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definitions attachment



attachment

[uh-tach-muh nt]

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noun

- an act of [attaching](#) or the state of being [attached](#).
- a feeling that binds one to a person, thing, cause, ideal, or the like; devotion; regard:
a fond attachment to his cousin; a profound attachment to the cause of peace.
- Psychology.**
 - an emotional bond between an infant or toddler and primary caregiver, a strong bond being vital for the child's normal behavioral and social development.
 - an enduring emotional bond that develops between one adult and another in an intimate relationship:
romantic attachment.
See also [attachment disorder](#), [attachment theory](#).
- something that attaches; a fastening or tie:
the attachments of a harness; the attachments of a pair of skis.
- an additional or supplementary device:
attachments for an electric drill.
- Law.** seizure of property or person by legal authority, especially seizure of a defendant's property to prevent its dissipation before trial or to acquire jurisdiction over it.
- something attached, as a document added to a letter.

Origin of attachment



1400-50; late Middle English *attachement* seizure < Anglo-French. See [attach](#), -ment

Related forms

nonattachment, noun
overattachment, noun
preattachment, noun
reattachment, noun
self-attachment, noun

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2. love, devotedness. 4. junction, connection. 5. See addition.

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Open the *attachment* and express a willingness to receive a second photo —and how many teenage guys wouldn't?

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Conor Friedersdorf
December 18, 2009

Sears's followers call this progression "*attachment* parenting" and it seems to have something to do with *attachment*.

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 Time Magazine Cover: What About the Child?
Dr. Mona Ackerman
May 11, 2012

When that *attachment* is opened, the trojan is unleashed, giving the adversary control of the unlucky computer, Raff said.

 15-Year-Old Egyptian Cyber Activist Takes on Israel
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British Dictionary definitions for attachment

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/əˈtætʃmənt/

noun

1. a means of securing; a fastening
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3. an object to be attached, esp a supplementary part: *an attachment for an electric drill*

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Word Origin and History for attachment

n.
c.1400, "arrest of a person on judicial warrant" (mid-13c. in Anglo-Latin), from French *attachement*, from *attacher* (see *attach*). Application to property (including, later, wages) dates from 1590s; meaning "sympathy, devotion" is recorded from 1704; that of "something that is attached to something else" dates from 1797 and has become perhaps the most common use since the rise of e-mail.

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