

Lesson – 8
Introduction to Multimedia

S.No	Format Name	Extension	Definition	Year	Developed by	Extension
1	MIDI	Musical Instrument Digital Interface	Used for transferring music information between electronic music device. It cannot contain sounds. It contain only digital notes	1982		.mid or .midi
2	RA/RV	Real Audio	Supports both sound and videos. User for transfer of data over the Internet.	1995	Real Network	.rm or .ram
3	AU	Audio	Another sound format that is supported by most of the popular software			.au
4	AIFF	Audio Interchange File Format	This is not a very popular format neither cross-platform nor is it supported by all web browser		Apple	.aif or .aiff
5	SND	Sound	Like AIFF, the SND files neither cross-platform nor supported by popular browser		Apple	.snd
6	WAVE		It is popular formats, supported by all computers running the windows OS and all popular web browsers.		IBM & Microsoft	.wav
7	MPEG	Moving Picture Expert Group	It is developed for video files. These format used on the internet in recent year, because of good compression and high quality .		Moving Pictures Experts Group	.mpg or .mpeg
8	MP3		Like MPEG, but store sound files in the MP3 format			.mp3 (or) .mpga
9	AVI	Audio Video Interleave	Supported by all computers running the windows OS and all popular web browser.	1992	Microsoft	.avi
10	WMF	Windows Media Format	It is popular format for internet and on computers, but we requires the installation of an additional component in non windows computers.		Microsoft	.wmv
11	QTF	Quick Time Format	It is popular format for internet and on computers, but we requires the installation of an additional component in non windows computers.		Apple	.mov
12	SF	Shockwave Format	Used to store multimedia components using Flash,		Macromedia	