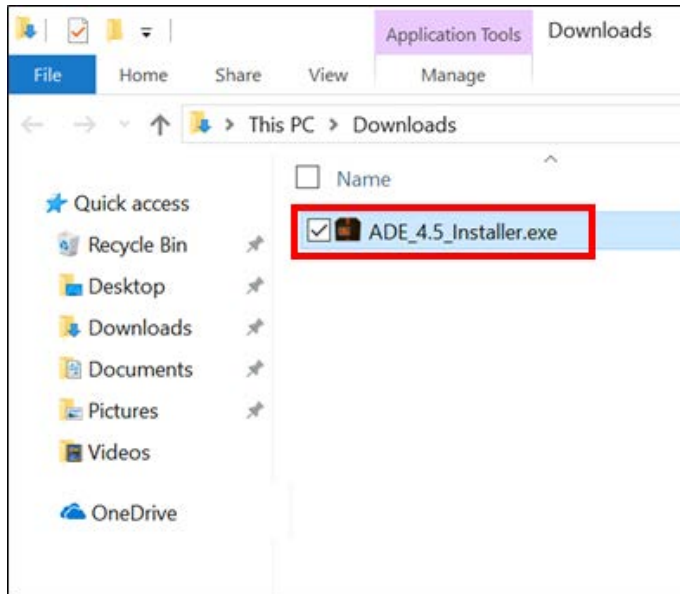
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Type the name of a program, folder, document, or Internet resource, and Windows will open it for you.

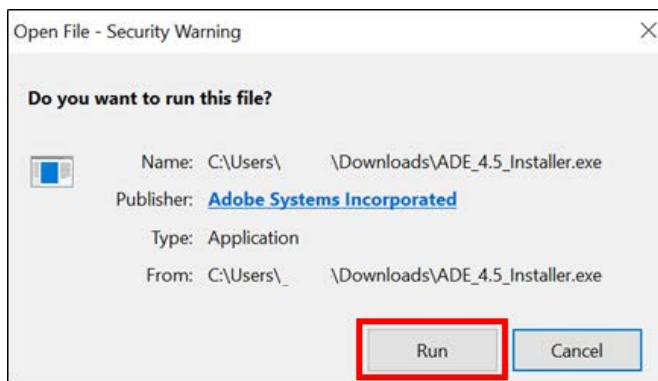
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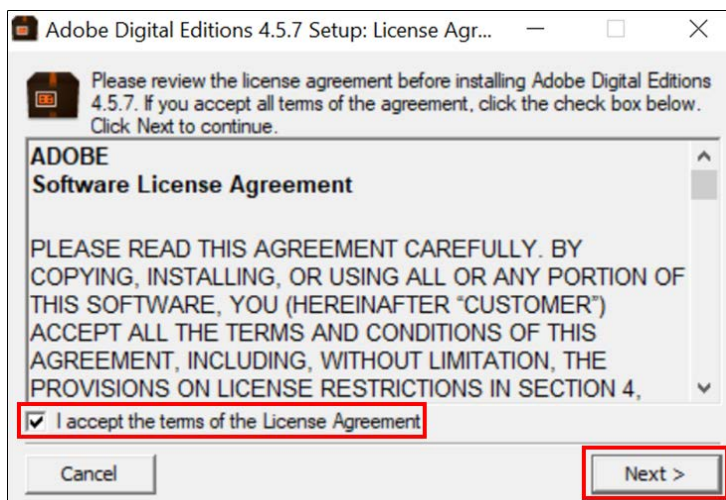
3. On the right side of the window, double-click the **ADE Installer** file:



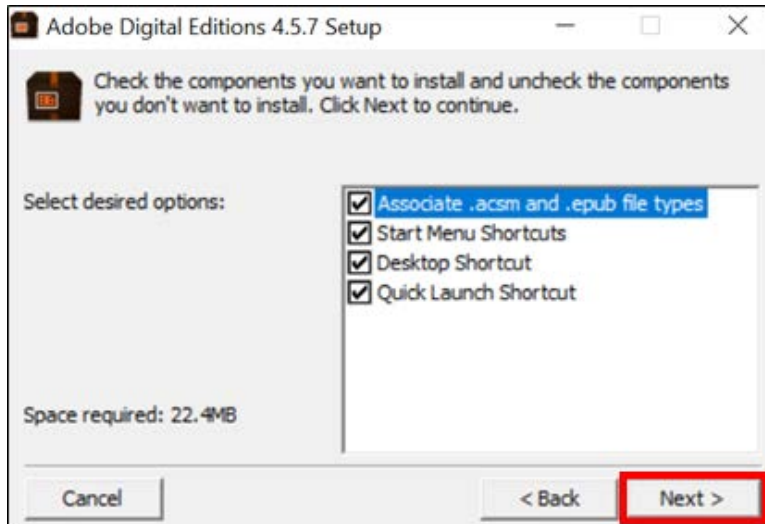
4. If prompted, click the **Run** button:



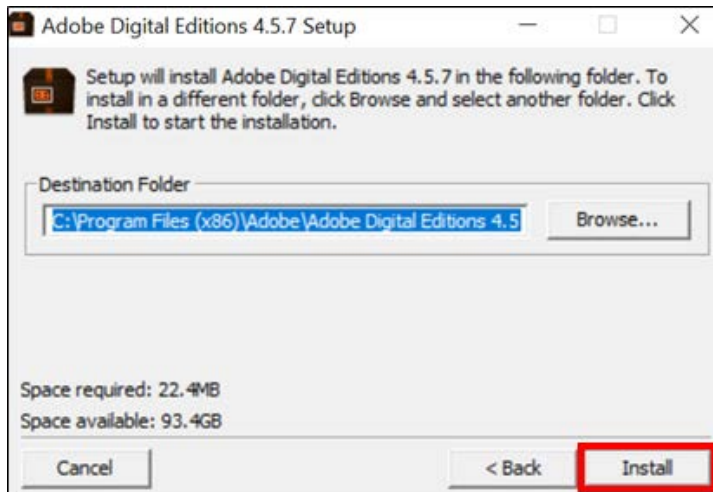
5. Click the checkbox to accept the license agreement, then click the **Next** button:



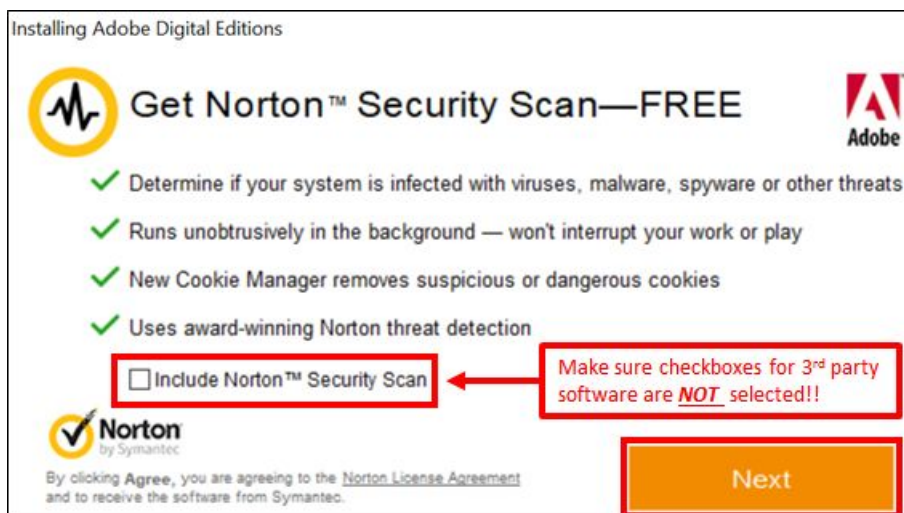
6. Under desired options, click the **Next** button:



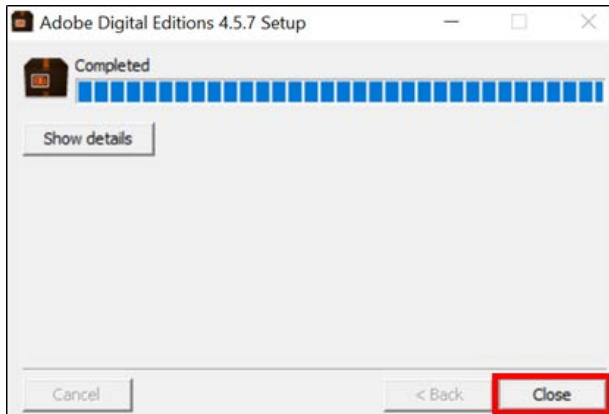
7. You can, if you like, choose a custom installation location, but you do not have to. Click the **Install** button:



8. If you are prompted to install any software *other than* Adobe Digital Editions, make sure to deselect the checkbox to allow it to be installed. Most times, these checkboxes come pre-checked, so look closely—you are not required to install this software to get Adobe Digital Editions!




9. When the installation is complete, click the **Close** button.

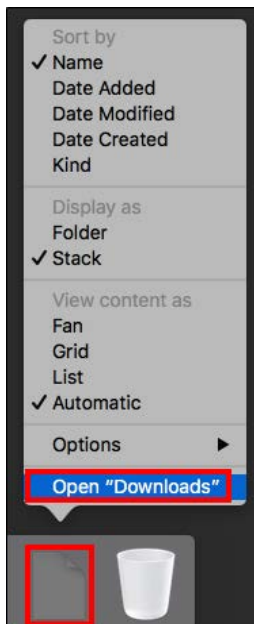


Getting Adobe Digital Editions for Mac

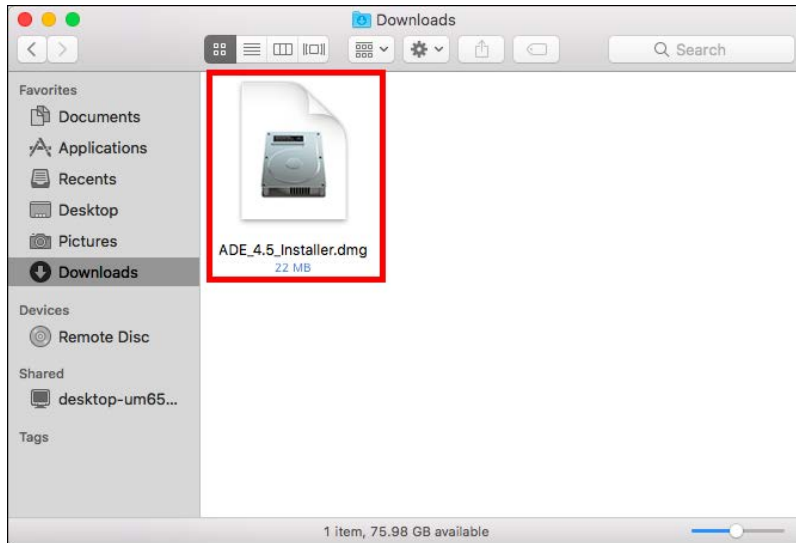
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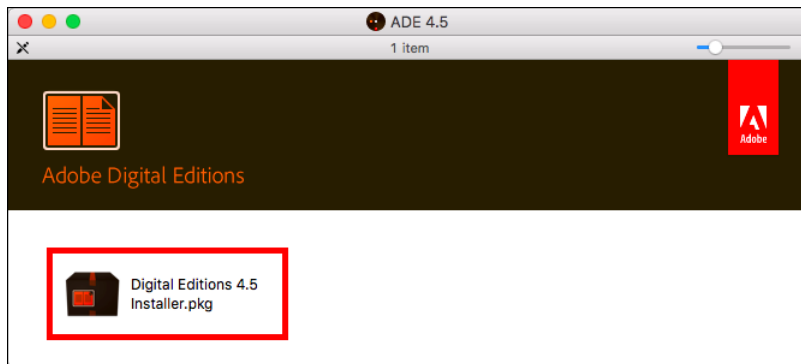
2. Once the download is complete, hold the **control** key  on the bottom-left side of your keyboard, and, while holding it, click once on the Downloads icon, usually found next to the Trash icon in the dock on the bottom of your screen. Then click on **Open "Downloads"** from the context menu that appears:



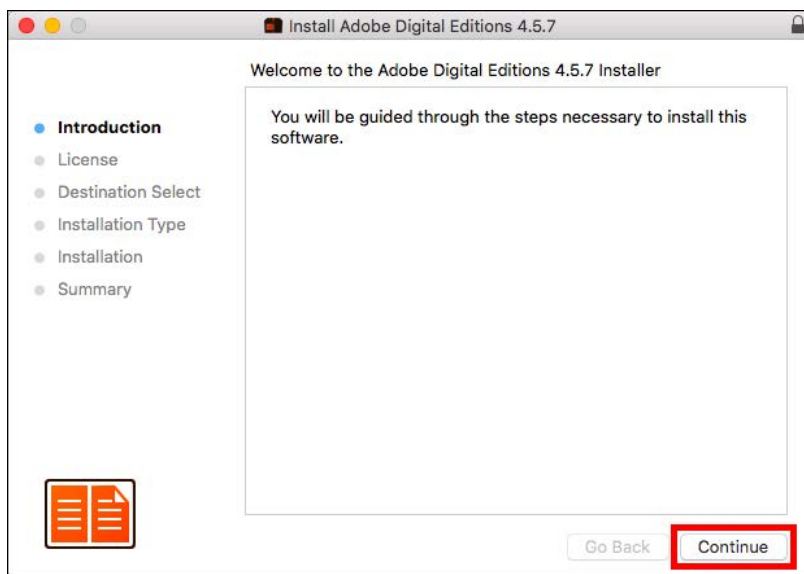
3. Double-click the **ADE Installer** file:



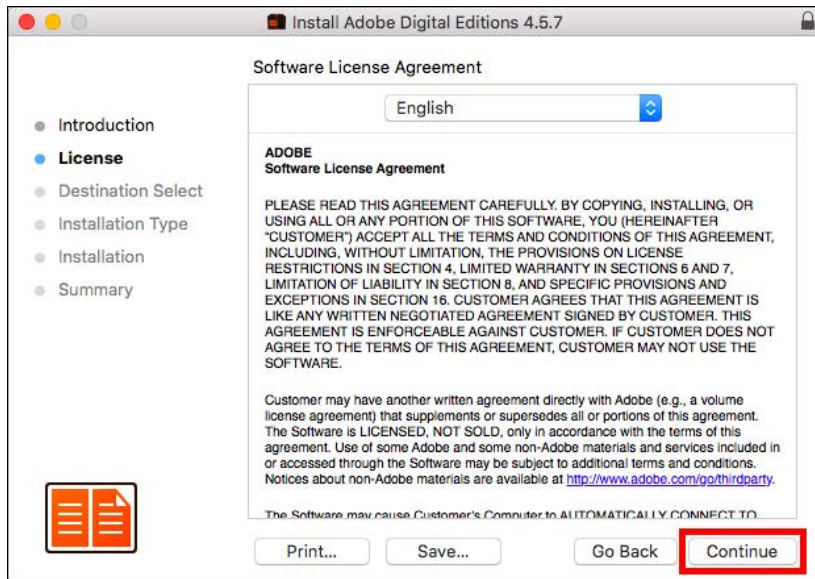
4. After a few moments, the following screen will appear. Double-click the icon labeled **Digital Editions Installer.pkg**:



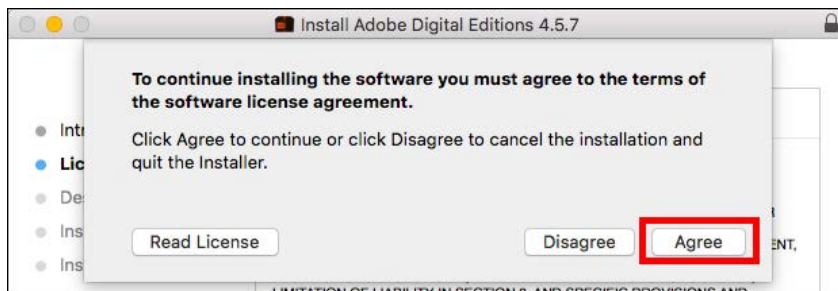
5. Click **Continue** on the first screen:



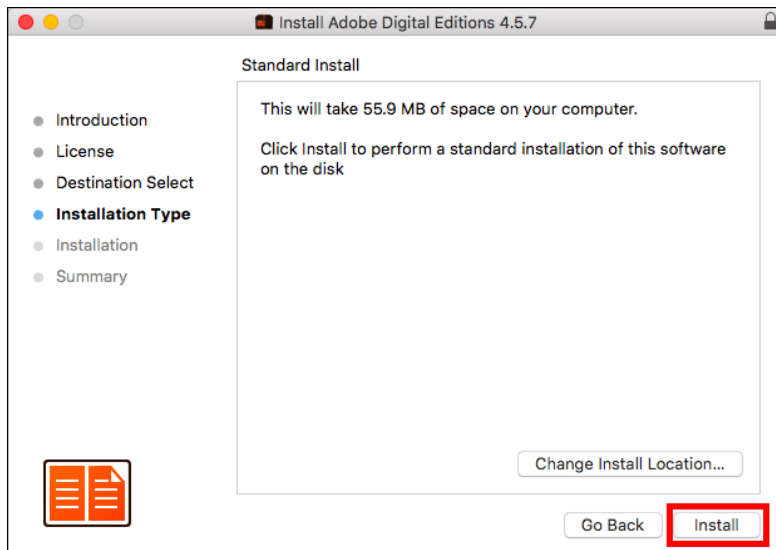
6. On the License Agreement screen, click **Continue**:



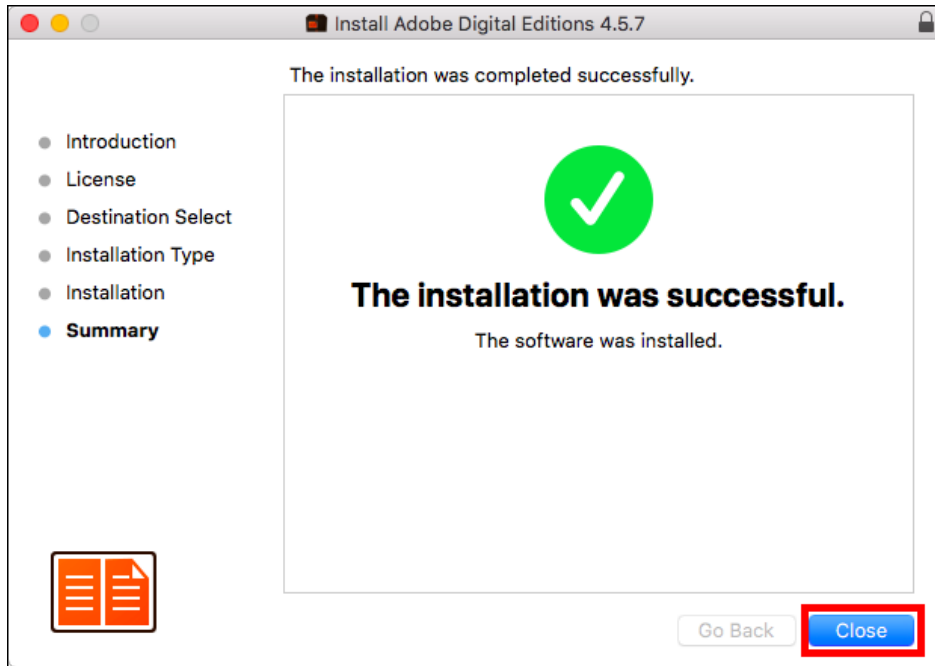
7. When prompted, click **Agree**:



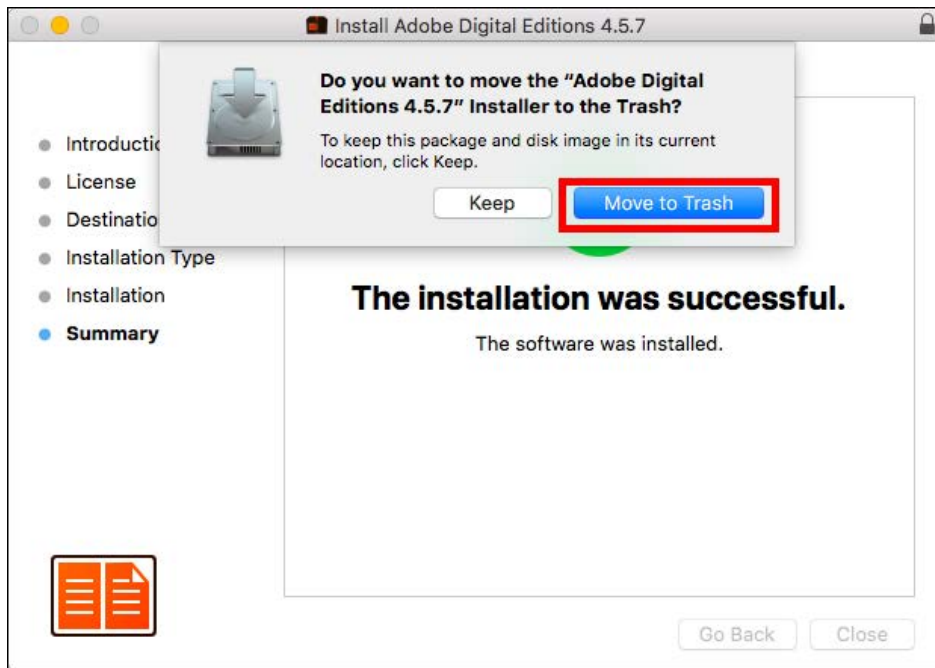
8. When prompted, click the **Install** button:




9. After the installation is complete, click the **Close** button:

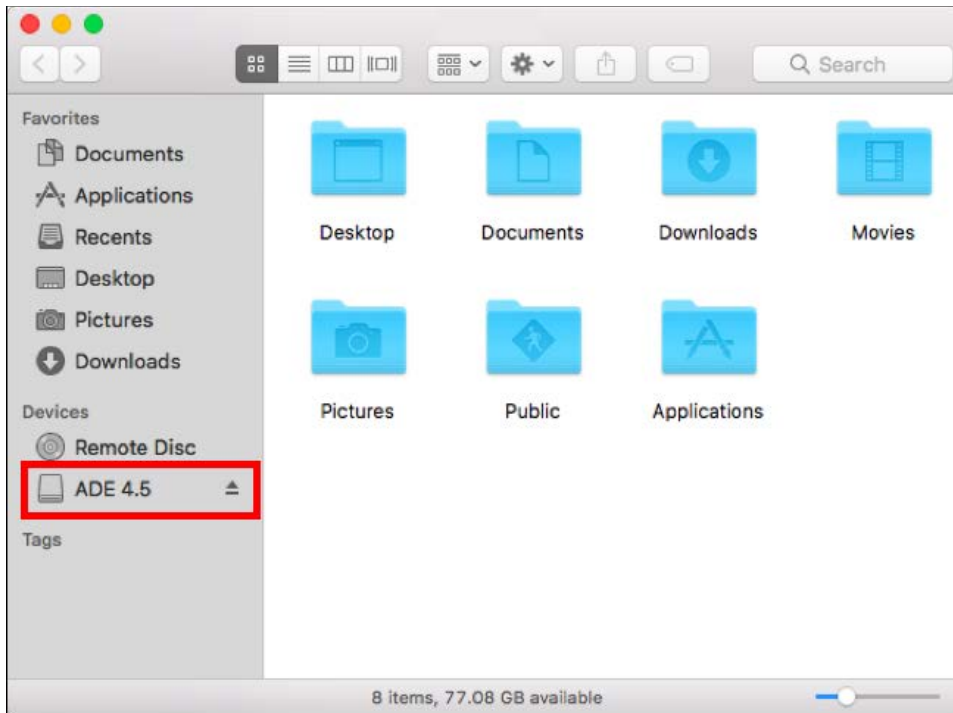


10. If prompted, click the option to move the installer to the trash:



11. Click the  icon in the dock at the bottom of your screen.


12. Click the  icon next to the **ADE** shown on the left side of the window:

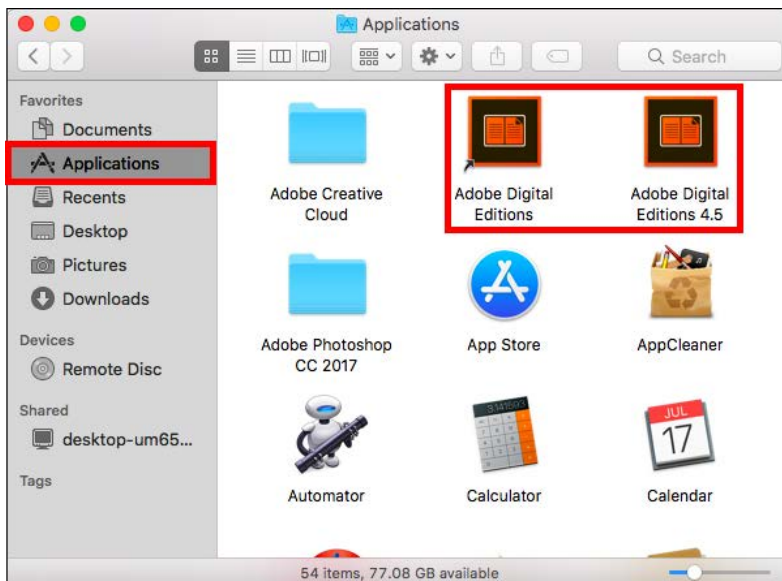


Setting up Adobe Digital Editions for Windows and Mac

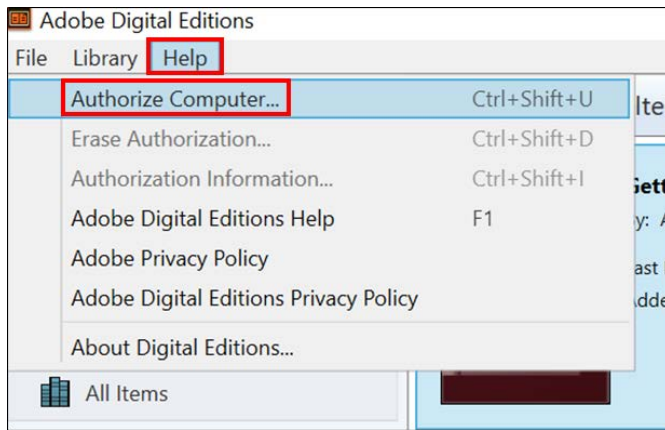
1. After the installation is complete, Adobe Digital Editions should automatically open. If it does not:

- **Windows:** double-click the  icon on your desktop.

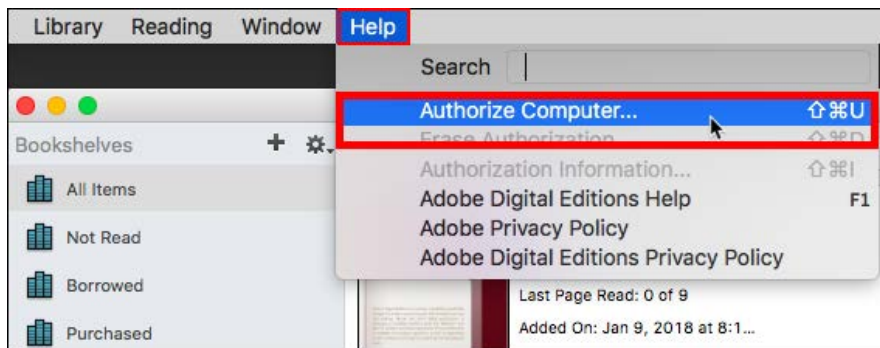
- **Mac:** click the  icon in the dock at the bottom of your screen. Click **Applications** on the left side of the window, then double-click either of the **Adobe Digital Editions** icons if you see more than one. It doesn't matter which you choose:



2. After Adobe Digital Editions has opened, choose **Authorize Computer** from the **Help** menu:



On Mac, the **Help** menu is in the toolbar that runs across the top of the screen:

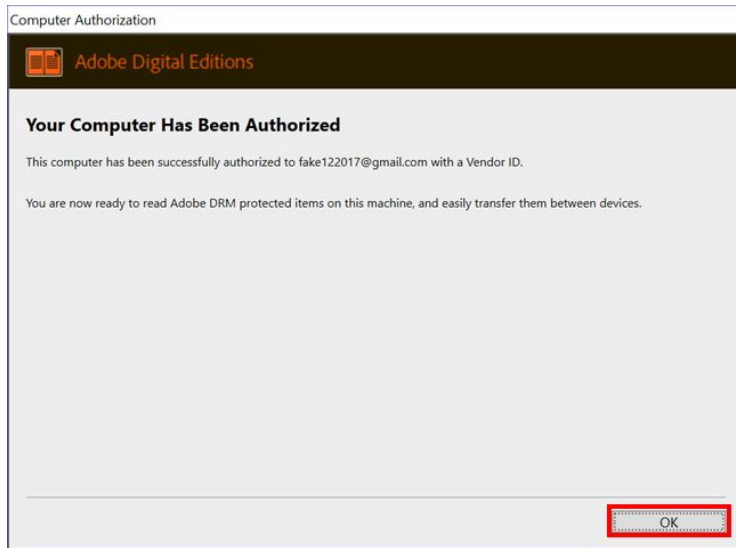


3. In the authorization window, enter the email and password combination you used to create your Adobe ID, then click the **Authorize** button:

A screenshot of the 'Authorize Your Computer' dialog box. It contains the following elements:

- Title: **Authorize Your Computer**
- Text: 'Authorizing your computer enables you to:'
- List:
 - Easily transfer Adobe DRM protected items between multiple computers and mobile devices.
 - Read Adobe DRM-protected items on computers or mobile devices (up to six).
 - Restore your content from backup whenever you need to re-install the OS.
- Section: **Select eBook vendor, then enter your login ID and password below**
- Form:
 - eBook Vendor: Adobe ID (dropdown menu)
 - Adobe ID: [text input field]
 - Password: [text input field]
- Links:
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- Checkbox: ☐ I want to authorize my computer without an ID
- Buttons: Cancel, Authorize (highlighted with a red box)

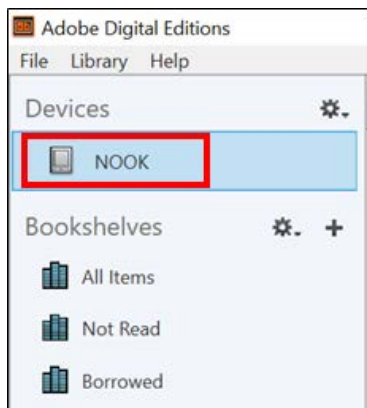
4. Once the authorization is complete, click the OK button:




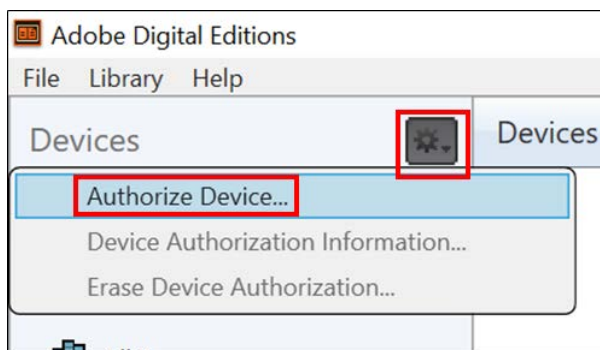
Authorizing your Nook or Kobo eReader (OPTIONAL)

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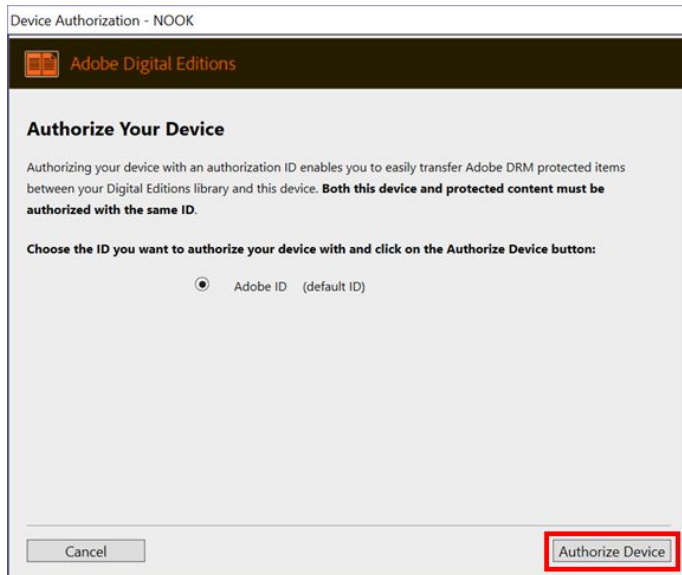
1. Plug your eReader into your computer with its USB cable. If this is the first time you've done this, it may take your computer a minute or two to set up the device.
2. Open Adobe Digital Editions. Your Nook or Kobo should be displayed under **Devices**. Click it once:



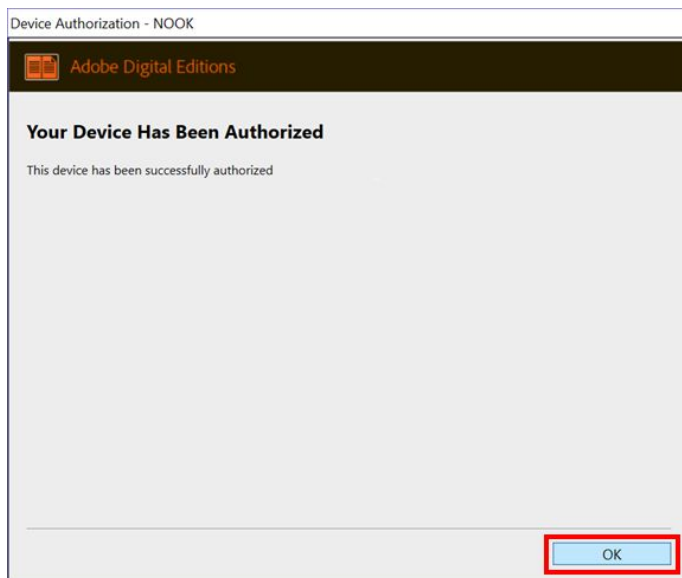
3. Click  icon to the right of **Devices**. From the drop-down menu, click **Authorize Device**:



4. In the **Device Authorization** window, click the **Authorize Device** button in the bottom-right corner:

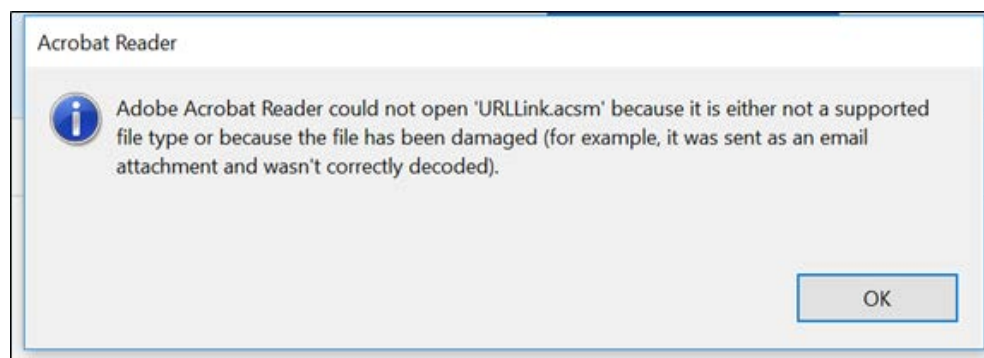


5. Authorization should only take a few seconds. Once complete, click the **OK** button in the bottom-right corner of the window:




Setting Adobe Digital Editions as Default / Adobe Acrobat Reader Error

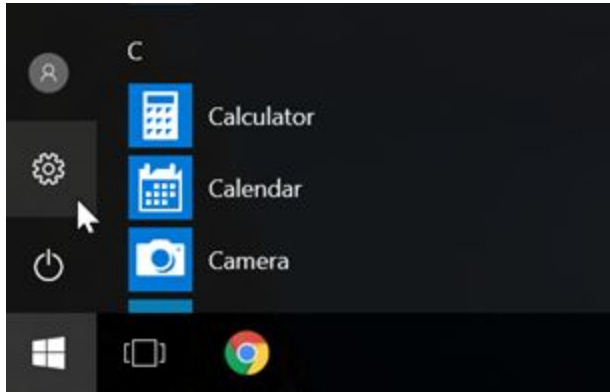
OverDrive, Freeding, and EBSCO download a **.acsm** file to your computer, which then tells Adobe Digital Editions to download the eBook you've borrowed. However, some computers, for whatever reason, are set to open **.acsm** files in Adobe Acrobat Reader, not Adobe Digital Editions. When Adobe Reader tries to read these files, it will return this error message:



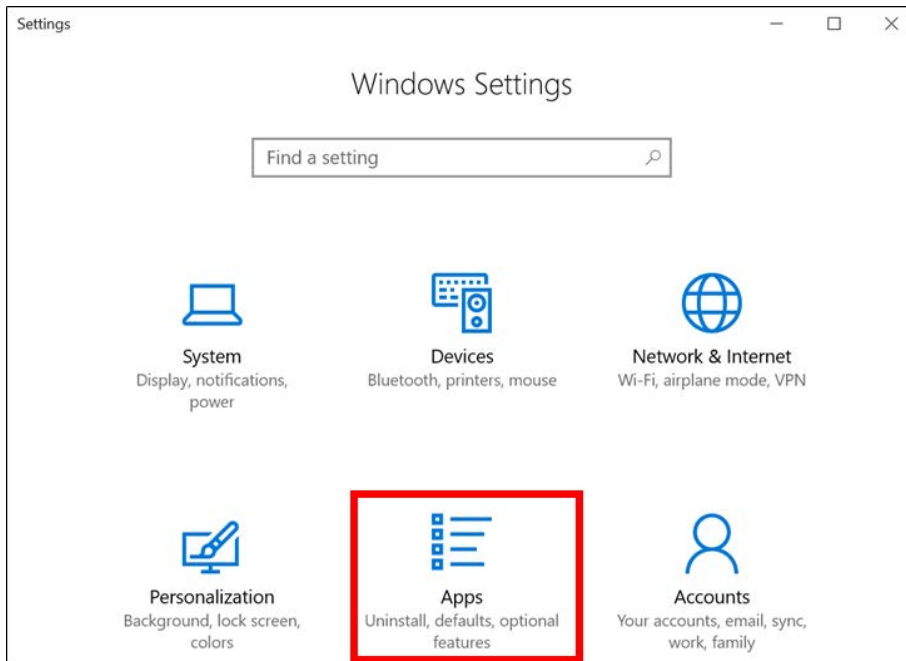
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Windows 10

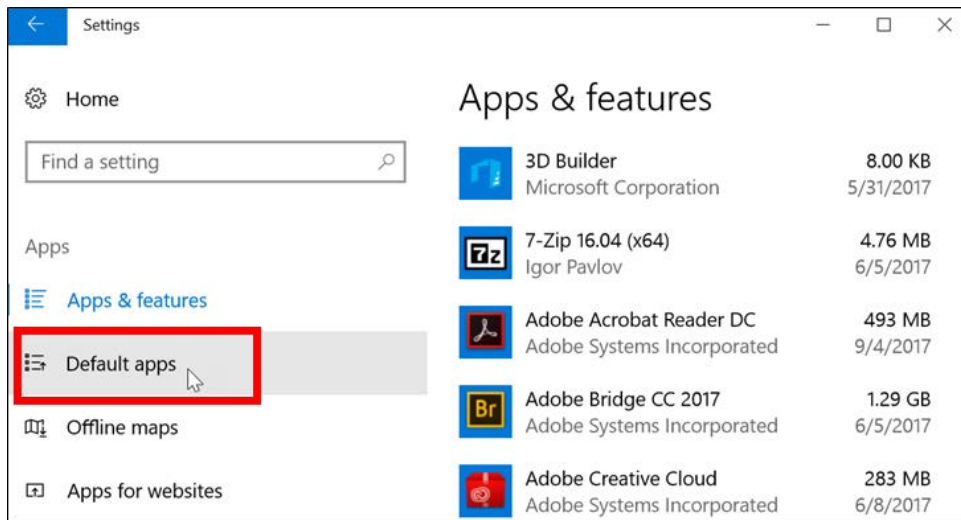
1. Open the Start Menu, and click the  icon on the left side:



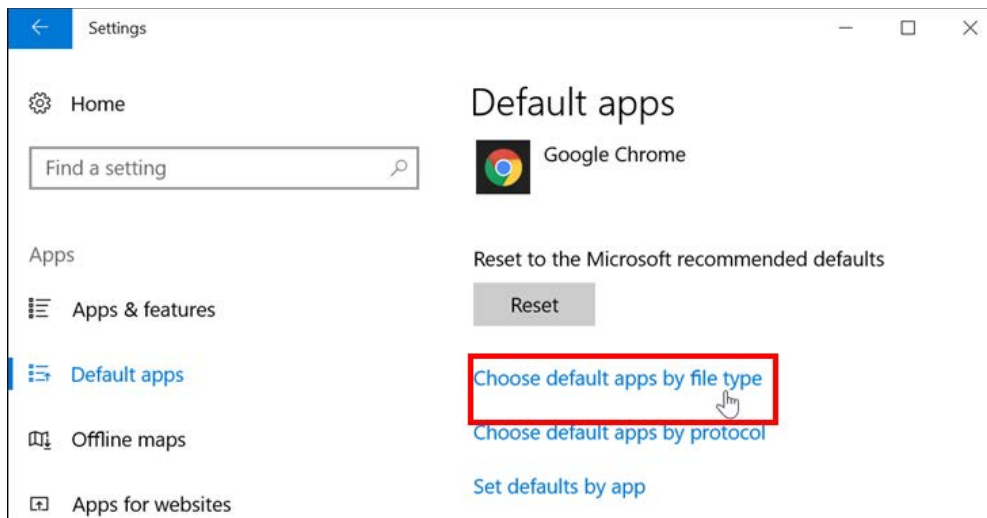
2. In the Windows Settings window, click **Apps**:



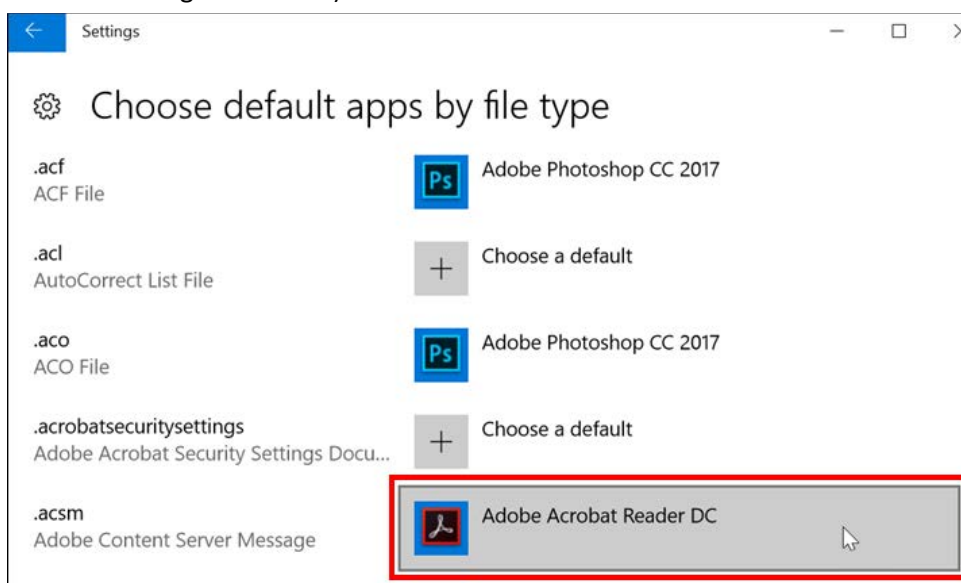
3. In the Apps & features, click **Default apps** on the left side of the window:



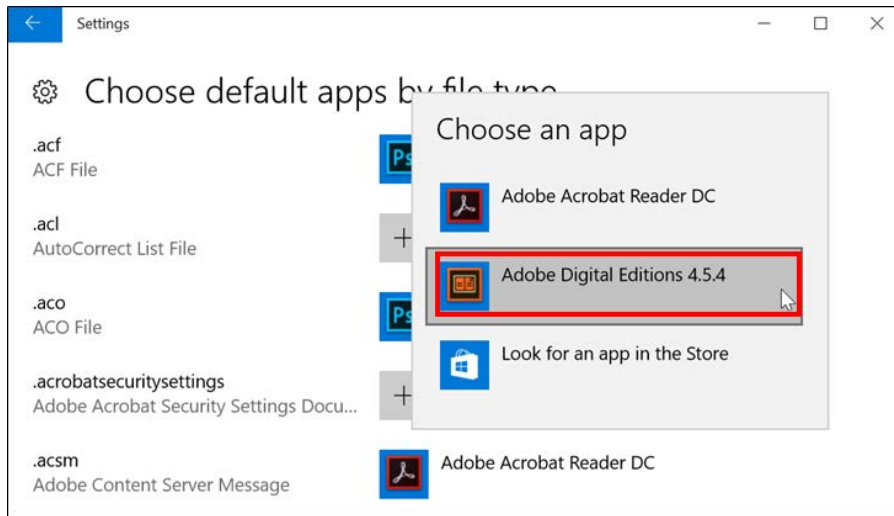
4. In Default apps, scroll to the bottom of the window, and click **Choose default apps by file type**:



5. Scroll down until you see .acsm on the left side of the screen, then click **Adobe Acrobat Reader** (or anything else that ISN'T Adobe Digital Editions):

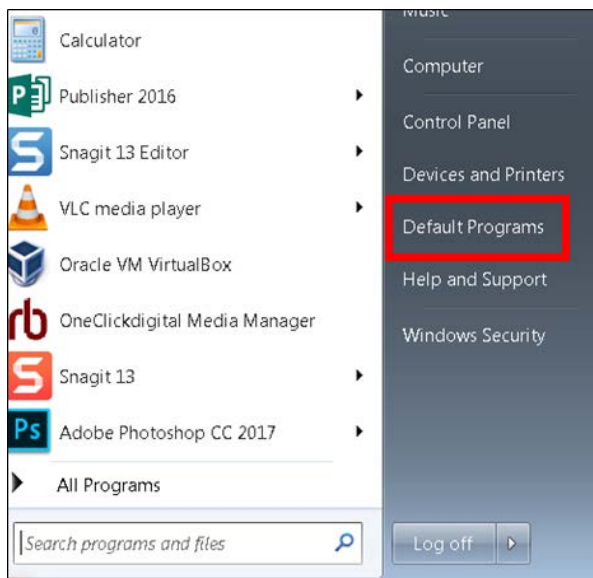


6. Click **Adobe Digital Editions** from the pop-up, and then close the window.

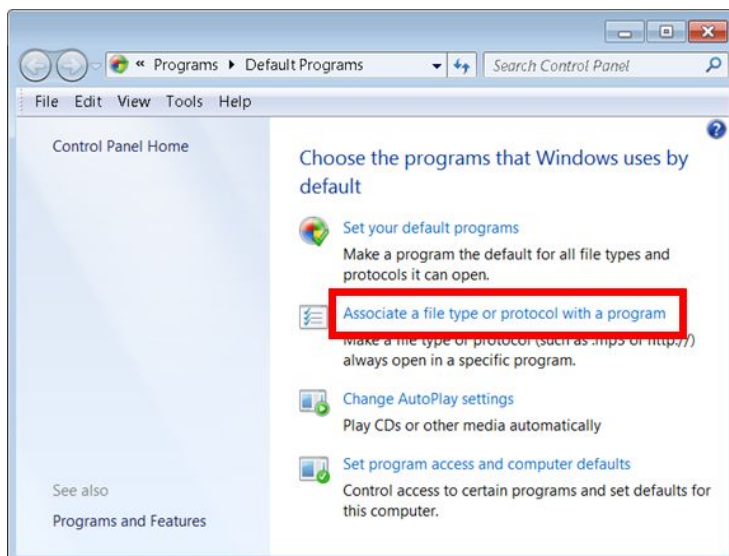


Windows 7

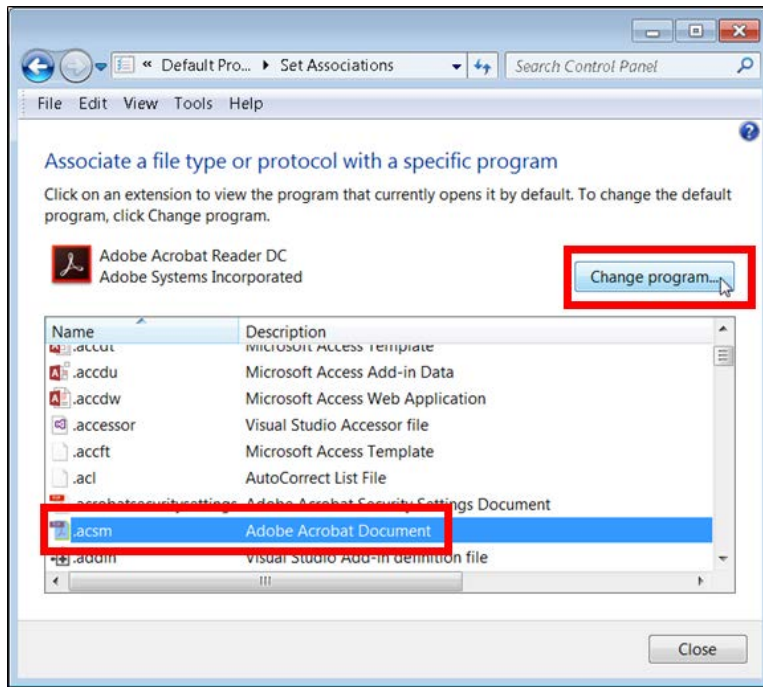
1. Open the Start Menu, and click **Default Programs** on the right side:



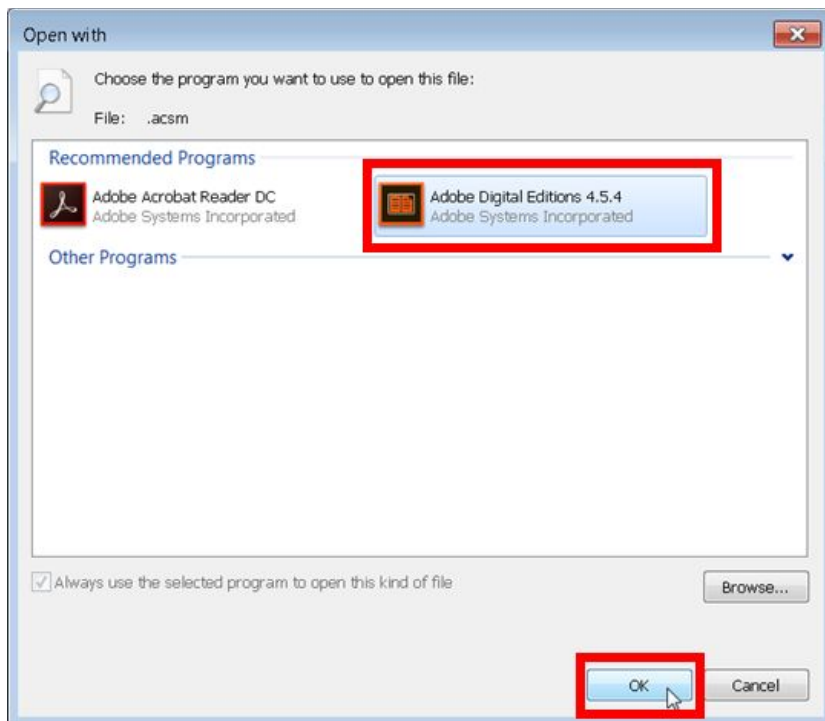
2. Click **Associate a file type or protocol with a program**:



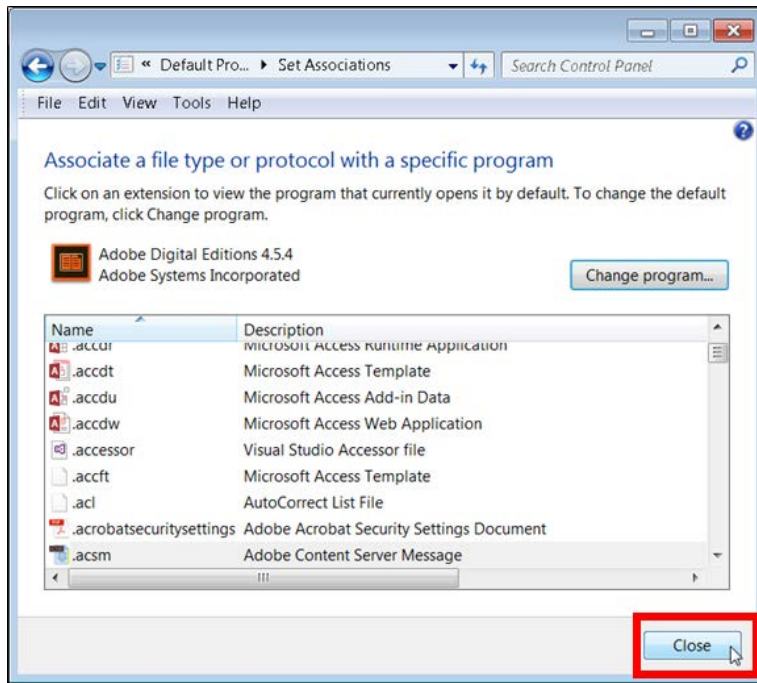
3. Scroll down to **.acsm**, and click the **Change program** button:



4. Click **Adobe Digital Editions**, then click the **OK** button:



5. Click the **Close** button.



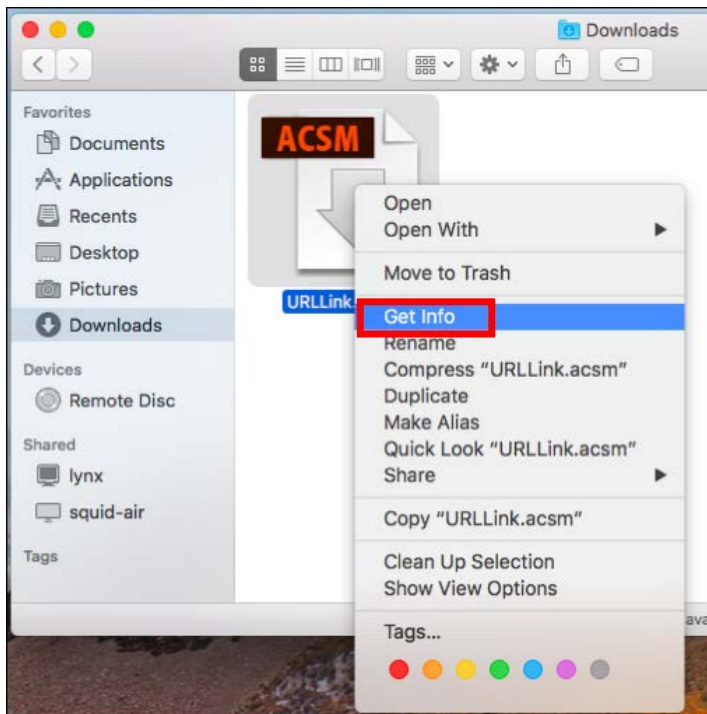
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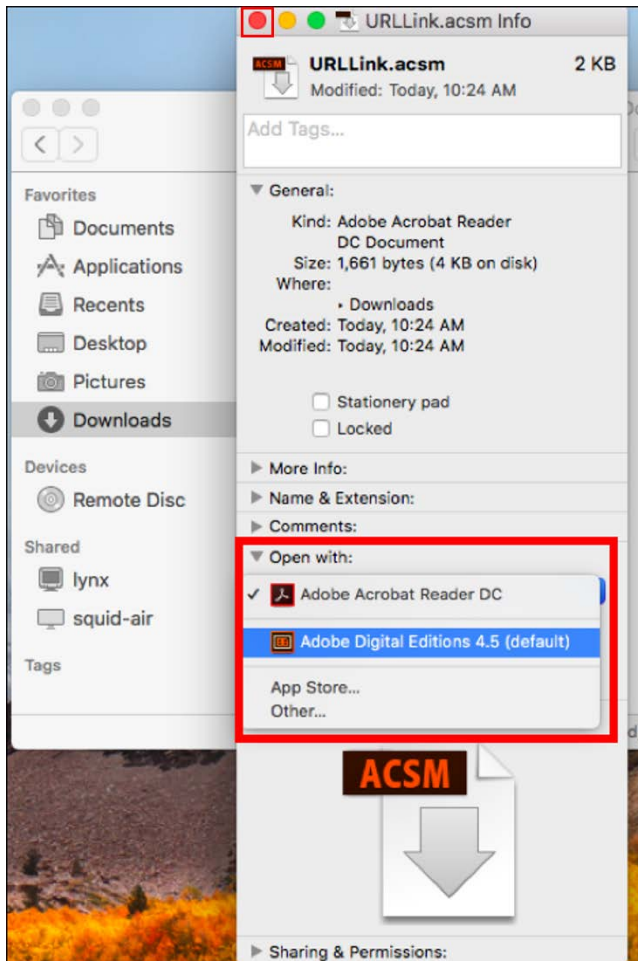
1. Click the icon in the dock at the bottom of your screen.
2. Click on **Downloads** on the left side of the window:



3. Hold the **control** key on the bottom-left of your keyboard, and, while holding it, click once on the **.acsm** file. When the menu appears, click on **Get Info**:



4. In the window that opens, click **Open with:**, and then click **Adobe Digital Editions** from the drop-down menu. Click the red circle in the upper-left corner to close the window:



INSTRUCTIONS END