

XML Data

Introduction,
Well-formed XML

Extensible Markup Language (XML)

- Standard for data representation and exchange
- Document format similar to HTML
 - Tags describe content instead of formatting
- Also streaming format

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- <Bookstore>
- <Book ISBN="ISBN-0-13-713526-2" Price="85" Edition="3rd">
  <Title>A First Course in Database Systems</Title>
  - <Authors>
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      <Last_Name>Ullman</Last_Name>
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Handwritten annotations on the XML code:

- Arrows point to the opening tags of `<Bookstore>`, `<Book>`, `<Author>`, `<First_Name>`, and `<Last_Name>`.
- The attribute `Edition="3rd"` is circled in pink.
- The text "No remark" is written in pink next to the first `<Book>` element.
- The text "No edition" is written in pink next to the second `<Book>` element.
- The `<Remark>` tag is circled in pink.
- The number "2" is circled in pink next to the first `<Author>` element.
- The number "3" is circled in pink next to the third `<Author>` element.

Basic constructs

- Tagged elements (nested)
- Attributes
- Text

Relational Model versus XML

Well-Formed XML

	Relational	XML
Structure	Tables	Hierarchical <u>Tree</u> , graph
Schema	Fixed in advance	Flexible "Self-describing"
Queries	Simple, nice langs. 😊	Less so. 😞
Ordering	None.	Implied.
Implementation	Native.	Add-on.

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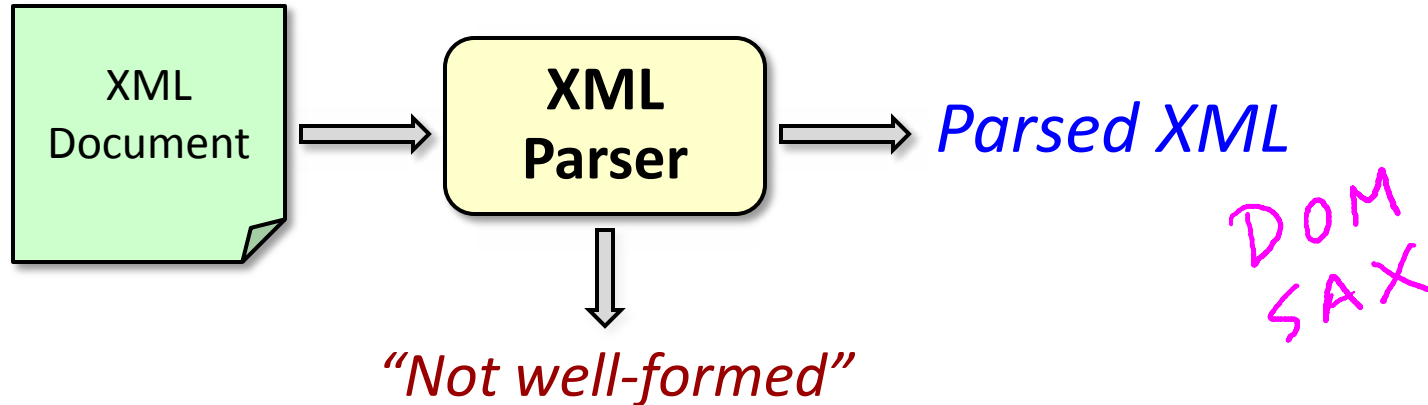
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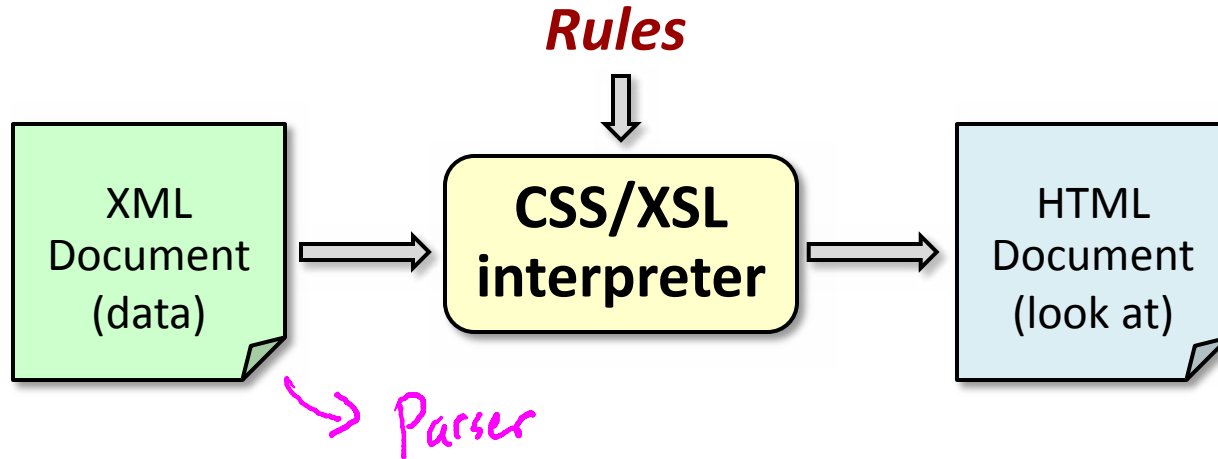


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