

Files Unassociate

Ever encounter an application that designates itself as the default program for a file extension previously owned by another program? The quickest way to get out of this jam using Win9x or XP is to:

1. Find an example of an incorrectly associated file.
2. Click on the file once to select it.
3. Then hold down the Shift key while you right-click on it.
4. Choose Open With.
5. Select the correct program to open a file with that extension
6. Check the "Always use this program to open this type of file" box and click on OK.
7. Or, if you don't find the program, click on the Other button and navigate to the correct program on your drive.

Note: It is best to NOT check the "Always use this program..." Until you first try the program to confirm that it will indeed open the file. If the program can't open the file, with the check in that "Always..." Box, you've just associated every file with that extension to a program that can't open it.

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