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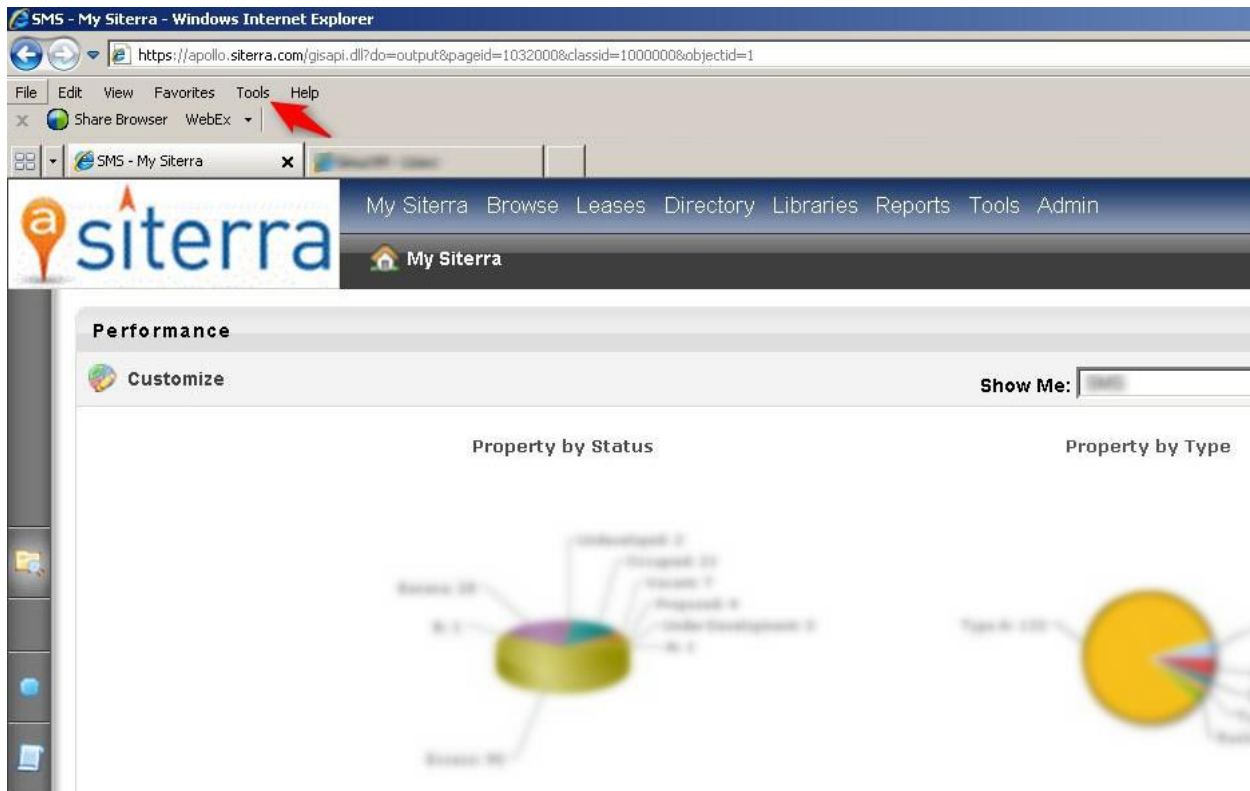
Other - Setting the Default Program for PDF Files

Question:

How can I specify which program on my computer will handle PDF files, or any file extension?

Answer:

1. Click the Tools button on your Internet Explorer browser, as pictured below. Then select Internet Options.



2. In the new window, click the Programs Tab. You will see a screen similar to the one below.



3. Click the Set Programs button, as seen above.
4. Next click the Associate a file type or protocol with a program link, as seen below.

Control Panel Home

Choose the programs that Windows uses by default

-  Set your default programs
Make a program the default for all file types and protocols it can open.
-  Associate a file type or protocol with a program
Make a file type or protocol (such as .mp3 or http://) always open in a specific program.
-  Change AutoPlay settings
Play CDs or other media automatically
-  Set program access and computer defaults
Control access to certain programs and set defaults for this computer.

See also

Programs and Features

5. Next, find the extension you would like to change in the list. Below, I've highlighted .pdf which is set to work with Internet Explorer on my machine. Please note that this will change how the extension is handled everywhere in your computer, not just on Siterra.

Associate a file type or protocol with a specific program

Click on an extension to view the program that currently opens it by default. To change the default program, click Change program...

 VLC media player
VideoLAN

Change program...

Name	Description	Current Default
.p7m	PKCS #7 MIME Message	Unknown application
.p7r	Certificate Request Response	Crypto Shell Extensions
.p7s	PKCS #7 Signature	Crypto Shell Extensions
.pab	Outlook Personal Address Book	Unknown application
.pat	GIMP pattern	GNU Image Manipulation Program
.pbk	Dial-Up Phonebook	Remote Access Phonebook
.pcb	PCB File	Unknown application
.pct	PICT Image	PictureViewer
.pdf	PDF File	Internet Explorer
.pdfxml	Adobe Acrobat PDFXML Document	Adobe Reader
.pdx	Acrobat Catalog Index	Adobe Reader
.perfmoncfg	Performance Monitor Configuration	Resource and Performance Monitor
.pfm	Type 1 Font file	Windows Font Viewer
.pfx	Personal Information Exchange	Crypto Shell Extensions
.pic	PICT Image	PictureViewer
.pict	PICT Image	PictureViewer
.pif	Shortcut to MS-DOS Program	Unknown application
.pko	Public Key Security Object	Unknown application
.plist	QuickTime Preferences	Unknown application

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