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Web Technology

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Displaying XML

- Raw XML files can be viewed in all major browsers.
- Don't expect XML files to be displayed as HTML pages.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
- <note>  
    <to>Tove</to>  
    <from>Jani</from>  
    <heading>Reminder</heading>  
    <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>  
</note>
```

- Most browsers will display an XML document with color-coded elements.

XMLHttpRequest

- All modern browsers have a built-in XMLHttpRequest object to request data from a server.
- The XMLHttpRequest object is a developers dream, because you can:
 - Update a web page without reloading the page
 - Request data from a server - after the page has loaded
 - Receive data from a server - after the page has loaded
 - Send data to a server - in the background

Sending an XMLHttpRequest

- A common JavaScript syntax for using the XMLHttpRequest object looks much like this:

```
var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhttp.onreadystatechange = function() {
    if (this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200) {
        // Typical action to be performed when the document is ready:
        document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = xhttp.responseText;
    }
};
xhttp.open("GET", "filename", true);
xhttp.send();
```

Sending an XMLHttpRequest

- The first line in the example above creates an XMLHttpRequest object:

```
var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
```

- The onreadystatechange property specifies a function to be executed every time the status of the XMLHttpRequest object changes:

```
xhttp.onreadystatechange = function()
```

- When readyState property is 4 and the status property is 200, the response is ready:

```
if (this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200)
```

- The.responseText property returns the server response as a text string.
- The text string can be used to update a web page:

XML Parser

- All major browsers have a built-in XML parser to access and manipulate XML.
- The [XML DOM \(Document Object Model\)](#) defines the properties and methods for accessing and editing XML.
- However, before an XML document can be accessed, it must be loaded into an XML DOM object.
- All modern browsers have a built-in XML parser that can convert text into an XML DOM object.

Parsing a Text String

- This example parses a text string into an XML DOM object, and extracts the info from it with JavaScript:

```
<script>
  var parser, xmlDoc firstTitle;
  var text = "<bookstore><book>" +
    "<title>Everyday Italian</title>" +
    "<author>Giada De Laurentiis</author>" +
    "<year>2005</year>" +
    "</book></bookstore>";

  parser = new DOMParser();
  xmlDoc = parser.parseFromString(text,"text/xml");
  firstTitle = xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("title")[0].childNodes[0].nodeValue;
</script>
```


Parsing a Text String

- Example Explained

```
text = "<bookstore><book>" +  
"<title>Everyday Italian</title>" +  
"<author>Giada De Laurentiis</author>" +  
"<year>2005</year>" +  
"</book></bookstore>";
```

- A text string is defined:

```
parser = new DOMParser();
```

- The parser creates a new XML DOM object using the text string:

```
xmlDoc = parser.parseFromString(text, "text/xml");
```


The XMLHttpRequest Object

- The XMLHttpRequest Object has a built in XML Parser.
- The responseText property returns the response as a string.
- The responseXML property returns the response as an XML DOM object.
- If you want to use the response as an XML DOM object, you can use the responseXML property.

The XMLHttpRequest Object

cd_catalog.xml

```
function loadXMLDoc() {
    var xmlhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xmlhttp.onreadystatechange = function() {
        if (this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200) {
            myFunction(this);
        }
    };
    xmlhttp.open("GET", "cd_catalog.xml", true);
    xmlhttp.send();
}

function myFunction(xml) {
    var x, i, xmlDoc, txt; xmlDoc = xml.responseXML;
    txt = "";
    x = xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("ARTIST");
    for (i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {
        txt += x[i].childNodes[0].nodeValue + "<br>";
    }
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = txt;
}
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<CATALOG>
  <CD>
    <TITLE>Empire Burlesque</TITLE>
    <ARTIST>Bob Dylan</ARTIST>
    <COUNTRY>USA</COUNTRY>
    <COMPANY>Columbia</COMPANY>
    <PRICE>10.90</PRICE>
    <YEAR>1985</YEAR>
  </CD>
  <CD>
    <TITLE>Hide your heart</TITLE>
    <ARTIST>Bonnie Tyler</ARTIST>
    <COUNTRY>UK</COUNTRY>
    <COMPANY>CBS Records</COMPANY>
    <PRICE>9.90</PRICE>
    <YEAR>1988</YEAR>
  </CD>
</CATALOG>
```

XML DTD

- DTD stands for Document Type Definition.
- A DTD defines the structure and the legal elements and attributes of an XML document.

Valid XML Documents

- A "Valid" XML document is "Well Formed", as well as it conforms to the rules of a DTD:
- The DOCTYPE declaration above contains a reference to a DTD file.
- Note.dtd =====>

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE note SYSTEM "Note.dtd">
<note>
  <to>Tove</to>
  <from>Jani</from>
  <heading>Reminder</heading>
  <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>
</note>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE note
[
  <!ELEMENT note (to,from,heading,body)>
  <!ELEMENT to (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT from (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT heading (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT body (#PCDATA)>
]>
```

XML DTD

- The DTD above is interpreted like this:
 - !DOCTYPE note - Defines that the root element of the document is note
 - !ELEMENT note - Defines that the note element must contain the elements: "to, from, heading, body"
 - !ELEMENT to - Defines the to element to be of type "#PCDATA"
 - !ELEMENT from - Defines the from element to be of type "#PCDATA"
 - !ELEMENT heading - Defines the heading element to be of type "#PCDATA"
 - !ELEMENT body - Defines the body element to be of type "#PCDATA"
- Tip: #PCDATA means parseable character data.

Using DTD for Entity Declaration

- A DOCTYPE declaration can also be used to define special characters or strings, used in the document:
- Tip: An entity has three parts: it starts with an ampersand (&), then comes the entity name, and it ends with a semicolon (;).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<!DOCTYPE note [
  <!ENTITY nbsp "&#xA0;">
  <!ENTITY writer "Writer: Donald Duck.">
  <!ENTITY copyright "Copyright: W3Schools.">
]>

<note>
  <to>Tove</to>
  <from>Jani</from>
  <heading>Reminder</heading>
  <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>
  <footer>&writer;&nbsp;&copyright;</footer>
</note>
```

When to Use a DTD?

- With a DTD, independent groups of people can agree to use a standard DTD for interchanging data.
- With a DTD, you can verify that the data you receive from the outside world is valid.
- You can also use a DTD to verify your own data

When NOT to Use a DTD?

- XML does not require a DTD.
- When you are experimenting with XML, or when you are working with small XML files, creating DTDs may be a waste of time.
- If you develop applications, wait until the specification is stable before you add a DTD. Otherwise, your software might stop working because of validation errors.

XML Schema Definition (XSD)

- An XML Schema describes the structure of an XML document, just like a DTD.
- An XML document with correct syntax is called "Well Formed".
- An XML document validated against an XML Schema is both "Well Formed" and "Valid"
- XML Schema is an XML-based alternative to DTD:

XML Schema : Example

- `<xs:element name="note">` defines the element called "note"
- `<xs:complexType>` the "note" element is a complex type
- `<xs:sequence>` the complex type is a sequence of elements
- `<xs:element name="to" type="xs:string">` the element "to" is of type string (text)
- `<xs:element name="from" type="xs:string">` the element "from" is of type string
- `<xs:element name="heading" type="xs:string">` the element "heading" is of type string
- `<xs:element name="body" type="xs:string">` the element "body" is of type string

```
<xs:element name="note">

  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="to" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="from" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="heading" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="body" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>

</xs:element>
```

XML Schemas are More Powerful than DTD

- XML Schemas are written in XML
- XML Schemas are extensible to additions
- XML Schemas support data types
- XML Schemas support namespaces
- Why Use an XML Schema?
 - With XML Schema, your XML files can carry a description of its own format.
 - With XML Schema, independent groups of people can agree on a standard for interchanging data.
 - With XML Schema, you can verify data

XML Schemas Support Data Types

- One of the greatest strengths of XML Schemas is the support for data types:
 - It is easier to describe document content
 - It is easier to define restrictions on data
 - It is easier to validate the correctness of data
 - It is easier to convert data between different data types

XML Schemas use XML Syntax

- Another great strength about XML Schemas is that they are written in XML:
 - You don't have to learn a new language
 - You can use your XML editor to edit your Schema files
 - You can use your XML parser to parse your Schema files
 - You can manipulate your Schemas with the XML DOM
 - You can transform your Schemas with XSLT

XSD Simple Elements

- A simple element is an XML element that can contain only text. It cannot contain any other elements or attributes.

```
<xs:element name="xxx" type="yyy"/>
```

- where xxx is the name of the element and yyy is the data type of the element.
- XML Schema has a lot of built-in data types. The most common types are:
 - xs:string
 - xs:decimal
 - xs:integer
 - xs:boolean
 - xs:date
 - xs:time

XSD Simple Elements

- Here are some XML elements:

```
<lastname>Refsnes</lastname>  
<age>36</age>  
<dateborn>1970-03-27</dateborn>
```

- And here are the corresponding simple element definitions:

```
<xs:element name="lastname" type="xs:string"/>  
<xs:element name="age" type="xs:integer"/>  
<xs:element name="dateborn" type="xs:date"/>
```

XSD Complex Elements

- A complex element is an XML element that contains other elements and/or attributes.
- There are four kinds of complex elements:
 - empty elements
 - elements that contain only other elements
 - elements that contain only text
 - elements that contain both other elements and text
- **Note:** Each of these elements may contain attributes as well!

XSD Complex Elements

- Empty Complex Element
- A complex XML element, "employee", which contains only other elements:
- A complex XML element, "food", which contains only text:
- A complex XML element, "description", which contains both elements and text:

```
<product pid="1345"/>
```

```
<employee>  
  <firstname>John</firstname>  
  <lastname>Smith</lastname>  
</employee>
```

```
<food type="dessert">Ice cream</food>
```

```
<description>  
It happened on <date lang="norwegian">03.03.99</date> ....  
</description>
```