Software iPack

Software iPacks are software for *Microsoft Windows* - but instead of the usual .exe file extension, the file names end in .sip. For example, *MySoftware.sip* instead of *MySoftware.exe*

You can use the <mark>INCLUDED</mark> *Software iPack Player* to "play" any *Software iPack* (.sip) file.

Just activate the player and then select the .sip file.

Once you have used the player for the first time on your PC, you can just double-click on any .sip file to activate it.

Popups

Most *Software iPacks* activate your web browser to show a popup when you use the software. The popups help to fund the development cost of the individual *Software iPacks*, which means that you can usually buy *Software iPacks* at lower cost than normal software.

Only a single popup will appear each time you use the software. The web addresses shown are embedded in the .sip file - so the creators of the *Software iPack Player* have no control of the websites that are displayed in the popups.

The benefits of the *Software iPack* solution

There are two benefits:

1. The built-in popup mechanism means that customers can generally get software at lower cost than normal (and in some cases free) - while software developers benefit from the built-in popup advertising.

2. Viruses and malware are a major problem on the Internet. Even some of the big download sites are now deliberately installing malware components in their downloads, in order to make extra money from unsuspecting users. The *Software iPack* solution provides enhanced protection against viruses, malware and other undesirable components.

How secure are Software iPacks?

All .sip files are encrypted using a secret algorithm only known to the developers involved in the *Software iPack* project. This makes it difficult to infect, hack or tamper with a .sip file. Normal hacking methods will not work - and ordinary viruses cannot attach themselves to a .sip file.

So, while it is impossible to secure anything 100% against viruses and malware, it is much more difficult to hack a .sip file that an ordinary .exe file.

Can I convert a .sip file to an ordinary .exe file?

You can easily convert any .sip file into an ordinary .exe file using the INCLUDED *Software iPack Player*.

Just select the "*Export exe file*" option on the menu at the top of the screen.

This will instantly convert the currently loaded .sip file into .exe format, saving the new .exe file into the same folder as the original .sip file.

The resulting .exe file is a normal .exe file - and can be used on any PC without the need for the *Software iPack Player*.

Note, however, that the software will still display a popup when it is used.