

# Binary Objects

Binary objects are used to import any type of binary data. This may be used in conjunction with the low level API [upload function](#), or the data may be embedded directly.

## Uploaded Objects

When referencing an uploaded binary object, the object is specified as a string by the server-provided `"object_id"`. The object must have been uploaded prior to the API action in which it is being referenced.

*Example*

```
{
  "file": "<object ID>"
}
```

## Embedded Objects

Alternatively, the content of an object may be embedded directly in JSON API actions.

### Text

A `text` binary object contains UTF-8 encoded plain text.

*Example*

```
{
  "file": {
    "type": "text",
    "content": "<plain text>"
  }
}
```

### Base64

A `base64` binary object must be encoded with the [standard RFC 4648 format](#).

*Example*

```
{
  "file": {
    "type": "base64",
```

```
"content": "<base64 encoded text>"
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

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