How to Open .Pages Files Without iWork

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iWork is an office suite that Apple sells for Mac computers and the iPad. Apple introduced iWork in 2005 and released iWork '09 in January 2009. The iWork suite includes Pages, Keynote and Numbers--programs for word processing, presentations and spreadsheets. Pages saves documents with the default file extension of .pages. As of 2010, other word processing programs can't open a Pages file. However, Pages also embeds a PDF file in each document. PCs and Mac computers don't need iWork to open the PDF file and access the text of a Pages document.

Instructions

- 1 Save the Pages file to your computer's desktop.
- 2 Click on the file and change the file extension in the file name from .pages to .zip. On a Mac, you can also right-click on the file and select "Get Info." Change the file extension in the "Name & Extension" field in the Info window and close the window.
- 3 Double-click on the "zip" file to unzip it. This will create a folder on the desktop with the same name as the original Pages file.
- 4 Double-click on the new folder to open it. Inside the folder, you will see another folder called "QuickLook."
- 5 Double-click on the "QuickLook" folder. Inside the "QuickLook" folder, you will see a PDF file with the same name as the original Pages file.
- 6 Open the PDF file in any software that reads PDFs to view the Pages document.

Tips & Warnings

- Pages allows users to save documents as .doc files. If you are expecting a document from someone who uses Pages, ask them to save it as a .doc file instead.
- Copy the text from the Pages PDF file and paste it into a word processing document if you wish to edit it.

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