

## What is PRONOM?

PRONOM is an on-line information system about data file formats and their supporting software products. Originally developed to support the accession and long-term preservation of electronic records held by the National Archives, PRONOM is now being made available as a resource for anyone requiring access to this type of information.

PRONOM assigns each file format a unique ID (PUID) and where possible provides 'signature sequences' that file format identification tools can use. One example of such tools is DROID (Digital Record Object Identification), a software tool developed by The National Archives to perform automated batch identification of file formats.

For more information on PRONOM, see:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/PRONOM/Default.aspx>

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## PRONOM Research Week 2020: What could I contribute?

- Provide additional descriptions for outline records (great beginner task!)
- Fill out online file format entries, for example by adding links to the software company that created the format
- Provide sample files for different formats
- Help develop format signatures
- Match/map PRONOM Signatures to WikiData for DigiPres <https://wikidp.org/> or the Library of Congress Sustainability of Digital Formats descriptions.
- Get creative! Submit issues you'd like to work on to the GitHub repository: <https://github.com/digital-preservation/pronom-research-week>
- Spread the word!

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