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The resource is a piece of legacy software, developed by NLM in 1989. In order for "HowTo Grateful Med" to function properly, it needs to be opened in an older computing environment. The computing environment has these basic requirements:

1) IBM PC family or fully compatible
2) DOS Version 2.0 or higher
3) 256K RAM or more
4) 1.5MB on a hard disk

The easiest way to open "HowTo Grateful Med" is to use an emulated environment. Although it would be possible to download the files and then install the program on a legacy computer that runs MS-DOS, but not many people have such a computer on hand.

There are several software products that can help you set up an emulated environment, like VMWare and VirtualBox. When you build your environment, you will want it to meet the basic requirements listed above. This means that you will need to have a copy of DOS Version 2.0 or higher to install into the virtual machine. Once you have DOS installed, you will then be able to install the files contained in the zip and run the program through the emulated environment.

A far easier way to run DOS on a modern computer is to work with DOSBox. DOSBox is a GNU General Public License software created by the Free Software Foundation Inc. Essentially, it runs DOS through an emulation on modern computers. As opposed to creating your own virtual machine through VMWare or Virtual Box, this is a far easier process. The website for DOSBox has extensive documentation and installation instructions for their program.

Once you've created an appropriate environment, you will need to run the software program in your DOS emulation. In order to do this, you will need to go to mount the files in the emulation. In order to do this in DOSBox, follow their introduction instructions. After the files for HowTo Grateful Med are mounted in your emulation, you will want to run "HOWTO" from the command line. This will start the program and allow you to interact with the software.