

# *AAT Metrication Month 2021*

## *( #MMe1 )*

proper data formats were described in the ***retrospective notes on the formatting of calendar dates and clock times for the year 2020*** [ <https://www.aatideas.org/m/d9Z34/html> ] . review of a forthcoming revision of AAT ICAS remains in process .

## ***defining proper data formats***

the writing of calendar dates and clock times is ubiquitous to a diverse array of media , hardware , and software processes . a data format can be designated as proper if each format element is unambiguously established ; and if expressions of the format can be read , written , or processed practicably .

***proper***—a quality of data format for which each format element is unambiguously established , and for which expressions can be read and written practicably .

different data formats might be proper in different contexts of use . those data formats that can be proper for more contexts of use can be regarded to be more proper than other data formats .