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XML documents can have a reference to a DTD or to an XML Schema.

# A Simple XML Document

Look at this simple XML document called "note.xml":

### A DTD File

The following example is a DTD file called "note.dtd" that defines the elements of the XML document above ("note.xml"):

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





The first line defines the note element to have four child elements: "to, from, heading, body".

Line 2-5 defines the to, from, heading, body elements to be of type "#PCDATA".

### An XML Schema

The following example is an XML Schema file called "note.xsd" that defines the elements of the XML document above ("note.xml"):

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</pre>
targetNamespace="https://www.w3schools.com"
xmlns="https://www.w3schools.com"
elementFormDefault="qualified">
<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>
</xs:schema>
```

The note element is a **complex type** because it contains other elements. The other elements (to, from, heading, body) are **simple types** because they do not contain other elements. You will learn more about simple and complex types in the following chapters.





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# A Reference to a DTD

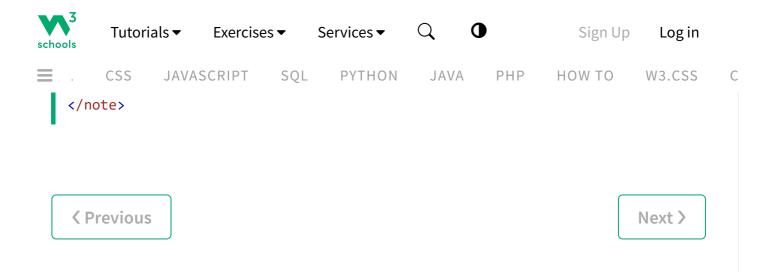
This XML document has a reference to a DTD:

## A Reference to an XML Schema

This XML document has a reference to an XML Schema:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>

<note
xmlns="https://www.w3schools.com"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="https://www.w3schools.com/xml note.xsd">
```



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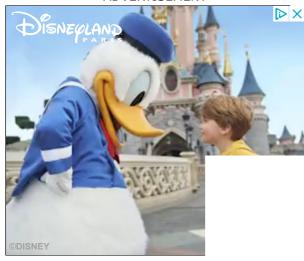












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