

Re: floppy drive

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Richard wrote:

> *To: Thomas W. Thank you for the excellent advice! I have a lot of files
> on the floppy's, it's the "extensions" (i.e. .Dll, .Lst, etc.) that are
> the problem. I get a message that states "Windows cannot open the
> following file: "name of file as in "STARTUP.lst"; then it goes on to ask
> me if I want to open it by picking from a list or if I want Windows to go
> on the Web and try to find the program that created it. When I choose the
> Web option, it refers me to a web site for extension files which does not
> help as it only says Windows created it. Thanks again.*

Hi, Richard;

The .lst extension is most probably what you'd guess by the extension: a "list" of things. It may be a script or macro full of commands to execute when that program is started/booted.

You may be able to open the file "startup.lst" with Notepad just to view the contents — just don't make any changes or save the file back to the floppy.

As to associating that file extension with some program, you may not want to rush into doing that manually. It is most likely some application on that floppy (or whatever created it) that needs to read that file; if you force the association of that file extension with something else the program may not work correctly.

One last thing: while the file "startup.lst" may be safe and a valid part of some application, you should be aware that several virus/trojan/spyware uglies use similar naming conventions to install/infest systems. So be careful about what it is you are trying to grab from those old floppies. <g>

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