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TOPIC ---

Does Macintosh PC Exchange's extension mapping capability include the ability to map database files?

My guess is that I can set it up to open FileMaker, 4D, and so on, for files with the extension .dbf. But will it work? Are there applications on both or all three platforms (Macintosh, DOS, Windows) that will recognize and properly open files with this extension in the same way that Excel, Lotus, and so on, can open WKS files?

DISCUSSION --

The facility of mapping file types to a complementary file type on the Macintosh doesn't make Macintosh PC Exchange a file translation utility. You must be careful to specify the correct type of document that the Macintosh application will support. If you are unsure of which document type, use TEXT or launch the application and then choose the Open command from the File menu.

To our knowledge, FileMaker Pro version 2, Omnis 7, and FoxBase can open the data files of their equivalent Windows or DOS applications.

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