

Table 7.4 FILE TYPES AVAILABLE AT FTP SITES

File extensions (the last three characters following the dot [.] in a file name) can help you determine the type of file you are dealing with. Common file extensions and their meaning are summarized here.

<i>Extensions</i>	<i>Description</i>
.doc, .htm .html, .txt	Text files: Includes word processed files (.doc), files readable with a browser (.htm or .html), and those readable with any text reader
.bmp, .jpg, .pict, .gif, .eps., .png	Graphics files: Graphic data ranging from clip art to high-resolution photographs; most are readable by better art and draw programs
.avi, .mov, .mpg	Video files: Motion video clip files that typically require software and adequate hardware for viewing; software is freeware on the web
.au, .wav	Audio files: Audio clips of music, speech or sound effects; usually require hardware and software
.exe, .com, .bat	Program files: Files that are programs of some type, usually found on FTP sites in application categories (e.g., utilities, word processors, etc.)
.z, .zip, .sit	Zip: Large files of any of the above types that have been compressed for faster upload and download; requires a decompression program (usually freeware on the web) to unzip them