

What are the image file types?

If you want to share pictures, save them in the **JPEG** or **GIF**, since those formats can be viewed on most computers. Picture It! can **OPEN** and **SAVE** in these file formats:

<u>File type</u>	<u>Description</u>
.bmp = Windows Bitmap	Used for saving bitmapped graphics (made up of little squares)
.gif = Graphics Interchange Format	Only saves in 256 colors. Used for web graphics and illustrations because GIF can save a transparent background.
.jpg = Joint Photographic Experts Group	A compressed photo file. Save photos at <u>high</u> .jpg level for <u>printing</u> or <i>lower</i> jpg levels for <i>web pages</i> or <i>email</i> .
.pcx = PC Paintbrush	An early graphics file format; still supported by most graphics programs.
.png = Portable Network Graphics	Newer imaging programs may use PNG in place of JPG or GIF. Compresses files with no loss of quality and can save transparent backgrounds.
.png+ = Portable Network Graphics Plus	Same as PNG, but saves any layers of pictures for later editing
.tga = Targa	File format that enables choosing 16, 24, or 32 bits per pixel.
.tiff = Tagged Image File	TIFF or TIF files are full-resolution photos. These are GIANT files, so TIF should only be used for commercial applications.

Picture It! can **OPEN** pictures in these formats but must **SAVE IN ANOTHER FORMAT** (use **.jpg**)

<u>File type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Adobe Photoshop (.psd)	Proprietary file format of Adobe Systems Incorporated.
AutoCAD (.dxf)	Proprietary file format of Autodesk, Inc.
CorelDraw (.cdr)	Proprietary file format of Corel Corporation.
Flashpix Format (.fpx)	Supports transparency.
Home Publishing (.php)	Used by Microsoft Graphics Studio Home Publishing products.
Kodak Photo CD (.pcd)	Proprietary file format of Eastman Kodak Company.
Macintosh PICT (.pct)	Proprietary file format of Apple Computer, Inc.
Micrografx Designer (.drw)	Proprietary file format of Micrografx.
MIX (.mix)	Used by some programs for saving photo projects.
Windows Metafile (.wmf)	Backward-compatible with any 16-bit Windows-based applications.

