

# Documentum Object Types Quick Reference Guide

All content in the Documentum repository (including cabinets, folders, and files) has an object type assigned to it. Files are assigned an asset object type, and folders are assigned a folder object type. Documentum uses these object types to associate metadata with the content. Metadata can be used to describe the physical attributes of the file or folder (size, file type, etc), and its descriptive attributes (last modified date, owner, etc.).

Documentum supports many file types. This chart lists the most common file types and extensions along with their corresponding asset object types.

## Asset Object Types

| Asset Object Type | Files Types   | Common File Extensions   |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Image File        | Photos, illustrations, maps, etc.   | ai, bmap, bmp, cvs, eps, gif, giff, ico, jpg, jpeg, png, psd, svg, tif, tiff, ttf, vsd, wmf                                    |
| Layout File       | Layout files such as InDesign, Quark, and FrameMaker                                  | fm, indd, indl, indt, qrk, qxd, qxp, qxt, xtg  |
| Render File       | PDF files, postscript files   | fdf, pdf, ps   |
| Text File         | Files, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, XML, and program and project management forms | aspx, css, csv, dat, db, doc, docm, docx, dot, dotm, dotx, htm, html, incx, java, js, jsp, php, pot, ppt, rft, txt, xls ,xml   |
| AVA File          | Audio, video, and animation files   | <b>Audio:</b> aiff, mp3, mp4, ra, wav, wma<br><b>Video:</b> as, bnk, avi, mov, mpg, rm, swf, wmv<br><b>Animation:</b> fla, flv |
| Content File      | All of the above categories, plus any content that doesn't fit into those categories  | dcr, exe, hqx, kml, kmz, scc, oft, sit, sitx, zip, any file extension  |
| Legacy PAL-P File | Legacy content (files imported from PAL)  | Any file extension migrated from PAL Projects  |
| Legacy PAL-I File | Legacy content (files imported from PAL Images)                                       | Any file extension migrated from PAL Images  |

## Folder Object Types

All folders are assigned a folder object type. The three commonly used folder types are: **Legacy PAL-P Folder**, **Legacy PAL-I Folder**, and **Common Folder**.

- All PAL Projects-migrated folders are assigned the **Legacy PAL-P Folder** object type, which do not have metadata inheritance\*.
- All non-PAL (legacy) folders are assigned the **Common Folder** object type, which do have metadata inheritance\*, but only down to the child folders (sub-folders), not the files.
- All PAL Image-migrated folders are assigned the **Legacy PAL-I Folder** object type, which do not have metadata inheritance\*.

\* Metadata inheritance means that the metadata on the parent folder travels down to its child folders (sub-folders) and files.

| Folder Object Type   | Folder Description  |
|----------------------|---|
| Product Folder       | Folders that represent a whole product, like an ISBN folder.                    |
| General Folder       | Folders that contain all content that is not contained in product folders.      |
| Legacy PAL-P Folder* | Folders migrated from PAL, metadata pulled from PAL-Projects and other systems. |
| Common Folder*       | New folders created in Documentum, containing new content post PAL-migration.   |
| Legacy PAL-I Folder* | Folders containing PAL-Images migrated content.                                 |

\* These folder types are currently in use, but are slated for removal at some point in the future.