

# Re: Difference between Portable Executable (PE) file and a Assembly

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Hi Mahesh:

PE is a file format.

An assembly is the smallest unit of deployment for .NET applications and consist of one or more modules. These modules use the PE file format.

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Scott

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On Sun, 1 May 2005 12:17:05 -0700, suresh\_C#  
<[sureshC@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:sureshC@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

>Dear All,  
>  
>What is difference between Portable Executable (PE) file and a Assembly?  
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>Thanks,  
>Mahesh  
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