

Nomenclature

Oxidation Numbers: A hypothetical charge based on the number of electrons each atom would have if all the electrons within a bond were located on the most electronegative atom.

Rules for Determining Oxidation Numbers

- The oxidation number of an atom of a free element is zero.
- The oxidation number of a monatomic ion is equal to its charge.
- The algebraic sum of the oxidation numbers of the atoms in the formula of a compound is zero.
- The oxidation number of hydrogen is +1 except when combined with metals; it is then -1.
- The oxidation number of oxygen is -2.
- Combinations with nonmetals; the oxidation number of the less electronegative element is positive and that of the more electronegative element is negative.
- The algebraic sum of the oxidation numbers of the atoms in the formula of a polyatomic ion is equal to its charge.

Oxidation: An increase in the oxidation number for a given atom

Reduction: A decrease in the oxidation number of a given atom.

METALS & NONMETALS

- Name the positive metal
- Follow with the name of the negatively charged nonmetal
- Drop the ending of the nonmetal and replace with ide

An example: CaO Calcium oxide

Hydrogen & Nonmetals

- Use the name hydrogen
- Follow with the name of the nonmetal
- Drop the nonmetal's ending and replace with ide

An example: HCl Hydrogen chloride

METALS & POLYATOMIC IONS

- Name the positive metal
- Name the polyatomic ion

Polyatomic Ions

Charge	Name	Formula
+ 1	Ammonium	NH_4^+
- 1	Acetate	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-$
- 1	Cyanide	CN^-
- 1	Dihydrogen phosphate	H_2PO_4^-
- 1	Hydrogen carbonate	HCO_3^-
- 1	Hydrogen sulfate	HSO_4^-
- 1	Hydroxide	OH^-
- 1	Nitrate	NO_3^-
- 1	Nitrite	NO_2^-
- 1	Perchlorate	ClO_4^-
- 1	Permanganate	MnO_4^-
- 2	Carbonate	CO_3^{2-}
- 2	Hydrogen phosphate	HPO_4^{2-}
- 2	Peroxide	O_2^{2-}
- 2	Sulfate	SO_4^{2-}
- 2	Sulfite	SO_3^{2-}
- 3	Phosphate	PO_4^{3-}

The Chlorine Family of Polyatomic Ions

ClO^- Hypochlorite

ClO_2^- Chlorite

ClO_3^- Chlorate

ClO_4^- Perchlorate

An example: $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$

Zinc Hydroxide

Two Nonmetals

- Use the name of the most electropositive element first
- Follow with the name of the most electronegative element
- Use the ide ending for the most electronegative element
- With more than one combination, use Greek prefixes

Greek prefixes:

1 - mono	6 - hexa
2 - di	7 - hepta
3 - tri	8 - octa
4 - tetra	9 - nona
5 - penta	10 - deca

An example: PCl_3 Phosphorous Trichloride and PCl_5 Phosphorous Pentachloride

Binary Nitrogen-Oxygen Compounds

N_2O	dinitrogen monoxide
NO	nitrogen monoxide
N_2O_3	dinitrogen trioxide
NO_2	nitrogen dioxide
N_2O_5	dinitrogen pentoxide

Metals with more than one oxidation number & nonmetals

- Using Roman Numerals
 - Use the name of the metal
 - Use Roman Numerals in parenthesis to give the oxidation number of the metal
 - Use the name of the nonmetal
 - Use the ide ending with the nonmetals

FeCl_3 Iron (III) Chloride and FeCl_2 Iron (II) Chloride

- Using latin names
 - Give the latin name root for the metal
 - For the lower oxidation state use the ous suffix
 - For the higher oxidation state use the ic suffix
 - Use the name of the nonmetal
 - Add the ide ending to the nonmetal

FeCl_3 Ferric Chloride and FeCl_2 Ferrous Chloride

METALLIC ION NAME EQUIVALENTS			
<i>Old system</i>		<i>New system</i>	
chromic	Cr ⁺⁺⁺	chromium(III)	Cr ⁺⁺⁺
cobaltous	Co ⁺⁺	cobalt(II)	Co ⁺⁺
cobaltic	Co ⁺⁺⁺	cobalt(III)	Co ⁺⁺⁺
ferrous	Fe ⁺⁺	iron(II)	Fe ⁺⁺
ferric	Fe ⁺⁺⁺	iron(III)	Fe ⁺⁺⁺
cuprous	Cu ⁺	copper(I)	Cu ⁺
cupric	Cu ⁺⁺	copper(II)	Cu ⁺⁺
mercurous	Hg ⁺	mercury(I)	Hg ₂ ⁺⁺
mercuric	Hg ⁺⁺	mercury(II)	Hg ⁺⁺
plumbous	Pb ⁺⁺	lead(II)	Pb ⁺⁺
plumbic	Pb ⁺⁺⁺	lead(IV)	Pb ⁺⁺⁺⁺
stannous	Sn ⁺⁺	tin(II)	Sn ⁺⁺
stannic	Sn ⁺⁺⁺	tin(IV)	Sn ⁺⁺⁺⁺

Binary Acids

- Use the prefix of hydro
- Use the root from the parent element
- Add the ic ending
- Complete with the word acid



Oxyacids

- Use the root of the name of the polyatomic ion from which the acid is derived
- Use the appropriate suffix
 - ic is used if the polyatomic ion ends in ate
 - ous is used if the polyatomic ion ends in ite
- Complete with the word acid



The Family of Acids Containing Chlorine

HCl	Hydrochloric
HClO	Hypochlorous
HClO ₂	Chlorous
HClO ₃	Chloric
HClO ₄	Perchloric

Metals

- React with elemental nonmetals
- Form oxides that, if soluble, react with water to give hydroxides
- Form basic hydroxides
- React with hydrogen to form binary hydrides

- React with other metals forming metallic compounds
- Exhibit lower electronegativity values
- Readily form cations by loss of electrons
- Good conductors of heat & electricity
- Malleable & ductile
- Metallic luster

Nonmetals

- Form oxides that may react with water to give acids
- Form acidic hydroxides (oxyacids)
- React with nonmetals to form covalent compounds
- React with metals to form ionic compounds
- Form binary hydrides, which may be acidic
- Exhibit higher electronegativity values
- Readily form anions by accepting electrons to fill the outermost shell
- Poor conductors of heat & electricity
- Brittle
- Dull in appearance

Metalloids: Elements which have characteristics that resemble both metals and nonmetals