



VidSail Windows Installation Guide

Official installation and first-launch instructions for VidSail Media Downloader & Converter.

Version 2.0.0 - Windows 10/11 64-bit

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Free application

MSI installer

Four external engines

SHA-256 verified updates

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1. Current Windows Release

What the current public package contains.

VidSail version 2.0.0 is currently available for Windows 10 and Windows 11 64-bit systems. The public download is supplied as a ZIP file containing the MSI installer.

Public ZIP

`vidsail_windows.zip`

Download this package from the official VidSail website.

Installer inside ZIP

`vidsail_media_downloader.msi`

Run this file after extracting the ZIP.

Current platform

Windows x64

macOS and Linux packages are planned, but are not part of the initial Windows v2.0.0 release.

Important: The older names `vidsail_windows_package.zip` and `VidSail_Setup.msi` belong to earlier documentation and should no longer be used.

2. System Requirements

Recommended environment for a reliable installation.

Item	Requirement	Notes
Operating system	Windows 10 or Windows 11	64-bit editions only for the current package.
Memory	4 GB minimum; 8 GB recommended	More memory helps when downloading, converting, or processing several items.
Disk space	At least 1 GB free	Allow extra space for downloaded media, engine updates, and temporary files.
Internet	Required for online downloads and updates	Actual speed depends on your connection and the source website.
Permissions	Ability to run an MSI installer	Windows may request confirmation during installation.

3. Download the Official Package

Start only from the official VidSail website.

1

Open the VidSail download page

Use the official VidSail website and select the Windows 64-bit download.

2

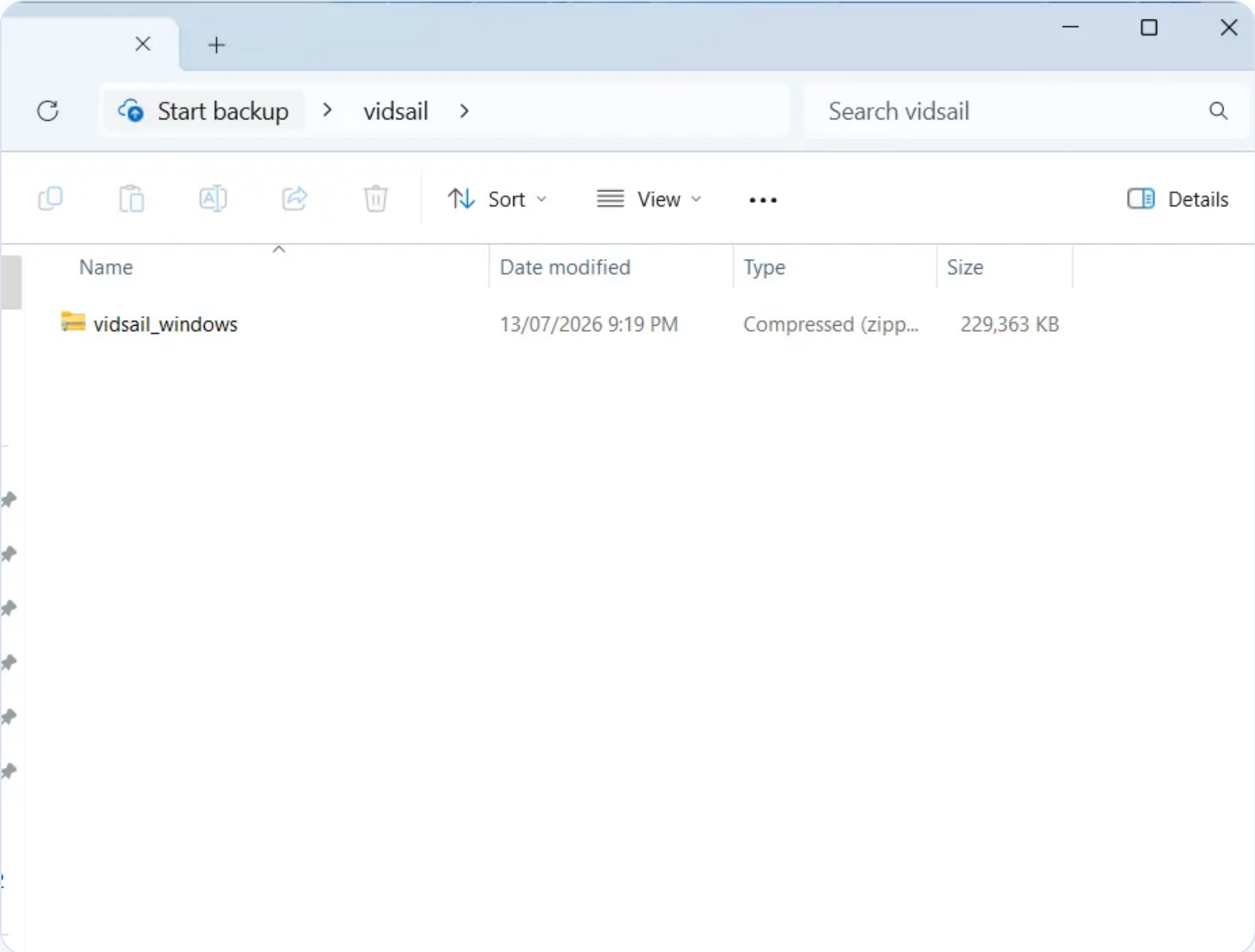
Save `vidsail_windows.zip`

Choose a folder you can find easily, such as Downloads or Desktop.

3

Confirm the download completed

Do not run a partial download. Where a SHA-256 value is published, you may compare the file hash before extracting.



Downloaded VidSail Windows ZIP file.

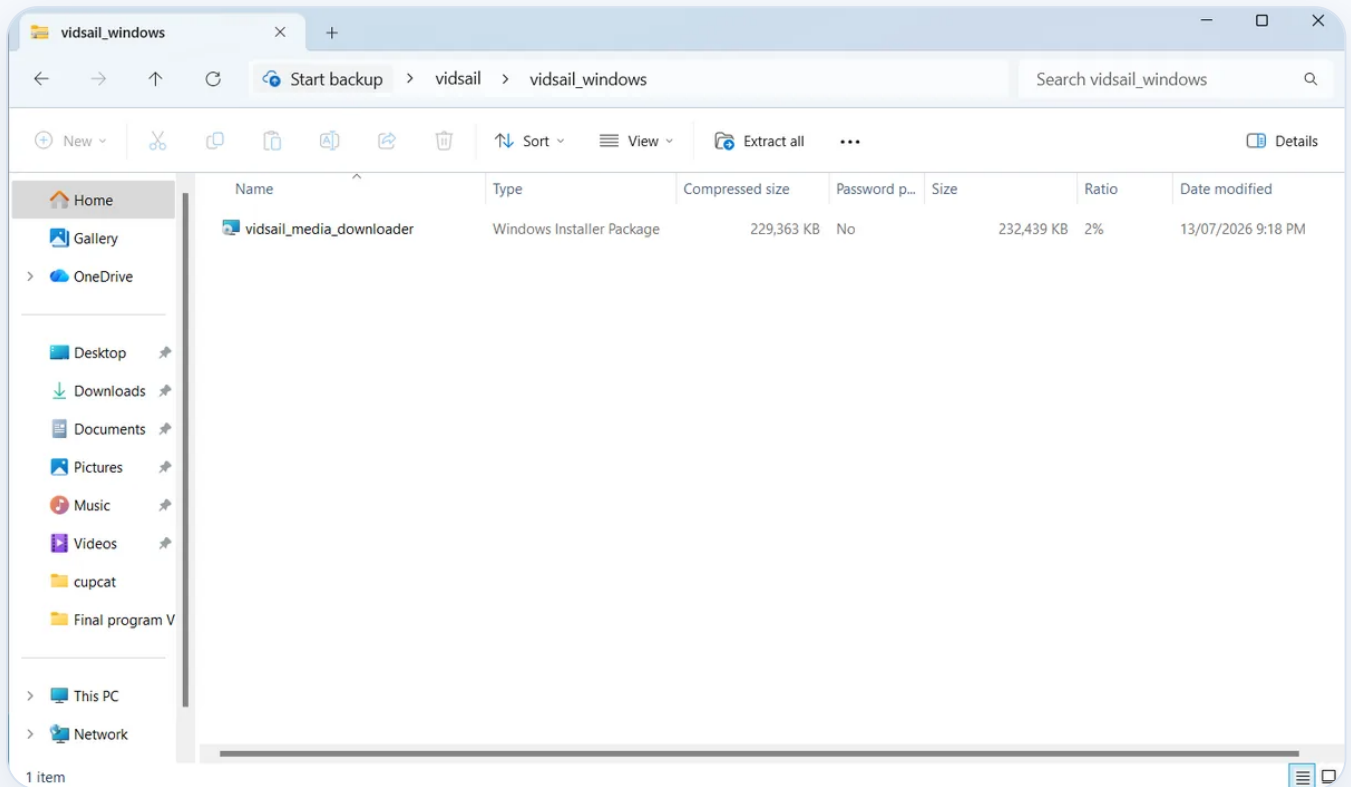
4. Install VidSail on Windows

Extract the package and follow the Setup Wizard in order.

1

Extract the ZIP

Right-click `vidsail_windows.zip`, choose **Extract All**, and open the extracted `vidsail_windows` folder.

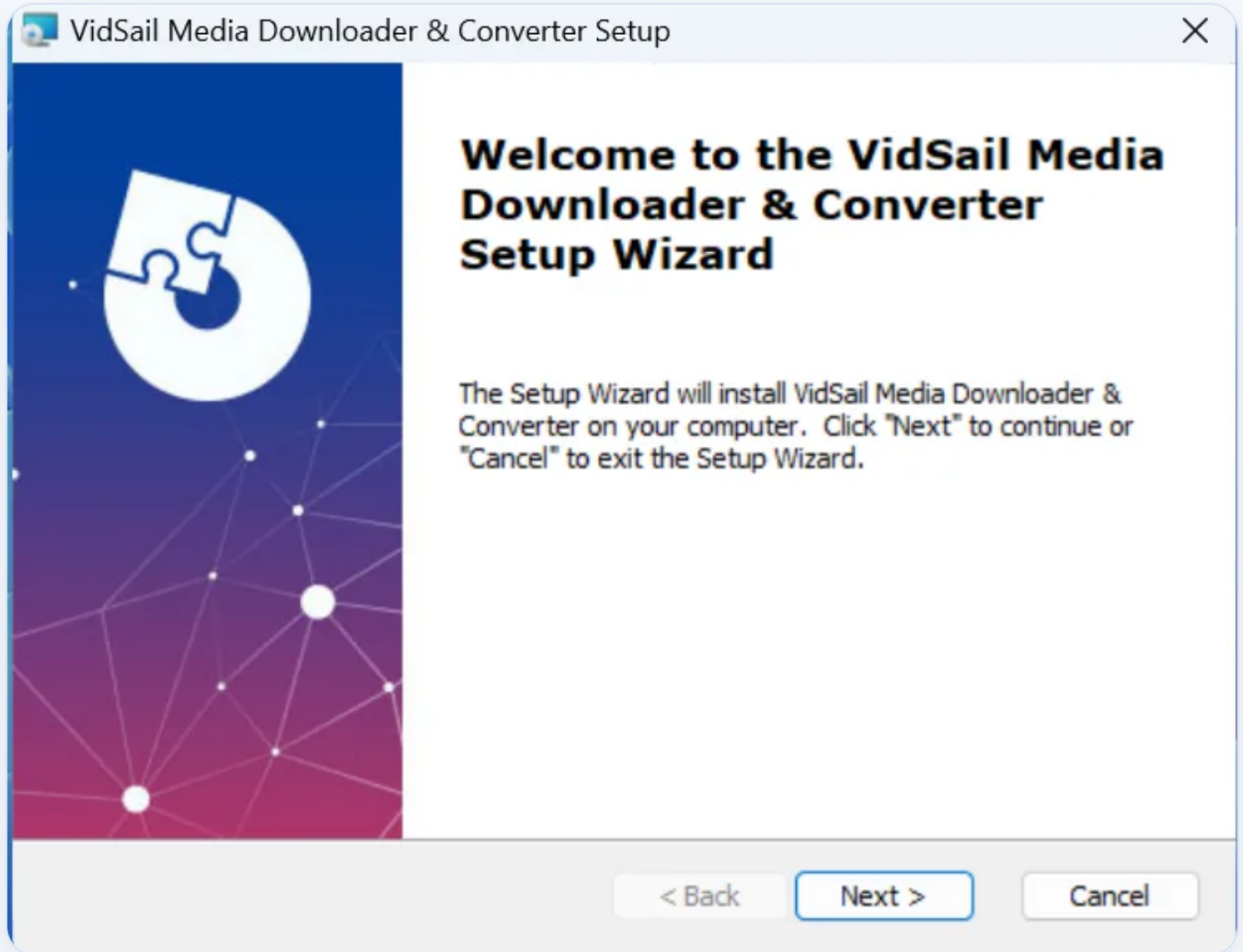


Extracted folder containing the VidSail MSI installer.

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Run the MSI installer

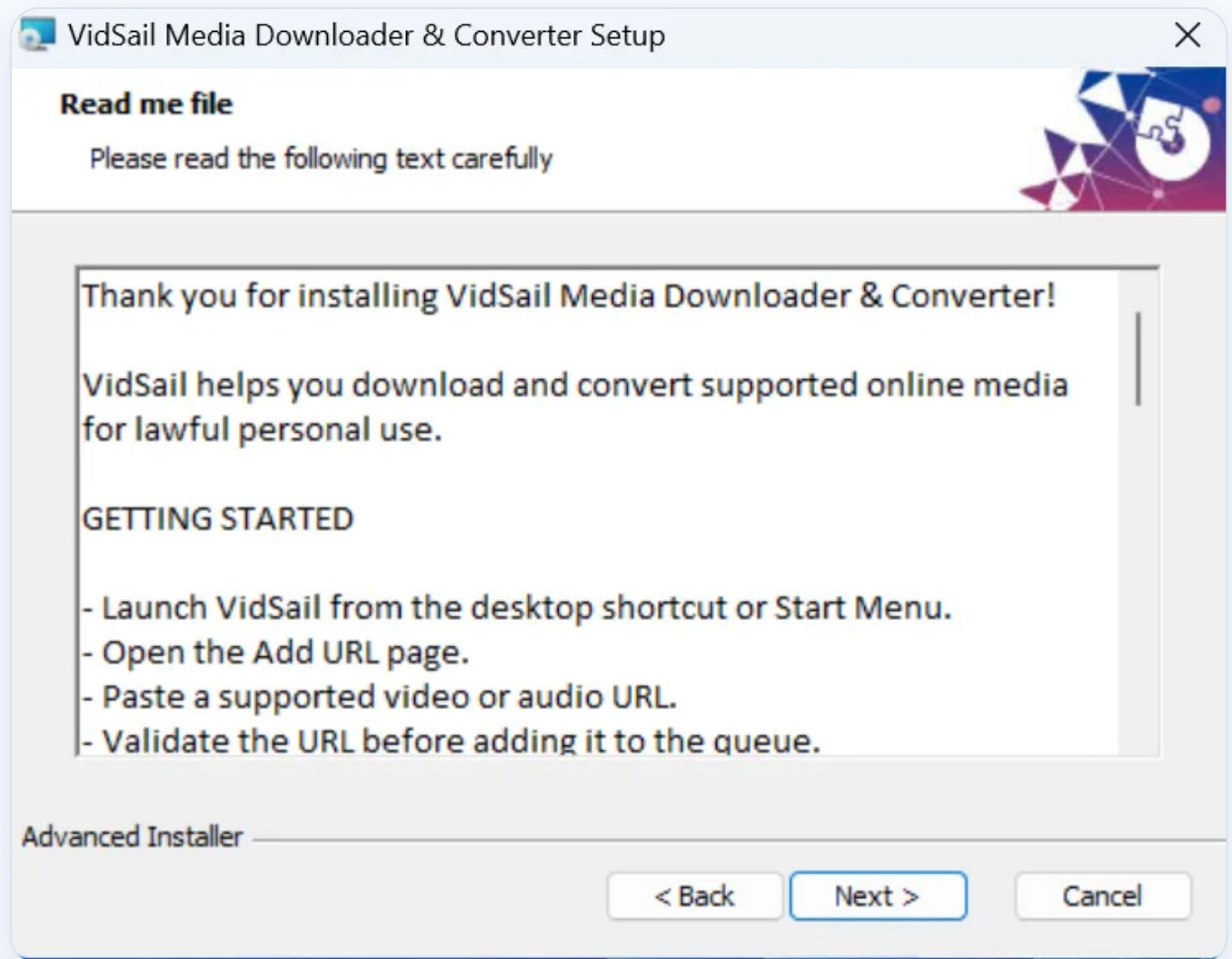
Double-click `vidsail_media_downloader.msi` .



VidSail Setup Wizard welcome screen.

Review the Read Me information

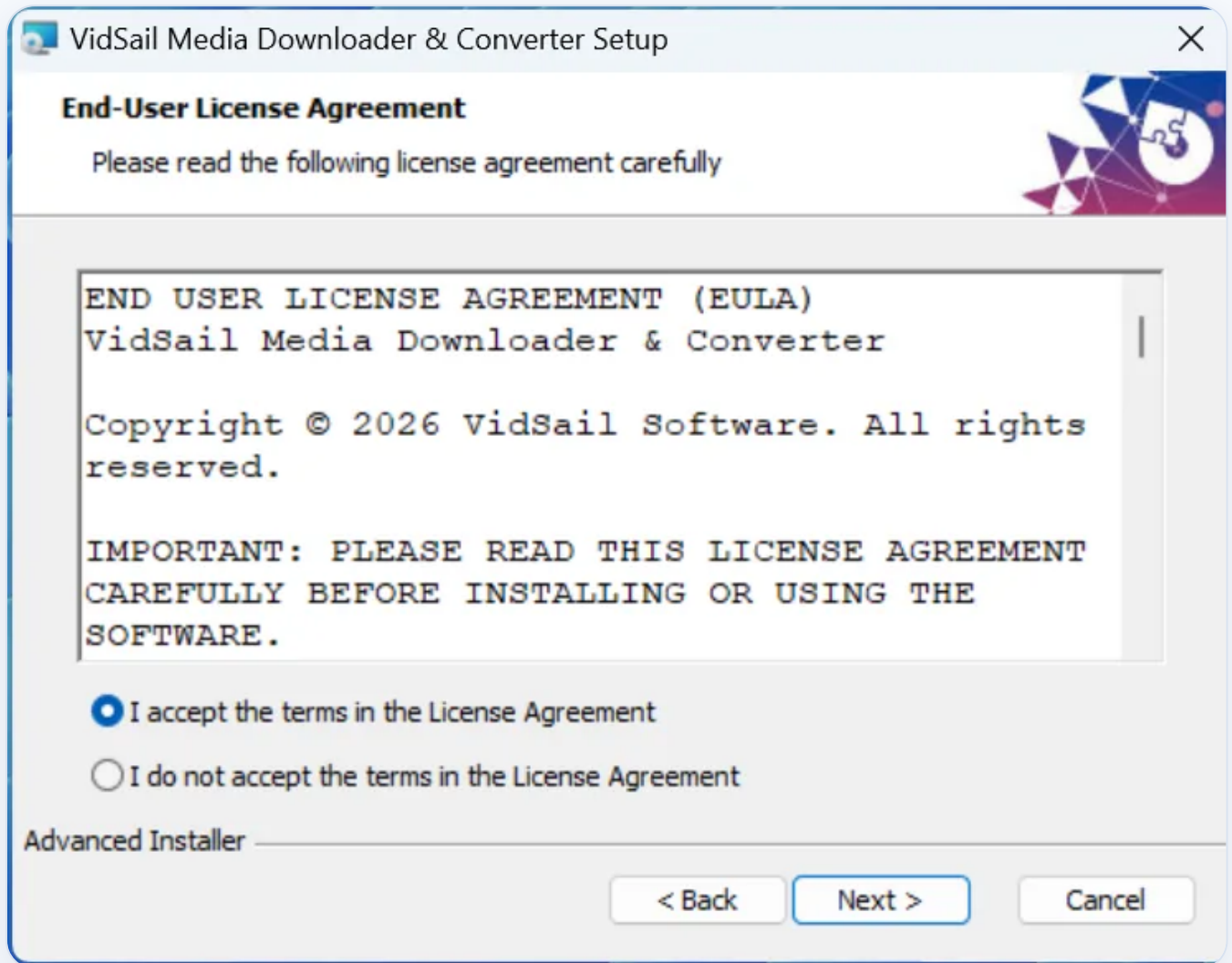
Read the installation information, then click **Next**.



Installer Read Me information.

Accept the licence agreement

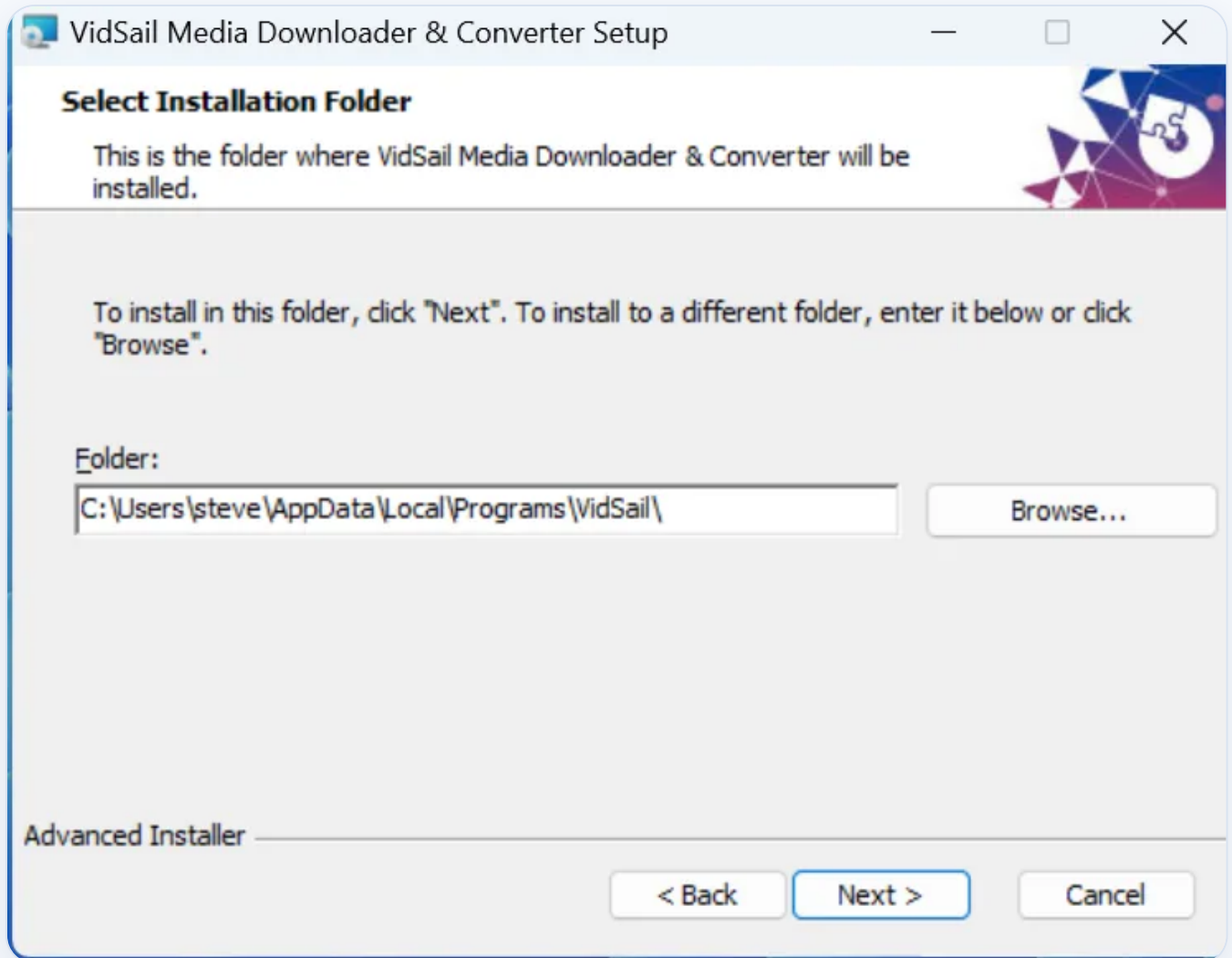
Read the End User Licence Agreement. Select the acceptance option only if you agree, then click **Next**.



End User Licence Agreement screen.

Confirm the installation folder

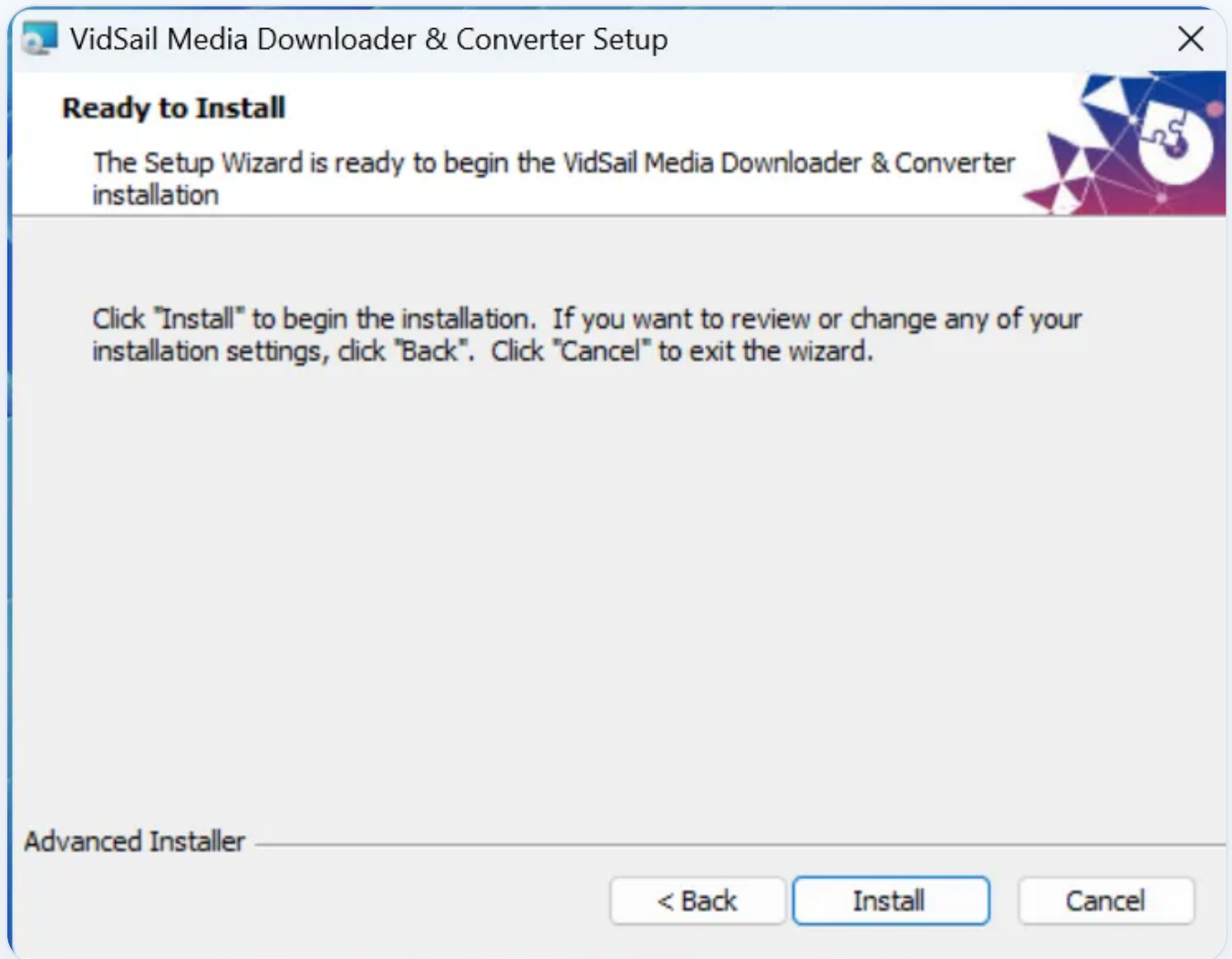
For most users, leave the default per-user installation folder selected.



Installation folder selection - leave the default for most users.

Begin installation

On the Ready to Install screen, click **Install**.

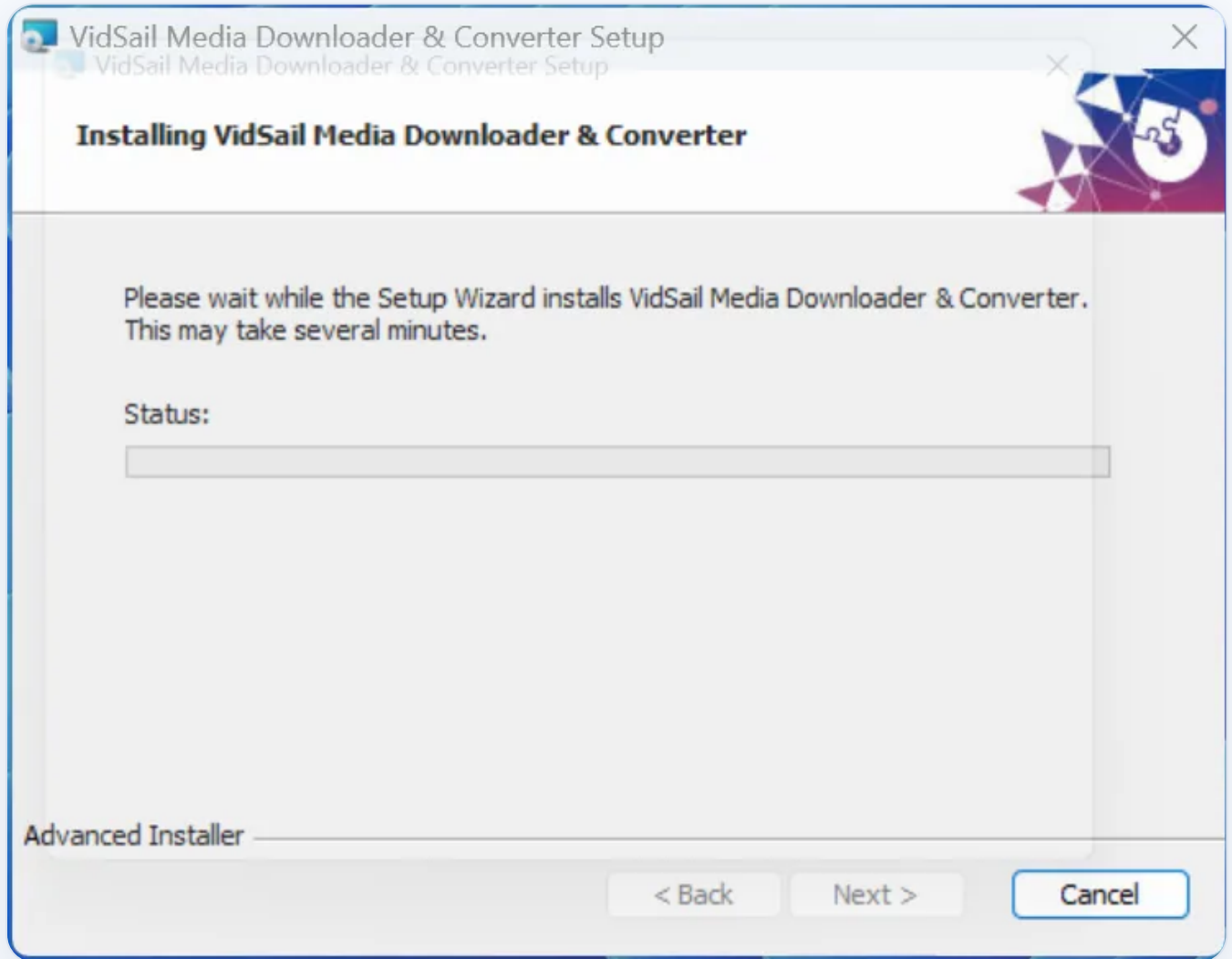


Ready to Install.

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Wait for the files to be copied

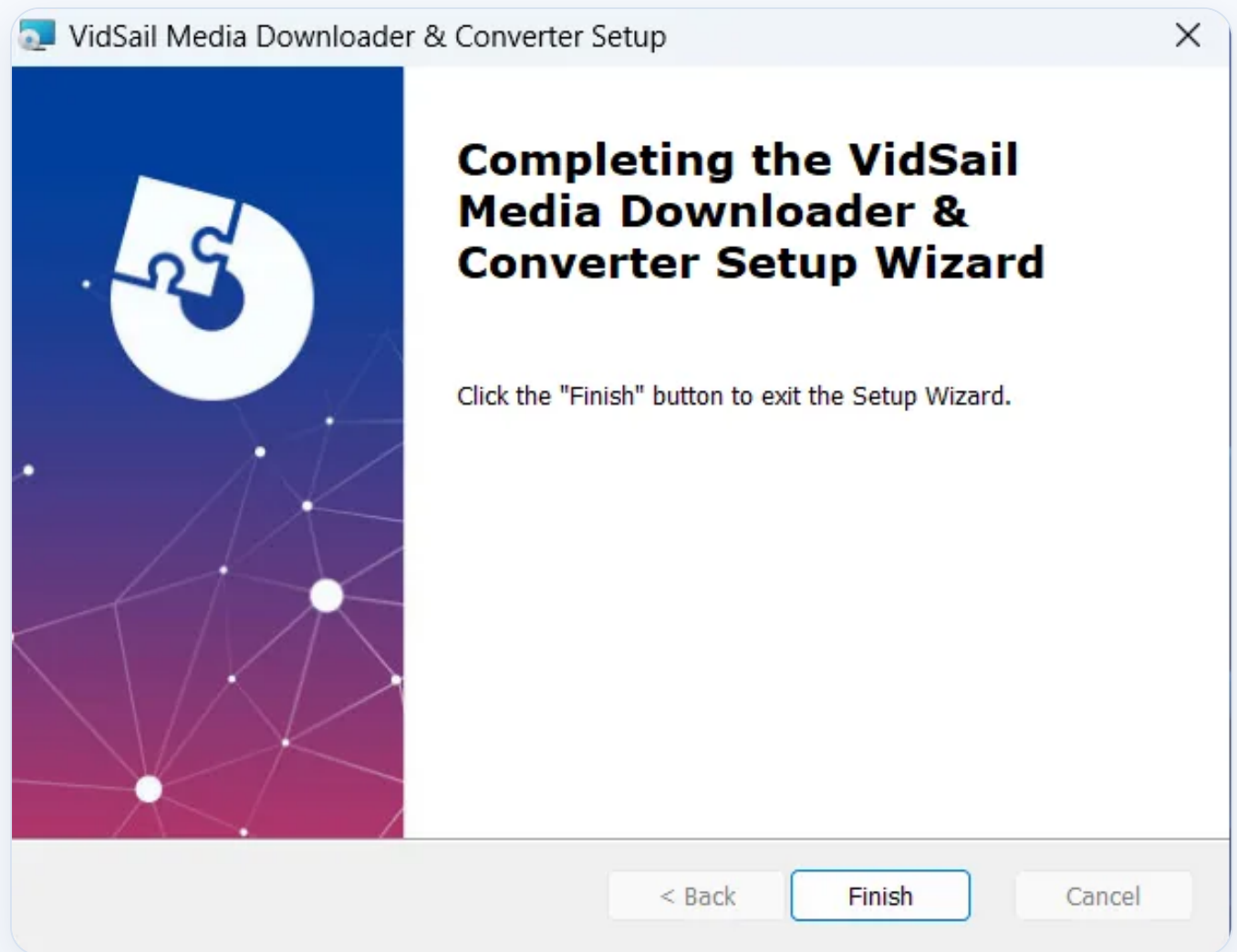
Keep the installer open until the progress completes.



Installation progress.

Finish the Setup Wizard

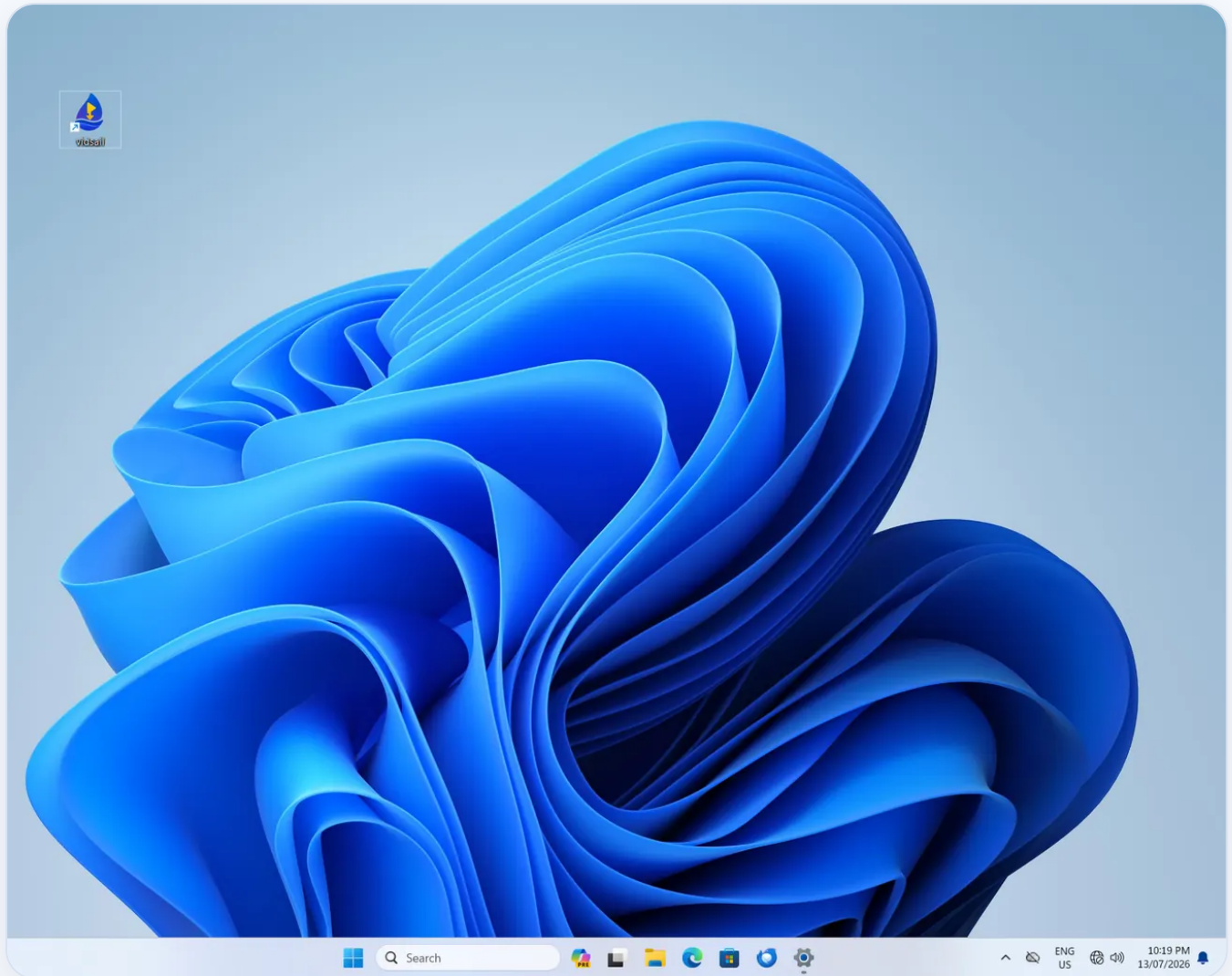
Click **Finish** when installation is complete.



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Launch VidSail

Use the desktop shortcut or open VidSail from the Start menu.



VidSail desktop shortcut on Windows 11.

5. Windows Security Prompts

How to handle SmartScreen or permission confirmations safely.

Windows SmartScreen: A warning may appear for a new or unsigned release. Continue only when the file came directly from the official VidSail website and the filename matches the current release. Select **More info** and then **Run anyway** only when you trust the downloaded file.

User Account Control: Windows may ask whether you want to allow the installer to make changes. Check that the installer name refers to VidSail before selecting **Yes**.

- ✓ Do not install VidSail from third-party download sites.
- ✓ Do not disable Windows security features permanently.
- ✓ Keep the ZIP until installation and first launch have been confirmed.

6. First Launch Checklist

Confirm the app is ready before your first download.

1. Confirm the output folder

Open the Add URL page and check where completed downloads will be saved.

2. Recheck all four engines

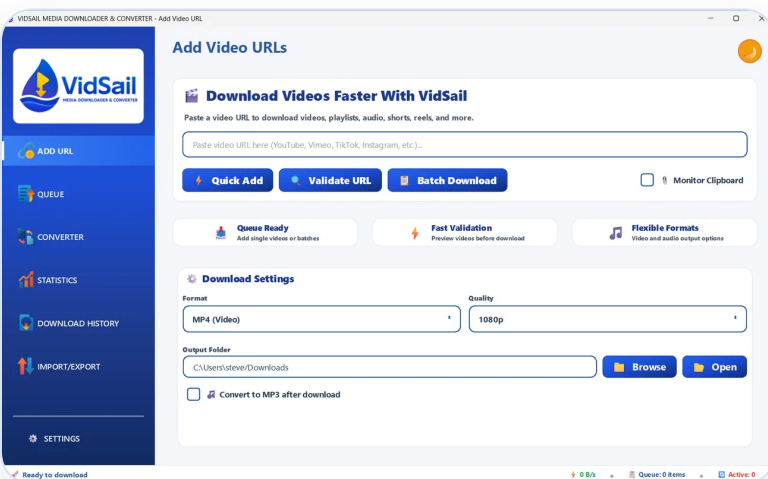
Open **Settings** → **Engines** and click **Recheck Engines**.

3. Choose theme and font size

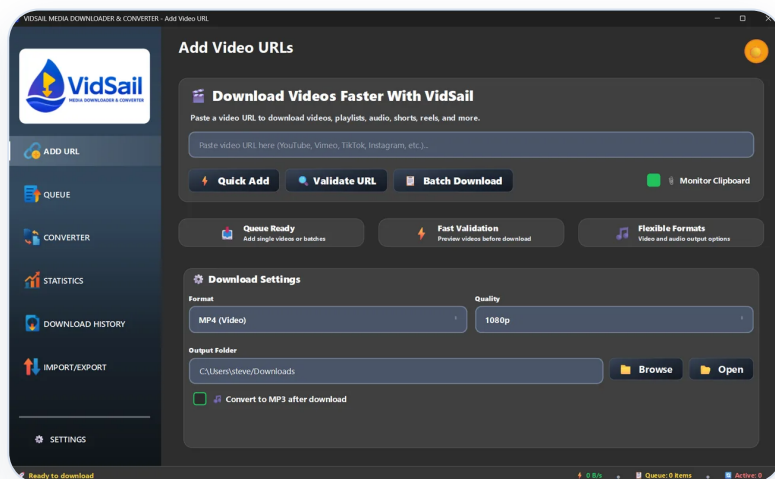
Open **Settings** → **Interface** to select the light or dark theme and adjust the application font size.

4. Review update preferences

Open **Settings** → **General** and choose whether application and engine updates are checked at startup.



First launch / setup screen - light theme.



First launch / setup screen - dark theme.

7. Four External Engines

VidSail checks and manages the tools used for downloading and conversion.

Engine	Purpose
yt-dlp	Fetches supported media information and performs online media downloads.
FFmpeg	Merges, converts, and processes video and audio files.
FFprobe	Reads media information used by conversion, progress tracking, and diagnostics.
Deno	Provides the JavaScript runtime used by yt-dlp when supported websites require JavaScript challenge processing.

Healthy installation: Settings → Engines should report that yt-dlp, FFmpeg, FFprobe, and Deno are installed and ready.

8. Application and Engine Updates

VidSail updates the main app and media engines independently.

Application updates

Use **Settings** → **Tools** → **Check for Updates**. A startup check may run silently after the main window appears; no message is shown when no update is available.

Engine updates

Use **Settings** → **Engines** → **Update Engines** to obtain the latest complete engine bundle for the current operating system.

Integrity verification: Downloaded application and engine update packages are checked against their expected SHA-256 value before installation.

Updated engines are stored in the user-writable VidSail app-data area. VidSail checks updated engines first and falls back to bundled engines when needed.

9. Installation Troubleshooting

Safe checks for common installation and first-launch problems.

Problem	What to check
ZIP will not extract	Download the package again from the official site and confirm the download completed.
MSI will not start	Confirm the ZIP was extracted first, verify the installer filename, and review any SmartScreen message.
VidSail does not open	Restart Windows, try the Start menu shortcut, and check whether security software quarantined a file.
Engine Health reports missing items	Open Settings → Engines, click Recheck Engines, then use Update Engines where available.
Download or conversion fails	Confirm the output folder is writable, check free disk space, and review the four engine statuses.

Diagnostic logs: Open **Settings** → **Tools** → **Diagnostics & Logs**. The Windows log path normally resembles:
`C:\Users\YourName\AppData\Roaming\VidSail\VidSail Media Downloader\logs\vidsail.log`

10. Legal Use and Support

Use VidSail responsibly and contact support with useful details.

Lawful use only: You are responsible for confirming that you have the legal right to download, convert, store, or use content. Do not use VidSail to infringe copyright, bypass access controls, violate website terms, scrape services, or redistribute content without permission.

VidSail does not add its own artificial daily download quota. Actual availability and speed can still depend on the source website, account access, regional availability, internet connection, technical restrictions, website rules, and applicable law.

Support: <https://vidsail.com/support>

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