

# File Naming Standard

## Segment breakdown:

1. Segment Name
2. Explicit segment definition and explanation
3. Example of how to do the data entry for this part

## Things to remember:

1. **Always use lowercase.**
2. **No special characters.**
3. Any spaces between parts of a file name, e.g. a File name with multiple words, should use an underscore.
4. Object naming should be separated by dash, with no spaces between words in name.

## ★ File Naming:

What should be captured in the file name. Please be sure to include these in order to meet our standard.

Ex. `acc_nypldc_1939-1940_photo_womanridingbicycle`

Segments:

## ★ Cataloger Initials - This is to sequence in order of who submitted the image to the project.

- This would be the initials of the person who located the image and submitted it to the objects sheet.
- ba, hr, bc, acc, cm
- This will go at the beginning of each file name to ensure organization.
  - `acc_nypldc_1939-1940_photo_womanridingbicycle`

## ★ Repository Acronym - This would be the acronym of the GLAM you retrieved the image from to keep track of object origin.

- If you are unsure of how to acronym the Repository in line with other standards; please review the [Objects](#) sheet column for Repository Acronym.
- E.g. nypldc (New York Public Library, Digital Collections), ohsc (Oregon Historical Society, Digital Collections), etc
  - `acc_nypldc_1939-1940_photo_womanridingbicycle`

## ★ Date - The date associated with the object's metadata. Origination or Creation date.

- Only need to include the most recent date associated with object
- If the object does not have a date associated in the Metadata, please use the placeholder "null" instead of leaving blank.
- If the object has a date range or specific dates; separate by dashes, starting with year, followed by month, and then day. For date ranges, separate the two years by a dash:

- YYYY (year only)
- YYYY-MM (year + month)
- YYYY-MM-DD (full date)
  
- acc\_nypldc\_1939-1940\_photo\_womanridingbicycle

★ **Format Type** - Defines what type of media the object is.

- This is defined media types such as “*photo*”, “*print*”, “*advert*”, “*drawing*”, etc.
- Located after Date but before the Object name.
  - acc\_nypldc\_1939-1940\_**photo**\_womanridingbicycle

★ **Object name** - Include the title given to the object from the Repository it was found on.

- If the object has a particularly long and descriptive title, please include only the shortest descriptor of it.
- In the name segment, only the name with no spaces is needed.
- Ex: “Transportation to Fair - Woman on bicycle” > “womanonbicycle”
  - acc\_nypldc\_1939-1940\_photo\_**womanridingbicycle**