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Associating Project, Plan, Layout, and Library Files with a Specific Version of Chief Architect or Home Designer

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QUESTION

When I open a project, plan, layout, or a library file, the version of the Chief Architect software program that launches is not the version that I want to use.

How can I change this file association so that when I open files, they open in my preferred program version?

ANSWER

If you have just installed a new version of Chief Architect or Home Designer, you may receive this message upon launching the software for the first time:

- "#272032465 - Do you want to associate files with this program? You can always set this later in Preferences."

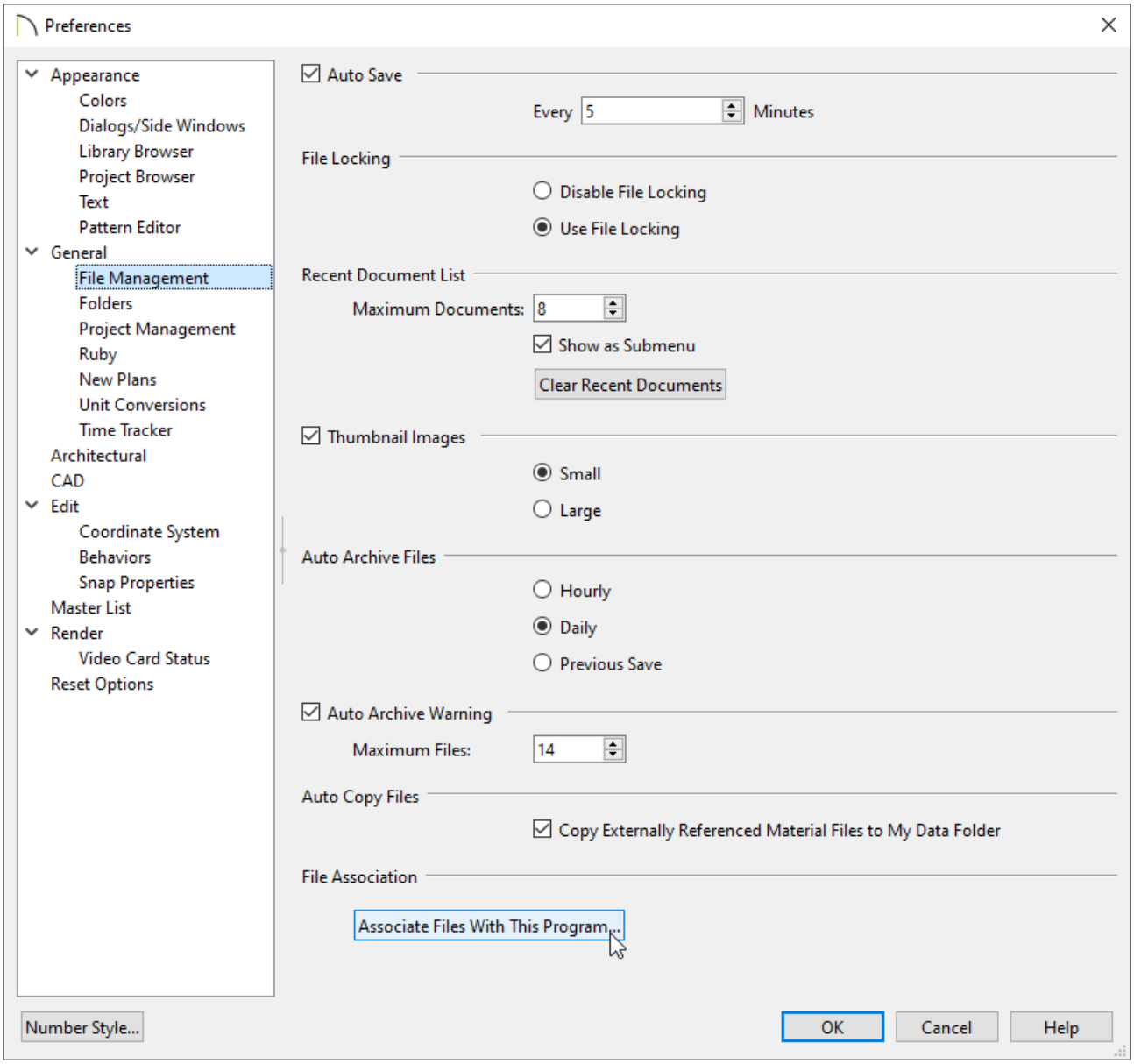
Select **Yes** to associate project, plan, layout, and library files with this version of the program, or select **No** if you want these files to be associated with the program version you last chose.

If you're not receiving this prompt and files aren't opening correctly in the program version you would like to use, please follow the steps listed in this article.

To associate files with a specific program version

1. Open the program version you'd like to associate these files to, then navigate to **Edit> Preferences** if you're on a Windows PC or **Chief Architect/Home Designer> Preferences** if you're on a Mac.

2. On the FILE MANAGEMENT panel of the **Preferences** dialog that displays:



   - Select the **Associate Files With This Program** button.

Note: If this option is grayed out, project, plan, layout, and library files are already associated with this program version and nothing else needs to be done.

- If you're prompted with a window asking if you'd like to allow Chief Architect/Home Designer to make this change, choose **Yes**.
- An Information dialog may appear stating: "Successfully associated file extensions with this program." Click **OK**.
- Click **OK** again to close the dialog completely.

Project, plan, layout, and library files will now be associated with this program version.

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