Data file type descriptor

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Property |
| METEOR identifier: | 637284 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Recorded 19/10/2016 |
| Definition: | A specific data item or combination of data items used to signify a particular data file type or structure. |
| Property group: | [Identifier characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274649) |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | 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. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Relational attributes | |
| Data Element Concepts implementing this property: | [Record—data file type descriptor](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/637287)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Recorded 19/10/2016 |