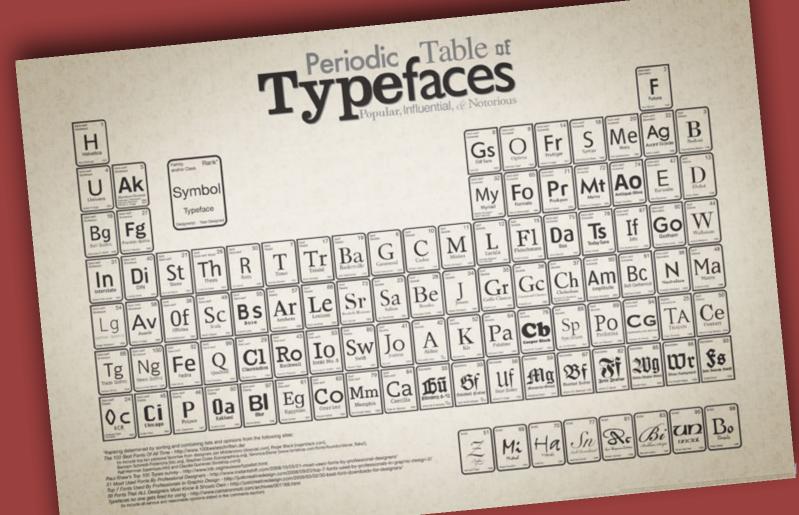
# ENCODING TEXT



http://www.designishistory.com/1450/type-classification/

### TEXT AND BINARY DATA

- Up till this point in the course, we've been moving up to bigger and bigger code structures
  - -From ints and floats, to lists and strings, to modules and classes
- Today, we're heading in the other direction.
  - -We want to know how a computer can store all the types of data we use, when at some level it's all binary, just zeros and ones.
- When we're just working in Python, we usually don't have to worry about this level of representation ... but ...

### TEXT & BINARY DATA

- But as a data scientist, you'll often need to collect data from other sources
  - -Websites or servers with public apis
  - -Files created by other people
  - -Text that people type into your application
- We can classify these sources as text data or binary data. Let's cover text data first.

### TEXT

- How can we get a computer to process text characters?
- We know that at some level, text has to be binary, so need to map each character to a binary sequence
  - You can view every binary sequence as a number in base 2
  - 0000 is 0
  - 0001 is 1
  - 0010 is 2
  - And so on...
- The first major system for encoding text was called ASCII
  - "American Standard Code for Information Interchange"
  - It was published in 1963
- Every ASCII character takes 7 bits [tho there's also 8-bit ASCII]
  - This means that you can only get  $2^7 = 128$  different characters
  - But there is also 8-bit ASCII [https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/references/table-of-8-bit-ascii-character-codes]

## ASCII

ASCII value	Character	Control character	ASCII value	Character	ASCII value	Character	ASCII value	Character
000	(null)	NUL	032	(space)	064	0	096	
001	<b>O</b>	SOH	033	1 :	065	A	097	α
002		STX	034	n	066	В	098	ь
003	¥	ETX	035	#	067	C	099	C
004	•	EOT	036	\$	068	D	100	d
005	*	ENQ	037	%	: 069	E	:101	ė
006	<b>A</b>	ACK	038	&	070	F	102	: <b>f</b>
007	(beep)	BEL	039	ř	071	G	103	g
008	13	BS	:040	( :	072	H	104	∶g ∶h
:009	(tab)	HT	041	)	073	I	105	: <b>i</b>
010	(line feed)	LF	042	*	074	I	106	ij
011	(home)	VT	043	+	075	K	107	k
012	(form feed)	FF	044	*	076	L	108	1
013	(carriage return)	CR	045	- :	077	M	109	m
014	,ra	SO	046		078	N	110	n
015	Ø-	SI	047	1	079	0	111	:0
016		DLE	048	0	080	P	112	p
017		DC1	049	1	081	Q	113	q
018	1	DC2	050	2	082	R	114	ř
019	ŢĬ	DC3	051	3	083	S	115	S
020	T	DC4	052	4	084	T	116	t
021	Š	NAK	053	5	- 085	U	117	u
022		SYN	054	6	086	V	118	v
023	<u></u>	ETB	055	7	087	W	119	w
024	Ť	CAN	056	8	088	X	120	x
025	1	EM	057	9	089	Y	121	У
026	· —	SUB	058		090	Z	122	ž
027	-	ESC	059	•	091	1	123	.{
028	(cursor right)	FS	060	<	092		124	}
029	(cursor left)	GS	061	<u> </u>	093	1	125	-}
030	(cursor up)	RS	062	>	094	À	126	; mu
031	(cursor down)	US	063	?	095		127	:🗀
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### BEYOND ASCII

- Of course, ASCII is far too limiting.
  - -It doesn't even cover all the characters we use to write Latin-alphabet languages, such as English, let alone other major languages.
- There have been a lot of attempts to create larger character encodings.
  - -Windows code, Latin-1, etc
- These may be incompatible and cause errors if you don't know exactly how to process the bits you're getting.

### MORE ON ENCODINGS...

### Why care about this?

- Internationalization ("i18") mapping between data streams & localization
- Legacy Systems converting data from older systems
- Standards ANSI and ISO and others
- *Typography* OpenFont, TrueType, others, support "GID" (graphic ID that are not part of the ASCII code page planes) for historical/graphic graphemes

### SOME SITES TO VISIT...

Character encodings for beginners

https://www.w3.org/International/questions/qa-what-is-encoding

What Every Programmer Absolutely, Positively Needs To Know About Encodings And Character Sets To Work With Text <a href="http://kunststube.net/encoding/">http://kunststube.net/encoding/</a>

#### Unicode Basics

http://ergoemacs.org/emacs/unicode\_basics.html

#### WIN-1252

https://www.w3schools.com/charsets/ref\_html\_ansi.asp

#### ISO-8859-x

https://www.i18nqa.com/debug/table-iso8859-1-vs-windows-1252.html

## • http://unicode.org

		→ 2160 I roman numeral one			e Latin diphabet
004A	J	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER J	0061		LATIN SMALL LETTER A
004B	K	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER K	0062	_	LATIN SMALL LETTER B
		→ 212A K kelvin sign	0063	c	
004C	L	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L	0064	d	
	_	$\rightarrow$ 2112 $\mathscr{L}$ script capital I	0065	e	
004D	M	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER M			→ 212E ← estimated symbol
00.2	111	$\rightarrow$ 2133 $\mathcal{M}$ script capital m			$\rightarrow$ 212F $e$ script small e
004E	N	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N	0066	f	LATIN SMALL LETTER F
0012	1,	→ 2115 N double-struck capital n	0067	g	LATIN SMALL LETTER G
004F	0	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O			$\rightarrow$ 0261 <b>g</b> latin small letter script g
0050		LATIN CAPITAL LETTER P			$\rightarrow$ 210A $g$ script small g
0000	•	→ 2119 P double-struck capital p	0068	h	
0051	O	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Q			$ ightarrow$ 04BB ${f h}$ cyrillic small letter shha
0001	V	→ 211A Q double-struck capital q			$\rightarrow$ 210E $h$ planck constant
0052	R	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER R	0069	i	LATIN SMALL LETTER I
0002	1	$\rightarrow$ 211B $\Re$ script capital r			<ul> <li>Turkish and Azerbaijani use 0130 İ for</li> </ul>
		→ 211C <b>%</b> black-letter capital r			uppercase
		→ 211D R double-struck capital r			→ 0131 1 latin small letter dotless i
0053	S	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S	0004		→ 1D6A4 t mathematical italic small dotless i
0054	T		006A	j	LATIN SMALL LETTER J
0055	_	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U			→ 0237 j latin small letter dotless j
0056		LATIN CAPITAL LETTER V	0000	1	$\rightarrow$ 1D6A5 $_J$ mathematical italic small dotless j
0000	•	→ 2164 V roman numeral five	006B	k	
0057	W	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER W	006C	1	
0058		LATIN CAPITAL LETTER X			→ 2113 ℓ script small l
0059		LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Y	0000		→ 1D4C1 € mathematical script small I
005A		LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Z	006D	m	
00014	2	$\rightarrow$ 2124 $\mathbb{Z}$ double-struck capital z	006E	n	LATIN SMALL LETTER N
		→ 2124 2 double-struck capital z	0005		→ 207F " superscript latin small letter n
			006F	o	LATIN SMALL LETTER O
ASCII punctuation and symbols			0070		→ 2134 ø script small o
005B	[	LEFT SQUARE BRACKET	0070	p	LATIN SMALL LETTER P
		= opening square bracket (1.0)	0071	q	LATIN SMALL LETTER Q
		<ul> <li>other bracket characters: 27E6          [ −27EB ) ,</li> </ul>	0072	r	LATIN SMALL LETTER R
		2983 { −2998 <b>)</b> , 3008 〈 −301B 〗	0073	S	LATIN SMALL LETTER S
			0074	t	LATIN SMALL LETTER T

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- The closest thing we have to a standard is a system called Unicode.
  - This defines a set of more than 120,000 different characters.
    - Modern languages, ancient languages, mathematical symbols.
- Unicode is actually an abstraction, essentially just assigning an order to characters.
- There are then character encodings that take each unicode character and map it to a sequence of bytes.
  - The most popular one is UTF-8 [though CJK others in UTF-16]
  - The 8 stands for 8 bits, or one byte. Every character in UTF-8 gets 1 to 4 bytes.
    - The original ASCII characters are encoded with 1 byte using their original ASCII encoding. So UTF-8 is very compact for these characters.

### CONVERTING ENCODINGS

• See https://docs.python.org/3.4/howto/unicode.html

```
import unicodedata
u = chr(233) + chr(0x0bf2) + chr(6000) + chr(13231) + chr(2300)
for i, c in enumerate(u):
    print(i, '%04x' % ord(c), unicodedata.category(c), end=" ")
    print(unicodedata.name(c))

# get numeric value
print(unicodedata.numeric(u[1]))
```

```
new_f = codecs.StreamRecoder(f,
    # en/decoder: used by read() to encode its results and
    # by write() to decode its input.
    codecs.getencoder('utf-8'), codecs.getdecoder('utf-8'),

# reader/writer: used to read and write to the stream.
    codecs.getreader('latin-1'), codecs.getwriter('latin-1'))
```

- UTF-8 is becoming a popular standard.
  - 85.1% of all Web pages in September 2015
  - It is the required encoding for many file types (.json, .xml, etc.)
- This is what you want to use if you have a choice.
- But there are times when you have to interact with other encodings in Python.
- We'll explore how to encode and decode text in the next segments.