

# Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0

## Abstract

The Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a subset of SGML that is completely described in this document. Its goal is to enable generic SGML to be served, received, and processed on the Web in the way that is now possible with HTML. XML has been designed for ease of implementation and for interoperability with both SGML and HTML. For further information go to [normal.pdf](#)

## Status of this document

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This document specifies a syntax created by subsetting an existing, widely used international text processing standard (Standard Generalized Markup Language, ISO 8879:1986(E) as amended and corrected) for use on the World Wide Web. It is a product of the W3C XML Activity, details of which can be found at <http://www.w3.org/XML>. A list of current W3C Recommendations and other technical documents can be found at <http://www.w3.org/TR>.