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Let X be a noetherian integral separated scheme such that every local ring $\mathcal{O}_x$ of X of dimension one is regular (such a scheme X is said to be regular in codimension one, or non-singular in codimension one).

Definition. *A prime divisor on X is a closed integral subscheme Y of codimension one. We define an abelian group $\mathrm{Div}(X)$ generated by the prime divisors on X. A Weil divisor is an element of $\mathrm{Div}(X)$. Thus, a Weil divisor $\mathcal{W}$ can be written as:*

$$\mathcal{W} = \sum n_Y Y$$

where the sum is over all the prime divisors Y of X, the n_Y are integers and only finitely many of them are non-zero. A degree of a divisor is defined to be $\deg(\mathcal{W}) = \sum n_Y$. Finally, a divisor is said to be effective if $n_Y \geq 0$ for all the prime divisors Y.

For more information, see Hartshorne's book listed in the bibliography for algebraic geometry.