

# Binary and Media download

Files stored in BinaryFile or Media Fields are not publicly downloadable via their `uri` property. Unlike image files, which are public, those must follow the permission scheme for security reasons.

Download links for those files must use a specific route, and **not** the `uri` property from the FieldType's value.

The easiest way is to use the regular `ez_render_field` twig helper, that will generate a working link. In eZ Publish Platform 5.x, the legacy `content/download` module will be used. Starting from eZ Platform 2015.05, a Symfony `content/download` feature has been added ([specifications](#)).

## Public API: Binary FieldTypes Value `url` property change

The ``url`` property of `{BinaryFile\Value}` and `{Media\Value}` now contain the absolute URL to the file, with the format

```
/content/download/{contentId}/{fieldId}
```

For more information about [Public API](#) see the documentation.

## REST API: The ``url`` property contains a valid download URL

The `url` property of Binary Fields in REST contain a valid URL, of the same format than the Public API, prefixed with the same host than the REST Request.

For more information about [REST API](#) see the documentation.

## New download route

The download route documented above will redirect to the right siteaccess based on the fieldId's language (the legacy storage engine uses one fieldId per language).

## Testing

Limited to the BinaryFile and Media fieldtypes.

We must check that the `url` property in Field Value for these fieldtype is a valid `/content/download` URI, both in Public API and REST. In REST, the URL must redirect to the language of the attribute (e.g. `fre-FR` attribute => `fre-FR` siteaccess, etc).