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Attribute type

An attribute type determines the nature of the information held by the attribute. An attribute type can be either a **basic type** or a **reference type**. There are following basic types:

- **Plain Text**, used for non-formatted textual information such as a person's name or address.
- **Number**, used for monetary, countable or other numerical data.
- **Yes/No**, used for information that can be described by one of two possible values, such as yes/no, on/off, etc.
- **Date**, used to hold dates.
- **Timestamp**, used to hold a moment in time including the date and the time parts.
- **Duration**, used to hold a time interval.
- **Picture**, used specifically for images intended to be displayed on the object form.
- **Document**, used to hold document data such as text, report, scanned picture, web page, digitised sound, etc.
- **Shortcut**, used to display data of a related business object.

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