Default Formats For Word Processors

There are many different Word Processors being used today. Each has different formats (extensions - those 3 letters after the dot at the end of a file name) in which a file may be saved. If you share a file for example from MSWORD with someone who only has MSWORKS, they may be unable to open and read your file. To get around this, I changed my DEFAULT format for MSWORD to be .rtf (rich text format) because any word processor is able to open and view this type of text file. I am able to share files created in my MSWORD with anyone no matter which word processor they use.

To change default file save options in Office Word 2007

- 1. Open Microsoft Office Word 2007, double-click Word Options at the bottom of the box, and click Save in the left column..
- 2. In the right pane, click Save files in this format.
- 3. In Save files in this format, click the down arrow.
- 4. In the drop-down box, select a default file save format, such as .rtf (rich text format)
- 5. Click OK at the bottom of the screen to save the settings.

Note:For Pictures, I save all pictures as .jpg files because almost any photo program can open and view pictures saved as a .jpg file

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