

ASCII as a standard

ASCII is a **standard**.

There need to be “rules” so that codes can be converted back and forth and understood.

If everyone used a different set of values then no one would be able to communicate.

So, we agree on a standard - a way of communicating that everyone accepts.

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Standards are used across computing - for example, the Joint Photographic Experts Group agreed the standard used to encode JPEG images.

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Standard:

A guideline or specification which is widely agreed and commonly accepted, but does not necessarily have the force of law.

Other standards include JPG, MP3 etc...