

## Installing ActivePerl

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Note: You should really install ActivePerl. There have been problems with the Tkx modules of other distributions.

### Introduction

This manual attempts to outline the steps necessary to install ActiveState's distribution of Perl (ActivePerl). The instructions presented here may become outdated and incorrect as ActiveState makes changes to ActivePerl. For this reason, as the first step of a successful installation of ActivePerl, it is highly recommended to review the most up-to-date information and documentation on ActivePerl provided at the following web sites:

ActiveStates's website - <http://www.activestate.com>

ActiveState's website for ActivePerl - <http://www.activestate.com/activeperl/>

ActiveState's documentation for the latest release of ActivePerl (5.10) -  
<http://docs.activestate.com/activeperl/5.10/install.html>

ActiveState's installation guide for ActivePerl 5.10 -  
<http://docs.activestate.com/activeperl/5.10/install.html>

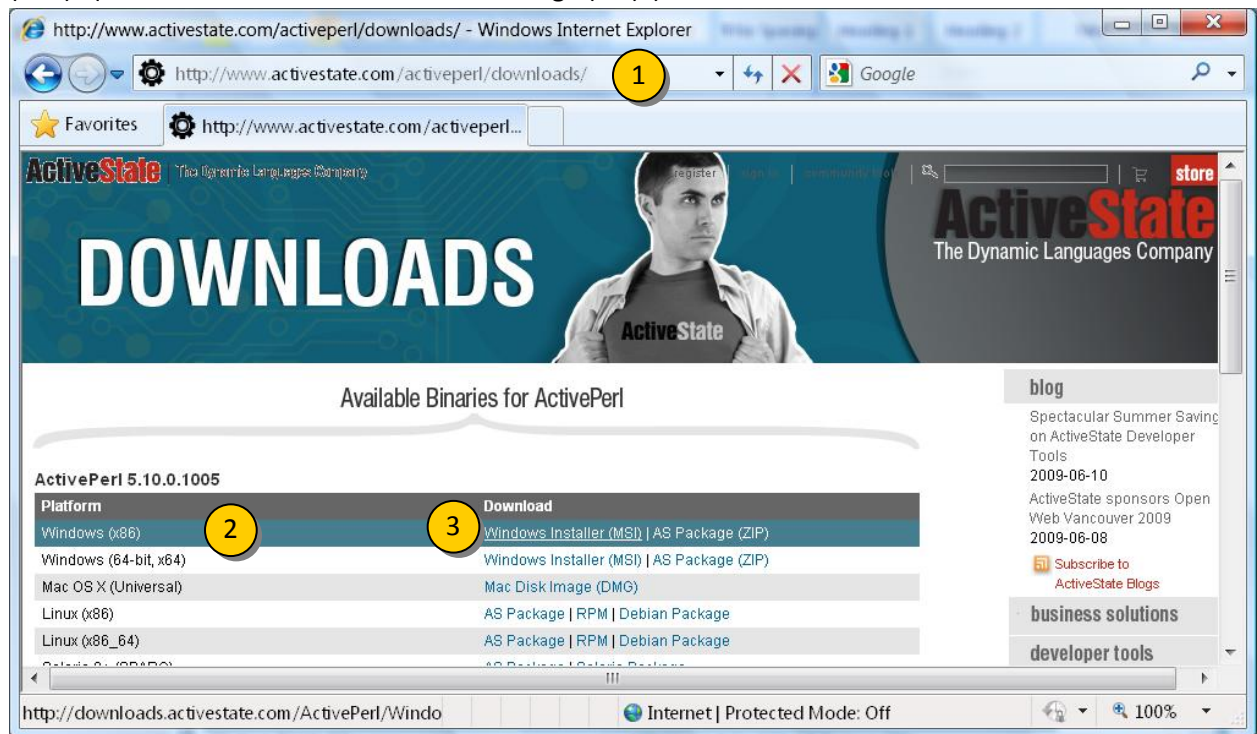
### Operation System Independent Suggestion:

Remove any existing installations of Perl before continuing. If you don't, make sure to be aware of them so the two don't become confused (for example don't forget to find out which Perl executable will show up in your PATH first).

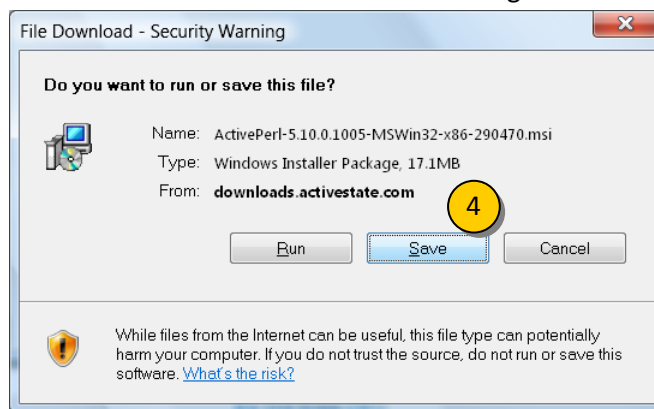
### Installation Instructions for Windows Vista

1. Log in as a user with administrative privileges. If you're unsure how to do this, contact your system administrator.
2. In your web browser (Internet Explorer is recommended), navigate to <http://www.activestate.com/activeperl/downloads/>
3. In the table for the latest (highest numbered) version of ActivePerl (currently 5.10.0.1005), look in the column labeled "Platform" to determine which row corresponds to your version of Windows. If you're unsure of which version of Windows you have, find the row whose platform is "Windows (x86)".

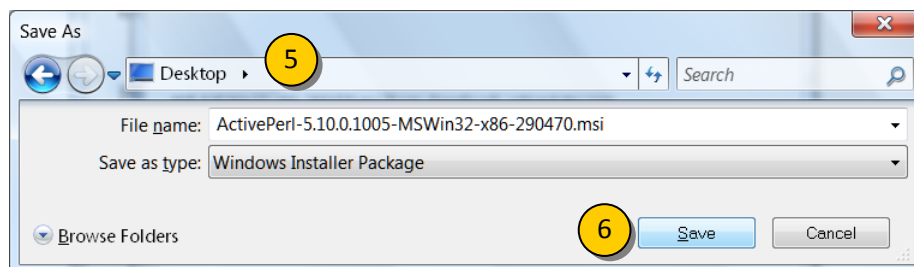
4. In the download column of the row you've selected click the link titled "Windows Installer (MSI)" (do not click the link labeled "AS Package (ZIP)").



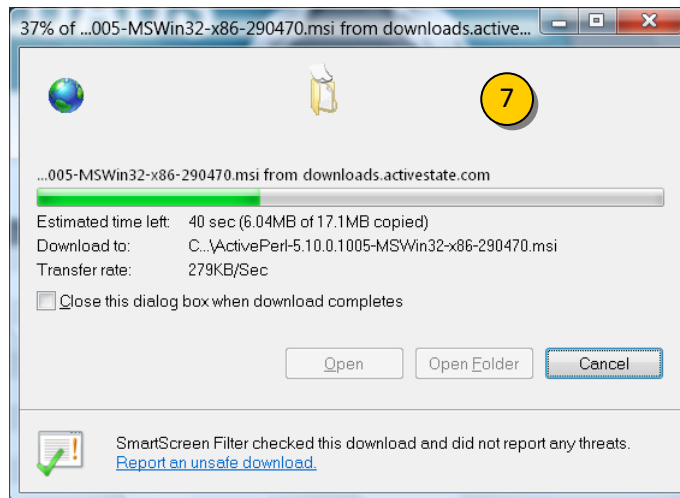
5. Choose to save the file rather than running it.



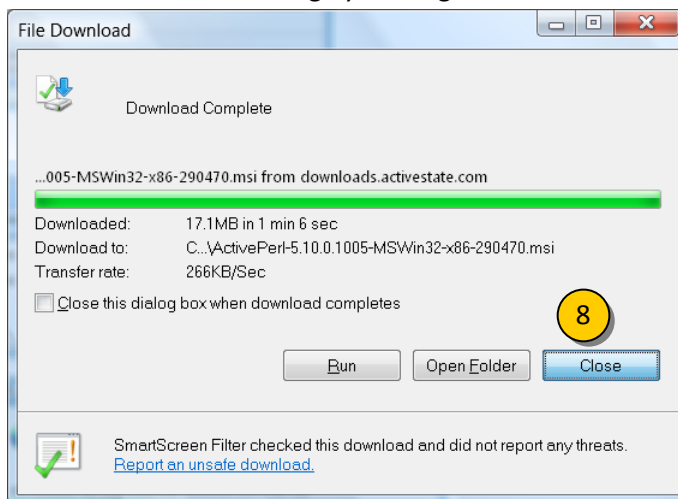
6. In the "Save As" dialog, choose to save the installer (a file ending in ".msi") to a directory on your computer where you'll be able to find it easily (saving to your Windows Desktop directory is recommended).
7. Click the button labeled "Save" to save the file.



8. Wait for the download to finish.

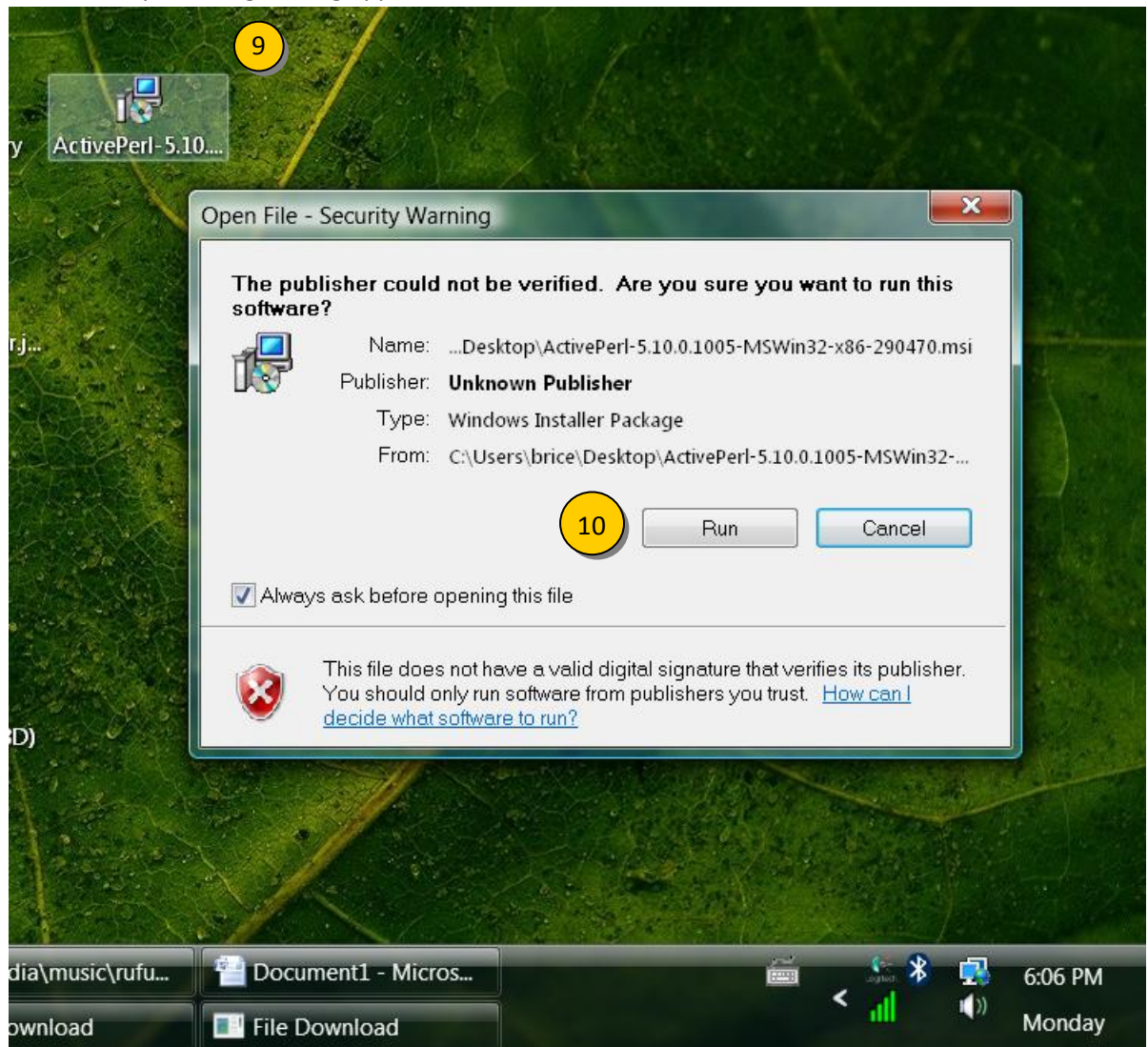


9. Close the download dialog by clicking the button labeled "Close".



10. Find the ActivePerl installer you just downloaded in your computer and double-click it's icon to launch it.

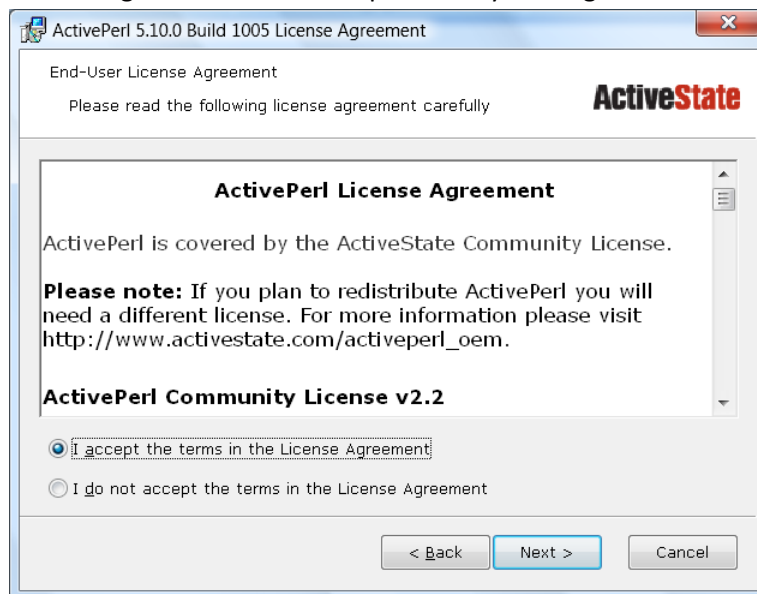
11. If a “Security Warning” dialog appears, click the button labeled “Run”.



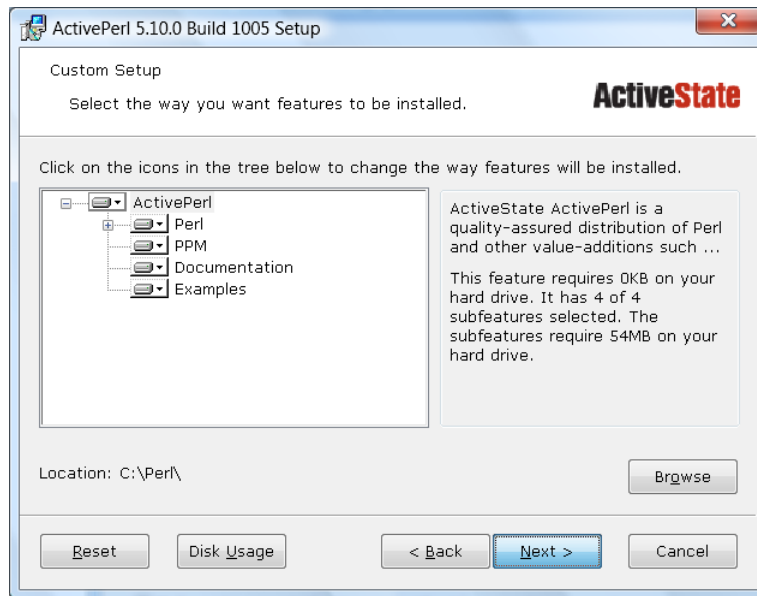
12. Advance to the next screen by clicking the button labeled “Next”.



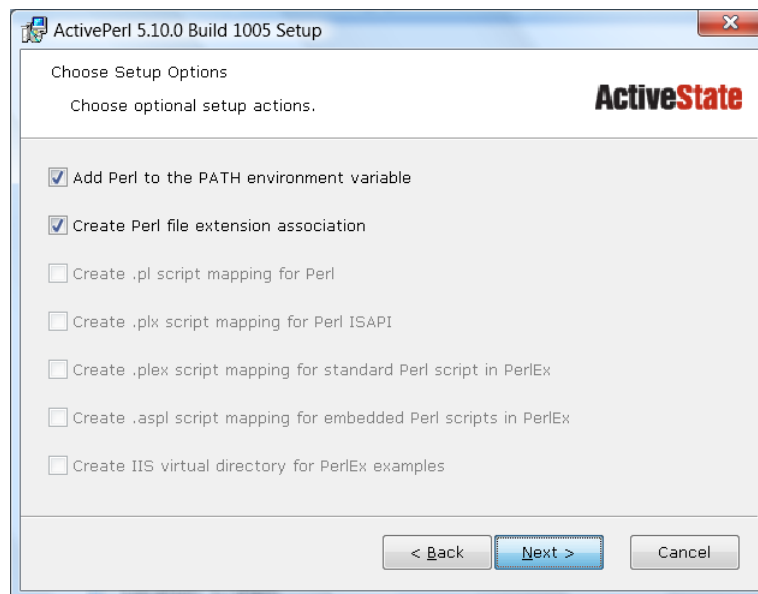
13. Accept the license agreement by clicking the radio button labeled “I accept the terms in the License Agreement” and then proceed by clicking the button labeled “Next”.



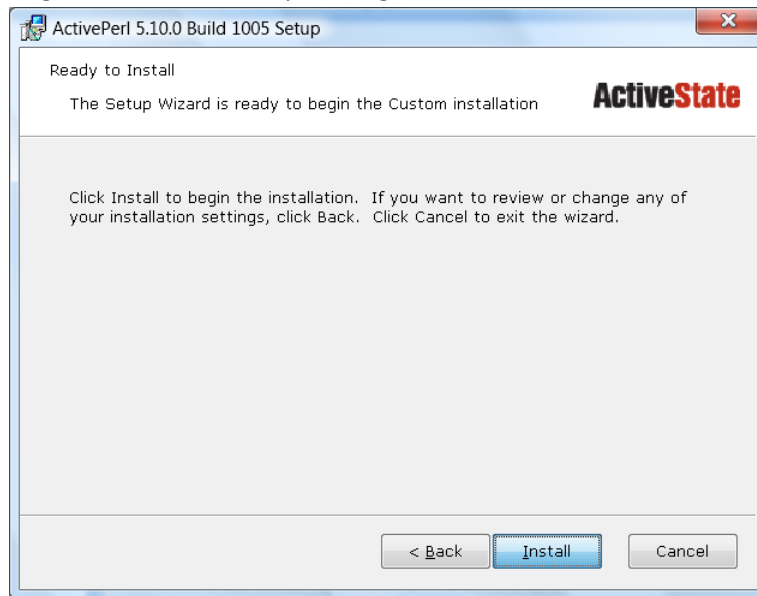
14. Click the button labeled “Next”.



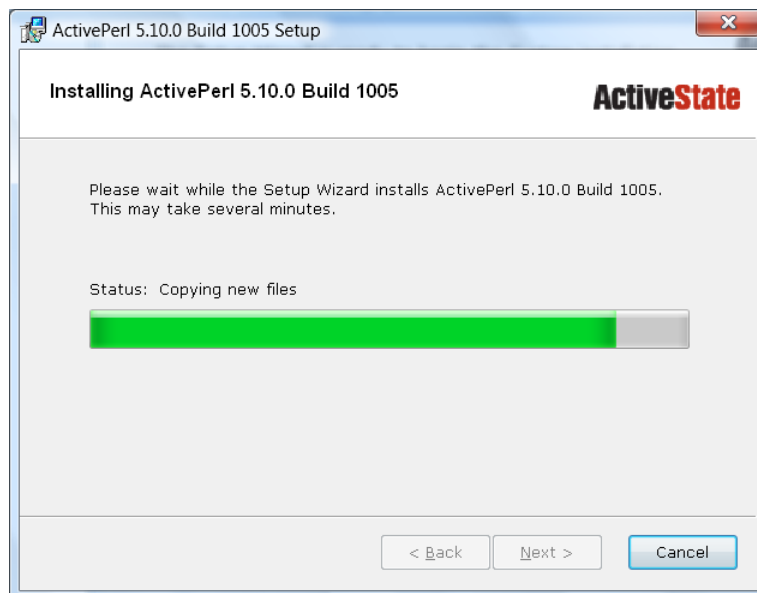
15. Make sure at least the first option is selected (it is by default) and click the button labeled “Next”.



16. Begin the installation by clicking the button labeled “Install”.



17. Wait for the installation to finish.





18. Exit the installer by clicking the button labeled “Finish”. (Uncheck the box labeled “Display the release notes” before clicking “Finish” if you don’t wish to review the release notes).

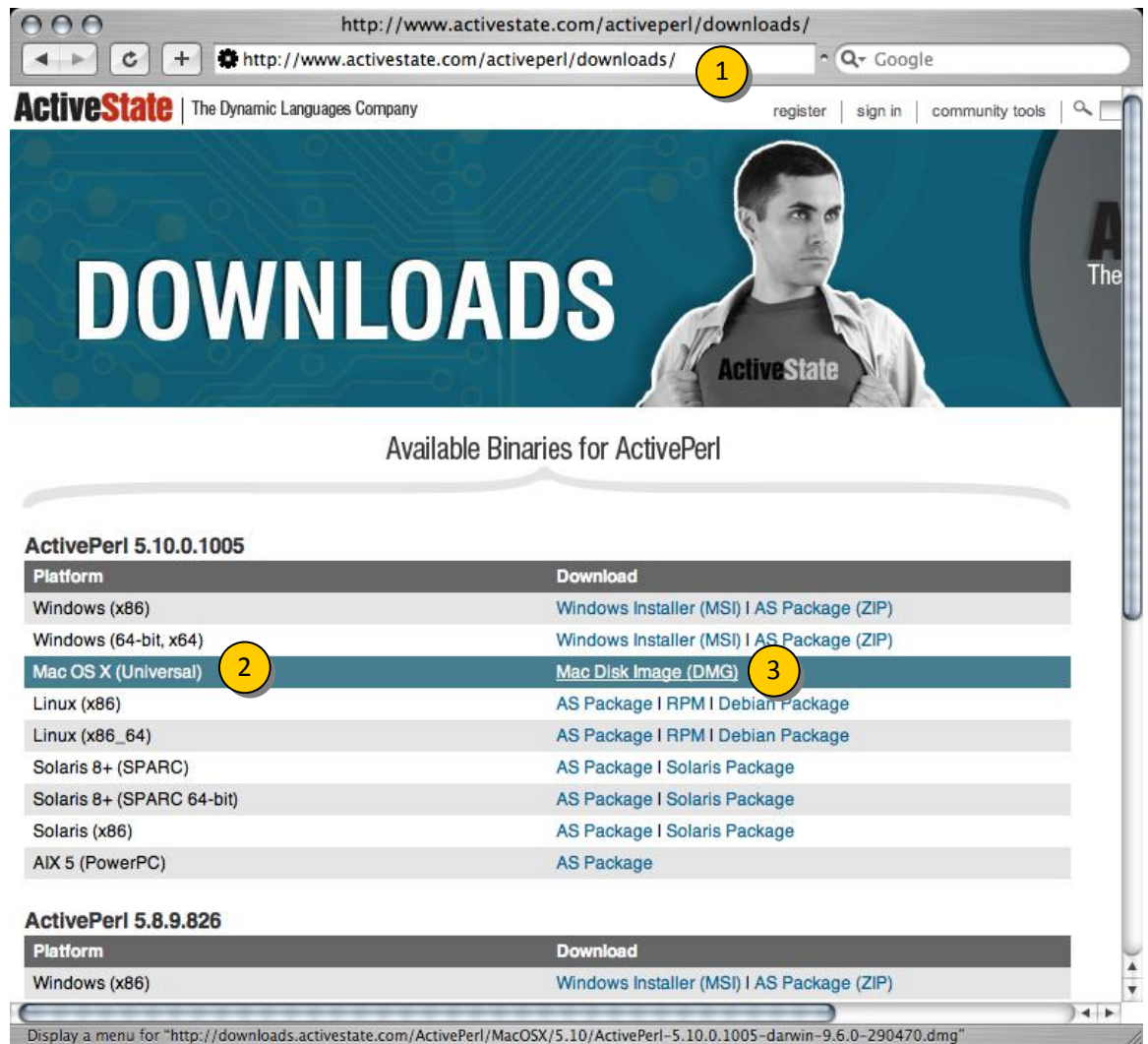


19. The installation is complete.

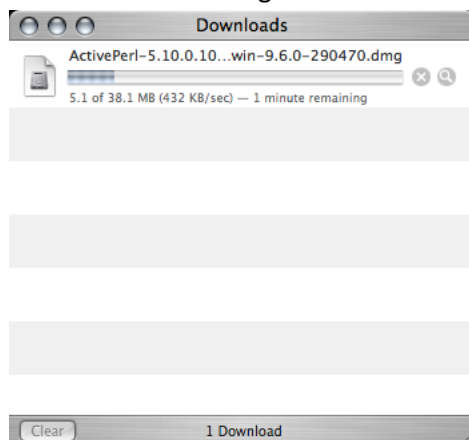
#### Installation Instructions for OS X

1. Log in as a user with administrative privileges. If you’re unsure how to do this, contact your system administrator.
2. In your web browser (Internet Explorer is recommended), navigate to <http://www.activestate.com/activeperl/downloads/>
3. In the table for the latest (highest numbered) version of ActivePerl (currently 5.10.0.1005), look in the column labeled “Platform” to determine which row corresponds to OS X.
4. In the download column of the row you’ve identified, click the link titled “Mac Disk Image (DMG)”.

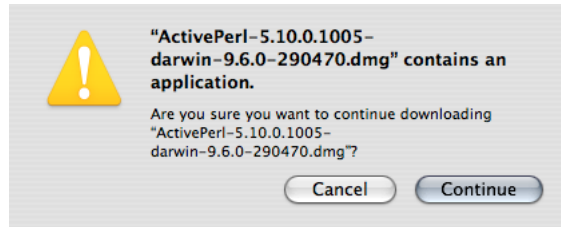




- Wait for the disk image to finish downloading to your computer.



- When it's done downloading, the disk image will automatically mount itself and present you with a warning. Click continue.



7. Double-click the package icon.



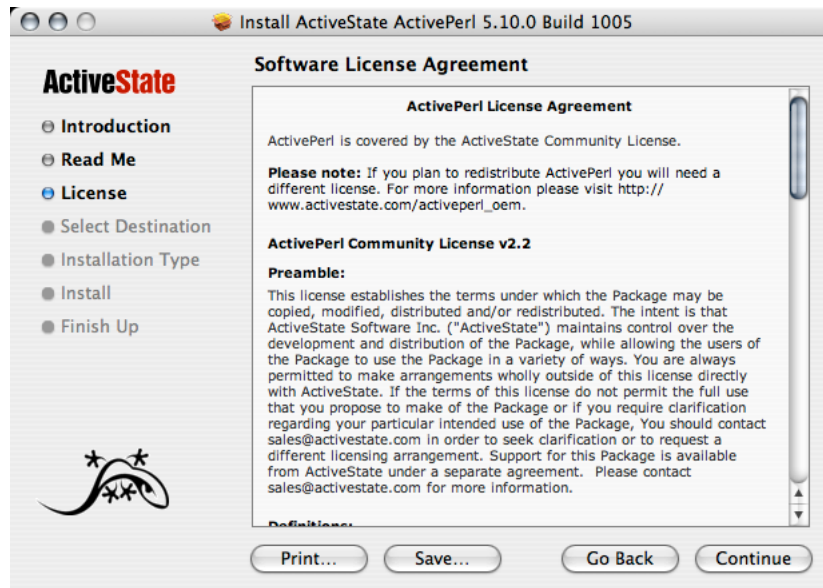
8. Click the button labeled "Continue".



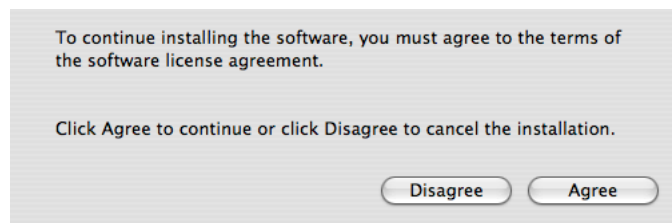
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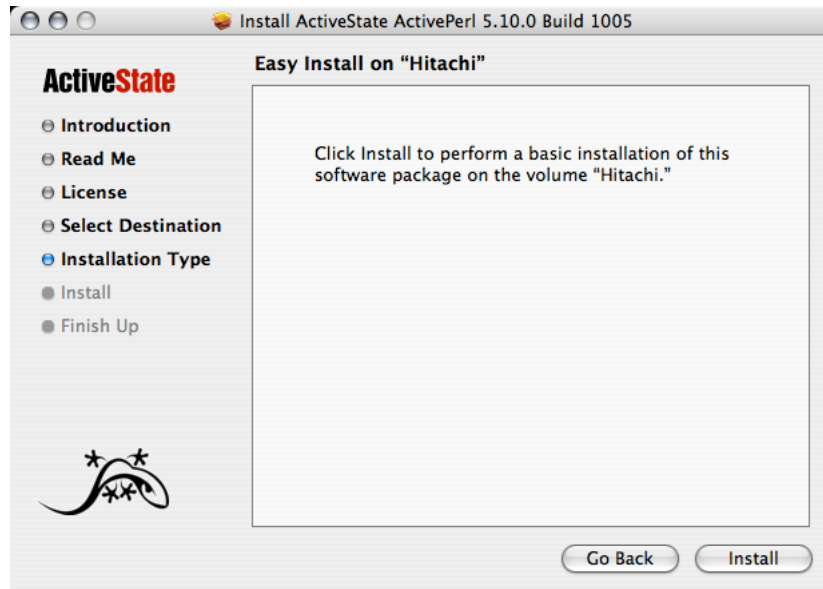
11. Click the button labeled "Agree".



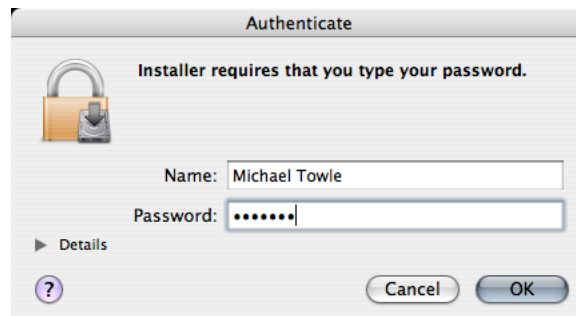
12. Click the hard drive to which you would like to install ActivePerl. If you're unsure of which drive this might be, contact your system administrator.



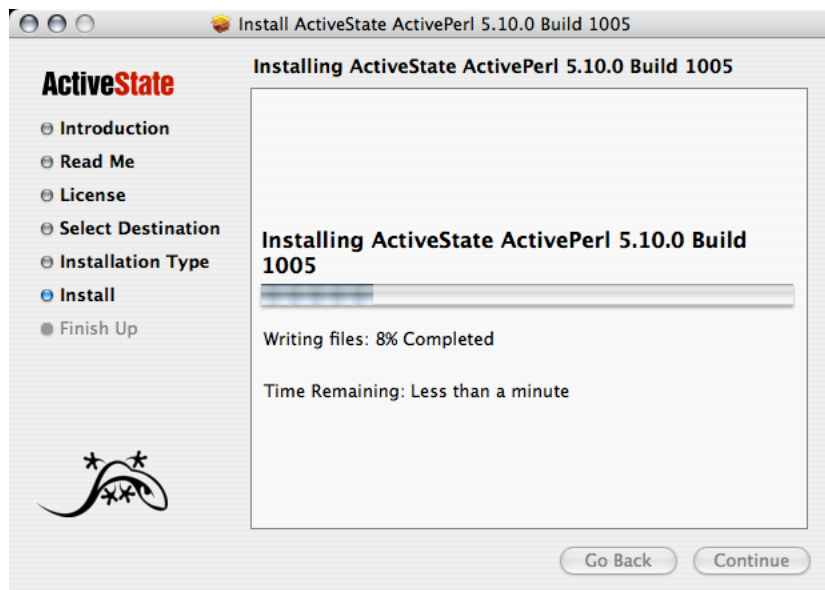
13. Click the button labeled “Install” to begin the installation.



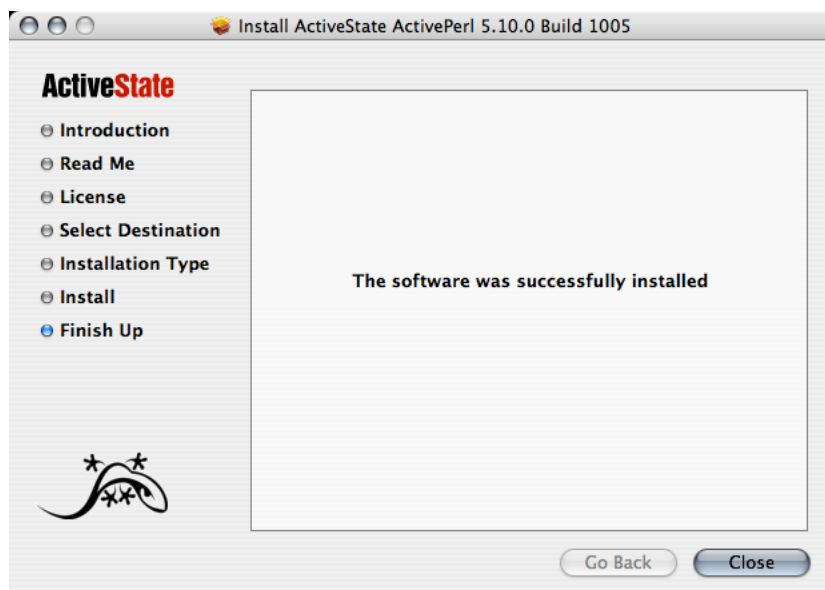
14. Enter the credentials of the user with administrative privileges. If you’re unsure how to do this, contact your system administrator.



15. Wait for ActivePerl to be installed.



16. Once ActivePerl has finished installing, click the button labeled “Close”.



17. Ask the system administrator to add the following directories to the system-wide (or at least user specific) PATH environment variable:

`/usr/local/ActivePerl-5.10/bin`

`/usr/local/ActivePerl-5.10/site/bin`

Installation Instructions for Linux

1. Follow the instructions listed at  
[http://docs.activestate.com/activeperl/5.10/install.html#installing%20activeperl%20on%20linux%20\(x86\)](http://docs.activestate.com/activeperl/5.10/install.html#installing%20activeperl%20on%20linux%20(x86))