BIG STEP 100: INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER"

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SUMMARY

Here is a how-to explanation of how you can install the free "VMware Workstation Player" program into your "Windows.." computer.

TOPICS

- HOST SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
- STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER"

HOST SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Requirements for running "VMware Workstation Player":
  - ✓ 64-bit version of "Windows 7", "Windows 8", "Windows 8.1", or "Windows 10"
  - ✓ Minimum of 2 Gigabytes of RAM but 4 Gigabytes is recommended

HOST SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS (continued)

- Additional requirements for running "VMware Workstation Player" are available at https://www.vmware.com/products/player/faqs/install-requirements.html#system_requirements and http://kb.vmware.com/selfservice/search.do?cmd=displayKC&docType=kc&docTypeID=DT_KB_1_1&externalId=2084507

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER"

- Step 101:
  Start a Web browser

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- Step 102:
  Go to http://vmware.com

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- Step 103:
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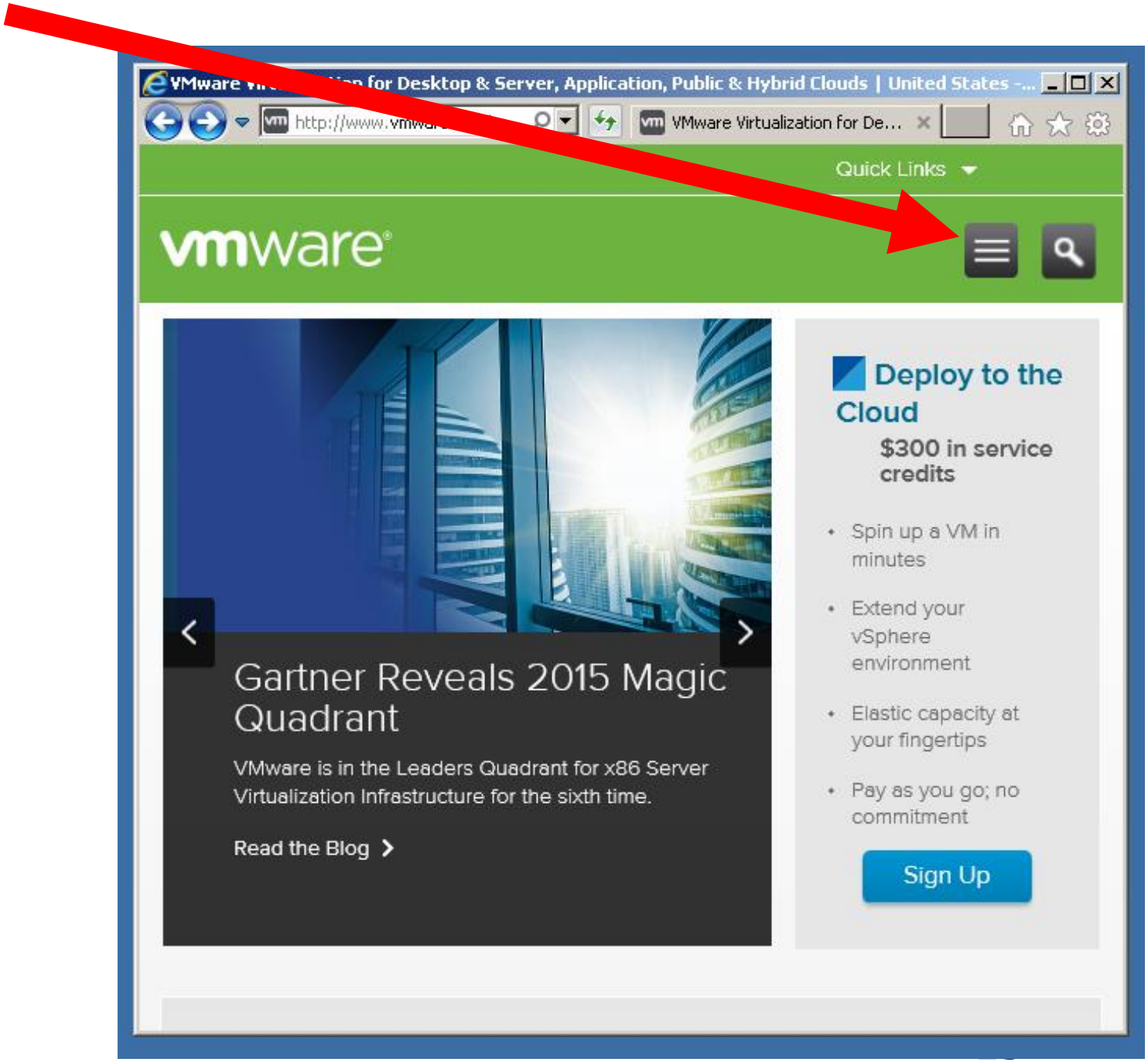
- Step 103 (continued):
  If you do not see the "Downloads" link, click on the "hamburger icon" to get the "Downloads" link to display.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- Step 104:
  Scroll down or press "PgDn" and locate "VMware Workstation Player":

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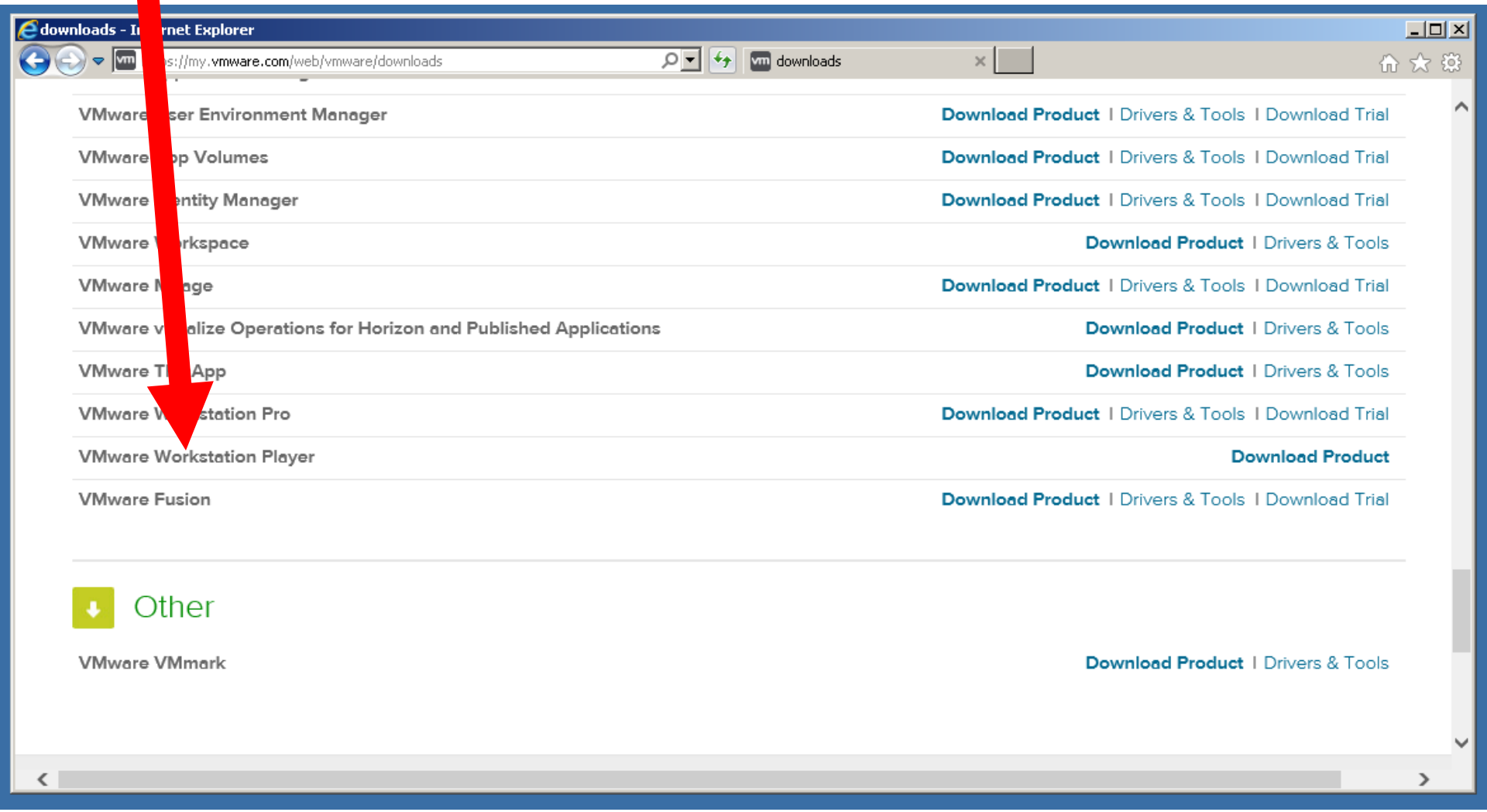
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- Step 105:
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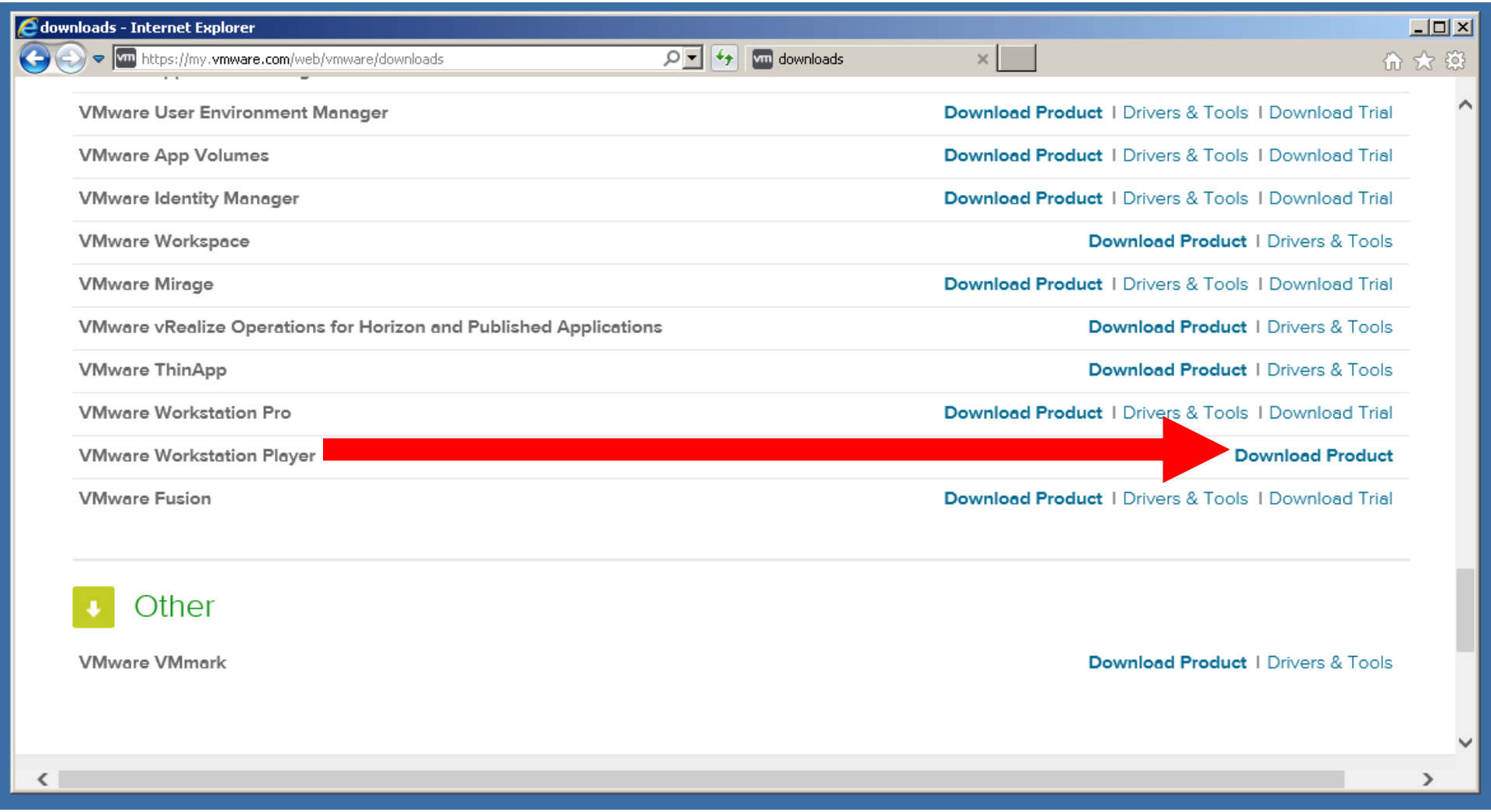
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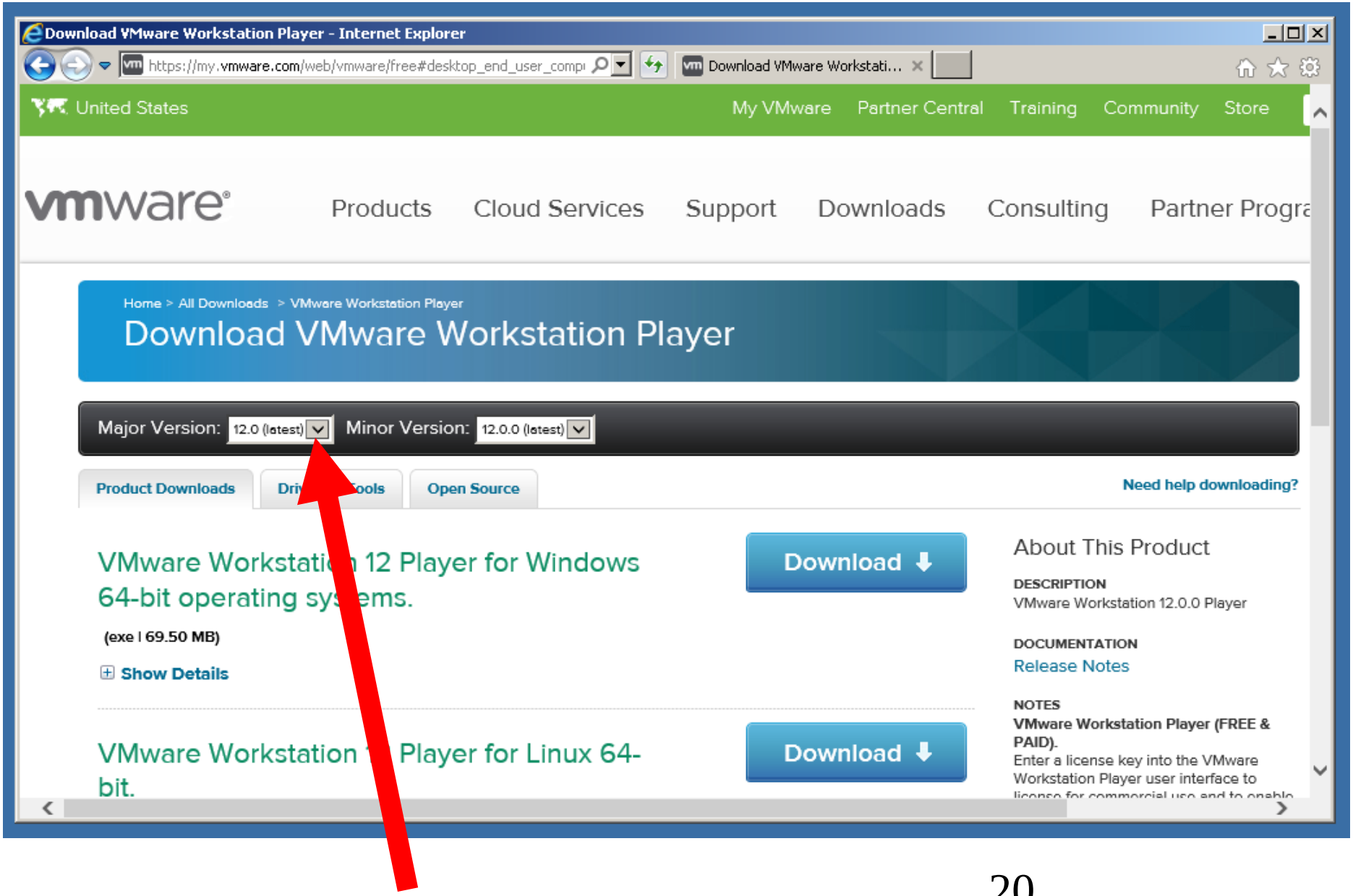
  Click on the drop-down list arrow to the right of "Major Version"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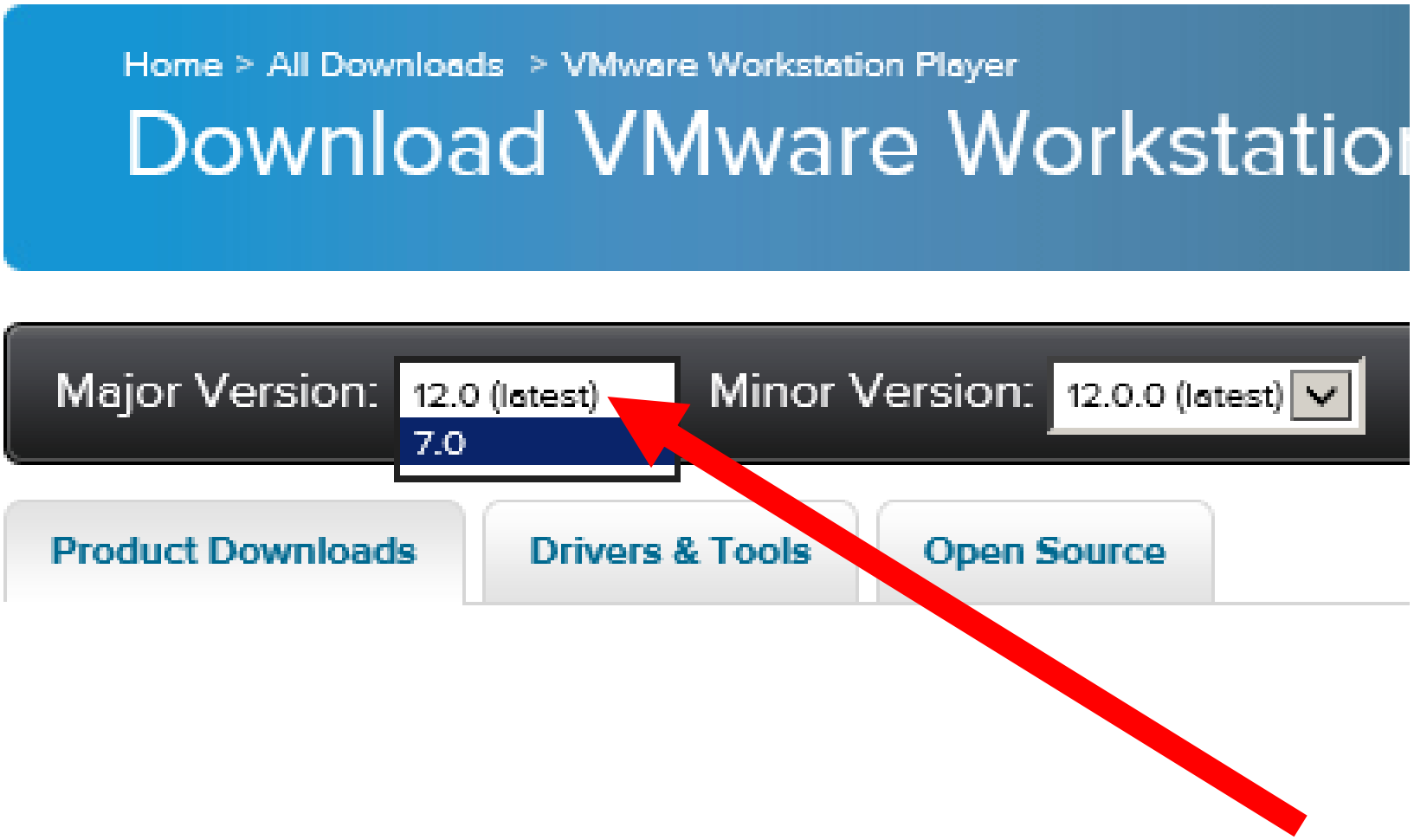
- Step 107:
  Click on the desired version of "VMware Player".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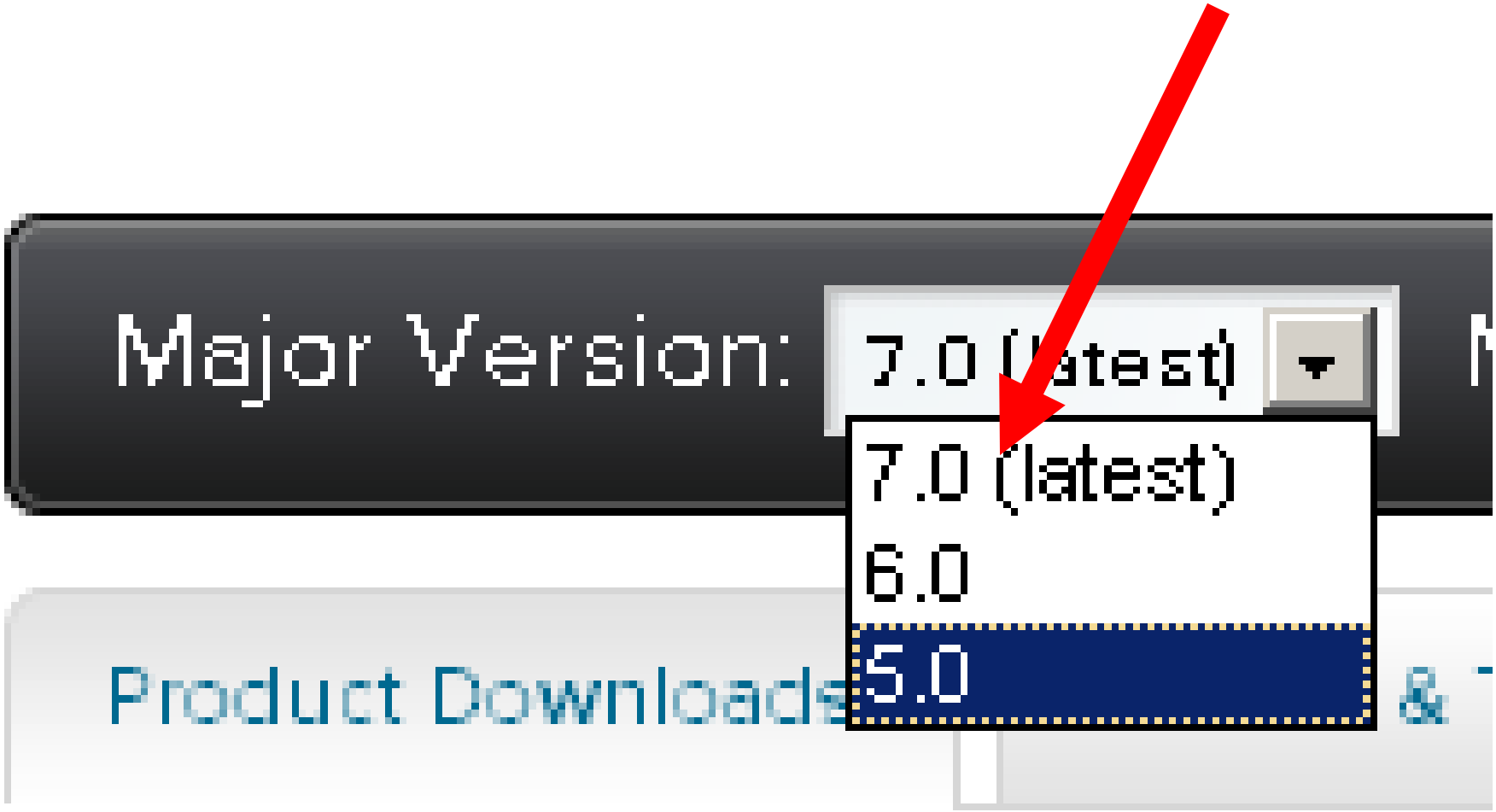
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- Step 107 (continued): Click on "7.0" if your computer is running the 64-bit versions of "Windows Vista"

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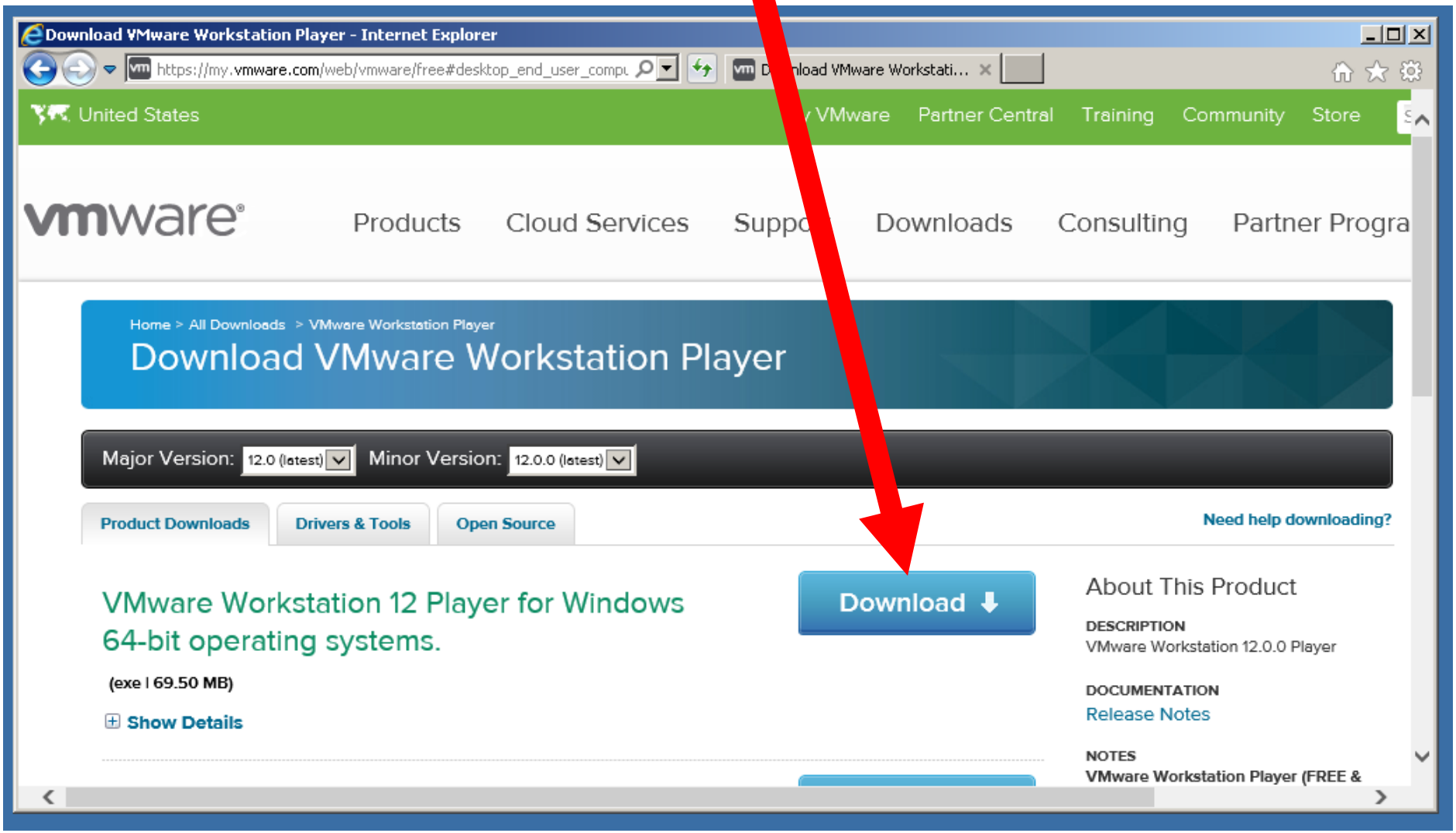
- Step 108:
  Click on the "Download" button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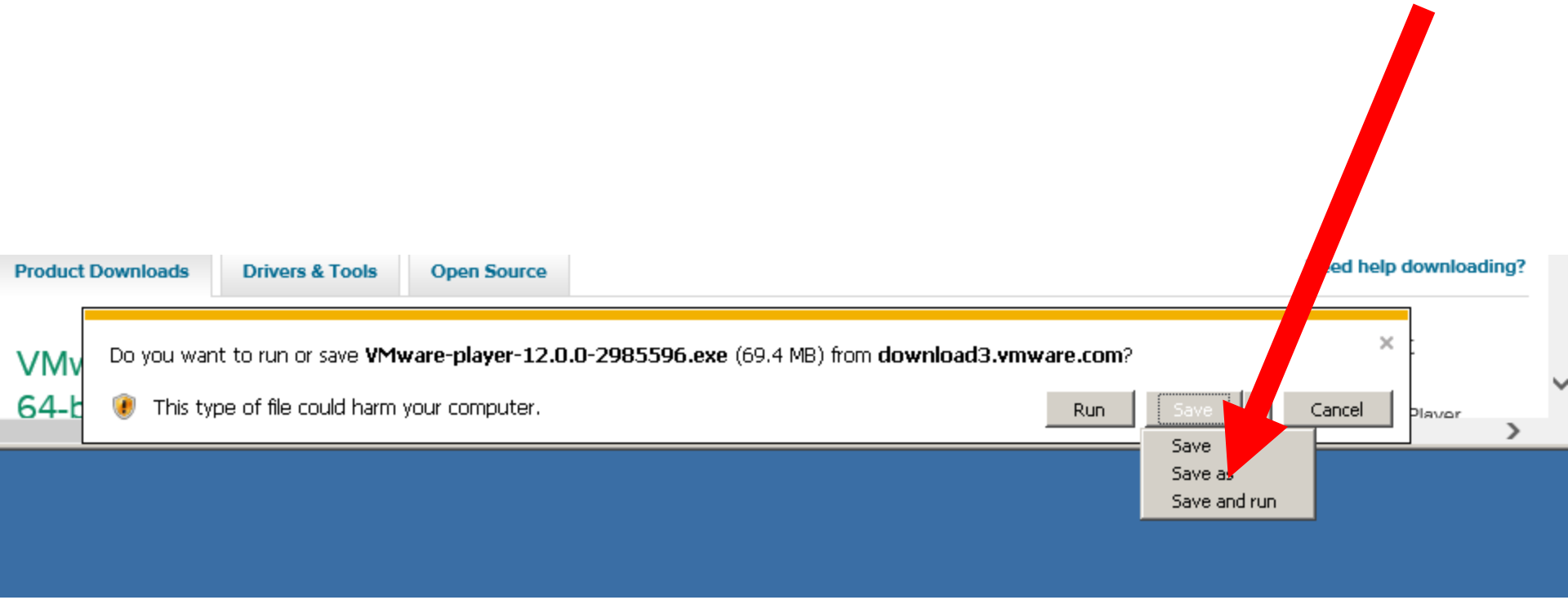
  Click on "Save as" in the drop-down list to the right of "Save":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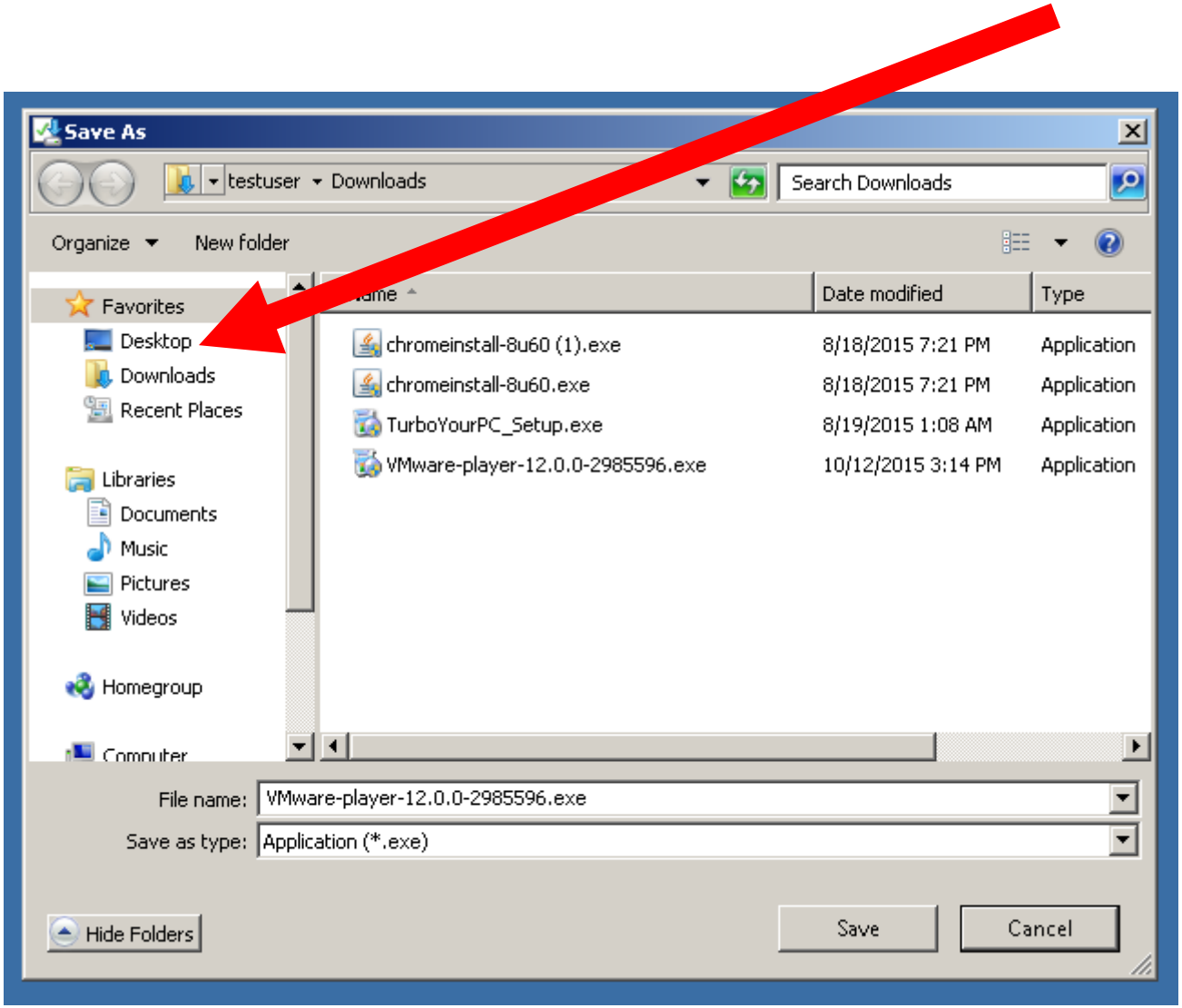
- Step 110:
  Select a location for the installation file of "VMware Workstation Player" to download to. In this example, we clicked on "Desktop":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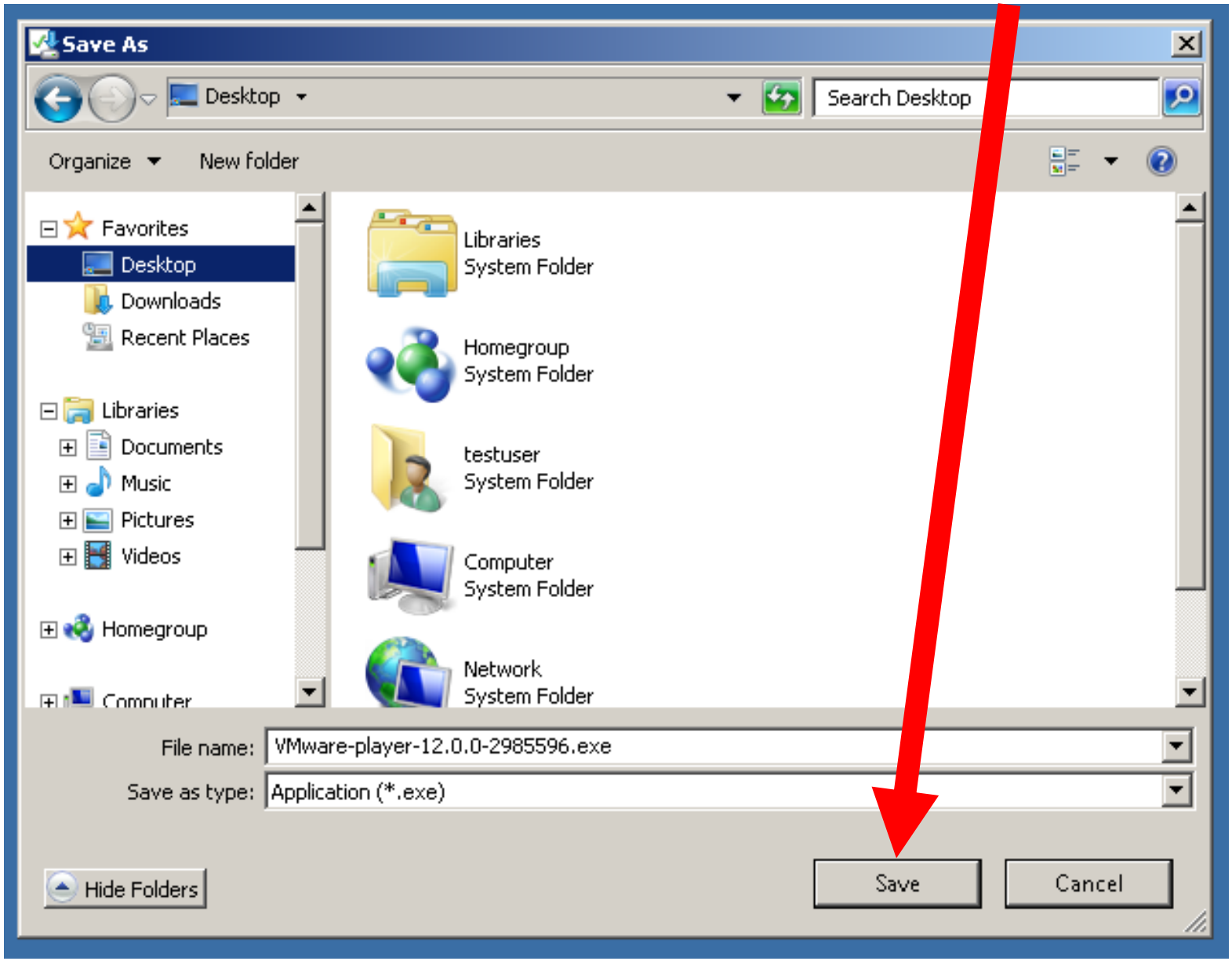
- Step 111:
  Click on "Save":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- Step 112:
  The installation file for "VMware Player" will start downloading into your computer.

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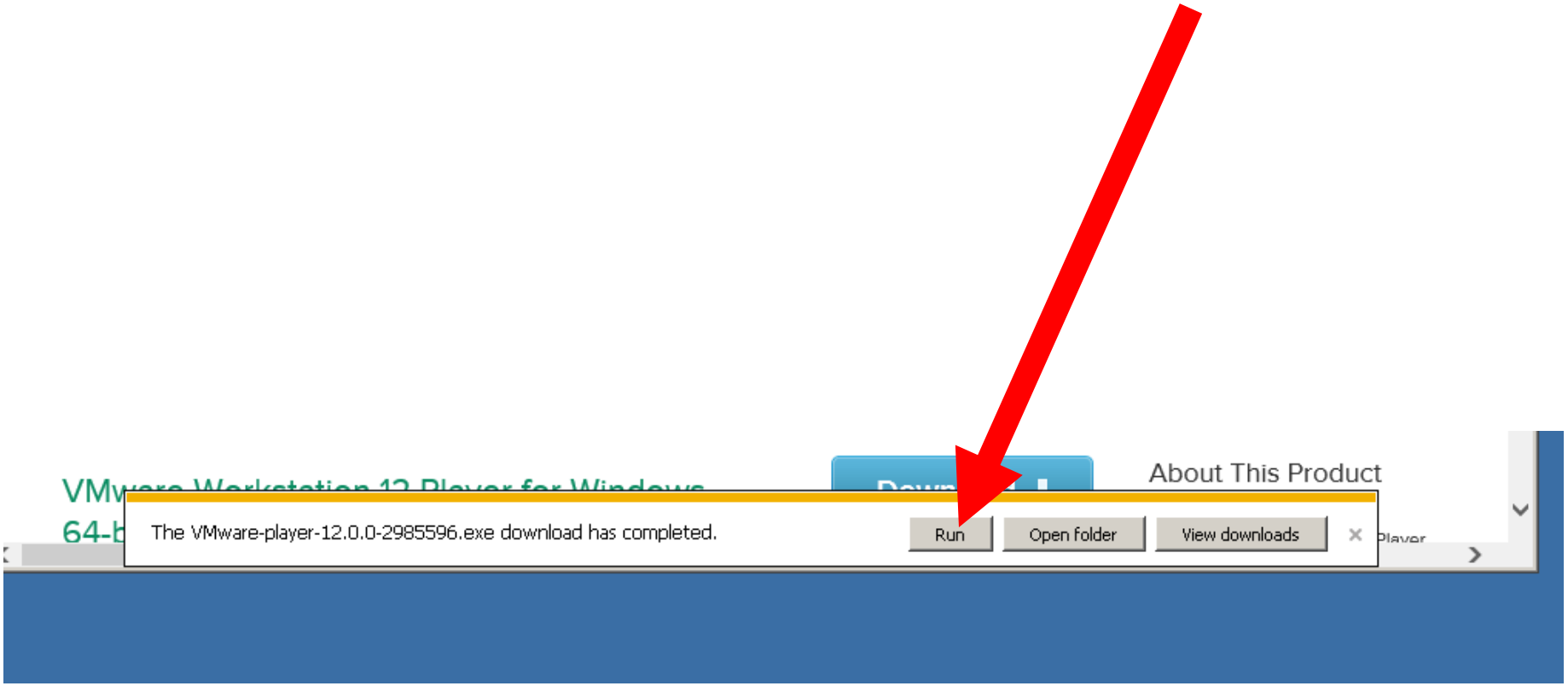
- Step 113:
  When the download completes, click on the "Run" button to start the installation process


About This Product
The VMware-player-12.0.0-2985596.exe download has completed.
Run
Open folder
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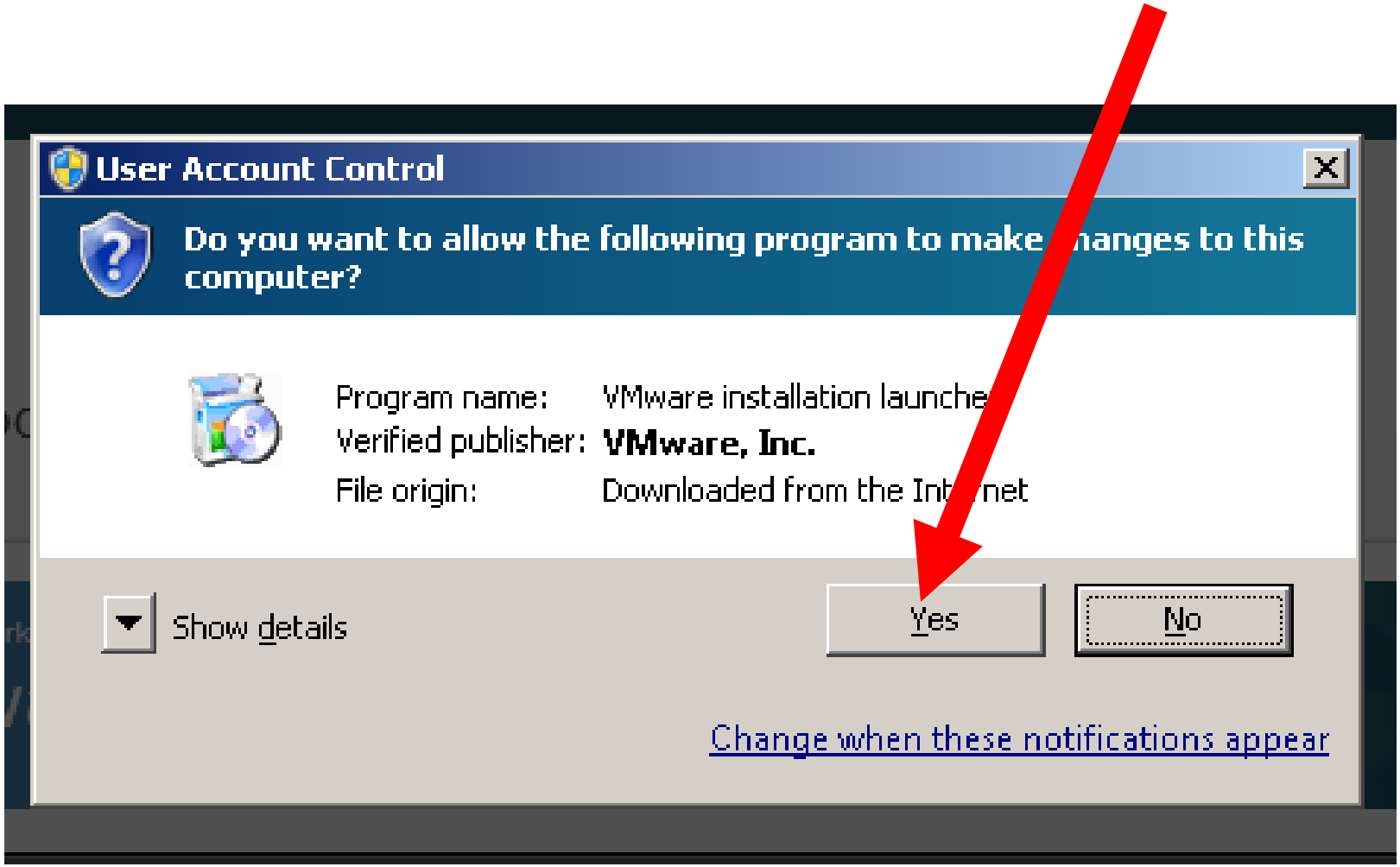
- Step 114:
  If a "User Account Control" box pops up, click on its "Yes" button:


User Account Control
Do you want to allow the following program to make changes to this computer?
Program name: VMware installation launche
Verified publisher: VMware, Inc.
File origin: Downloaded from the Internet
Show details
Yes
No
Change when these notifications appear

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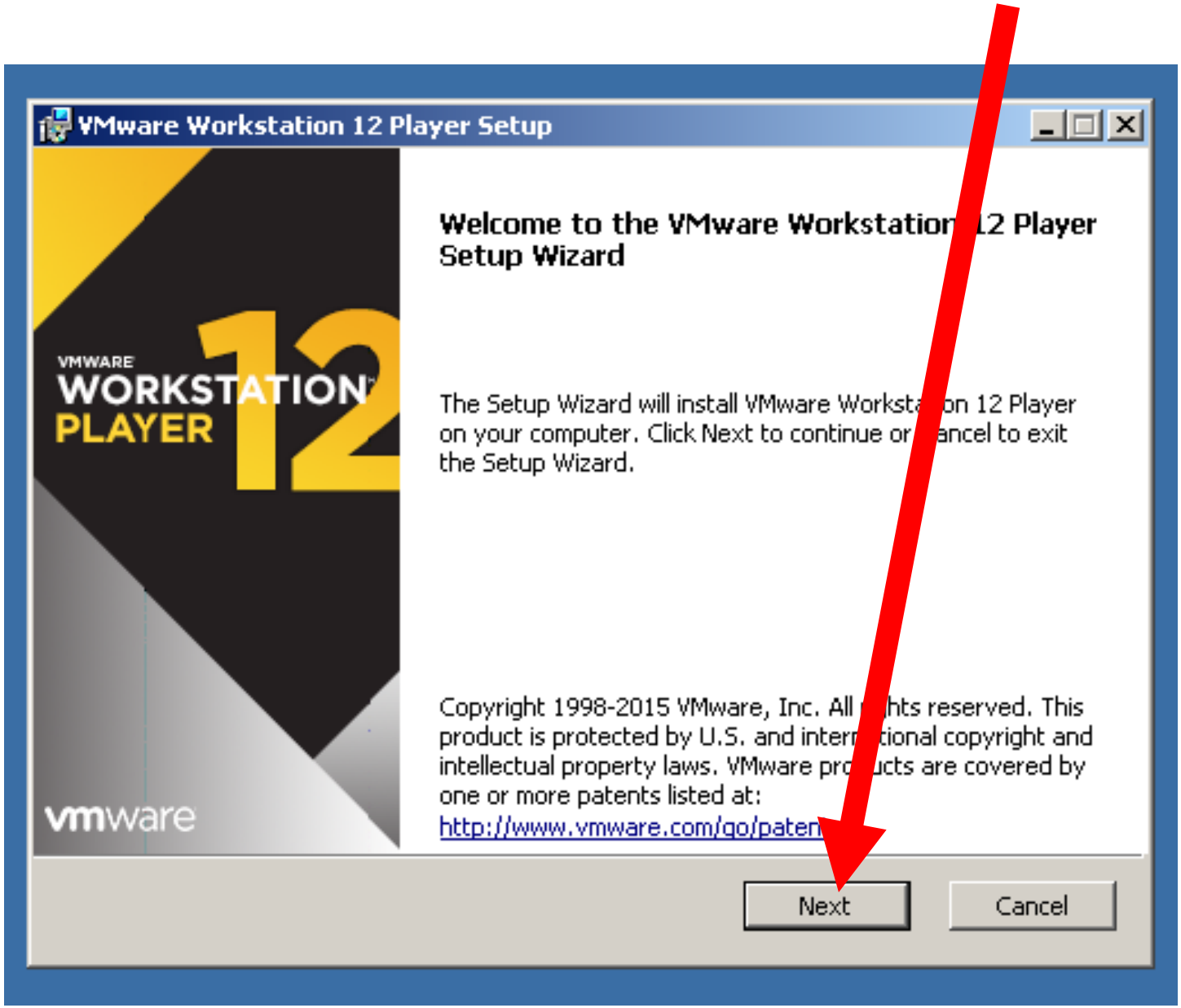
- Step 115:
  Click on the "Next" button of the "Welcome.." box: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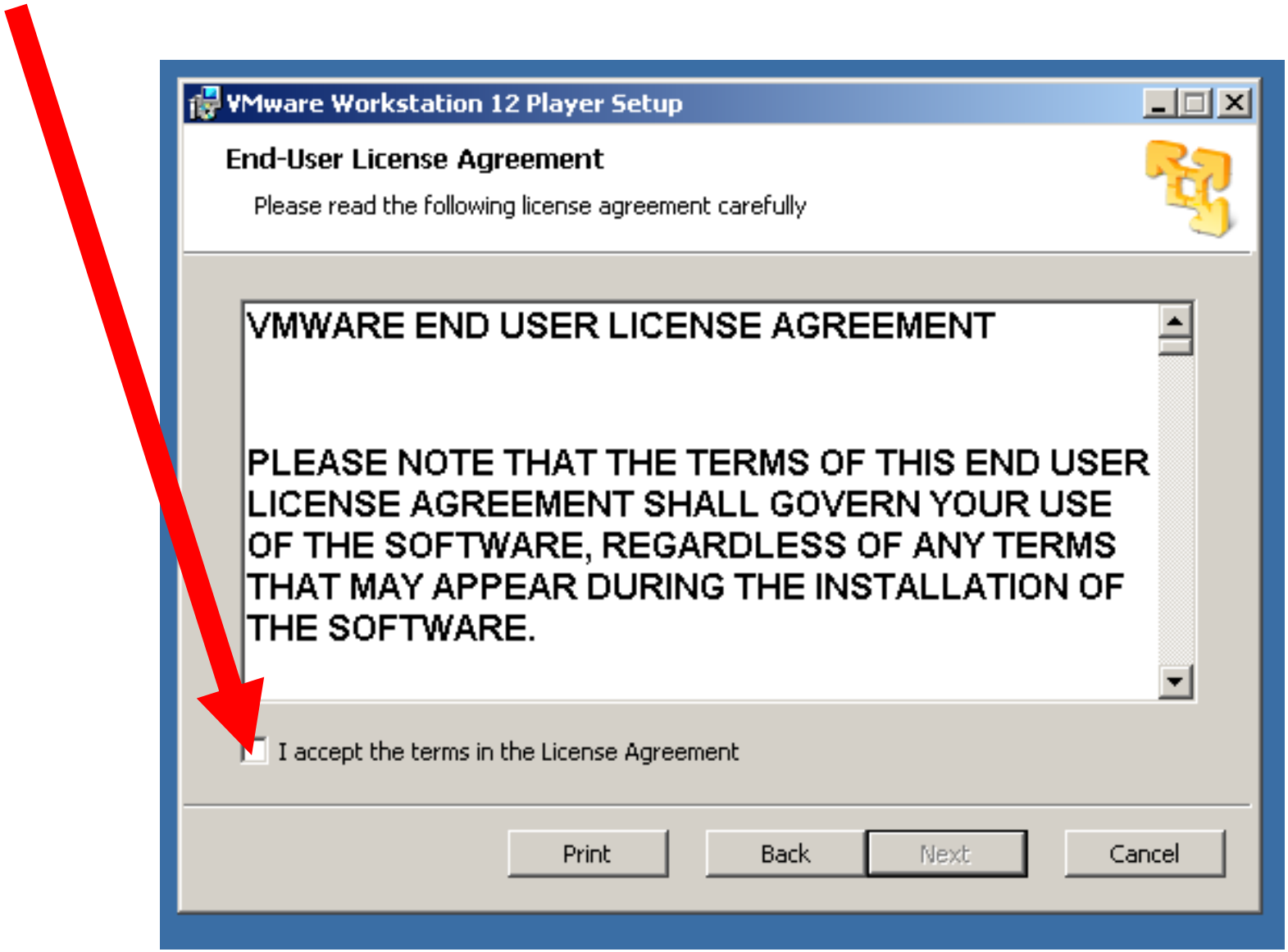
- Step 116:
  Select the "I accept the terms.." option in the ".License Agreement" box: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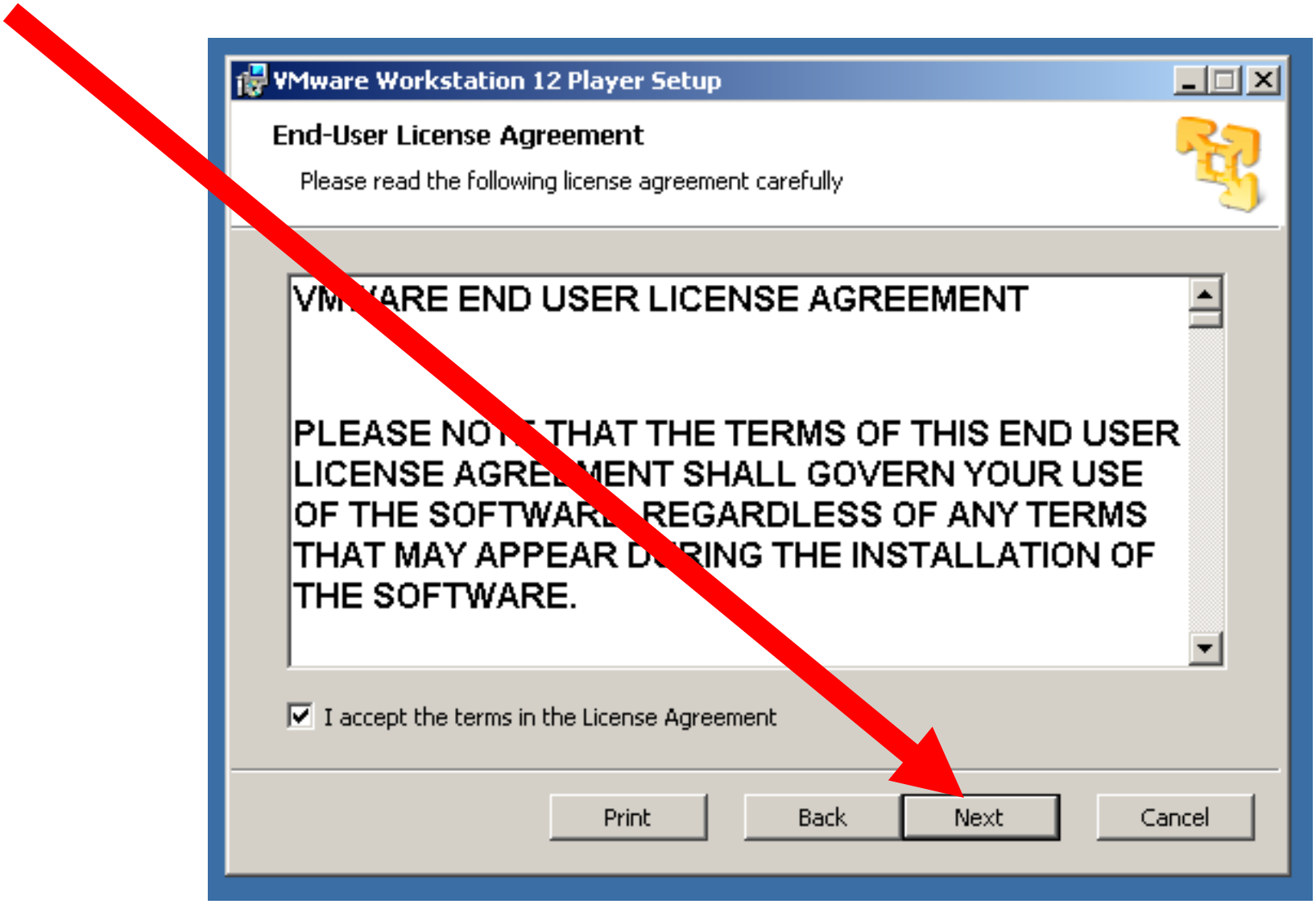
  Click on the "Next" button of the "License Agreement" box: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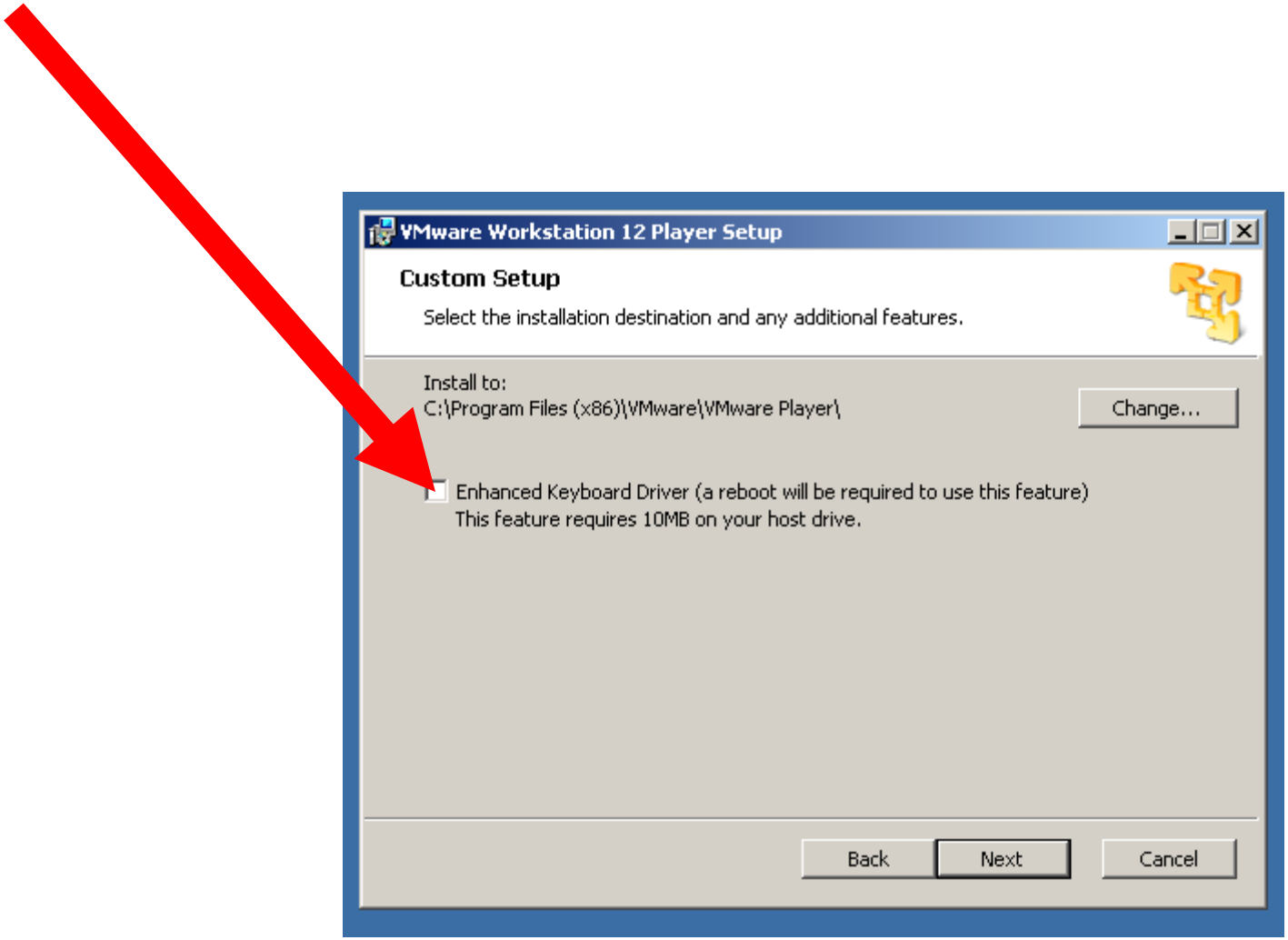
- Step 118:
  Put a checkmark next to "Enhanced Keyboard Driver":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Custom Setup
Select the installation destination and any additional features.
Install to:
C:\Program Files (x86)\VMware\VMware Player\
Change...
Enhanced Keyboard Driver (a reboot will be required to use this feature)
This feature requires 10MB on your host drive.
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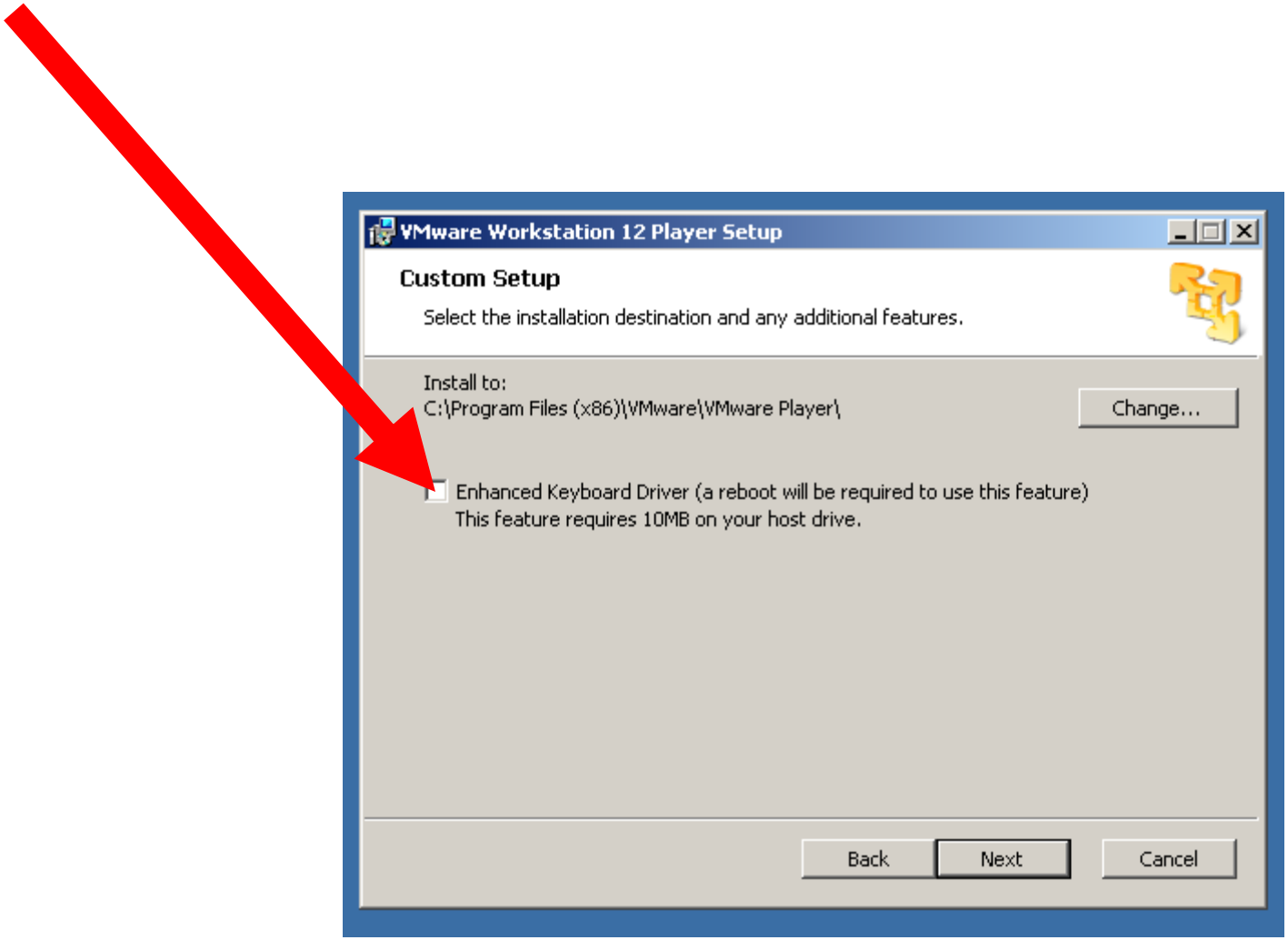
- Step 119:
  Click on the "Next" button: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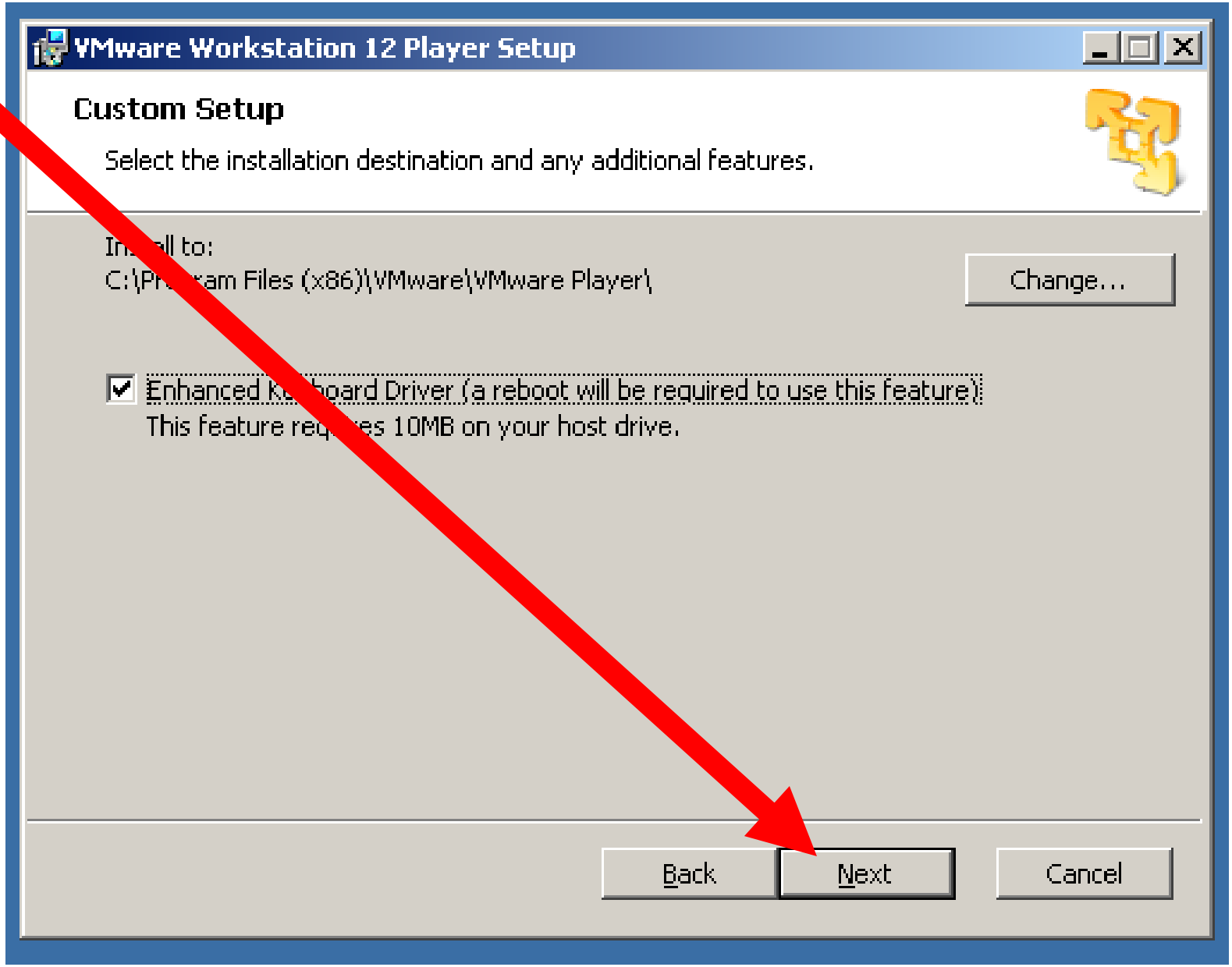
  Click on the "Next" button: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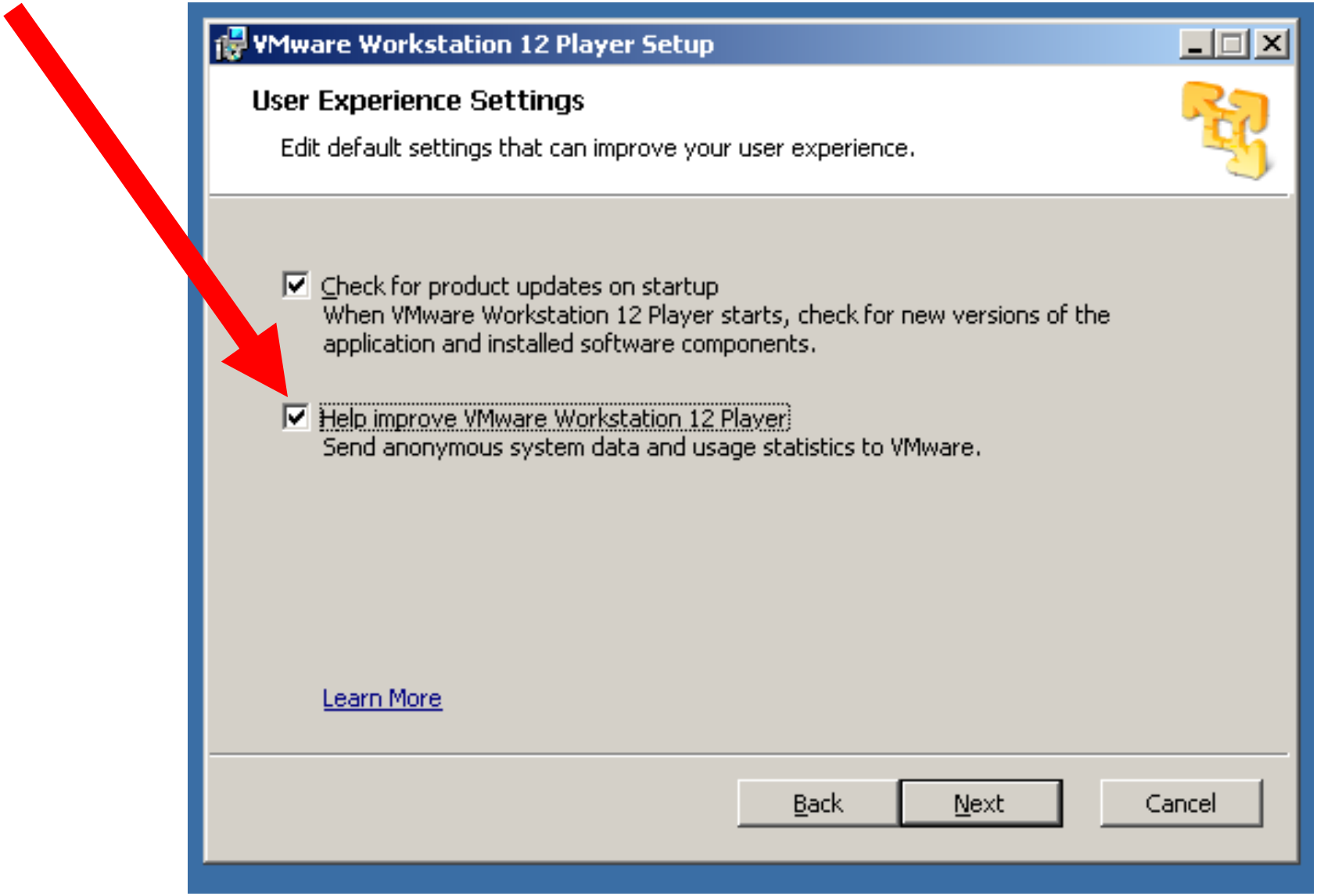
  Remove the checkmark from "Help improve VMware Workstation 12 Player":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User Experience Settings
Edit default settings that can improve your user experience.
Check for product updates on startup
When VMware Workstation 12 Player starts, check for new versions of the application and installed software components.
Help improve VMware Workstation 12 Player
Send anonymous system data and usage statistics to VMware.
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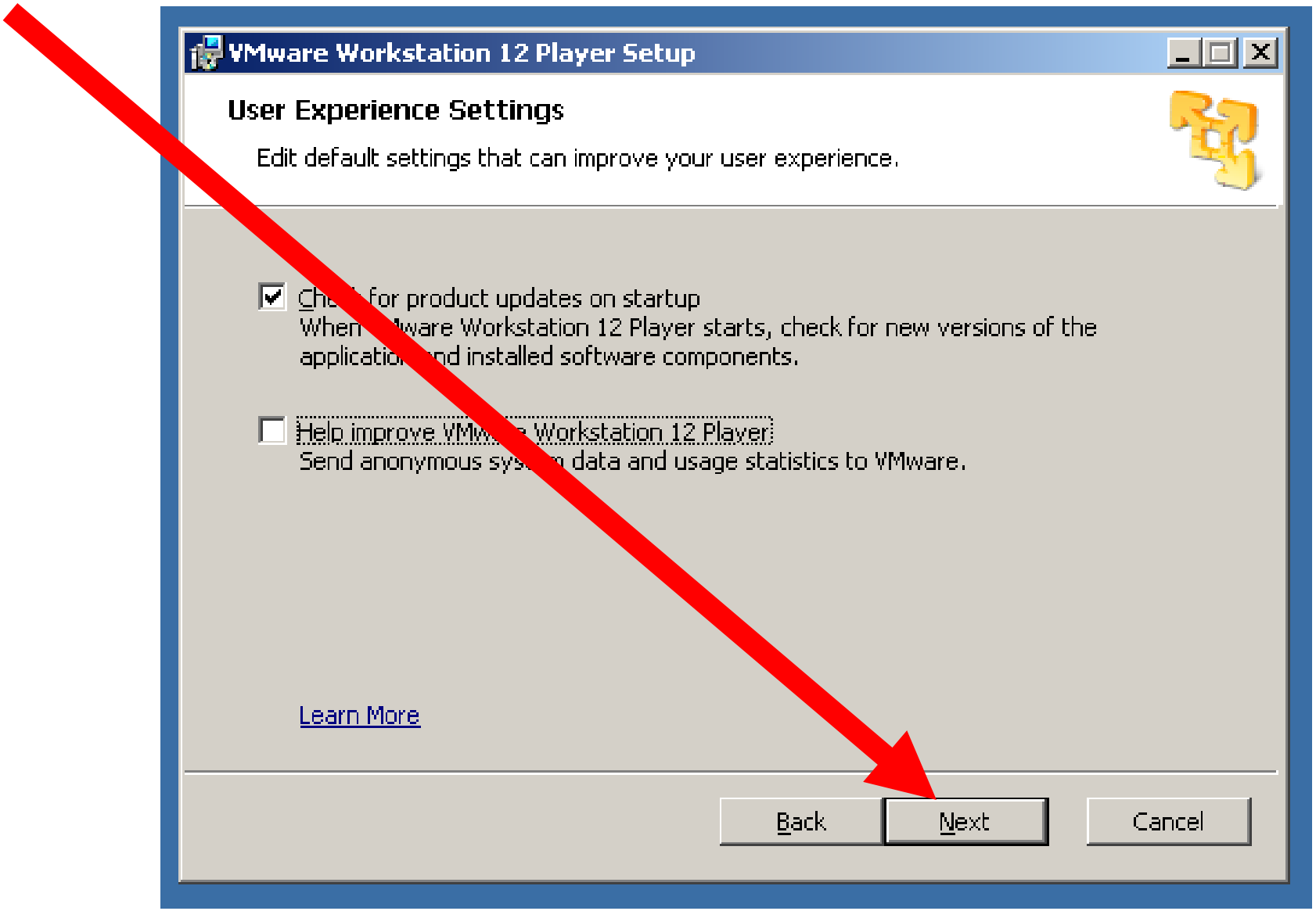
  Click on the "Next" button: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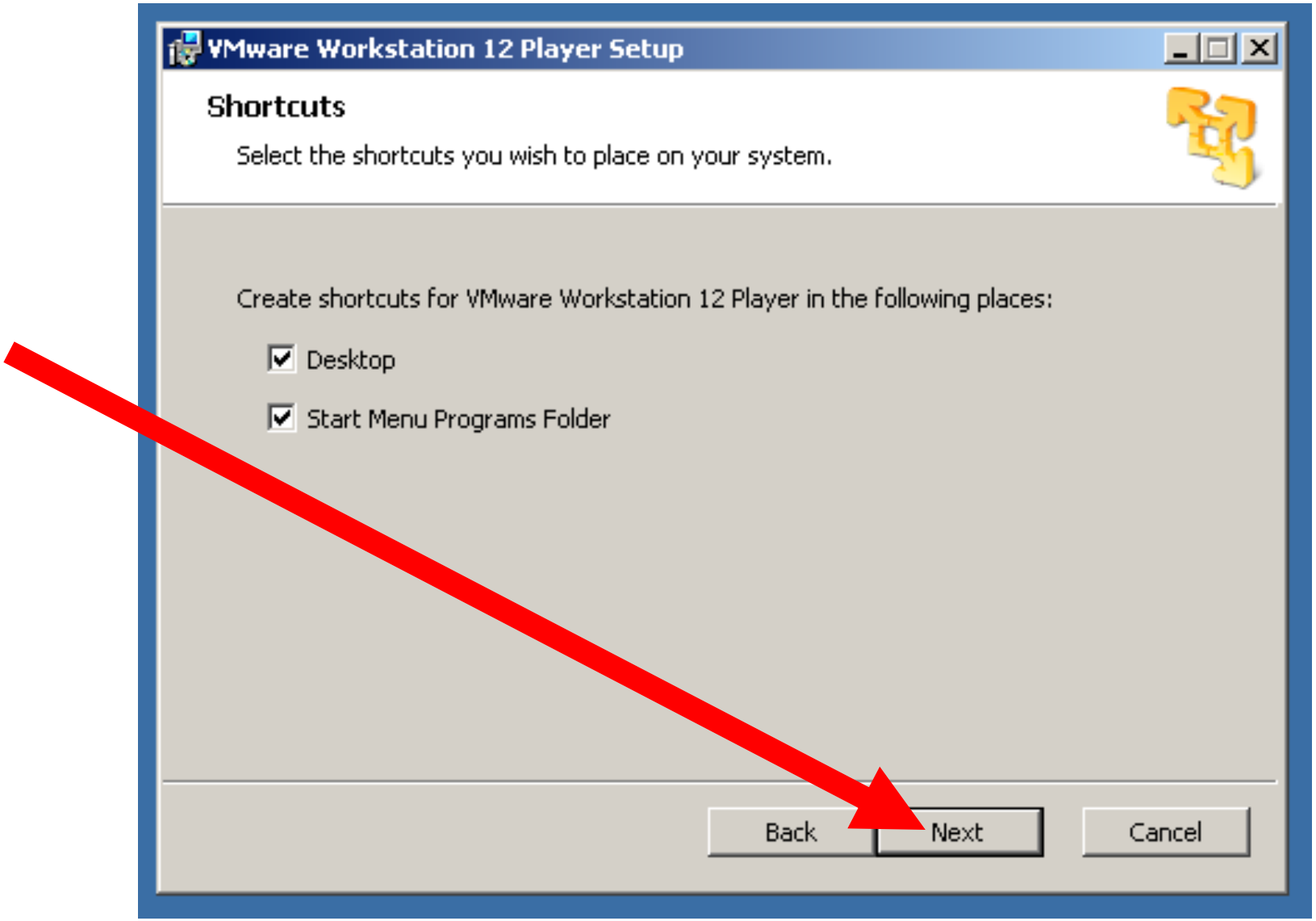
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Select the shortcuts you wish to place on your system.
Create shortcuts for VMware Workstation 12 Player in the following places:
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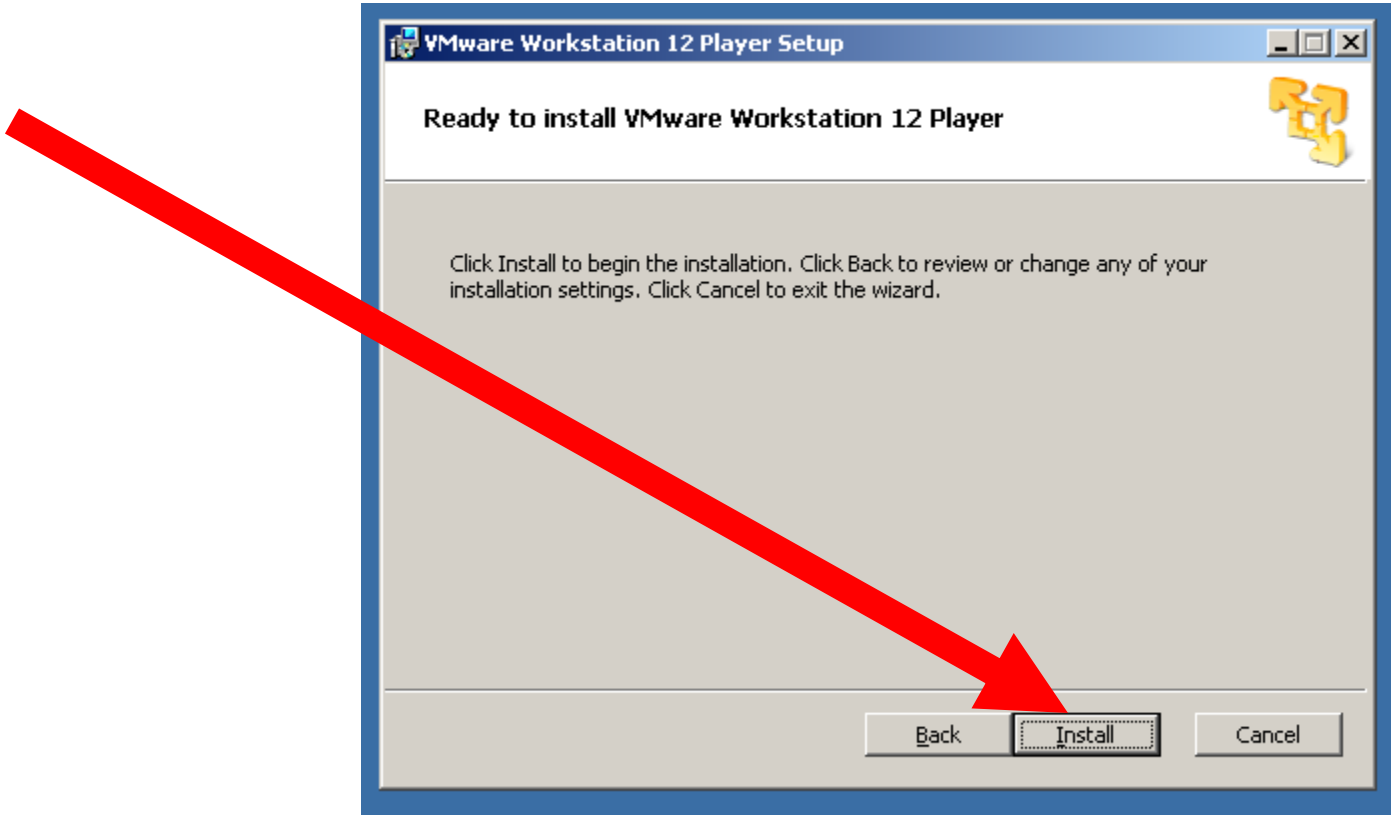
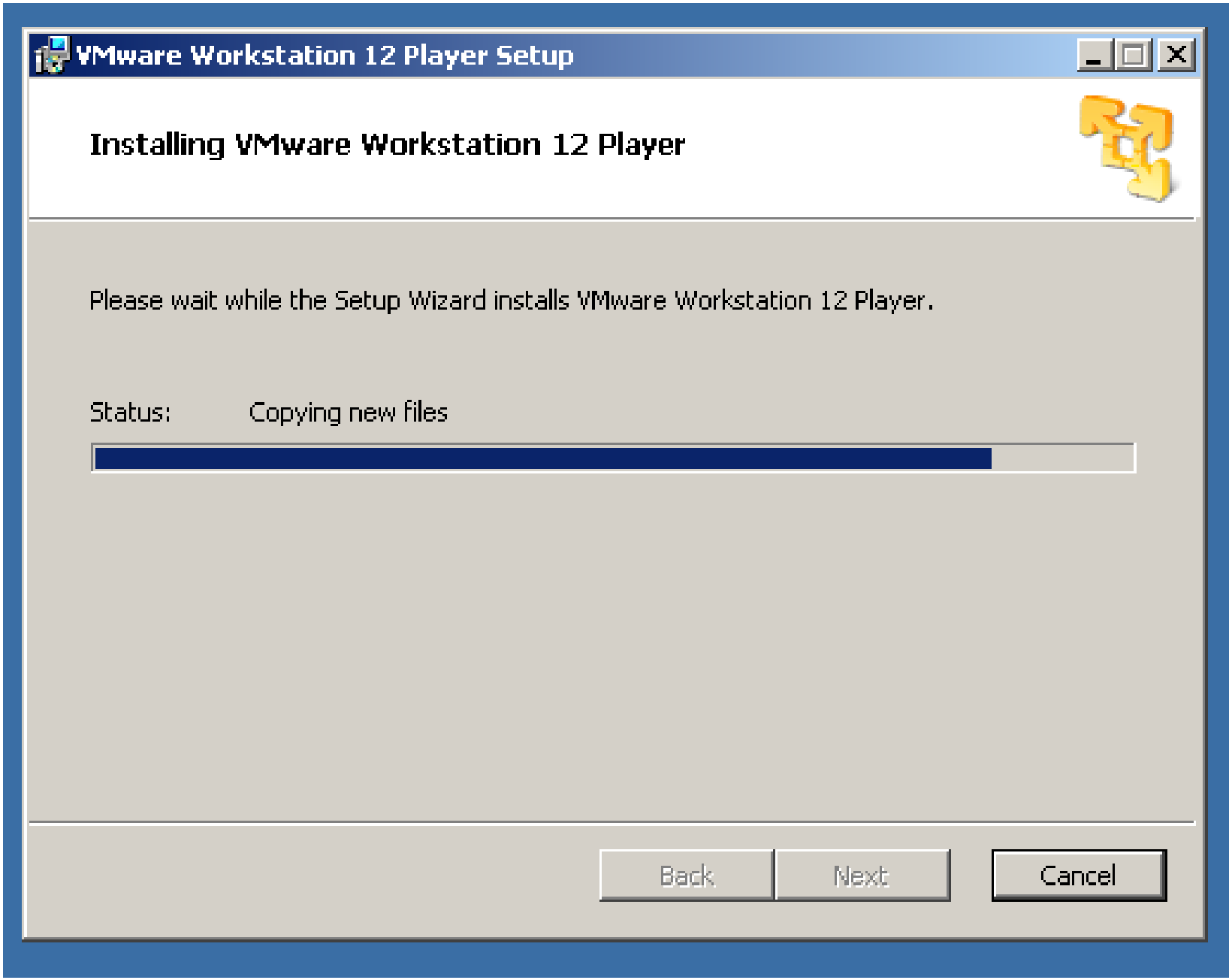
  Click on the "Install" button:


VMware Workstation 12 Player Setup
Ready to install VMware Workstation 12 Player
Click Install to begin the installation. Click Back to review or change any of your installation settings. Click Cancel to exit the wizard.
Back
Install
Cancel

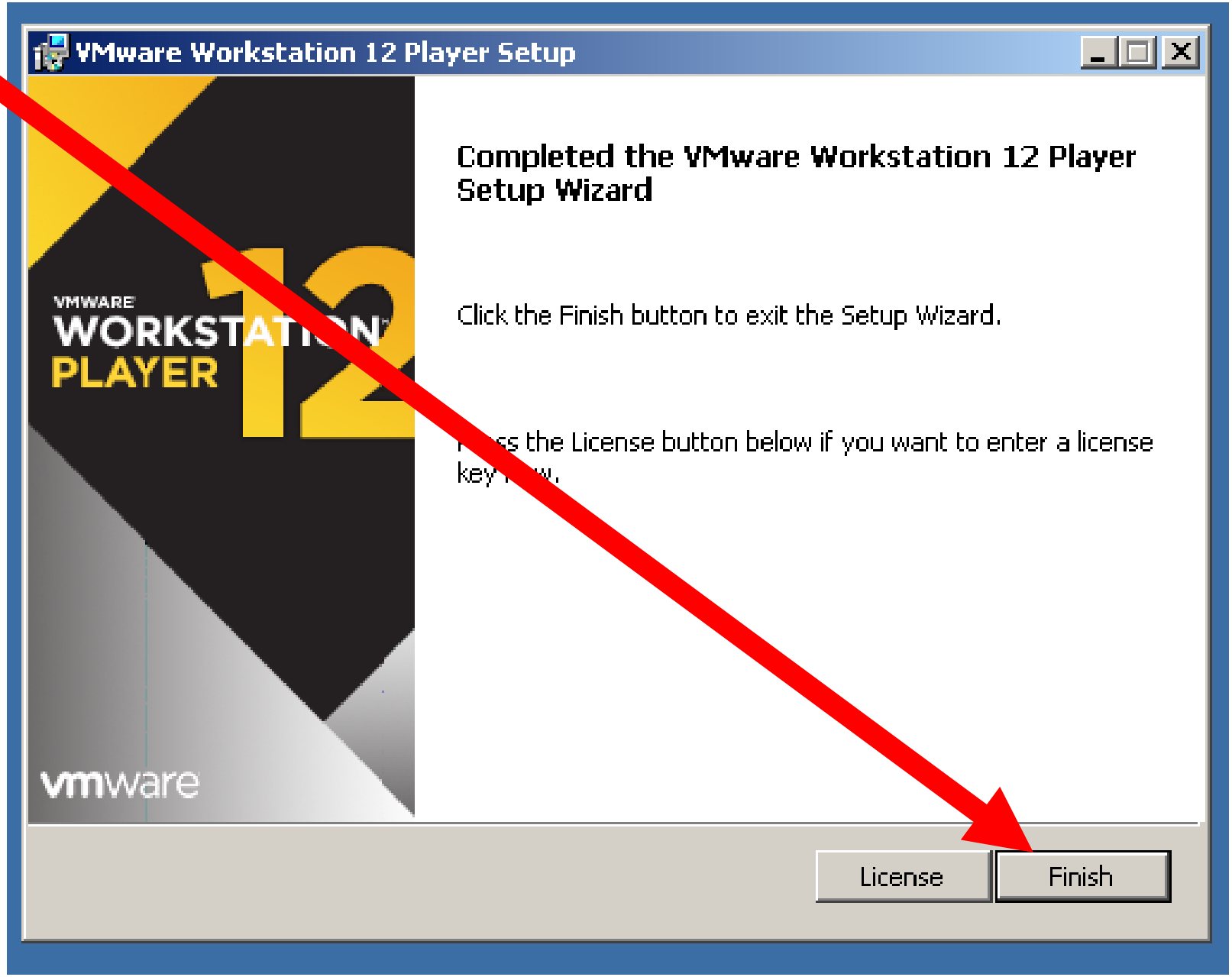
STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 125:
  The installation process will run by itself for a while:


VMware Workstation 12 Player Setup
Installing VMware Workstation 12 Player
Please wait while the Setup Wizard installs VMware Workstation 12 Player.
Status: Copying new files
Back
Next
Cancel

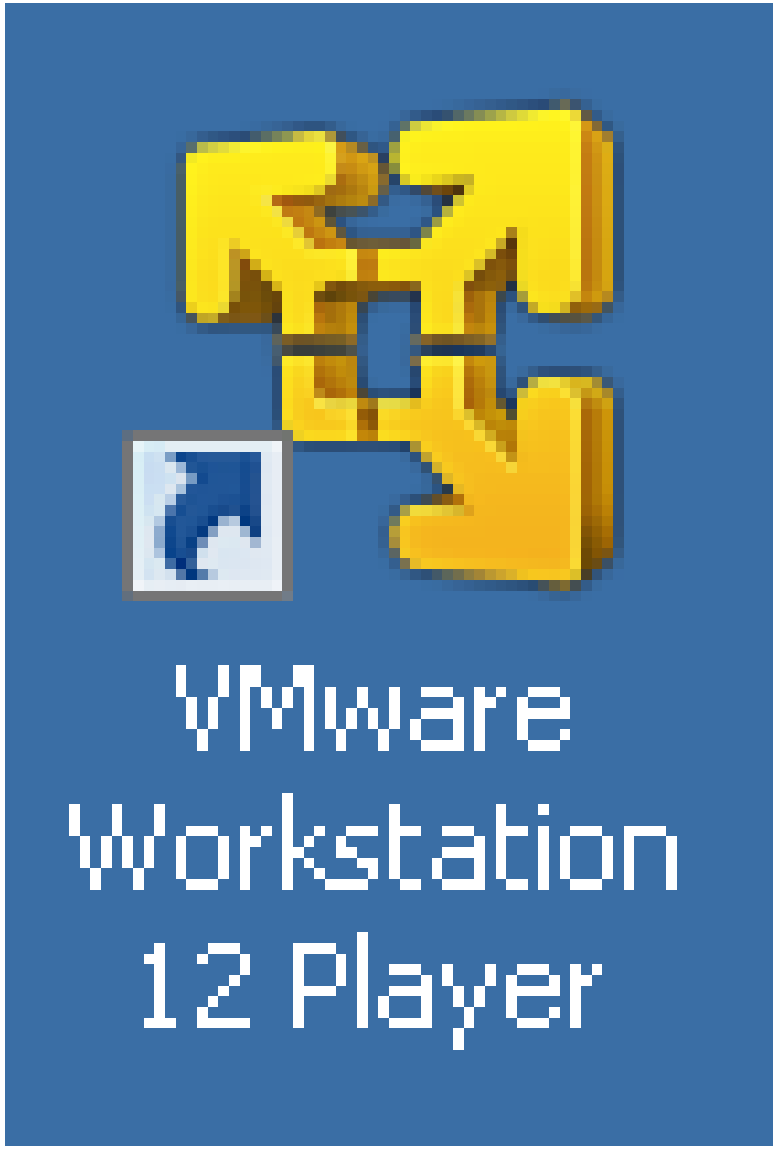
STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 126:
  Click on the "Finish" button.


VMware Workstation 12 Player Setup
VMWARE
WORKSTATION
PLAYER
12
vmware
Completed the VMware Workstation 12 Player Setup Wizard
Click the Finish button to exit the Setup Wizard.
License
Finish

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 127:
  Locate the new "VMware Workstation 12 Player" icon on the "Desktop" of your "Windows.." computer:


VMware
Workstation
12 Player

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 128: Double-click on the "VMware Workstation Player" icon:

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

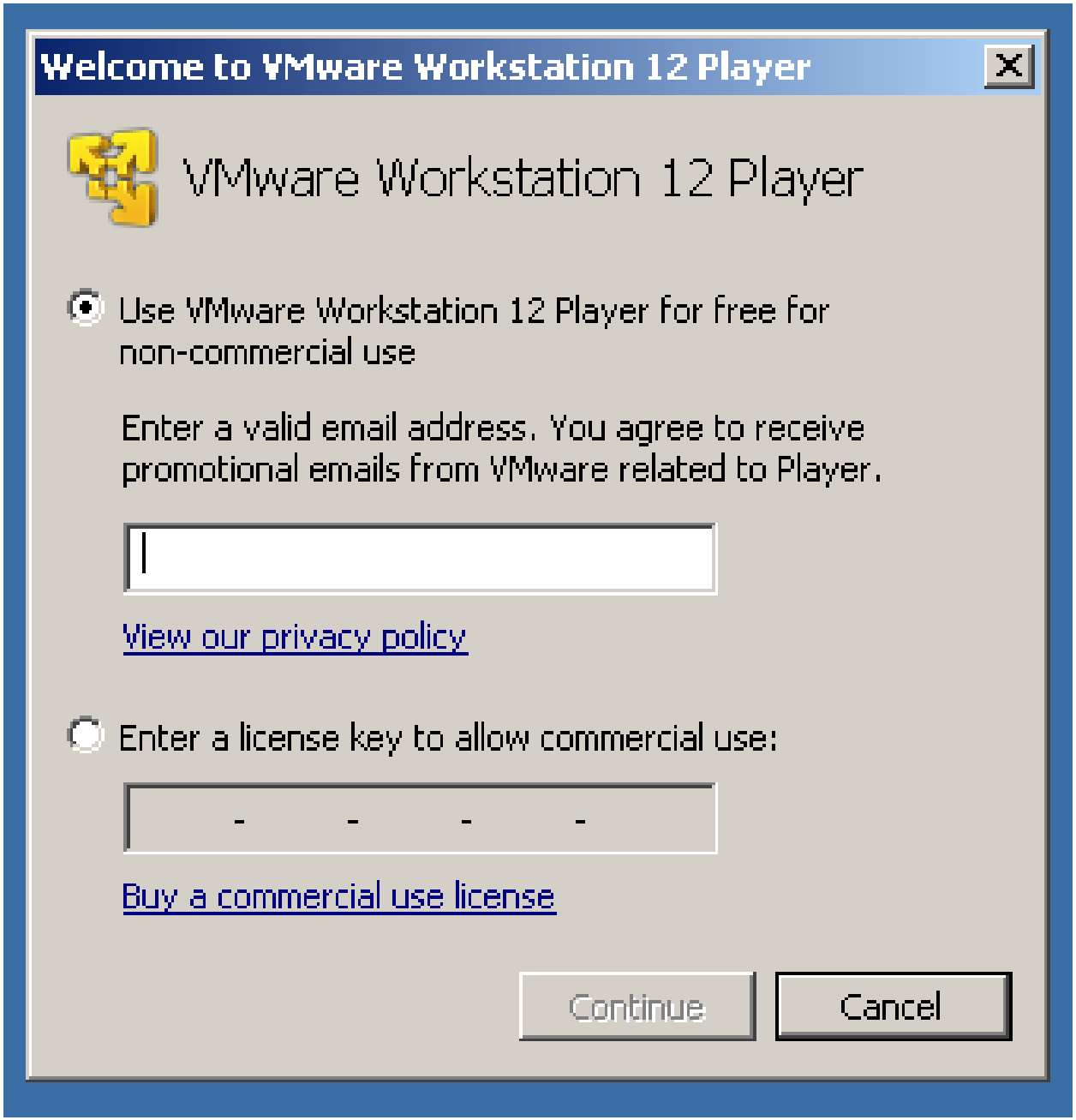
- Step 129:
  If this copy of "VMware Workstation Player" is for "non-commercial use, enter in your email address in order to accept marketing emails from the VMware company:

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 129 (continued):
  If this copy of "VMware Player" is used for "commercial use", procure a license key for "VMware Player Pro" and type it into the form:

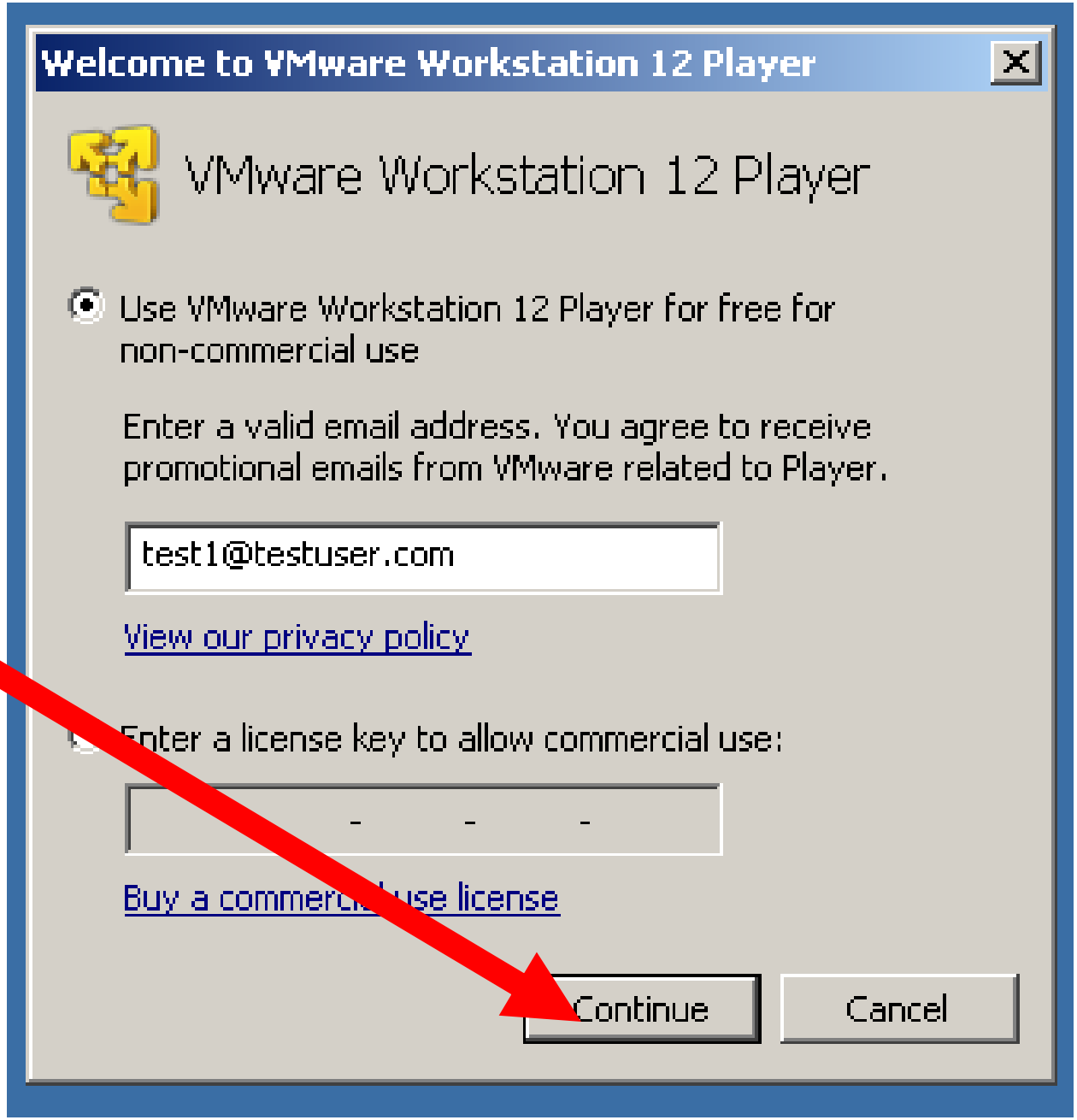
STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 129 (continued): For details about licensing requirements, see http://www.vmware.com/products/player/faqs/faqs.html


Welcome to VMware Workstation 12 Player
VMware Workstation 12 Player
Use VMware Workstation 12 Player for free for non-commercial use
Enter a valid email address. You agree to receive promotional emails from VMware related to Player.
View our privacy policy
Enter a license key to allow commercial use:
- - - -
Buy a commercial use license
Continue
Cancel

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 130:
  Click on the "Continue" button:


Welcome to VMware Workstation 12 Player
VMware Workstation 12 Player
Use VMware Workstation 12 Player for free for non-commercial use
Enter a valid email address. You agree to receive promotional emails from VMware related to Player.
test1@testuser.com
View our privacy policy
Enter a license key to allow commercial use:
Buy a commercial use license
Continue
Cancel

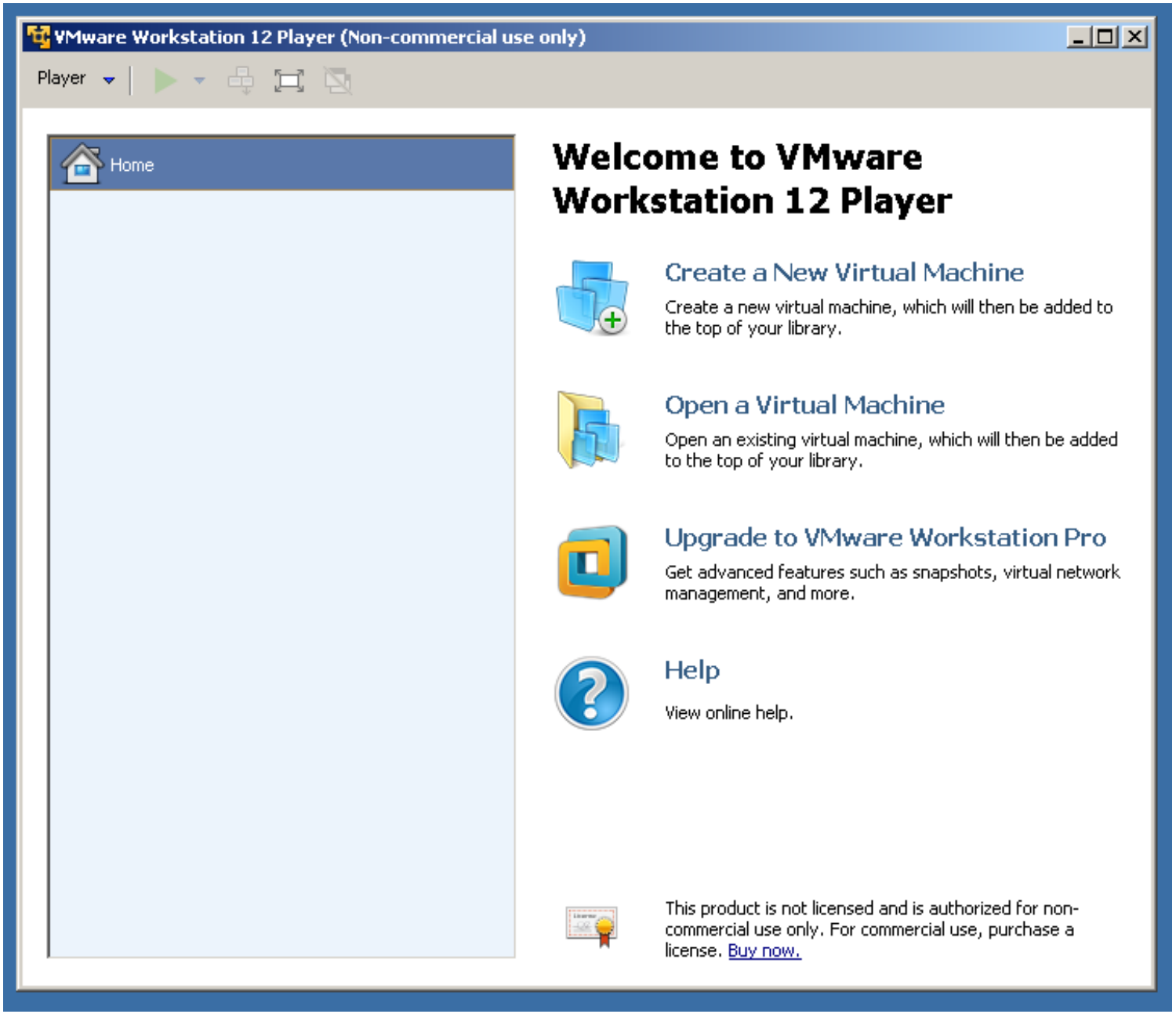
STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 131:
  Click on the "Finish" button:

Welcome to VMware Workstation 12 Player
VMware Workstation 12 Player
Thank you for using VMware Workstation 12 Player!
VMware Workstation 12 Player is the most advanced virtualization software that supports the broadest number of operating systems and delivers the richest desktop user experience.
We hope that you will enjoy using VMware Workstation 12 Player.
Finish
Cancel

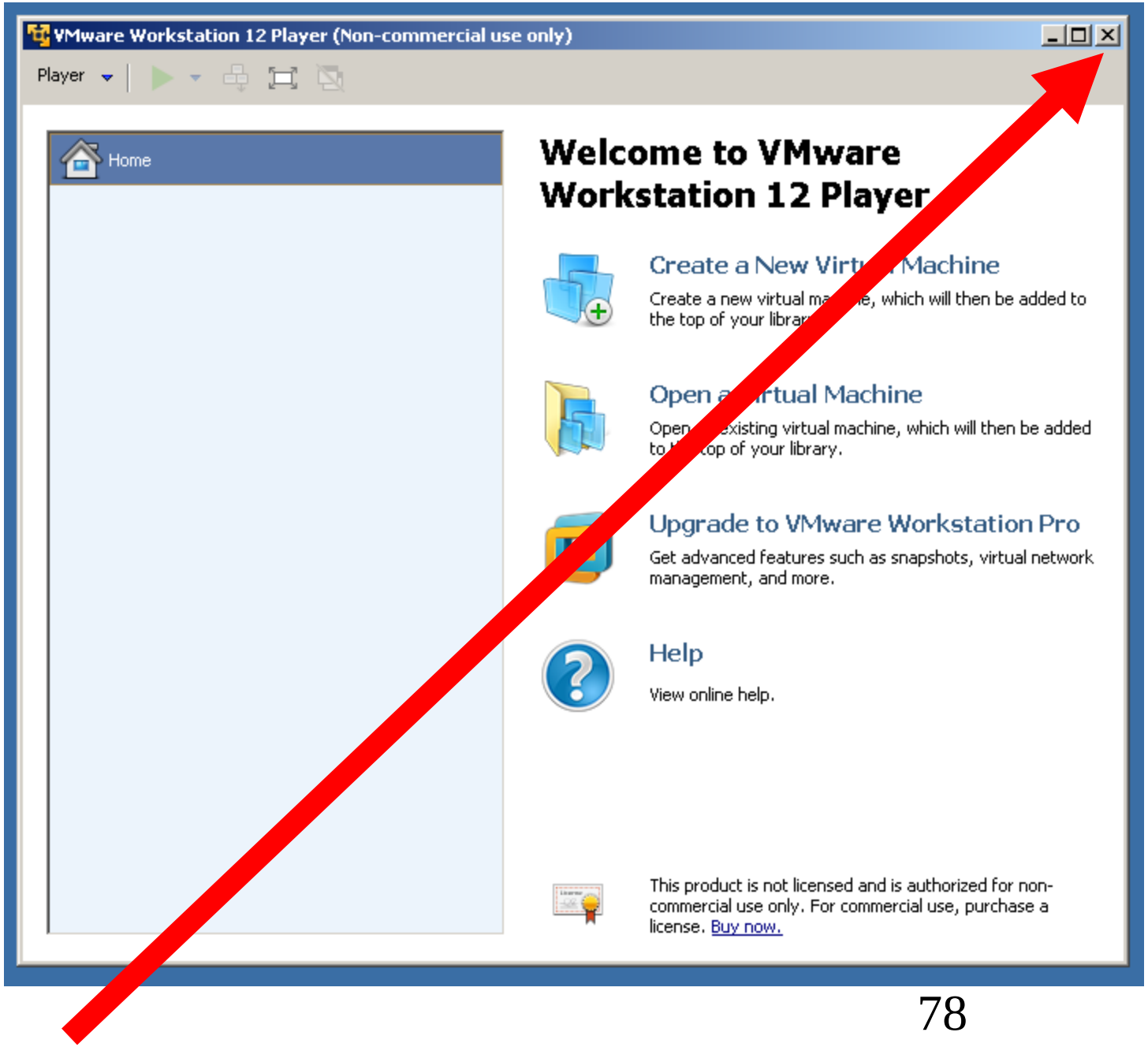
STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 132:
  The "Player window" will be displayed. This window will be displayed whenever you double-click on the "VMware Player" icon on the "Desktop".


VMware Workstation 12 Player (Non-commercial use only)
Player
Home
Welcome to VMware Workstation 12 Player
Create a New Virtual Machine
Create a new virtual machine, which will then be added to the top of your library.
Open a Virtual Machine
Open an existing virtual machine, which will then be added to the top of your library.
Upgrade to VMware Workstation Pro
Get advanced features such as snapshots, virtual network management, and more.
Help
View online help.
This product is not licensed and is authorized for non-commercial use only. For commercial use, purchase a license. Buy now.

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 133:
  Close the "Player Window" by clicking on the "x" button in its upper-right corner:


VMware Workstation 12 Player (Non-commercial use only)
Player
Home
Welcome to VMware Workstation 12 Player
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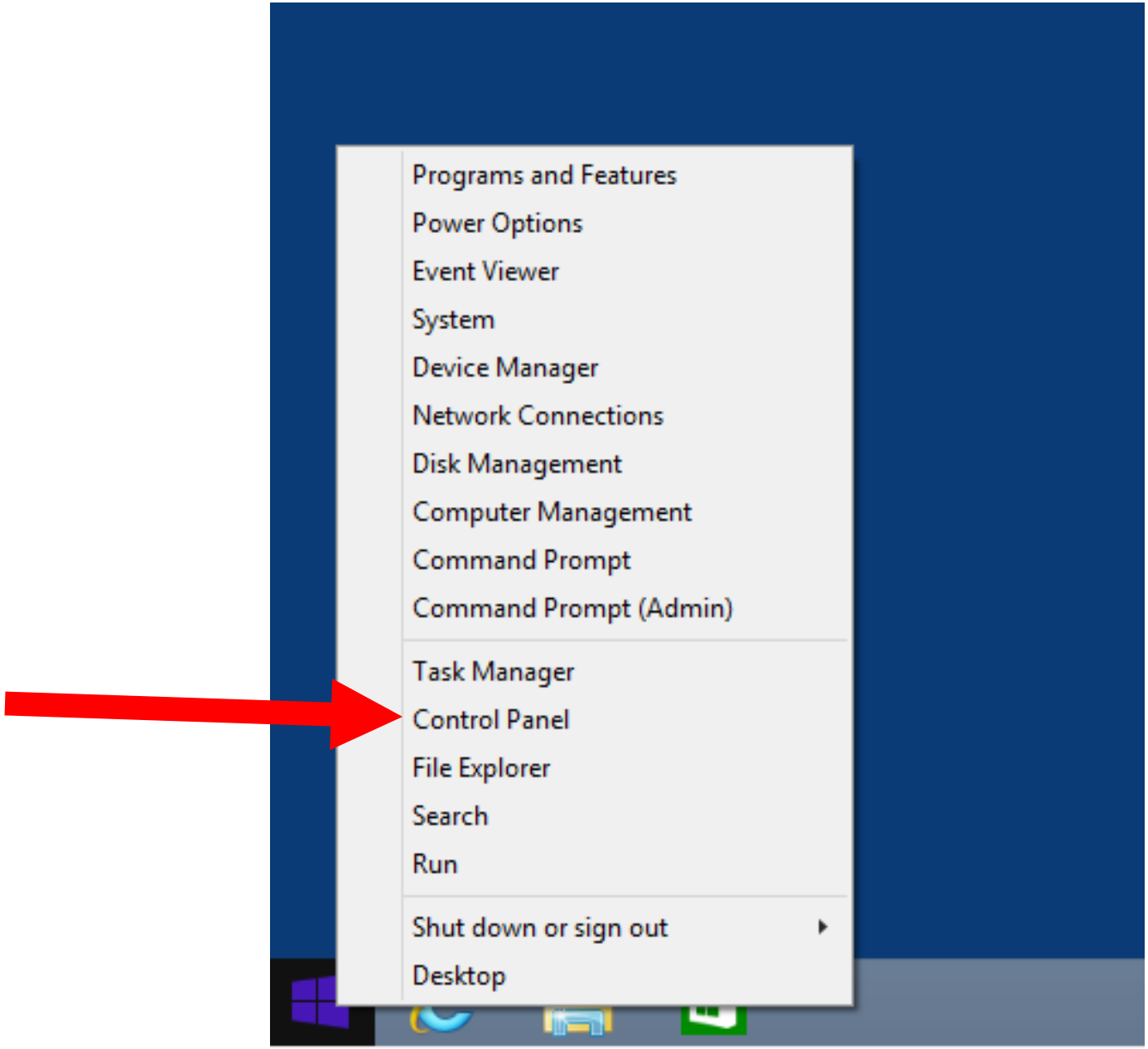
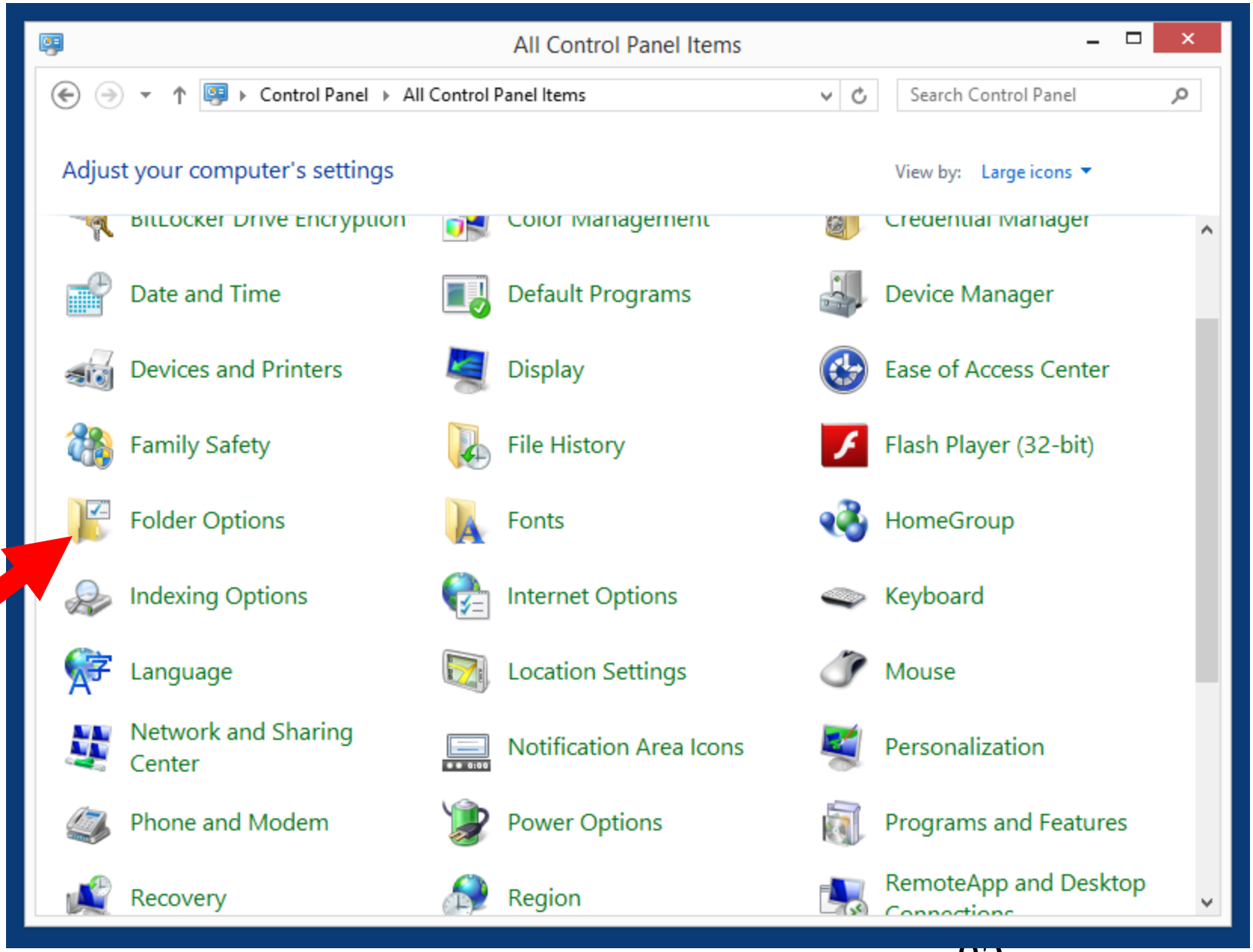
- Step 134:
  Start the Windows "Control Panel":


Programs and Features
Power Options
Event Viewer
System
Device Manager
Network Connections
Disk Management
Computer Management
Command Prompt
Command Prompt (Admin)
Task Manager
Control Panel
File Explorer
Search
Run
Shut down or sign out
Desktop

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 135:
  Locate "Folder Options" or "File Manager Options":

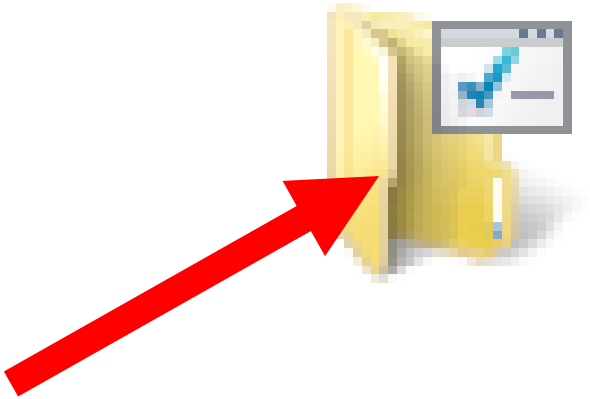

All Control Panel Items
Control Panel
All Control Panel Items
Search Control Panel
Adjust your computer's settings
View by:
Large icons
BitLocker Drive Encryption
Color Management
Credential Manager
Date and Time
Default Programs
Device Manager
Devices and Printers
Display
Ease of Access Center
Family Safety
File History
Flash Player (32-bit)
Folder Options
Fonts
HomeGroup
Indexing Options
Internet Options
Keyboard
Language
Location Settings
Mouse
Network and Sharing Center
Notification Area Icons
Personalization
Phone and Modem
Power Options
Programs and Features
Recovery
Region
RemoteApp and Desktop

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 136:
  Double-click on "Folder Options" or "File Explorer Options". ("Folder Options" inside the "Control Panel" if your host computer is running "Windows XP", "Windows Vista", "Windows 7", "Windows 8", or "Windows 8.1".

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

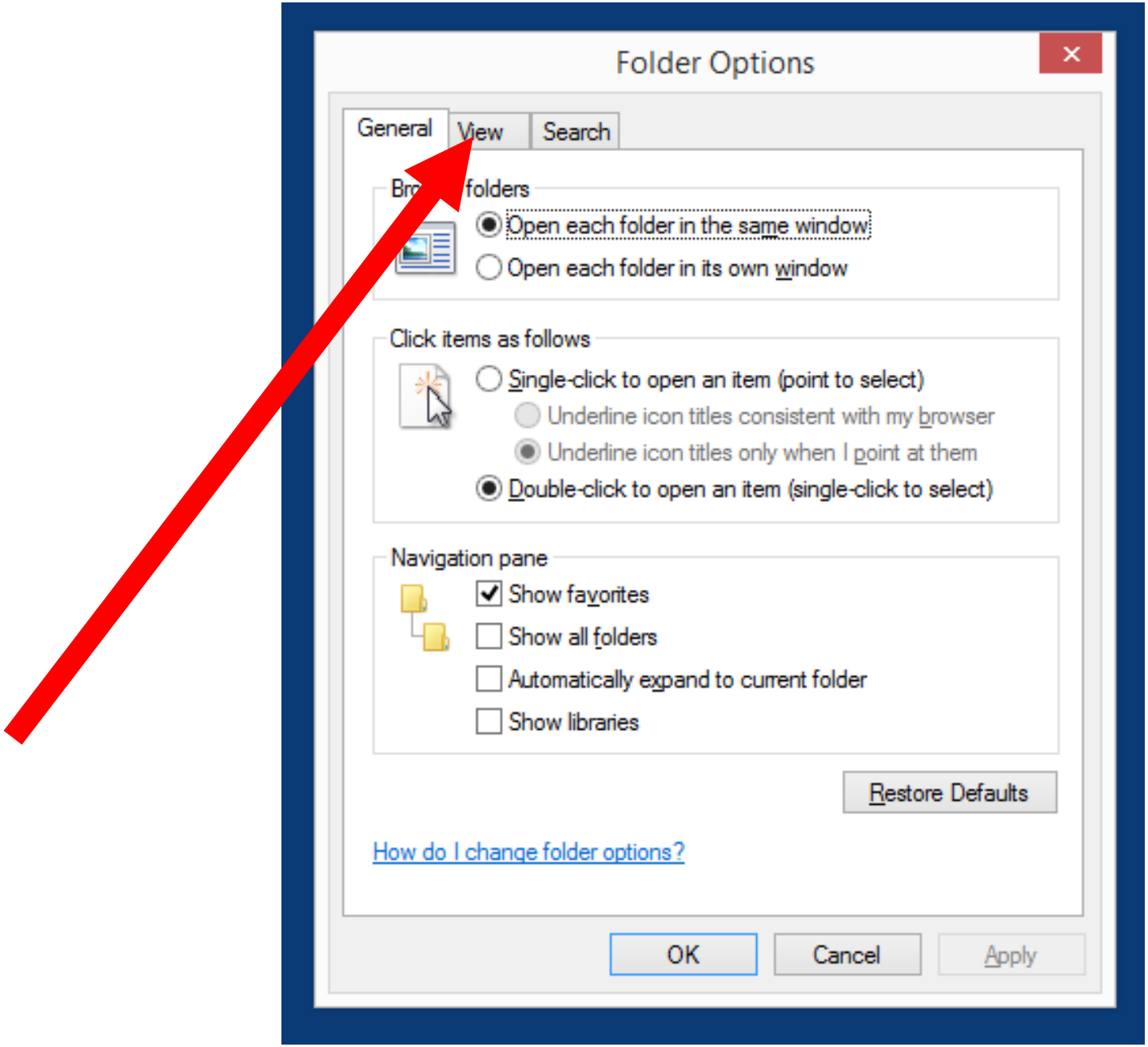
- Step 136 (continued): "File Explorer Options" if your host computer is running "Windows 10..Technical Preview".)



Folder Options

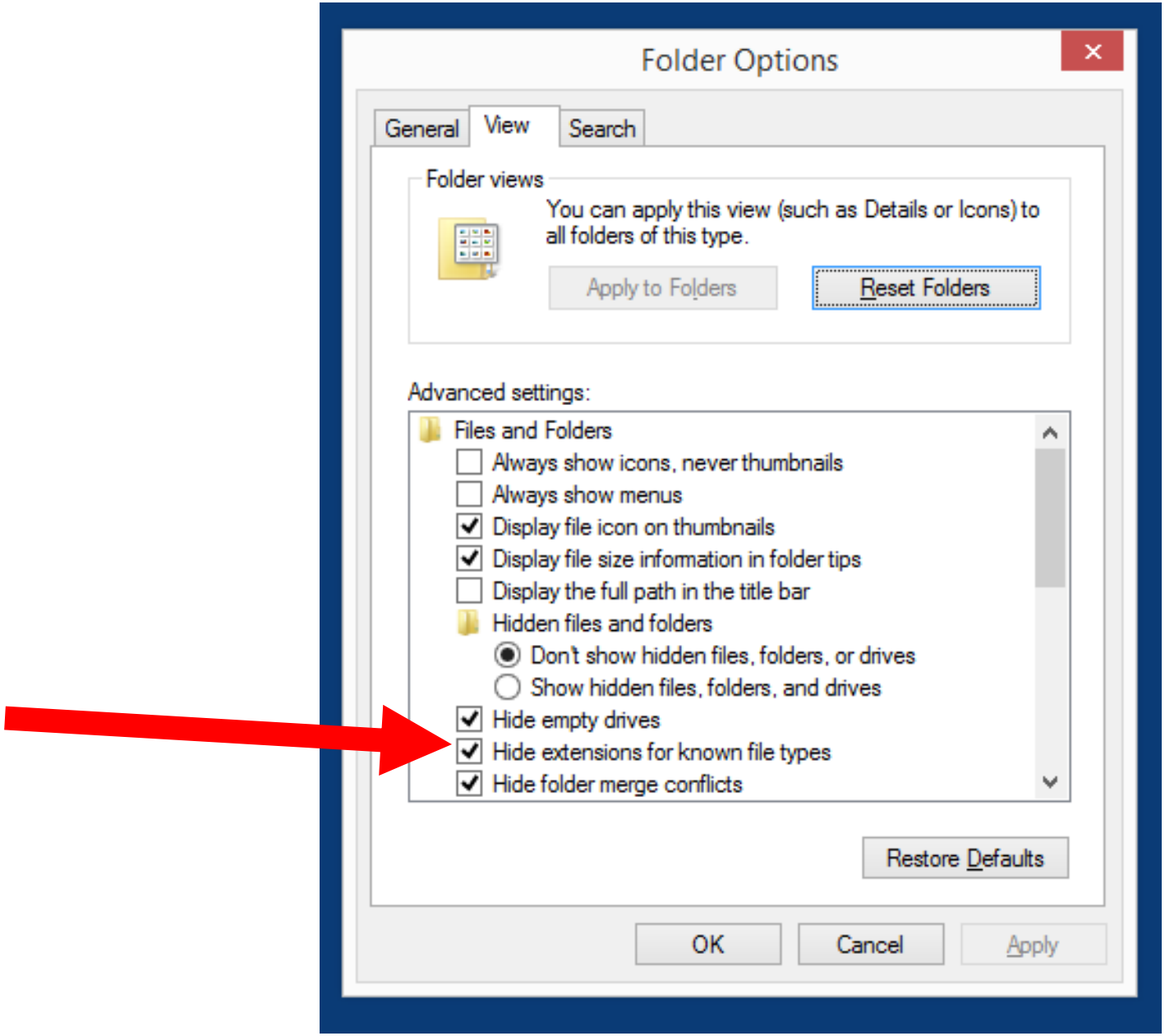
STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

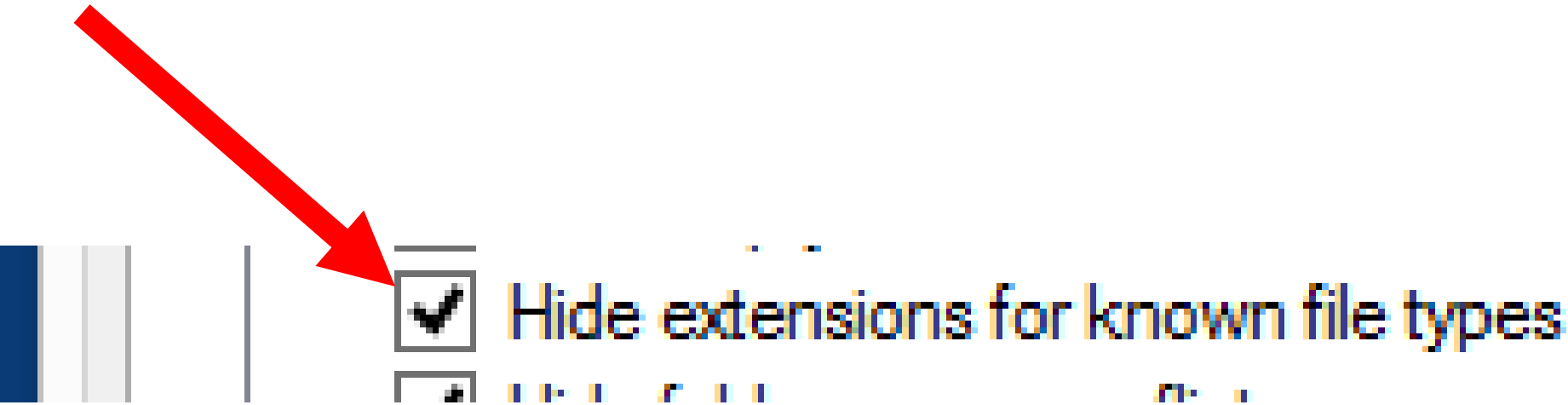
- Step 137:
  Click on the "View" tab of the "Folder Options" or the "File Explorer Options" box:

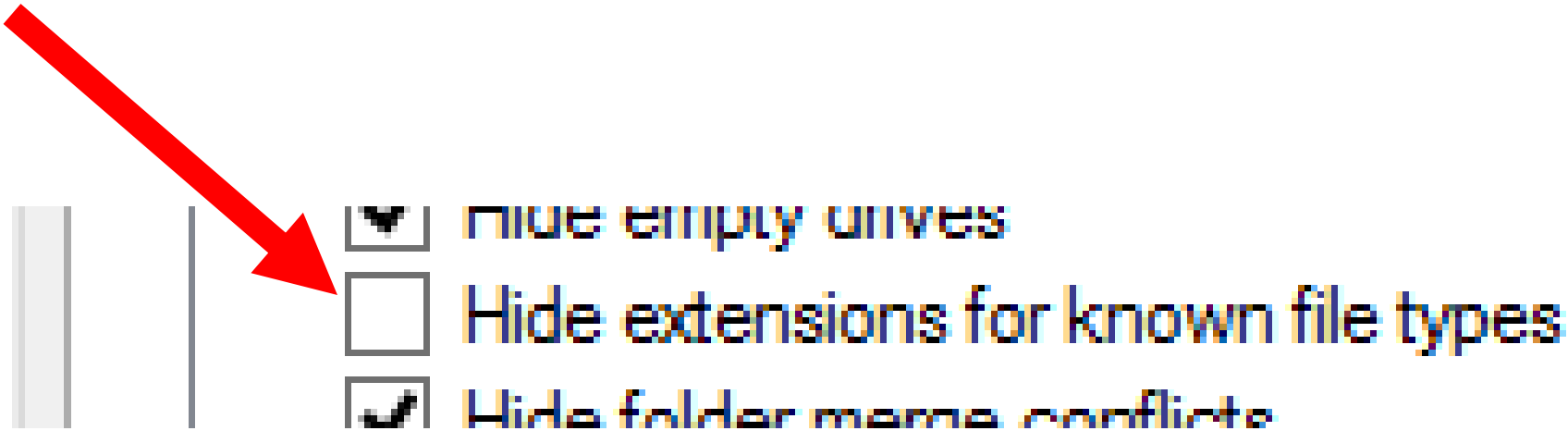

Folder Options
General
View
Search
folders
Open each folder in the same window
Open each folder in its own window
Click items as follows
Single-click to open an item (point to select)
Underline icon titles consistent with my browser
Underline icon titles only when I point at them
Double-click to open an item (single-click to select)
Navigation pane
Show favorites
Show all folders
Automatically expand to current folder
Show libraries
Restore Defaults
How do I change folder options?
OK
Cancel
Apply

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 138:
  Remove the check mark for "Hide extensions for known file types", if you find one there.

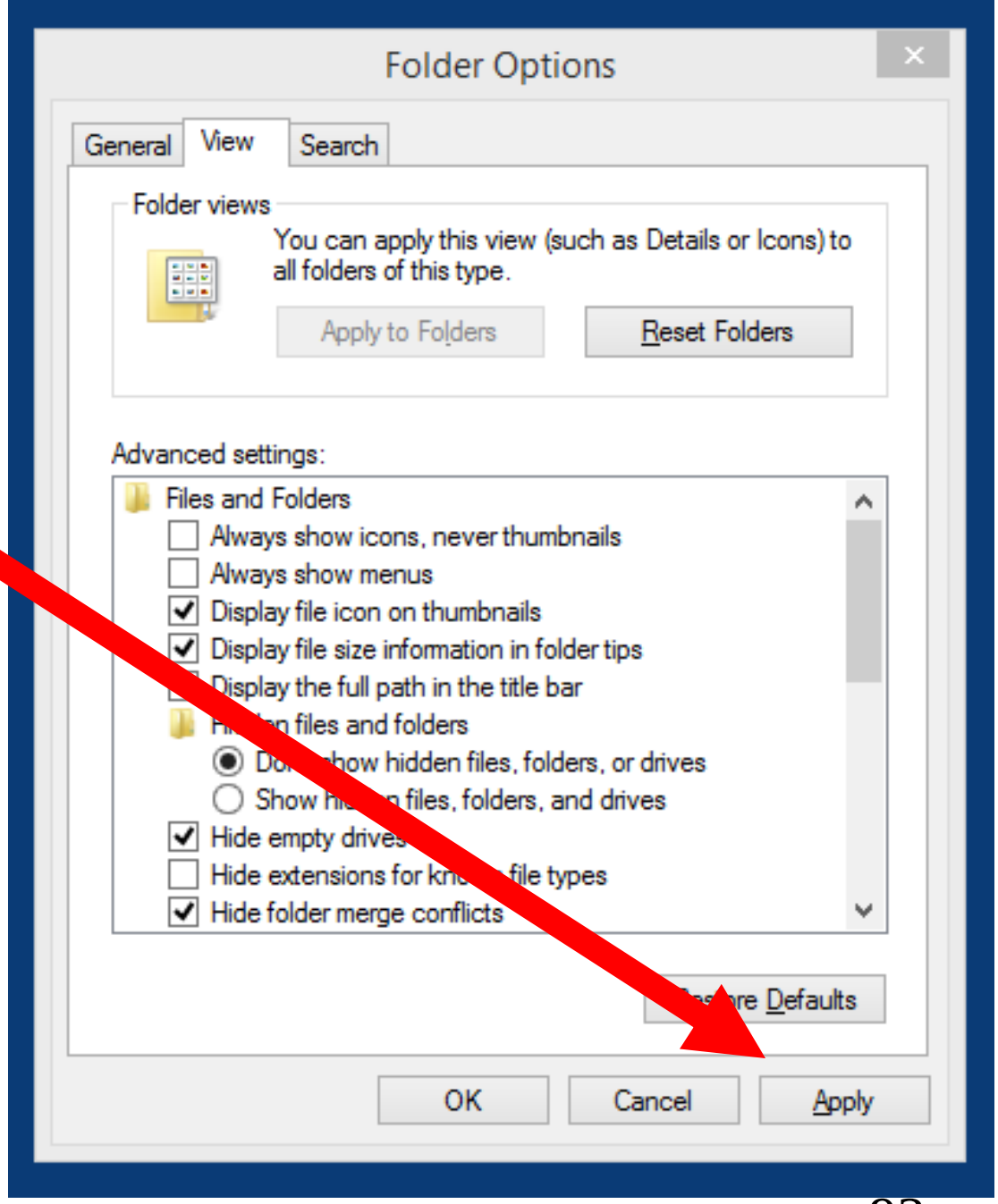

Folder Options
General
View
Search
Folder views
You can apply this view (such as Details or Icons) to all folders of this type.
Apply to Folders
Reset Folders
Advanced settings:
Files and Folders
Always show icons, never thumbnails
Always show menus
Display file icon on thumbnails
Display file size information in folder tips
Display the full path in the title bar
Hidden files and folders
Don't show hidden files, folders, or drives
Show hidden files, folders, and drives
Hide empty drives
Hide extensions for known file types
Hide folder merge conflicts
Restore Defaults
OK
Cancel
Apply


Hide extensions for known file types


Hide extensions for known file types

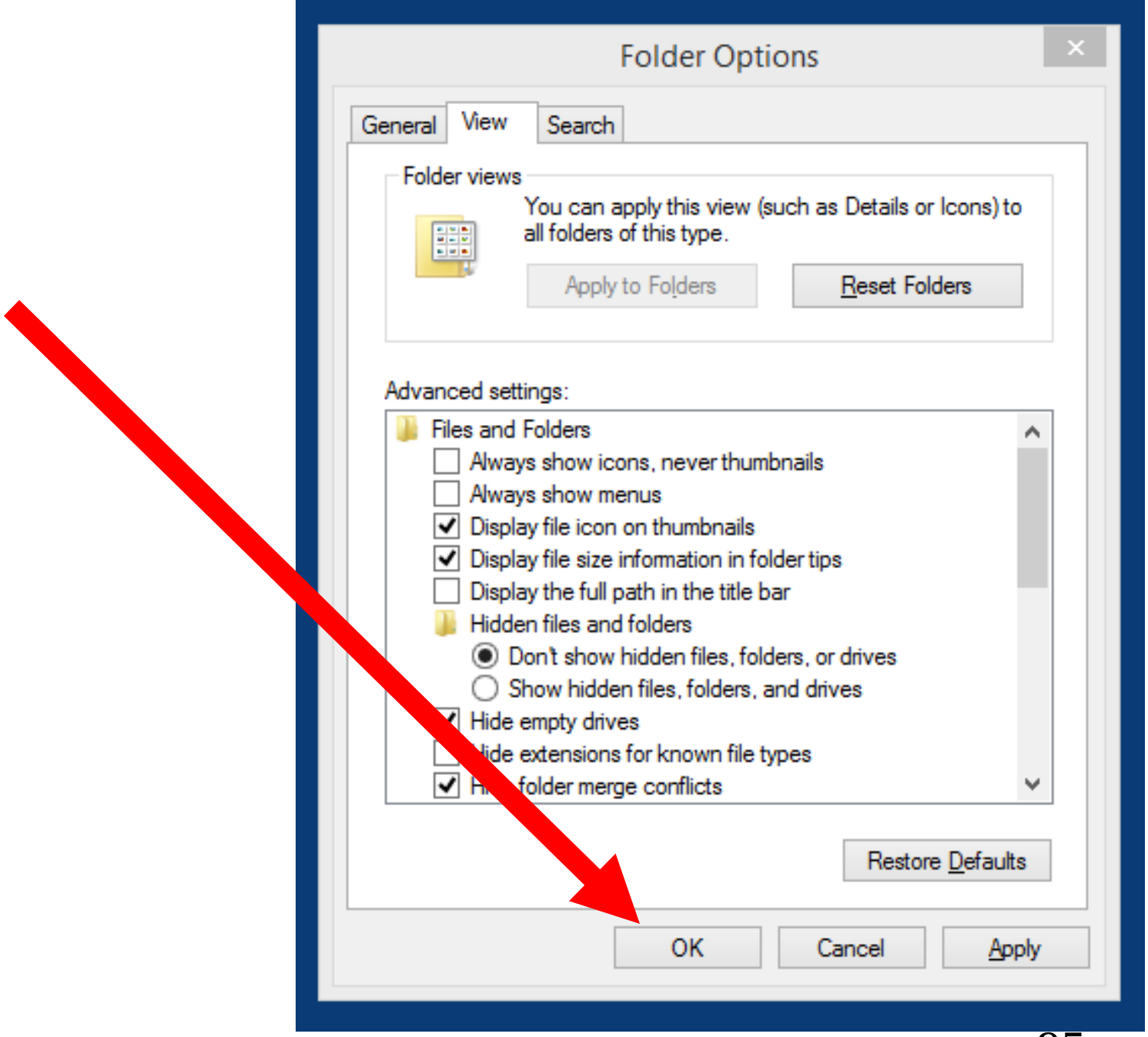
STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 139:
  Click on the "Apply" button of the "Folder Options" or "File Explorer Options" box:


Folder Options
General
View
Search
Folder views
You can apply this view (such as Details or Icons) to all folders of this type.
Apply to Folders
Reset Folders
Advanced settings:
Files and Folders
Always show icons, never thumbnails
Always show menus
Display file icon on thumbnails
Display file size information in folder tips
Display the full path in the title bar
Hidden files and folders
Do not show hidden files, folders, or drives
Show hidden files, folders, and drives
Hide empty drives
Hide extensions for known file types
Hide folder merge conflicts
Restore Defaults
OK
Cancel
Apply

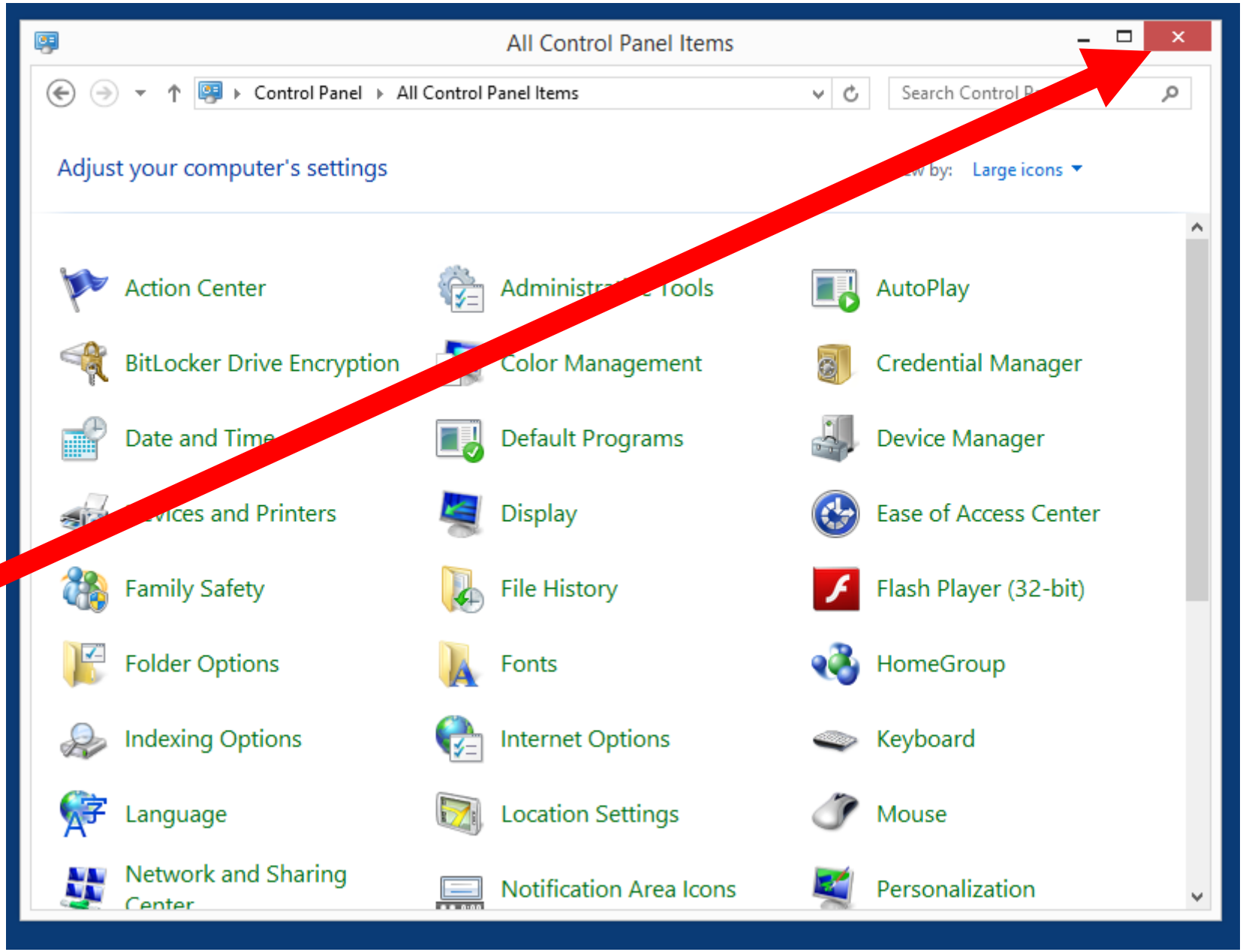
STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 140:
  Click on the "OK" button of the "Folder Options" or "File Explorer Options" box to make the box disappear:


Folder Options
General
View
Search
Folder views
You can apply this view (such as Details or Icons) to all folders of this type.
Apply to Folders
Reset Folders
Advanced settings:
Files and Folders
Always show icons, never thumbnails
Always show menus
Display file icon on thumbnails
Display file size information in folder tips
Display the full path in the title bar
Hidden files and folders
Don't show hidden files, folders, or drives
Show hidden files, folders, and drives
Hide empty drives
ide extensions for known file types
folder merge conflicts
Restore Defaults
OK
Cancel
Apply

STEPS FOR INSTALLING "VMWARE WORKSTATION PLAYER" (continued)

- Step 141:
  Click on the "x" button in the upper-right corner of the "Control Panel" window in order to close it:


All Control Panel Items
Control Panel
All Control Panel Items
Search Control P
Adjust your computer's settings
Large icons
Action Center
Administrative Tools
AutoPlay
BitLocker Drive Encryption
Color Management
Credential Manager
Date and Time
Default Programs
Device Manager
Devices and Printers
Display
Ease of Access Center
Family Safety
File History
Flash Player (32-bit)
Folder Options
Fonts
HomeGroup
Indexing Options
Internet Options
Keyboard
Language
Location Settings
Mouse
Network and Sharing Center
Notification Area Icons
Personalization