# UNIT - 1

# Syllabus:

**CSS 3:** Syntax structure, using style sheets, Box model, Grid, Flexbox. Responsive Web Design using Media Queries, use of viewport, Transition, Animation. CSS Framework: Bootstrap.

**XML:** Introduction, Syntax, Validating XML with Document type definition and XML Schemas.

# eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

# > <u>INTRODUCTION</u>:

- XML is a markup language much like HTML and is derived from Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML).
- XML was **designed to store and transport data** and was designed to be self-descriptive
- **<u>Definition</u>**: "XML defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format that is both Human Readable and Machine Understandable"
- It is a W3C Recommendation.
- The first XML version 1.0 was published in 1998.
- HTML limits you to use only predefined tags, whereas XML allows us to create our own tags (user-defined tags).
- It is used to *exchange data or information* across the Internet.
- It is used to *describe the Structure of a document* not the way it is presented.
- In XML data is stored in Plain Text format as it is designed to be Portable and Platform Independent language.
- It is a Case Sensitive Language.
- XML files are saved with extension .xml

### **Advantages of XML:**

- Separates Data from HTML: With XML, data can be stored in separate XML files. As a result, changes in underlying data will not require any changes to the HTML. With a few lines of JavaScript code, we can read an external XML file and update the data contents of a web page.
- *XML simplifies data sharing:* In XML, data is stored in plain text format. This provides a software and hardware independent way of storing data.

- The XML document is *language neutral*. That means a Java program can generate an XML document and this document can be parsed by Perl program.
- XML simplifies data transport: Exchanging data as XML greatly reduces the complexity of exchanging data between in compatible systems over the internet, since the data can be read by different in compatible applications
- XML simplifies platform changes: XML data is stored in text format. This makes it easier to expand or upgrade to new Operating Systems, applications, browsers, hardware without losing data.
- XML files are independent of an operating system.
- *Makes data more available*: Different applications can access data from XML data sources.

# Differences between XML and HTML:

|    | XML  | HTML  |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | eXtensible Markup Language   | Hyper Text Markup Language  |
| 2. | It is used to store and transport the data.                        | It is used to present the content and is a presentation language              |
| 3. | Focus is on what data is i.e describes the structure of a document | Focus is on how data looks  |
| 4. | It supports user defined tags.                                     | It supports only predefined tags  |
| 5. | XML is case sensitive  | HTML is not case sensitive  |
| 6. | Root element is user defined and only one root element is allowed. | Root element is <html></html>   |
| 7. | All XML elements must have a<br>Closing tag                        | Not required to close each and every tag Example:<br>close each and every tag |
| 8. | Attribute values need to be quoted.                                | Attribute values may or may not be quoted.                                    |
| 9. | Saved as .xml files  | Saved as .html files  |

### > BASIC STRUCTURE / SYNTAX OF AN XML DOCUMENT:

- XML Document mainly consists of 2 parts:
  - XML Prolog
  - XML Body Consists of elements and attributes
  - The *prolog* of an XML document comprises everything from the start of the file to the document root tag. It may contain the
    - XML declaration,
    - Processing Instructions,
    - Comments, and a
    - DTD.
  - The first line in an XML file is the XML declaration.
    - identifies the document as being XML.
    - defines the XML standard version the label adheres to, and also
    - defines the character set to be used.

### XML Syntax rules:

- XML documents must contain one root element that is the parent of all other elements.
- The XML prolog is optional. If it exists, it must come first in the document.
- All XML Elements Must Have a Closing Tag
- XML Tags are Case Sensitive
- XML Elements Must be Properly Nested Closed in the reverse order in which they are opened
- XML Attribute Values Must Always be Quoted

- White-space is Preserved in XML and it does not truncate multiple white-spaces
- XML documents that conform to the syntax rules above are said to be
   "Well Formed" XML documents.

# Example:

#### book.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
                                     XML Declaration
   <catalogue> __
                                             Root Element
       <book id="1"> _
         <title>XML Bible</title>
Attribute
                                              Start tag
         <author> Watson </author>
         <isbn>123-456-789</isbn>
         <publication>TMH</publication>
         <edition>3</edition>
         <pri><price>50 $</price>
        </book> <__
                                              End tag
   </catalogue>
```

If the above book.xml is opened using any of the browsers (Example, Internet Explorer), following is the output.

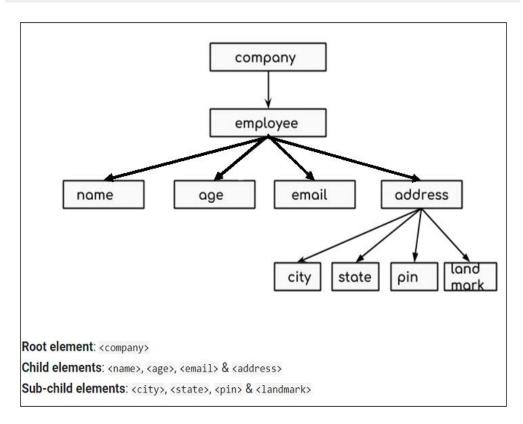
```
C:\Users\DELL\Deskto \ C \ Search...

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```

# XML Tree Structure:

• XML documents have a hierarchical structure and can conceptually be interpreted as a tree structure, called an XML tree.

# Employee.xml:



#### 10. BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS:

• XML documents are composed of 3 things:

#### 1. Elements

- Nested Tags
- Case Sensitive
- Empty Tags
- Attributes

#### 2. Control Information

- Comments
- Processing Instructions
- DTD

#### 3. Entities

### 1. Elements:

Elements are the **main building blocks** of both XML and HTML documents and are used for defining the tags. The elements typically consist of opening and closing tag. Mostly only one element is used to define a single tag.

- The syntax of writing any element for opening tag is <element-name>
- The syntax of writing any closing element for closing tag is </element-name>
- An empty tag can be defined by putting a / (forward slash) before closing bracket.
- A space or a tab character is not allowed in the element name or in attribute name.
- Examples:

```
<br/><body> some text </body> <message>some text</message>
```

# 1.1 Nested Tags:

- Tags inside Tags
- Should be properly nested and closed in reverse order in which they were opened

### Example:

#### 1.2 Case Sensitive:

- Generally, Lowercase letters are used for tags
- Example: <author> & <Author> are different

#### 1.3 Empty tags/elements:

- Elements without content
- Place '/' before closing angle bracket
- Example: <br />

# 1.4 Attributes:

- Attributes provide extra information about elements.
- Attributes are always placed inside the opening tag of an element.
   Attributes always come in name/value pairs.
- Example: <book id="101" > ...... </book>

#### 2. Control Information:

#### 2.1 XML Comments:

- A comment starts with <!-- and ends with -->
- Following rules should be followed for XML comments -
  - Comments cannot appear before XML declaration.
  - Comments may appear anywhere in a document.
  - Comments must not appear within attribute values.
  - Comments cannot be nested inside the other comments.
- Syntax: <!-- Comment Text -- >
- Example: <!-- XML Introduction -->

### 2.2 Processing Instructions:

- Used to pass information to applications
- Need to be processed by the parser.
- Syntax: <?target instruction ?>
- Example: <?xml-stylesheet href = "mySheet.css" type = "text/css"?>

### 2.3 Document Type Definition:

Defines the basic building blocks of an XML file

#### 3. Entities:

- Some characters have a special meaning in XML, like the less than sign (<) that defines the start of an XML tag.
- Example: <message>salary < 1000</message>
  - < generates an error because the parser interprets it as the start of a new element.
  - o To avoid this error, replace the "<" character with an entity reference &lt;

- Definition: Entities are variables used to define shortcuts to common text or complex data.
- Entities were referenced in XML as &entityname;
- Example:

kalam "Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam"

entityname Value

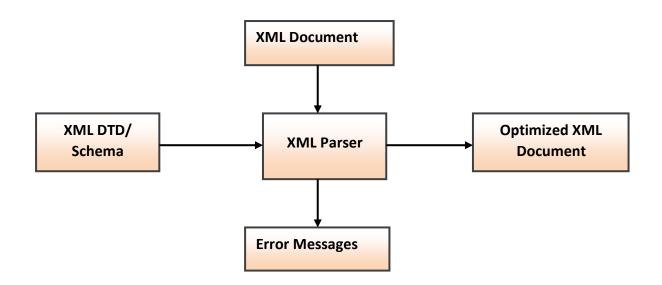
In XML: <name> &kalam </name>

- Entities are expanded when a document is parsed by an XML parser.
- 3 types of entities:
  - o Internal Entities
  - o External Entities
  - o Predefined Entities
- The following entities are predefined in XML:

| Entity Reference | Character |
|------------------|-----------|
| <                | <         |
| >                | >         |
| &                | &         |
| "                | ш         |
| '                | 1         |

# • VALIDATING AN XML FILE:

• The primary goal of any XML processor/parser is to parse the given XML document.



- Parsers are used to check whether a given XML document
  - i. Is Well formed or not It follows all of the syntax rules of XML.
  - ii. Is Valid or not It obeys its own internal rules defined in the DTD or XML Schema
- An XML file can be validated using the following specifications.
  - 1. DTD (Document type definition)
  - 2. XML Schema.

# 1. DOCUMENT TYPE DEFINITION (DTD):

- The document type definition used to define the basic building block of any xml document.
- Using DTD we can specify the various elements types, attributes and their relationship with one another.
- **Example:** Elements, attributes, entities, order of elements and their occurrence
- Basically DTD is used to specify the set of rules for structuring data in any XML file.
- It is the grammar against which XML document is to be validated.
- Many developers recommend writing DTDs for the XML applications.
- DTD standards are defined by the W3C.

### **Data Types in DTD:**

#### 1) PCDATA

- PCDATA means Parsed Character DATA.
- PCDATA is text that WILL be parsed by a parser. The text will be examined by the parser for entities and mark up.
- It is used with Elements
- Tags inside the text will be treated as markup and entities will be expanded.

#### 2) CDATA

- CDATA means Character DATA.
- It is used with Attributes.
- CDATA is plain text character data that is not parsed by the XML parser.

### **DTD Syntax for Elements:**

• **Simple Elements:** Elements that contain only text

```
Syntax:
```

```
<!ELEMENT element-name (#PCDATA) >
Example:
    <title> This is a title </title>
    <!ELEMENT title (#PCDATA) >
```

• **Compound Elements**: Elements that contain child elements

```
Syntax:
```

# **DTD Syntax for Attributes:**

- Attributes are (name, value) pairs
- They add additional information about element's content
- Syntax:

<!ATTLIST element-name attribute-name attribute-type attribute-value) >

- Attribute values:
  - > Value default value
  - > #REQUIRED mandatory attribute
  - ➤ #IMPLIED may or may not be present
  - #FIXED value value cannot be changed

### Occurrence indicators in DTD:

| Operator | Syntax | Description                   |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|
| None     | а      | Exactly one occurrence of a   |
| *        | a*     | Zero or more occurrences of a |
| +        | a+     | One or more occurrences of a  |
| ,        | a?     | Zero or one occurrence of a   |

# > TYPES OF DTD:

There are two ways of writing DTDs

- 1. Internal DTD
- 2. External DTD

#### **Internal DTD**

The DTD can be embedded directly in the XML document as a part of it.

The general syntax for an internal DTD is

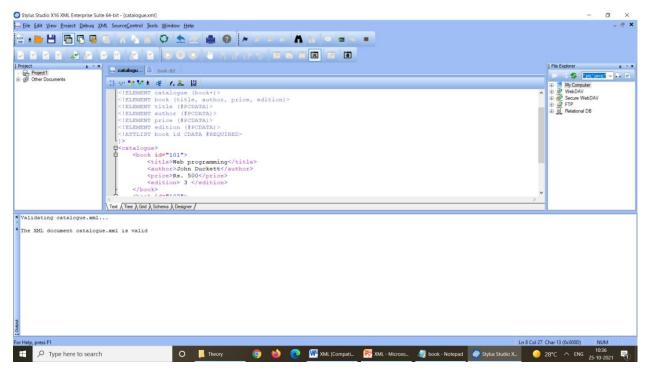
```
<!DOCTYPE root-element [
    <!-- Rest of DTD -->
]>
<RootElement>
<!-- Rest of XML File-->
```

The keyword DOCTYPE specifies that a DTD is to be used by the document. The following rules must be followed:

- The keyword DOCTYPE must be in upper case (Well formedness constraint).
- The document type declaration must appear before the first element in the document (Well formedness constraint).
- Following the word DOCTYPE (root-element in this case) must match with the name of the root-element(Top-level element) in the xml document.

#### Example:

#### Books.xml



### **External DTD**

- In this type, an external DTD file is created and is saved with extension .dtd
- The external DTD file must be included in the corresponding XML file using
   !DOCTYPE>

**Syntax:** <!DOCTYPE RootElement SYSTEM | PUBLIC "URL of .DTD file" > The following example illustrates the use of external DTD.

Step 1: Creation of DTD file [Validatebooks.dtd]

```
<!ELEMENT catalogue (book+)>
<!ELEMENT book (title, author, price, edition)>
<!ELEMENT title (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT author (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT price (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT edition (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT book id CDATA #REQUIRED>
```

Step 2: XML document with DOCTYPE to include external DTD [BooksFile.xml]

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE catalogue SYSTEM "Validatebooks.dtd">
<catalogue>
     <book id="101">
           <title>Web programming</title>
           <author>John Duckett</author>
           <price>Rs. 500</price>
           <edition> 3 </edition>
     </book>
     <book id="102">
           <title>Computer Networks</title>
           <author>Tanenbaum</author>
           <price>Rs. 700</price>
           <edition> 7 </edition>
     </book>
</catalogue>
```

# **Disadvantages of DTDs:**

- Doesn't support different data types It supports only the text string data type.
- Syntax is different from XML
- Doesn't support namespaces
  - Namespace is a mechanism by which element and attribute names can be assigned to groups.
  - Used to resolve naming conflicts

# 2. XML SCHEMA:

- XML Schema is commonly known as XML Schema Definition (XSD) language.
- It is similar to a database schema that describes the data in a database.
- It is used to describe and validate the structure and the content of XML data.
- It describes the basic building blocks of XML document i.e elements, attributes, data types and their order of occurrence.
- Schemas support different data types (numeric, boolean, data, time, string)

• Schema element supports Namespaces.

### Syntax:

```
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
</xs:schema>
```

### XML Schema Data types:

- String set of characters placed within quotes.
- Date format should be "yyyy mm dd"
- Numeric (decimal, short, int, integer, float, long, double)
- Boolean value can be true/false
- Time format should be "hh: mm: ss"
- Syntax:
  - <xs:element name="xxx" type="xs:datatype" />

# XML Schema syntax for elements:

- **Simple Type** contains only text
  - <xs:element name="xxx" type="xs:datatype" />
  - Example:

```
XML: <phone> 1234567890 </phone>  <xs:element name="phone " type="xs:int">
```

- Complex Type contains attributes and/or child elements

  - Example:

# XML Schema syntax for Attributes:

### Syntax:

```
<xs:attribute name = "xxx" type="xs:datatype />
```

#### Values for attributes:

- Default
  - <xs:attribute name = "xxx" type="xs:datatype" default= "DefaultValue" />
- Fixed
- <xs:attribute name = "xxx" type="xs:datatype" fixed= "FixedValue" />
- Optional
- Required
  - <xs:attribute name = "xxx" type="xs:datatype use= "required"/>

# Syntax to include XML Schema in an XML file:

<rootelement xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation=".xsd">

### Example:

#### XML:

#### XML Schema:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
 <xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</pre>
 <xs:element name="catalogue>
  <xs:complexType>
   <xs:sequence>
     <xs:element name="book" maxOccurs="unbounded">
         <xs:complexType>
          <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element name="title" type="xs:string" />
              <xs:element name="author" type="xs:string" />
              <xs:element name="edition" type="xs:int" />
         </xs:sequence>
       </xs:complexType>
     </xs:element>
   </xs:sequence>
   <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:int" use="required"/>
   </xs:complexType>
 </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

#### Difference between DTD and XSD

|    | DTD                                  | XSD                                   |
|----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1) | DTD stands for Document Type         | XSD stands for XML Schema             |
|    | Definition.                          | Definition.                           |
| 2) | DTDs are derived from SGML syntax.   | XSDs are written in XML.              |
|    | Their syntax is different from XML   |                                       |
| 3) | DTD doesn't support data types other | XSD supports different data types for |
|    | than text.                           | elements and attributes.              |
| 4) | DTD doesn't support namespace.       | XSD supports namespace.               |
| 5) | DTD doesn't define order for child   | XSD defines order for child           |
|    | elements.                            | elements.                             |
| 6) | DTD is not extensible.               | XSD is extensible.                    |
| 7) | DTD is not simple to learn.          | XSD is simple to learn because you    |
|    |                                      | don't need to learn new language.     |
| 8) | DTD provides less control on XML     | XSD provides more control on XML      |
|    | structure.                           | Structure                             |