

Installation And User Instructions for The Sims 4 Game Modifications on Windows

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Source: The Sims 4



Preface

In this manual I will be explaining the basics of game modifications, popularly known as mods, within The Sims 4. This manual is perfect for you if you are a beginner as it explains what mods are, how to download them, what maintenance entails, and more. All you need is your laptop and an internet connection.

NOTES

1. The download portion of this is specifically for ****Windows operating systems****. Mac systems require different instructions.
2. All photos are mine unless otherwise stated.

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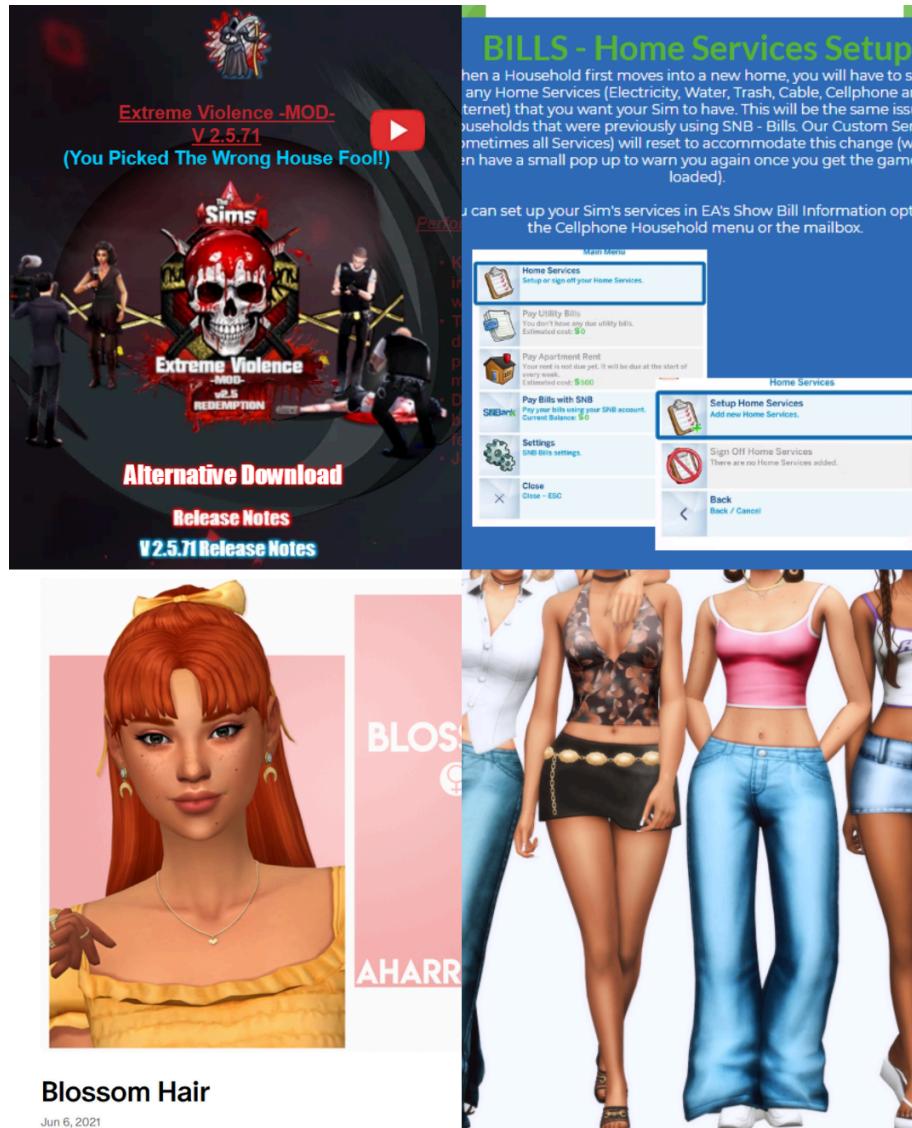
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What are Mods?

Mods are downloadable alterations, or modifications, to the original Sims 4 game to introduce gameplay features that aren't present within the base game or any of the purchasable content packs. These installments can range from clothing to colorful loading screens.



Whether you want more diversity in your game through the installation of hairstyles, skin tones, or cultural wear, or if you desire to have more intense realism gameplay with terminal illnesses, serial killers, or even natural disasters, there are thousands of mods available for download across the internet to cater to your preferred gaming experience.



Sources: SacrificialMods, Simrealist, AHarris00britney, Arethabee

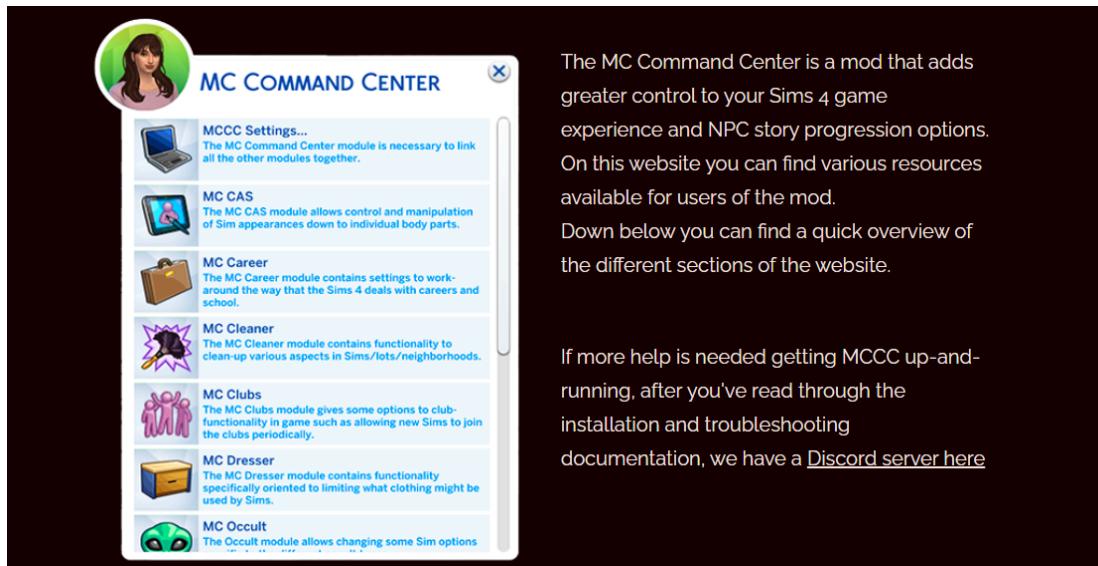
Types of Mods

There are two different types of mods for The Sims 4: ****script**** and ****custom content****.

****Script**** mods are specifically altering the coding script within the game, meaning that specific features will be removed, added, or altered in order to change how the game operates. For instance, one mod alters the speed



at which Sims in University complete their homework; another allows for the customization of pregnancy length.



Source: MC Command center

Custom Content mods entail furniture or the alteration of Sim's appearance through hair, clothes, makeup, nails, and more within Create-A-Sim. There are two variations of custom content: **alpha** and **Maxis Match**.

Maxis Match custom content are Create-A-Sim items that match Maxis' (the developers of Sims) custom script. This means that the items that modders create will look as if the Sims team created it themselves, and matches in with the animation style of the game.



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Source: wingssims

How to Find and Research Mods

Mods can be found on various websites such as Tumblr, Patreon, ModtheSims, and modder's personal websites. YouTube is also a great place to start to get a compilation of other player's favorite mods as a jumpstart. With any website, make sure that it is safe and trustworthy; if you are unsure, try researching the mod or modder and read reviews before clicking anything.

Before you download a mod, there are a few crucial steps you need to take to ensure that your game and computer remain safe from harm.



Checking Mod Requirements

1. ****Make sure that the mod is up to date and safe**.** Game updates usually break most mods as the coding script changes, so it's important to check for updates routinely. Broken mods can cause issues or glitches in your game.

Usually, there is a compilation of mods that are safe or broken after new updates. You can either:

- a. Find a list that people create, such as through [EA forums](#) or [Scarlet's Realm](#).
- b. Check the social media or websites of the creator of the mod to see their personal updates on their mods.

SACRIFICIAL (Sims 4 Mods) 🏳️🌈🚩🦅⚙️
@SacrificialMods · [Follow](#)

I've updated the Road to Fame mod to fix missing club activities and added those activities as Small Business options for players who own the Businesses & Hobbies expansion pack. 🌟💼

Additionally, I've updated the Armageddon and Path of Legends mods so that Sims will no longer [Show more](#)

EDIT SMALL BUSINESS

ROAD TO FAME STAR HOUSE

Change your dreams and become a known superstar! This center will give you all you need to become a star.

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Preset

Perform Acting

Perform Modeling

Street Dance

Use Simstagram

Add New Activity

BUSINESS LOT ASSIGNMENT

Assigned to 1 of 1 lots

Entrance Fees \$46

Price Modifier +100%

TARGET CUSTOMERS

4:22 PM · Apr 21, 2025

ROAD TO FAME STARDOM CLUB

Open Invitation

CLUB

MEMBERS

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MOD REQUIREMENTS

Base Game, Universal Venue List

BASEMENTAL DRUGS

Version: 7.18.177 (PUBLIC) Released: 01 Apr 2025

A collection of functional drugs for The Sims 4. The mod features custom drugs, custom animations, altered walkstyles, altered moods, altered needs, come-ups, peaks, comedowns, hangovers, addiction, rehabilitation, and loads more. Basemental is in no way promoting, encouraging or glorifying the use of drugs in real life. The harsh realities and negatives of prolonged drug use is a key feature of the mod.



2. ****Read the requirements before downloading**.** Some mods require you to have specific packs or other mods downloaded prior to theirs being installed. Additionally, one specific mod may conflict with other mods you may have already. ***THIS IS CRUCIAL TO READ AS IT CAN BREAK YOUR GAME OR COMPUTER DUE TO CONFLICTING CODES.***

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Installation

Before downloading and installing your mods, you need to differentiate between the file types that they will download as: ****package****, ****.ts4script****, or ****.zip****.

A ****.package** or **.ts4script file**** is a singular file that can easily be dragged into the mods folder without alteration.

 [AH00B]SusieHair_NoBangs.package

 [AH00B]SusieHair_Bangs.package



A ****.zip file**** is a folder with multiple files located within it for a more simplistic way of downloading many items at once.

[AH00B]SusieHair_Set.zip

Both files have the same exact download methods, but differ in the transferring process.

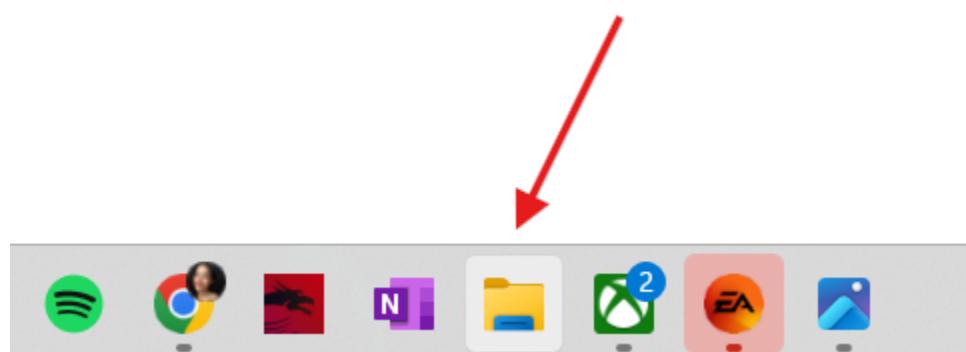
Installing a .package or .ts4script File

I created a quick, four minute tutorial on how to install these files! The link is here:

https://youtu.be/ikV7TZXQRbc?si=unjdSmON_Wn35OYR

If you prefer written instructions, though, here is how you go about it:

1. ****Opening the “Files” folder.**** It’s finally time to download! For the smoothest process, it’s best to open up your Mods folder prior to downloading in order to make the transfer quicker:
 - a. Go to the “Files” folder on your desktop





b. Click on “Documents”

The screenshot shows a file explorer window with a sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right.

Left Sidebar:

- Home
- Gallery
- OneDrive - Persona
- Desktop
- Downloads
- Documents** (highlighted with a red arrow)
- Pictures
- Music
- Videos
- Screenshots
- Mods
- Recorded Videos
- Screenshots
- This PC
- Network

Right Content Area:

Recommended: We'll show you recommended files here based on your activity.

Favorites: After you've favorited some files, we'll show them here.

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- enc4265 final reflection post
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46 items



c. Click on “Electronic Arts”

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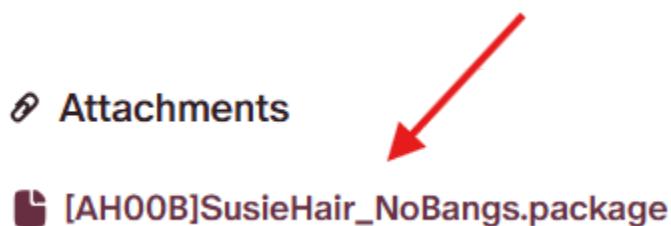
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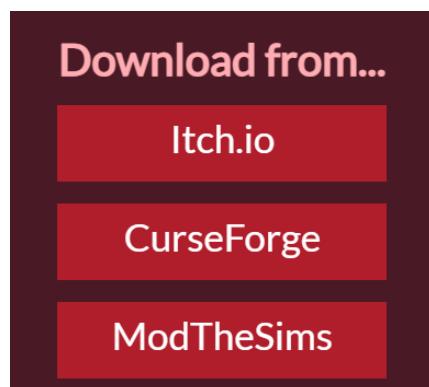
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Downloads	Mods	3/28/2025 1:24 PM	File
Documents	onlinethumbnailcache	4/17/2025 7:37 PM	File
Pictures	Recorded Videos	8/4/2021 4:28 PM	File
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2. ****Downloading Mod From the Internet**.** On the webpage where your script mod is open, click on either the “Download” button or hyperlink.



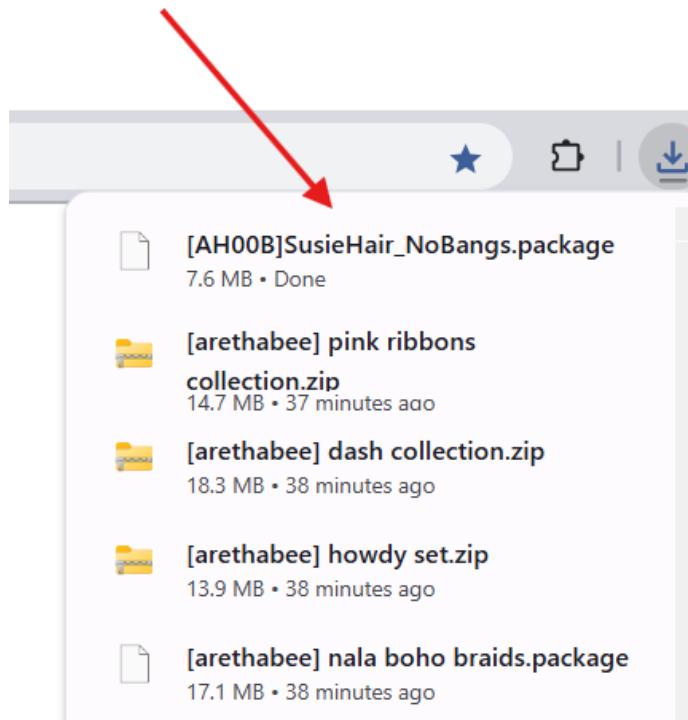
A. There may be multiple options to click from, such as downloading from various websites. Choose whichever one you feel comfortable navigating.





- a. If you get taken to another website that has the mod, click the download button again.

- B. You should now see the popup at the top or bottom of your screen that has the .package file.



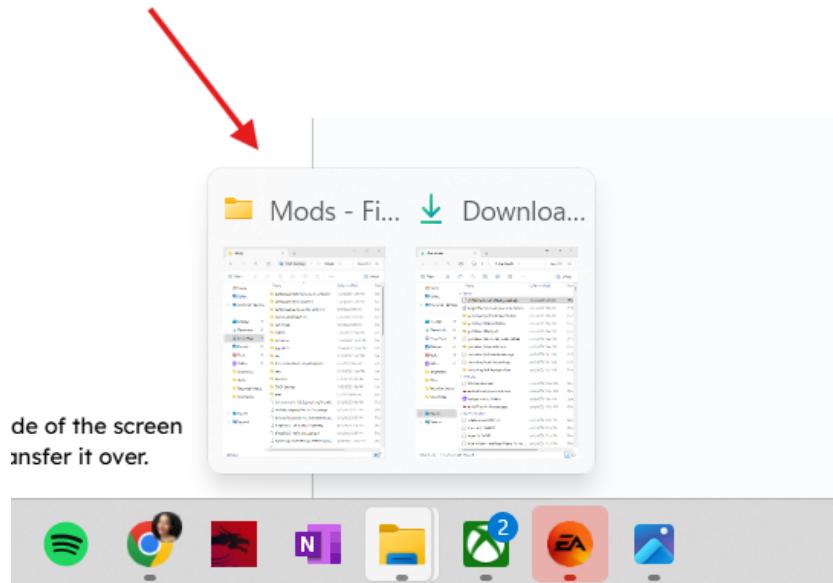
3. ****Locate the File.**** Click the folder icon next to the file name within the downloads display and click “Show in Folder”. It will open another File window and display the mod.

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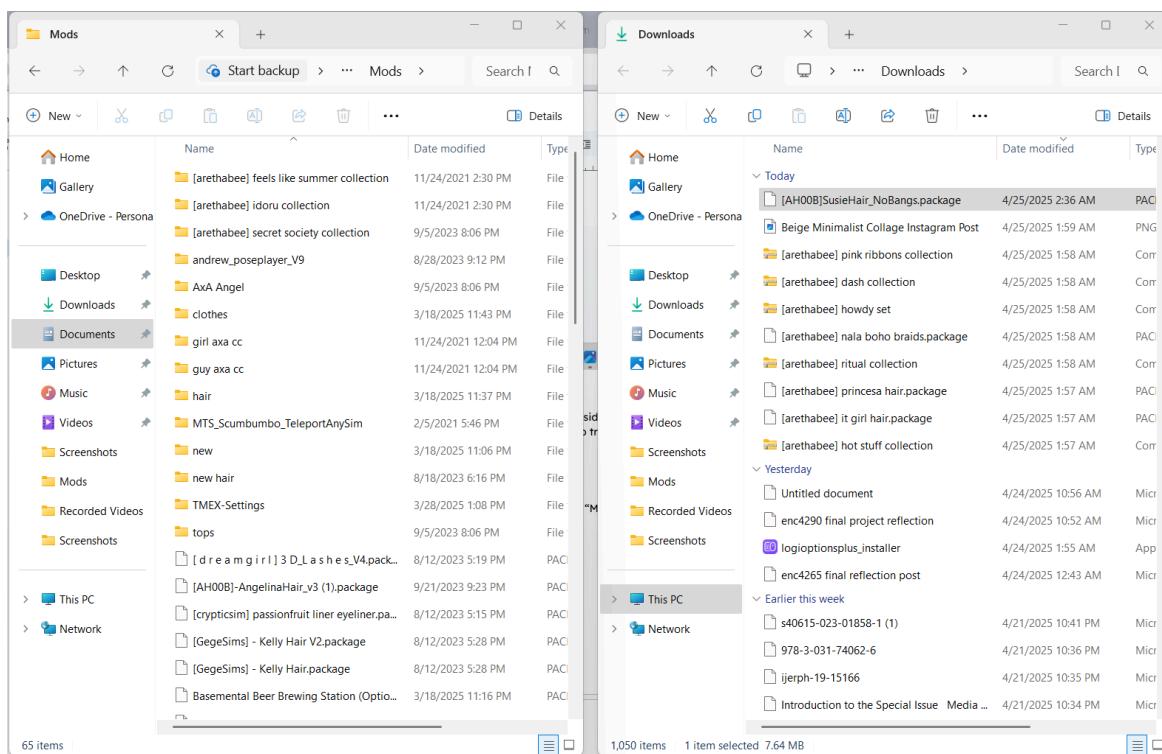


4. **Moving the File**.

- Once you see where the mod was placed, you will reopen the “Files” folder we opened in Step 1.

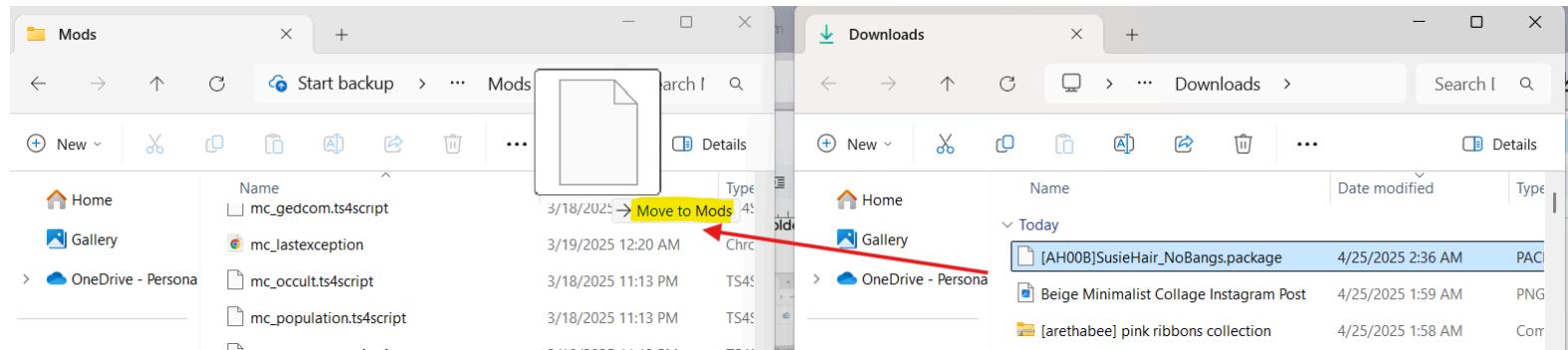


- Open the “Downloads” folder so that both folders are displayed side by side.

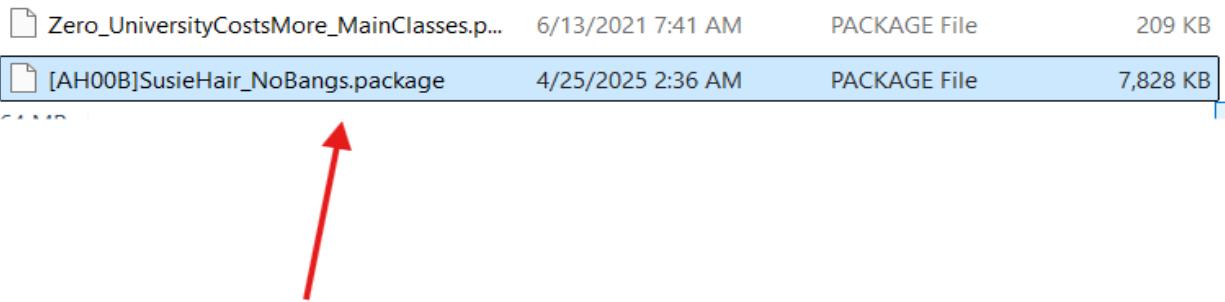




- c. Hold down and drag the downloaded mod to the left side of the screen where the “Mods” folder is already open in order to transfer it over.



Make sure that the mod is properly located in the “Mods” folder. Once it is, it has been properly downloaded.



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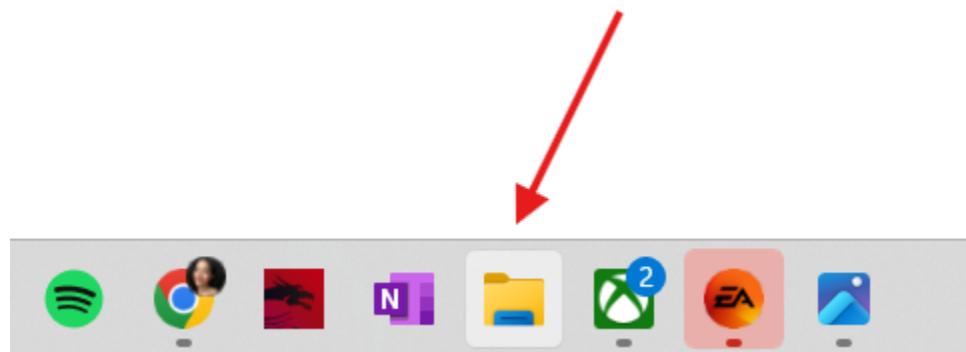
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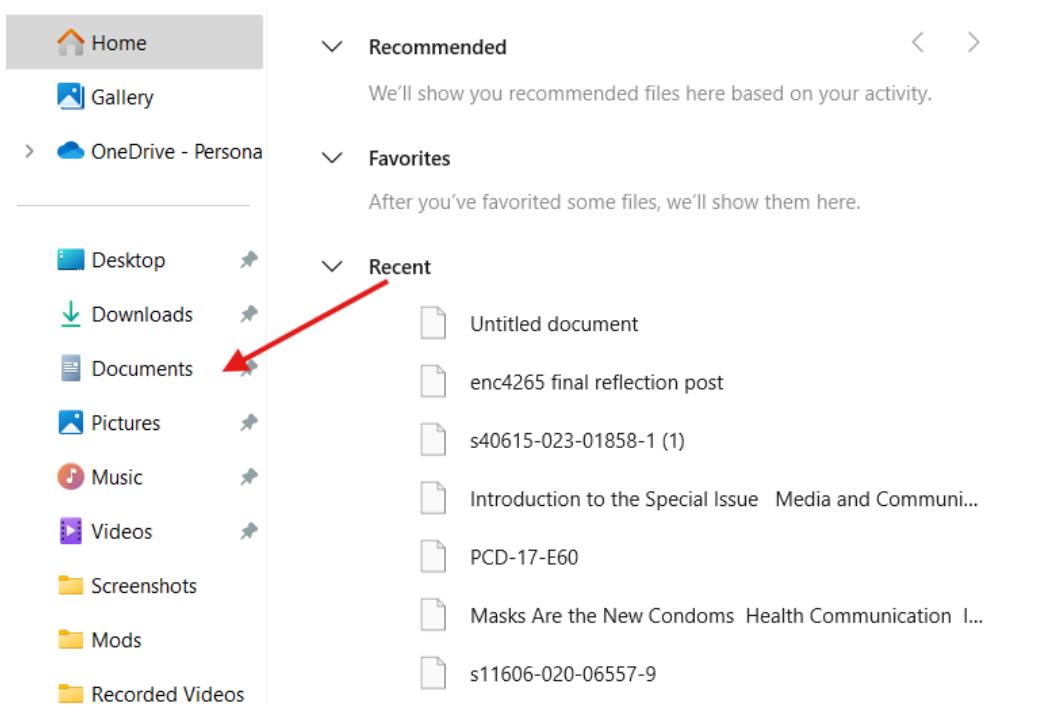
Installing a .zip File

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f. Go to the “Files” folder on your desktop



g. Click on “Documents”





h. Click on “Electronic Arts”

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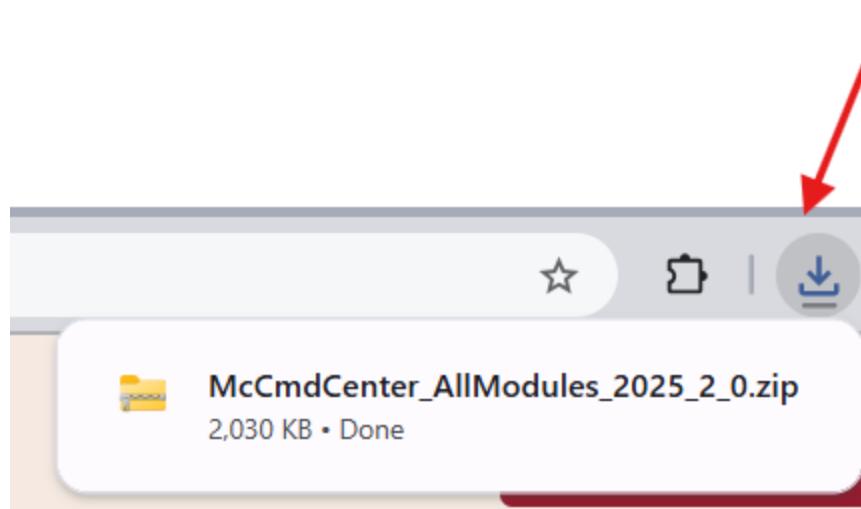
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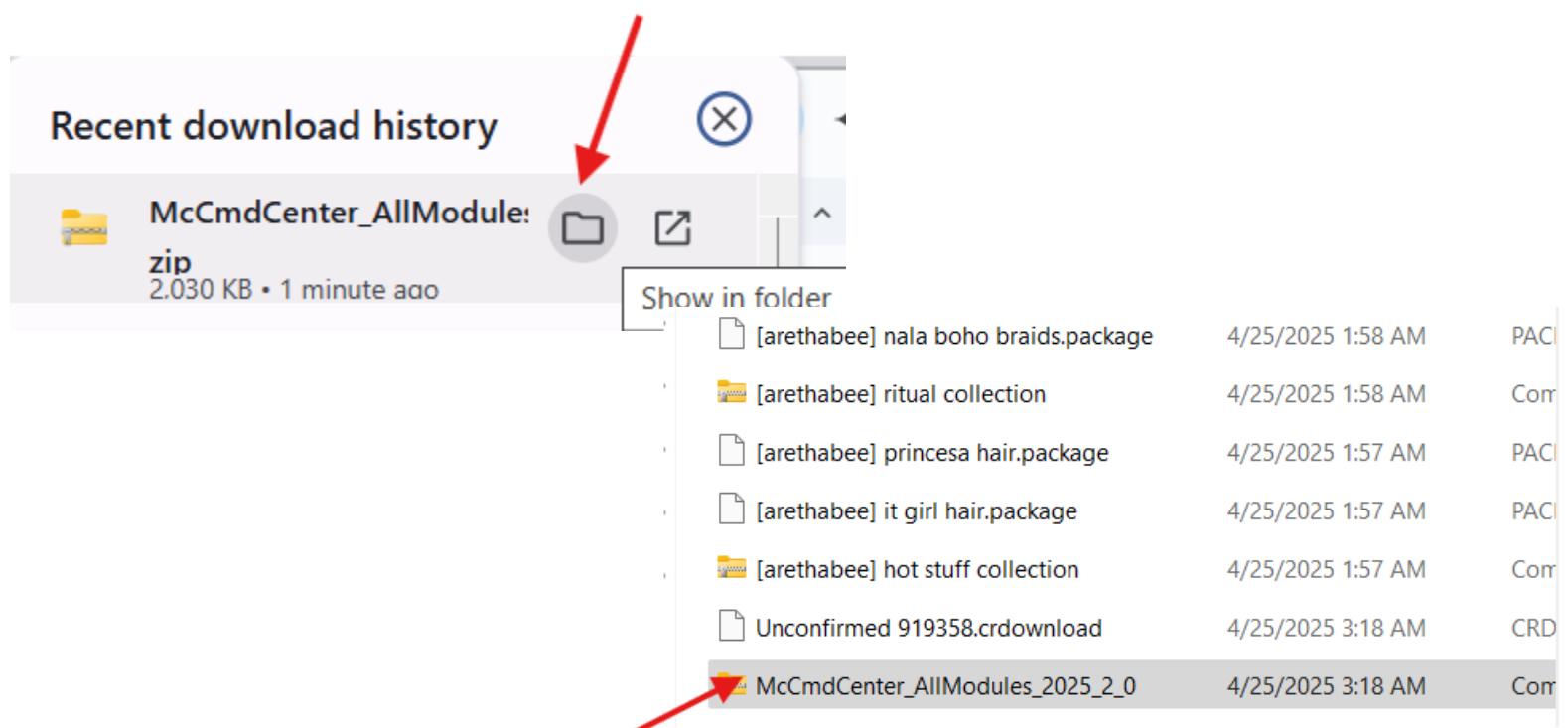
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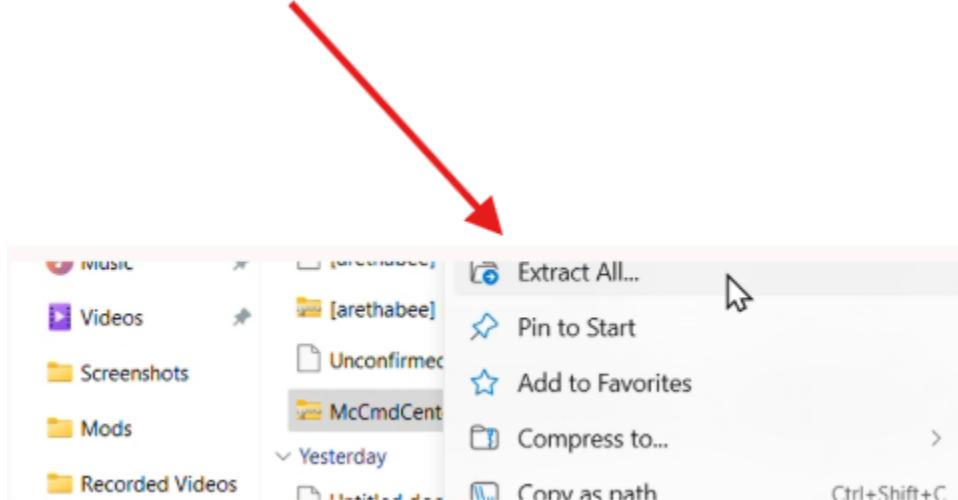


3. ****Locate the File****. Click the folder icon next to the file name within the downloads display and click “Show in Folder”. It will open another “File” window and display the zip folder.

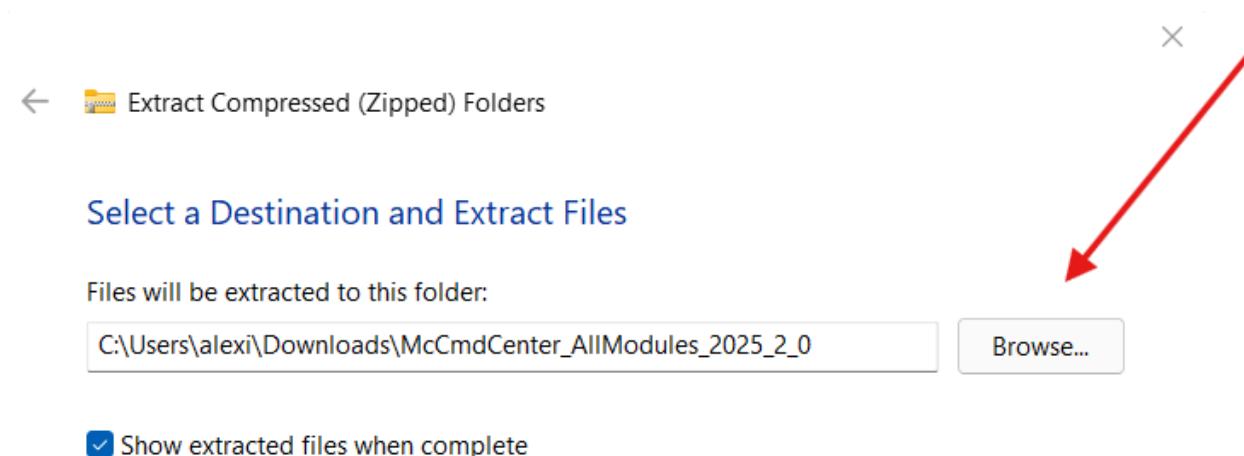




- 4. **Moving the File.** Once you see where the file was placed, you will:
- Right click and click “Extract All”.

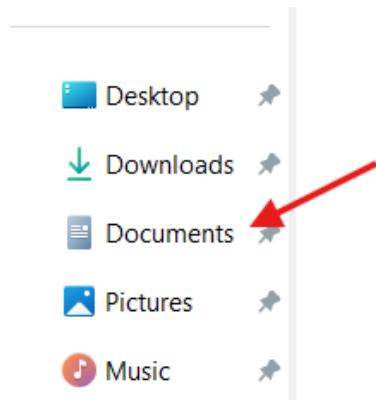


- Make sure the file path is located in the “Mods” folder.
 - Click “Browse”.

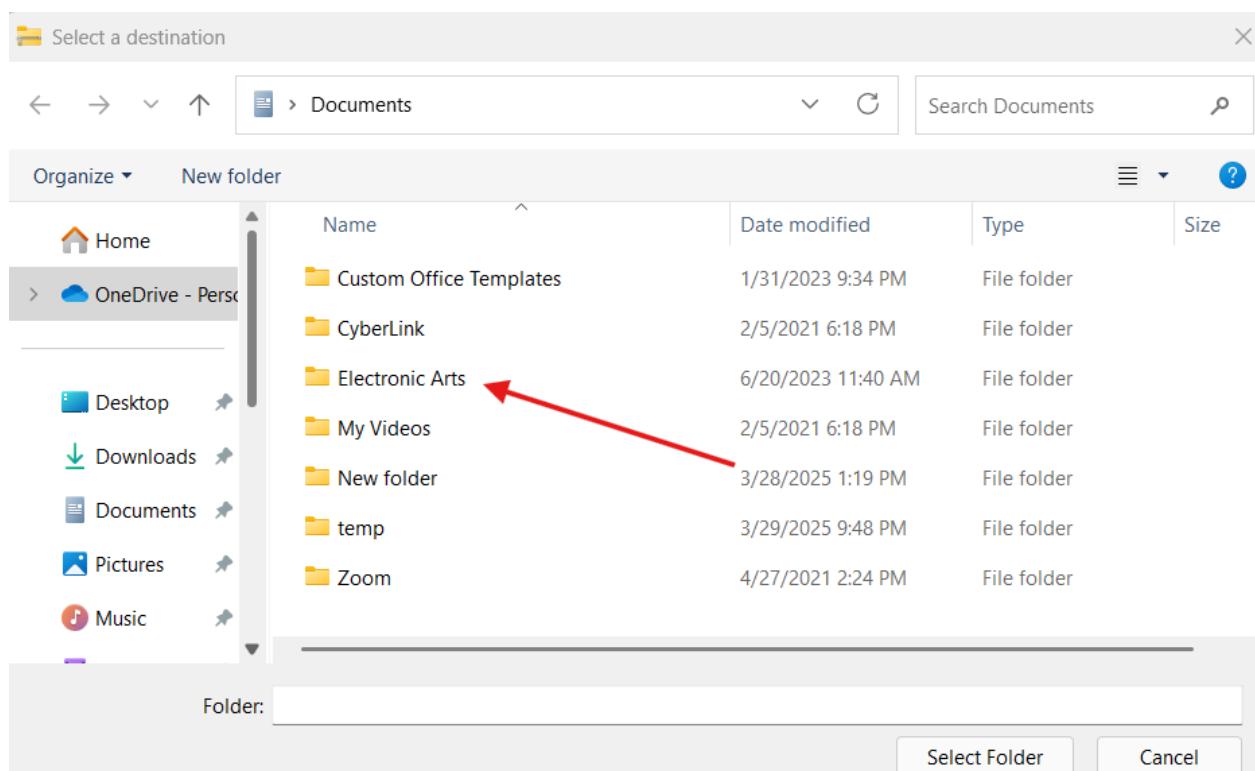




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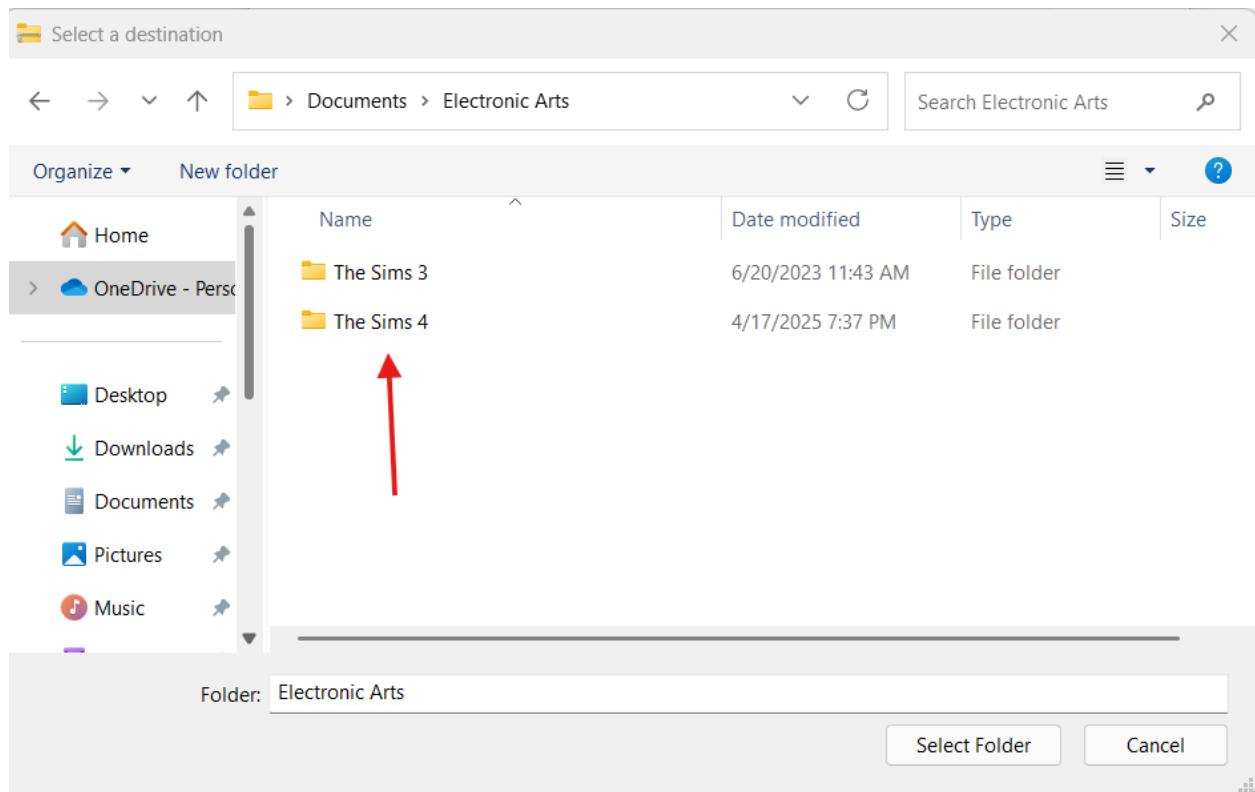


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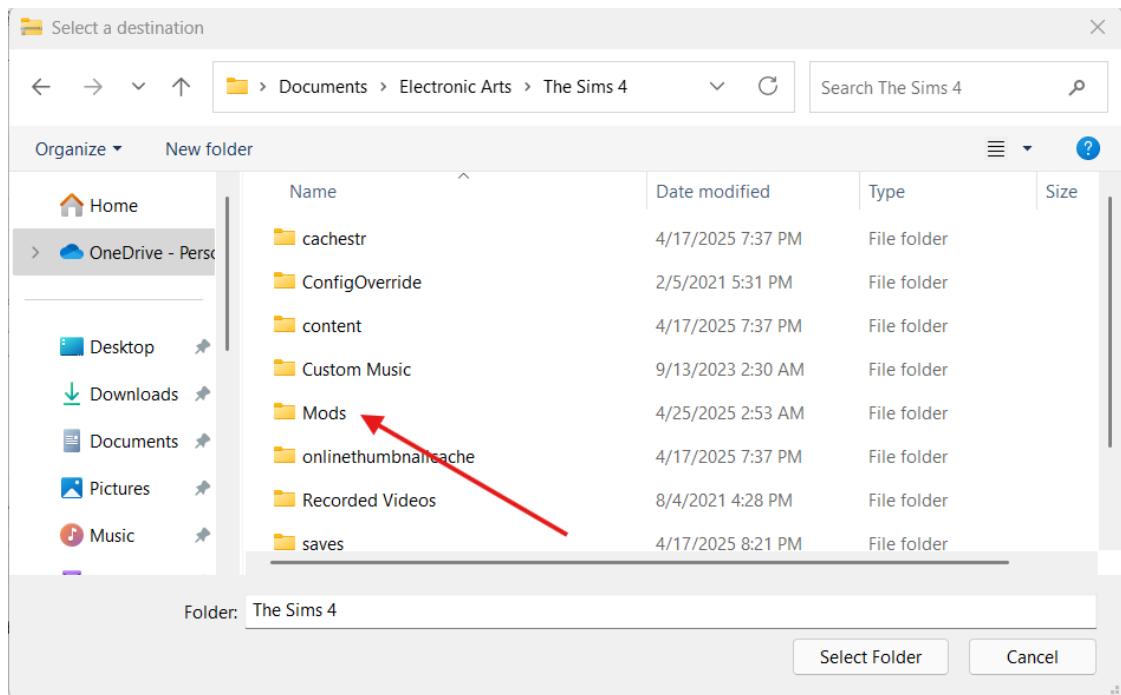




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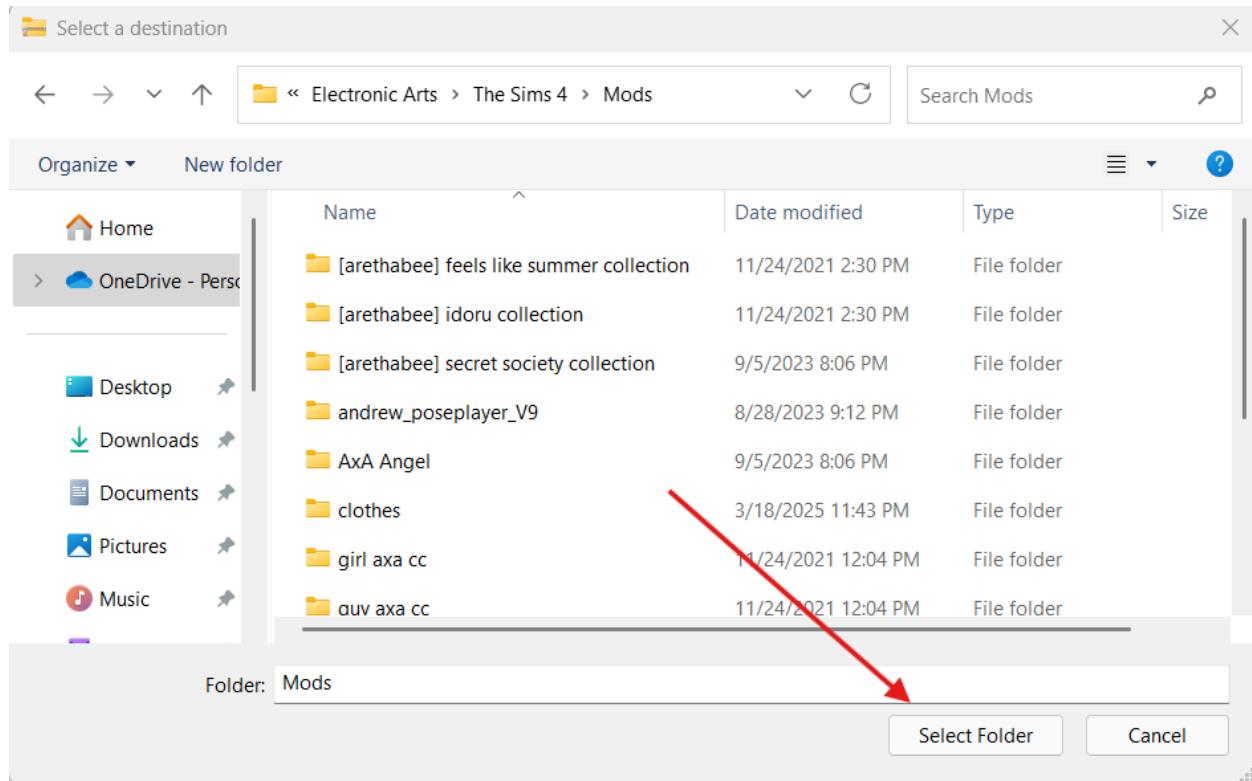


v. and finally, the “Mods” folder.



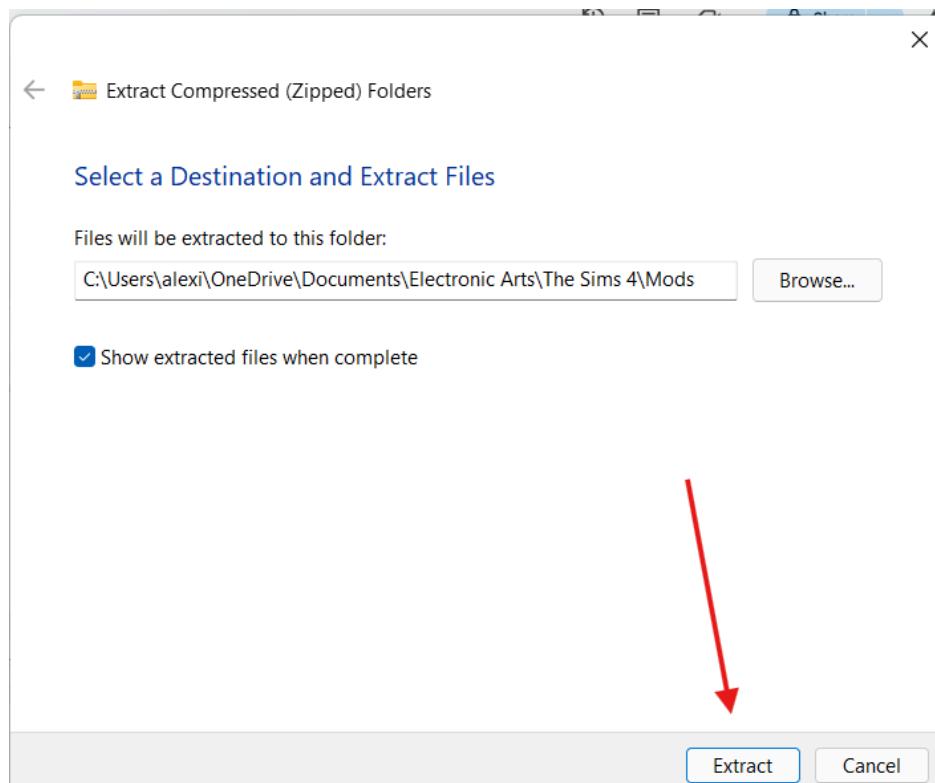


c. Hit “Select Folder”.



d. Click “Extract” to transfer the files into the Mods folder.

- i. Have “Show extracted files when complete” checked off in order to be brought to your transferred files.





- e. Your files should be placed in your “Mods” folder in either .package or .ts4script files.

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Once they are, your .zip file has been properly extracted.

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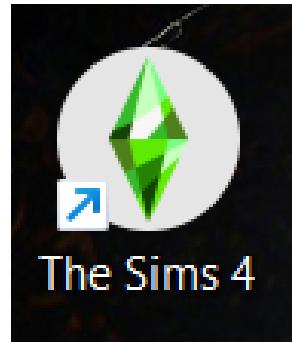
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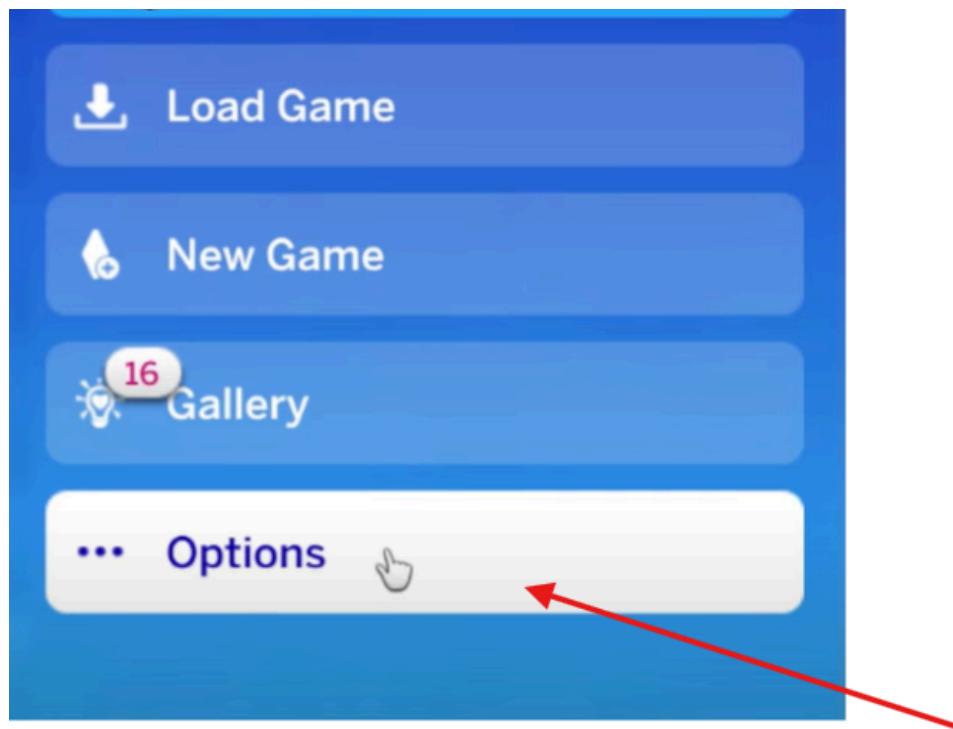
Ensuring The Mods are Installed in Game

In order to make sure that the mods show up in the game, you need to have mods and CC enabled in settings:

1. Open The Sims 4.



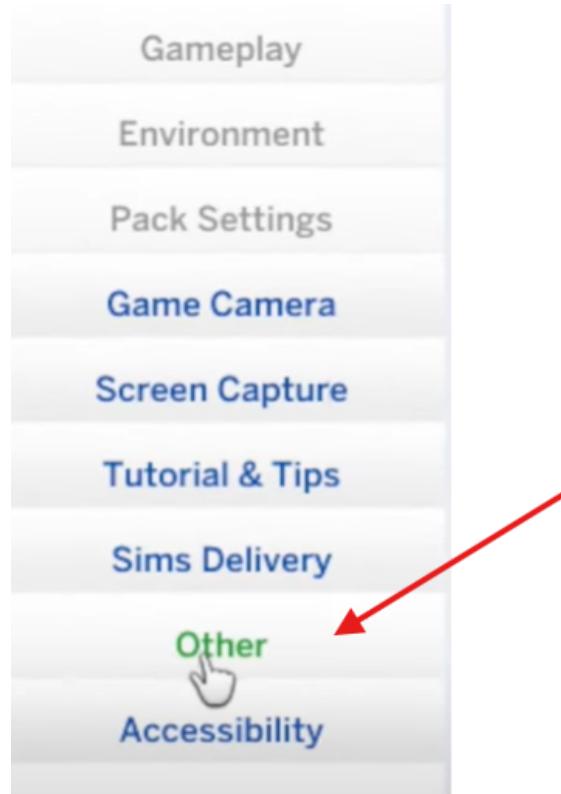
2. In the home screen, navigate to “Options” at the far right.



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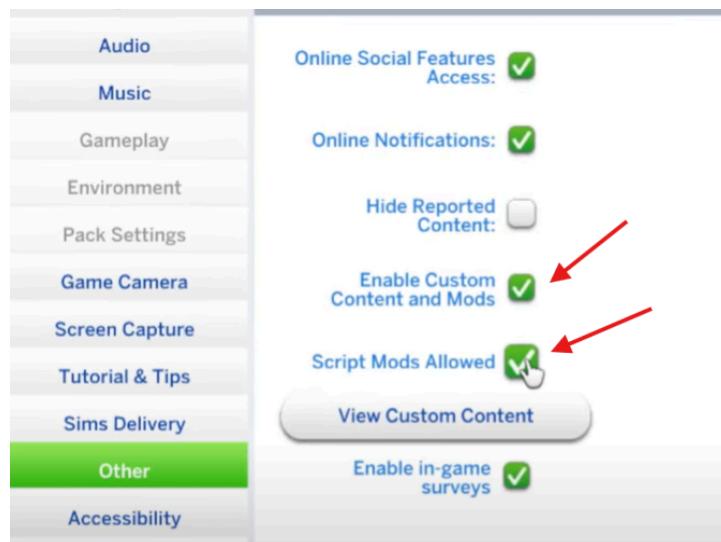


3. Navigate to the bottom of the panel and click ***“Other”***.



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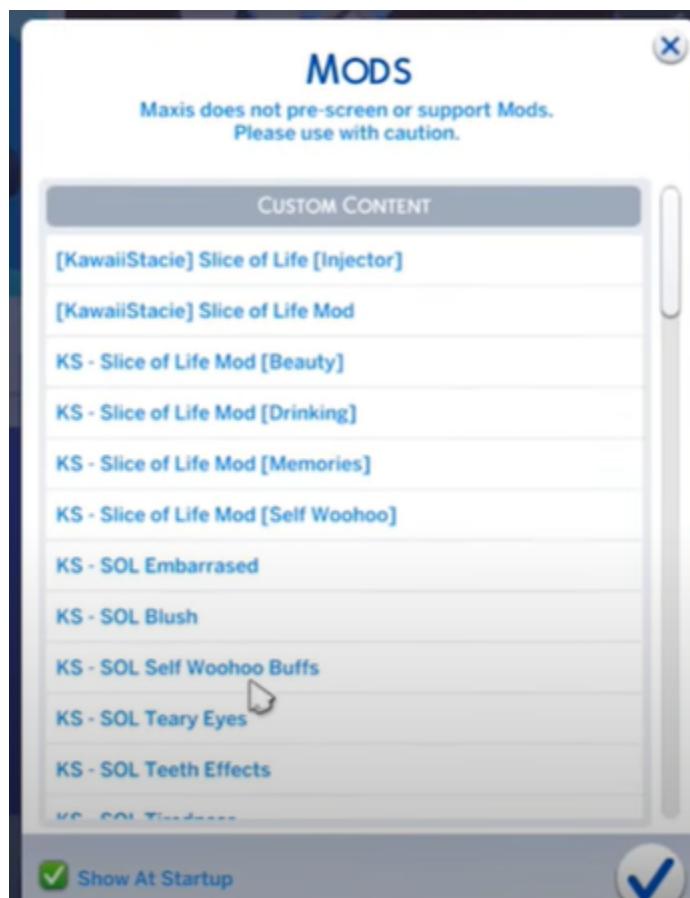
4. Click the checkbox next to ***“Enable mods and custom content”*** as well as ***“Allow script mods”***.



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5. Restart the game to allow for these settings to install.
6. After restarting, every single one of your mods should appear in a large, scrollable list. Here you can view which mods are physically in your game and whether or not they were installed properly.



Source: Nardvillain

Now you can go into your game and enjoy your new mods!



What to Do After an Update

Script mods break after updates due to the developers changing the actual code within the game which almost all mods rely on. Given this, without that foundational structure, most mods cannot function and end up incompatible with the most current game mode.

In the best cases, it will simply be unusable in the game. In the worst cases, it can cause glitches, corrupted save files, a completely broken game, or even cause damage to your computer.

The best case of action to do before and after an update is to,

1. Drag the **“**Mods**”** folder to your desktop to remove it from the game entirely.
2. Update your game.
3. Go through each of your script mods and check either the compilation lists or the modders page to ensure that it didn’t break.
4. If it is broken, delete the mod and download the updated version if available.
5. If it is still compatible, you can keep it in your **“**Mods**”** folder.

You are all set to enjoy the mods you have installed into your game. Enjoy Simming!



Glossary

Mods: Short for modifications, these are downloadable player creations or changes to the game that go beyond EA's released content.

Script Mod: A specific type of mod that alters the game's underlying code or mechanics.

Custom Content: A category of mods focused on visuals as opposed to gameplay. This includes items like hairstyles, clothing, makeup, nails, accessories, and even furniture. There are two types of custom content:

- A. **Maxis Match**: Items that match Maxis' (the developers of Sims) custom script. This means that the items that modders create will look as if the Sims team created it themselves, and matches in with the animation style of the game.
- B. **Alpha**: Items that do not match Maxis' custom script, meaning that they do not fit in the Sim's animation style of the game. This is optimal for those who want a hyper-realistic or hyper-cartoonish appearance for their Sims.

Folder: A digital container used to organize files on your computer.

ZIP File: A compressed file format that bundles multiple files into one download. Most mods are distributed this way.