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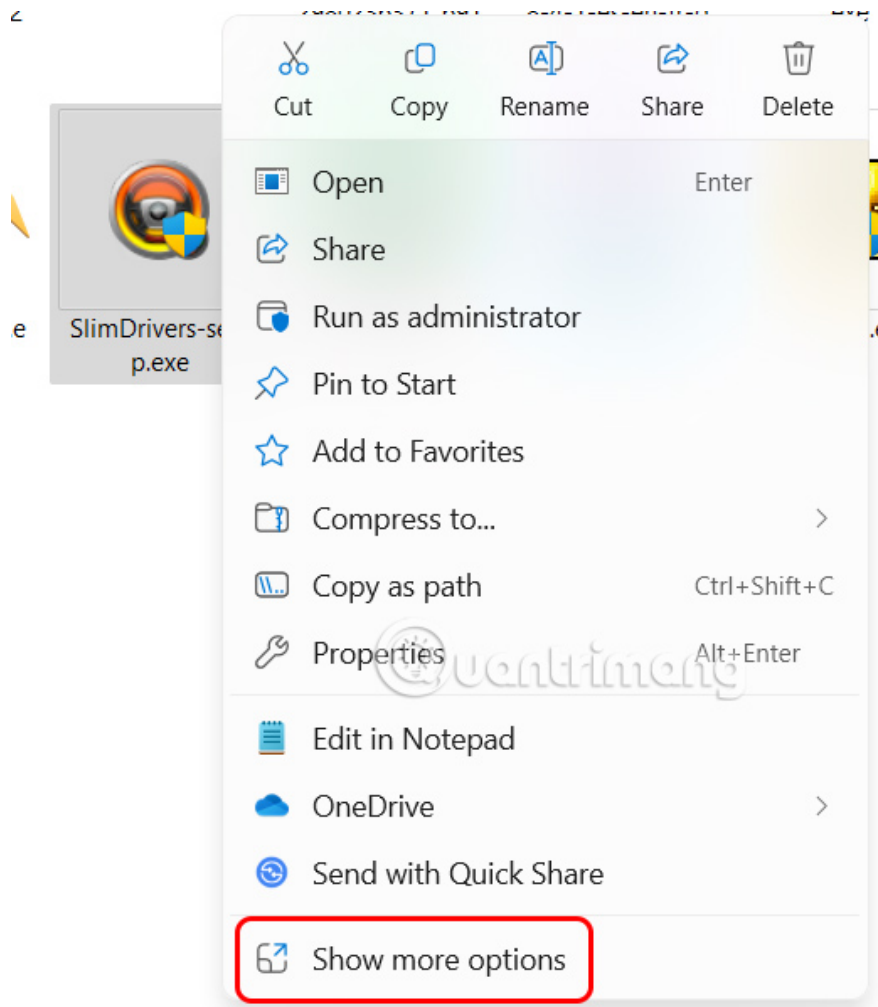
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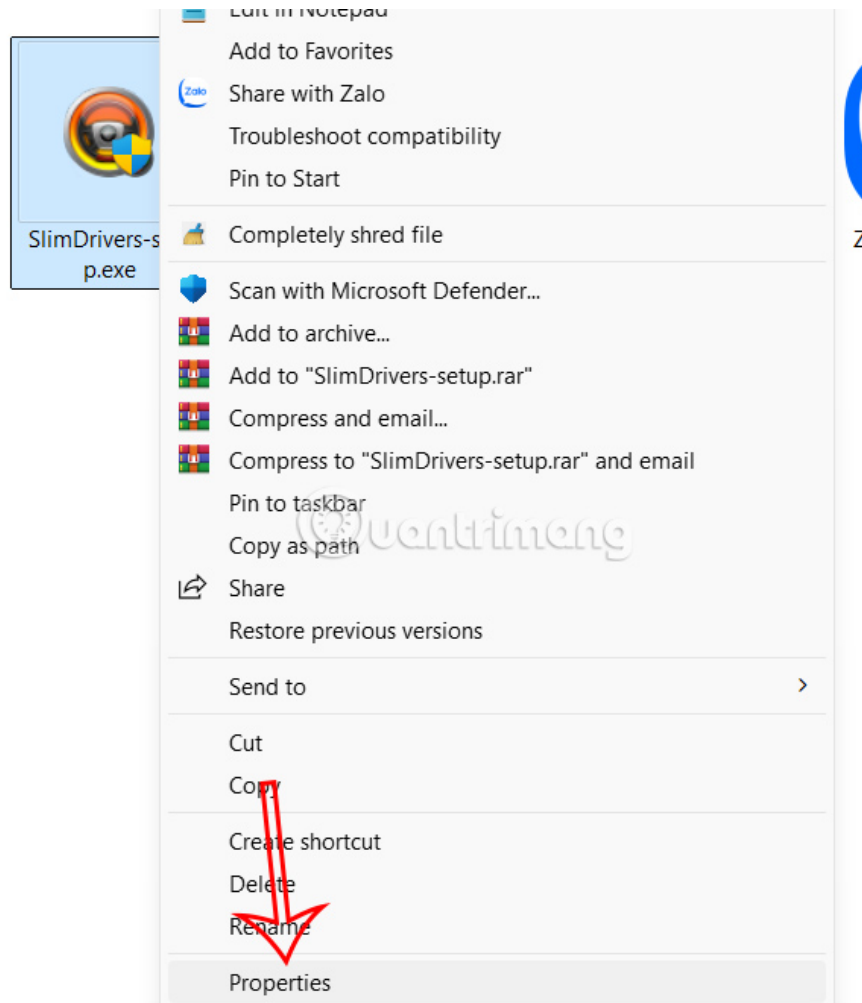
Instructions for running old software on Windows 11

Step 1:

Right -click **on the software** then select **Show more options** to open below the interface.

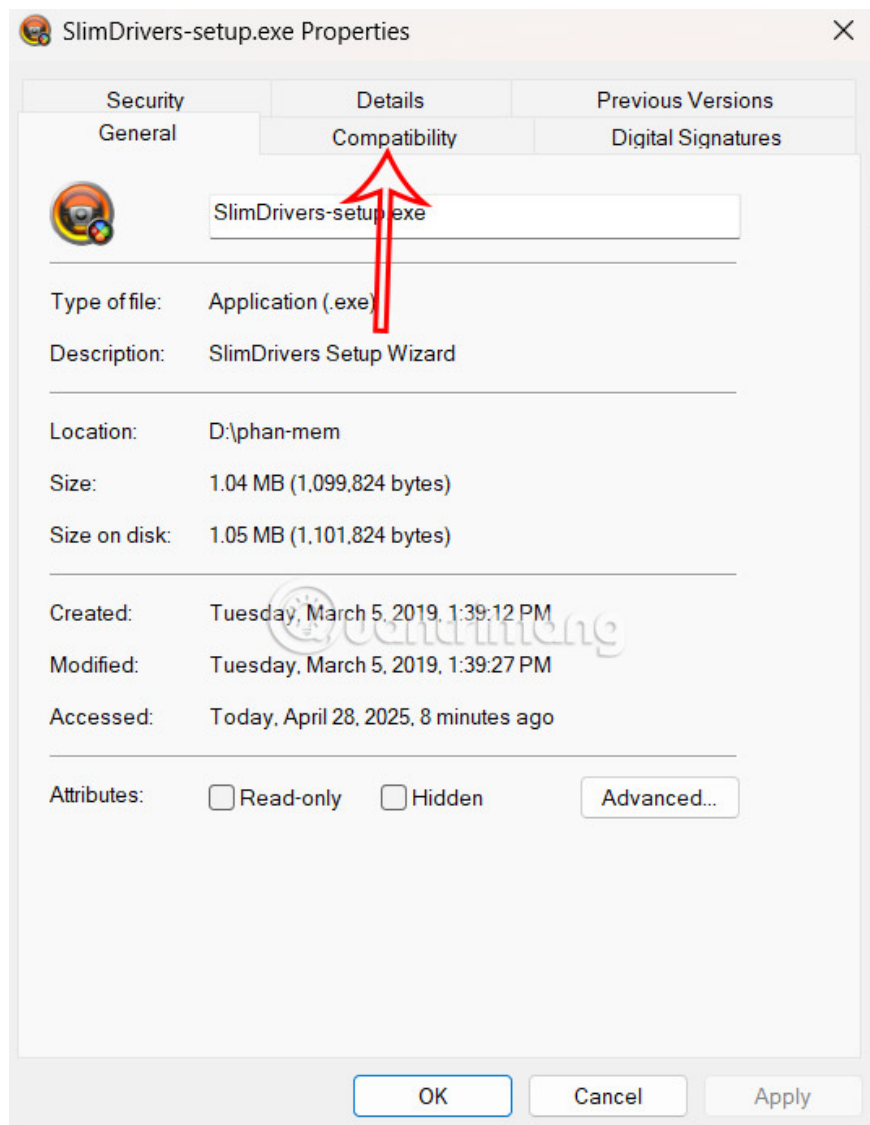


Next we select **Properties** in the displayed list.



Step 2:

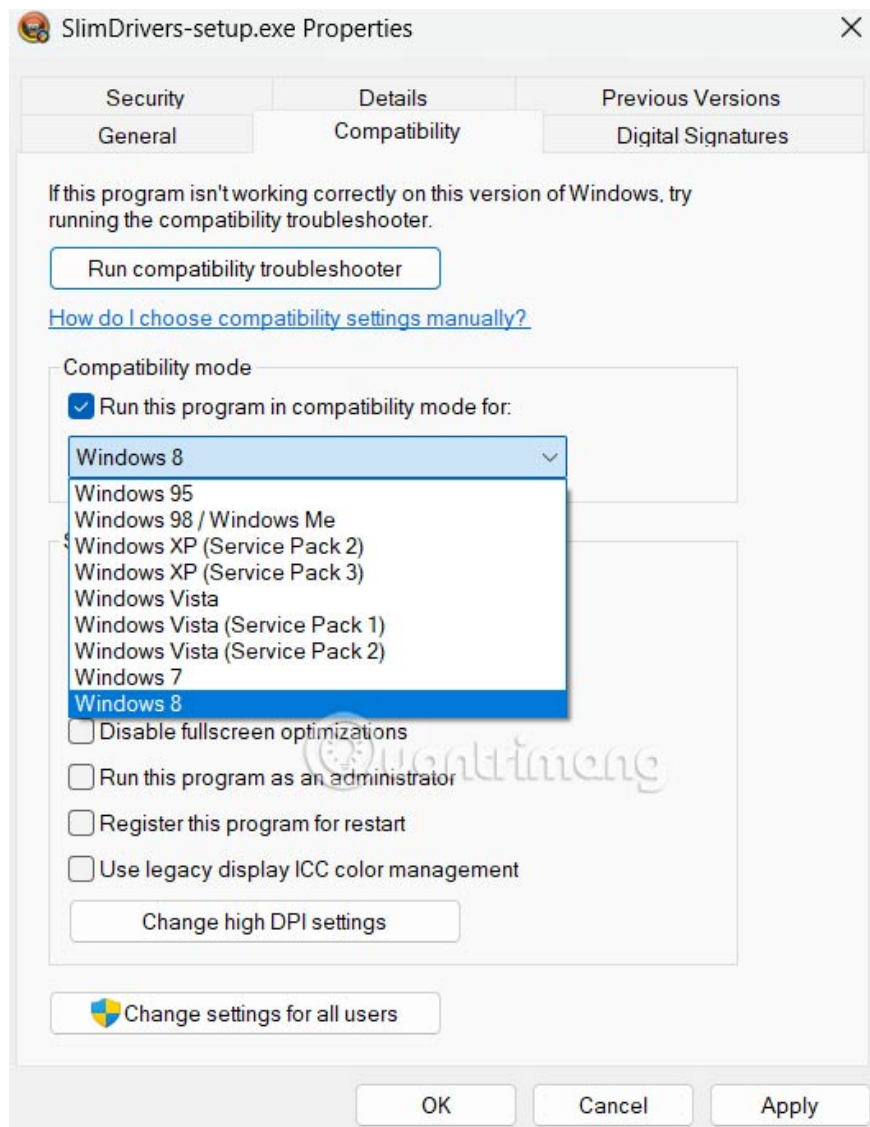
Go to the new interface, **click on the Compatibility tab** to adjust the compatibility mode when running this software.



Now you need **to select Run This Program in Compatibility Mode For** and then click Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows Vista, Windows Vista Windows Vista in the list showing the Windows version you want to launch the program.

You can configure other compatibility options on the same window.

1. Reduced Color Mode: Uses 16-bit color palettes for older programs.
2. Run in 640 x 480 Screen Resolution: This feature reduces the screen resolution of older apps and games.
3. Disable Fullscreen Optimizations: Fixes display performance issues.

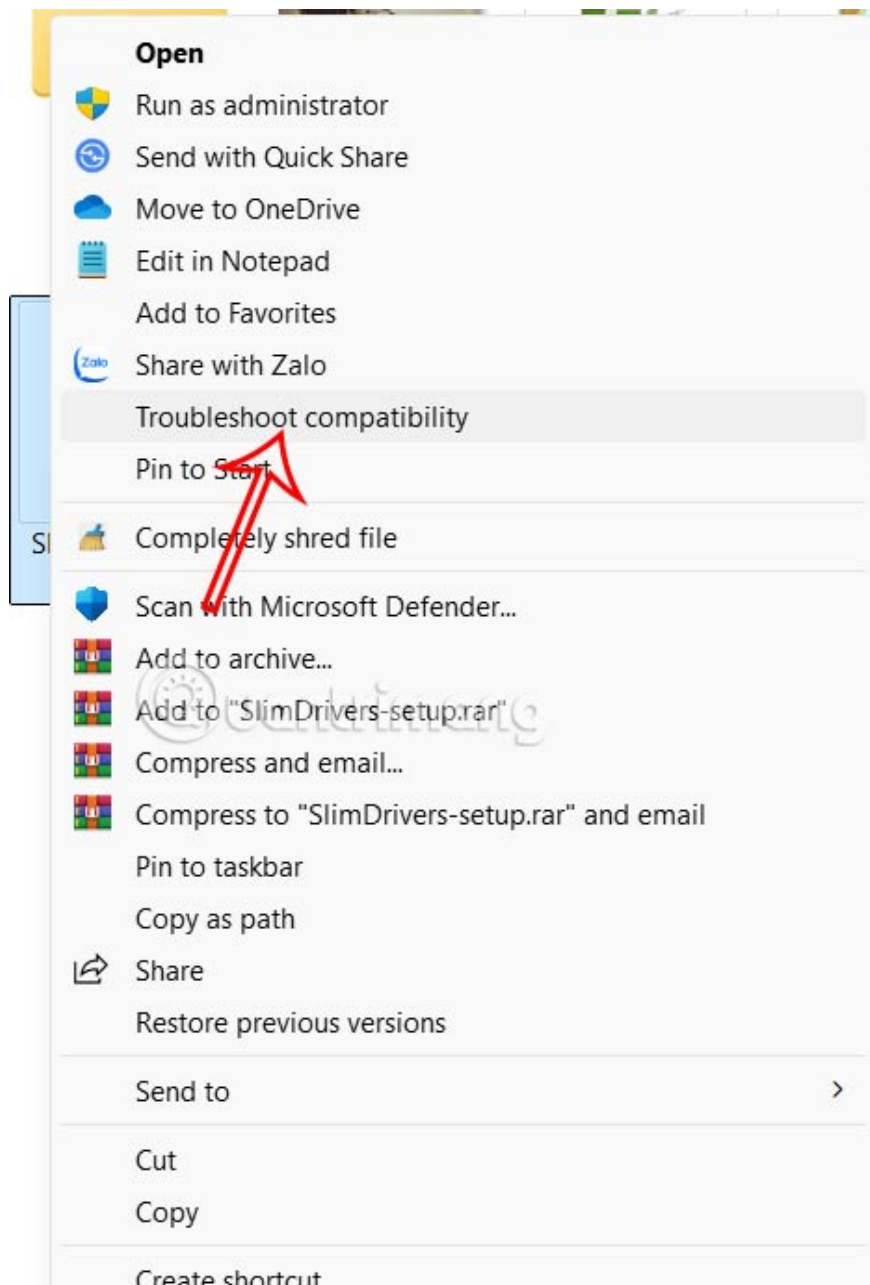


Finally, click Apply to execute. To launch your program in compatibility mode, double-click on the program shortcut. It will run according to the settings you configured above.

What if the software doesn't run in Compatibility Mode?

Use the compatibility troubleshooter

Windows 11 has a compatibility troubleshooter that lets you find and fix compatibility issues with your programs. Right-click the software, select **Show More Options > Run Compatibility Troubleshooter** .



Using virtual machine

If you are using an extremely old application or game, it is better to run it in a virtual machine.

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Check for software updates

Check to see if the software has an update to run on Windows 11.

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