

# Language-Independent Types for YAML™

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## Introduction

The following is the list of language-independent types defined under the domain **yaml.org**. Unlike the three core types defined in the YAML specification [<http://www.yaml.org/spec/>], these types are not mandatory. However these types are useful across a wide range of applications and it is strongly recommended they be used whenever appropriate to promote interoperability.

New language-independent types may be proposed on the yaml-core mailing list at <http://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/yaml-core>. This mailing list is also the forum for raising any question regarding these types.

## Collection Types

!omap [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/omap.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/omap.html</a> ]	Ordered sequence of key:value pairs without duplicates.
!pairs [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/pairs.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/pairs.html</a> ]	Ordered sequence of key:value pairs allowing duplicates.
!set [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/set.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/set.html</a> ]	Unordered set of non-equal values.

## Scalar Types

!binary [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/binary.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/binary.html</a> ]	A sequence of zero or more octets (8 bit values).
!bool [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/bool.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/bool.html</a> ]	Mathematical Booleans.
!float [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/float.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/float.html</a> ]	Floating-point approximation to real numbers.
!int [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/int.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/int.html</a> ]	Mathematical integers.

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<code>!merge</code> [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/merge.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/merge.html</a> ]	Specify one or more mappings to be merged with the current one.
<code>!null</code> [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/null.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/null.html</a> ]	Devoid of value.
<code>!yaml</code> [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/yaml.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/yaml.html</a> ]	Keys for encoding YAML in YAML.
<code>!timestamp</code> [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/timestamp.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/timestamp.html</a> ]	A point in time.
<code>!value</code> [ <a href="http://www.yaml.org/spec/value.html">http://www.yaml.org/spec/value.html</a> ]	Specify the default value of a mapping.