# PC platforms

## Definition

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**PC platforms** refer to **personal computers that games are designed to run on**.

## Key points:

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* **PC = Personal Computer**, typically desktops or laptops.
* Most games on PC are designed for **specific operating systems (OS)**.

## Common PC Platforms / OS:

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1. **Windows** – the most popular PC gaming platform
2. **macOS** – Apple computers
3. **Linux** – open-source systems, less common but supported by some games

## Typical game file types for PC:

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**Windows**

* Description: Personal computers running Microsoft Windows OS (desktop or laptop).
* Supported versions: Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 10, 11
* Typical game file types:
  + **.exe** → Windows executable
  + **.iso** → disk image (used for installation or emulation)
  + **.bin** → binary game file
  + **.msi** → installer package
* Example: SuperGame.exe, SuperGame.iso

**2. macOS**

* Description: Apple computers (MacBook, iMac, Mac Mini, Mac Studio) running macOS.
* Typical game file types:
  + **.app** → main application/game package
  + **.dmg** → disk image for installation
  + **.zip** → compressed game folder
  + **.iso** → disk image (less common)
* Example: SuperGame.app, SuperGame.dmg

**3. Linux**

* Description: Open-source operating system running on desktops and laptops; popular distributions include Ubuntu, Fedora, Debian, Mint, Arch Linux.
* Typical game file types:
  + **Executables** (no extension, run via terminal)
  + **.AppImage** → portable Linux application
  + **.deb** → Debian package installer
  + **.tar.gz** or **.tar.bz2** → compressed archive containing the game
* Example: SuperGame (terminal executable), SuperGame.AppImage, SuperGame.deb

✅ So when we say **PC platform**, we mean a game that runs on a personal computer using one of these operating systems.