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YAML: YAML Ain’t Markup Language –

* A human-readable data serialization language. Commonly used to create config files, data exchange, and storing metadata. Works well with any programming language.
* Designed for ease of use and interaction. Thus, is a popular choice among developers as it’s written using natural language and easier to learn than JSON. It’s a superset of JSON.

However, JSON is preferred for cross-compatibility as many applications and services already parse JSON data format.

* Data serialization standard and is the term used when talking about the language or the format. Files containing the YAML-formatted data have the .yml extension.

.yml files

* Can be opened with common text editors (Notepad, Notepad++, VS IDE, etc.)
* The beginning of a file is denoted by 3 hyphens. A YAML file with multiple documents will have 3 hyphens for each document

YML:

* Yet Another Markup Language. Markup language – metadata intended for annotating documents.