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Unicode Transformation Format - UTF - is a character [encoding](#) that maps Unicode code points (characters) to code values.

UTF encoding is available in multiple versions. The two most common types are UTF-8 and UTF-16.

UTF-8 is a variable-length encoding using up to 8-bit code units. It is backward compatible with [ASCII](#).

UTF-16 is also variable-length using one or two 16-bit code units.

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