Examples of legal file names with file type extensions:

PC8201.BA PC8201.DO

The ".BA" and ".DO" are file type extensions added by the PC-8201 when the files were saved. Since we did not type them in manually for the previous example, the extensions were provided by the PC-8201.

The file name may be input in either upper or lower case characters, and will be saved and displayed on the screen exactly as typed. The extension will always be displayed as upper case characters, so it does not matter which way it is typed if input by you, rather than assigned by the PC-8201.

The extensions represent specific file types:

".BA" BASIC file. BASIC programs are in Binary format.

".DO" TEXT file. TEXT and BASIC programs are in ASCII format.

 ".CO" Machine Language file. Programs and data are in Machine Language format.

The file type extension can be input by you or the PC-8201 will assign one according to the mode you are using. If you are presently in the BASIC mode, the file type extension assigned by the PC-8201 would be ".BA".

When loading or saving files within the RAM of the PC-8201 the extensions are checked during the process. This means that you can use identical file names for different files if the extensions of those names are different. The PC-8201 will recognize each of those files as different when loading and saving because it will check for the extension as well as for the file name.



A file type extension assigned by you instead of by the PC-8201 is mandatory when you are in the MENU mode.