

# Commonly Used File Formats

## General

Typically, this data catalogue will refer to published reports (as Word or PDF file formats), however raw data will typically be stored in CSV format, so that it can be pulled into downstream analytical applications such as Power BI.

Format	Descriptions
CSV	Comma-separated values, allowing data to be saved in a simple tabular structure
DOC, DOCX	Microsoft Word Document
PDF	Portable Document Format (PDF) is a common format for publishing documents on the internet, where the document is hardware, software, and operating system independent.
URL	A Uniform Resource Locator (URL) is essentially a web address. Typically, this address includes several components including: a domain name, a domain category, sub-domain, and path.
XLS, XLSX	Microsoft Excel Document
JSON	A JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) file is popular among web developers to share data, as it is human-readable text and lightweight.
TXT	A standard text file, containing no markup content.

This is not an exhaustive list.

For further reading please consult [List of file formats - Wikipedia](#).