# YAML

### Introduction to YAML

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Syntax

YAML Styles

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- YAML Ain't Markup Language.
- YAML is a data serialization language that matches user's expectations about data.
- It is designed to be human friendly and works perfectly with other programming languages.
- It is useful to manage data and includes Unicode printable characters.

## What is YAML used for?

- YAML is popular because it is optimized for data serialization, formatted dumping, configuration files, log files, internet messaging and filtering.
- Since YAML works in concurrence with any programming language, it is often used to write configuration files.
- YAML files are easy to work with in a text editor, portable between programming languages, and expressive and extensible.
- YAML files perform many of the same functions as XML or JSON.

## Key principles of YAML are

Indentation and Whitespace

Mapping and Key-Value Pairs

Lists

Comments

Scalars

Multiline Strings

**Anchors and Aliases**