

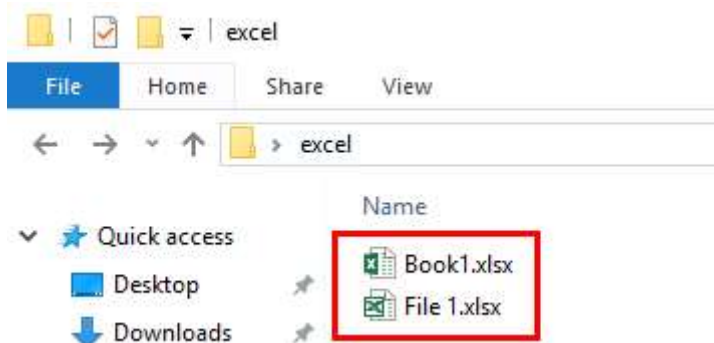
# Top 5 Excel file Formats

Below are some of the top file formats for Excel. You may follow this article to explore some of them.

## #1 – XLSX

The default Excel format is "XLSX." However, when we press the "Save As" option, Excel, by default, recognizes this extension. It is the replacement of the earlier extension called **XLS**. It is the most popular Excel file extension for non-macro files.

Below is the image which shows how the file is saved under this method.

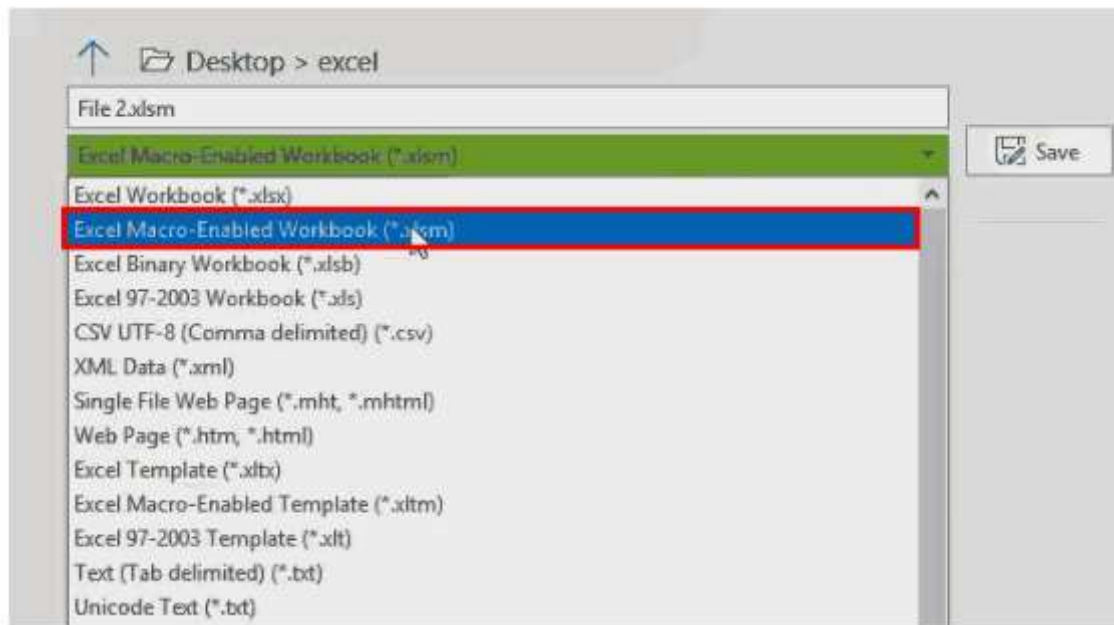


## #2 – XLSM

This Excel file format is used for a VBA Macro file. If we are working with macro in Excel, we need to change the Excel extension to enable the smooth flow of macro running. It is the default extension type for a macro containing a workbook.

XLSX does not support the macro code. Therefore, we need to save the workbook as a macro-enabled workbook to run the macros.

While saving the workbook, we need to select the file type as “Excel Macro-Enabled Workbook.”

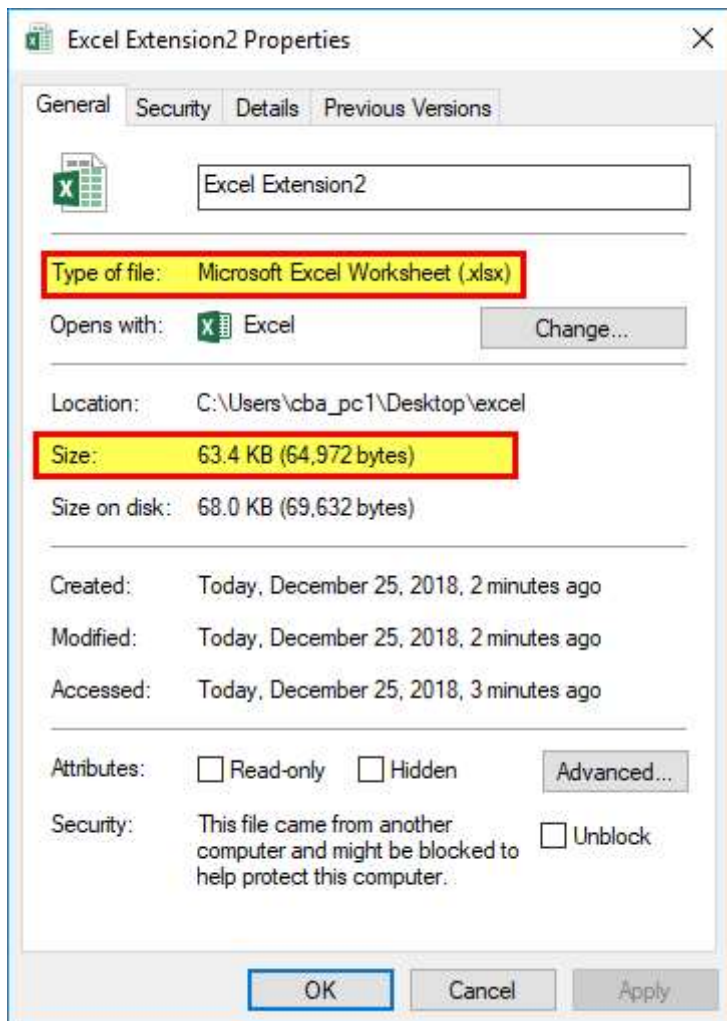


### #3 – XLSB

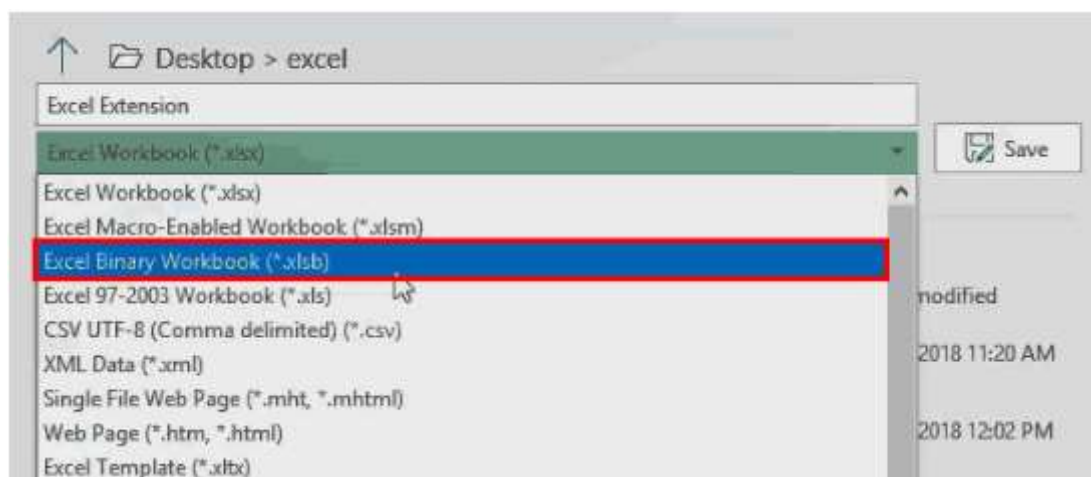
Often in Excel, we face the issue of too much data, and the Excel file slows down. In addition, if Excel is saved in the form of “XLSX” or “XLSM” Excel, the workbook tends to slow down.

“XLSB” means “Excel Binary Workbook.” If we save the workbook as a binary workbook, it will reduce the weight of the workbook.

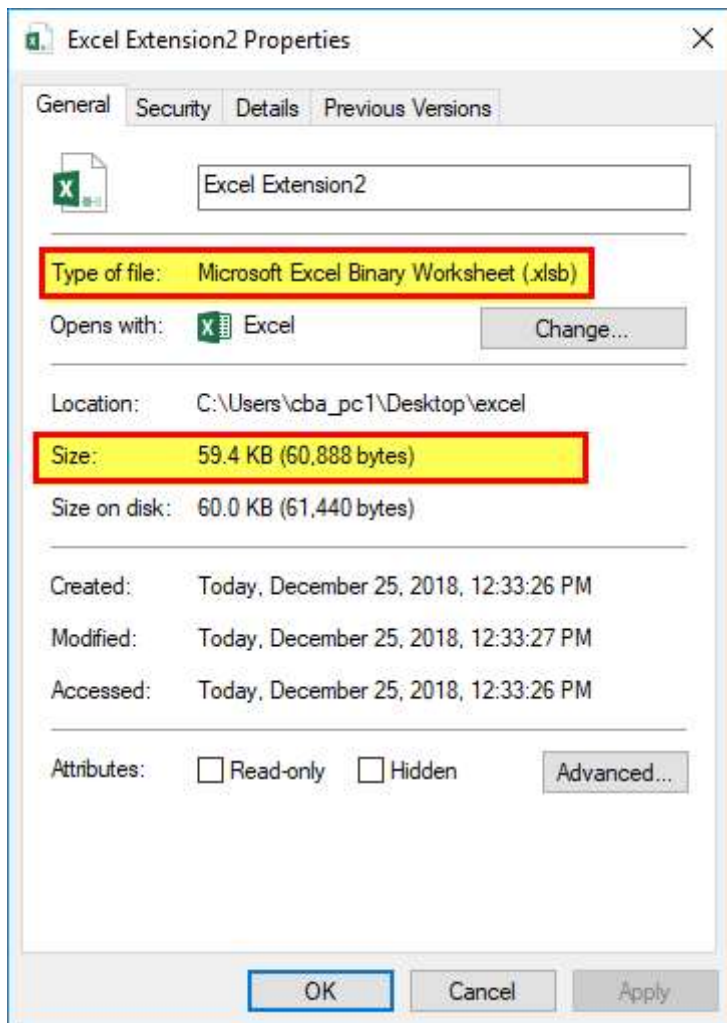
Look at the below image, an Excel workbook saved in the form of “XLSX,” and the total workbook weight is 63.4 KB.



Now, we will save this file as “Excel Binary Workbook.”



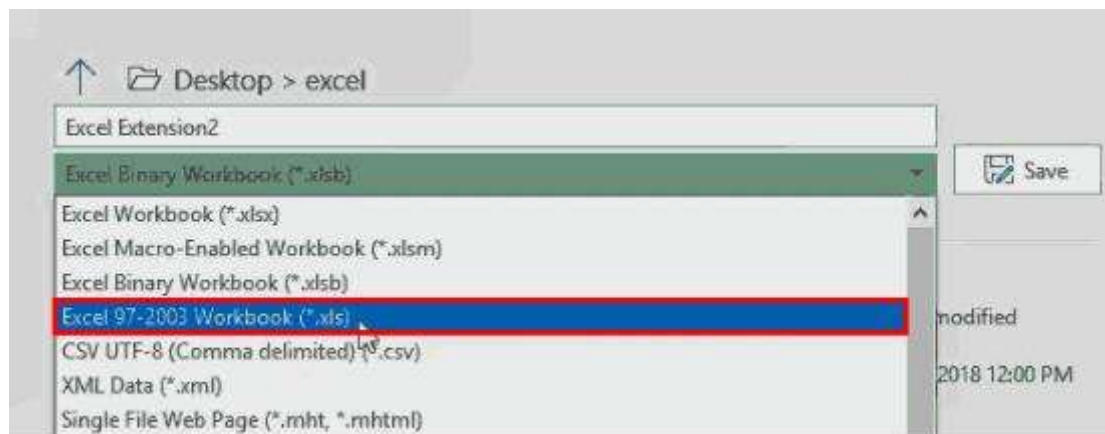
Now, look at the size of the workbook.



So, Excel binary workbook reduces the workbook size to 59.4 KB. **In the case of a large file, it reduces the size of the workbook by 50%.**

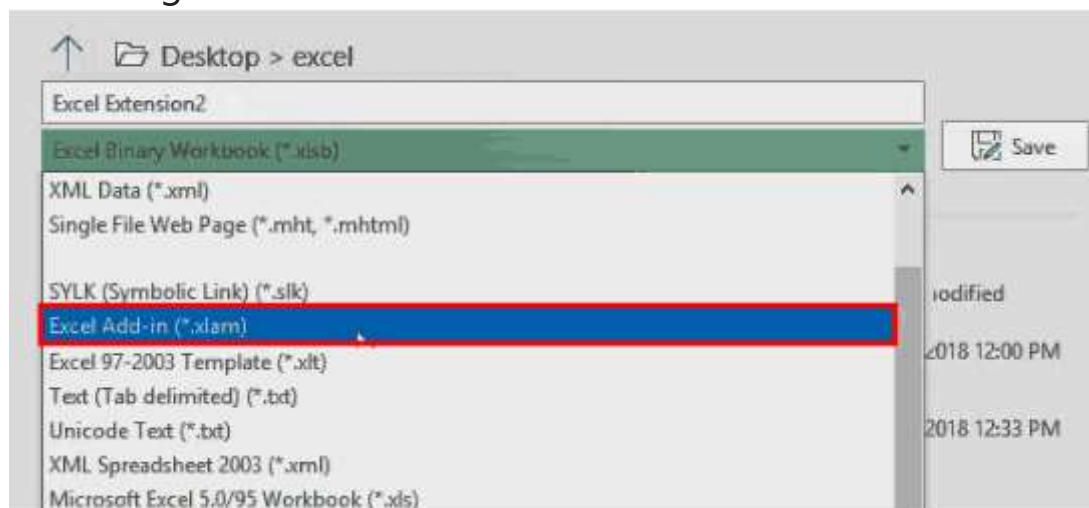
## #4 – XLS

Probably, we may not see this kind of Excel file format these days. However, this file is saved for the binary workbook of Excel 97 to Excel 2003 binary format.



## #5 – XLAM

It is the Excel Add-in. [Excel Add-ins](#) are extra features we add to the Excel workbook. Excel has many built-in features. On top of these available features, we can create some macros and make Excel talk according to our wishes.



Once the macro is created, we need to save the file as "Excel Add-ins." Once the workbook is saved as "Add-in," click on [Developer Tab](#) > Excel Add-ins and select the additional feature created by a User Defined Function (UDF).

