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Working with Files

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Text Files

- Plain text
- XML
- CSV
- JSON
- Source Code

Binary Files

- Compiled Code
- App data
- Media files
 - images
 - Audio
 - video

`open(path_to_file, mode)`

Mode	Description
'r'	Open a text file for reading text (default)
'w'	Open a text file for writing text
'a'	Open a text file for appending text

```
with open('readme.txt') as f:  
    lines = f.readlines()
```

The default mode is read



```
with open('readme.txt') as f:  
    lines = f.readlines()
```

```
with open('readme.txt', 'w') as f:  
    f.writelines(lines)
```

*Open the file in
'write' mode*



```
with open('readme.txt', 'w') as f:  
    f.writelines(lines)
```

Working with files

- Binary Files
 - use packages (next few weeks)
- Text File
 - with keyword
 - open()
 - read/write/append