



Internet Downloads

Helpers

Netscape needs help deciphering many of the multimedia files that it encounters on the Web. You'll need a few HELPER APPLICATIONS that allow you to see these files. You can tell Netscape how to behave when it encounters multimedia in the EDIT menu under Preferences. Select the HELPERS item and let Netscape know which helper programs you have. Netscape can launch these applications automatically or save your downloads with the proper identity.

Below is a list of some of the common file types that you'll probably download from the Internet at some time (Note: in most cases, there are several other programs that will read the designated file types).

<u>FILE CODE</u>	<u>FILE TYPE</u>	<u>HELPER</u>
aiff	sound	Sound Machine
aifc	sound	Sound Machine
au	sound	Sound Machine
ra, ram	sound	RealAudio Player, RealPlayer
wav	sound	[Windows] Balthazar, MoviePlayer
mid, midi	sound	MoviePlayer
gif	picture	JPEGView, GIFConverter, GraphicConverter
jpg	picture	JPEGView, GIFConverter, GraphicConverter
pdf	document	Acrobat Reader
mpeg	movie	MoviePlayer
mov	movie	MoviePlayer
stk	presentation	HyperStudio

Plug-Ins

Netscape browsers beginning with version 2.0 are able to make use of many multimedia files using software called "plug-ins." Plug-ins add features to the basic Netscape program enabling users can see/hear multimedia content *without* having to use helper programs (see above). For example, a plug-in could enable Netscape itself to play a movie instead of requiring the user to download, save, and then view the movie using another program. The following plug-ins are available at no cost from their creators and various on-line distributors. To use them, download the plug-in, then drag it into the PLUG INS folder within the Netscape folder. Restart the *browser* and the plug-ins will become active.

<u>FILE CODE</u>	<u>FILE TYPE</u>	<u>PLUG-IN</u>
aiff	sound	QuickTime
aifc	sound	QuickTime
au	sound	QuickTime
ra, ram	sound	RealAudio
wav	sound	QuickTime

mid, midi	sound	QuickTime, Crescendo, MidiPlug
gif	picture	none needed
jpg	picture	none needed
pdf	document	Acrobat
mpeg	movie	QuickTime
mov	movie	QuickTime
stk	presentation	HyperStudio

Decoders

Files downloaded from the Internet are often compressed when they arrive. You'll need to decode such files in order to use them. Here are some common compression formats:

<u>FILE CODE</u>	<u>FILE TYPE</u>	<u>DECODER</u>
zip	compressed	[Windows] Unzip
cpt	compressed	Compact Pro, Stuffit Expander
sit	compressed	Stuffit, Stuffit Expander
sea	compressed	none—it is a Self-Extracting Archive
bin	compressed	Stuffit Deluxe
hqx	compressed	BinHqx, Stuffit Expander
mme	compressed	Mpack, Stuffit Expander

After using a decoder program you'll frequently see a series of similarly named documents. For example, after decoding the downloaded document called *newthing.hqx*, you may find *newthing.hqx*, *newthing.sit*, AND *newthing folder*. Keep the new folder or program and throw away the .hqx and the .sit documents; the latter items are no longer needed.