

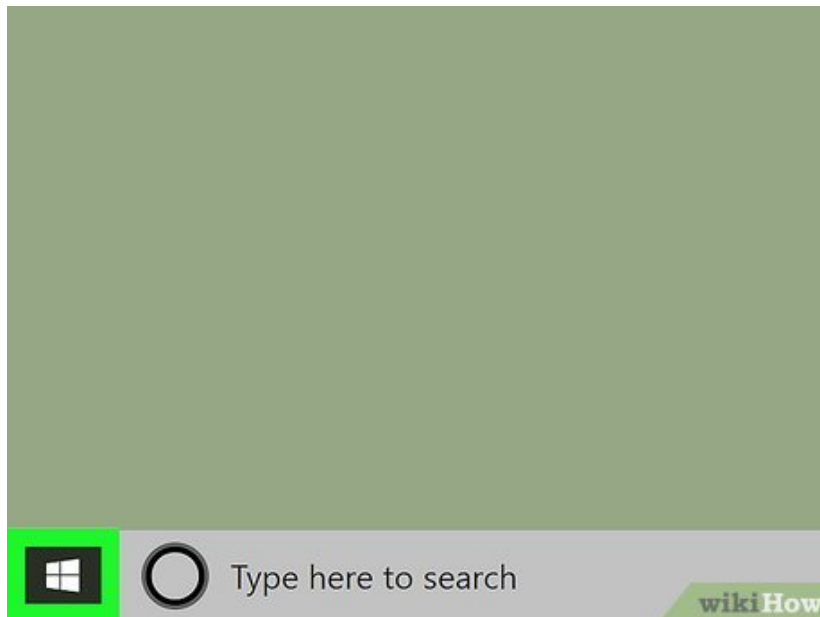
How to Get an Animated Desktop Background

Animated backgrounds can break up the monotony of a blank background or wallpaper and add a bit of spark and interest to your computer screen. While this feature was previously available within certain versions of Windows, you now must use...

Method 1 of 2:

Using a Desktop Live Wallpapers on Windows 10

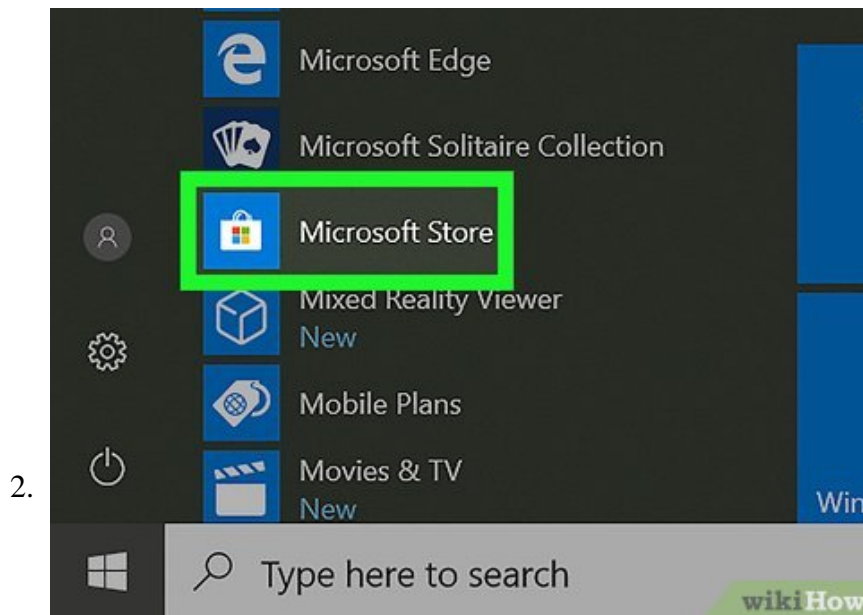
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Click the Windows Start menu



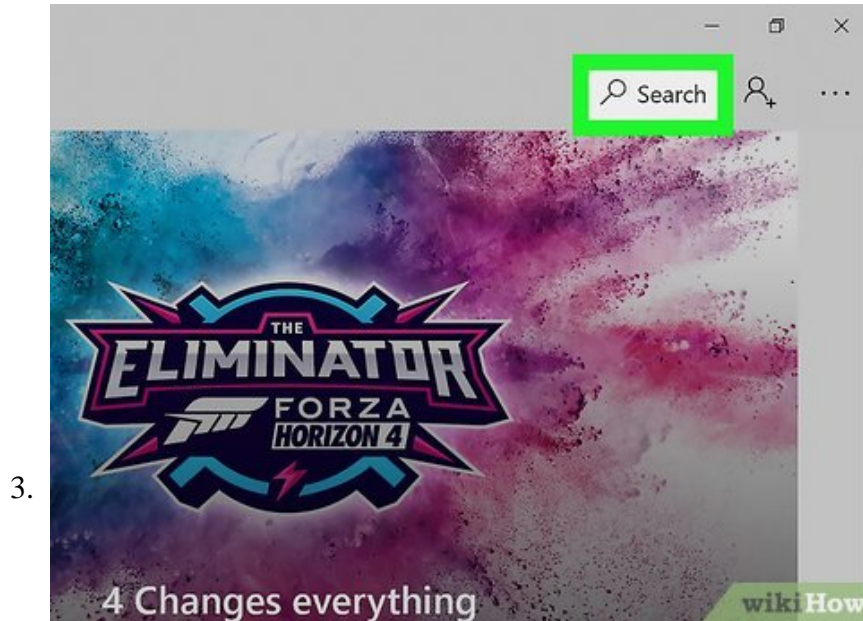
. It's in the icon with the Windows logo. By default, it's in the lower-left corner of the taskbar. This opens the Windows Start menu.



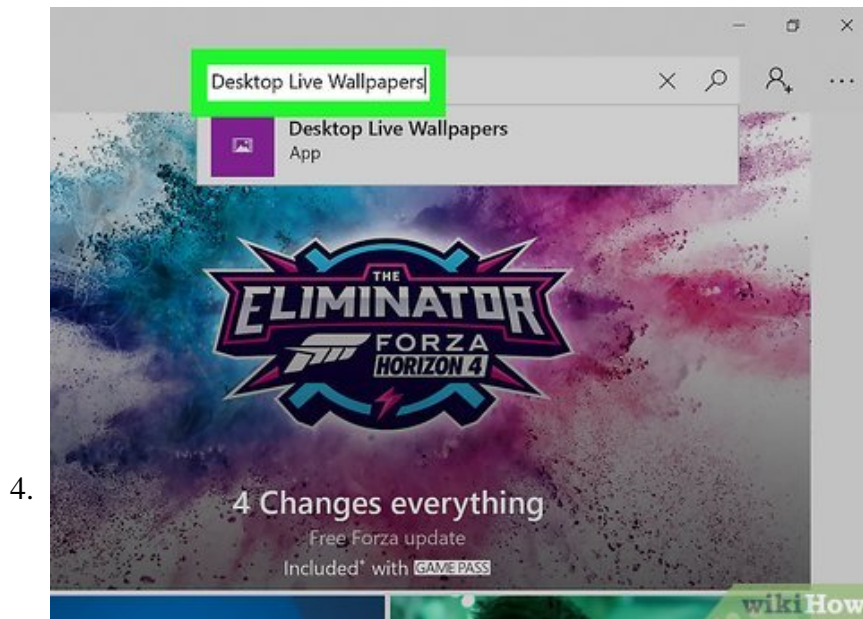
Click the Microsoft Store icon. It has an icon that resembles a white shopping bag with the Windows logo on it. It's below "Explorer" in the Windows Start menu. You can download apps from the Microsoft Store to animate your desktop.

1. If you are not logged in, click **Log In** and log in with the email address and password associated with your Microsoft account.

2. If you do not see the Microsoft Store in the Windows Start menu, just type "Microsoft Store" to display it at the top.



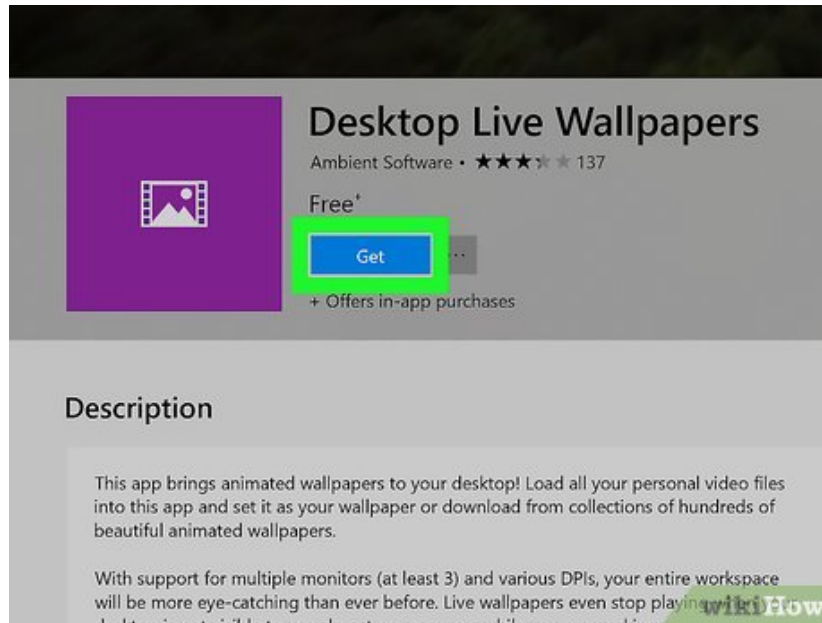
Click . It's next to an icon that resembles a magnifying glass in the upper-right corner.



Enter **Desktop Live Wallpapers** in the search bar and press **Enter**. This searches for an app called Dynamic Wallpaper in the Microsoft Store.

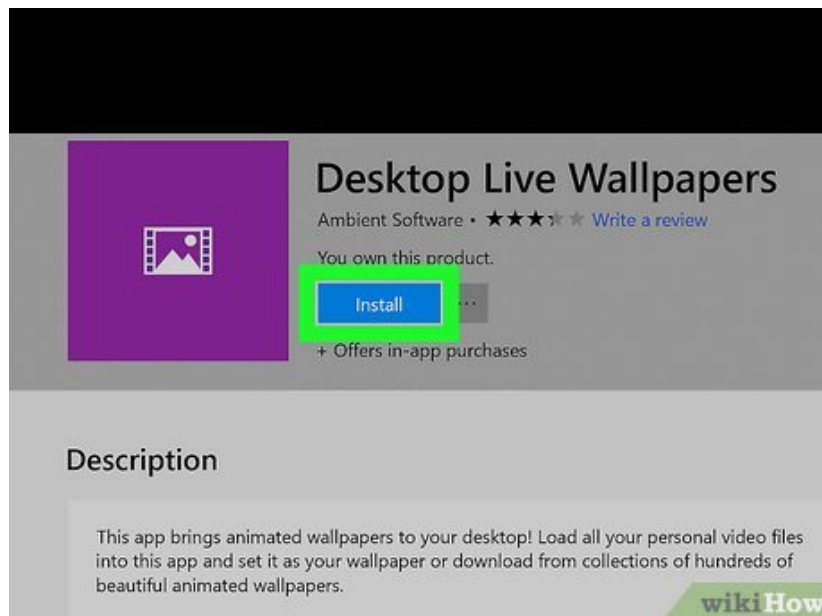
1. There are other animated wallpaper apps you can download for Windows, though most are paid software. A couple of programs include Deskscapes, and Wallpaper Engine.
2. **Note:** the free version of "Desktop Live Wallpapers" only supports WMV video format. However, you can use VLC, which is a free program to convert video files to WMV files.

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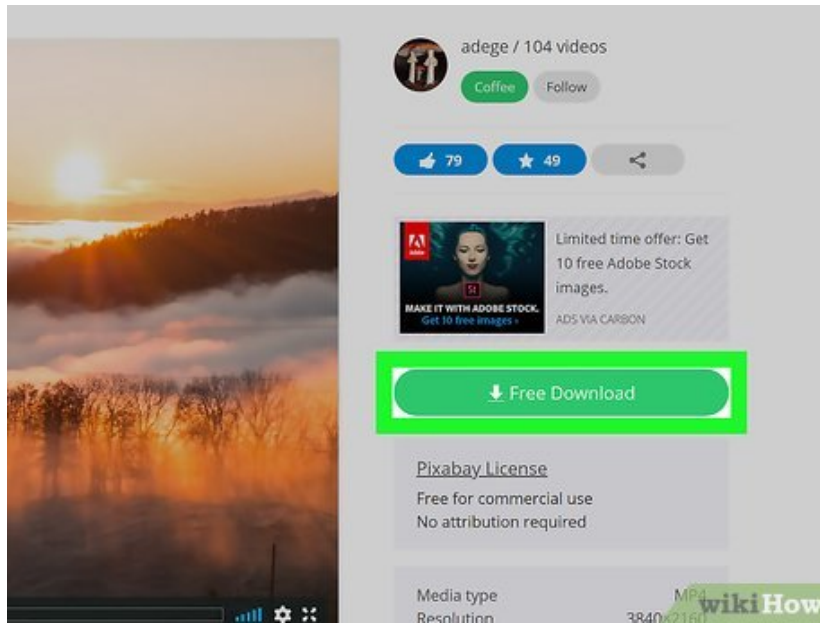
Click **GET**. This purchase the app from the Microsoft Store.

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Click **Install**. This button appears after you click **GET** in the Microsoft Store. This installs Desktop Live Wallpapers.

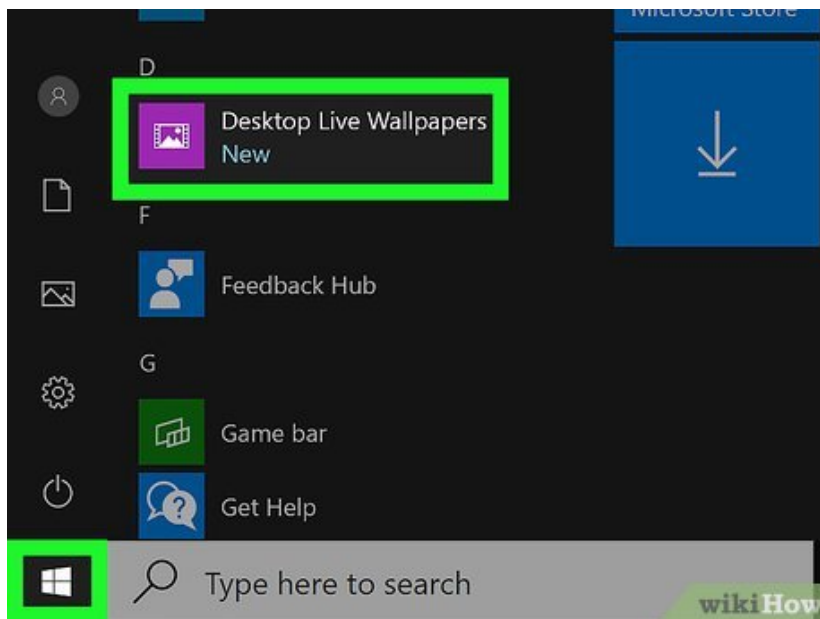
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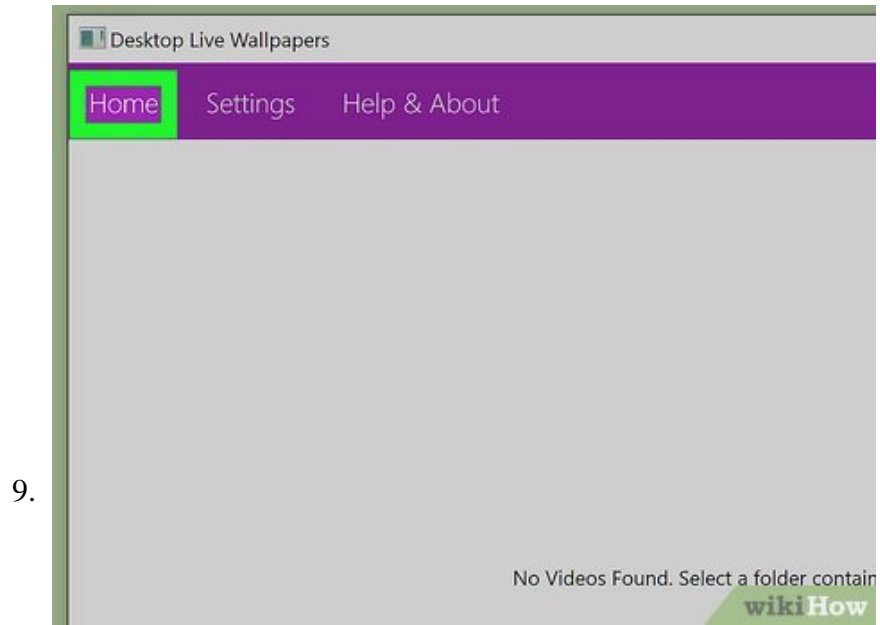
Download videos to use as backgrounds. There are many websites you can download quick videos to use as backgrounds. Use google to search for videos to download. Short scenic videos make good animated backgrounds. Click the download icon below one of the videos you wish to download. Some websites that have animated video files include the following:

1. <https://www.videvo.net>
2. <https://pixabay.com/videos/>
3. <https://www.deviantart.com/rainwallpaper/>

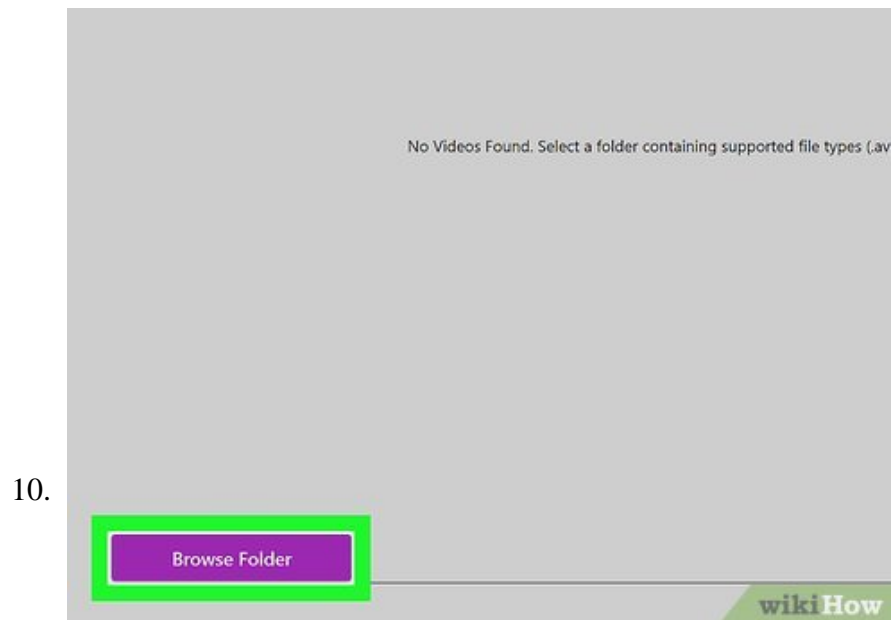
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Launch Desktop Live Wallpapers. You can either click the Desktop Live Wallpapers icon in the Start menu or click **Launch** in the Microsoft Store to launch Desktop Live Wallpapers.

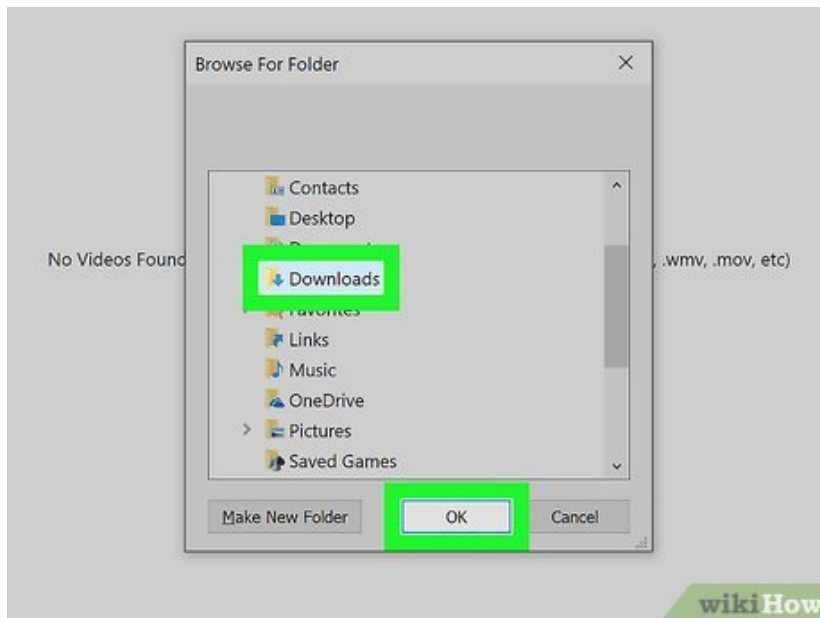


Click **Home**. It's in the upper-left corner of the "Desktop Live Wallpapers" app.



Click **Browse Folder**. It's the purple button in the lower-right corner of the "Desktop Live Wallpapers" app. This opens a file browser you can use to browse and open video files.

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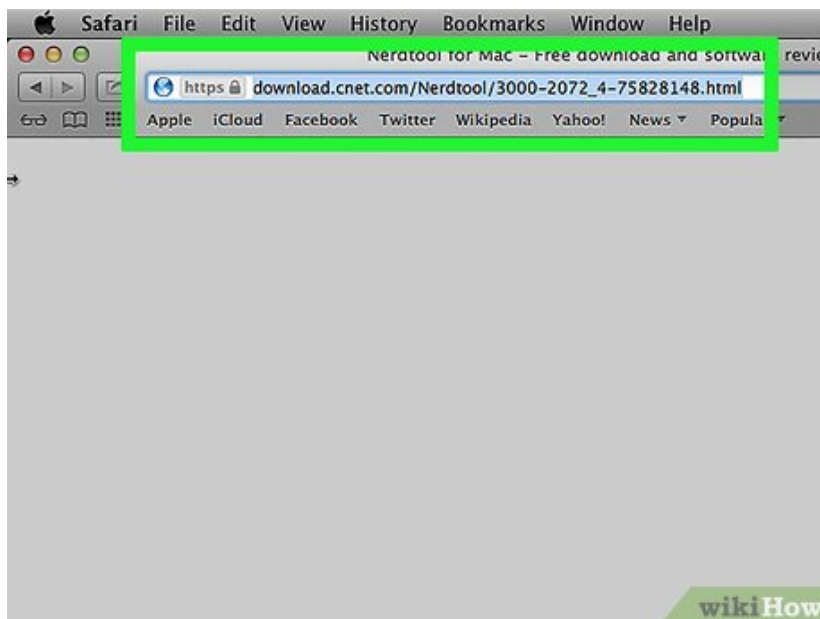
Navigate to the folder with your video files and click . Use the file browser to navigate to the folder that contains the video files you downloaded. Click the folder to select it. Then click **Ok** at the bottom of the Window.

1. Whenever you add new videos to this folder, click the circular arrow icon (?) in the lower-right corner to refresh the list of videos.
2. To remove a desktop wallpaper, Uninstall Desktop Live Wallpapers and set any photo as your desktop wallpaper.

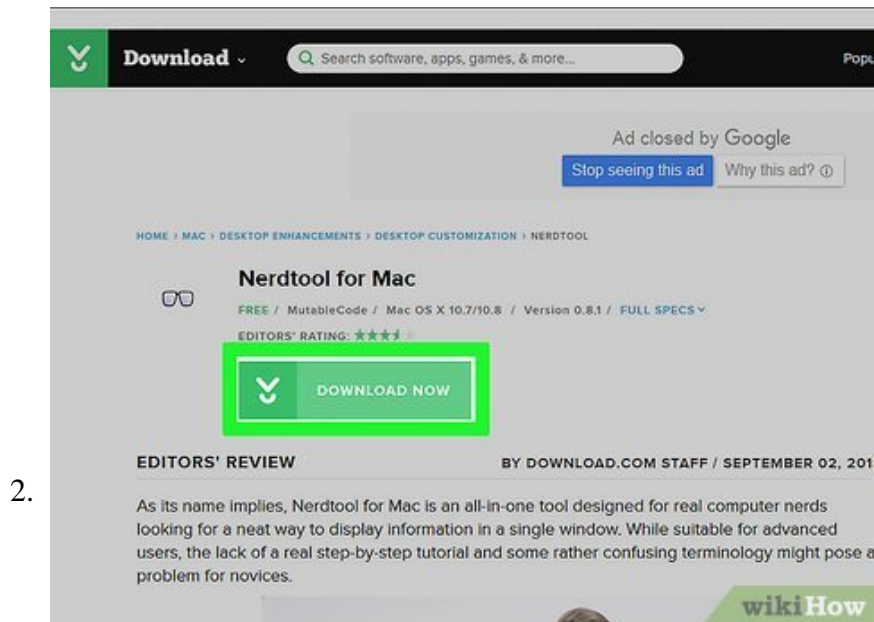
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Using Nerdtool on Mac

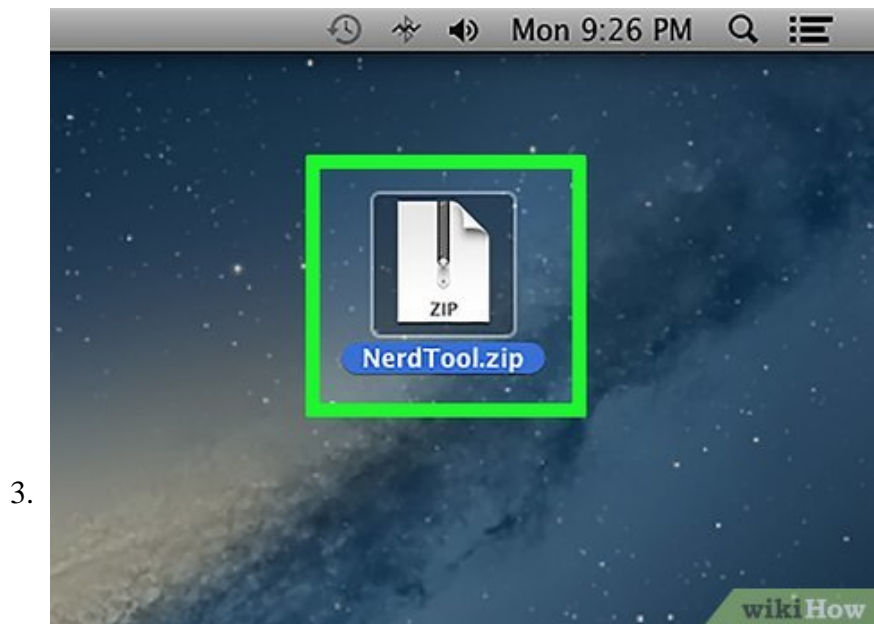
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Navigate to https://download.cnet.com/Nerdtool/3000-2072_4-75828148.html in a web browser. You can use any web browser on Mac. This is the website to download Nerdtool, which can be used to set animated desktop animations on your Mac, among other things.^[1]

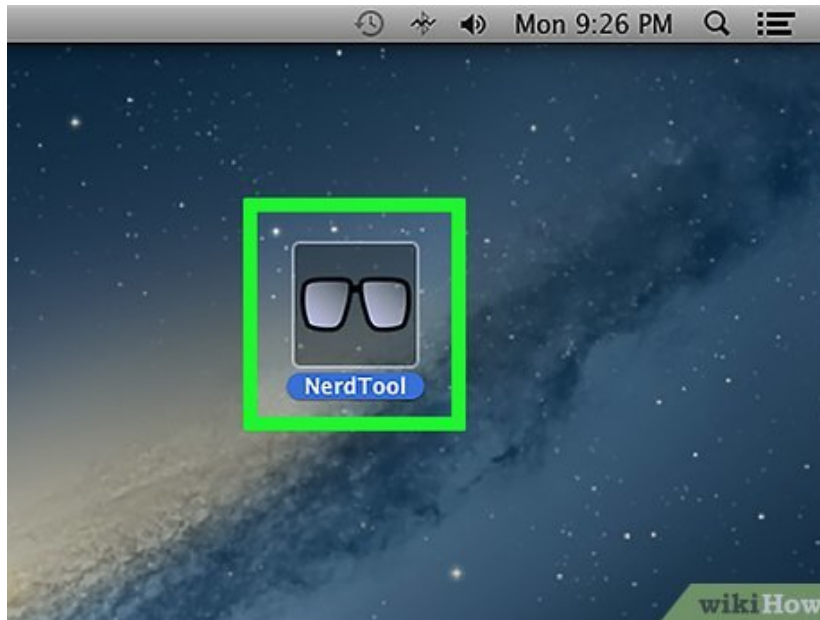


Click **Download Now**. It's the green button on the download page.



Open the zip file. Double-click the Nerdtool.zip file to open it in Archive. This will automatically extract the Nerdtool folder to your Downloads folder.

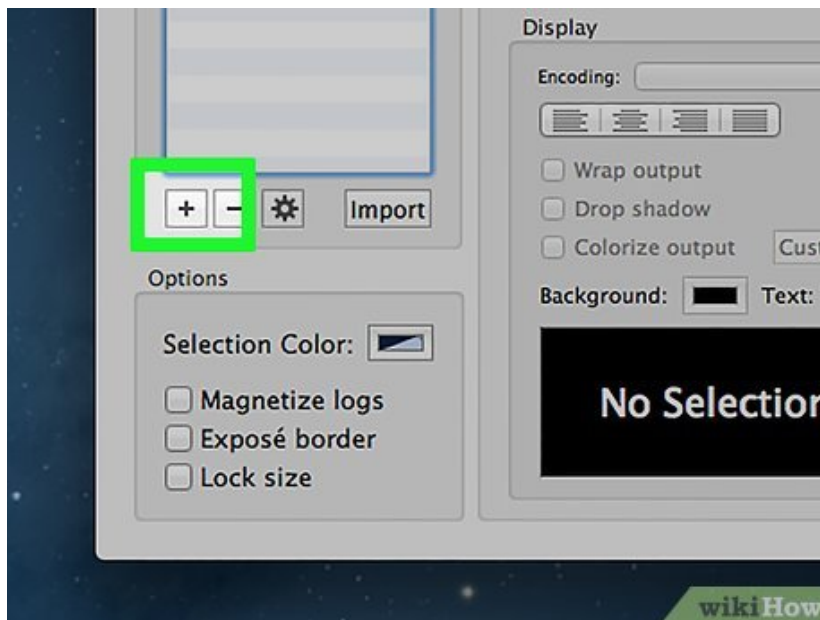
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Open the Nerdtool app. It's in the folder that was extracted when you opened the zip file.

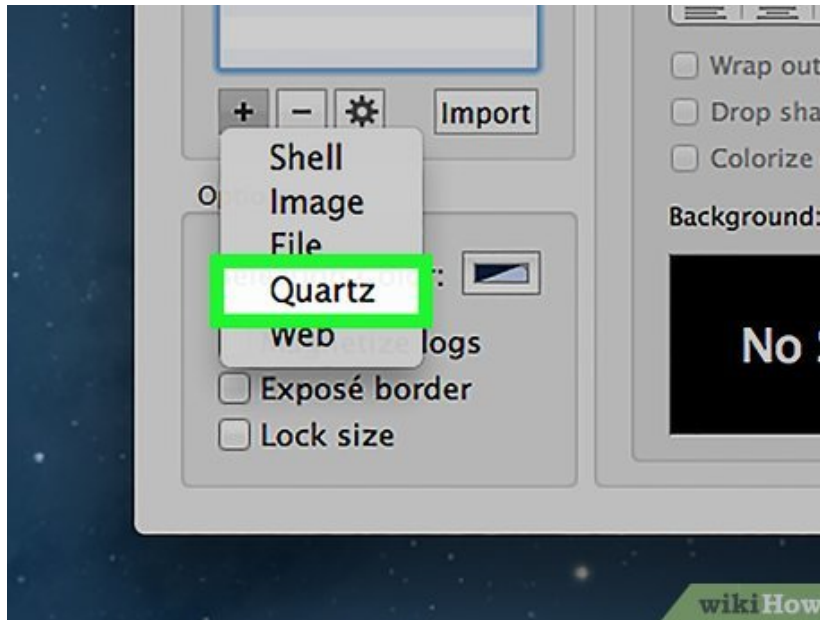
1. If you receive a notification that the app can't be opened because it's from an unidentified developer, you'll need to adjust your Security & Privacy settings in System Preferences.
2. You may also want to drag and drop the Nerdtool app into your Applications folder.

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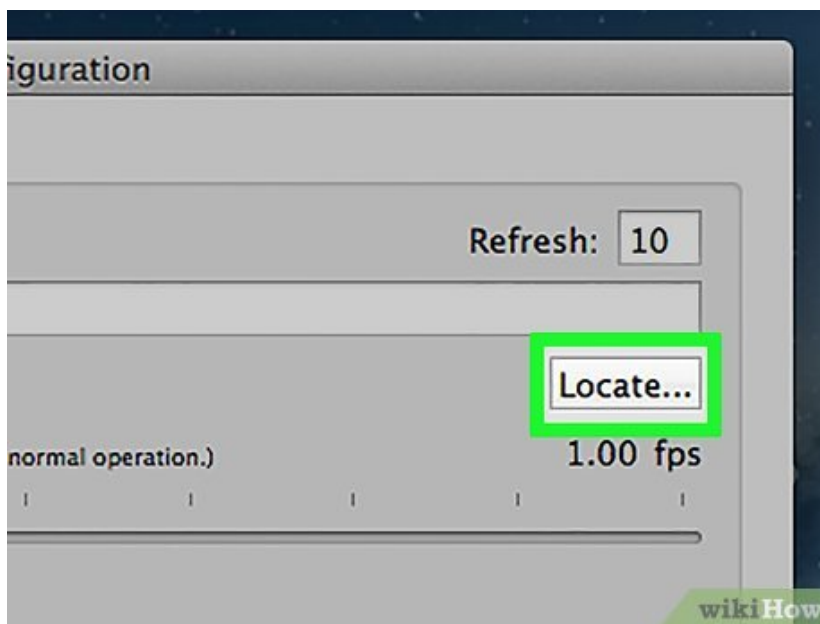
Click on the  symbol. It's below the menu on the left in Nerdtool.

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Click **Quartz**. It's in the drop-down menu bar below the Plus (+) icon. Select **Quartz** from the drop-down menu.

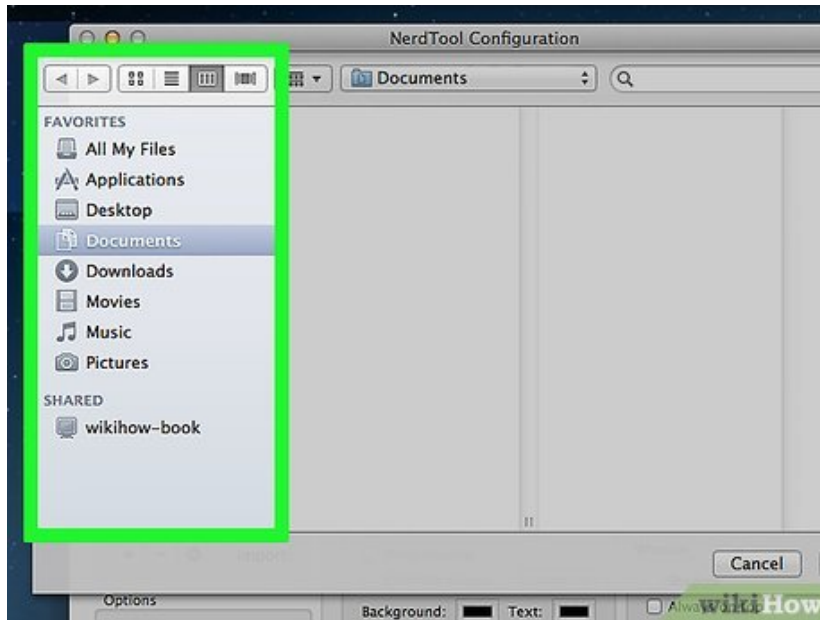
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Click on the **Locate** button. It's beneath the "Path" field on the right.

1. If you do not see this button in the upper-right corner, click the Quartz log in the menu bar on the left. You can find some free Quartz files at <http://rampant-mac.com/wp/?cat=16>

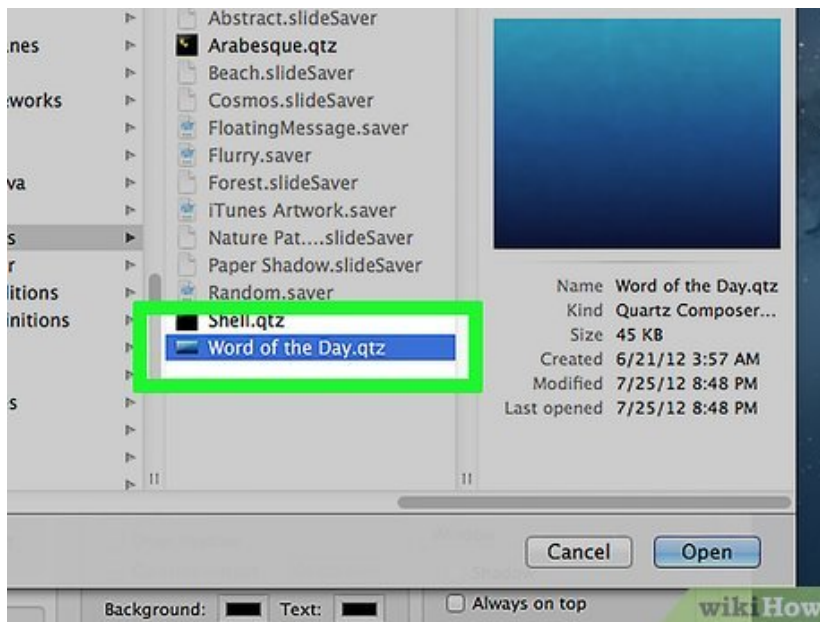
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Navigate to a Quartz file. Quartz files have a .qtz file extension. You can find some in your screen saver folder at the following location in the Finder: `/System/Library/Screen Savers`.

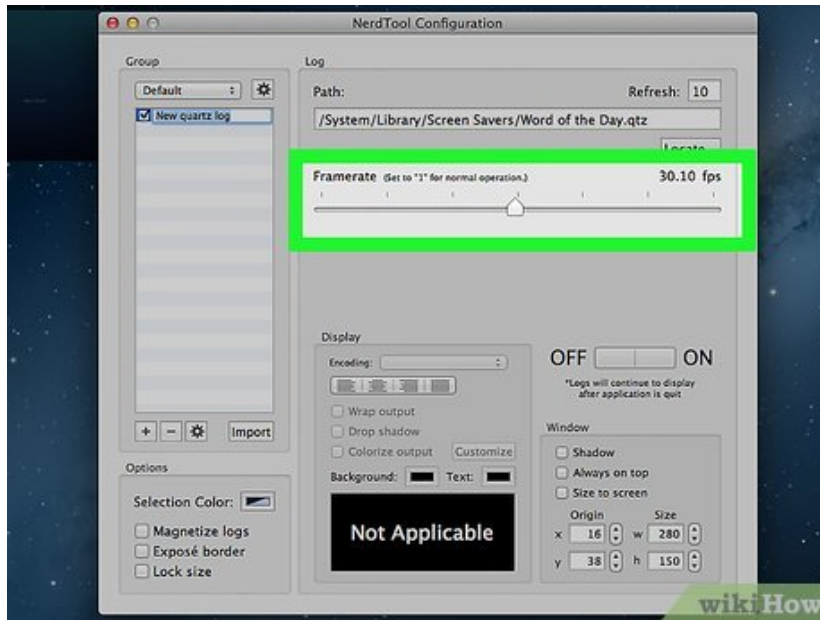
1. Alternatively, you can use Google to search for Quartz screen savers and download them from the internet.

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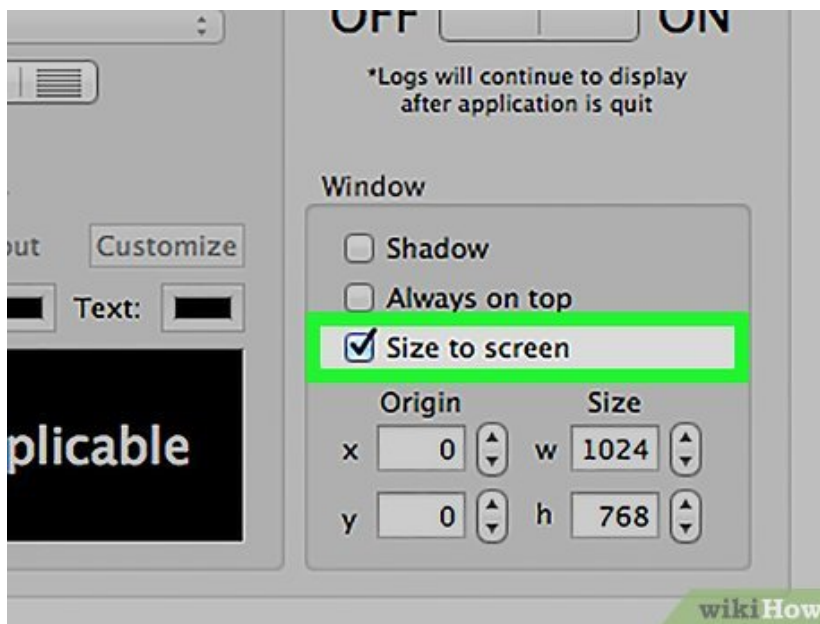
Select a Quartz file. Click the file name of any file with a .qtz file extension to select it.

10.



Set the frame rate to 30 frames per second. Use the slider bar below "Framerate" and drag it to the center to about 30 frames per second. This is the standard speed of an animation.^[2]

11.



Check



"Size to screen". It's in the box labeled "Window" in the lower-left corner. This sets the animation to fit your entire desktop screen.

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