

Bytes Object, Encoding and Decoding

- The only thing a computer can store is **bytes**;
- A **bytes string or object** is a **sequence of bytes** that can be stored on disk;
- The mapping between text, music, images etc and bytes is done using **encoding** and **decoding**;
- MP3, PNG, UTF-8 are examples of encodings;
- In Python there is the **encode()** string method and the bytes **decode()** method;