**Atomic Number**

* Every element\_ has a unique atomic number that is used to identify it.
  + Like a finger print
  + The atomic number represents the number of protons in the nucleus.
* In an atom, if the number of protons and the number of electrons are the same, thus making the atom electrically neutral or stable.
* Hydrogen is the parent element.
  + All other elements were formed from Hydrogen.

