

, a special executable file that loads the kernel/OS. There are only 2 files (I think) belongs to this type: IO.SYS and MSDOS.SYS. Then I guess the most famous one is a text file (user-readable/editable) that contains the "instructions" to load important OS drivers. There are only 1 file (I think) in this type: CONFIG.SYS. The last one is a driver, which is normally specified in CONFIG.SYS to be loaded as part of system startup. There are many files in this type such as ANSI.SYS, HIMEM.SYS, KEYBOARD.SYS, etc. You can find some drivers in newer Windows OS have .SYS extension. I see sec_ware subscribed to this thread. He can point you better the right direction for "programming system files" (which I think you meant the 3rd type [drivers]). Always listen to experts. They'll tell you what can't be done and why. Then go and do it. – Robert Heinlein I'm basically a very lazy person who likes to get credit for things other people actually do. – Linus Torvalds December 12th, 2005, 09:18 AM