





Polyatomic lons PO_{4}^{3-} $O(4 \times 6e), P(1 \times 5e) = 29e^{2}$ $Add your minus - 3 charge = 32e^{2}$

Central Atom

- □ If you have more than 2 atoms, you must establish your central atom
- Usually the <u>least</u> electronegative element often times Carbon (the atom with the most available binding sites) OR the element with the most binding sites







The basic units: ionic vs. covalent

- Ionic compounds form repeating units.
- Covalent compounds form distinct molecules.
- Consider adding to NaCl(s) vs. H₂O(s):





- NaCI: atoms of CI and Na can add individually forming a compound with millions of atoms.
- H₂O: O and H cannot add individually, instead <u>molecules</u> of H₂O form the basic unit.

Electronegativity & physical properties

- Lets look at HCI: partial charges δ⁺ δ⁻
 keep molecules together.
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- The situation is similar in NaCl, but the attraction is even greater (ΔEN = 2.1 vs. 0.9 for HCl).



 Which would have a higher melting/boiling point? NaCl because of its greater ∆EN.



