

Re: .docx files

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Mac OSX can zip and unzip files from within the system itself whether you have program or not.

to try remove anything such as Stuffit or Stuffit Deluxe or Stuffit Expander the go to Finder in File menu you will see create archive That's in zip format.

Having to turn off zip format in archiving will present a problem as on Mac OSX there are four major ways of sending archive or compressed files.

..dmg (disk image), .zip, sit/sitx, .pkg (Package) if you have turn off ..zip then that means every item sent zip will have opened manually.

That's also going to be a complication with internet files sent as .xpi which also is zip files that are simply renamed .zip files :-/

John McGhie wrote:

OK, your problem is that Safari is set up to "Open" Zip files for you.

A .docx file IS a .zip file, it simply has a different extension. That extension should signal the unzipping applications on your computer to leave it alone.

But internally, it is a .zip file. You need to cancel the association with the .docx extension from whichever decompressing application is getting hold of the file first, so that it does not break it apart.

You need to prevent your browser from doing that: otherwise the converter doesn't know what you're handing it. It expects a single .docx file. So first you need to download those links to your hard drive. The converter can't handle them until they have been stored on your local disk as a single file.

A .docx is a Zipped folder of files. The Converter must see the whole thing as a single file (because the first thing it's going to do is uncompress it into a folder structure). Just double-click the file, or drag it to the converter window, and it will work. Tell your computer "Stop trying to "Help", you're getting in the way!" :-) And be patient: a long document will take a while to convert, depending on the speed of your computer: the

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converter is a large application (basically, it's the "engine" out of Word 2008) and it's working very hard. If you're low on processor speed, free RAM, or hard disk space, expect to wait a while :-)

Yes, the converter works fine for me. The resulting .rtf is readable in both TextEdit and Word. And yes, corrupted files that crash Word 2007 also crash the converter :-)

Cheers

On 19/5/07 3:04 PM, in article
1179551052.530241.247520@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "jsafdie@xxxxxxxxx"
<jsafdie@xxxxxxxxx> wrote:

JE --- again, many thanks, but . .

In Safari, when I "control - click" on the link, it does give me the choice you mentioned, but the link downloads to my desktop as either a .docx file OR a regular zip file (that is, a .docx.zip file) --- in either case, when I try to drag that file onto EITHER the "Convert One File" OR the "Convert Many Files" dialog box of the converter . . . the file disappears, and nothing happens.

I mean, I appreciate that it's a Beta patch, but I wonder if anyone has been able to deal with .docx files with this Office:Mac program . . .

On May 18, 8:13 pm, JE McGimpsey <jemcgimp...@xxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article
<1179538869.187782.179...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,

jsaf...@xxxxxxxxx wrote:

What happens when, rather than clicking on the .docx files, you instead drag the .docx file onto the Office Converter's application window?

--- Thanks for the interest, but I guess I'm not sure what you're talking about. The file in question exists only as a link --- the one

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I'm trying now, for example, is "racism in the twentieth century.docx"
I can't drag the link anywhere. And when I click on that link, as I said, an entire folder appears on my desktop. I can't drag the folder onto the Office Converter's application window . . . it disappears. If I click on the folder, I get three more folders, including one called "word" . . . which seems promising . . . but when I click on THAT folder, I just get a lot of .xml files — and when I try to drag ANY of them onto the Office Converter's application window, it too disappears.

Download the .docx file to your hard drive as a .docx file (the method varies depending on what browser you're using, but in Safari, you can ctrl-click the link and choose Download Linked File), then drag the file onto the converter's application window.

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If it's "fixed", don't "break it"!

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