

# Data file type descriptor

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Property
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	637284
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Recorded 19/10/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	A specific data item or combination of data items used to signify a particular data file type or structure.
<b>Property group:</b>	<a href="#">Identifier characteristics</a>

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Typically, a data file type descriptor may be present in a header record (or trailer record) within a data file, and may contain information indicating that the data file has a particular predetermined type or structure.  The load program intended to read and validate the data file will typically use the data file type descriptor from the header and/or trailer record(s) as part of the load validation process.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Department of Health
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## Relational attributes

<b>Data Element Concepts implementing this property:</b>	<a href="#">Record—data file type descriptor</a> <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Recorded 19/10/2016
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