

Mac error message “App can’t be opened because it is from an unidentified developer”


Many new Mac computers running OS 10.7, 10.8, and 10.9 (Lion, Maverick, etc.) come with new default security settings set in the Apple System Preferences.

These new security settings by default will NOT let you install apps that do not come from the Apple store and since MetaNeuron was NOT from the Apple store, students with newer or upgraded Mac's will get the error message, “App can’t be opened because it is from an unidentified developer”.

Here's a simple fix:

1. Right-click (or control-click) the MetaNeuron icon and choose “Open”
2. Click the “Open” button at the next dialog warning to launch the app anyway

This is generally best for advanced users who know what apps to trust and not to trust:

1. Launch System Preferences from the Apple  menu
2. Choose “Security & Privacy” and then click the “General” tab, followed by clicking the lock icon in the corner to unlock the settings
3. Look for “Allow applications downloaded from:” and choose “Anywhere”
4. Accept the security warning and allow
5. You can now launch any app from any location or developer