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se an invisible <iframe>:

```
<iframe id="my_iframe" style="display:none;"></iframe>
<script>function Download(url) {
    document.getElementById('my_iframe').src = url;
};
</script>
```

To force the browser to download a file it would otherwise be capable of rendering (such as HTML or text files), you need the server to set the file's [MIME Type](#) to a nonsensical value, such as `application/x-please-download-me` or alternatively `application/octet-stream`, which is used for arbitrary binary data.

If you only want to open it in a new tab, the only way to do this is for the user to click on a link with its `target` attribute set to `_blank`.

**In jQuery:**

```
$('#a#someID').attr({target: '_blank',
    href : 'http://localhost/directory/file.pdf'});
```

Whenever that link is clicked, it will download the file in a new tab/window.