

## The most common formats encountered

To give you an idea of how much investing in individual applications can cost your business, here is a list of some of the formats you will most likely encounter that require specialized software to open.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Portable Document Format File</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Microsoft Excel, Open XML Spreadsheet</b>
<b>Format</b>	.PDF	<b>Format</b>	.XLS, .XLSX
<b>Native Application</b>	Adobe Acrobat Reader (\$155.88/year)	<b>Native Application</b>	Microsoft Visual Studio (Packed with Office, \$99.99/year)
<b>Use</b>	Non-editable documents and scanned documents	<b>Use</b>	Spreadsheets and data sheets
<b>Name</b>	<b>Adobe Photoshop Document</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Adobe InDesign Document</b>
<b>Format</b>	.PSD	<b>Format</b>	.INDD
<b>Native Application</b>	Adobe Photoshop (\$120/year)	<b>Native Application</b>	Adobe InDesign (\$251.88/year)
<b>Use</b>	Editable images and Photoshop projects	<b>Use</b>	Page layout and design
<b>Name</b>	<b>3ds Max Scene File</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Structured Query Language Data File</b>
<b>Format</b>	.MAX	<b>Format</b>	.SQL
<b>Native Application</b>	Autodesk 3ds Max (\$1,505/year)	<b>Native Application</b>	Microsoft SQL Management Studio (Standard Server, \$931)
<b>Use</b>	3D Image Files	<b>Use</b>	Big data database file
<b>Name</b>	<b>Extensible Markup Language Data File</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Adobe Illustrator File</b>
<b>Format</b>	.XML	<b>Format</b>	.AI
<b>Native Application</b>	Microsoft Visual Studio (\$540/year)	<b>Native Application</b>	Adobe Illustrator (\$239.88/year)
<b>Use</b>	Non-editable documents and scanned documents	<b>Use</b>	Vector images
<b>Name</b>	<b>Microsoft Word Document (XML)</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Scalable Vector Graphics File</b>
<b>Format</b>	.DOC, .DOCX	<b>Format</b>	.SVG
<b>Native Application</b>	Microsoft Word (Packed with Office, \$99.99/year)	<b>Native Application</b>	Adobe Illustrator (\$239.88/year)
<b>Use</b>	Word processing and text documents	<b>Use</b>	Common vector image file
<b>Name</b>	<b>Microsoft Powerpoint Presentation (XML)</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Computer-aided Drafting (CAD) File</b>
<b>Format</b>	.PPT, .PPTX	<b>Format</b>	DWG, .DXF
<b>Native Application</b>	Microsoft Powerpoint (Packed with Office, \$99.99/year)	<b>Native Application</b>	AutoDesk AutoCAD (\$1250/year)
<b>Use</b>	Presentations and slideshows	<b>Use</b>	2D and 3D designs
		<b>Name</b>	<b>Binary Disc Image, Disc Image File</b>
		<b>Format</b>	.BIN, .ISO
		<b>Native Application</b>	Power ISO (\$29.95)
		<b>Use</b>	Disk Image Files