

A guide to Pegasus Mail filenames and file-extensions.

If you happen to look in the *Home mailbox location*, in the *New mail directory* or in the *Pegasus Mail program directory* there are a large number of files relating to Pegasus Mail, incorporating quite a range of suffices.

You can find this file locations - and much more useful information - by clicking [help](#) | [about Pegasus Mail](#) | [info](#), in the Pegasus Mail for Windows menubar or pressing ctrl+A in Pmail for Dos.

The following lists (hopefully complete!) details what each file or extension is used for. This document is first created by [Chuck Foster](#) in July '95 and is first published on the web in September 1997 by Han v.d. Bogaerde. Other contributors are mentioned at the bottom of this document.

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In the column *Version information* the '+' indicates that the item exists for versions onward from that version, and '-' indicates the last version that file or extension is used.

Files existing in Pmail and WinPMail new-mail directory.

NOTE: The following files are always placed in the new-mail directory. In single-user and multi-user setup however, the home mailbox location and new-mail directory can/will be the same.

Filename or extension	Version information	Information
Pmail.INI	<i>Pmail v3.20+</i> <i>WinPMail v1.20+</i>	<p>This file contains the profile information for Pegasus Mail, both for the DOS and Windows versions. This file replaces the two files described below and contains settings for many -but not all- of the configurable features. Information can be altered by using the Shift-F10 (or menu-bar options) in WinPMail, or using the Preferences menu choice in Pmail. It is not advised to edit the file directly.</p> <p>In the 3.0 version all information about identities is stored in this file as well. Once you have run the 3.0 version, this file is no longer compatible with previous versions of WinPMail, and will cause those previous versions to crash on loading. Use the -Y <file> commandline option to use another ini file.</p>
*.CNM		<p>This file extension represents an actual new mail message. When new mail arrives for a user, it will have this suffix (this is compatible with direct server delivery, Mercury and Charon). The filename is unique, and can be considered as its <i>message id</i>. The actual name generally begins with a Y to indicate a normally delivered new mail message (local or by Mercury), or P to indicate a POP3-delivered message.</p> <p>If the general preference to keep new messages in the new-mail folder is set, in the versions before the 3.0, the first character of the <i>message id</i> will become a ! when the message is read but not moved. In the 3.0 version the file is no longer renamed.</p>
PMXF.INI		This file contains the information for the Extended features options, which are only available when running Mercury in Netware environment and when the system manager has granted rights for this option.

Files existing in the "home mailbox directory".

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CNMAIL.PRO WinPMail.PRO	<i>Pmail v3.11-</i> <i>WinPMail v1.1-</i>	These files contained the profile information for the DOS and Windows versions respectively. These included preference information, for instance. On upward versions, this information is stored in the PMAIL.INI file.
RULES.PMQ	<i>WinPMail v3.0-</i>	These files hold the information used by Pegasus to

WINRULES.PMQ		<p>filter New Mail when the new-mail folder is opened. Though one may be copied to the other, the two files are technically different for these reasons:</p> <p>(a) the character sets between DOS and Windows are different;</p> <p>(b) rules can allow you to execute programs, and these may well be different under DOS and Windows (you might want a PIF for instance).</p> <p>(c) The windows version rules can handle more actions than the Dos version can.</p> <p>Pmail 3.31 can lock up when the winrules.pmq file is used to create rules.pmq due to the extensive use of rules in the windows version.</p>
WINRULEA.PMQ	<i>WinPMail v2.4+</i> <i>WinPMail v3.0-</i>	This file holds the information used by Pegasus to filter New Mail when the new-mail folder is closed.
WPMCSELF.PMQ	<i>WinPMail v2.4x</i> <i>WinPMail v3.0-</i>	This file holds the information used by Pegasus' copy to self filter rules.
*.PMC	<i>WinPMail v3.0+</i>	Those files hold the information used by Pegasus Mail for Windows filter rules in a new (ASCII) format. The filenames are the same as mentioned above in the "PMQ" range.
LOCALSIG.PMS INETSIG.PMS MHSSIG.PMS		These files are the signature files used on messages, relating to local server mail (using /), smtp mail (using @) and Novell MHS mail respectively.
*.PMS	<i>WinPMail v2.30+</i>	<p>The signatures available have been extended to up to nine different versions from WinPMail 2.30. These have the numbering scheme of LOCALSI2.PMS, INETSIG2.PMS, and MHSSIG2.PMS through to LOCALSI9.PMS, INETSIG9.PMS, and MHSSIG9.PMS, with the exception of set 1, which continues to use the original names as described above.</p> <p>You can edit all sets by going Tools Options Signatures. Each set contains the three blocks; those blocks are stored in different files as described above.</p>
SIGNAMES.PMS	<i>WinPMail v2.30+</i>	The file that contains the names of the signature sets.
RQUOTES.PMS	<i>WinPMail v2.30+</i>	The file that contains the variable signature database.
*.PMO		Any file with this suffix is either a saved message to return to at a later date, or a message saved as stationary. You can save any message you are working on, by pressing ctr-s. The messages are given the name "content of the To: field, content of the Subject: field". Up to the 3.0 version there is no visible difference between a message saved as stationary and a normal saved message (Stationary is

		indicated by a flag [SY=1] inside the *.pmo file itself). <i>Within the 3.0 version the draft window will display whether or not the message is an AutoSave, draft or stationary message</i>
*.ASV	<i>WinPMail v2.50+</i> <i>WinPMail v2.53-</i>	These files are auto saved messages, created by WinPMail when the option to save file during editing is set. These ASV files show up in the display saved messages window. WinPMail will delete the ASV file when editing ends in a normal way. Now these files are saved with a *.PMO extension.
*.PMN		These are annotation files. They are associated with their relevant messages by the <i>message id</i> , with the first character of the filename being replaced with an A .
*.PMP	<i>WinPMail v2.5+</i> ,	This is the notepad file, crated by tools notepads.
*.PMI *.PMM		These file pairs reference actual mail folders, where messages are stored in a more compressed form. The former indexes the position of the message in the latter file. The *.PMM file is a normal ASCII file containing all messages, separated by a CTRL-Z. Although this are ASCII files, any editing can mess up the folder content, making it impossible to access any individual messages.
*.MAI {sub directory}		These sub directories represent old-style message directories, from the early releases of Pegasus Mail. The use of these nowadays is in relation to <i>system wide folders</i> . The folder directory must contain a file called PMFOLDER.ID , which is a single NULL-terminated line representing the folder's long name. More information in the WGUIDE.HLP file in the program directory.
*.PMF		When a local message is delivered, message attachments are generally delivered as separate files, having the suffix above; they are indexed by the message header, and remain in existence until the message is deleted, even if the message is moved to a different folder. The 3.0 version does no longer create those attachments. Attachments created in previous versions are still useable.
*.PMT	<i>WinPMail v3.0-</i>	Any file with this suffix relates to a Tray file. There is always at least one tray called MAIN.PMT used by Pegasus Mail to indicate the current folders; additional folders may be grouped together within another tray.
ADDR*.PMR		These files (the * indicates 4 digits) relate to

ADDR *.PM! (ADDR*.PM1)		Address Books created in Pegasus Mail. The former indexes the information stored in the middle. For earlier versions of Pegasus Mail, if an address book is not going to be modified, it could be indexed in a faster way through the PMSORT utility that comes with the dos-zip file, which generates an additional file with the .PM1 extension. (note this did not work for very large address books!).
*.PML		Each of these files correspond to a distribution list. Distribution lists are normal text files, with on each line one e-mail address. A message sent to @<file>.PML (Note the "@" in front) is sent to all e-mail addresses in the list.
TRAYSAVE.PM	<i>WinPMail v3.0-</i>	This file contains the name of a folder/tray which is involved in a current move from one tray to another. This file is deleted after a paste folder operation. When this file exists no "cut folder" action can be performed, because a previous action was not completed.
GLOSSARY.PM		Glossaries created in WinPMail, using Tools Glossary Edit/create.
WINPMPOP.PRO		Profile file for the WinPMail POP settings.
WINPMFUA.PM		The most recently used addresses, used in the TO:, CC: or BCC: fields in WinPMail. (FUA= Frequently used addresses)
WINPMFUH.PM	<i>WinPMail v2.5+</i>	The most recently added headers to a message (FUH= Frequently used headers). In the special tab of the message editor window, you can specify any own headers. This should be used with care.
WINPMFUP.PM		The most recently used places to store attachments or extracted files. (FUP= Frequently used places)
DESKTOP.PM0		Desktop State File.
DESKTOP.PM7	<i>WinPMail v2.4+</i> <i>WinPMail v3.0-</i>	This file contains the information about the state of the folders. Which folder is open, which folder is closed and in what order are folders displayed.
*.MSG	<i>WinPMail v1.22-</i>	These were queued messages that had to be sent.
*.PMW	<i>WinPMail v2.0+</i>	This file type replaces *.MSG above, as that conflicted with Trumpet Winsock messages. This messages are also referred to as "outgoing messages in draft format". Those files can be edited/reviewed using the File Review queued mail menu entry.
*.PMX	<i>WinPMail v2.0+</i>	These files are "ready to sent". Also called "outgoing messages in final form". The headers are added, addresses are expanded. Those messages cannot be edited anymore but still can be viewed and/or deleted using the File Review queued mail menu

		entry.
VIEWER.PM	WinPMail v2.0+	This file contains the information for attachment viewers which may be configured, for displaying MIME attachments, for example. This file can be a system-wide one; if desired so it must be placed in the Pegasus program directory.
TCPDEBUG.WPM	WinPMail v2.0+ WinPMail v3.11-	If the -Z 32 switch has been specified on start up, this creates a log of TCP/IP activity, which is kept in this file. This file is a security problem, it contains your password and all other settings transmitted during a pop3 session in ASCII. You should delete this file directly after completing it's use.
TCPxxxx.WPM	WinPMail v3.11+	If the -Z 32 switch has been specified on start up, this creates a log of TCP/IP activity, which are kept in this files. The xxxx are replaced by a numeric value for each session that is established. Those files are a security problem, it contains your password and all other settings transmitted during a pop3 session in clear ASCII. You should delete those files directly after completing it's use.
MEMORY.PM		This file contains message id-s and changes as the status of the mailbox on the server changes, when WinPmail connects to that mailbox. It is used to figure out which messages have already been retrieved from the POP3 server and is used when <i>download only unread mail</i> is active.
*.FFF	WinPMail v2.01+	Those files are "form fact files" that contain the information for extensions. All extensions do have their own .fff file. More information about these files can be found in the fff.txt file in the WinPMail program directory or it's Resource sub directory. Extensions can be launched from the Tools Extensions Menu. <i>Note: In translated versions of Pegasus Mail, the "FFF" is replaced by "Fxx", where "xx" is thassigned language code.</i>
NB.PM#		This file keeps the status of the different notice board messages (read/unread).
*.PMV	WinPMail v2.20+ WinPMail v3.0-	These files contain general filtering rules.
USRDICT3.PMD		This file contains the words in user's personal dictionary for spell-checking. This is a standard ASCII file. Each word is separated by one space. You can edit this file with any editor. Keep all words separated by one space . There is only one user file, this file is used for all languages.
PMDICT3.PMH		This file is used for phonemic homonym matching.

	<p>In essence, it lists fragments of words that could be spelled in different ways but which might sound the same or similar. So, when Pegasus Mail is trying to work out whether a word is misspelled, it looks for syllables matching any of the ones in the homonym file and tries the alternatives.</p> <p>Example - you type in "telefone": Pegasus Mail finds "f" in the homonym list and notices that an alternative spelling could be "telephone", which of course it can match as a valid word, so it adds it to the suggestion list. Without the homonym list, it wouldn't find a valid alternative because the comparative delta between "telephone" and "telefone" is too great.</p>
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Files existing when a specific extension is used in WinPMail.

NOTE: It is possible that not all of those files exist on your computer. When you have never used some of the extensions that come with WinPMail (tools | extensions) some files will not exist.

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MULTIPOP.PM	<i>WinPMail v2.4+</i>	This file contains an index to the different multipop settings. Each individual Multipop entry, that has the setting "Download only unread mail" active, also has its own MP*.PM file where the download information is stored in.
EVE.PM	<i>WinPMail v2.5+</i> <i>WinPMail v3.0-</i>	This file contains an index to the different "multiple identity" settings. Each individual entry has its own EV*.PM file where the information is stored in. In the 3.0 version the EVE extension is replaced bidentitieses and the v2.x style EVE should not be used anymore.
BCARD.PM	<i>WinPMail v2.4+</i>	This file contains the information to use when a business card is sent through the Business card extension.
PH.PM	<i>WinPMail v2.5+</i>	This file contains the preferences of the PH extension. The extension is included in the WinPmail package and can be found in thAddresseses menu.
LDAP.PM	<i>WinPMail v2.5+</i>	This file contains the preferences of the LDAP extension. The extension is included in the WinPmail package and can be found in thAddresseses menu

Files new to WinPMail in version 3.0

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HIERARCH.PM	<i>WinPMail v3.0+</i>	This file contains the information about the individual settings and profile for each folder. The sort order, the unique <i>folder id</i> , not only for the actual mounted mailbox but for all mailboxes once mounted are stored in this ASCII database file.
FOLSTATE.PM	<i>WinPMail v3.0+</i>	When available, this file indicates the state of the folders and mailboxes (open/closed). This file is rebuilt at startup from information in the hierarch.pm file.
STATE.PMJ	<i>WinPMail v3.0+</i>	This file contains the information for all windows in WinPMail, its state, its location on the screen and any other window related settings (size, open/closed).
MAILBOX.PM	<i>WinPMail v3.11+</i>	This file contains the information about the mailboxes that should be opened on the next WinPmail restart. Those mailboxes are stored here, when they are open when closing down WinPmail, and when "Save desktop state between sessions" is activated.
*.PMG	<i>WinPMail v3.0+</i>	This file, that is located in the directory where a MBX-style folder is located, contains the index for that folder (like the *.pmi file does for Pegasus Mail own folders).
WINPMFUF.PM	<i>WinPMail v3.0+</i>	The most recently used files, used in the attachment pane in the message editor. (FUF= Frequently used files)
IMAP.PM	<i>WinPMail v3.11+</i>	This file contains the settings for the IMAP profiles in the Tools menu. Note: This file is only present when IMAP is used at least once.
*.PM5	<i>WinPMail v3.11+</i>	Those files contain the scripts for New Message templates, reachable by Shift F7.
*.PM6	<i>WinPMail v3.11+</i>	Those files contain the scripts for Reply templates, reachable by Shift R.

Files specific to Pmail (DOS version)

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SCRAPBK.PMZ		The scrap buffer for Pmail. (normally accessed through <F8>).
*.PMU		Any file with this suffix relate to a Pmail Keyboard Macro created with <ALT+U>. The filename is the hexadecimal representation of the character used to trigger the macro after <CTRL-U>.

Important files in the program directory

Filename or extension	Version information	Information
PMAIL.CFG		This file contains the most important settings in Pegasus Mail. It points to the way of installation (Stand alone, Multiple users, Netware) and contains the directories used for New Mail and Home mailbox. When using a User Defined Gateway (UDG), that information is stored here as well. You can use the pconfig.exe program to modify the information in this file. When you delete or rename the file, on the next launch Pegasus Mail will go into the install routine.
WGUIDE.HLP or WGUIDE.EXE		This file contains the most important information, you need to know, when you use WinPMail more than thaveragege user does. Installing on a network, detailed descriptions about import/export, how to... and a version history can be found in it.
PMDICT3.PMD		This file contains the actual used dictionary for the current session. This file is renamed from one of the existing files pmdic3xx.pmd (where xx are the country codes used). The actual path to the current dictionary is taken from the state.pmj file.

Files that should not exist ?!?!??

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*.PM\$ *.\$\$\$	<i>WinPMail v2.4+</i>	Temporary files, that are used by Pegasus Mail for Windows, when parsing attachments and/or html files. Those files should be deleted by Pegasus, but are not. You can delete them yourself. When you do, make sure Pegasus Mail for Windows is not active.
*.CNX	<i>WinPMail v3.01+</i>	>CNX files are created when you read a final form version of a message in the queue manager. They should usually be deleted automatically when the message is closed.

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