

# FTP (File Transfer Protocol)

FTP is an abbreviation of File Transfer Protocol, the protocol for exchanging files over the Internet. FTP works in the same way as [HTTP](#) for transferring web pages from a server to a user's browser and [SMTP](#) for transferring electronic mail across the internet in that, like these technologies, FTP uses the internet's TCP/IP protocols to enable [data](#) transfer.

FTP is most commonly used to download a file from a server using the internet or to upload a file to a server (e.g., uploading a web page file to a server).

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