

# File

## What Is Stored In A File?

Source code, object files, executable files, shell scripts, PostScript...

### Different type of files have different structure

- ▶ UNIX looks at contents to determine type

Shell scripts start with “#!”

PDF start with “%PDF . . .”

Executables start with magic number

- ▶ Windows uses file naming conventions

executables end with “.exe” and “.com”

MS-Word end with “.doc”

MS-Excel end with “.xls”