# Week 12: Data/information storage formats





# Learning objectives

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- ☐ To know different types of data storage formats
- ☐ ASCII Vs Unicode

At the conclusion of this lecture, students will be able to understand the fundamental data storage formats that have been widely deployed in computers for data storage/retrieval

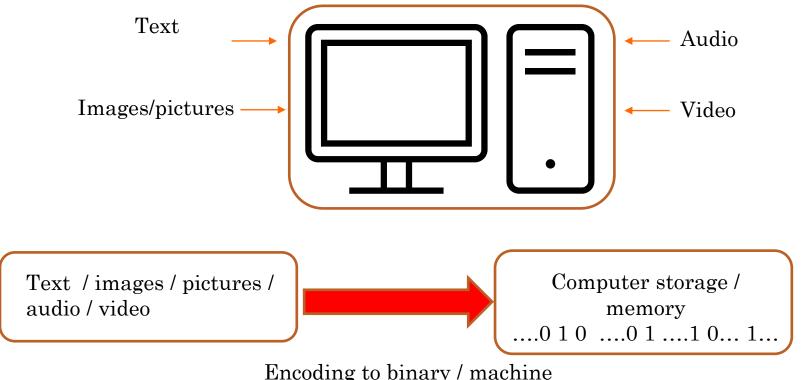








## **Data storage formats**

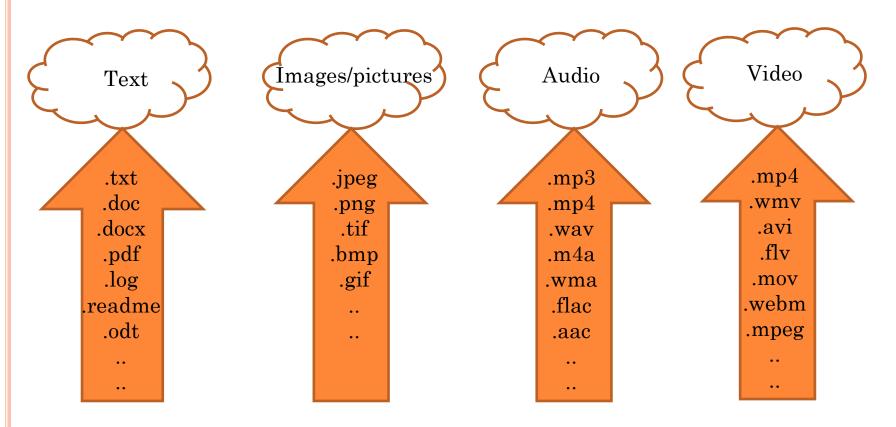


Encoding to binary / machine understandable format

The type of data stored in the memory are distinguished by its extension name at source level. Example: .txt, .png, .mp3, mp4... (file formats)

File formats defines how a binary file will be structured. It is normally depending on OS that contains programs/modules for easy access: .docx—Windows / .pages -Mac

# How are different type of data handled in real world applications and for storage and retrieval purposes?



**Structured data**: data are organized in the form of row and columns that are related with each other. Example: relational database, Excel files

**Semi-structured data**: The data that does not follow strict structured database framework but still have some structural link between its properties. Example: XML files

**Unstructured data**: The data that can't have any structural database framework or tabular format standard. Example: video, audio files, emails, social media contents..

## Common data formats that used for storage in big data analytics

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h131,245,324800.00,house
h124,24,34000.00,shop
h401,40,72000.00,apartment
h345,32,62400.00,shop
h123,54,134000.00,row house
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h200,101,160000.00,house
h145,71,120400.00,apartment
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.csv : Comma separated values format

.txt : text file

.tsv: tab separated file format

.xml: Extensible markup language

.sql-structured query language database table

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4	The Proposal	PG	18-06-2009	107	Disney		
5	Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs	PG	01-07-2009	94	20th Century Fox		

### **ASCII Vs Unicode**

- ASCII American Standard code for Information Interchange
- These are character sets used for encoding documents on computers
- This code represent 256 characters as numbers 0 to 255
- The ASCII value for capital letter A is  $65 \text{binary form} \rightarrow 01000001$
- Small letter a is 97-binary form → 01100001
- It uses 8-bits to represent a character
- When ASCII is there why Unicode developed?
- ASCII can represent at the maximum of 255 characters and meant for English based keyboards and limited to other language characters
- Unicode represents characters which allows more characters than ASCII. 8/16/32-bit
- This lets Unicode to have code for every character and symbol in every language.
- Unicode standard defines values for over 128,000 characters and can be seen at the Unicode Consortium.



