

UNDERSTANDING FILE TYPES

Multimedia files are digital files that contain a combination of different media elements, such as images, audio, video, and animations. These files are used in various applications, including websites, presentations, advertisements, and entertainment media.

What is File Types

file type is a name given to a specific kind of file For example, a Microsoft Word document and an Adobe Photoshop document are two different file types. While these file types are associated with individual application, other file types, such as MP3 audio files are standard file types that can be opened by multiple programs.

what is the Importance of understanding different file formats

Efficiency

- Choosing the right file format can optimize file size and quality.
- Improves performance and reduces storage requirements.

Functionality

- : Different formats offer unique features, such as PDFs for preserving document formatting

Text Files

Common Text File Formats

.txt: the most basic and widely supported text file format

Used in

taking quick notes and saving simple text information

Used for storing log data generated by software applications and systems.

can be opened and edited using any text editor, making them highly versatile.



doc/docx: Microsoft Word Document

Used in

Word processing, creating formatted documents, reports

Used for writing personal letters, journals.....)

conjunction with Excel or Access to create personalized documents such as letters and labels



Image Files

Common Image File Formats

.jpg/.jpeg: Joint Photographic Experts Group



Uses:

printing photographs and images in magazines, brochures, and other printed materials
for uploading photos to social media platforms because of its compatibility and efficient compression.

Widely used by photographers for high-quality image storage with manageable file sizes.

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.gif: Graphics Interchange Format

Used



in email marketing campaigns to make them more engaging and eye-catching

for animations, simple graphics, and expressing emotions online

how computers represent data

Computers represent data using a binary system, which is based on two states: 0 and 1. Here's a basic overview:

- Binary System: Data is represented using sequences of bits (binary digits), where each bit can be either 0 or 1.
- Bytes: A group of 8 bits forms a byte. For example, the binary number **01000001** represents the decimal number 65, which corresponds to the ASCII character 'A'.
- Data Types: Different types of data are represented using various formats:

Resources and url's

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[GIMP - GNU Image Manipulation Program](#)

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