

### Software programs helpful for PDAs

**Avant Go** - nice alternative to wireless or Bluetooth – sort of like podcasting - it is a way to get web sites or 'channels' onto your PDA. You install the program, choose the content you want to have on your PDA every time you perform a hot sync, then you hot sync and the info you choose appears on your PDA as web pages with links to other content. You can choose by the amount of memory your PDA has as to how many links you want and how much information you want from each web site. . This is not 'live' content; it is only up to date as to the time you perform a hot sync. You can choose from dozens of channels – weather.com, yahoo.com, sports, news, etc. And it's FREE. <https://my.avantgo.com/home/>

**Documents to Go** - a software program that allows PDA users to transfer Office applications back and forth between PDA and PC - Documents to Go is MS Office's Excel and Word, and Presenter to Go is MS Office's PowerPoint. Documents To Go comes pre-installed on some PDAs  
<http://www.dataviz.com/products/documentstogo/index.html>

**Winzip** – for the PC - to download games you may also need to have WinZip installed on your computer. For the WinZip program, click [here](#). Click on **Download Evaluation Version** on the left side or go here and download an older version. If you use the PC method the steps are to locate the software, download it onto your PC, unzip if it is compressed, click on it to put it into your install tool, hotsync your PDA and the software automatically is installed (it will be installed and labeled as 'untitled' usually).

### Advanced Download - File Extensions and What They Mean

You need to see the file extension of a downloaded program – this will help you determine what you need to do to load the program on your PDA - file extensions are indications of the application that was used to create the document you downloaded, and will help you determine what you need to do next to get the program installed onto your PDA

1. go to your **menu / tool bar** and choose **'tools' 'folder options' 'view'**
2. make sure the circle next to **'hide extensions for known file types'** is unchecked (usually the 11<sup>th</sup> item down)
3. click **'apply'** then **'OK'**
4. NOTE: you can also right click on any icon and choose properties to determine the type of icon

Once you are able to see file extensions, you will be able to see what you downloaded and that will help you decide what you need to do next to install the program on your PDA - for a complete list of file extensions, refer to your ebook document published on marybeckmann.com, your text page 150, and for a quick reference guide review the following:

**zip** (WinZip) When you click on this, the WinZip window will pop up – files need to be extracted and once extracted they'll be in pdf or prc or exe or pdb formats



isilo325.zip

**pdf** (Adobe Acrobat) These files are usually manuals or 'read me' files



Cells Quick Start Guide.pdf



**exe** (executable) Simply double click these and they will

automatically install

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**prc** (Palm) Click on these and they will automatically go into the install tool for the next hotsync



Cells.PRC

**pdb** (Palm Database File) These files might be ebook files, click on them and they will automatically go into the install tool for your next hotsync



Peter\_Rabbit.pdb

### Downloading programs from a CD

- insert the cd –'start' 'run' 'browse' choose **CD drive** - or go to **My Computer** and double click the **'D'** drive
- scroll through the software to find something interesting - (the more complicating programs sometimes come in file folders with other documents such as manuals and instructions)
- double click on a prc, or pdb, etc. document
- a window pops up telling you it will be installed on your PDA when you perform a hot sync