Changing Default Programs

Windows gives the ability to control what program will open a particular file type, if you have multiple programs that could open it. To change the program that opens a file, perform the following. We will use a PDF document opening in Chrome as our example, and these settings are from Windows 10, so your scenario may look different, but the steps will be very similar. There are three methods to accomplish this.

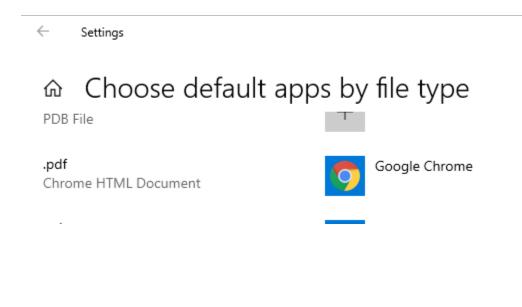
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Method One – Choose By File Type

1. From the Start menu or search bar, type in 'file type' and select the option that comes up.

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Choose a default app for each type of file System settings	≣⊒↑	
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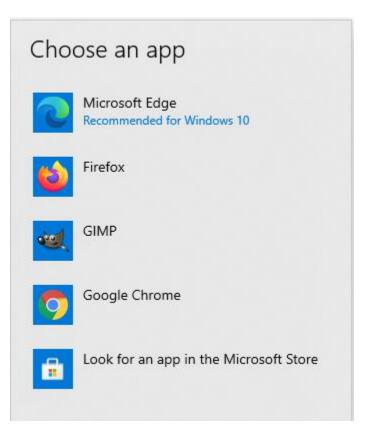
2. Next, scroll through the list and find the filetype you wish to modify, in this case, PDF, and click on the current program or "Choose a default" option if no program is currently selected.





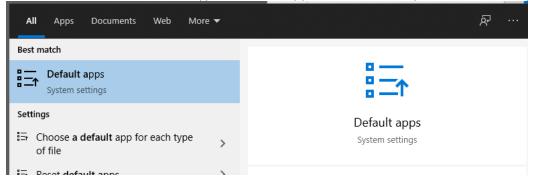


3. Choose the program you wish to use from the list.



Method Two – Choose By App

1. From the Start menu or search bar, type in 'default app" and select the option that comes up.



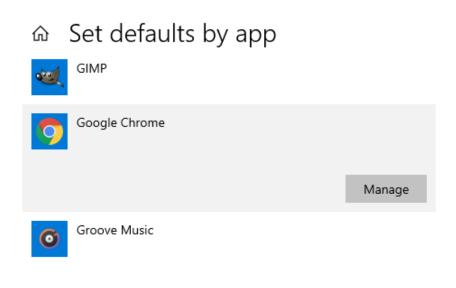




2. Scroll to the bottom and click 'Set defaults by app' Default apps

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Photo vi	iewer
	Photos
Video p	layer
6	Movies & TV
Web bro	owser
9	Google Chrome
Reset to	the Microsoft recommended defaults
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Choose	default apps by file type
Choose	default apps by protocol
Set defa	ults by app

3. Scroll through the list, locate the app you wish to control, and click Manage ← Settings



4. You will see a list of file types the selected app is capable of opening, and the current app that opens that file type. Adjust as needed.

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File type and protocol associations

Name	Default app	
.htm Chrome HTML Document	Google Chrome	
.html Chrome HTML Document	Google Chrome	
.pdf Chrome HTML Document	Google Chrome	
.shtml Chrome HTML Document	Google Chrome	
.svg Microsoft Edge HTML Document	Microsoft Edge	
.webp Chrome HTML Document	Google Chrome	
. xht XHTML Document	Internet Explorer	
. xhtml XHTML Document	Internet Explorer	
FTP URL:File Transfer Protocol	+ Choose a default	





Method Three – Choose While Opening File

1. Locate a sample file of the type you wish to change. Right-click on it, and select 'open with' then 'Choose another app'

	Chrome HTML Do 199 KB	
	Microsoft Word D 329 KB	
>	Chrome HTML Do 266 KB	
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	Chrome HTML Do 345 KB	
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Scan with Bitdefender Endpoint Security Tools		
	Google Chrome Microsoft Edge	
	Search the Microsoft Store	
>	Choose another app	
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2. Select the app from the list. To make the change permanent, check the box to 'Always use...' at the bottom

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	How do you want to open this file?				
	Keep using this app				
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	0	Microsoft Edge Open PDFs right in your web browser.			
0	Other options				
	6	Firefox			
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