

Re: pictures

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Rockefeller13 wrote:

- > I'm trying to rename some of my pictures; however, it says, "if you
- > change a file name extension, the file may become unusable"
- > does anybody know how to fix this problem?

What problem? The message you're getting is correct. The extension describes the kind of file it is, and if you change it, the software that you probably want to use on the file will not recognize what kind of file it is.

For example, if you double-click a file called picture.jpg, whatever image program you use will open the picture. If you change the file's name to picture.xyz, neither that program nor any other image program will know what to do with it.

You can change the part of the name before the extension (for example, change picture.jpg to PictureOfMary.jpg), but don't change the extension.

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