

Firefox will not launch Beyond Compare directly after download

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Symptom (public)

When using Firefox (supported by VC/m 5.0 and later), launching a comparison from the browser doesn't allow you to start Beyond Compare directly. Instead you have to save the downloaded HTA launcher file, and then run the saved copy.

Problem (public)

Deltanji sends the launcher file with the MIME type application/hta. Firefox is hardcoded not to offer an "Open" button on the dialog that may appear after download. This is a security measure, since HTA files are capable of executing other applications when run.

Solution (public)

A Firefox extension called OpenDownload² overcomes this Firefox restriction.

It is available from
<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/opendownload-10902/>