

## The Truth About Native File Review

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### NATIVE REVIEW IN PRACTICE

There is a tendency to believe that it is always better to review documents from within the application in which they were created. In practice, many attorneys strike a balance using native file review for only complex files like spreadsheets and reviewing the bulk of the data in a uniform format like PDF or TIFF — allowing for a more streamlined review and benefits such as Bates stamping, annotating, redacting, and more.

The chart below shows the percentage of documents reviewed in native file format by users of the Applied Discovery Online Review Application.

File Type: Percentage

.xls: 89%  
.doc: 8%  
.ppt: 2%  
.pdf: 1%



There is a lot of talk in the electronic discovery industry about "native file review," "native file format," and "native file production." Many electronic discovery providers are scrambling to assure their clients that they support so-called native file capabilities. The claim is that native file review is cheaper and faster, and that it is required by courts, government agencies and by the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. But is this really true? Is it really less expensive? Is it more efficient? And more importantly, is native file production required under the law?

### WHITE PAPER

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