

# FILE HANDLING

The key function for working with files in Python is the `open()` function.

The `open()` function takes two parameters; *filename*, and *mode*.

There are four different methods (modes) for opening a file:

`"r"` - Read - Default value. Opens a file for reading, error if the file does not exist

`"a"` - Append - Opens a file for appending, creates the file if it does not exist

`"w"` - Write - Opens a file for writing, creates the file if it does not exist

`"x"` - Create - Creates the specified file, returns an error if the file exists

`"t"` - Text - Default value. Text mode

`"b"` - Binary - Binary mode (e.g. images)

## **Opening a Python File Using with...open**

**In Python, there is a better way to open a file using with...open.  
For example,**

```
with open("file1.txt", "r") as file1:  
    read_content = file1.read()  
    print(read_content)
```

**Here, with...open automatically closes the file, so we  
don't have to use the close() function**