

**Internet Explorer Error :**  
**“Your current security settings do not allow this file to be downloaded”**

**When to use this document**

When you experience the following error when you try to download a file or try to update Adobe Flash on the Adobe website, etc... :

*“Your current security settings do not allow this file to be downloaded”*

This error is typically created through someone having changed the Internet Explorer Security Settings, or a past Internet Security Suite having locked down your browser to prevent users from being able to download, or, sometimes, a virus, either still present or now removed, having changed IE's security settings purely to annoy end-users or to prevent end-users from downloading antivirus / anti-spyware fixing programs.

Lastly, in the case of a PC / laptop which connects directly to a corporate network these changes may be the result of a group policy locking down those settings when you connect to the corporate network.

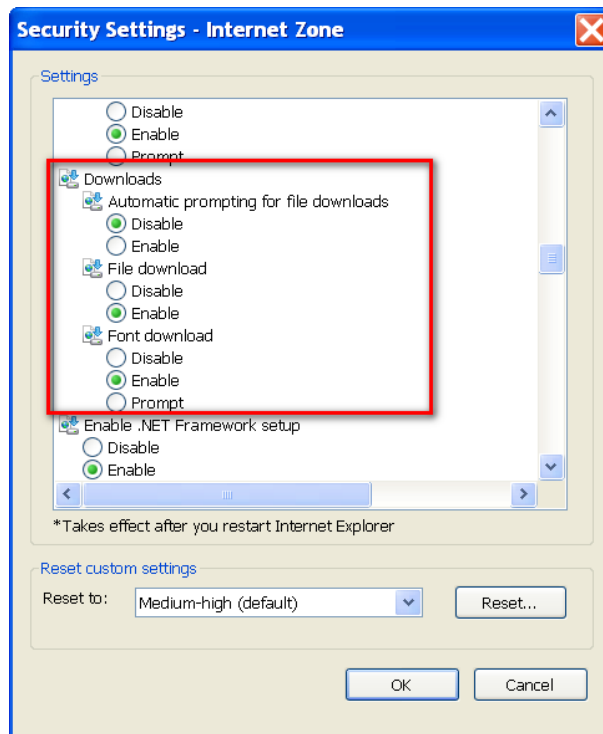
**Important : If you do not know how Internet Explorer came to suddenly behave in this way, then immediately scan your PC with a reputable antivirus program as well as with an anti-spyware program as this problem may just be the tip of the iceberg !**

**Removing the problem**

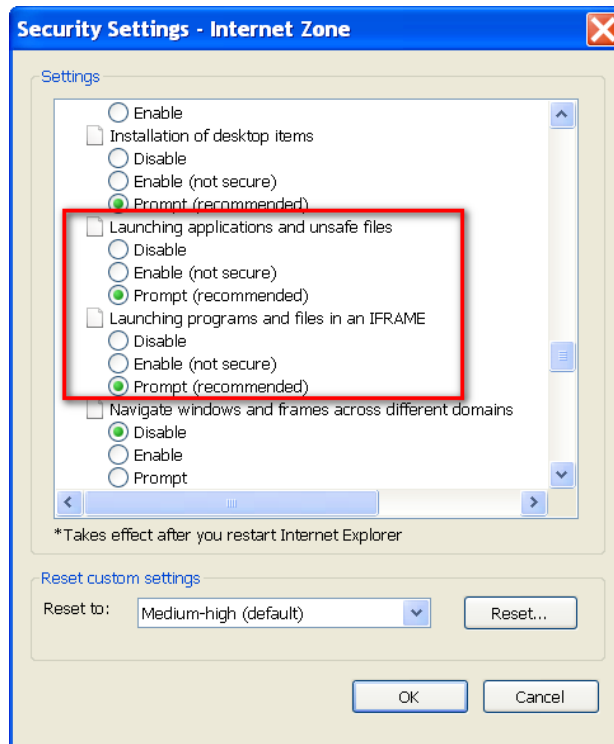
To remove this annoyance, do as follows. The following instructions are identical in Internet Explorer 7 (IE7), Internet Explorer 8 (IE8), and Internet Explorer 9 (IE9) :

- Choose the **Tools \ Internet Options** menu option in IE.
- Click on the **Security** tab.
- Click on the **Custom Level** button in the lower half of the dialog box.
- You are now viewing **“Security Settings – Internet Zone”**.

- Scroll down to the **Downloads** sub-section and configure it as below :



- Scroll down to the **Miscellaneous** sub-section, and then further down inside that sub-section and configure the **Launching** items as shown below :



OK yourself all the way out of *Internet Options*.

**That's it. You're done !**

You should now be able to download the files you wanted to download, install Adobe Flash, etc....

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