**Different types of computer files?**

There are literally thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of different types of computer files. You can find a lot of them by entering "computer file types" into your favorite search engine. But they generally break down as follows:

* **System files.** Files the computer needs to run.
* **Application files.** Programs that run on the computer.
* **Application support files.** Files that programs use to store preferences, serial numbers, etc.
* **Preference files.** Similar to System files, but are specific to the way *you* use the computer.
* **Documents.** Files created by the Applications.

You can break documents down into different types, such as music, podcasts, pictures, videos, PDFs, eBooks, audiobooks, etc.