

XML and NoSQL

data from documents

What is XML

What is NoSQL

Tutorial 1: Handling XML with Python

Tutorial 2: BaseX: an XML database

XML

extensible markup language

Extensible

can be used to represent (almost) any type of data

Markup

Provides data about the data

Language

...uses words?

Uses of XML

Word documents (.doc, .docx)

Powerpoints and Excel files

Images (.svg)

RSS and XHTML

Many proprietary uses

When to use XML?

If human readability is important

If data takes “tree” shape naturally

If data can be described as a “document”



XML and Data Science

XML is unfriendly to
data scientists

Format is
unregulated

Trees are
unpredictable

Data does not take
“matrix” format



What does XML look like?

- <CricketXML4>

- <match Team1="New Zealand" Team2="Pakistan" mid="4">

<ball ball="1" batting="New Zealand" bowling="Pakistan" over="0" runs="0" wickets="1"/>

<ball ball="2" batting="New Zealand" bowling="Pakistan" over="0" runs="0" wickets="0"/>

<ball ball="3" batting="New Zealand" bowling="Pakistan" over="0" runs="0" wickets="0"/>

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<ball ball="5" batting="New Zealand" bowling="Pakistan" over="2" runs="4" wickets="0"/>

<ball ball="6" batting="New Zealand" bowling="Pakistan" over="2" runs="4" wickets="0"/>

Parts of XML File

<element attribute="value">

 <subelement attribute="value"> content </subelement>

 <subelement attribute="value"> content </subelement>

 <subsubelement attribute="value" attribute2="value"/>

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</element>

Parts of XML File

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That seems messy.



NoSQL

Databases for “documents” (ish)

NoSQL Database Types

- **Document databases** pair each key with a complex data structure known as a document. Documents can contain many different key-value pairs, or key-array pairs, or even nested documents.
- **Graph stores** are used to store information about networks of data, such as social connections. Graph stores include Neo4J and Giraph.
- **Key-value stores** are the simplest NoSQL databases. Every single item in the database is stored as an attribute name (or 'key'), together with its value. Examples of key-value stores are Riak and Berkeley DB. Some key-value stores, such as Redis, allow each value to have a type, such as 'integer', which adds functionality.
- **Wide-column stores** such as Cassandra and HBase are optimized for queries over large datasets, and store columns of data together, instead of rows.

Manage data with different, changing, or loose structures

Popular NoSQL Databases

Cassandra

SAP HANA

Apache CouchDB

IBM Domino

MongoDB

Oracle NoSQL

Berkley DB



XML Databases

Structured query language for unstructured data

Technologies: XPath and XQuery

Implementations: BaseX and BerkeleyDB

Recap

Not all data comes in tables

XML is useful, popular way of representing “messy” data

NoSQL databases help us manage complexity