

Changing File Associations for Windows or Mac

Sometimes when you try to download an eBook or digital audiobook from downloadlibrary, the file opens in the wrong program (such as an eBook opening in Adobe Reader, instead of Adobe Digital Editions).

The reason for this is that the eBook or audiobook file type has defaulted to open automatically with a different program. This usually happens because, at some point, an eBook or audiobook file was downloaded without Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) or Overdrive Media Console (OMC) properly installed on the computer.

This issue can be easily fixed, but it requires changing the eBook or audiobook file association, so that the files will automatically open in the correct program. Follow the instructions below to change file associations on your computer.

To Change File Associations in Windows:

The process to change file extensions is slightly different for every version of Windows.

Windows XP

1. Access your **Default Programs** menu, by clicking on the Start menu, and going to Control Panel → Folder Options, and click on the **File Types** tab.
2. Scroll until you find the eBook extension (.acsm) or audiobook extension (.odm). Highlight the extension, and click on **Change** (located below the list of file types).
3. Find the program you want the file type to open with (Adobe Digital Editions for eBooks, or Overdrive Media Console for audiobooks). If the program is not listed in the menu, click on Browse. *NOTE: ADE or OMC must already be installed on the computer.*
4. Choose the appropriate program, and click **OK** to change the file association.

Windows 7 or Windows Vista

1. Access your **Default Programs** menu, by searching for “Default Programs” in the search box in the Start menu.
2. Once you are in the Default Programs menu, click on **Associate a file type or protocol with a program**.
3. Scroll until you find the eBook extension (.acsm) or audiobook extension (.odm). Highlight the extension, and click on **Change program...**
4. Find the program you want the file type to open with (Adobe Digital Editions for eBooks, or Overdrive Media Console for audiobooks). If the program is not listed in the menu, click on Browse. *NOTE: ADE or OMC must already be installed on the computer.*
5. Choose the appropriate program, and click **OK** to change the file association.

Windows 8

1. Pull up the Charms menu by holding your cursor over the lower-right corner of the screen, and open the Search box. Search for “**Default Programs**”.
2. Once you are in the Default Programs menu, click on **Associate a file type or protocol with a program**.
3. Scroll until you find the eBook extension (.acsm) or audiobook extension (.odm). Highlight the extension, and click on **Change program...**
4. Find the program you want the file type to open with (Adobe Digital Editions for eBooks, or Overdrive Media Console for audiobooks). If the program is not listed in the menu, click on Browse. *NOTE: ADE or OMC must already be installed on the computer.*
5. Choose the appropriate program, and click **OK** to change the file association.

Windows 10

1. In the search bar, type “Default Programs” and open the Default Programs menu under “Apps”.
2. Once you are in the Default Programs menu, click on **Associate a file type or protocol with a program**.
3. Scroll until you find the eBook extension (.acsm) or audiobook extension (.odm). Highlight the extension, and click on **Change program...**
4. Find the program you want the file type to open with (Adobe Digital Editions for eBooks, or Overdrive Media Console for audiobooks). If the program is not listed in the menu, click on Browse. *NOTE: ADE or OMC must already be installed on the computer.*
5. Choose the appropriate program, and click **OK** to change the file association.

To Change File Associations in Mac:

1. Locate an eBook or audiobook file in **Finder**. (A failed eBook or audiobook download will still show up in Finder).
2. “Right-Click” on the file (this is usually done by Ctrl + Click), and select **Get Info** from the menu.
3. Click on **Open with**, and find the program you want the file type to open with (Adobe Digital Editions for eBooks or Overdrive Media Console for audiobooks). If ADE or OMC are not listed in the drop-down menu, click **other** and browse. *Note: ADE or OMC must already be installed on the computer.*
4. Choose the appropriate program, and click on **Change All** to change the file association.

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