

How to Install Vikings on Your Computer

The installation program is very similar to installation programs you have probably used in the past.

NOTE: Depending on your organization's policies or on the permissions set for your computer, you may not be allowed to install this program on your computer. In this case, you may wish to view the QuickTime movies made from the program.

NOTE: The program will be downloaded from the Web. You must remain connected to the Internet during the installation because at Step 5 you will be downloading a program from Microsoft.

You will not need to be connected to the Internet later when you run the program.

1. On the web browser page where you found these instructions:
Click on "Setup Vikings.exe"

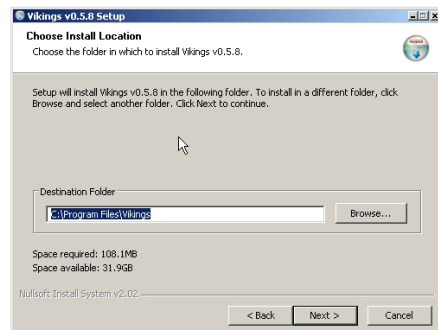
2. This will automatically launch the installation program.

Click "Run" if you want to run the installation program now.

Click "Save" if you want to download the installation program for later installation. You might want to choose this option if you are planning to install the program on several computers.



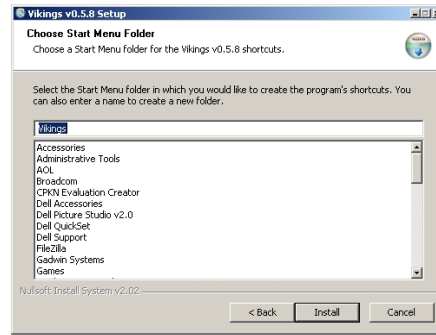
3. Click "Next" and follow the instructions to install the Vikings application on your hard drive at C:\Program Files\Vikings as the default location.



4. Click "Install" to load the program on to your hard disk.

This step may take from one minute to several minutes depending on your connection speed.

Do not click "Cancel"



5. A separate window will open to install DirectX, a program that must be downloaded from Microsoft. You need to be connected to the Internet to do this.

Click the "I accept the agreement" button.

The DirectX installation may take a couple of minutes if DirectX was never installed on your computer in the past.




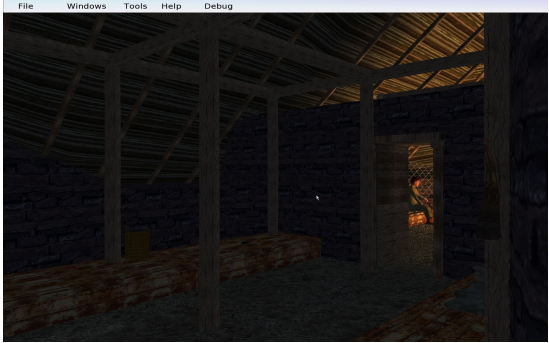


6. You are returned to the last page of the Vikings installer. Click "Finish".

Go to your desktop to find the Vikings icon.



Running the Vikings Program

<p>1. Click the “Vikings” icon on your desktop.</p>	 A desktop icon for the Vikings program. It features a circular graphic with a red-to-yellow gradient and a small square icon with a white arrow pointing up and right. Below the graphic, the word "Vikings" is written in a simple font.
<p>2. Set your desired screen resolution.</p> <p>Note: The higher the resolution, the better the picture will be. But this is limited by your computer’s graphics card. You may have to experiment with a few settings to find the best one for your computer.</p>	 A screenshot of the "L'Anse aux Meadows" options menu. The window title is "L'Anse aux Meadows". The main image shows a wooden boat on a sandy beach. Below the image is an "Options" section with a "Full screen/Plein écran" checkbox checked, a "Resolution/Résolution:" dropdown menu set to "1024 x 768 @ 32-bit colour", and "Launch/Lancer" and "Cancel/Annuler" buttons.
<p>3. The splash screen will appear with a progress bar showing the loading progress.</p> <p>This should take about 15 seconds depending on the speed of your computer.</p>	 A splash screen for "L'Anse aux Meadows, 1000 CE". It shows a person sitting on a wooden bench next to a fire pit in a rustic interior. At the bottom, there are logos for "Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History", "Visualization by Immersion", "CGLP", and "newton".
<p>4. The program opens inside Hall A</p>	 A screenshot of the game interface showing the interior of Hall A. The scene is dark with wooden pillars and a thatched roof. A fire is visible in the background, and the interface includes a menu bar with "File", "Windows", "Tools", "Help", and "Debug".

Navigation: Moving Around The Site

Looking around:

Hold the left mouse button down while moving your mouse to rotate around a fixed spot.

To look up, roll the mouse forward.

To look down, roll the mouse back.

To look around, roll the mouse left and right.

Moving through the site:

Use the keyboards arrow keys.

Up arrow to move forward.

Down arrow to move back.

Left and right arrows to slide left and right (very useful when trying to get around an obstacle).

Seasoned game players may prefer to use the W, A, S and D keys to get the same effect as the arrow keys.

Menu Bar Options

File	Select Quit to exit the program. Alternately, press the ESC key to quit.
Tools	The Map option shows you where you are on the site. Let you set the volume, video look, mouse sensitivity and language of the interface (French and English)
Help	Describes navigation.

Vikings Movies

The web page contains movies made from the program. These will run on Macintosh as well as Windows computers.

How to View the Movies

The movies will run better from your hard drive.

Right click on the movie name and select "Save Link as ..." (Firefox) or "Save Target as ..." (Internet Explorer).