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The notion of "file" has been a central abstraction in computing since the 1950s. However, the notion of what a file is depends on who is doing the asking. Or more importantly: from what perspective is this question being answer from.

You are to provide two different definitions of file:

* What is a file to an end user?
* What is a file to a Disk Manager?

Write up your two answers and submit on Thursday.  Your definitions should not be overly long; a couple of sentences (or so) for each.

The typical end user is just a guy/gal who checks emails on their Mac Book Pro in a Starbucks. More than likely they’ll receive a Word document through email that they need to inspect, so they save it to their local host machine. They then navigate to their Downloads and there is a file of the just saved Word document. As computer scientist, we classify a file a little more in-depth than just layman’s terms. A file is a certainly formatted piece of stored data that when ran against a compiler, produces a meaningful result to that user. A file can be opened and inspected, executed, or streamed.

A disk manager is simply something built into the OS that partitions different data to parts of a certain drive. To a disk manager, a file is nothing more important than just more data that needs to be partitioned to the drive. There are important elements to the data of a file that matters to the disk manager. These elements let the OS know how to partition a certain file, specifically to what type of file it is and where to store it to improve efficiency.