

Entertaining Videos

- <http://player.vimeo.com/video/58611141?autoplay=1>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7-J6HiH_Dk
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MyYlYuaj_zU
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WvDW38zBrM>

Windows SIG

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John Polich

- Shirley and John Polich are the founders of what we now know as the Windows SIG and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their foresight
- Shirley recently passed away
- I am sure John would like to hear from his friends in Sun City
- John's email address is... John.Polich@gmail.com

Memory

- Following is a very good PDF on “memory enhancement”
- The PDF is more than 400 pages and is not meant to be read, cover to cover
- Rather, it is well indexed and meant to be read in sections that are of interest to the reader
- Here’s the Index...

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- You will receive a link to the PDF download

Windows 10

- The latest rumor kicking around is that Windows 10 will be RTM (released to manufacture) in July of 2015
- The release date has not been confirmed by Microsoft
- It is clear that we are getting very close to the release date
- Conventional thinking is that Win 10 will come as a free update, for Win 7 & 8.X Users, as long as they update within the first year following release of Win 10
- Beginning in May I am going to use Windows 10, in the SIG so that you will become familiar with the operating system

Trouble-Shooting Options in Win8.X & Win10

- We have frequently talked about the difficulty in accessing trouble-shooting options in Win 8.X (e.g. Safe Mode, System Restore, Refresh etc.)
- We have previously offered several Band-Aids for specific functions which still makes access difficult and an adventure
- Here's the best and most comprehensive yet!
 - Simply depress the Shift key (hold it down) and click "Re-Start"
 - When the system reboots you will have all the options at your disposal, in one place
 - Try it, it works in Win 8.X and already works in Win 10!

“Best” Free Software Options

- Why download or buy a program when you can get the a similar result free?
- Gizmo publishes a list of the “best” free programs
- Here’s the link... <http://www.techsupportalert.com/content/best-free-online-applications-and-services.htm>
- The links on the Gizmo site are not as “safe” as [www.ninite](http://www.ninite.com) but many more options are provided
- As with all free offers, read before you click and be careful where you click!!!!

Google Cultural Institute

The Google Cultural Institute is a real find!

- ❖ Exhibits and collections of museums from around the world
- ❖ Explore cultural treasures in detail
- ❖ Create your own “galleries”
- ❖ Share with friends

Here's the link... <https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/home>

Simple Tips for Resolving Slow Wi-Fi Networks

1. Routers get “indigestion”, simply un-plug the power on the router, wait for a minute, reinsert the power and your system will reset
2. Because modern routers cast their signal in a “circle”, if your router is located on an “outer wall” you have effectively lost $\frac{1}{2}$ of the range so placement of your router is doubly important. The guidance is to place the router at eye level or higher!
3. Understand the Wi-Fi traffic in your area. Download a free tool...
http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/wifi_information_view.html
 - ❖ This tool will provide a plethora of information about who is using which channels in your area and switching to a less crowded channel can boost performance
 - ❖ Every person who employs wireless should have WifiInfoView installed on their system, here's the link... <http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/wifiinfoview.zip>
4. When replacing your router, newer routers are designated “AC” and feature faster speeds, dual networks (2.4 & 5 G) and “other” features

Linksys Announces New AC Router

- AC1200 Wireless Speed
- 2 high-performance antennas
- 1.3 GHz dual core processor
- 4 Gigabit Ethernet ports
- USB 3.0 Port
- Combination eSATA/USB 2.0 Port
- Linksys Smart Wi-Fi software with Network Map
- Pricey, e.g. \$175



The “Best” AC Routers

- Router technology changes almost daily and you do not have to pay hundreds of dollars to increase your wireless satisfaction
- Wireless enhancements focus on increased range, increased speed, additional bands with less traffic and to a lesser extent, security
- I have been installing Asus routers for about a year and I have been very satisfied, price range, depending on model, \$75 to \$100
 - Available www.amazon.com and www.newegg.com
- Another good choice is Netgear, similar pricing
 - Available locally at Costco and online at Amazon and Newegg

VLC Media Player

- Are you frustrated with the limitations of Windows Media Player or iTunes when you attempt to play music or videos on your PC or a mobile device?
- If so, you should try VLC, it now plays anything, anywhere!
- It's a free download at www.Ninite.com under the header "Media"
- The 2.2.x version has just been released and contains many more codecs than other players which almost guarantees, fewer problems
- VLC even functions as a media server for streaming, and
- Even permits a User to re-play a video from where they stopped
- VLC is a exceptional player and it is suggested that you give it a try!

BVCKUP 2

- One of the many problems with backups is, when needed they don't work!
- As a result I have for several years resorted to multiple backups, in an attempt to ensure that one will work
- One of the backups that I employ is BVCKUP 2
 - It is a "files and folder" backup only, no programs
 - It's very fast
 - Files are not compressed or encrypted
 - Will backup to any location and multiple locations (e.g. flash, cloud or external drives)
 - By default, backs up new files and changes every six hours
- The cost... \$20 per year 1st copy, 10% discount for second copy, two week free trial
- If you are backup challenged I suggest you try BVCKUP 2, here's the link...
<https://www.bvckup2.com/>

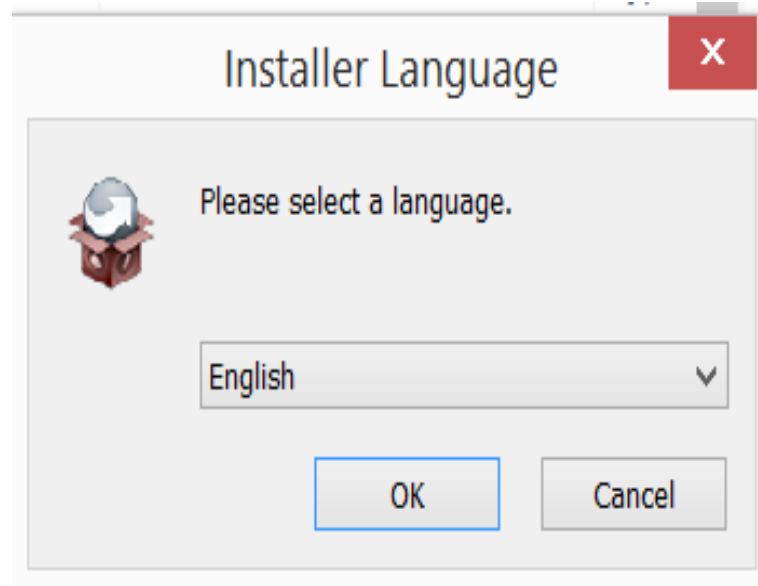
Portable Apps

(will be covered at next SIG 051215)

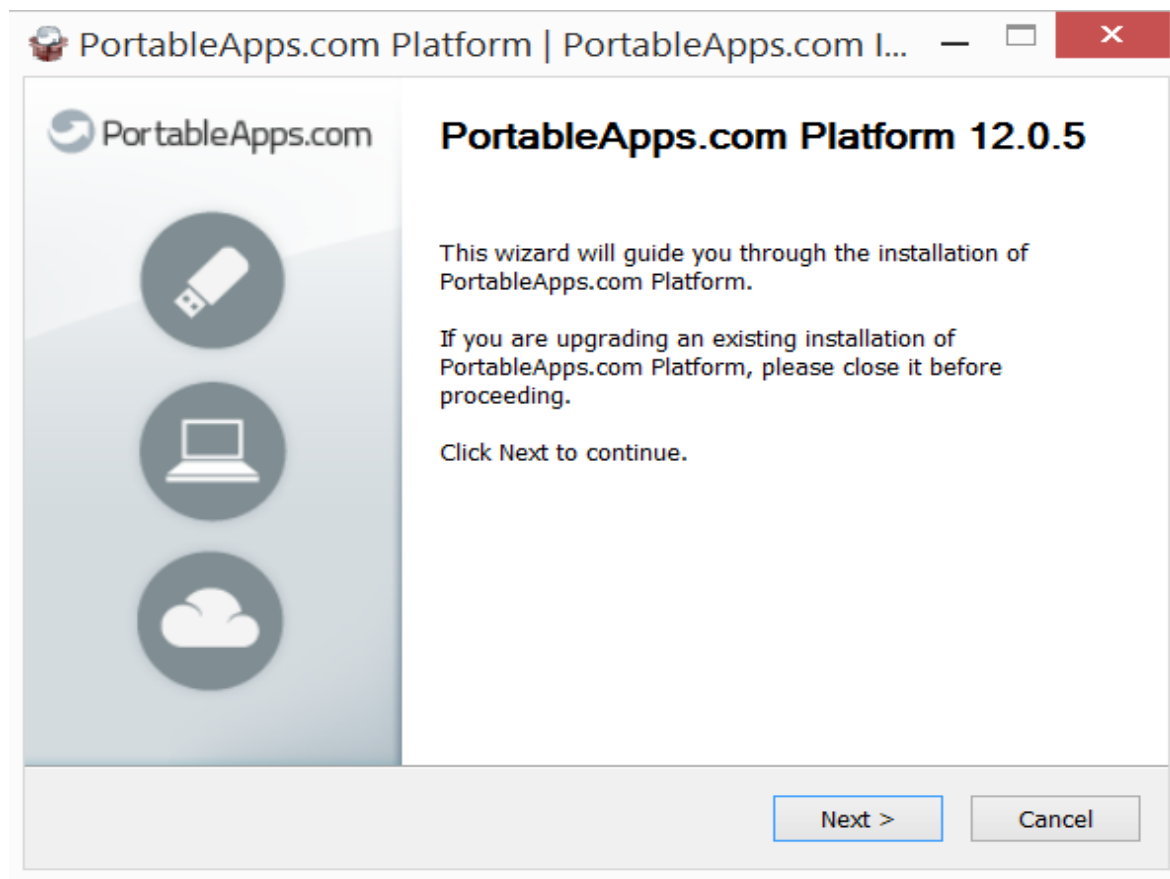
Portable Apps

- Portable apps are a valuable addition to a User repertoire
- They require no installation, hence no un-install!
- Apps can be run from a USB drive or from the cloud
- Make every PC feel like your own
- Use your favorite software everywhere
- Carry your bookmarks and settings
- Edit your documents, photos, and
- Portable apps are open source and free
- Here's the link, click "download now" ...
<http://portableapps.com/download>

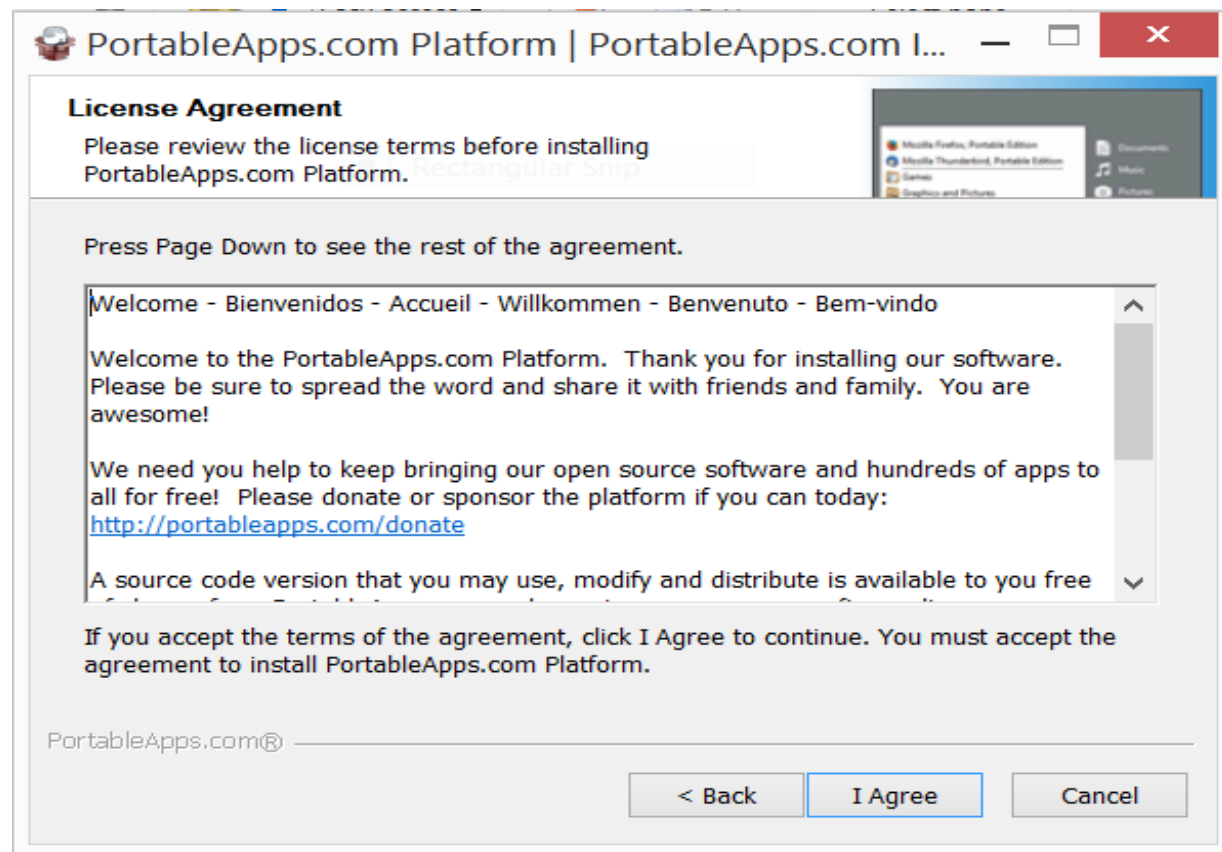
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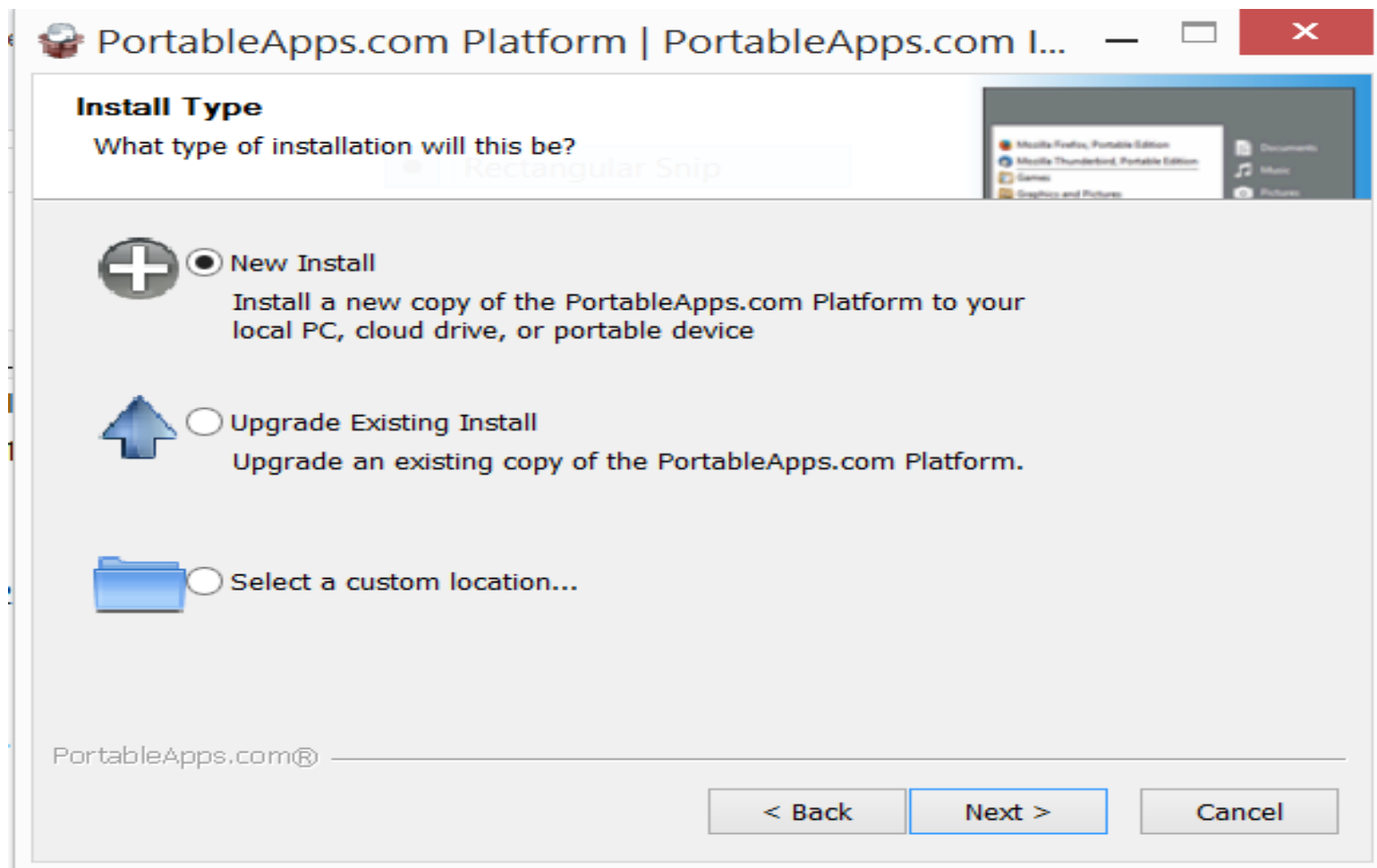
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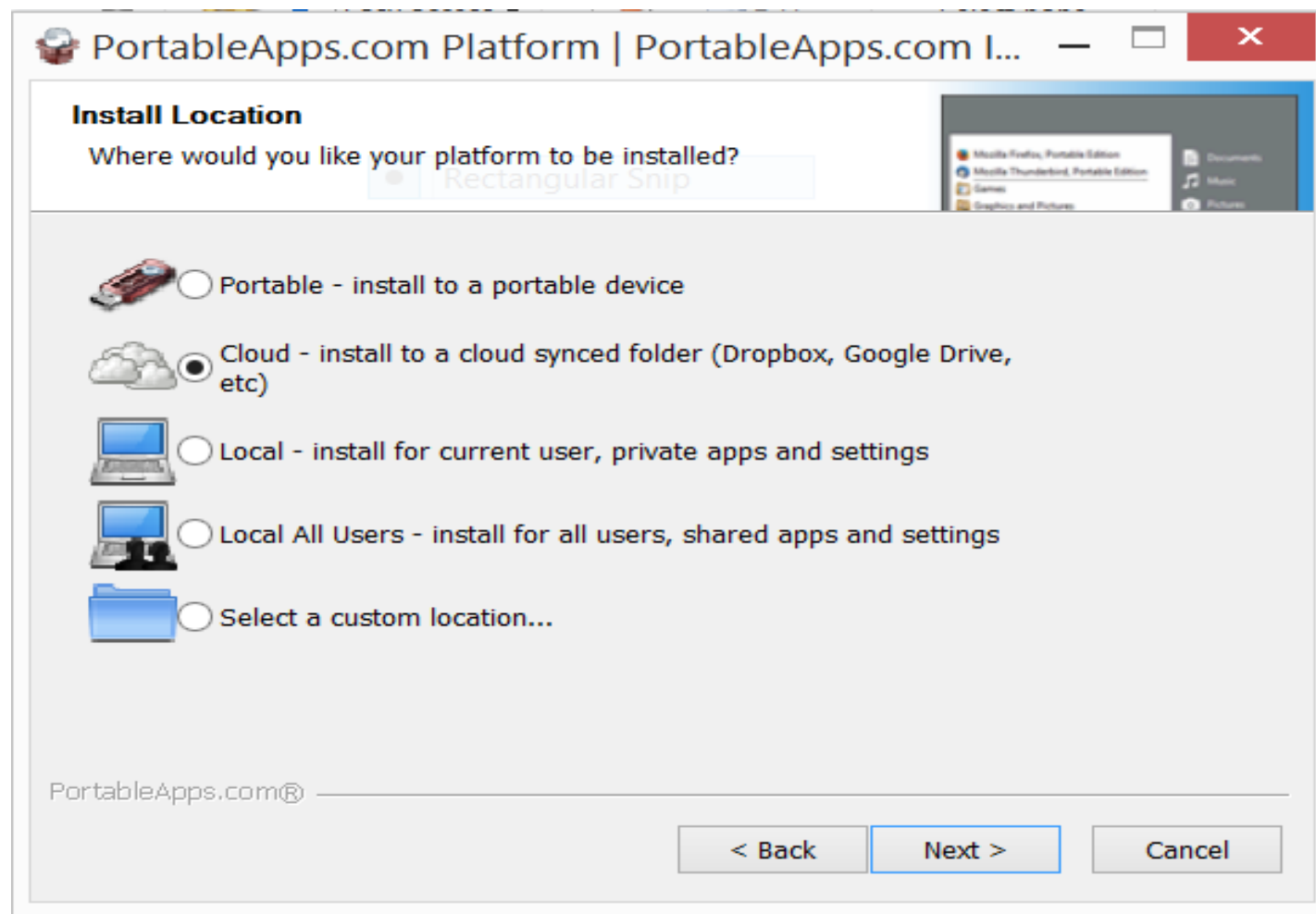
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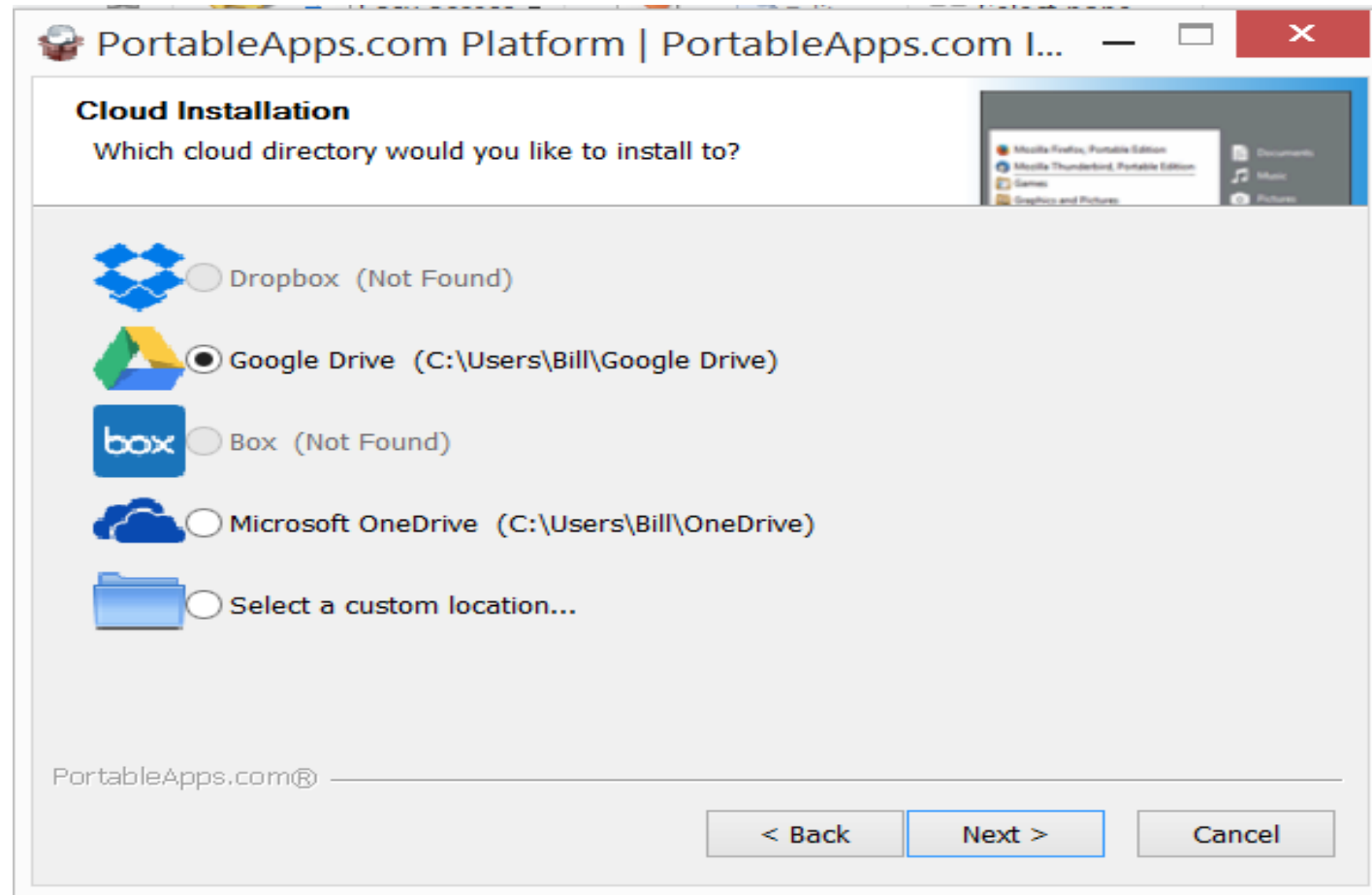
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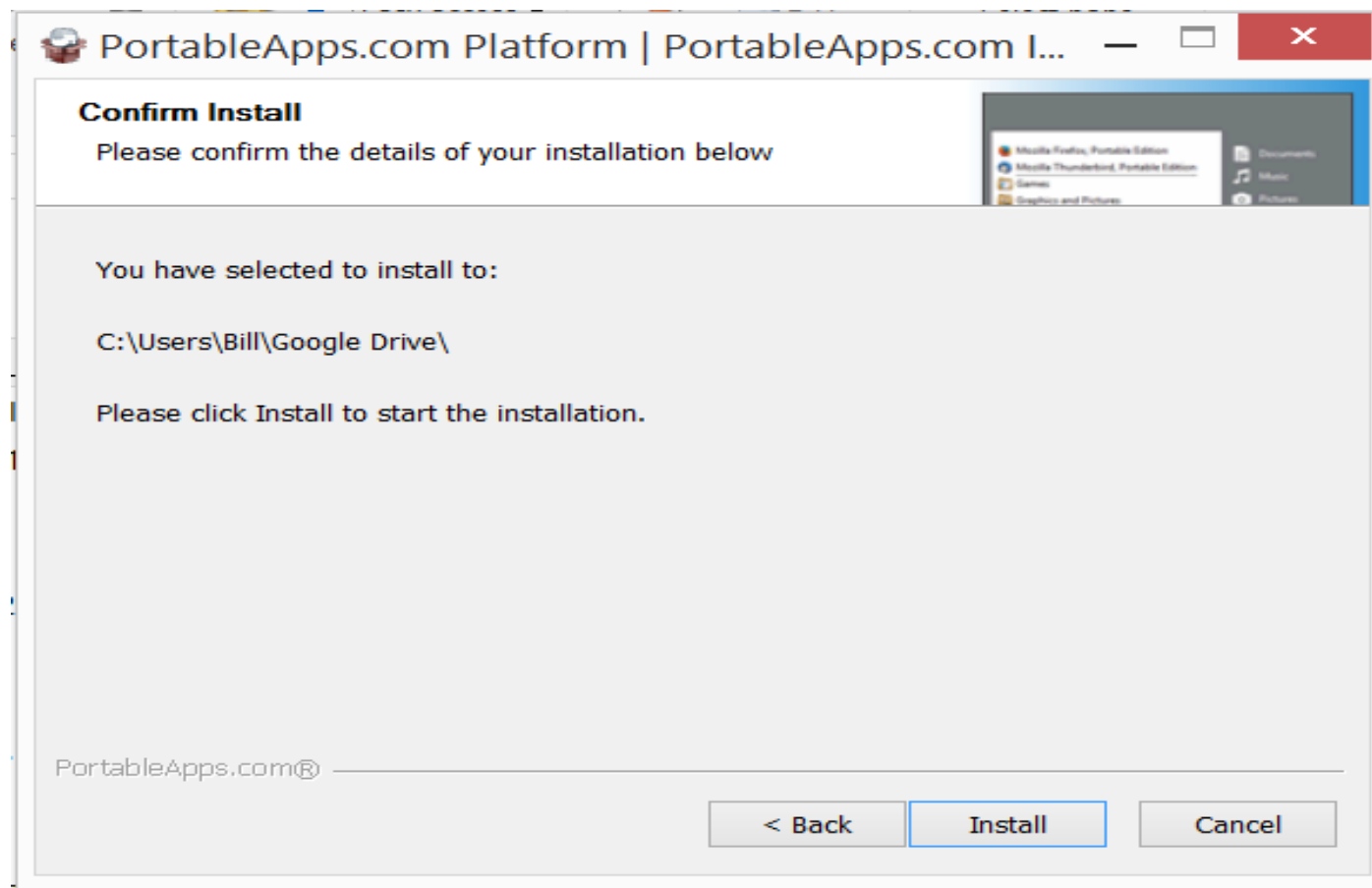
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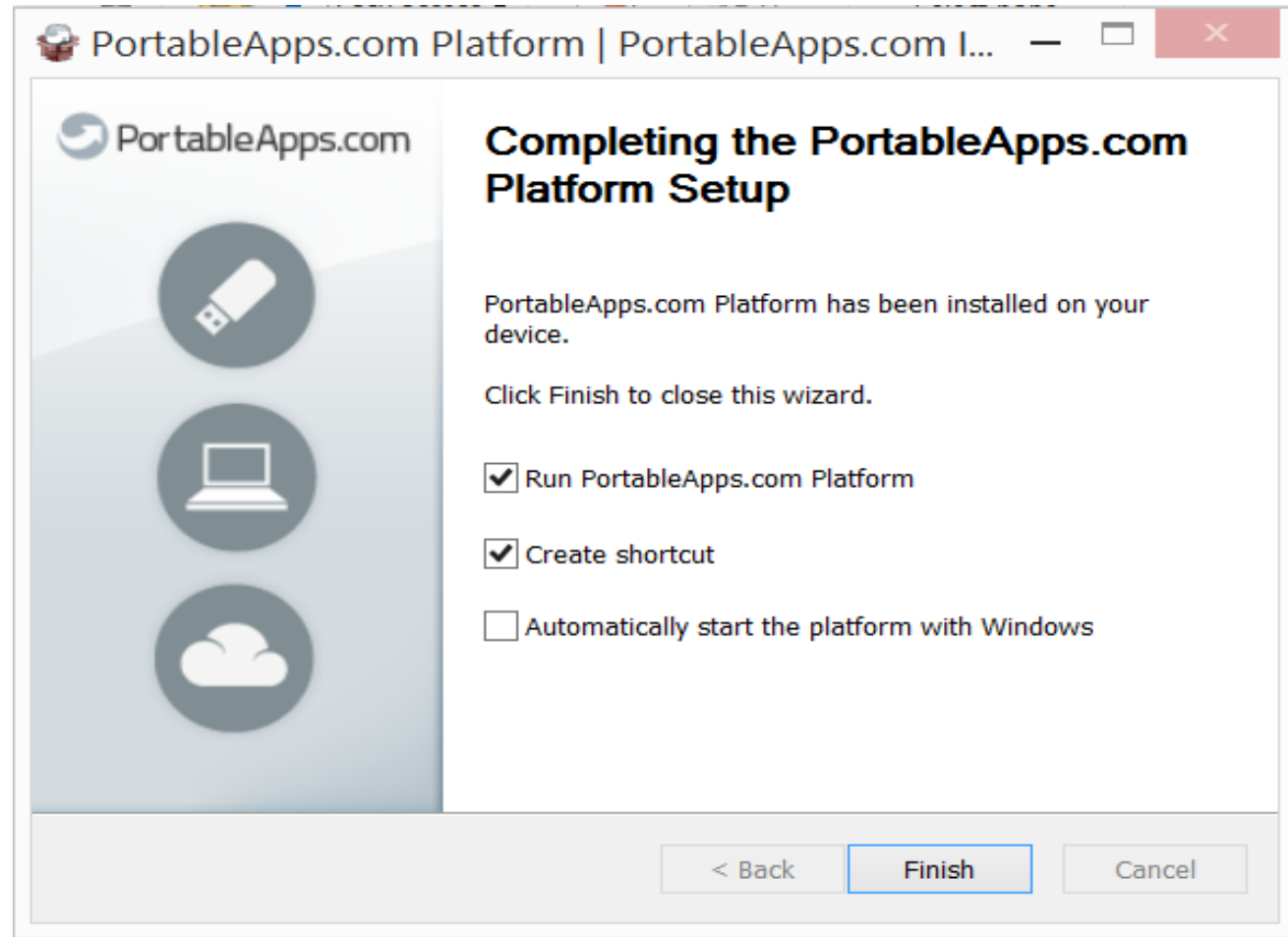
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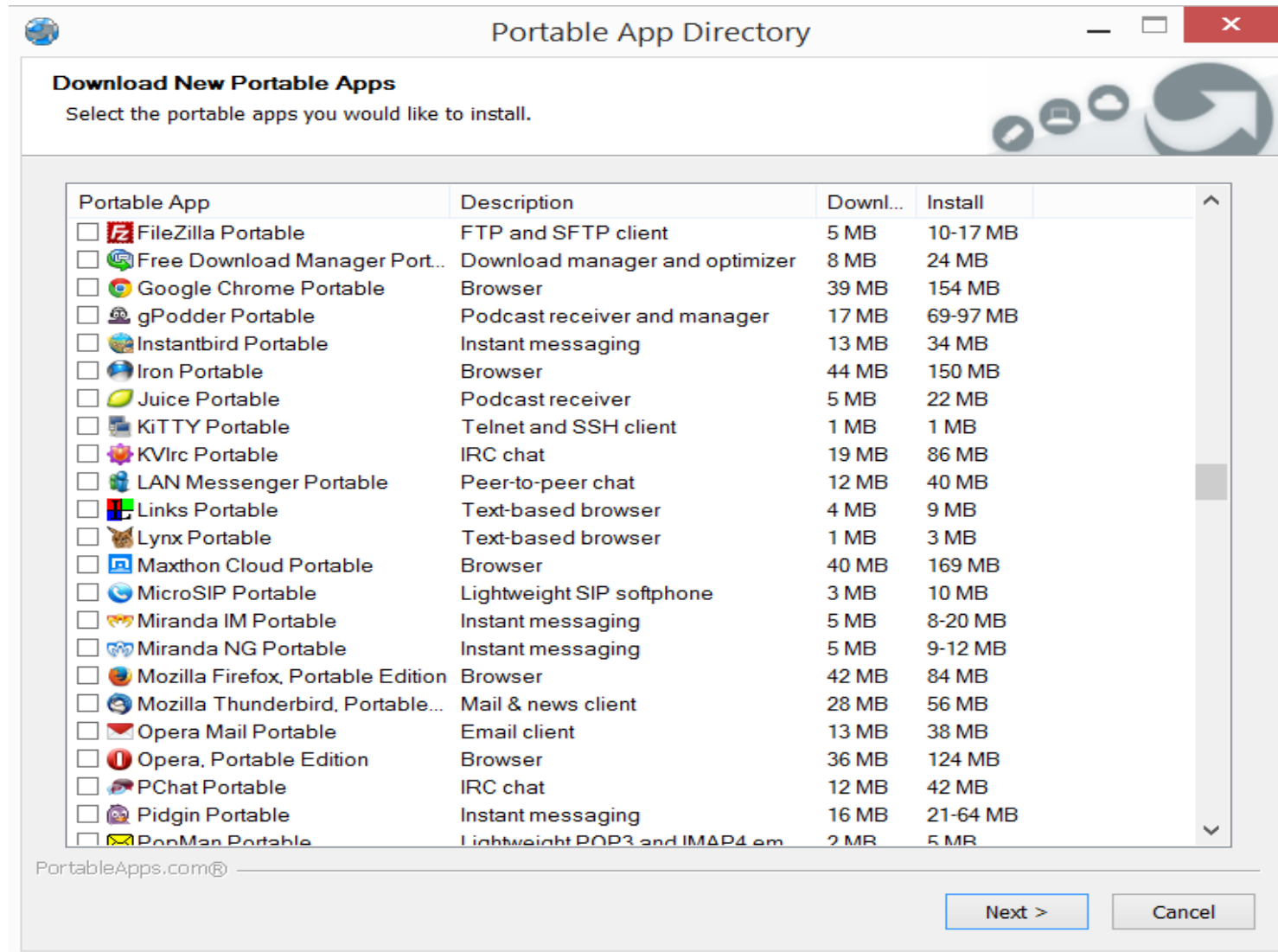
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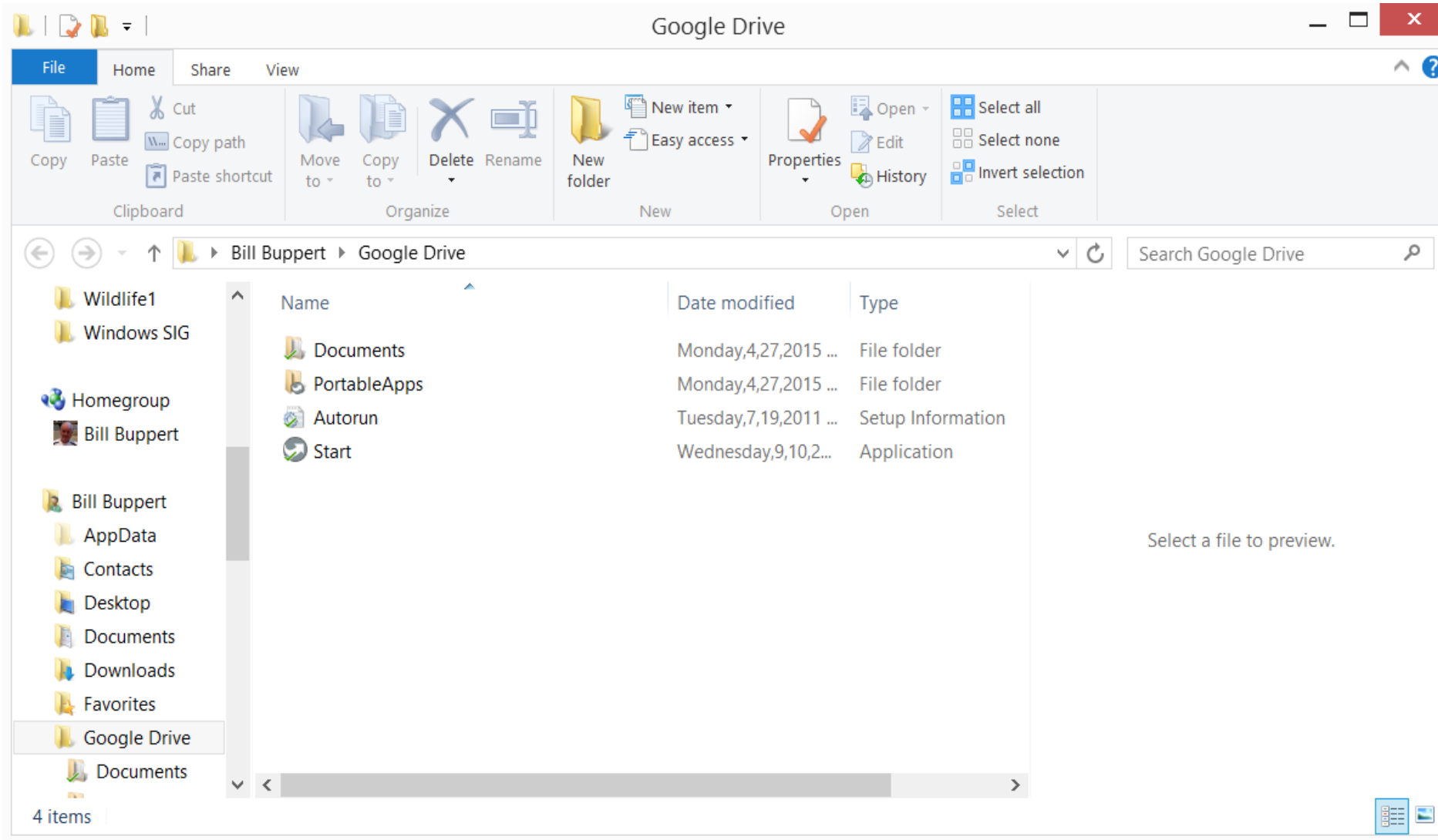
Click “Finish”



Select the Apps to Install...



Go to Google Drive to the Portable Apps Folder



Open the Folder to Access the Apps

The screenshot shows a Windows File Explorer window with the address bar displaying the path: Bill Buppert > Google Drive > PortableApps. The left sidebar shows the navigation pane with 'PortableApps' selected under the 'Google Drive' section. The main pane displays a list of files and folders. The 'FirefoxPortable' folder is highlighted with a blue selection bar.

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
7-ZipPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
AutorunsPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
ClamWinPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
FirefoxPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
FoxitReaderPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
GoogleChromePortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
HijackThisPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
KasperskyTDSSKillerPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
LibreOfficePortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
PortableApps.com	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
ProcessExplorerPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
RevoUninstallerPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
SpybotPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
TeamViewerPortable	Monday,4,27,2015 ...	File folder	
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Desktop	Wednesday,7,20,2...	Configuration setti...	1 KB

Favorites & LastPass Installed on Chrome Portable

