



# Data Formats on the Web

**COMP6218**  
**Web Architecture**

# How to use this Lecture



- In this lecture I will go into a lot of detail about a variety of Web formats
- Do not panic - you are not expected to memorise all these details!
- You are expected to be familiar with the range of data formats, broadly how they work and what they look like “under the hood”, and what they are useful for.
  - E.g. what are the sections inside a PDF file? Is it best to use plain text, PDF or ePUB for formatting your new novel?

# Data Formats for Web Resources

URI

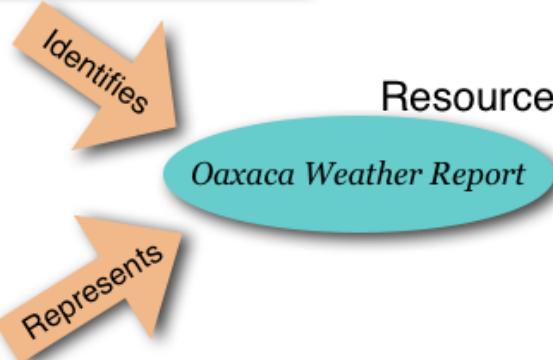
`http://weather.example.com/oaxaca`

Representation

Metadata:  
Content-type:  
`application/xhtml+xml`

Data:

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "...  
    \"http://www.w3.org/...  
<html xmlns=\"http://www....  
<head>  
<title>5 Day Forecast for  
Oaxaca</title>  
...  
</html>
```



“The **World Wide Web** is an information space in which the items of interest, referred to as resources, are identified by global identifiers called Uniform Resource Identifiers (**URI**).”

# URIs, Resources, and Representations

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Identifies

Represents

Resource

*Oaxaca Weather Report*

- URIs *identify* Resources
- Representations *represent* Resources
- When URIs are dereferenced, they return representations (not resources)
- Different representations may be returned for the same URI (e.g., English vs. French version)

# Content Negotiation

- Content negotiation (RFC 2616 sec 12) is used in HTTP to allow servers to send different representations of the same resource at the same URI
- The user agent tells the server which encoding, language, media type, etc. it prefers, and the server responds with the “best” representation
- Example HTTP request headers:

```
Accept-Language: fr; q=1.0, en; q=0.5  
Accept: text/html; q=1.0, text/*; q=0.8,  
        image/gif; q=0.6, image/jpeg; q=0.6, image/*;  
        q=0.5, */*; q=0.1
```

This agent prefers French over English, HTML over other document types, and GIF and JPEG over other image formats

# Internet Media Types

- A media type is composed of a *type*, a *subtype*, and optional parameters.
  - text/html; charset=UTF-8
  - text is the type, html is the subtype, and charset=UTF-8 is a parameter (the character encoding).
- **Common examples**
  - text/html
  - text/plain
  - application/pdf
  - application/json
  - audio/mpeg
  - video/mp4
  - image/png
  - application/x-www-form-urlencoded
  - application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document

These replace PC filename extensions for the internet (e.g. “text/plain” vs “.txt”) and are translated by the web server.

# Common Web Document Formats

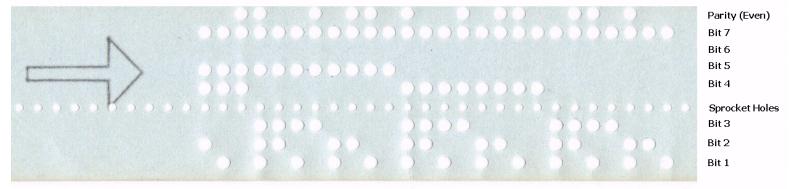
- Plain text
  - ASCII vs Unicode
- HTML
  - (+CSS +JavaScript +media)
  - HTML 4
  - XHTML
  - HTML5
- XML
  - RSS
  - MathML
- SVG
- Office Open XML
  - docx, pptx, xlsx
- EPUB
- PDF
  - Based on PostScript
- Data
  - TSV
  - CSV
  - JSON

# Plain Text - ASCII

- ASCII maps the 1-byte numbers 0-127 into letters
  - Initially used for paper tape / punched cards
  - 1 byte = 8 bits = 0 - 255, but the 8<sup>th</sup> bit was used for error correcting (parity bit).

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	
0	0 000	NUL	(null)	32	20 040	40 #32;	Space		64	40 100	100 #64;	Ø	96	60 140	140 #96;	`			
1	1 001	SOH	(start of heading)	33	21 041	41 #33;	!	!	65	41 101	101 #65;	A	97	61 141	141 #97;	a			
2	2 002	STX	(start of text)	34	22 042	42 #34;	"	"	66	42 102	102 #66;	B	98	62 142	142 #98;	b			
3	3 003	ETX	(end of text)	35	23 043	43 #35;	#	#	67	43 103	103 #67;	C	99	63 143	143 #99;	c			
4	4 004	EOT	(end of transmission)	36	24 044	44 #36;	\$	\$	68	44 104	104 #68;	D	100	64 144	144 #100;	d			
5	5 005	ENQ	(enquiry)	37	25 045	45 #37;	%	%	69	45 105	105 #69;	E	101	65 145	145 #101;	e			
6	6 006	ACK	(acknowledge)	38	26 046	46 #38;	&	&	70	46 106	106 #70;	F	102	66 146	146 #102;	f			
7	7 007	BEL	(bell)	39	27 047	47 #39;	'	'	71	47 107	107 #71;	G	103	67 147	147 #103;	g			
8	8 010	BS	(backspace)	40	28 050	50 #40;	{	{	72	48 110	110 #72;	H	104	68 150	150 #104;	h			
9	9 011	TAB	(horizontal tab)	41	29 051	51 #41;	}	}	73	49 111	111 #73;	I	105	69 151	151 #105;	i			
10	A 012	LF	(NL line feed, new line)	42	2A 052	52 #42;	^	^	74	4A 112	112 #74;	J	106	6A 152	152 #106;	j			
11	B 013	VT	(vertical tab)	43	2B 053	53 #43;	+	+	75	4B 113	113 #75;	K	107	6B 153	153 #107;	k			
12	C 014	FF	(NP form feed, new page)	44	2C 054	54 #44;	,	,	76	4C 114	114 #76;	L	108	6C 154	154 #108;	l			
13	D 015	CR	(carriage return)	45	2D 055	55 #45;	-	-	77	4D 115	115 #77;	M	109	6D 155	155 #109;	m			
14	E 016	SO	(shift out)	46	2E 056	56 #46;	.	.	78	4E 116	116 #78;	N	110	6E 156	156 #110;	n			
15	F 017	SI	(shift in)	47	2F 057	57 #47;	/	/	79	4F 117	117 #79;	O	111	6F 157	157 #111;	o			
16	10 020	DLE	(data link escape)	48	30 060	60 #48;	0	0	80	50 120	120 #80;	P	112	70 160	160 #112;	n			
17	11 021	DC1	(device control 1)	49	31 061	61 #49;	1	1	81	51 121	121 #81;	Q	113	71 161	161 #113;	q			
18	12 022	DC2	(device control 2)	50	32 062	62 #50;	2	2	82	52 122	122 #82;	R	114	72 162	162 #114;	r			
19	13 023	DC3	(device control 3)	51	33 063	63 #51;	3	3	83	53 123	123 #83;	S	115	73 163	163 #115;	s			
20	14 024	DC4	(device control 4)	52	34 064	64 #52;	4	4	84	54 124	124 #84;	T	116	74 164	164 #116;	t			
21	15 025	NAK	(negative acknowledgement)	53	35 065	65 #53;	5	5	85	55 125	125 #85;	U	117	75 165	165 #117;	u			
22	16 026	SYN	(synchronous idle)	54	36 066	66 #54;	6	6	86	56 126	126 #86;	V	118	76 166	166 #118;	v			
23	17 027	ETB	(end of trans. block)	55	37 067	67 #55;	7	7	87	57 127	127 #87;	W	119	77 167	167 #119;	w			
24	18 030	CAN	(cancel)	56	38 070	70 #56;	8	8	88	58 130	130 #88;	X	120	78 170	170 #120;	x			
25	19 031	EM	(end of medium)	57	39 071	71 #57;	9	9	89	59 131	131 #89;	Y	121	79 171	171 #121;	y			
26	1A 032	SUB	(substitute)	58	3A 072	72 #61;	:	:	90	5A 132	132 #90;	Z	122	7A 172	172 #122;	z			
27	1B 033	ESC	(escape)	59	3B 073	73 #59;	:	:	91	5B 133	133 #91;	[	123	7B 173	173 #123;	[			
28	1C 034	FS	(file separator)	60	3C 074	74 #60;	<	<	92	5C 134	134 #92;	\	124	7C 174	174 #124;	\			
29	1D 035	GS	(group separator)	61	3D 075	75 #61;	=	=	93	5D 135	135 #93;	]	125	7D 175	175 #125;	]			
30	1E 036	RS	(record separator)	62	3E 076	76 #62;	>	>	94	5E 136	136 #94;	^	126	7E 176	176 #126;	^			
31	1F 037	US	(unit separator)	63	3F 077	77 #63;	?	?	95	5F 137	137 #95;	_	127	7F 177	177 #127;	_			

Source: [www.Lookup](http://www.Lookup)



Later standards defined the numbers 128 – 255 for different regions of the world e.g. ISO-LATIN-1 for European diacriticals

# Plain Text - Unicode

- Uses 4-byte numbers.
- Defines characters from 0 – 1114111
  - European, Asian, Egyptian Hieroglyphics, Emoji
- Allows 1-byte (8-bit) representation: UTF-8
  - UTF-8 is different from ASCII, and responsible for these errors when you try and cut/paste from MS Word into a Web browser or similar
- Backward compatible with ASCII
- UTF-8 is used by 87.9% of Web pages
- Any byte value > 127 indicates a multi-byte letter



= 128169 (Unicode decimal) = 1F4A9 (Unicode hex)  
= (UTF-8 bit representation) 11110000, 10011111, 10010010, 10101001 = 240, 159, 146, 169

IngrÃ©dients

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Farine de blÃ© (85%), matiÃ¨re grasse vÃ©gÃ©tale (palme), sucre, levure, gluten, agent de traitement de la farine : acide ascorbique. PrÃ©sence possible de fruits Ã coque, de lait, d'oeufs, de sÃ©same et de soja.

# HTML

- Key document format for Web
- Structured for main applications of Web pages
  - Headers, articles, sections, media, divs, links
- Incorporates stylesheets, media, scripts



```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="css/site.css" />
<!--[if IE]><script src="http://html5shiv.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/html5.js"></script><!--[endif]-->
</head>
<body>
  <div id="wrap">
    <header id="mainheader">
      <h1>
        <a href="index.html"></a>
      </h1>
      <nav id="mainmenu">
        <a id="home" href="index.html"></a>
        <a id="about" href="about.html"></a>
        <a id="portfolio" href="portfolio.html"></a>
        <a id="contact" href="contact.html"></a>
      </nav>
    </header>
    <article id="main">
      
      <section>
        <header>
          <h2>This is the section title</h2>
        </header>
        <content>
          <p>This is the section content.</p>
        </content>
      </section>
    </article>
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

# XML

- More general (eXtensible) document and data language
- No fixed semantics, tag names or elements
- Used to define other languages
  - MathML
  - SVG
  - docx, pptx, xlsx
  - EPub

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<books>
    <book>
        <bookid> B001 </bookid>
        <title> Understanding XML </title>
        <Price> $30 </Price>
        <Author>
            <FirstName> Lilly </FirstName>
            <LastName> Hicks </LastName>
        </Author>
    </book>
    <book>
        <bookid> B002 </bookid>
        <title> .NET Framework </title>
        <Price> $45 </Price>
        <Author>
            <FirstName> Jasmine </FirstName>
            <LastName> Williams </LastName>
        </Author>
    </book>
</books>
```

# MathML

$$f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x - a)^2 + \dots$$

- MathML facilitates the use and re-use of mathematical and scientific content on the Web
  - computer algebra systems
  - print typesetting
  - voice synthesis
- MathML can be used to encode both the presentation of mathematical notation for high-quality visual display, and mathematical content, for applications where the semantics is important.
- MathML is an application of XML
  - with adequate style sheet support, it is possible for browsers to natively render maths
  - several vendors offer applets and plug-ins which can render MathML in place in a browser.
  - Translators and equation editors can generate HTML pages with embedded MathML.
- **Why is the W3C working in this area?**
  - Although the mark-up language HTML has a large repertoire of tags, it does not cater for math.
  - With no means of using HTML tags to mark up mathematical expressions, authors have resorted to drastic means. A popular method involves inserting images - literally snapshots of equations taken from other packages and saved in GIF format - into technical documents.

# Example MathML

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$$

```
<apply>
  <eq/>
  <apply>
    <plus/>
    <apply>
      <power/>
      <ci>x</ci>
      <cn>2</cn>
    </apply>
    <apply>
      <times/>
      <cn>4</cn>
      <ci>x</ci>
    </apply>
    <cn>4</cn>
  </apply>
  <cn>0</cn>
</apply>
```

This is Semantic MathML, using tags that are oriented to the mathematical meaning

# Example MathML

$$\begin{aligned}(a+b)^2 &= c^2 + 4 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}ab\right) \\ a^2 + 2ab + b^2 &= c^2 + 2ab \\ a^2 + b^2 &= c^2\end{aligned}$$

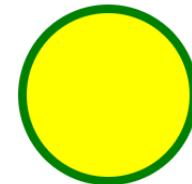
- <math style="display: block;">
  - <mtable columnalign="right center left">
  - <mtr> <mtd> <msup> <mrow> <mo> ( </mo> <mi> a </mi> <mo> + </mo> <mi> b </mi> <mo> ) </mo> </mrow> <mn> 2 </mn> </msup> </mtd> <mtd> <mo> = </mo> </mtd> <mtd> <msup><mi> c </mi><mn>2</mn></msup> <mo> + </mo> <mn> 4 </mn> <mo> · </mo> <mo>(</mo> <mfrac> <mn> 1 </mn> <mn> 2 </mn> </mfrac> <mi> a </mi><mi> b </mi> <mo>)</mo> </mtd> </mtr>
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  - </mtable>
  - </math>

This is Presentational MathML, using tags that are oriented to the printed layout

# SVG – Scalable Vector Graphics

- SVG is a language for describing 2D graphics in XML.
- In SVG, each drawn shape is remembered as an independent object. If its attributes are changed, the browser automatically redraws the shape.

```
<svg width="100" height="100">  
  <circle cx="50" cy="50" r="40" stroke="green" stroke-width="4" fill="yellow" />  
</svg>
```

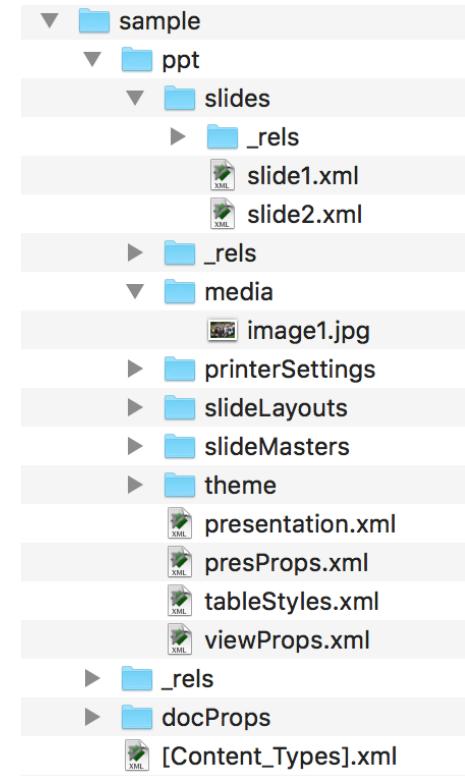


- **Native HTML Drawing (Canvas)**
  - Resolution dependent
  - No support for event handlers
  - Poor text rendering capabilities
  - You can save the resulting image as .png or .jpg
  - Well suited for graphic-intensive games
- **SVG**
  - Resolution independent
  - Support for event handlers
  - Best suited for applications with large rendering areas (Google Maps)
  - Slow rendering if complex (anything that uses the DOM a lot will be slow)
  - Not suited for game applications

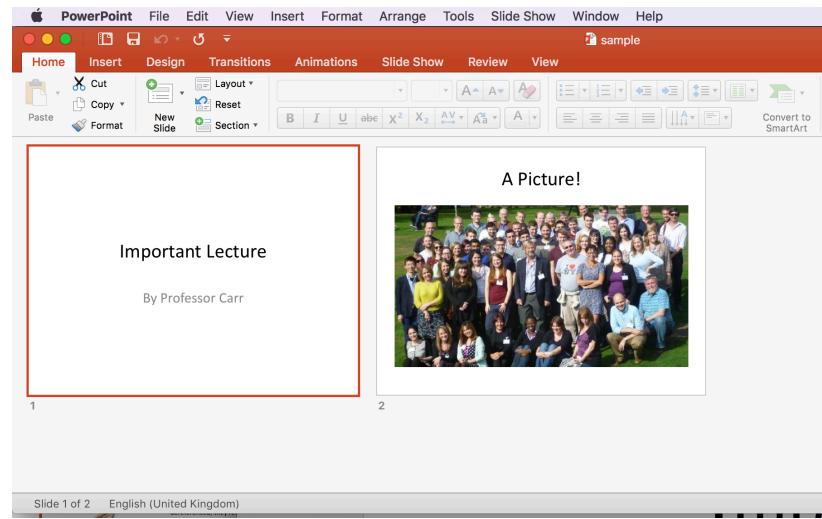
# Office Open XML



- From Office 2007, Microsoft moved to XML-based formats
- An Office document is a ZIP file of a directory hierarchy of lots of XML files
  - docProps directory contains metadata
  - ppt directory contains all the slide info
  - media directory contains images etc
  - rels directories translate file names into XML attributes
    - imageid1 = file sample/media/image1.jpg

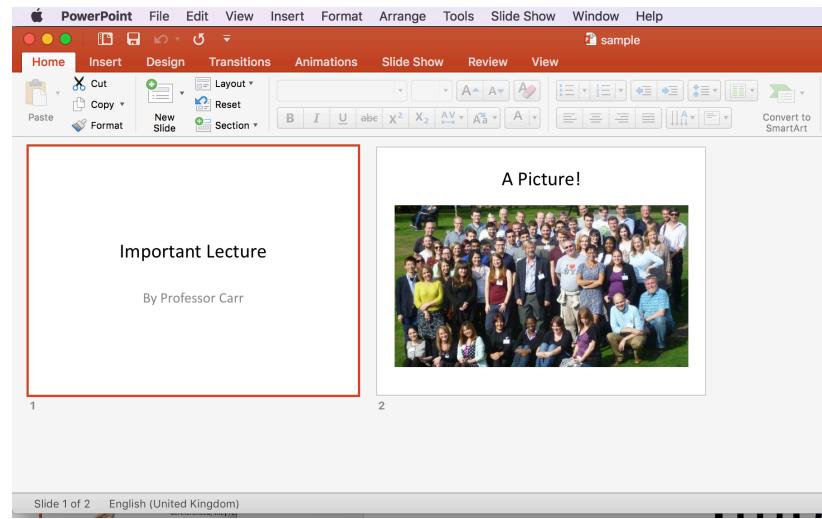


# ppt/slides1.xml



- <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?><p:sld xmlns:a="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/drawingml/2006/main" xmlns:r="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships" xmlns:p="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/presentationml/2006/main"><p:cSlId><p:spTree><p:nvGrpSpPr><p:cNvPr id="1" name=""><p:cNvGrpSpPr/><p:nvPr/></p:nvGrpSpPr><p:grpSpPr><a:xfrm><a:off x="0" y="0"/><a:ext cx="0" cy="0"/><a:chOff x="0" y="0"/><a:chExt cx="0" cy="0"/></a:xfrm></p:grpSpPr><p:sp><p:nvSpPr><p:cNvPr id="2" name="Title 1"/><p:cNvSpPr><a:spLocks noGrp="1"/></p:cNvSpPr><p:nvPr><p:ph type="ctrTitle"/></p:nvPr></p:nvSpPr><p:spPr/><p:txBody><a:bodyPr/><a:lstStyle/><a:p><a:r <a:rPr lang="en-US" dirty="0" smtClean="0"/><a:t>**Important Lecture**</a:t></a:r><a:endParaRPr lang="en-US" dirty="0"/></a:p></p:txBody></p:sp><p:sp><p:nvSpPr><p:cNvPr id="3" name="Subtitle 2"/><p:cNvSpPr><a:spLocks noGrp="1"/></p:cNvSpPr><p:nvPr><p:ph type="subTitle" idx="1"/></p:nvPr></p:nvSpPr><p:spPr/><p:txBody><a:bodyPr/><a:lstStyle/><a:p><a:r><a:rPr lang="en-US" dirty="0" smtClean="0"/><a:t>**By Professor Carr**</a:t></a:r><a:endParaRPr lang="en-US" dirty="0"/></a:p></p:txBody></p:sp></p:spTree><p:ext uri="{BB962C8B-B14F-4D97-AF65-F5344CB8AC3E}"><p14:creationId xmlns:p14="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/powerpoint/2010/main" val="1773458668"/></p:ext></p:extLst></p:cSlId><p:clrMapOvr><a:masterClrMapping/></p:clrMapOvr></p:sld>

# ppt/slides2.xml



- <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?><p:sld xmlns:a="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/drawingml/2006/main" xmlns:r="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships" xmlns:p="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/presentationml/2006/main"><p:cSlId><p:spTree><p:nvGrpSpPr><p:cNvPr id="1" name=""><p:cNvGrpSpPr/><p:nvPr/></p:nvGrpSpPr><p:grpSpPr><a:xfrm><a:off x="0" y="0"/><a:ext cx="0" cy="0"/><a:chOff x="0" y="0"/><a:chExt cx="0" cy="0"/></a:xfrm></p:grpSpPr><p:sp><p:nvSpPr><p:cNvPr id="2" name="Title 1"/><p:cNvSpPr><a:spLocks noGrp="1"/></p:cNvSpPr><p:nvPr><p:ph type="title"/></p:nvPr></p:nvSpPr><p:spPr/><p:txBody><a:bodyPr/><a:lstStyle/><a:p><a:r><a:r Pr lang="en-US" dirty="0" smtClean="0"/><a:t>**A Picture!**</a:t></a:r><a:endParaRPr lang="en-US" dirty="0"/></a:p></p:txBody></p:sp><p:pic><p:nvPicPr><p:cNvPr id="4" name="Content Placeholder 3" descr="P1040467.jpg"/><p:cNvPicPr><a:picLocks noGrp="1" noChangeAspect="1"/></p:cNvPicPr><p:nvPr><p:ph idx="1"/></p:nvPr></p:nvPicPr><p:blipFill><a:blip r:embed="rId2"><a:extLst><a:ext uri="{28A0092B-C50C-407E-A947-70E740481C1C}"><a14:useLocalDpi xmlns:a14="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2010/main" val="0"/></a:ext></a:extLst></a:blip><a:srcRect t="10121" b="10121"/><a:stretch><a:fillRect/></a:stretch></p:blipFill><p:spPr/></p:pic></p:spTree><p:ext Lst><p:ext uri="{BB962C8B-B14F-4D97-AF65-F5344CB8AC3E}"><p14:creationId xmlns:p14="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/powerpoint/2010/main" val="2699647514"/></p:ext></p:extLst></p:cSlId><p:clrMapOvr><a:masterClrMapping/></p:clr MapOvr></p:sld>

# ePUB

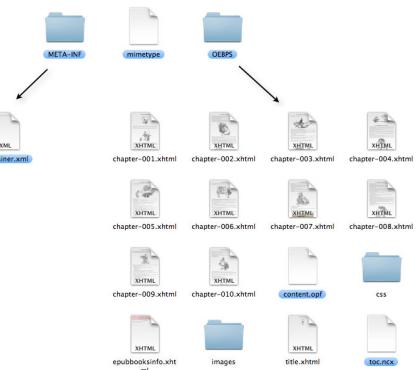


- ePUB is an HTML-based e-book file format with the extension .epub that can be downloaded and read on smartphones, tablets, computers, or e-reader devices.
- It is a technical standard published by the International Digital Publishing Forum (IDPF), now jointly with W3C.
- Endorsed by the Book Industry Study Group as the format of choice for packaging content.
  - ePUB is the most widely supported vendor-independent XML-based (as opposed to PDF) e-book format
  - It is widely used on many software readers such as iBooks on iOS and Google Books on Android,
  - It is NOT used by Amazon Kindle e-readers.

# ePUB Features

- Reflowable document (main application) for e-readers
  - Can also support fixed-layout pre-paginated content for certain kinds of highly designed books, comics or advertising.
- Inline images, metadata, and CSS styling
- Page bookmarking
- Passage highlighting and notes
- A library that stores books and can be searched
- Re-sizable fonts, and changeable text and background colors
- Support for a subset of MathML
- Digital rights management (DRM) as an optional layer

# ePUB Format



- An ePUB file is a ZIP archive that contains, in effect, a website
  - HTML files, images, CSS style sheets, metadata and other assets.
  - By using HTML5, publications can contain video, audio, and interactivity, just like websites in web browsers.
- The ePUB container must contain:
  - At least one content document.
  - One navigation document.
  - One package document listing all publication resources including a “spine” ie an ordered sequence of ID references defining the default reading order.

# PDF

Google reports 2.3bn PDF documents vs 9bn HTML

- Important document format for the Web
- Structured for rendering of pre-formatted documents
  - Painting onto a screen in a device-independent way
    - Set CHARACTERS from FONTS at POSITION
    - Draw lines, arcs, images at POSITION
    - No concept of paragraphs, line breaking, headings, lists etc
- Often used as the FINAL, OFFICIAL format of record
- PDF documents are structured as
  - a set of objects
  - a final index that points to the position of each object for efficiency (image objects may be multi-Gb)

See PDF tutorial!

# Sample PDF... objects

%PDF-1.0

**1 0 obj**

```
<<  
/Type /Catalog /Pages 3 0 R  
/Outlines 2 0 R >>  
endobj
```

**2 0 obj**

```
<<  
/Type /Outlines /Count 0  
>>  
endobj
```

**3 0 obj**

```
<<  
/Type /Pages /Count 1 /Kids  
[4 0 R] >>  
endobj
```

Root Object

Outlines Object

Page List

**4 0 obj**

```
<<  
/Type /Page  
/Parent 3 0 R  
/Resources << /Font << /F1 7 0  
R >> /ProcSet 6 0 R >>  
/MediaBox [0 0 612 792]  
/Contents 5 0 R >>  
endobj
```

**5 0 obj**

```
<< /Length 44 >>  
stream  
BT /F1 24 Tf  
100 100 Td (Hello There) Tj ET  
endstream  
endobj
```

First Page

Drawing Commands for First Page

**6 0 obj**

[/PDF /Text]

endobj

**7 0 obj**

```
<<  
/Type /Font /Subtype /Type1  
/Name /F1 /BaseFont /Courier  
>>  
endobj
```

Definitions for First Page

Fonts for First Page

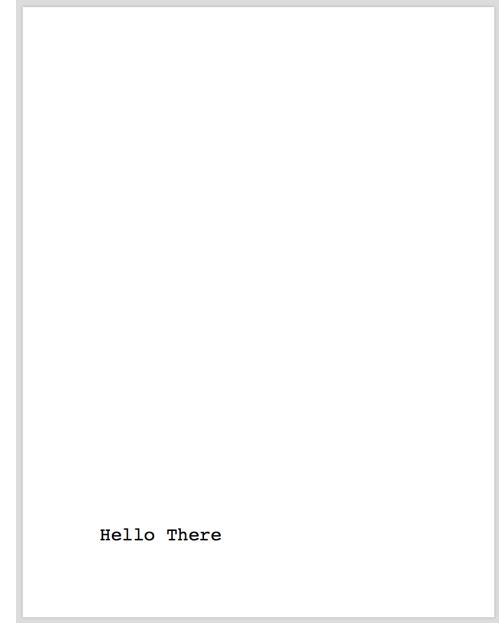
PTO for rest of file...

# Sample PDF... index

```
xref  
08  
0000000000 65535 f  
0000000009 00000 n  
0000000074 00000 n  
0000000120 00000 n  
0000000179 00000 n  
0000000322 00000 n  
0000000415 00000 n  
0000000445 00000 n  
  
trailer  
<<  
/Size 8 /Root 1 0 R >>  
startxref 553  
%%EOF  
End Of File
```

Count of Objects, ID of Root Object

Pointer to Start of Index



Simple PDF file rendered by PDF Viewer

*Key instructions from data stream in object #5*

```
BT /F1 24 Tf  
100 100 Td (Hello There) Tj ET
```

*BeginText use font1 at size 24, move to (100, 100), draw the text "Hello There" EndText*

# Uses of PDF

- Developed before the Web to facilitate the exchange of hardcopy documents
- PDF is the format people use when they need an electronic “hard copy” document.
- Many business, publishing and records-keeping applications require a reliable, flexible and capable AND IMMUTABLE analog for paper.
- Alternative is scanned images (e.g. TIFF) but those are UNSEARCHABLE.
- PDF features
  - Archival quality control (PDF/A)
  - Extensible document and content-level metadata
  - Annotations and fillable forms
  - Security (passwords) and authenticity
  - Accessibility
  - Controllable content re-use
  - Redaction
  - Watermarking
  - 3D, video and other rich content
  - Scripting

## PDF and HTML – the pros

PDF	HTML
Consistent layout	Customized to device (incl. mobile)
Offline accessibility	Enriched and interactive content
Easy to store and organize	Always latest version
Similar to print version	Up-to-date and linked context
Easy to print	Linked with data repositories
Displays images well	Easy to search
Easy to share by email (when small)	Easy to share by link (also when large)
Easy to annotate	Fast access from lists
	Includes supplementary material

*This list is taken TerraXML.com*

# Simple Web Data

- Tab separated

time	Height above sea level: [13,129]	Temperature, w.
09/01/2011 23:00	-0.011628735	NA
09/02/2011 00:00	-0.0076217903	NA
09/02/2011 01:00	9.15126E-4	NA
09/02/2011 02:00	-0.0048775103	NA

- Comma separated

Jan's Illustrated Computer Literacy 101	, Total Hits, increase over previous month %,Total Hits on Pages,increase over 2010
Jan , "14,283,059",#REF!, "937,606",#REF!, 60.30,#REF!, "386,240",#REF!	
Feb, "20,358,731", 43%, "1,190,643", 27%, 81.11, 35%, "519,694", 35%	
Mar, "21,403,930", 5%, "1,237,711", 4%, 88.06, 9%, "564,030", 9%	
Apr, "18,758,304", -12%, "1,039,302", -16%, 78.74, -11%, "504,235", -11%	

- JSON

```
"firstName": "John",
"lastName": "Smith",
"age": 25,
"address": {
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd S
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "postalCode": 10021
},
"phoneNumbers": [
    {
        "type": "home",
        "number": "212 555-1234"
    }
]
```

# Implementing Web Data

- Some data standards are supported natively by all browsers
  - HTML, CSS, plain text
- Some are unevenly supported
  - MathML, MPEG
- Some are given to external applications
  - Word
- Some are displayed by third party browser plugins
  - Flash
  - Java
- Problems: software maintenance, efficiency, security, multi-platform development