

## Opening .zip files

The files are in a .zip folder that compresses the file inside. The files inside the .zip folder are .avi files which means they will play on Windows Media Player (version 11 or earlier), RealPlayer, QuickTime, or VLC. They will also play on a Mac. If the files won't play after trying any or all of the players above please and the procedure in the next paragraph let me know. NOTE — There is a known problem with the files and Windows Media Player version 12 that comes with Windows 7. If you have this version you may need to try one of the other players listed.

If you are having trouble getting the animated diagrams to play make sure .avi files are accepted by your media player. Open your media player then follow the appropriate instructions below —

**Windows Media Player** click Tools > Options > File Type (tab) and check Windows video file (.avi)

**RealPlayer** click RealPlayer > Preferences > Content > Media Types then check "Manually configure media types for RealPlayer > Select then scroll down to MPEG and AVI video and click AVI Video

**QuickTime** click Edit > Preferences > QuickTime Preferences > File Types (tab) > Video then select Video for Windows (.AVI)

**VLC Player** click Tools > Preferences > Interface > Set up associations ... > Video Files and check .avi

To use the file click on the file name and a dialog box will come up asking if you want to open or save the file. I recommend saving it to a folder labeled with the name of the class. It takes about a minute to save it so be patient.

Once it is saved it will have an icon that looks like a file with a zipper. Next go to Windows Explorer (sorry, don't know the Mac equivalent) and open the folder where you have chosen to save the files. Open the zip folder, click and hold on the file inside the folder (it will have an .avi extension) and drag it out of the zip folder and into the folder where you are saving the files.

To open an .avi file either double click it and it will automatically open in your default media player and start playing. OR open the media player first, click OPEN, then find the file and click it.

To decrease the play speed of the file —

In Windows Media Player > PLAY > PLAY SPEED > SLOW

In Quick Time > WINDOWS > SHOW A/V CONTROLS > PLAYBACK SPEED

In VLC > PLAYBACK > then choose which speed you want

In RealPlayer > REALPLAYER > PLAY > SLOW MOTION > DECREASE

Once you know the file plays properly I recommend you go back and delete the .zip folder. You no longer need it and it just takes up space (just IMHO of course) and you can always download it again from the yahoo group if you need it.