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Thread: [Run any extension file like an exe](#)

knowers - September 21, 2017, 4:07 am

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I N C R E D I B L E - September 21, 2017, 4:09 am

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I'm sure only the wide-known extension such as .scr, .msi, and .exe are the only ones you can use to launch/run programmes under windows environment.

but well, that's just my understanding. good luck getting replies from experts.

knowers - September 21, 2017, 4:19 am

No, I give you an example:

String executable = "C:\users\test\desktop\test.txt" // the test.txt actually a .exe, I just modify the extension to ".txt"

Process.start(executable + ".exe") Something like that, For run the test.txt like an exe keeping the same extension (.txt)

Gt403cyl - September 21, 2017, 4:21 am

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Gt403cyl - September 21, 2017, 5:08 am

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INCREDIBLE - September 21, 2017, 6:03 am

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That's exactly I was implying. :)

Dianab0lical - September 21, 2017, 7:29 am

- Might be worth it to look into the Windows shell setting for "Hide extensions for known file types":

- Programmatically turn this setting on, then a file named Test.txt.exe would appear in the explorer shell as Test.txt, and just utilize a txt file icon as the icon for your app

This is a horrendous and hideous method to accomplish your ends, and I'm sure there's a better method, but that's just what I came up with on the spot with zero Googling.

n0\$F3ratu\$ - September 21, 2017, 9:56 am

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[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FileExts\your extension]

More info here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3gbpCFCs04>

Read the comments.

Vuln - September 21, 2017, 1:22 pm

If you don't mind a cmd dependency then this should work too.

Code using (Process p = new Process())

```
{
    p.StartInfo.FileName = "cmd.exe";
    p.StartInfo.WindowStyle = ProcessWindowStyle.Hidden;
    p.StartInfo.Arguments = string.Format("/c {0}{1}{0}", "", @"path\test.klo");
    p.Start();
}
```

0xDEAD10CC - September 21, 2017, 5:20 pm

Anyone who says it isn't possible is clueless. File extensions are just registered to have default programs associated with them in the registry, aside from that, binary data doesn't change... You can load the PE in memory if you had to also.

Zens - *September 22, 2017, 6:19 am*

I believe you can do it, in theory the inside is still an exe not a txt or something...

But you can spoof the extension too ;)