

Elements: Substances which cannot be decomposed into simpler substances by chemical means. Each elements is unique because the properties of its atoms are unique Composed of one type of atom Classified as metal, nonmetal, or metalloid Simplest type of matter that retains characteristic properties May occur as individual atoms or as molecules Atomic mass is average of isotopic masses weighted by abundance

- Examples: hydrogen, oxygen, silicon, etc.
- **Molecules:** an independent structural unit consisting of two or more atoms chemically bound together ==>O₂, H₂, etc.
- **Compounds:** a type of matter can be decomposed into two or more different elements that are chemically bound together ==> ammonia, water
 - Two or more elements combined in fixed parts by mass
 - Properties differ from those of component elements
 - Molecular mass is sum of atomic masses

































Modern Reassessment of Atomic Theory

- All matter is composed of atoms. Atoms are divisible and composed of smaller, subatomic particles (electron, protons, and neutrons), but the atom is still the smallest body that retains the unique identity of an element
- Atoms of one element cannot be converted into atoms of another element in a chemical reaction
- All atoms of an element have the same number of protons and electrons, which determines the chemical behavior of the elements.
- Compounds are formed by the chemical combination of two or more elements in specific ratios.







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