# General Remarks

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| **Role of a file** | **Accepted file format** |
| Narrative expression | *docx* |
| Notebooks with code | *ipynb* |

In those files you can include other assets, like images or videos, but you should remember to upload them to the `assets` folder and write a correct reference to those files inside of `.docx` or `.ipynb` file.

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| Illustrations | *jpg, jpeg, tiff, png* |
| Video | *mp4* |
| Interactive elements for the digital version | *html* |

The `.html` files included in the `.docx` files can contain references to other files in the `assets` directory, for example `.js` or `.css`.

## Submission Structure

:::{tip}   
Submitting your book as a one file can result in unexpected behaviors. We recommend the authors to split the manuscript into logical parts that reflect an internal structure of a book. For example, each chapter can be its own file.  
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As an author, you are required to upload a package of a following structure:

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├── 01\_part\_of\_book.docx

├── 02\_part\_of\_book.docx

├── 03\_part\_of\_book.docx

└── assets/

├── img-filename.jpg

├── video-filename.mp4

└── data-filename.csv

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Note that every submission must have:

* parts of the book written in `.docx` or `.ipynb` format and
* all the objects (images, videos, files with data) used in the manuscript in a separate folder called `assets`.

Note that you have some flexibility when it comes to nesting files in the `assets` folder. For example, when writing a long book, it is recommended to divide objects by chapters in which they were referenced.

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├── 01\_chapter\_1.docx

├── 02\_chapter\_2.docx

└── assets/

├── chapter\_1/

│ ├── some-descriptive-name.png

│ └── some-descriptive-name.mp4

└── chapter\_2/

├── filename.tiff

└── filename.mp3

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You can also put files in nested directories in the `assets` folder, as well as use your own naming convention.

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├── 01\_name-of-the-chapter.docx

├── 02\_chapter-name.docx

└── assets/

├── videos/

│ └── vid1.mp4

└── images/

├── 01\_name-of-the-chapter/

│ └── 01-01\_section-name/

│ └── img\_a.png

└── 02\_chapter-name/

└── img\_b.jpg

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* File names should not be too long.
* Only `AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKkLlMmNnOoPpQqRrSsTtUuVvWwXxYyZz \_-+.` characters are allowed.
* Assignment should be clear and precise.

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  + Hyphen
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  + Years,
  + Dates,
  + Numbers and units

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