



# WHAT IS DOWNLOADING?

## Tech talk:

Downloading is the transmission of a file or data from one computer/device to another over a network. The term 'download' can refer to the general transfer of data or to transferring a specific file.

When your computer is receiving data from the Internet it is referred to as downloading. Examples of this include opening a web page, receiving email, purchasing music files and watching online videos.

## Real person talk:

Although opening a web page is a form of downloading, you don't have to do anything aside from opening a webpage. The most common download you will do is when you download a file or document from the internet, this requires finding what you want to download and physically pushing a button to download it. Downloading essentially means that a version of this document or file now lives on your digital real estate. That digital real estate might be your phone, computer or your online data storage, which is like a digital filing cabinet. If you download it to your computer or phone you will need the device to access it. If you download it to your online storage you can now access it from any device with an internet connection.