

# INDEX OF FILENAME EXTENSIONS

If you've ever wondered just what all of those files do on your system, you're not alone. File types are often identified by the three-character extension of their "8.3" filenames or their Properties dialog under Windows 9x/Me. This appendix offers an index of many popular file extensions for your reference.

EXTENSION	DEFINITION
#	
.\$\$\$	A generic temporary file ( <i>also see</i> TMP)
<b>A</b>	
.A	Assembly source code
.ABK	CorelDRAW AutoBackup file
.ACL	CorelDRAW 6 keyboard accelerator
.ACM	Audio Compression Module (add-on to MSACM.DRV Windows audio driver)
.AD	Library module for After Dark screensaver
.ADF	Adapter Description file
.ADL	MicroChannel Adapter Description Library file
.ADM	After Dark MultiModule screensaver
.ADR	After Dark Randomizer screensaver
.AFM	Adobe Font Metrics
.AI	Adobe Illustrator drawing
.AIF	Apple Mac AIFF sound
.AIO	APL I/O
.ALB	JASC Image Commander album
.ALL	Arts & Letters Library
.AND	Add In Utility
.ANI	Animated Cursor
.ANN	Annotations
.ANS	ANSI text
.APL	APL workspace
.APP	Application
.ARC	LH ARC (old version) compressed archive file
.ARJ	Robert Jung ARJ compressed archive file
.ART	Xara Studio drawing

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.ASC	ASCII text
.ASD	WinWord AutoSave
.ASM	Assembly source code
.ASP	Active Server Page
.ATT	AT&T Group 4 bitmap file
.AUX	Auxiliary file
.AVI	Microsoft Audio Video Interleave (Video for Windows)
.AWD	FaxView document
<b>B</b>	
.B	BASIC source code
.B4	Helix Nuts and Bolts file
.BAK	Backup file
.BAS	BASIC source code
.BAT	Batch file
.BBL	Bibliography file
.BFC	Windows 95 Briefcase document
.BG	Backgammon for Windows game
.BGI	Borland Graphic Interface
.BI	Binary file
.BIB	Bibliography file
.BIN	Binary file
.BK!	Backup file
.BLD	BASIC Bload data
.BM1	Apogee BioMenace data file
.BMK	Bookmark file
.BMP	OS/2 or Windows bitmap file
.BNK	Ad-lib Instrument ID file
.BS1	Apogee Blake Stone data file
.BSC	Boyan Script
.BSV	BASIC Bsave data
<b>C</b>	
.C	C source code
.CAL	Calendar schedule data
.CAT	Catalog file
.CB	Microsoft clean boot file
.CBK	Wave Blaster sound bank file (alternate sets of sounds and instruments)
.CBL	Cobol source code
.CC	C/C++ source code
.CCB	Visual Basic Animated Button configuration
.CCH	Corel Chart
.CDA	CD Audio Track
.CDF	Comma delimited format
.CDR	CorelDRAW picture
.CDT	CorelDRAW template
.CDX	CorelDRAW compressed drawing
.CFG	Configuration file
.CGM	Computer Graphics metafile
.CHK	CHKDSK information

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<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.CHP	Ventura Publisher chapter
.CIL	Clip Gallery download package
.CK1	iD/Apogee Commander Keen 1 data file
.CK2	iD/Apogee Commander Keen 2 data file
.CK3	iD/Apogee Commander Keen 3 data file
.CK4	iD/Apogee Commander Keen 4 data file
.CK5	iD/Apogee Commander Keen 5 data file
.CK6	iD/Apogee Commander Keen 6 data file
.CLI	Aldus Photostyler clipboard file
.CLP	Microsoft Windows clipboard viewer data file
.CLS	Visual Basic Class Module
.CMD	Command file
.CMF	Corel metafile
.CMF	Creative Music file (a Creative Labs format for the Sound Blaster)
.CMP	Address document
.CMP	JPEG Bitmap
.CMV	Corel Move animation
.CMX	Corel Presentation Exchange image
.CNF	Configuration file
.CNQ	Compuworks Design Shop file
.COB	Cobol source code
.COD	Code file
.COM	Command file (program)
.CPD	Fax Cover document
.CPE	Fax Cover document
.CPI	Character Pixel Information
.CPI	Code Page Information
.CPL	Control Panel item
.CPL	Corel Color palette
.CPP	C++ source code
.CPR	Corel Presents Presentation
.CPT	Corel PHOTO-PAINT image
.CPX	Corel Presentation Exchange compressed drawing
.CRD	Cardfile file
.CRP	Corel Presents Run-Time Presentation
.CRT	Certificate file
.CSC	Corel Script
.CSP	PC Emcee On-Screen image
.CSV	Comma delimited text
.CT	Scitex CT Bitmap
.CUE	Microsoft Cue Cards data
.CUR	Windows Cursor file
.CUT	Dr Halo bitmap
.CV	Corel Versions archive
.CVF	Compressed Volume File
<b>D</b>	
.DAT	Data file
.DAT	WordPerfect Merge Data

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.DBF	Ashton-Tate dBASE database
.DBG	Debug info
.DBX	DataBeam image
.DCS	Desktop Color Separation file
.DCT	Dictionary file
.DCX	Fax image (based on PCX)
.DDE	Interprocess communications (IPC) protocol to support exchange of commands and data
.DDF	BTRIEVE database
.DEF	C++ Definition file
.DEF	Defaults file
.DEF	SmartWare II data file
.DEM	Demo file
.DER	Certificate file
.DES	Description file
.DIB	Device Independent Bitmap (a graphics format)
.DIC	Dictionary file
.DIF	Data Interchange Format spreadsheet
.DIF	Difference file
.DIR	Directory file
.DLG	C++ Dialogue Script
.DLL	Dynamic Link Library (executable code module for Windows)
.DOC	Microsoft Word document
.DOC	WordPerfect document
.DOC	WordStar document
.DOT	Microsoft Word document template
.DRS	Driver Resource file
.DRV	Driver files for Windows
.DRW	Drawing file
.DRW	Micrografx Designer/Draw
.DSC	Description file
.DSQ	Corel QUERY file
.DTA	Data file
.DVR	Device driver file
.DWG	AutoCAD drawing
.DXF	AutoDesk Drawing Interchange Format
<b>E</b>	
.EMF	Enhanced Windows metafile
.EML	E-Mail file
.ENC	Encoded
.EPS	Encapsulated PostScript image
.EVY	Envoy document
.EWL	Microsoft Encarta document
.EXE	Executable file (program)
<b>F</b>	
.FAV	Microsoft Outlook navigation bar
.FAX	Fax bitmaps in CCITT format
.FAX	FAX Type image
.FH3	Aldus Freehand 3 drawing

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.FLC	Autodesk hi-resolution animation file
.FLI	An animation (flick) file format created using Autodesk Animator
.FLT	Filter file: a DLL used by Corel, or for Aldus and Winword for import
.FMT	Microsoft Schedule+ print file
.FOG	Fontographer font
.FON	System font
.FOR	Fortran source code
.FOT	Font-related file
.FP	FileMaker Pro file
.FP1	Flying Pigs for Windows data file
.FP3	FileMaker Pro file
.FPX	FlashPix bitmap
.FRM	Generic form file
.FRM	Visual Basic form
.FRM	WordPerfect Merge Form
.FRX	Visual Basic form stash file
<b>G</b>	
.GAL	Corel Multimedia Manager album
.GED	Graphic Environment Document (drawing)
.GEM	GEM metafile
.GEN	Ventura-generated text file
.GFI	Genigraphics Graphics Link presentation
.GFX	Genigraphics Graphics Link presentation
.GFX	Instant Artist graphics file
.GID	Windows 95 global index file (containing help status)
.GIF	Graphic Interchange Format (CompuServe bitmap)
.GIM	Genigraphics Graphics Link presentation
.GIX	Genigraphics Graphics Link presentation
.GLY	Glossary file
.GNA	Genigraphics Graphics Link presentation
.GNX	Genigraphics Graphics Link presentation
.GRA	Microsoft Graph
.GRF	Graph file
.GRP	Windows Program Manager Group
.GWX	Genigraphics Graphics Link presentation
.GWZ	Genigraphics Graphics Link presentation
.GZ	Unix Gzip compressed file
<b>H</b>	
.H	C program header
.HED	HighEdit document
.HEL	Microsoft Hellbender saved game
.HEX	Macintosh BinHex 2.0 file
.HGL	HP Graphics Language drawing
.HLP	Help file
.HPJ	Visual Basic Help Project
.HPP	C++ program header
.HQX	Macintosh BinHex 4.0 file
.HST	History file

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.HST	Host file
.HT	HyperTerminal file
.HTM	Hypertext document file
.HTML	Hypertext document file
<b>I</b>	
.IBK	Instrument Bank file for the FM chip, specifying parameters for a particular sound
.ICB	Targa bitmap
.ICO	Windows Icon file
.IDD	MIDI Instrument Definition
.IDX	Index file
.IFF	Amiga ILBM file
.IGF	Inset Systems metafile
.IIF	QuickBooks for Windows interchange file
.IMA	WinImage file
.IMG	GEM bitmapped graphics file
.INF	Windows application Setup information files
.INI	Windows initialization files that define your Windows environment
.INS	X-Internet sign-up file
.ISP	X-Internet sign-up file
.IW	Idlewild screensaver
<b>J</b>	
.JFF	JPEG bitmap
.JFIF	JPEG File Interchange Format
.JIF	JPEG bitmap
.JN1	Epic MegaGames Jill of the Jungle data file
.JNK	Junk
.JPEG	JPEG bitmap
.JPG	JPEG bitmap
.JTF	JPEG bitmap
<b>K</b>	
.KDC	Kodak Photo-Enhancer
.KFX	KoFax Group 4 image
.KIF	Knowledge Interchange Format
.KYE	Kye game data
<b>L</b>	
.LBM	Deluxe Paint bitmap
.LBR	Library file
.LDB	Microsoft Access lock file
.LEG	Legacy document
.LET	Letter file
.LIB	Library file
.LOG	Log file
.LPD	Helix Nuts and Bolts file
.LRC	Intel Video Phone file
.LRS	Language Resource file
.LST	List file
.LZH	LH ARC compressed archive
.LZS	Skyroads data file

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
<b>M</b>	
.M3D	Corel Motion 3D animation
.MAC	MacPaint bitmap format
.MAC	Macro file
.MAD	Microsoft Access Module
.MAF	Microsoft Access Form
.MAI	Mail
.MAK	Visual Basic or MS Visual C++ Project
.MAM	Microsoft Access Macro
.MAP	Link MAP file
.MAQ	Microsoft Access Query
.MAR	Microsoft Access Report
.MAT	Microsoft Access Table
.MAZ	Hover maze data
.MB1	Apogee Monster Bash data file
.MCC	Dialer10 calling card
.MCS	MathCAD image
.MCW	Microsoft Word for Macintosh document
.MDA	Microsoft Access add-in
.MDE	Microsoft Access MDE file
.MDF	Menu Definition File
.MDN	Microsoft Access blank database template
.MDW	Microsoft Access Workgroup
.MDZ	Microsoft Access wizard template
.ME	Information file (i.e., READ.ME), typically in text format
.MEN	Menu file
.MET	Presentation Manager metafile
.MI	Miscellaneous
.MIC	Microsoft Image Composer file
.MID	MIDI music file
.MMF	Microsoft Mail File
.MMM	Microsoft Multimedia Movie
.MNU	Menu file
.MOD	A sound file format used with Amiga systems
.MOD	Microsoft Multiplan spreadsheet
.MOV	QuickTime for Windows movie
.MPE	MPEG animation
.MPEG	MPEG animation
.MPG	MPEG animation
.MSD	Microsoft Diagnostics report file
.MSG	Microsoft Mail message
.MSN	Microsoft Network document
.MSP	Microsoft Paint bitmap
.MUS	Music file
.MVB	Microsoft Multimedia Viewer file
<b>N</b>	
.NAP	NAP metafile vector image
.NDX	Index file

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.NEW	New file
.NFO	Information file
<b>O</b>	
.OBD	Microsoft Office Binder or template
.OBJ	Object file
.OBZ	Microsoft Office Binder wizard
.OCX	Visual Basic custom control
.OFN	Microsoft Office File New file
.OFT	Microsoft Outlook template
.OLB	OLE Object Library
.OLD	Old file (i.e. CONFIG.OLD)
.OLE	OLE object
.OPT	Options file
.ORG	Organizer file
.ORI	Original
.OUT	Outline file
.OVL	Overlay file
.OVR	Overlay file
<b>P</b>	
.P10	Tektronix Plot 10 drawing
.P65	Pagemaker 6.5 file
.PAB	Microsoft Personal Address Book
.PAK	Packed file
.PAL	Palette file; used by many programs, generally each with their own format
.PAS	Pascal source code
.PAT	Corel Draw pattern
.PAT	Patch file
.PBK	Microsoft Phonebook
.PBM	Portable bitmap file
.PCD	Kodak Photo CD file
.PCL	HP Laserjet bitmap
.PCS	PICS animation file
.PCT	Macintosh PICT drawing
.PCX	Zsoft PC Paintbrush picture file
.PDF	Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format
.PDX	Paradox file
.PFA	Type 1 font (ASCII)
.PFB	Type 1 font (binary)
.PFC	PF Component
.PFM	Printer Font Metrics
.PGL	HP Plotter drawing
.PGM	Portable Graymap (bitmap)
.PGP	Program Parameter
.PHO	Phone list file
.PIC	Lotus picture/Macintosh drawing/PC Paint bitmap
.PIF	Program Information File containing information about a non-Windows application
.PIX	Inset Systems bitmap
.PLL	Pre-Linked Library file



<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.PLT	AutoCAD Plot drawing
.PLT	HPGL Plotter drawing
.PM5	Pagemaker 5.0 file
.PM6	Pagemaker 6.0 file
.PNG	Paint Shop Pro Browser catalog
.PNG	Portable Network Graphics bitmap
.PNT	MacPaint graphic file
.POT	Microsoft PowerPoint template
.PP4	Picture Publisher 4 bitmap
.PPA	Microsoft PowerPoint add-in
.PPM	Portable Pixelmap bitmap
.PPS	Microsoft PowerPoint slide show
.PPT	Microsoft PowerPoint presentation
.PRD	Printer driver file
.PRE	Lotus Freelance presentation
.PRF	Windows Preferences file
.PRG	Program file
.PRN	Print Table (space delimited text)
.PRS	Harvard Graphics for Windows presentation
.PS	PostScript file
.PSD	Adobe Photoshop bitmap
.PST	Microsoft Outlook Personal Folder file
.PUB	Microsoft Publisher publication file
.PUB	Ventura Publisher publication file
.PWD	Microsoft Pocket Word document
.PWZ	Microsoft PowerPoint Wizard
.PXL	Microsoft Pocket Excel spreadsheet
<b>Q</b>	
.QAD	QuickArt document file
.QBW	QuickBooks for Windows file
.QLB	Quick Library file
.QRY	Microsoft Query file
.QT	QuickTime Movie format
.QTM	QuickTime Movie format
<b>R</b>	
.RA	Real Audio sound
.RAM	Real Audio sound
.RAS	Sun Raster Images bitmap
.RAW	Raw file format (bitmap)
.RC	Microsoft Visual C++ Resource Script
.REC	Recording file
.REF	Reference file
.REG	Registration file
.RES	Microsoft Visual C++ Resource
.RFT	RFT-DCA
.RLE	Run Length Encoding for compressed bitmap files
.RMI	Windows alternate MIDI synthesized sound format
.ROL	Adlib sound file format

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.ROV	Rescure Rover data file
.RPT	Microsoft Visual Basic Crystal Reports file
.RTF	Rich Text Format document
<b>S</b>	
.SAM	Ami Professional document file
.SAV	Saved file (i.e., saved game)
.SBI	Sound Blaster Instrument file
.SBK	AWE-32 Sound Bank file containing alternate sets of sounds and instruments
.SC2	Microsoft Schedule+ 7
.SCD	Matrix/Imapro file
.SCD	Microsoft Schedule+ 7
.SCH	Microsoft Schedule+ 1
.SCO	DL slide image file
.SCP	Dial-Up Networking Script
.SCR	Fax image file
.SCR	Script file, screen saver, or screen capture
.SCT	Scitex CT bitmap file
.SDF	Standard Data Format
.SDL	SmartDraw library file
.SDR	SmartDraw drawing
.SDT	SmartDraw template
.SEP	Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) bitmap
.SHB	Corel Show presentation
.SHB	Document shortcut file
.SHG	Hotspot bitmap file
.SHS	Shell scrap file
.SHW	Corel Show presentation file
.SLK	Symbolic Link (SYLK) spreadsheet
.SMM	Lotus AmiPro spreadsheet file
.SND	Raw sound file format—also a sound file used in Mac systems
.SND	Mac Sound Resource file
.SND	NeXT sound file
.SPL	Spell checker
.STY	Ventura style sheet file
.SUP	Supplemental file
.SVX	Amiga 8 sound file
.SWP	Swap file
.SYM	Symbol file
.SYS	System device driver (such as HIMEM.SYS)
<b>T</b>	
.TAR	Tape Archive file
.TAZ	UNIX Gzip/Tape Archive file
.TBX	Toolbox file
.TDF	Trace Definition File
.TDF	Typeface Definition File
.TEX	Texture file
.TFM	Tagged Font Metric
.TGA	Targa "Tru Color" bitmapped format

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.TGZ	UNIX Gzip/Tape Archive file
.THD	Thread
.THN	Graphics Workshop for Windows thumbnail
.THS	Thesaurus
.TIF	Tagged Image Format
.TIG	Tiger file—used by U.S. government to distribute maps
.TLB	OLE Type Library
.TMP	Windows temporary file
.TRM	Terminal file
.TST	Test file
.TTF	TrueType Font file
.TWF	TabWorks file
.TWW	Tagwrite template file
.TX8	MS-DOS text file
.TXT	Generic text (ASCII) format
<b>V</b>	
.VBP	Visual Basic Project
.VBX	Visual Basic Extension or custom control
.VBS	Virtual Basic script file
.VDA	Targa bitmap
.VLB	Corel Ventura Library
.VOC	Creative voice file created with a Sound Blaster card
.VP	Ventura Publisher publication
.VST	Targa bitmap
.VSW	Visio Workspace file
.VXD	Windows virtual device driver file
<b>W</b>	
.WAV	Windows waveform audio file
.WB1	QuattroPro for Windows spreadsheet
.WB2	QuattroPro for Windows spreadsheet
.WBK	Microsoft Word Backup
.WBL	Argo WebLoad II upload file
.WCM	WordPerfect Macro
.WDB	Microsoft Works database
.WEB	CorelXara Web document
.WGP	Wild Board Games data file
.WID	Ventura width table
.WIL	WinImage file
.WIZ	Microsoft Word Wizard
.WK1	Lotus 123 versions 1 & 2 spreadsheet
.WK3	Lotus 123 version 3 spreadsheet
.WK4	Lotus 123 version 4 spreadsheet
.WKS	Lotus 123 Worksheet spreadsheet
.WKS	Microsoft Works document
.WLF	Argo WebLoad I upload file
.WLL	Microsoft Word add-In
.WMF	Windows metafile vector graphics format
.WP	WordPerfect document

<b>EXTENSION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
.WP4	WordPerfect 4 document
.WP5	WordPerfect 5 document
.WP6	WordPerfect 6 document
.WPD	WordPerfect demo
.WPD	WordPerfect document
.WPG	WordPerfect graphic
.WPS	Microsoft Works document
.WPT	WordPerfect template
.WPW	Novel PerfectWorks document
.WQ1	QuattroPro/DOS spreadsheet
.WQ2	QuattroPro/DOS version 5 spreadsheet
.WRI	Write document file
.WRL	Virtual reality model
.WS1	WordStar for Windows 1 document
.WS2	WordStar for Windows 2 document
.WS3	WordStar for Windows 3 document
.WS4	WordStar for Windows 4 document
.WS5	WordStar for Windows 5 document
.WS6	WordStar for Windows 6 document
.WS7	WordStar for Windows 7 document
.WSD	WordStar 2000 document
.WVL	Wavelet compressed bitmap file
<b>X</b>	
.XAR	Corel Xara drawing
.XLA	Microsoft Excel add-in
.XLB	Microsoft Excel toolbar
.XLC	Microsoft Excel chart
.XLD	Microsoft Excel dialog
.XLK	Microsoft Excel backup
.XLM	Microsoft Excel macro
.XLS	Microsoft Excel worksheet
.XLT	Microsoft Excel template
.XLV	Microsoft Excel VBA module
.XLW	Microsoft Excel workbook/workspace
.XML	Extensible Markup Language files
.XR1	Epic MegaGames Xargon data file
.XTP	XTree data file
.XY3	XYWrite III document
.XY4	XYWrite IV document
.XYP	XYWrite III Plus document
.XYW	XYWrite for Windows 4.0 document
<b>Y</b>	
.YAL	Arts & Letters clipart library
.YBK	Microsoft Encarta Yearbook
<b>Z</b>	
.Z	UNIX Gzip (compressed)
.ZIP	PKZIP archive file