

# Why can't I open .docx files?

For those of you who have inadvertently been sent a Microsoft Word document in the new .docx (x for xml) format and can't open it in your older version of Microsoft Word, this [N.Y. Times Personal Tech article](#) has the explanation and some alternatives.

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