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Every file on your computer has an extension (think, “suffix”) that helps identify what type of document it is. Here is a list of common file extensions you may find on your computer/laptop.

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### AUDIO FILE EXTENSIONS

- .mp3 – A common music file that can be played on both PC’s and Mac computers.
- .wav – An uncompressed audio file (large file size).
- .wma – An audio file format developed by Microsoft (Windows Media Audio)
- .aif(f) – An audio file format used by Macintosh computers

### EXECUTABLE FILE EXTENSIONS

- .exe – A Windows (PC) based program file. Be VERY cautious of these.
- .dmg – A Mac-based program file. Be VERY cautious of these.

### IMAGE FILE EXTENSIONS

- .bmp – A bitmap is a common image format for icons and simple graphics
- .gif – Restricted to 256 colors (low detail)
- .jpeg (or .jpg) – A “JPG” image supports up to 16 million colors. Much higher resolution
- .png – Supports up to 281 trillion colors

### VIDEO FILE EXTENSIONS

- .mp4 – A standard video extension supported on both PC and Mac computers
- .mov – Apple Quick Time video format
- .avi – Audio Video Interleave – A Microsoft created video format

### COMMON COMPUTER PROGRAMS – TEXT FILE EXTENSIONS

- .doc and .docx – Microsoft Word file
- .xls and .xlsx – Microsoft Excel Document
- .ppt and .pptx – Microsoft Power Point Document
- .wpd – Word Perfect Document
- .pdf – Adobe Acrobat File
- .rtf – Rich Text Format
- .txt – Text document (readable on ANY type of computer)