

# Installing Igpet on a Windows computer

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Problems caused by anti-malware security remain, so contact with me if setup fails.

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Starting in December 2023, the EXE files are timestamped and signed using SignTool from Microsoft and a Sectigo certificate, so there is a better chance for a smooth installation. I hope that steps 4-6 will no longer be needed.

**1: Download: Install-Igpet-win.zip.**

**Save this file to a safe place in case you need to reinstall Igpet.**

I used the Windows zip extractor and the **Extract all** button.

Inside are two folders that should be placed in specific locations.

**2: The IgpetDocs folder must be moved to your Documents Folder.** IgpetDocs contains all the text files that tell Igpet what to do. Igpet will not run without them and will only look for IgpetDocs in the Documents folder.

*Some unzip tools may cause a doubling of IgpetDocs in the path. **This is fatal to Igpet.***

*This path segment is fatal: Documents/IgpetDocs/IgpetDocs/.*

*This is correct: Documents/IgpetDocs/*

*If you have this double folder problem, move the outermost IgpetDocs folder to the Desktop, so everything is out of Documents. Next, open the outermost Igpet Docs folder and finally, move just the inner folder to Documents.*

**3: The Igpet-Win folder is best located in C: Program Files.**

As with IgpetDocs, make sure the unzipped folder (**Igpet-Win**) is not doubled in the path. Open the folder, and make shortcuts for Igpet\_win.exe, Mixing.exe and CIPW.exe. Put the shortcuts on the Desktop, the taskbar or other favorite place.

Igpet exe and DLL files are Code Signed to facilitate installation. Run the three exe files. The first time I run a new build I get a security warning from Microsoft Defender: "Windows protected your PC". Ignore the Don't run button on the warning window and instead click the More Info link. Now click the Run anyway button that appears. Different antivirus programs may handle this differently, but just proceed and ignore any similar warning.

There may be a checkbox on the warning that can be unchecked to stop the warning from appearing in the future.

**4: Because of malware, you **may** have to give the Igpet programs permission to save files in some useful locations.** Windows Security (Defender), Norton Security and other antivirus programs may prevent files from being saved to Documents or Desktop.

**5:** Run Igpet, CIPW and Mixing and try to save files (txt, pdf or jpg) to the Desktop and to the Documents folder. If you can save files, you are done. If not, continue to **6**.

**6:** Give the Igpet programs permission by managing “Controlled Folder Access.” Follow the logic below rather than the exact steps because antivirus programs vary. Your goal is to get to “Manage Controlled folder access” and give protected status to Igpet2021XoJo.exe, Mixing.exe and Cipw.exe.

Open Windows Security (formerly Windows Defender) by clicking on its icon, a shield.

Click: Virus & threat protection settings

Click: Manage settings (under Virus & threat protection settings)

Scroll down to find Controlled folder access.

Click: Manage Controlled folder access

Click: Allow an app through Controlled folder access

Click: Add an allowed app

This opens up a file dialog. Navigate to C: Program Files > Igpet\_win.exe.

Click on the Igpet\_win.exe and answer yes when asked to approve.

Do the same with Mixing.exe and Cipw.exe.

Finally, you **may** have to restart your PC so the changes can take effect.

For **Norton Security** the process is similar but all the details differ.

Open Norton Security

click settings (upper right)

click Antivirus

click Data Protector

click Process Exclusions      Configure [+]

Finally, you get to a window where you can add programs to the list of processes not being blocked by Data Protector.

Click Add and follow instructions.

Restarting the computer is not necessary.

Other security programs almost surely have ways to free programs from restrictions on where they can save files.

**7:** To **uninstall and dispose** of the Igpet programs and documents, send the two folders in steps 2 and 3 to the recycle bin.