

## Re: email attachments

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yeah, all the above are correct. Notepad is a very small text editor that comes with all versions of windows for free sort of. It's buried in the Accessories folder along with it's bigger brother Wordpad. When you make a file the software you use to make it, adds a 3 letter extension to the end of the name you give the file. The extension is how the software can recognize it's children later when you go to open the file. The file association thing in windows associates programs with extensions. Adobe uses the .pdf extension, Notepad uses .txt, and WordPad uses .doc. When something doesn't open correctly, as a previous post pointed out, the associations may have gotten mixed up, but in your case it's just a matter of not having the software installed that can read the file. When you have trouble like this, right click on the file and a menu will come up, one choice of which will be "Open With." Click on that and you will see a list of all the programs on your computer that has registered its file extension with windows. Anyone you click on will launch that program and try to load the file. Be careful though, because there is a little box on the bottom that defaults with a check in it. It says, ALWAYS use this program to open this file, so if its wrong, it will always be wrong until you correct it, so the safest bet is to uncheck the box, and keep launching programs until one works, and then put a check in the box.

I use notepad all the time because it is so fast and it creates extremely tiny files. Also, if you run it, hit the F5 button, and watch what happens, it's great.

Mike.

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