

# MIME Types

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## Overview

MIME types relay information to the browser about how to handle file extensions. MIME types can allow visitors' browsers to handle new technologies as they become available.

To add new MIME types to your web server, define the name, directory, and file extension that correspond to the MIME type.

## Create a MIME Type

To add a MIME type, perform the following steps:

1. Enter the name of the file type's handler in the *MIME Type* text box.
  - For example, `application/cgi` represents the handler for the `.cgi` file extension.
2. Enter the file extension in the *Extension(s)* text box.
  - A file extension represents the letters after the dot (.) in a file name. For example, `filename.fileextension`.
3. Click *Add*.

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## Delete a user-defined MIME type

To delete a MIME type, click the corresponding *Delete* link under the *Remove* heading, and then click *Delete MIME Type* to confirm that you wish to remove the MIME type.



### Note:

You **cannot** delete MIME types from the *System MIME Types* table.

## More about MIME types

For more information, read the [Webmaster Toolkit list of MIME types](#).

You can also use your preferred search engine to research the MIME type that you wish to add.