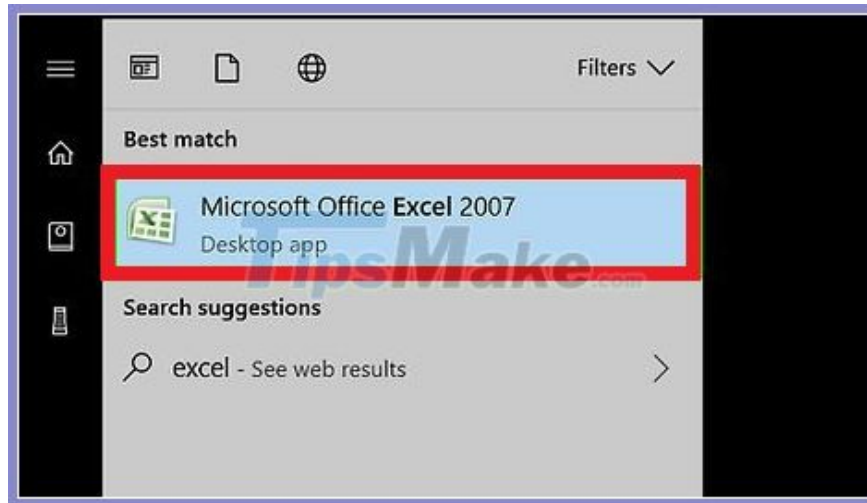


# How to Convert Excel to Dat

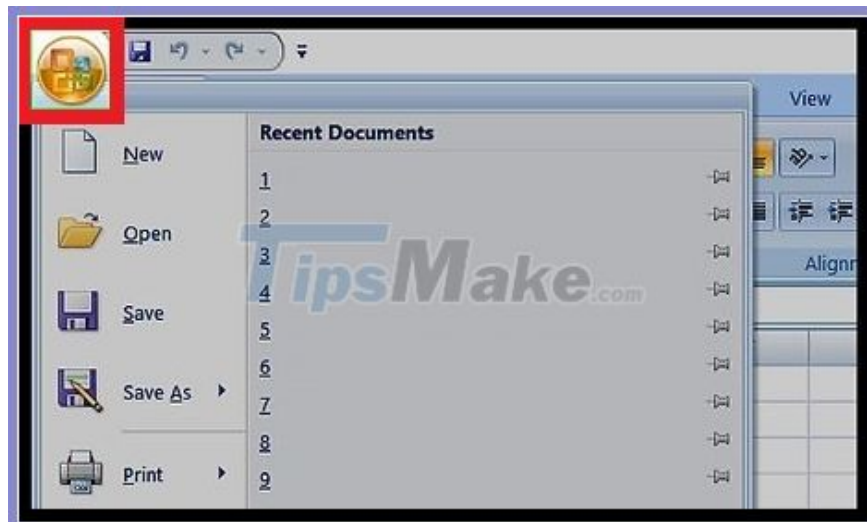
This wikiHow teaches you how to convert a Microsoft Excel file (.XLS) to the .DAT format on a Windows PC. You'll begin by converting the .XLS file to .CSV (comma separated values) format, and then you can convert to .DAT in an app like...

Part 1 of 2:

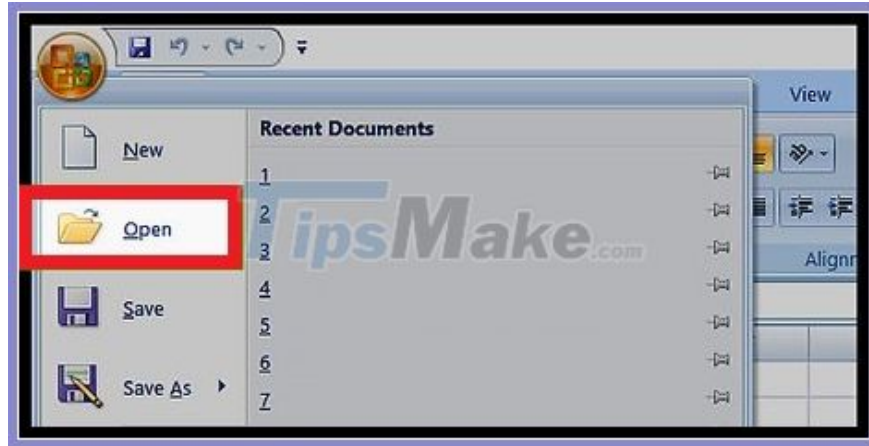
## Converting to .CSV



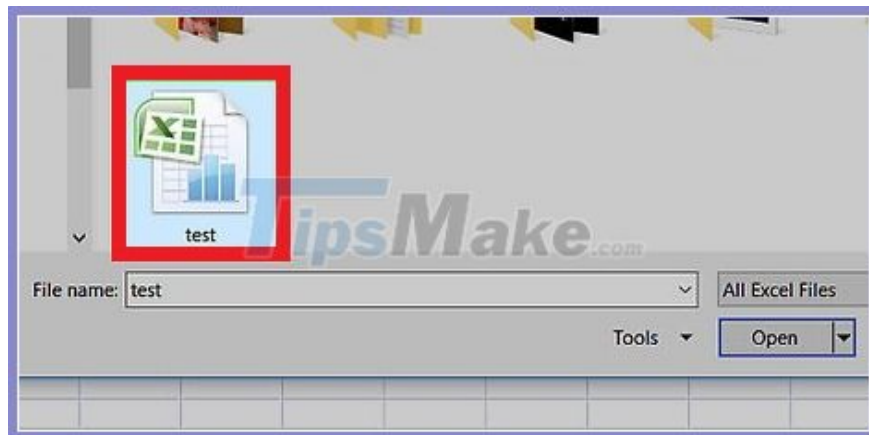
**Open Microsoft Excel.** It's in the **Microsoft Office** group of the **All Apps** section of the Windows/Start menu.



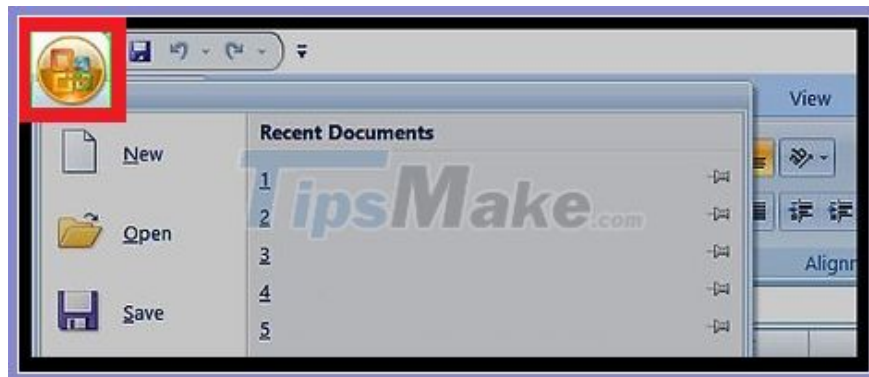
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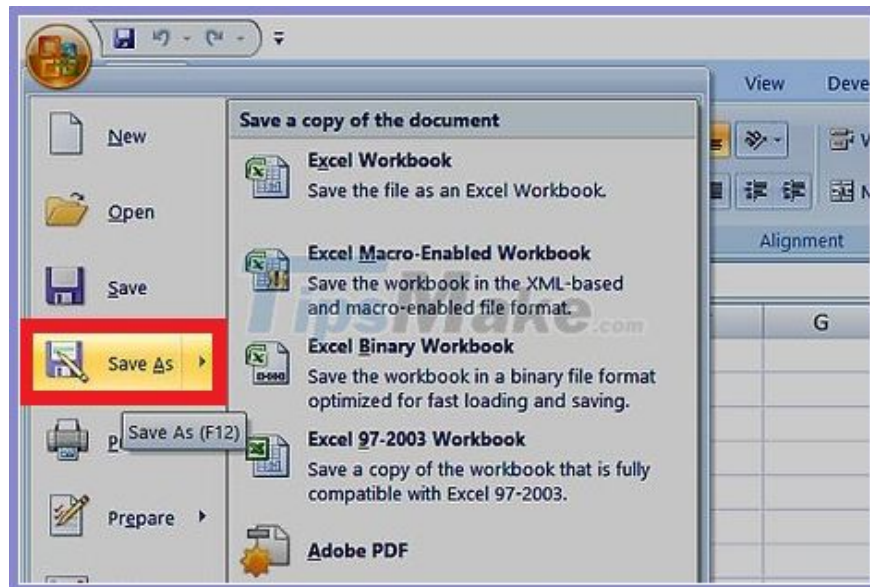
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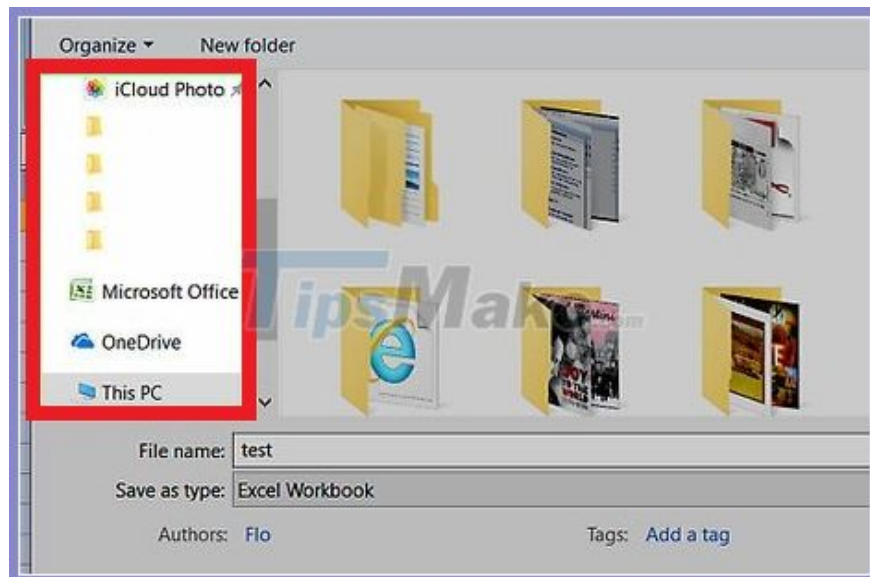
Click the file you want to convert. The file will open in Excel.



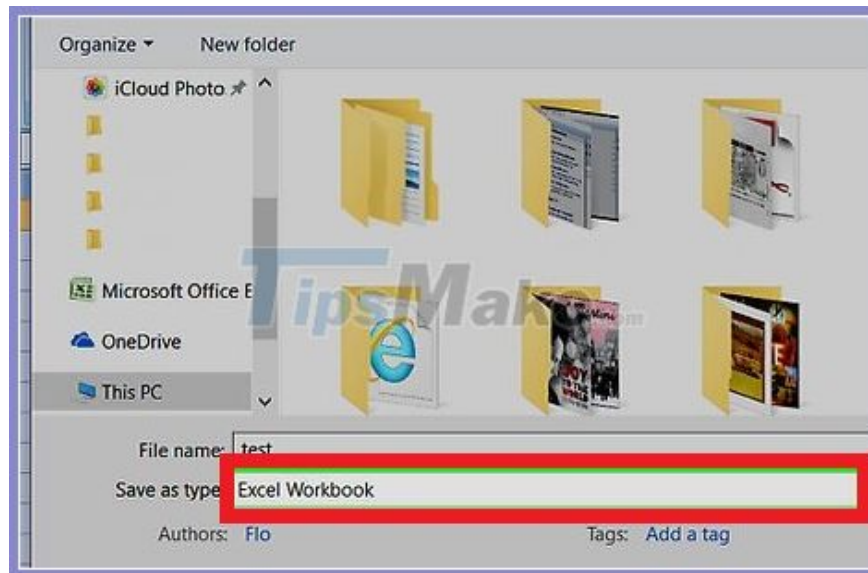
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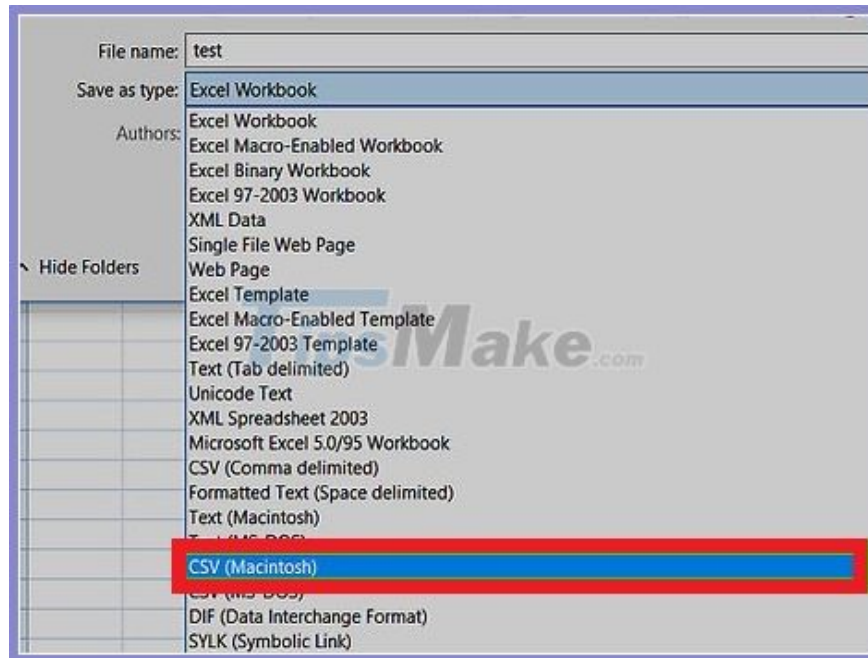
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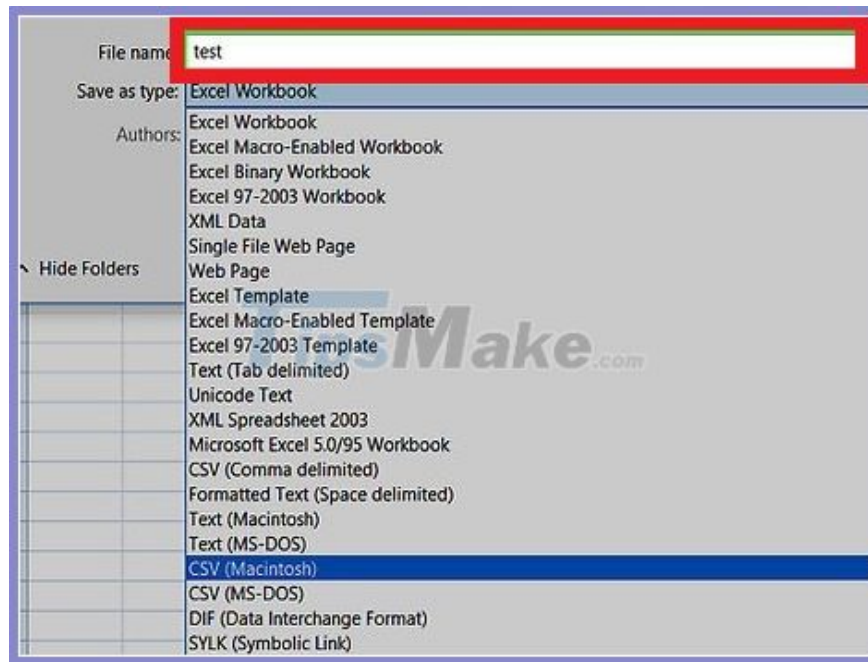
Navigate to the folder where you want to save the file.



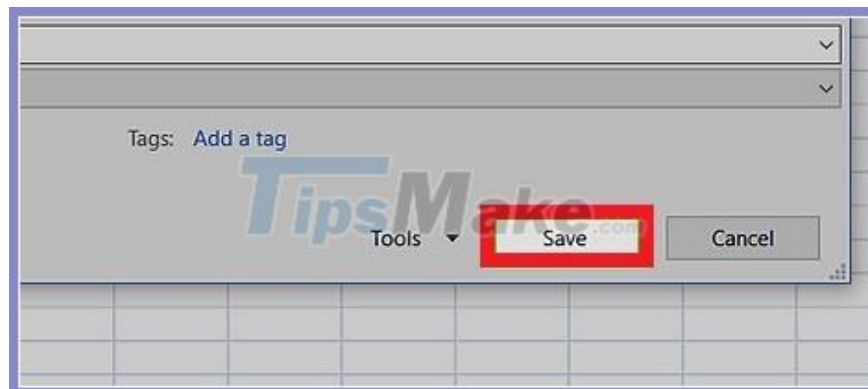
Click the 'Save as type' drop-down menu. A list of file types will appear.



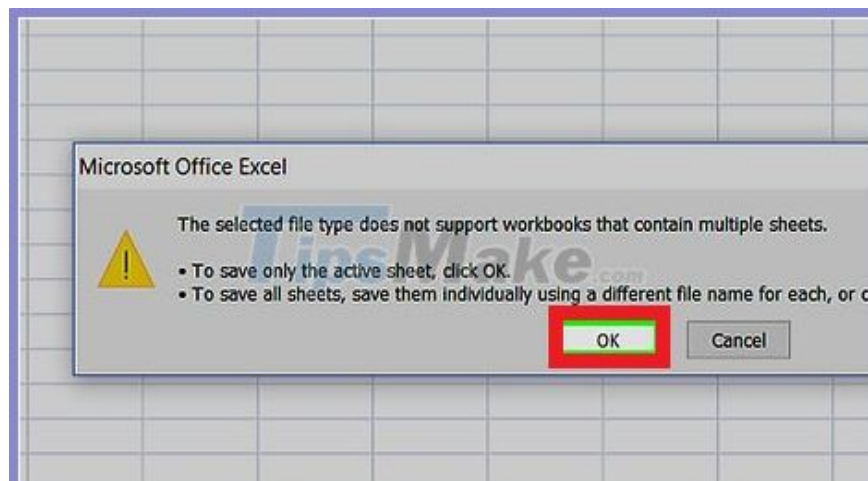
Select **CSV (Comma delimited)(\*.csv)**. This will create a file that can be converted to .DAT format.



**Type a name for the file.** It goes into the 'File name' field. If you want to accept the current name you can skip this step.



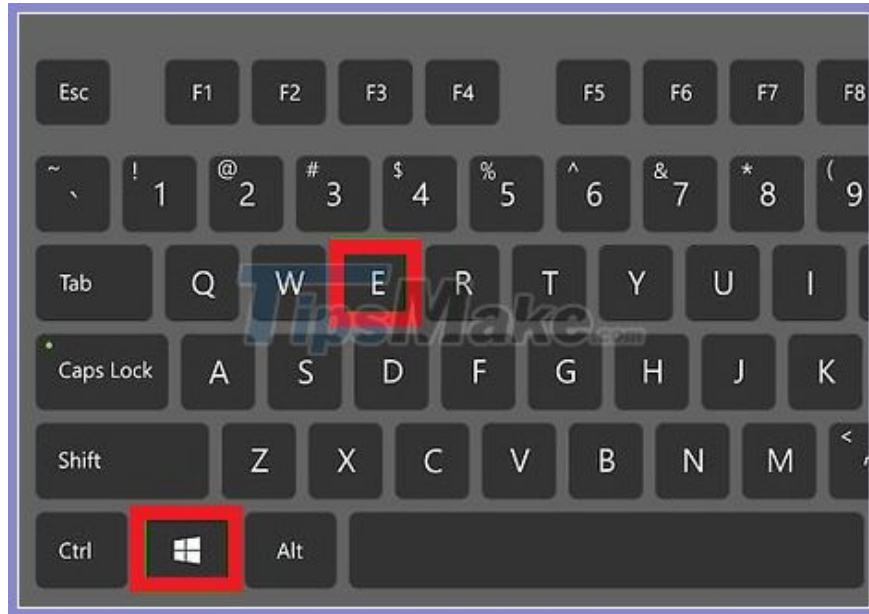
Click **Save**. A confirmation message will appear.



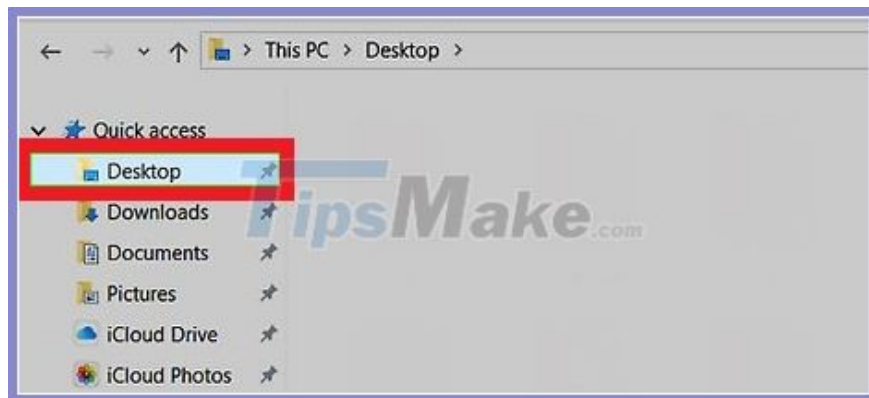
Click **OK**. The .CSV file is saved and ready to be converted.

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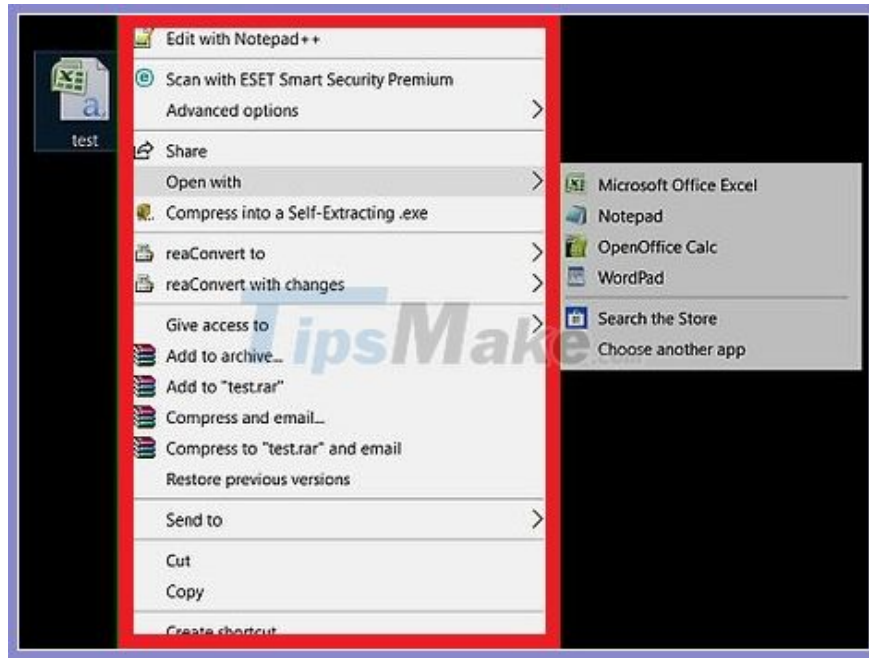
## Converting the .CSV to .DAT



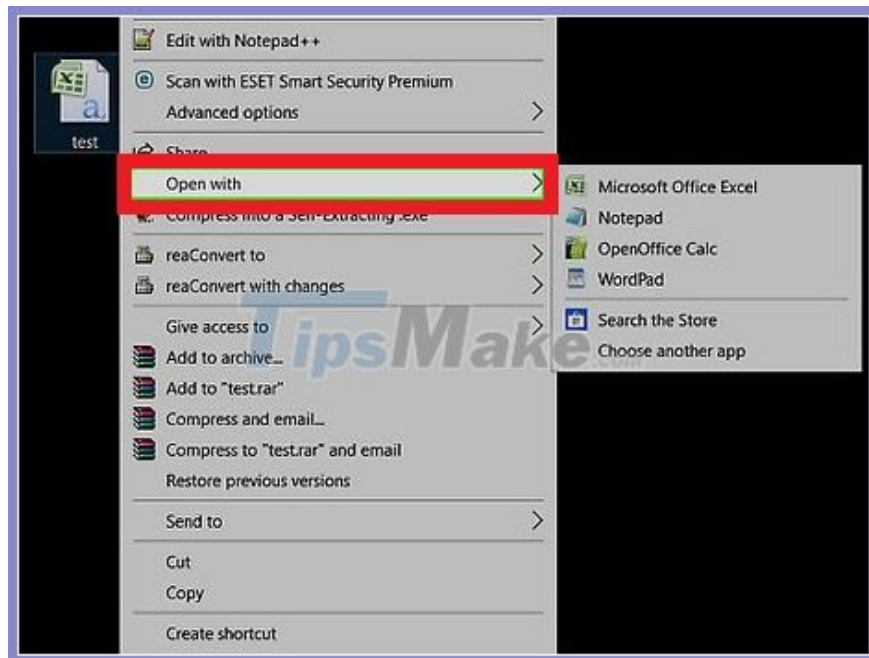
Press **Win + E**. This opens the file explorer.



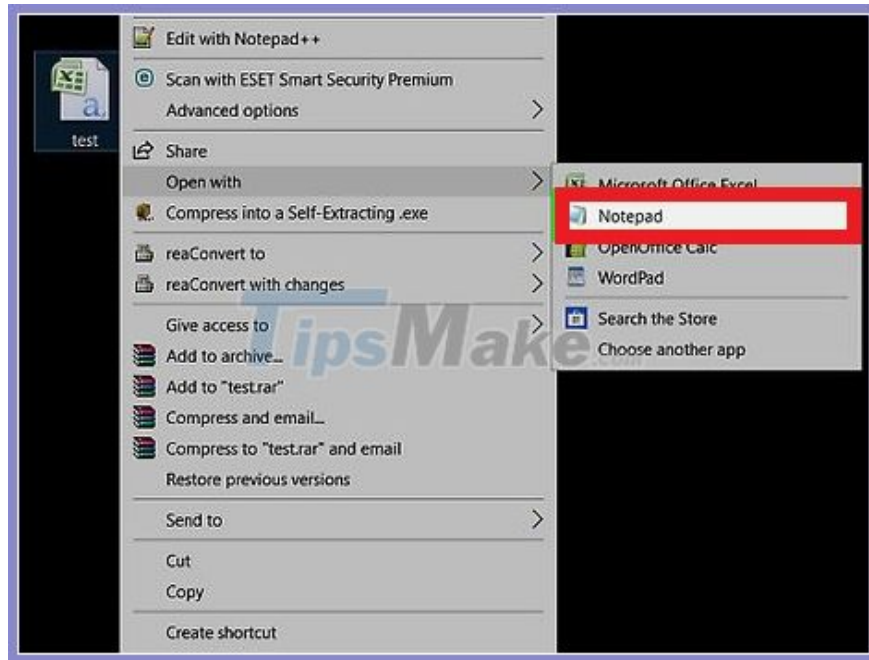
**Navigate to the folder where you saved the .CSV file.** Don't click the file once you open the folder, just bring it onto the screen.



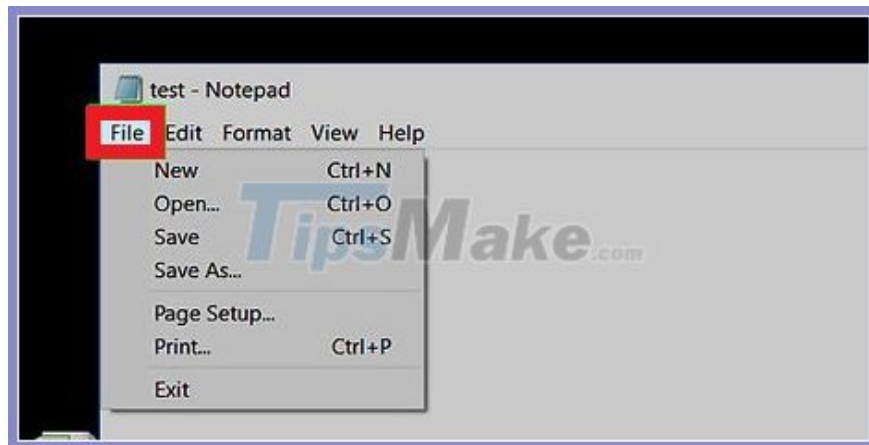
Right-click the file to convert.



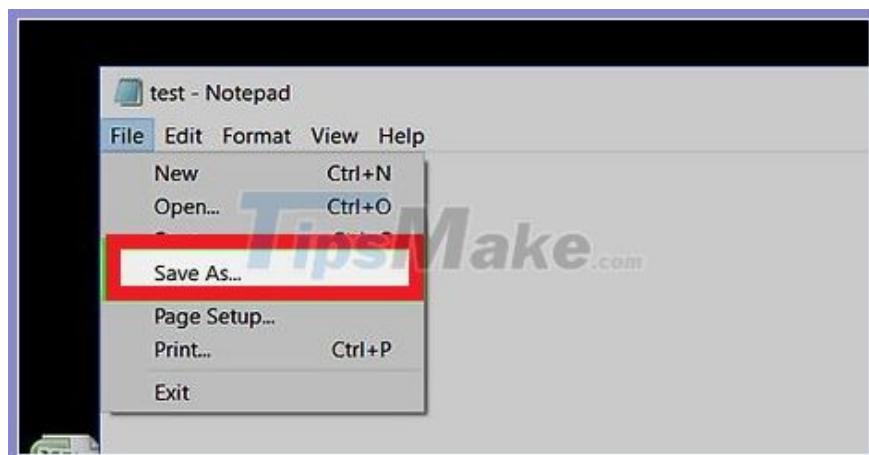
Select **Open with...**. A list of apps will appear.



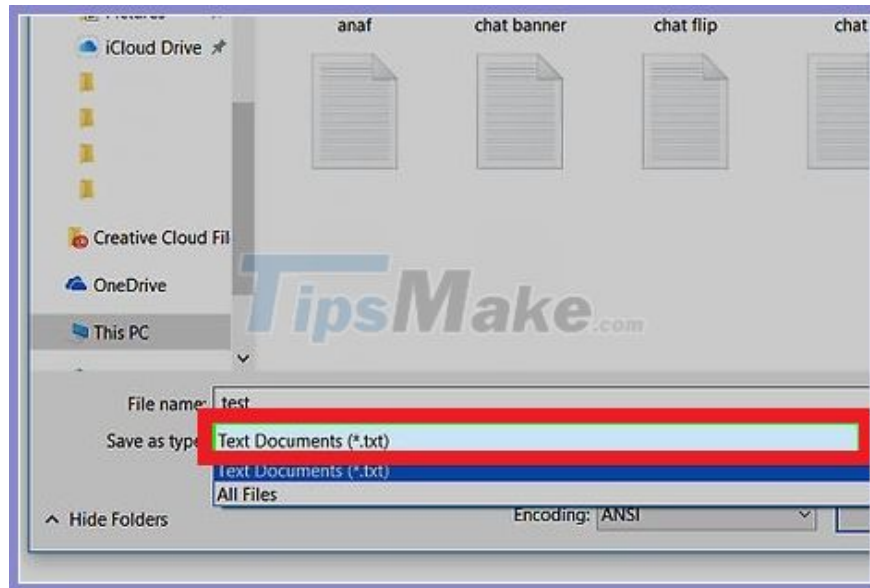
Click **Notepad**. The file will open in the Notepad app.



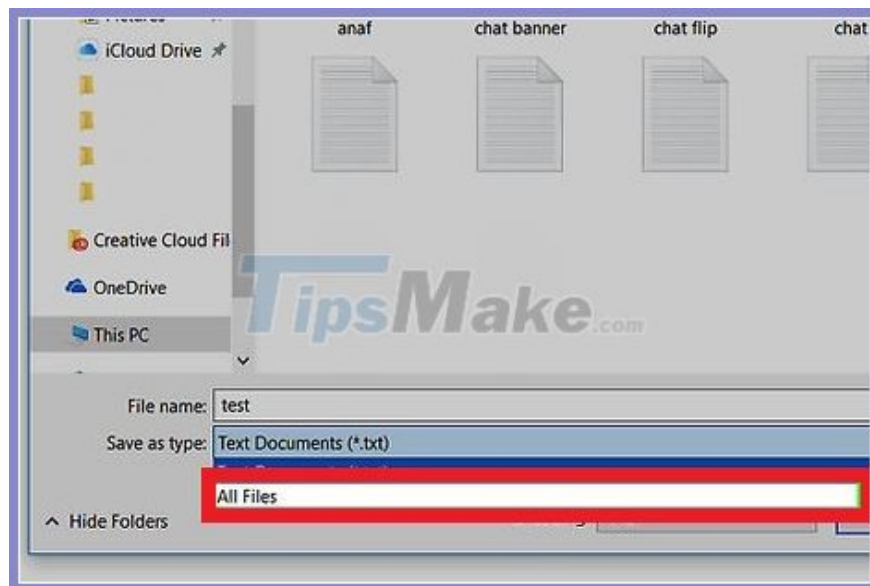
Click the **File** menu. It's near the top-left corner of Notepad.



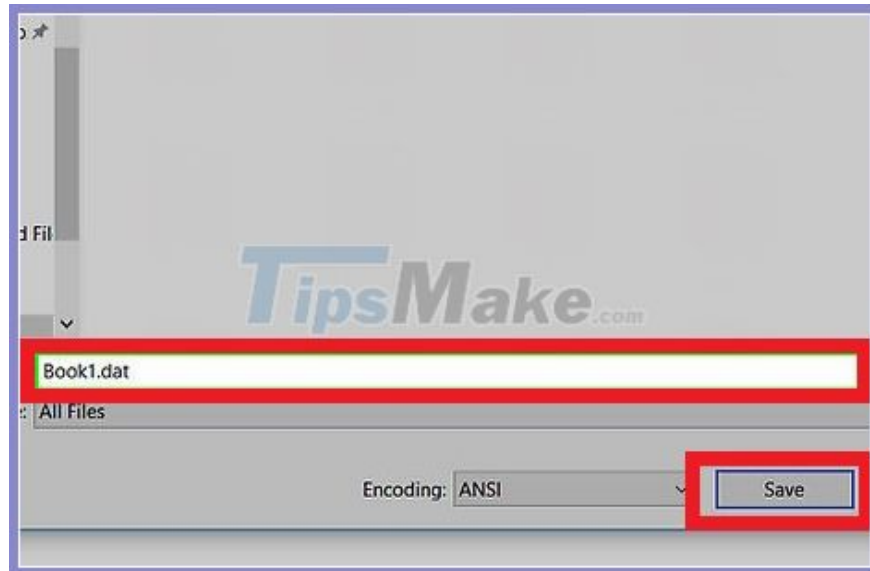
Click **Save As...**.



Click the 'Save as type' drop-down menu. It's below the 'File name' field. A list of file types will appear.

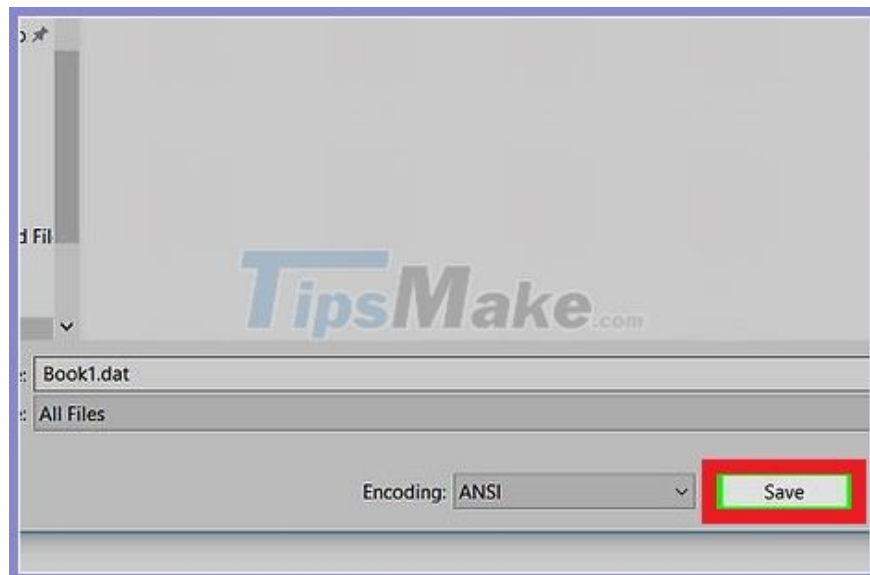


Select **All Files (\*.\*)**. Choosing this option allows you to specify your own file extension.



**Rename the file with .DAT at the end.** For example, if the 'File name' field currently says `Book1.txt`, change it to `Book1.dat`.

It doesn't matter whether the letters in .DAT are capital or lowercase.



Click **Save**. The original file is now saved in the .DAT format.

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