



## COMMON FILE EXTENSIONS

A computer file extension is usually a three characters addition that follows the name of a file after a period. This extension helps Windows based computers, to identify what program to associate the file with and how to properly open the file. Below is a list of common file extensions. If you come across a file whos extension is not listed here visit <http://filext.com/> online for a complete list of extensions.

**AI** – Adobe Illustrator document. Open with Adobe Illustrator or some graphics programs.

**AIF** – *Audio File* - Audio Interchange File used with Macintosh applications. Open with most audio players.

**AVI** – *Audio/Video File* - Audio/Video Interleaved used for Windows based movies. Open with most video players.

**BMP** – *Image File* - Bitmap format. Open with most graphics programs.

**DOC** – Microsoft Word Document. Open with Microsoft Word or some text editing programs.

**DOT** – Microsoft Word Template. Open with Microsoft Word or some text editing programs.

**EPS** – *Image File* - Encapsulated PostScript graphic file. Open with most graphics programs.

**EXE** – Executable file or program. Most Windows programs are this type of file.

**GIF** – *Image File* - Graphics Interchange Format that supports animation, primarily for web use. Open with most graphics programs.

**HTM (HTML)** – Hyper Text Markup. Used for web design. Open with web browser.

**INDD** – Adobe InDesign document. Open with Adobe InDesign.

**JPG (JPEG)** – *Image File* - Compressed image file. Open with most graphics programs.

**MID** – MIDI music file. Open with some audio players or Quicktime.

**MOV** – *Video File* - Quicktime movie. Open with most video players.

**MP3** – *Audio File* - MPEG Audio Layer 3. Open with most audio players.

**MPG (MPEG)** – *Audio/Video Format* - Moving Picture Experts Group audio/video file compression. Open with most video players.

**PCT (PICT)** – *Image File* - Macintosh drawing format. Open with most graphics programs.

**PDF** – Adobe Portable Document File. Open in Adobe Acrobat or view in web browser.

**PPT** – Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. Open with Microsoft PowerPoint.

**PSD** – *Image File* - Adobe Photoshop document. Open with Adobe Photoshop or some graphics programs.

**QXD** – QuarkXpress document. Open with QuarkXpress.

**RTF** – Rich Text Format. Open with text editing program or word processor.

**TIF (TIFF)** – *Image File* - Tagged Image File Format. Open with most graphics programs.

**TXT** – Text Format. Open with text editing program or word processor.

**WAV** – *Audio File* - Waveform sound file.

**XLS** – Microsoft Excel document. Open with Microsoft Excel.

**ZIP** – *Compression Format* - Compressed Zip archive. Open with ZIP application (WinZip).