

Chapter 8 – Nomenclature

8.1 Names of Atoms

Simple neutral atoms with no charge are named as is: Na is sodium atom, Ne is neon atom

⇒ Know the names and symbols for elements #1-20

and Ba, Co, I, Cu, Fe, Pb, Hg, Ag, Au, Zn, Sn, Sr, Ni, Br, Cr, Mn, Cd

Ba barium	Cu copper	Hg mercury
Co cobalt	Fe iron	Ag silver
I iodine	Pb lead	Au gold
Zn zinc	Sn tin	Ni nickel
Br bromine	Cr chromium	Mn manganese
Cd cadmium	Sr strontium	

Definitions:

- **ionic compound:** *metal + nonmetal(s)* (eg. NaCl, CaBr₂, KMnO₄, BaSO₄)
- **covalent compound:** *2 or more nonmetals* (eg. NH₃, CCl₄)
- **monoatomic ion:** charged ion from a *single atom* (eg Na⁺, Cl⁻, O²⁻)
- **polyatomic ion:** charged ion containing *2 or more atoms* (eg. OH⁻, SO₄²⁻)

Charges

- All elements **alone** have a charge of **zero** in their elemental state
- Atoms get a charge and become ions when they have lost or gained electrons

CATIONS - positively charged ion resulting from a neutral metal atom losing one or more e⁻'s.

Fixed Charge – The charge is always the same value – based on electron configuration.

- Typically group “A” representative metals.
 - Group IA metals always have a +1 charge when they become an ion.
Example: Na⁺ is sodium ion, K⁺ is potassium ion
 - Group IIA metals always have a +2 charge when they become an ion.
Example: Mg²⁺ is magnesium ion, Sr²⁺ is strontium

Ion Charge	Roman Numeral
+1	I
+2	II
+3	III
+4	IV
+5	V
+6	VI

ion

- Group IIIA metals always have a +3 charge when they become an ion.
Example: Al³⁺ is aluminum ion, Ga³⁺ is gallium ion
- Exceptions: The transition metals Ag⁺¹, Zn²⁺, and Cd²⁺ have fixed charges.

Variable Charge – The charge can be a different value.

- Typically group “B” transition metals.
 - Use a Roman Numeral to indicate the charge of the cation if there is more than one possible charge.

Example: Fe can have two charges

Fe^{2+} is iron (II) ion

Fe^{3+} is iron (III) ion

- Exceptions: Group A metals Sn and Pb
 Sn^{2+} is tin (II) ion, Sn^{4+} is tin (IV) ion
 Pb^{2+} is lead (II) ion, Pb^{4+} is lead (IV) ion

ANIONS – negatively charged ion resulting from a neutral nonmetal atom gaining one or more e^- 's.

➤ **Monatomic anions:** Name changes for these anions by adding *-ide* ending.

➤ **Always** a fixed charged - based on electron configuration

- Group VA – gain 3 e^- 's to make 3- ions.

N^{3-} nitride ion

P^{3-} phosphide ion

- Group VIA – gain 2 e^- 's to make 2- ions

O^{2-} oxide ion

S^{2-} sulfide ion

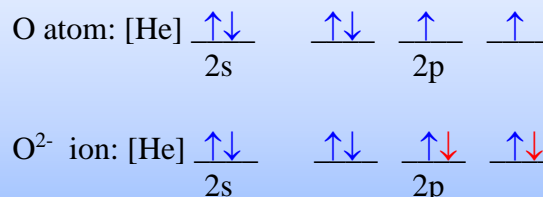
- Group VIIA – gain 1 e^- to make 1- ions

F^- fluoride ion

Cl^- chloride ion

Br^- bromide ion

I^- iodide ion



Oxygen gains *only* two electrons.
The resulting oxide ion is then isoelectronic to the noble gas neon, Ne.

POLYATOMICS – two or more nonmetals covalently bonded with an overall charge.

Here is the complete list of Polyatomic Ions you are responsible for this semester:

Most Common Polyatomic Ions

NH_4^+ = ammonium

NO_3^- = nitrate

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-$ = acetate

NO_2^- = nitrite

OH^- = hydroxide

SO_4^{2-} = sulfate

CN^- = cyanide

SO_3^{2-} = sulfite

MnO_4^- = permanganate

PO_4^{3-} = phosphate

CrO_4^{2-} = chromate

$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ = dichromate

CO_3^{2-} = carbonate

HCO_3^- = hydrogen carbonate or bicarbonate

*These are given to you on your [CHM130 Periodic Table](#) for quizzes and exams.

8.2 Ionic Formulas

Compounds are Neutral

They have no net charge so you must have enough cations and anions to equal zero.

Na^+ and Cl^- make NaCl

since $+1$ and $-1 = 0$

Na^+ and CN^- make NaCN

since $+1$ and $-1 = 0$

Ba^{2+} and Cl^- make BaCl_2

since $+2$ and $2(-1) = 0$

Al³⁺ and O²⁻ make Al₂O₃ since 2(+3) and 3(-2) = 0
 Cu(II) and Br make CuBr₂ since +2 and 2(-1) = 0

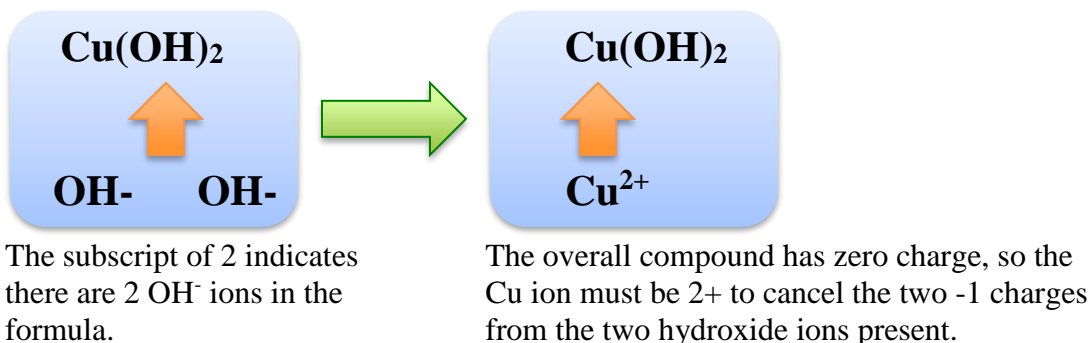
Polyatomic ions are just the same, remember to keep them together as a group
 ⇒ Express more than one polyatomic ion with subscripts and parentheses.

Sr²⁺ and NO₃⁻ make Sr(NO₃)₂ since +2 and 2(-1) = 0
 Fe³⁺ and CO₃²⁻ make Fe₂(CO₃)₃ since 2(+3) and 3(-2) = 0

8.3 Ionic Names

- The name is always the cation (usually metal) first then the anion + -ide ending.
 - Fixed Charge Metal: metal name + nonmetal name + “ide”**
 - Variable Charge Metal: metal name (charge of metal) + nonmetal name + “ide”**
- Don't change the name for polyatomic ions to end in ide.
- For variable charge metals use a Roman Numeral to indicate the metal's charge.

How do you figure out the charge on a variable charge metal? Well you look at the anion's charge.



- **Given the formula of a compound, predict the name:**
 - What is the name for NaCl? sodium chloride (no Roman # since know Na is +1)
 - What is the name for K₂SO₄? potassium sulfate (keep the polyatomic name as is)
 - What is the name for CuCl? copper (I) chloride since Cl is -1 so Cu must be +1
 - What is the name for FePO₄? iron (III) phosphate since PO₄ is -3 so Fe must be +3
 - Name for Ca(NO₃)₂? calcium nitrate
 - Name for Na₂O? sodium oxide

Note: Never capitalize the names of compounds!

- **Given the name of a compound, predict the formula:**
 - ⇒ You must know charges on ions formed by Group A main elements.
 - ⇒ Know *how to use* polyatomic ions given on your Periodic Table!
 - lithium sulfide Li₂S since Li is +1 and S is -2 you need two Li's
 - calcium oxide CaO since Ca is +2 and O is -2 you just need one of each
 - iron (II) bromide FeBr₂ since Fe is +2 and Br is -1 you need two Br's
 - potassium acetate KC₂H₃O₂ since K is +1 and acetate is -1, need one of each
 - gold (II) nitrite Au(NO₂)₂ since Au is +2 and NO₂ is -1, need two nitrites
 - sodium iodide NaI since Na is +1 and I is -1, just need one of each

8.4 Covalent Names

Molecular Compounds: compounds consisting of 2 nonmetals.

These are **NOT ions**, so no charges.

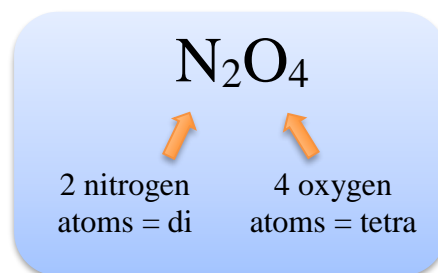
You are not trying to add up to zero charge with these.

Number of atoms of element indicated by Greek prefix before element name

FIRST ELEMENT
prefix (*except mono*) + nonmetal name

SECOND ELEMENT
prefix + 2nd nonmetal name + ide

# of atoms	Greek prefix	# of atoms	Greek prefix
1	mono	6	hexa
2	di	7	hepta
3	tri	8	octa
4	tetra	9	nona
5	penta	10	deca



dinitrogen tetroxide
or
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Examples:

- CO_2 = carbon dioxide
- PCl_3 = phosphorus trichloride
- N_2S_5 = dinitrogen pentasulfide
- SF_6 = sulfur hexafluoride
- Cl_2O_7 = dichlorine heptaoxide



Just a reminder...

Prefixes are **ONLY** used with molecular compounds.

Roman numerals are **ONLY** used with variable charged metal ionic compounds.

Polyatomic ions never change their name.



CHAPTER 8 PRACTICE PROBLEMS

Example 1: Circle all the examples below that are ionic compounds.

HCl K_2O $MgCl_2$ PF_5 $CuBr_2$ $CaSO_4$ CH_2O

Example 2: Circle all the examples below that are covalent compounds.

HCl K_2O $MgCl_2$ PF_5 $CuBr_2$ $CaSO_4$ CH_2O

Example 3: What ions are the following atoms most likely to make?

calcium = _____ potassium = _____
sulfur = _____ aluminum = _____
nitrogen = _____ chlorine = _____
silver = _____ zinc = _____

Example 4: What is the name for: CuCl_2 , SrS , NiCrO_4 , $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, Na_3P , ZnCO_3 , KOH , $\text{Ca}(\text{CN})_2$

Example 5: What is the formula for sodium carbonate, copper(II) bromide, strontium fluoride, iron(III) nitride, silver sulfite, nickel(II) nitrate, cadmium phosphate, ammonium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate?

Example 6: What is the name for CF_4 , CO , PO_5 , N_2F_4 ? What is the formula for diphosphorus tetraiodide, tribromine octaoxide, tetraphosphorus decasulfide, carbonic acid?

Answers to Practice Problems

Example 1: Circle all the examples below that are ionic compounds. **metal-nonmetal**

HCl K_2O MgCl_2 PF_5 CuBr_2 CaSO_4 CH_2O

Example 2: Circle all the examples below that are molecular compounds. **nonmetals**

HCl K_2O MgCl_2 PF_5 CuBr_2 CaSO_4 CH_2O

Example 3:

calcium = Ca^{2+} potassium = K^+
sulfur = S^{2-} aluminum = Al^{3+}
nitrogen = N^{3-} chlorine = Cl^-
silver = Ag^+ zinc = Zn^{2+}

Example 4:	name
CuCl_2	copper(II) chloride
SrS	strontium sulfide
NiCrO_4	nickel(II) chromate
$\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	magnesium nitrate
ZnCO_3	zinc carbonate
Na_3P	sodium phosphide
KOH	potassium hydroxide
$\text{Ca}(\text{CN})_2$	calcium cyanide

Example 5:	formula
sodium carbonate	Na_2CO_3
copper(II) bromide	CuBr_2
strontium fluoride	SrF_2
iron(III) nitride	FeN
silver sulfite	Ag_2SO_3
nickel(II) nitrate	$\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2$
cadmium phosphate	$\text{Cd}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$
ammonium hydroxide	NH_4OH
magnesium sulfate	MgSO_4

Example 6: **carbon tetrafluoride, carbon monoxide, phosphorus pentaoxide, dinitrogen tetrafluoride, P_2I_4 , Br_3O_8 , P_4S_{10} , H_2CO_3**