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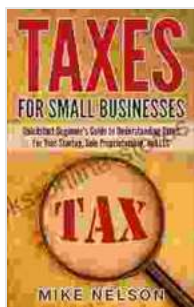
The type of taxes that you need to file will depend on the structure of your business. The most common business structures are:

- **Sole proprietorship:** This is a one-person business where the owner is personally liable for all debts and obligations of the business. Sole proprietorships do not pay taxes on their business income, but they do need to file a Schedule SE with their personal income tax return to report their self-employment income.

- **Partnership:** This is a business that is owned by two or more people. Partnerships do not pay taxes on their business income, but the partners do need to file a Schedule K-1 with their personal income tax returns to report their share of the business income.

- **Limited liability company (LLC):** This is a hybrid business structure that combines the liability protection of a corporation with the tax advantages of a partnership. LLCs do not pay taxes on their business income, but the owners do need to file a Schedule K-1 with their personal income tax returns to report their share of the business income.

- **Corporation:** This is a separate legal entity that is owned by its shareholders. Corporations pay taxes on their business income, and the shareholders pay taxes on any dividends that they receive from the corporation.

The method that you use to file your taxes will depend on the size and complexity of your business. The most common methods of filing taxes for small businesses are:

- **Paper filing:** This is the traditional method of filing taxes, where you mail a paper tax return to the IRS.

- **Electronic filing:** This is a more modern method of filing taxes, where you file your tax return electronically through an IRS-approved software provider.

- **Tax preparer:** You can also hire a tax preparer to help you file your taxes.

There are a number of things that you can do to minimize your tax liability, including:

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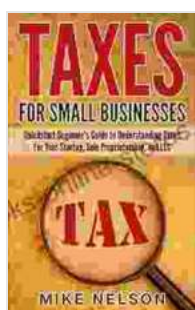
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- **Deducting business expenses:** You can deduct any ordinary and necessary business expenses from your business income. This can include things like rent, utilities, supplies, and employee salaries.

- **Using tax credits and deductions:** There are a number of tax credits and deductions that can help you reduce your tax liability. For example, the home office deduction allows you to deduct a portion of your home expenses if you use your home for business purposes.

- **Structuring your business wisely:** The structure of your business can have a big impact on your tax liability. For example, choosing an LLC or corporation can help you protect your personal assets from business debts and liabilities.

Taxes can be a complex topic, but it's important for small business owners to understand the basics. By following the tips in this guide, you can help ensure that you are filing your taxes correctly and minimizing your tax liability.

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