

How to fix Windows Vista / Windows 7 can not open drive C with explorer error: "This file does not have a program associated with it for performing this action. Create an association in the Set Associations control panel."

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One of my friends **Windows 7** started returning errors while trying to open from **My Computer** the local Windows C, D and E drives.

This error appeared immediately, after malware and registry fix up programs were run on the PC. The exact programs that lead his PC into the state of returning an error:

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- a-squared
- Registry Booster

This two programs by the way are doing quite a good job on fixing *Windows XP* and *Windows Vista* PCs which were cleaned up earlier with **Malware Bytes** and **Avira**, however it seems they're not 100% still compatible with the *Windows 7 registry database* or some uncleaned malware or virus on the PC has post-messed up the registry file associations. As its always the case with Windows you don't have a clear idea what's going ...

Anyways as said the PC was in a bad situation, where neither **Windows Explorer** nor in any mean the disk drives can be opened or red, hence there was need for a quick way to **revert back the default Windows file association registry settings** After some quick research online, I've found an [archive containing default Windows registry values for file associations](#).

Therefore to revert back all Windows 7 file extensions from Windows install time, I had to [download the file All Default File Extensions.zip](#), extract the archive with *WinZip* or *WinRar* and run each of archive contained **.reg** extension files. The **.reg** files had to be run with Administrator account. It takes a while and its a bit irritating until all of the **.reg** files are run and all the file association default Windows settings are reverted back but thankfully in the end the C drive opening error:

This file does not have a program associated with it for performing this action ... is resolved. Cheers

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