

# Format

## Definition

A format is [metadata](#) that describes the [data type](#), unit of measure and character set of a [data element](#).

## Characteristics

- [Ability to represent null values](#)
- [Appropriateness](#)
- [Portability](#)

## Reference(s)

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