**YAML**

YAML Ain't Markup Language (YAML) is a serialization language that has steadily increased in popularity over the last few years. It's often used as a format for configuration files, but its object serialization abilities make it a viable replacement for languages like JSON. The YAML acronym was shorthand for Yet Another Markup Language. But the maintainers renamed it to YAML Ain't Markup Language to place more emphasis on its data-oriented features.

The file starts with three dashes. These dashes indicate the start of a new YAML document.

Comments begin with a pound sign.

**Outline Indentation and Whitespace**

Indentation is how YAML denotes nesting. The number of spaces can vary from file to file, but tabs are not allowed.

Whitespace is part of YAML's formatting. Unless otherwise indicated, newlines indicate the end of a field. You structure a YAML document with indentation. The indentation level can be one or more spaces. The specification forbids tabs because tools treat them differently. Consider this document. The items inside **stuff** are indented with two spaces.