

# Sampled Data Systems

We set the scene for this chapter with a useful definition from Wikipedia

## Sampling (Signal Processing)

In signal processing, sampling is the reduction of a continuous-time signal to a discrete-time signal. A common example is the conversion of a sound wave (a continuous signal) to a sequence of samples (a discrete-time signal).

A sample is a value or set of values at a point in time and/or space.

A sampler is a subsystem or operation that extracts samples from a continuous signal.

A theoretical ideal sampler produces samples equivalent to the instantaneous value of the continuous signal at the desired points.

-- [Sampling \(Signal Processing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sampling_(signal_processing)) ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sampling\\_\(signal\\_processing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sampling_(signal_processing))), Wikipedia.

In this chapter we will cover Sampling Theory, the Z-Transform, the inverse Z-Transform and Models of Digital Systems.