

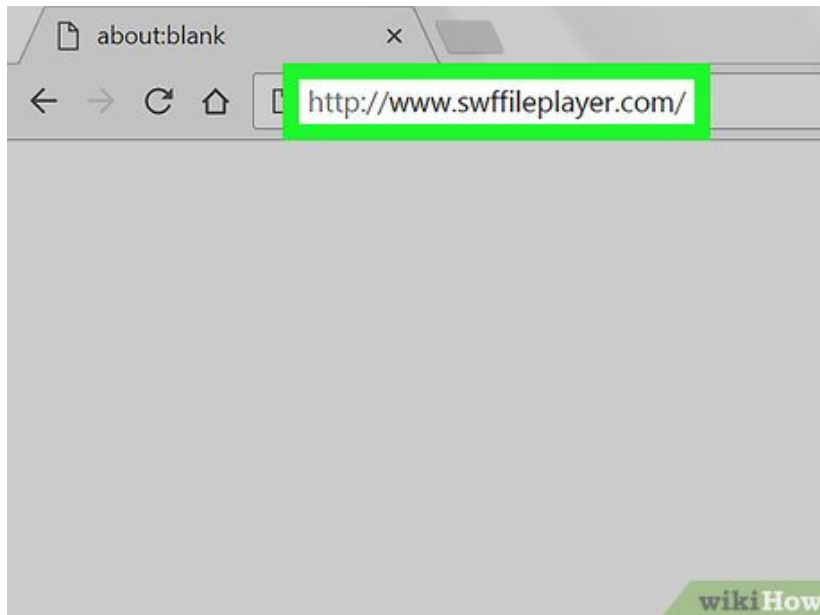
# How to Open SWF Files

This wikiHow teaches you how to open an SWF file on your computer. SWF files are generally videos that are embedded in a website using Flash, though some SWF files are games. Since no current browsers or computers have built-in SWF...

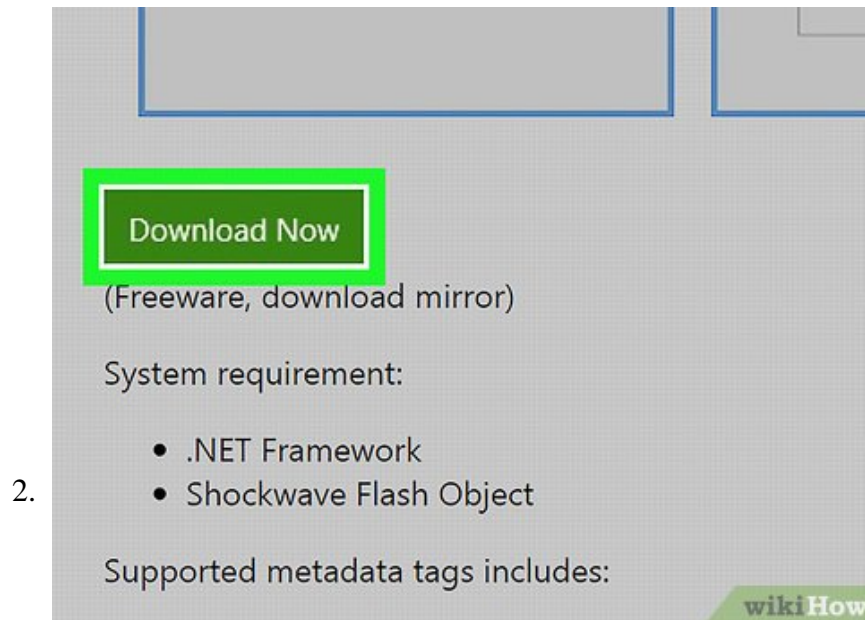
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## On Windows

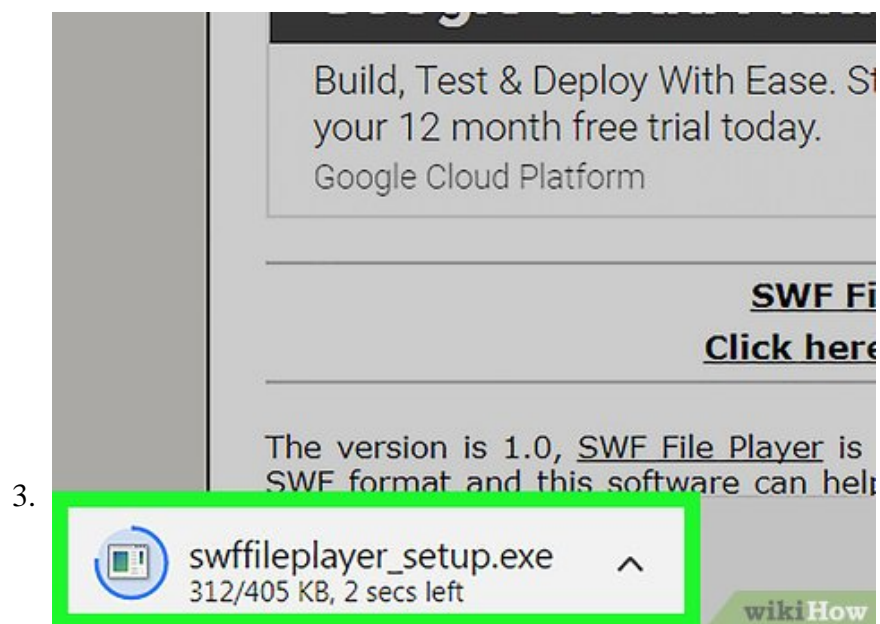
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**Open the SWF File Player website.** Go to <http://www.swffileplayer.com/>. This player will allow you to watch SWF videos, as well as play some SWF games.



Click **Download Now**. It's a green button on the left side of the page. Doing so takes you to the download page.



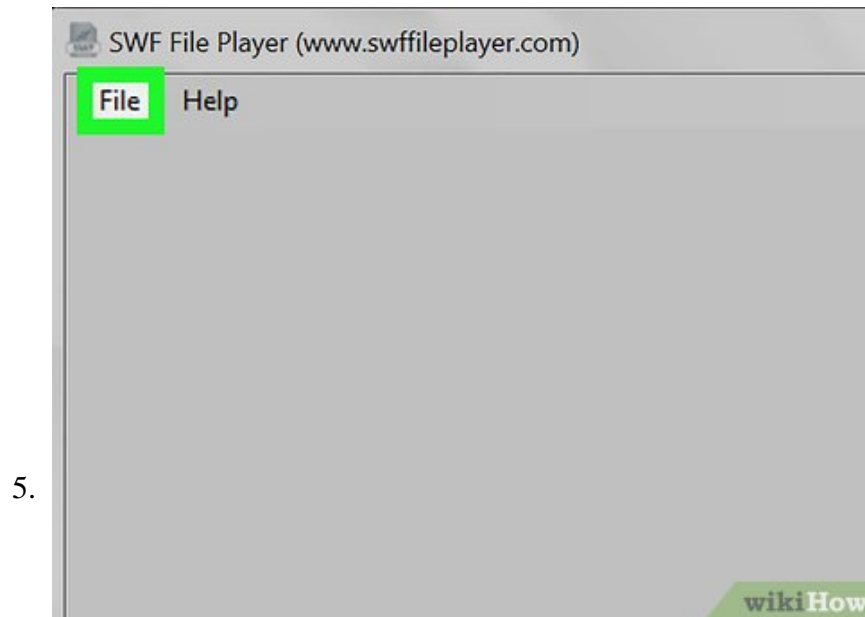
**Wait for the file to finish downloading.** Your file should begin downloading after a few seconds, and it should complete within a few minutes.

1. You can click the **Click here** link to force the file to download if it doesn't automatically do so.

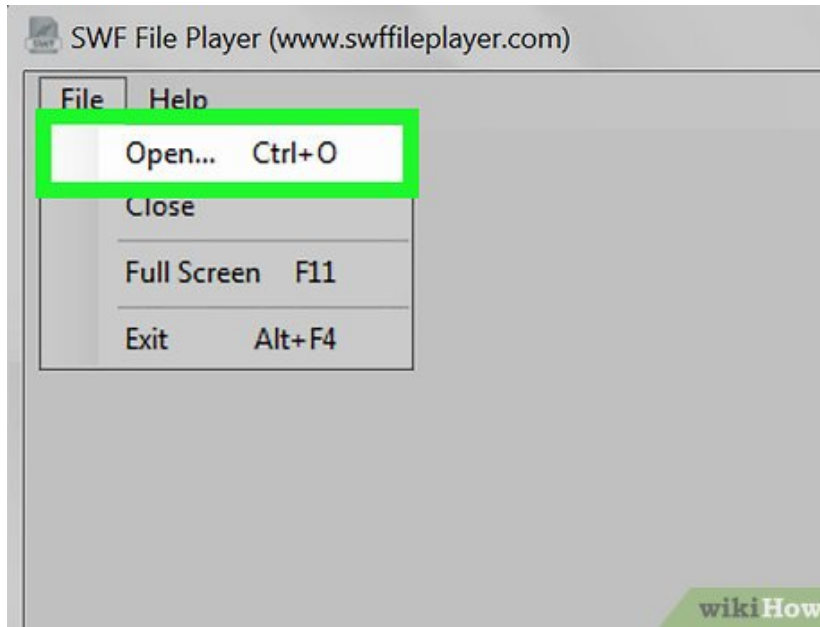


**Install SWF File Player.** Double-click the SWF File Player setup icon in your computer's downloads location, then follow the on-screen instructions. SWF File Player will open once you complete this step.

1. If SWF File Player doesn't open, double-click the File Player icon to open it.

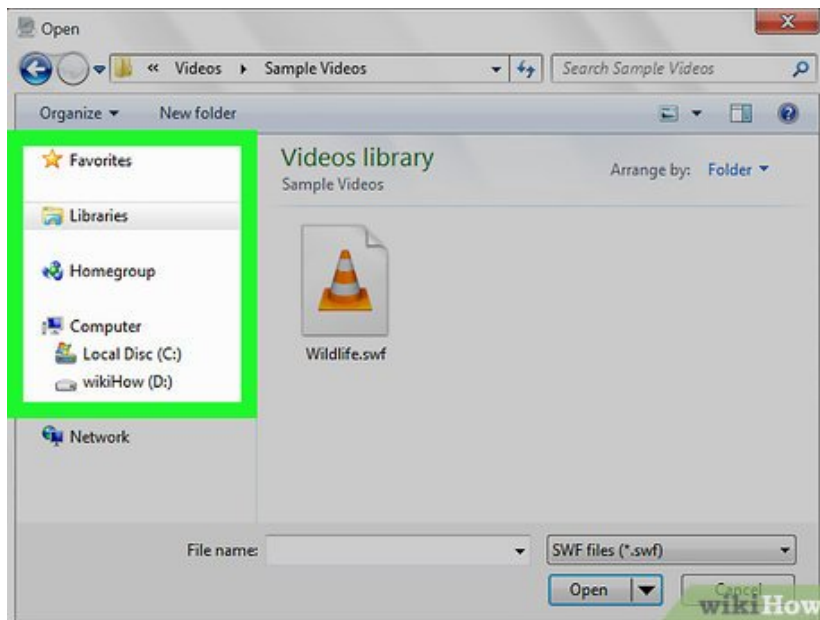


Click **File**. It's in the top-left corner of the SWF File Player window. A drop-down menu will appear.



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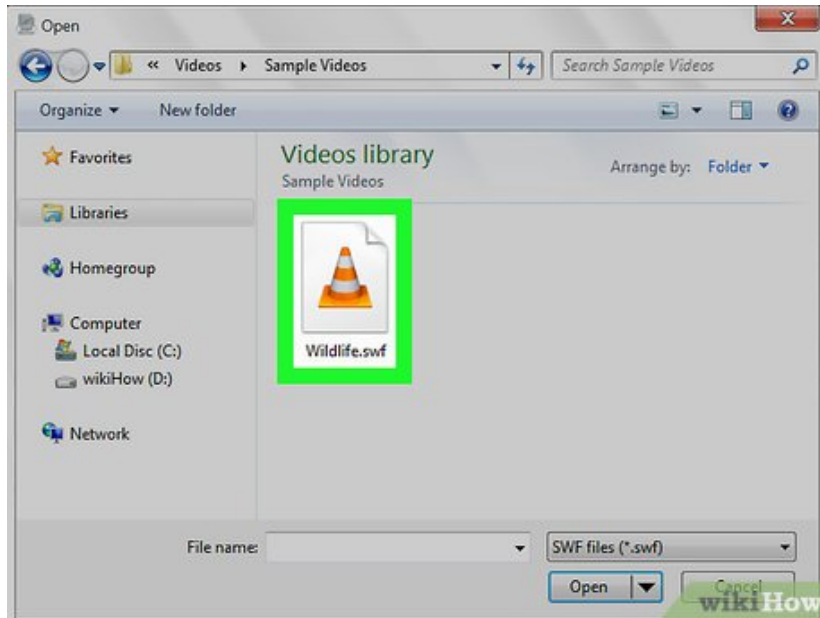
Click **Open...**. You'll find this at the top of the **File** drop-down menu. Clicking this prompts a File Explorer window to open.



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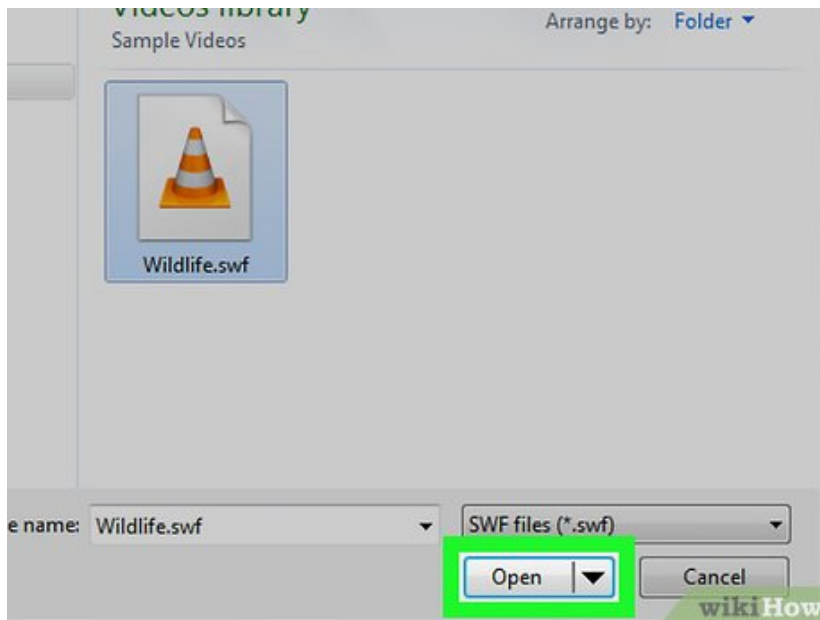
**Select a file location.** Click the folder in which your SWF file is stored. You'll most likely find the folder that you need on the left side of the File Explorer window.

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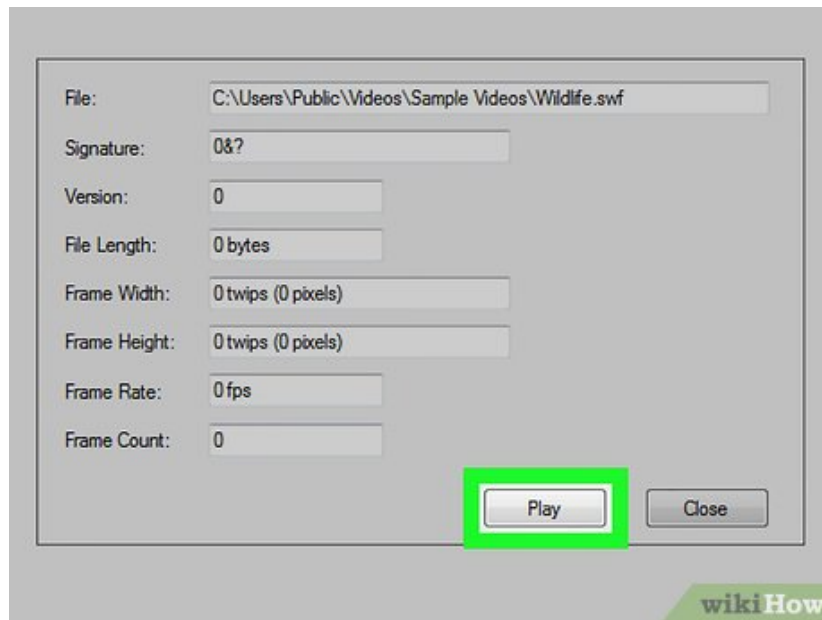
Select your SWF file. Click the file that you want to open.

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Click **Open**. It's in the bottom-right corner of the File Explorer window.

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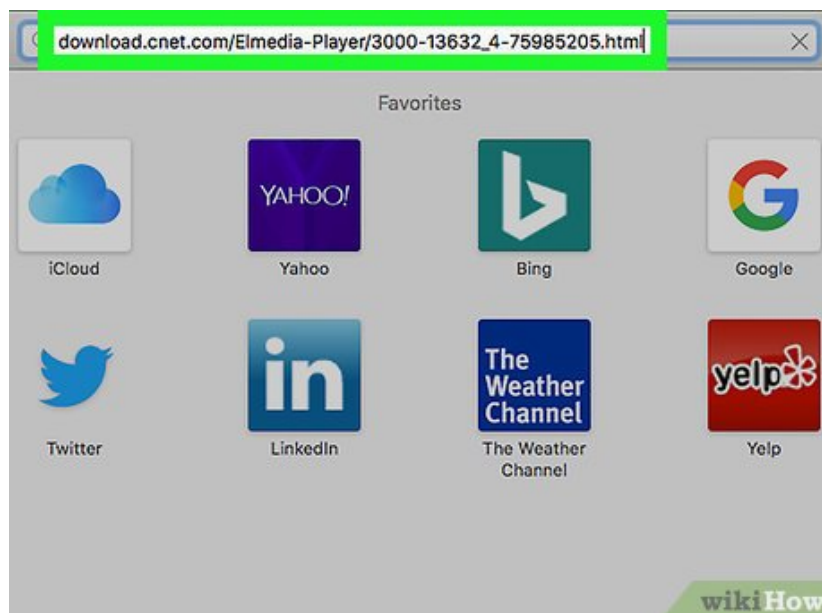


Click **Play**. You'll see this at the bottom of the window below the list of the SWF's attributes. Doing so will prompt the SWF file to begin playing; if it's a game, you'll be able to play it as though it were embedded in a webpage.

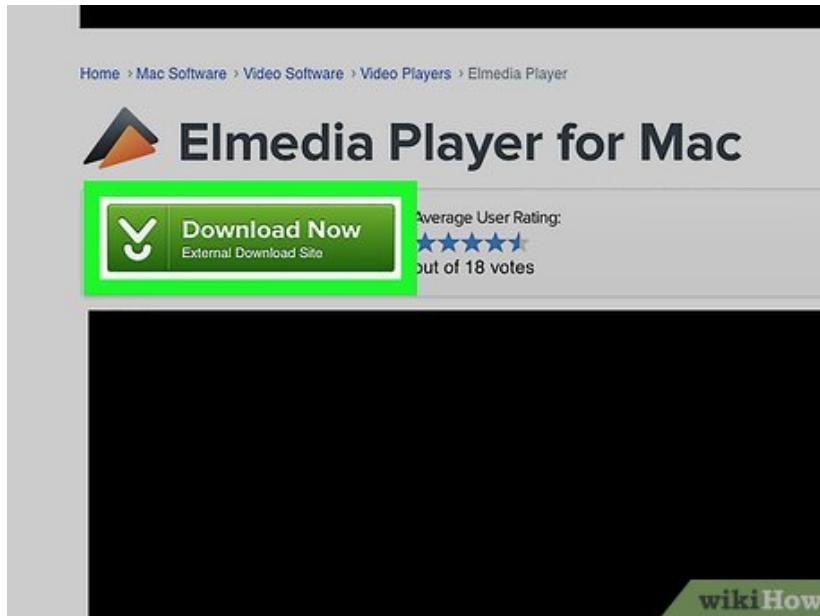
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## On Mac

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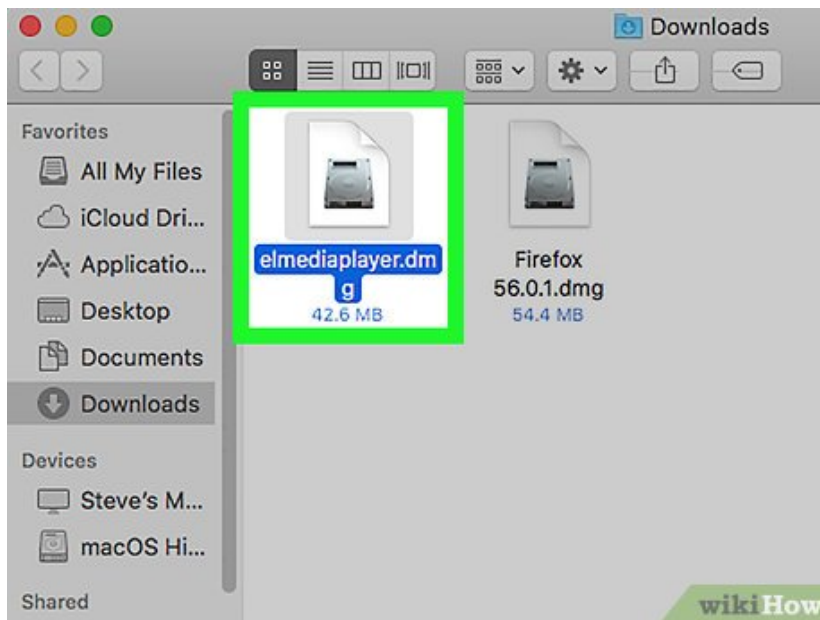
**Open the Elmedia Player download site.** Go to [http://download.cnet.com/Elmedia-Player/3000-13632\\_4-75985205.html](http://download.cnet.com/Elmedia-Player/3000-13632_4-75985205.html). Elmedia Player is an app that allows you to play several different video types, including SWF files.



2.

**Click** **Download Now**. It's a green button at the top of the page. Elmedia Player will begin downloading onto your computer.

1. If the download doesn't start automatically, click the **restart the download** link to force it to download.



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**Install the program.** Double-click the Elmedia Player DMG file, then follow the on-screen instructions if prompted. You may also have to verify the download before you can install Elmedia Player.



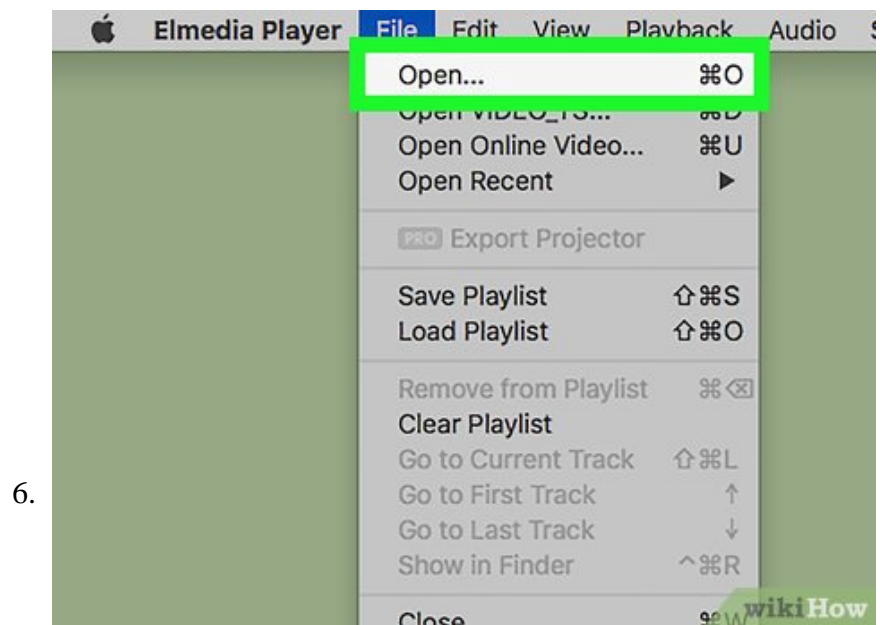
**Open Elmedia Player. Click Spotlight**



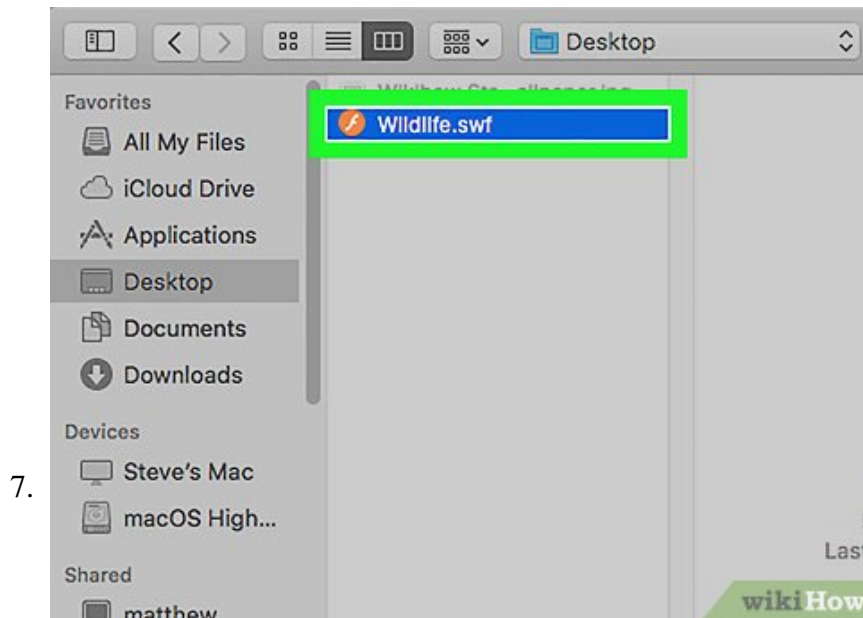
and type in `elmedia player` , then click the top result.



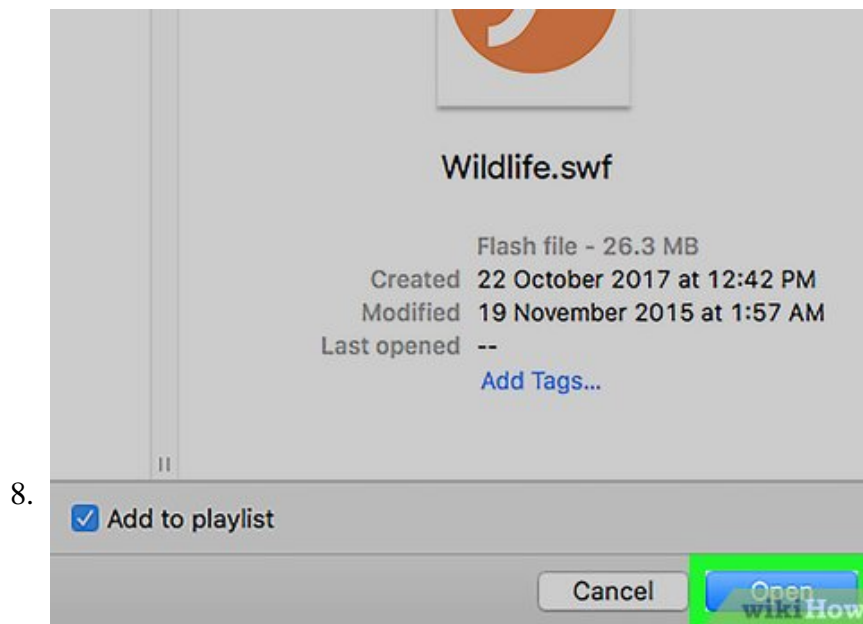
Click **File**. It's in the top-left corner of the screen. A drop-down menu will appear.



Click **Open...**. This option is near the top of the **File** drop-down menu. Doing so opens a Finder window.



**Select your SWF file.** Click the SWF's folder on the left side of the Finder window, then click the SWF file.



**Click** . It's in the bottom-right corner of the window. Doing so will open your SWF file inside of Elmedia Player; if the SWF file is a video file, it will begin playing automatically.

1. If the SWF file in question isn't a video file, you won't be able to open it on your Mac.

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