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# Language-Independent Types for YAML™ Version 1.1

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## 1. Introduction

The following is the list of language-independent YAML tags defined under the domain **yaml.org**. The use of these tags is not mandatory. However these tags represent types that are useful across a wide range of applications and it is strongly recommended they be used whenever appropriate to promote interoperability.

New language-independent tags may be proposed on the `yaml-core` mailing list [<http://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/yaml-core>]. This mailing list is also the forum for raising any question regarding these types.

## 2. Collection Types

<b>!!map</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/map.html">http://yaml.org/type/map.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/map.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/map.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/map.ps">http://yaml.org/type/map.ps</a> ]	Unordered set of key: value pairs without duplicates.
<b>!!omap</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/omap.html">http://yaml.org/type/omap.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/omap.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/omap.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/omap.ps">http://yaml.org/type/omap.ps</a> ]	Ordered sequence of key: value pairs without duplicates.
<b>!!pairs</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/pairs.html">http://yaml.org/type/pairs.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/pairs.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/pairs.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/pairs.ps">http://yaml.org/type/pairs.ps</a> ]	Ordered sequence of key: value pairs allowing duplicates.
<b>!!set</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/set.html">http://yaml.org/type/set.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/set.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/set.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/set.ps">http://yaml.org/type/set.ps</a> ]	Unordered set of non-equal values.
<b>!!seq</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/seq.html">http://yaml.org/type/seq.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/seq.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/seq.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/seq.ps">http://yaml.org/type/seq.ps</a> ]	Sequence of arbitrary values.

## 3. Scalar Types

<b>!!binary</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/binary.html">http://yaml.org/type/binary.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/binary.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/binary.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/binary.ps">http://yaml.org/type/binary.ps</a> ]	A sequence of zero or more octets (8 bit values).
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<b>!!bool</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/bool.html">http://yaml.org/type/bool.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/bool.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/bool.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/bool.ps">http://yaml.org/type/bool.ps</a> ]	Mathematical Booleans.
<b>!!float</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/float.html">http://yaml.org/type/float.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/float.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/float.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/float.ps">http://yaml.org/type/float.ps</a> ]	Floating-point approximation to real numbers.
<b>!!int</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/int.html">http://yaml.org/type/int.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/int.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/int.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/int.ps">http://yaml.org/type/int.ps</a> ]	Mathematical integers.
<b>!!merge</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/merge.html">http://yaml.org/type/merge.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/merge.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/merge.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/merge.ps">http://yaml.org/type/merge.ps</a> ]	Specify one or more mappings to be merged with the current one.
<b>!!null</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/null.html">http://yaml.org/type/null.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/null.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/null.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/null.ps">http://yaml.org/type/null.ps</a> ]	Devoid of value.
<b>!!str</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/str.html">http://yaml.org/type/str.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/str.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/str.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/str.ps">http://yaml.org/type/str.ps</a> ]	A sequence of zero or more Unicode characters.
<b>!!timestamp</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/timestamp.html">http://yaml.org/type/timestamp.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/timestamp.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/timestamp.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/timestamp.ps">http://yaml.org/type/timestamp.ps</a> ]	A point in time.
<b>!!value</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/value.html">http://yaml.org/type/value.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/value.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/value.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/value.ps">http://yaml.org/type/value.ps</a> ]	Specify the default value of a mapping.
<b>!!yaml</b> html [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/yaml.html">http://yaml.org/type/yaml.html</a> ] pdf [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/yaml.pdf">http://yaml.org/type/yaml.pdf</a> ] ps [ <a href="http://yaml.org/type/yaml.ps">http://yaml.org/type/yaml.ps</a> ]	Keys for encoding YAML in YAML.