

USB Flash Drives and Portable Programs

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What is a Flash Drive

- A Flash Drive is a small self-powered drive that connects to a computer directly through a USB port
 - Files can be copied directly from a computer to a Flash Drive.
 - Programs can be downloaded directly from the Internet to a Flash Drive and installed on the Flash Drive.
 - Operate slower than a Hard Drive.
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What are Portable Programs

- Programs that can be run from USB Flash Drives
- Portable Programs run separately from the computer, self contained.
- Portable Apps Site
 - http://www.theinfobox.com/index.php/Portable_USB_Apps

Advantages of Portable Programs

- Will not effect programs that are on the computer.
- Can be moved from computer to computer without installing (Mobility).
- Most programs are freeware.



Finding Portable Programs

- Google “Portable Programs”
- A web site for Portable **Programs**.
 - <http://www.portablefreeware.com/>
- Google “Portable Office”
 - Web **Site**.
 - http://portableapps.com/apps/office/suites/portable_office
 - Portable Firefox **Browser**
 - http://johnhaller.com/jh/mozilla/portable_firefox/

Using Portable Programs

- Use Windows Explorer to locate Portable Programs on the Flash Drive.
- Double click the program file name and run it.
- I have the following programs on my Flash Drive located in folder “Program Short Cuts”.
 - Open Office, various programs
 - Firefox
 - Abilon