



Setting Windows File Association to Open .COLLAB Files Properly

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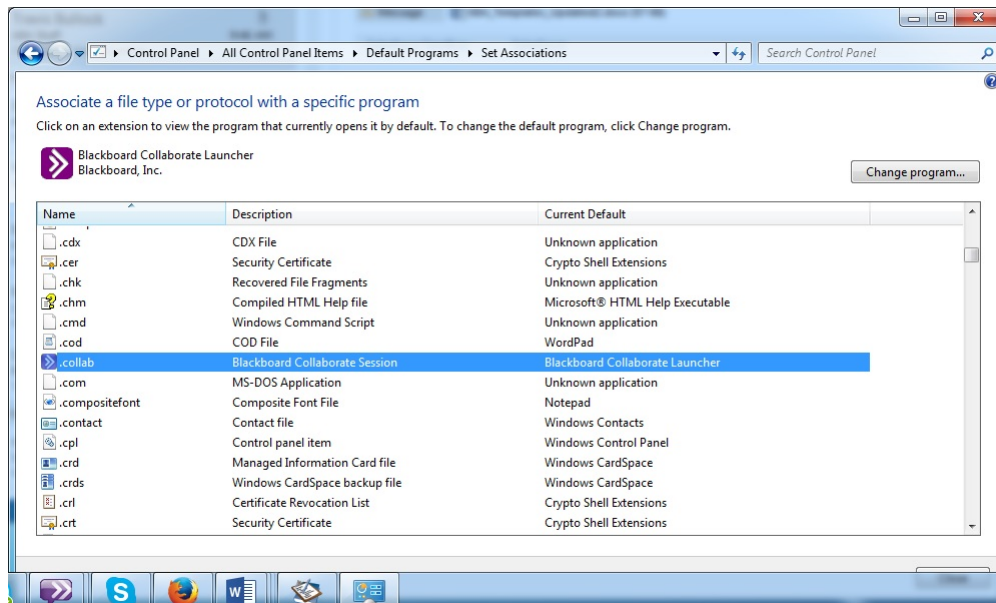
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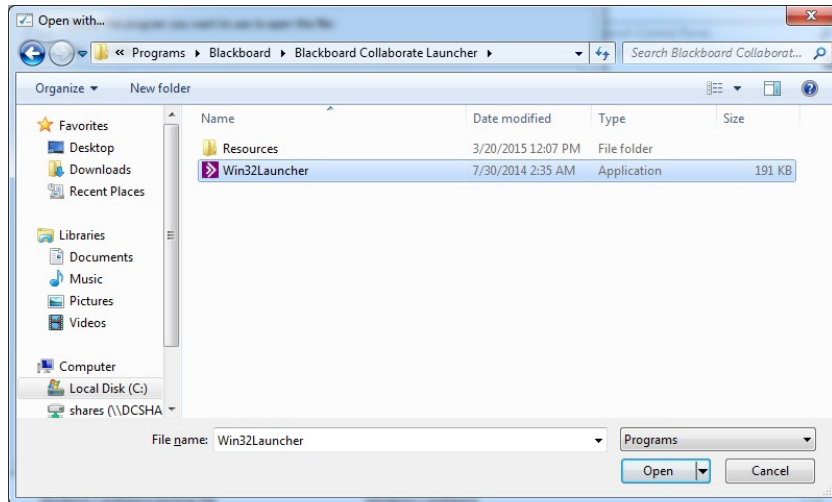
Document Summary: To modify the file association to have .collab files open with Collaborate Launcher on a Windows 7, Windows Vista, or Windows 8 computers, follow the steps below:

Windows 7 and Vista:

- Click on **Start** and select **Control Panel**.
- In the top right corner of the Control Panel, select **Category** from the **view by:** pull down menu.
- Click the **Programs** link.
- Click the **Default Programs** option.
- Under Default Programs, click the **Make a file type always open in a specific program** link.
- Under the Name column, locate and select **.COLLAB** from the list of Extensions.



- Click the **Change program** button.
- From the *Open With* window, click the **Browse...** button.
- From the *Open With...* dialogue window, (This will typically open in the *c:\Program Files* directory)
- Go to **Users>(User's Account Name)>AppData>Local>Programs>Blackboard>Blackboard Collaborate Launcher>Win32Launcher.exe**

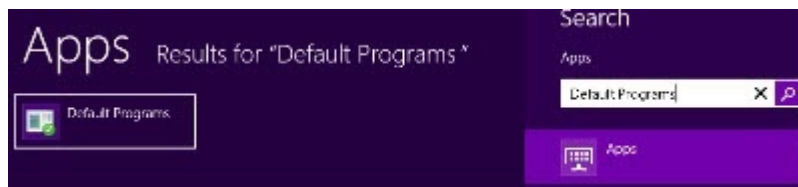


- Click the **Open** button.
- Click the **OK** button.

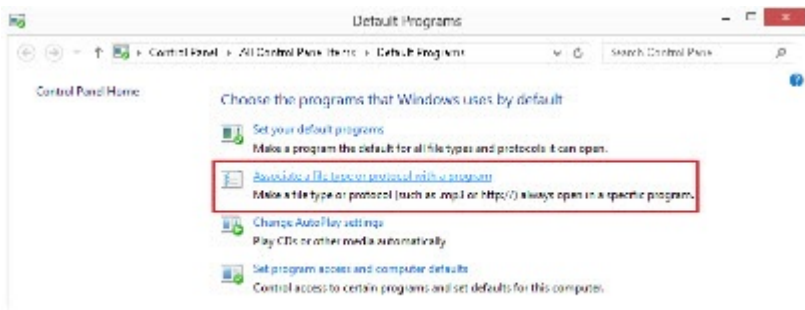
Collab files will, by default, open with the Blackboard Collaborate Launcher.

Windows 8:

- Open Default Programs by swiping in from the right edge of the screen, tapping **Search** (or if you're using a mouse, pointing to the upper-right corner of the screen, moving the mouse pointer down, and then clicking **Search**), entering **Default programs** in the search box, tapping or clicking **Apps**, and then tapping or clicking **Default Programs**.



- Click **Associate a file type or protocol with a program**.



- Locate **.COLLAB** under the list of registered file types. Highlight the Collab file by tapping or clicking **.COLLAB** under the Extensions column, then tap or click on **Change Program**.
- Tap or Click **Blackboard Collaborate Launcher** from the list of programs.
- If you do not see Blackboard Collaborate Launcher listed, tap or click **More options** then **Look for another app on this PC**.
- Tap or double-click on **Local Disk (C:)** in the left column (located under “Computer”).
- Tap or double-click on **Users**.
- Tap or double-click on Administrator or the User's Account name.
- Tap or double click on **AppData>Local>Programs>Blackboard>Blackboard Collaborate Launcher>Win32Launcher.exe**.

Collab files will, by default, open with Blackboard Collaborate Launcher.

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