



# XML

What you didn't know that you wanted to know...

... or maybe you did, and just have a good time



# Foudation Class

If you know what letter is  
between W and Y  
you are wrong here!





# About me



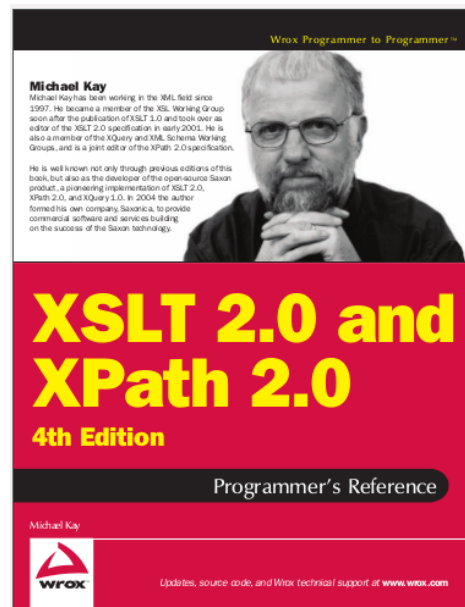
- Lotus IBM Notes since V2.x
- Studied Law & Economics
- Counsellor for person centric development
- Work for IBM Singapore
- @NotesSensei
- 我说中国话一点



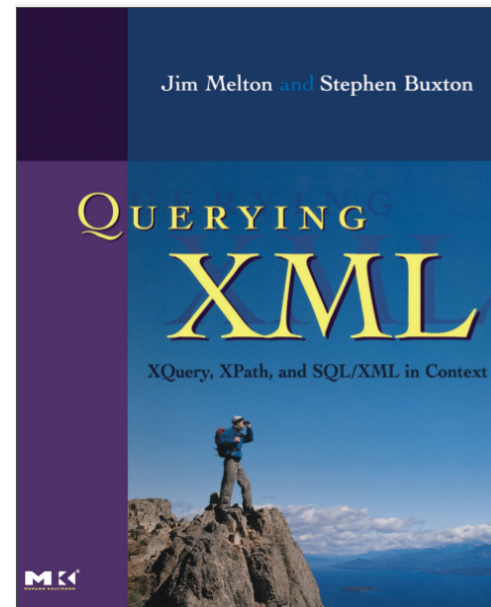
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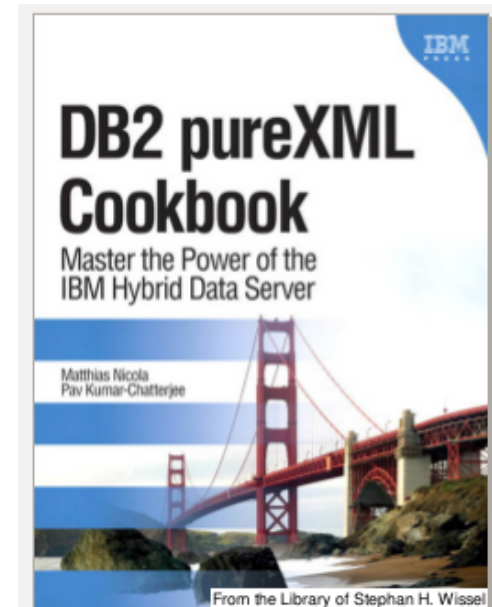
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1371 pages



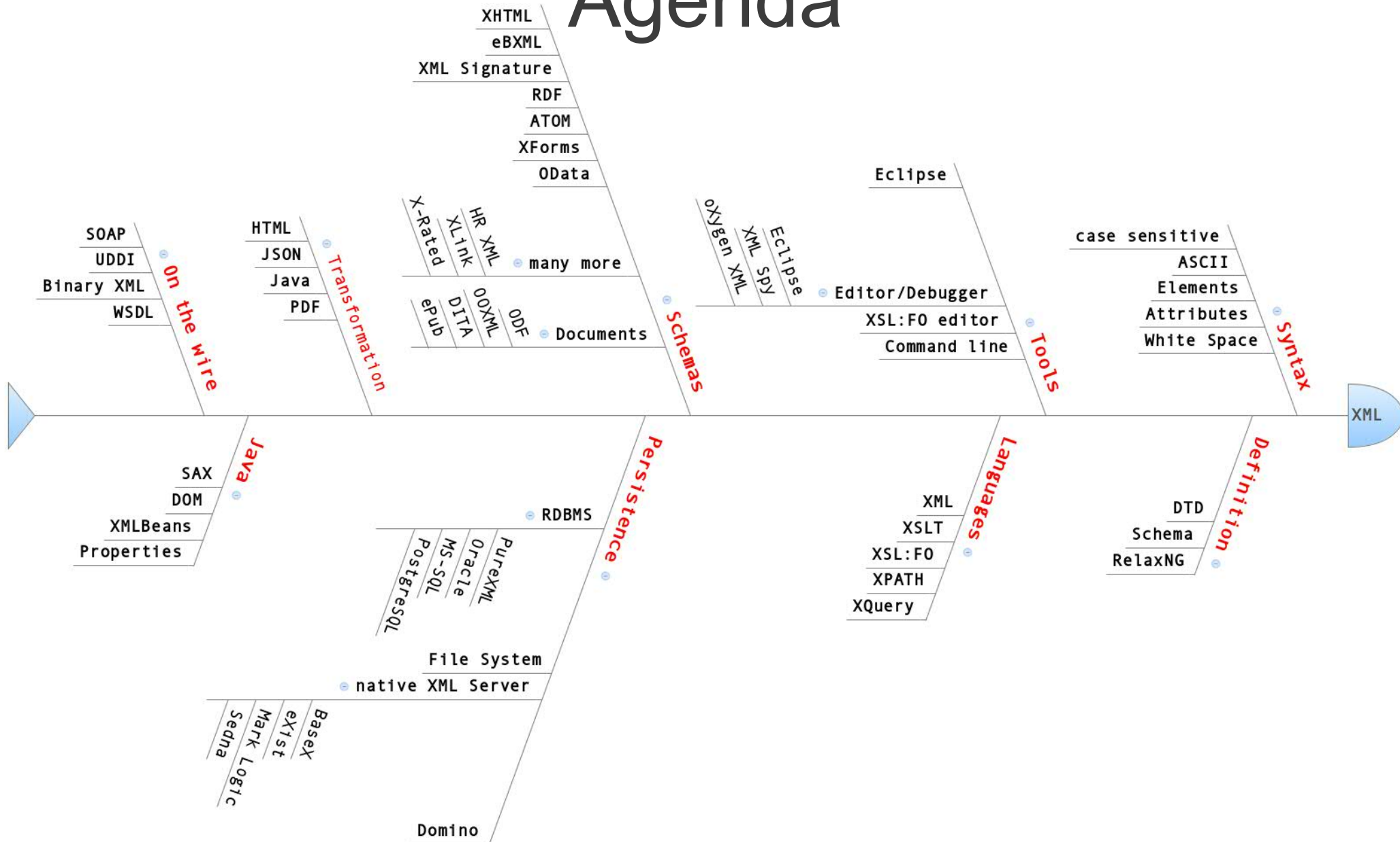
845 pages



793 pages

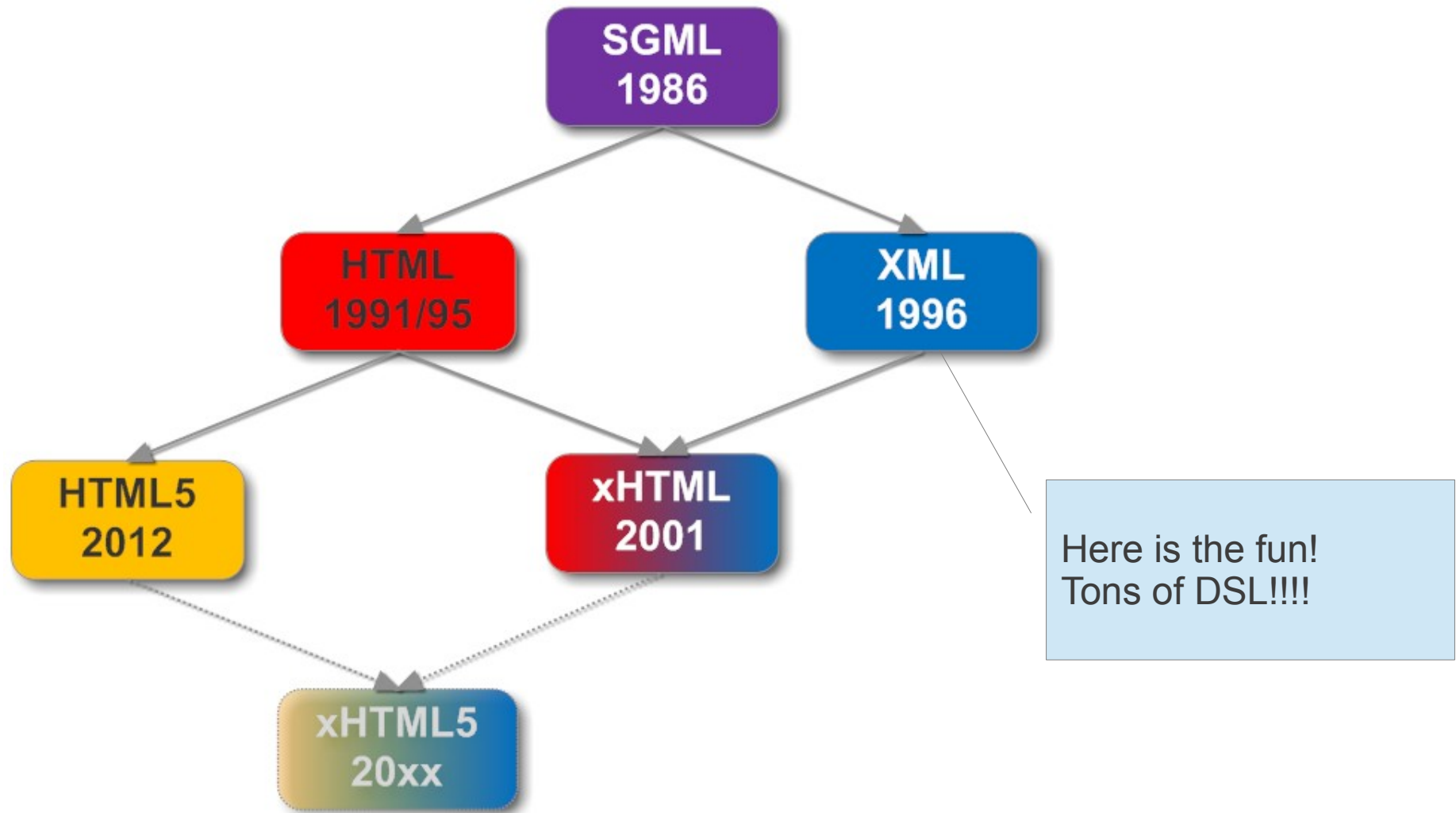


# Agenda





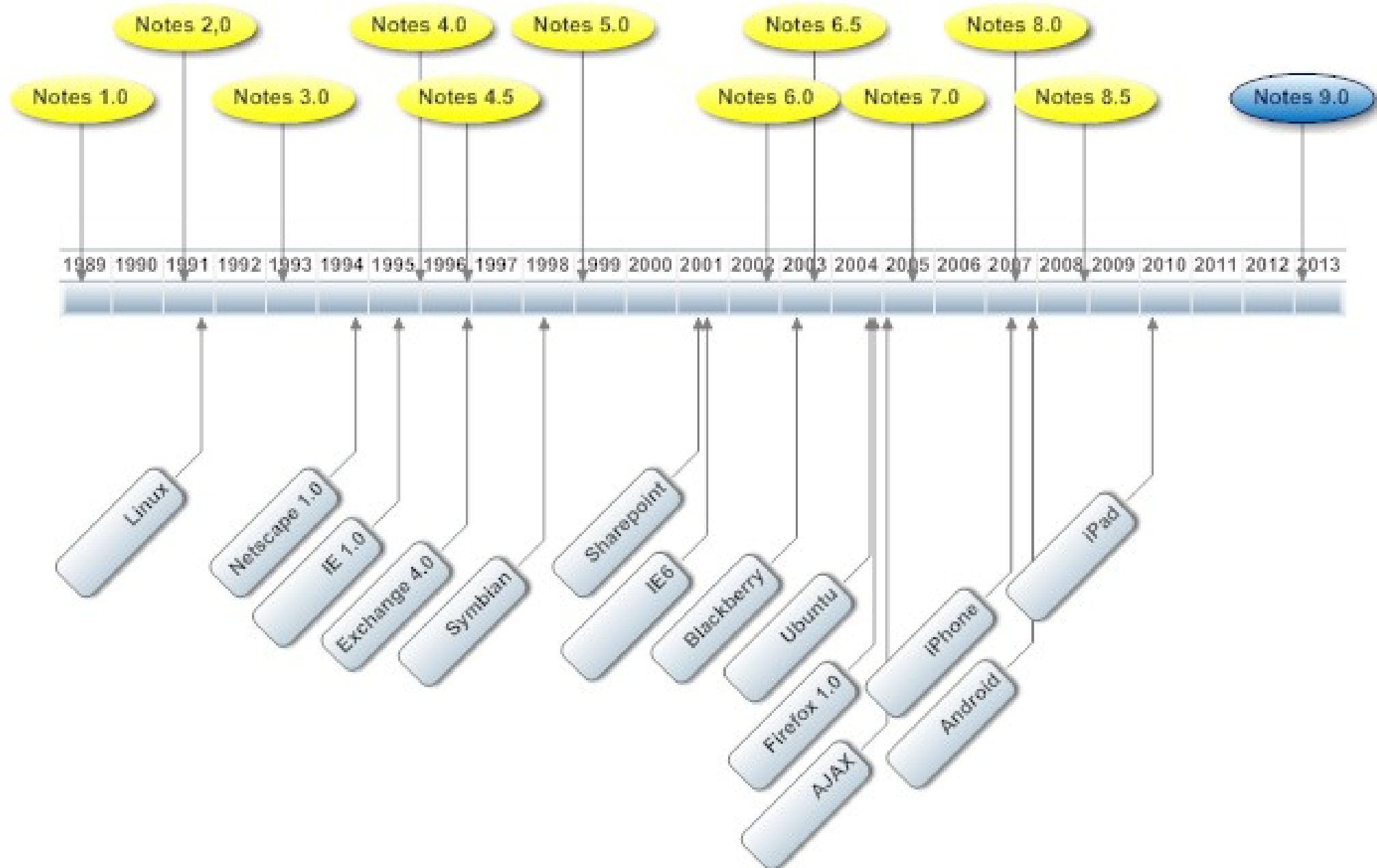
# History, Format & Standards





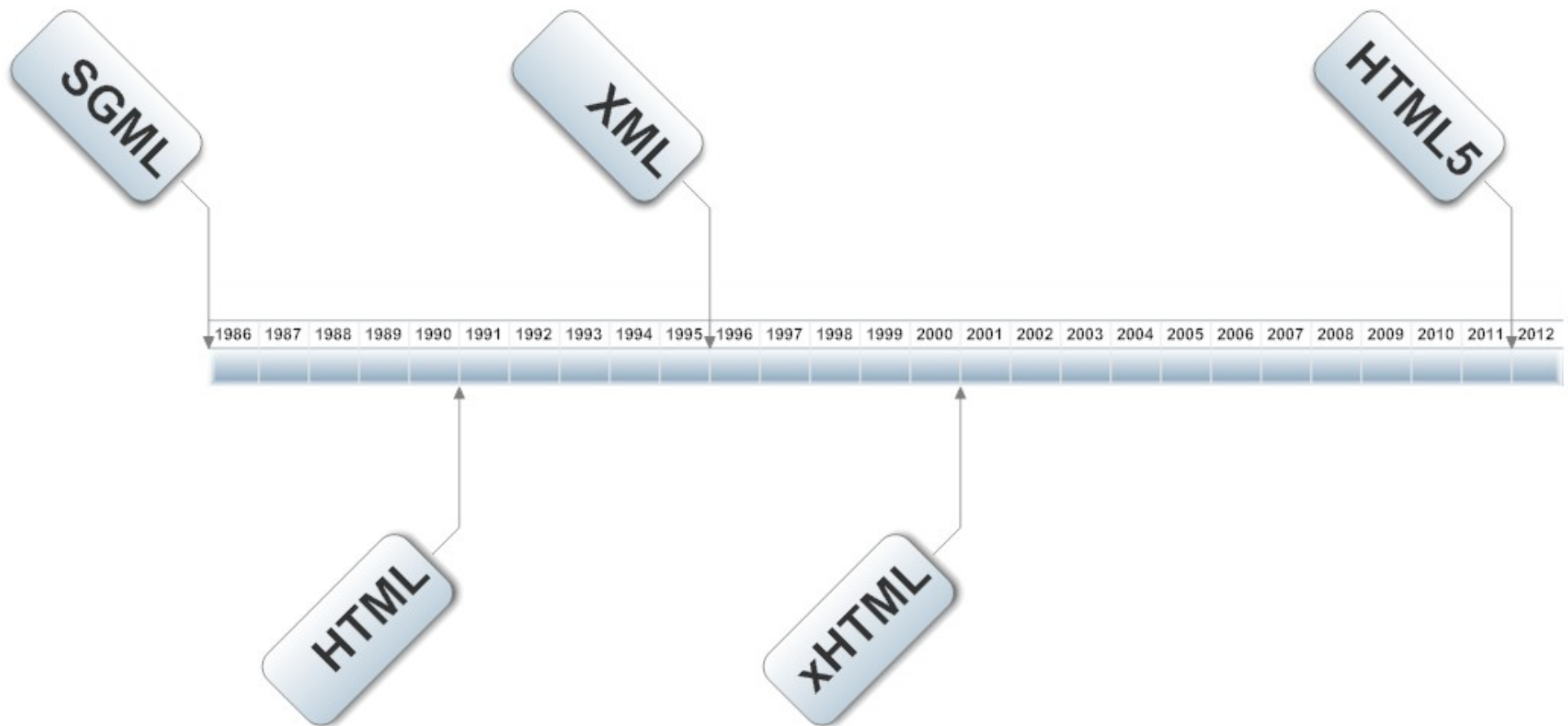


# Timelines

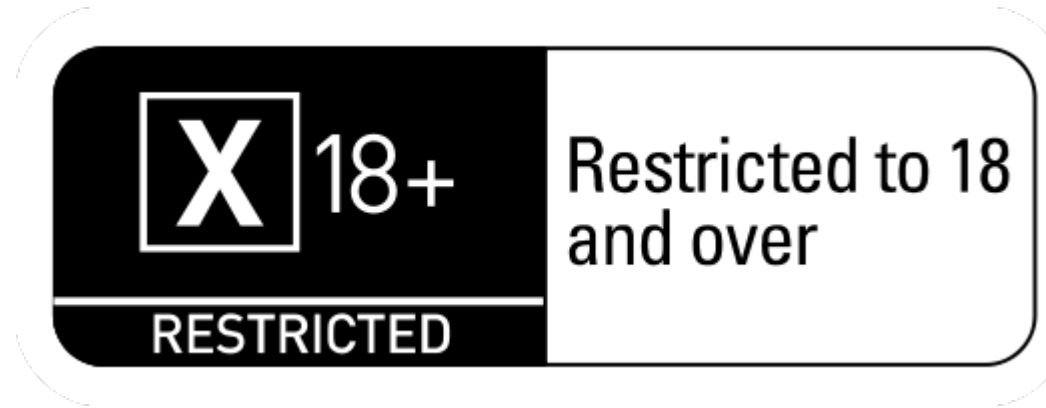




# Timelines



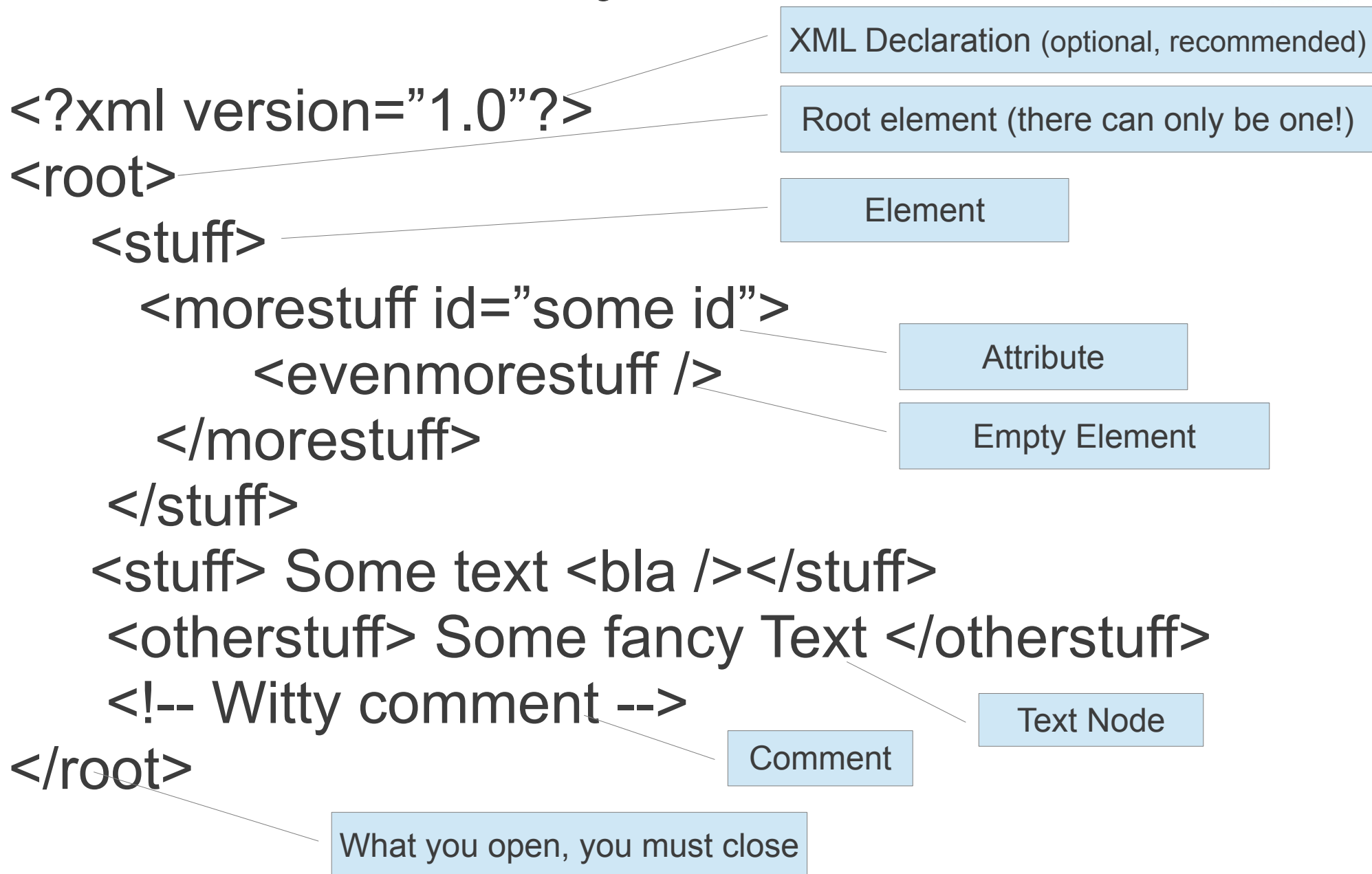




Contains naked code!

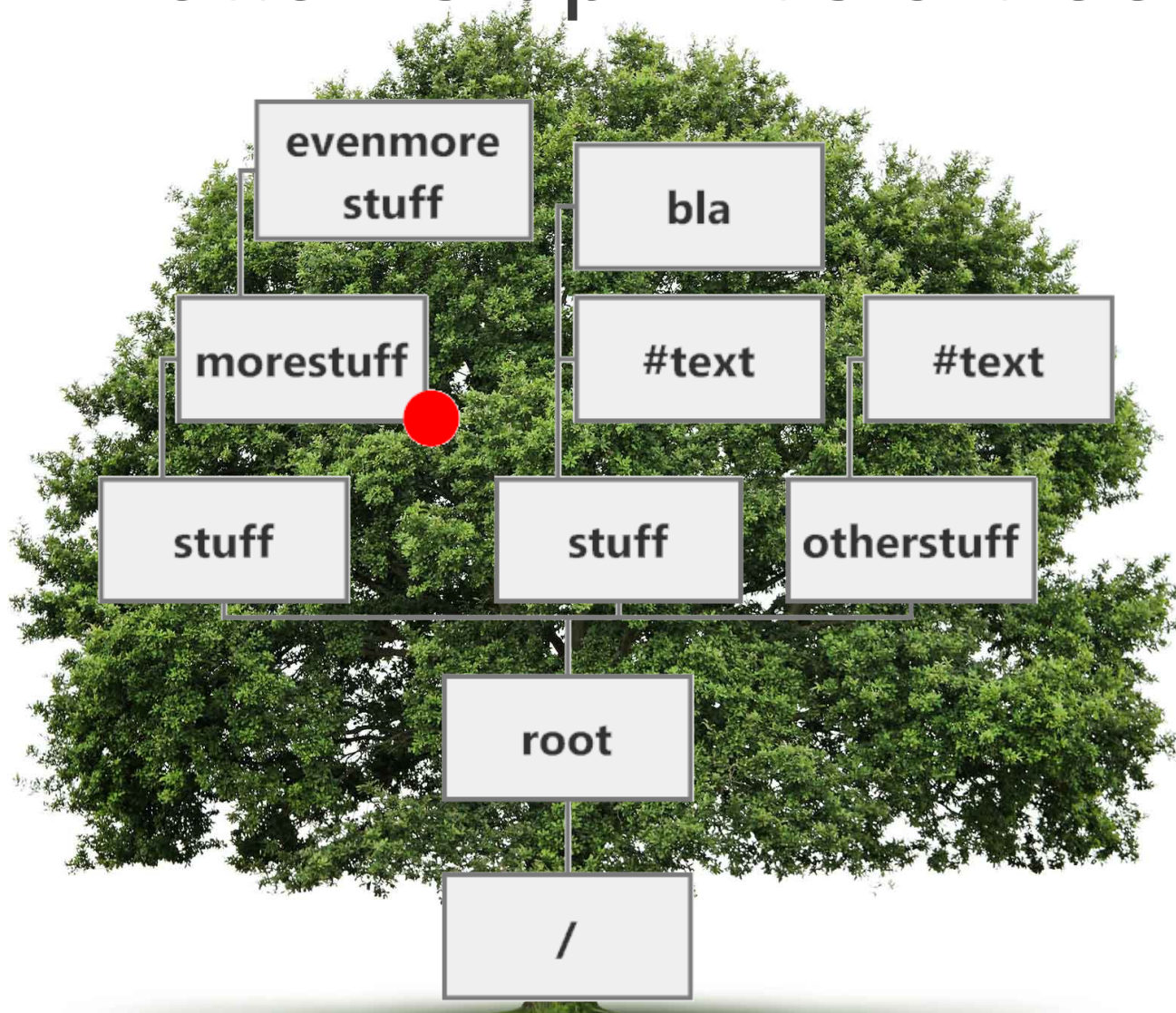


# Syntax





# Bottoms up – it's a tree!



树 (Shù)



# Syntax

- One root element only
- Elements must be closed
  - `<element></element>`
  - `<element />`
- Must not start with xml (in any case)
- Case sensitive
- No spaces
- White space neutral
- Attribute sequence must not matter



# Syntax Bloopers

**Don't try this  
at home!**

- `<eleMENT></ELEment>`
- `<element att1="something" att1="something" />`
- `<element att1=something />`
- `<e1><e2>Some Text<e3></e2></e3></e1>`
- `<e1> a message </e1>`  
`<e1> a message </e1>`
- `<fancy element>stuff</fancy element>`
- `< 小老虎 > 跑快 </ 小老虎 >`



# Namespaces



- Bank -



bank

Namespace:  
Money & Finance



bank

Namespace:  
Nature & Geography



bank

Namespace:  
Aeronautics





# NameSpaces\*

Can be made up  
(just like news)

- For each element separately  
`<bla xmlns="http://www.foxnews.com/bias" >`  
Debt is good for you`</bla>`
- At the root element with alias  
`<news xmlns="http://thetruth.org"`  
    `xmlns:fox="http://www.foxnews.com/bias" >`  
`<topic>Aliens are with us</topic>`  
`<fox:bla>Climate change is humbug</fox:bla>`  
`</news>`

\* more on popular NameSpaces later



# XML & JSON\*

```
<book isbn="1234">
  <rdf:author>Peter
</rdf:author>
  <publisher id="221">
    Random House
  </publisher>
  <synopsis>
<![CDATA[
  <h1>Hilarious</h1>
  <p>It is "funny"</p>
]]>
</book>
```

```
{ "isbn" : "1234",
  "rdfAuthor" : "Peter",
  "publisher" : {
    "id" : "221",
    "name" :
      "Random House"},
  "synopsis" : "<h1>
Hilarious</h1><p>
It is \"funny\"</p>"
}
```

\* more on the how -> later

# Tools

**EMACS!**

Is there anything else?

Real men use

**VI**





# Tools

- A syntax aware editor  
(Geany, Sublime, TextPad++)
- A general purpose IDE  
(Eclipse, IntelliJ, Visual Studio, etc)
- A specialized XML IDE with **debugger**
  - XML Spy
  - Oxygen XML (that's what I use)
  - Stylus Studio
- A decent browser
- FOP Editor:  
<http://www.java4less.com/fopdesigner/fodesigner.php>

Notepad is **NOT**  
on this list!

Also as plug-in  
For the general  
purpose IDEs



# Command Line Tools

- **put**

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
curl $1 -X PUT --netrc --basic -k -v -L -T $2 -o  
$3 $4 $5 $6 $7
```

- **get**

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
curl $1 --netrc -G --basic -v -k -L -o $2 $3 $4 $5  
$6 $7
```

- **.netrc**

```
machine server1.acme.com login road password runner  
machine demo.mybox.local login carl password coyote
```



# Command Line Tools II

- **xslt**

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
java -cp /home/stw/bin/saxon9he.jar  
net.sf.saxon.Transform -t -s:$1 -xsl:$2 -o:$3
```

- **fop** -xml foo.xml -xsl foo.xsl -pdf foo.pdf

- **unid**

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
java -cp /home/stw/bin MakeUNID
```

```
import java.util.UUID;  
public class MakeUNID {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println(UUID.randomUUID().toString());  
        System.exit(0);  
    }  
}
```



# Schema & DTD

- Multiple Standards available
  - Document Type Definition
  - XML Schema
  - RelaxNG
  - Schematron
- Define content structure
- Used by validating parsers
- IMHO most confusing part

} Defined in XML!





# DTD

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<!DOCTYPE people_list [
  <!ELEMENT people_list (person*)>
  <!ELEMENT person (name, birthdate?, gender?, socialsecuritynumber?)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT birthdate (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT gender (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT socialsecuritynumber (#PCDATA)>
]>
<people_list>
  <person>
    <name>Fred Bloggs</name>
    <birthdate>2008-11-27</birthdate>
    <gender>Male</gender>
  </person>
</people_list>
```

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Document\\_type\\_definition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Document_type_definition)



# Schema

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" elementFormDefault="qualified">
  <xs:element name="people_list">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" ref="person"/>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
  <xs:element name="person">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element ref="name"/>
        <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="birthdate"/>
        <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="gender"/>
        <xs:element minOccurs="0" ref="socialsecuritynumber"/>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
  <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string"/>
  <xs:element name="birthdate" type="xs:string"/>
  <xs:element name="gender" type="xs:string"/>
  <xs:element name="socialsecuritynumber" type="xs:string"/>
</xs:schema>
```

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# RelaxNG

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<grammar xmlns="http://relaxng.org/ns/structure/1.0">
  <start>
    <element name="people_list" ><ref name="people_list" /></element>
  </start>
  <define name="people_list"><element name="people_list">
    <zeroOrMore><ref name="person" /></zeroOrMore>
  </element></define>
  <define name="person"><element name="person"><ref name="name" />
    <optional><ref name="birthdate" /></optional>
    <optional><ref name="gender" /></optional>
    <optional><ref name="socialsecuritynumber" /></optional>
  </element></define>
  <define name="name"><element name="name"><text /></element></define>
  <define name="birthdate"><element name="birthdate"><text /></element></define>
  <define name="gender"><element name="gender"><text /></element></define>
  <define name="socialsecuritynumber"><element name="socialsecuritynumber"><text />
  </element></define>
</grammar>
```

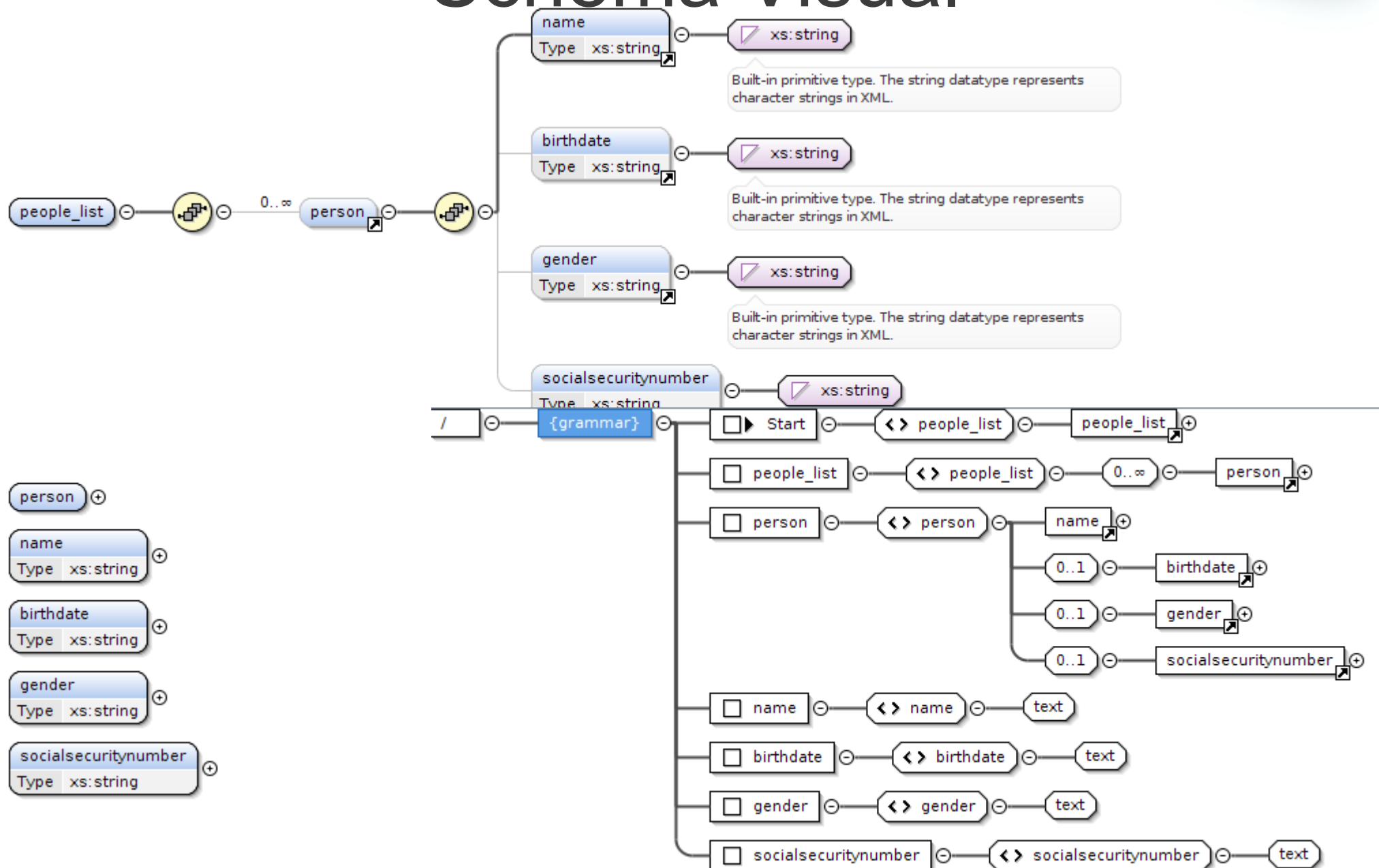


# Schematron

```
<schema xmlns="http://purl.oclc.org/dsdl/schematron">
  <pattern>
    <title>Date rules</title>
    <rule context="Contract">
      <assert test="ContractDate < current-date()">ContractDate should be
in the past because future contracts are not allowed.</assert>
    </rule>
  </pattern>
</schema>
```



# Schema Visual





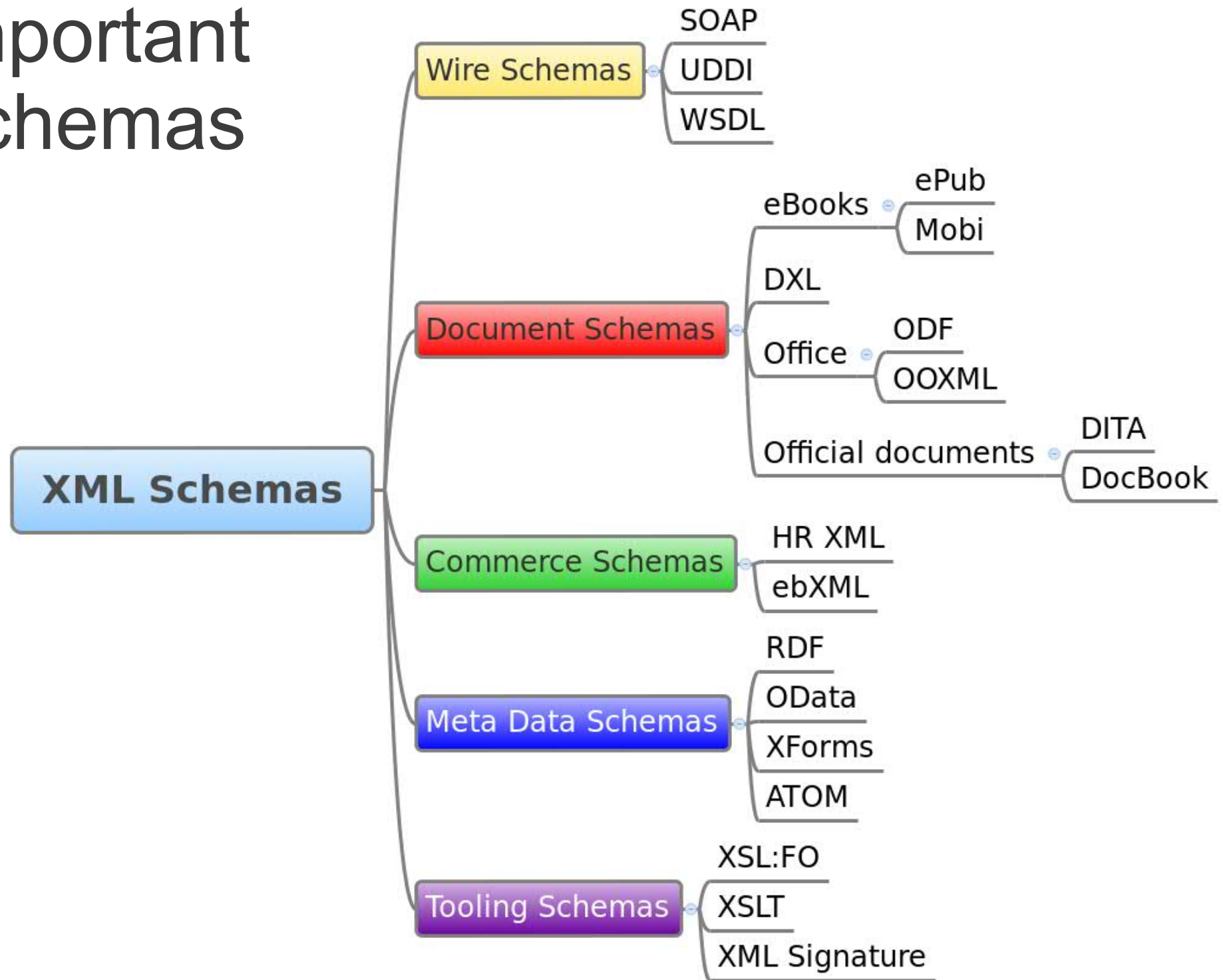
# Important Schemas

- Your's!
- Wire Schemas
- Document Schemas
- Commerce Schemas
- Meta Data Schemas

Note:

**A schema is often created by a standard committee (or the subversion of one).  
Don't expect them to be sleek!**

# Important Schemas

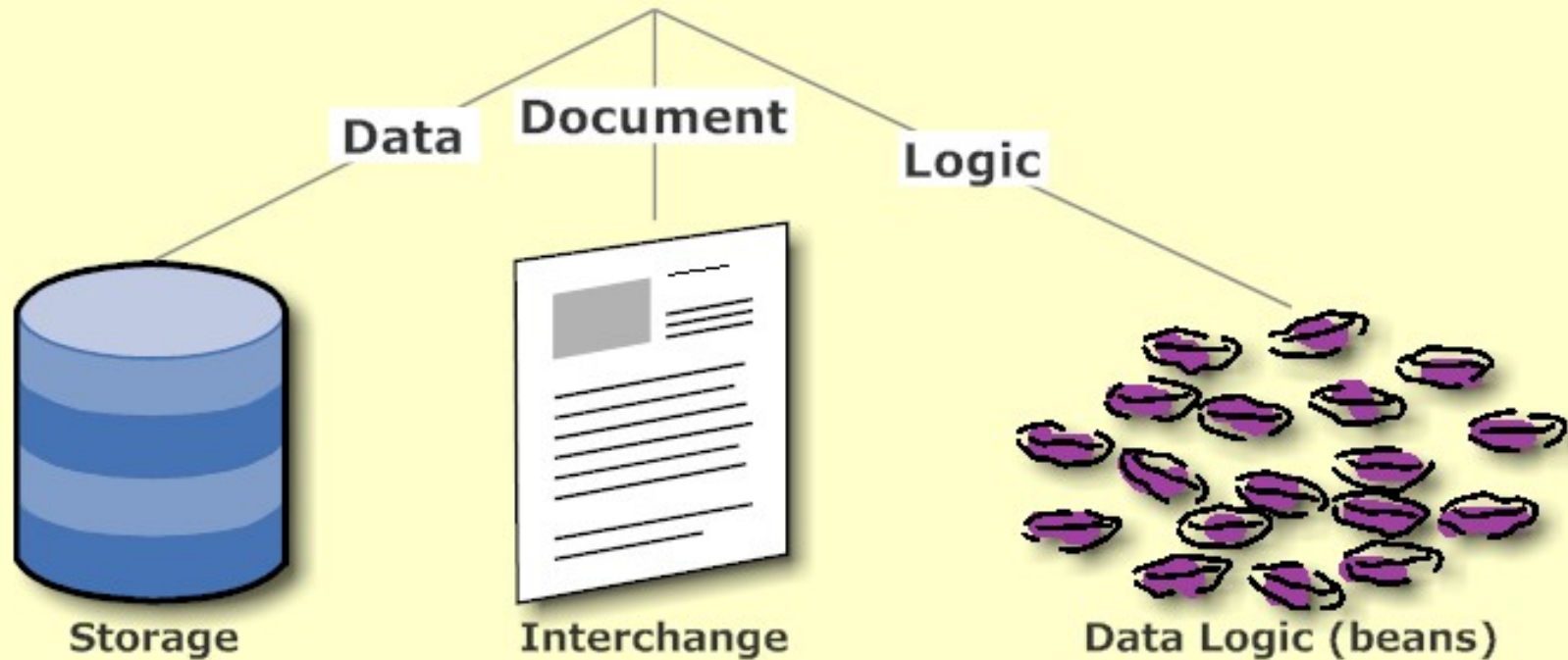






# Schema Wars\*

## Schemas



\* UML as peace keeper?



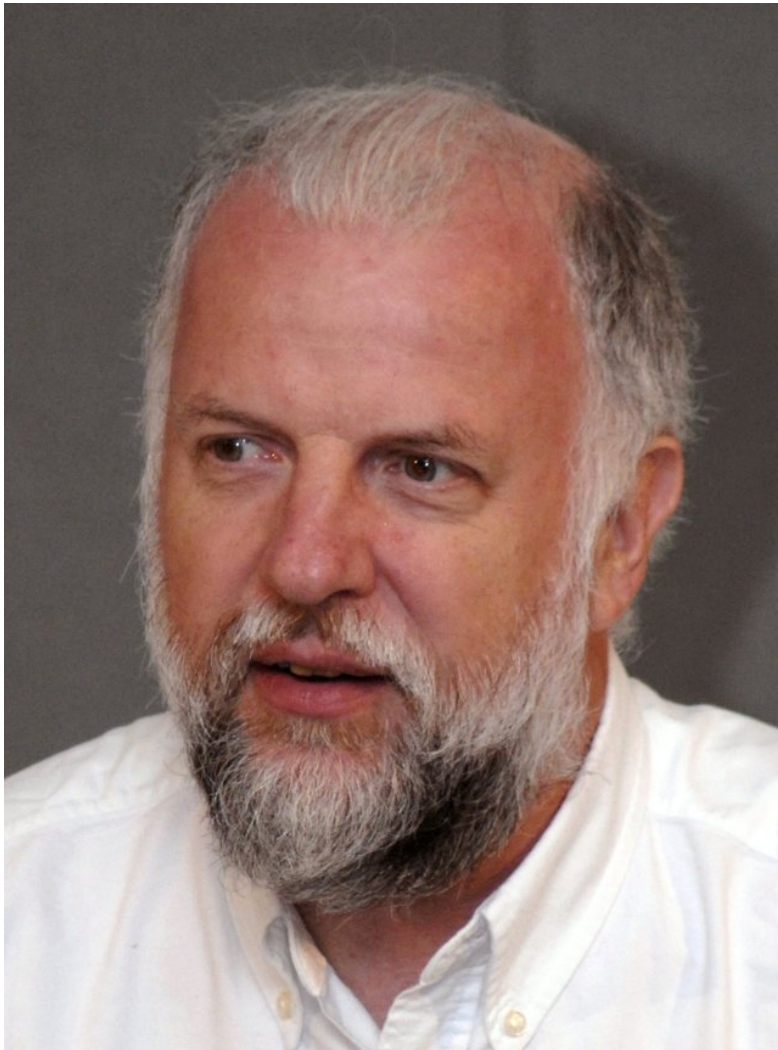
# Transform using XSLT



- Pattern matching
- Templates and XPath expressions
- Nightmare for “procedure guys”
- Performance traps!



# His fault!



- Michael Kay
- Wrote SAXON parser
- Invented XPath
- Must have an EXTRABRAIN
- Very helpful
- On Mulberry mailing list



# Sample XSLT

- Copy all NameSpaces into the XSLT
- Matching is by URL, not by prefix  
(Keeping the prefix is common practise)
- Add output definition
- Add (one or) more `xsl:template` with matching clauses (that's XPath)
- Run and have fun



# XSLT - NameSpaces

- `<xsl:stylesheet exclude-result-prefixes="xs xd" version="1.0"`  
  `xmlns:cc="http://web.resource.org/cc/"`  
  `xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"`  
  `xmlns:dcmitype="http://purl.org/dc/dcmitype/"`  
  `xmlns:dcterms="http://purl.org/dc/terms/"`  
  `xmlns:pgterms="http://www.gutenberg.org/rdfterms/"`  
  `xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"`  
  `xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#"`  
  `xmlns:xd="http://www.oxygenxml.com/ns/doc/xsl"`  
  `xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"`  
  `xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#"`  
  `xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"`  
  `>`



# XSLT common elements

- `<xsl:output encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" method="xml" omit-xml-declaration="no" />`
- `<xsl:template match="somexpath">`
- `<xsl:apply-templates select="somexpath"/>`
- `<xsl:value-of select="somexpath" />`
- `<xsl:for-each select="somexpath">`
- `<xsl:element name="usefulname">`
- `<xsl:attribute name="attname">`
- `<xsl:variable name="aName" select="somexpath"/>`



**XPATH**



# Standard constructs

- **Start template**

```
<xsl:template match="/"><xsl:apply-templates />
</xsl:template>
```

- **Build in catch all template (2 pieces)**

```
<xsl:template match="*">
  <xsl:variable name="curTagname" select="name()"/>
  <xsl:element name="{ $curTagname }">
    <!-- Walk through the attributes -->
    <xsl:apply-templates select="@*" />
    <!-- process the children -->
    <xsl:apply-templates />
  </xsl:element>
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="@*" mode="genRead">
  <xsl:variable name="curAttName" select="name()"/>
  <xsl:attribute name="{ $curAttName }">
    <xsl:value-of select="."/>
  </xsl:attribute>
</xsl:template>
```





# Standard constructs II

- **Catch all – suppress output**

`<xsl:template match="*" />`

Still produces whitespace

- **Sort stuff**

`<xsl:apply-templates><xsl sort />  
</xsl:apply-templates>`

- **Render directive**

`<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="some.xslt"?>`

- **Note the difference\*:**

- `<xsl:element name="test"></xsl:element>`
- `<test></test>`

\* Hint: Namespace!



# XPath

- A little like URLs, file path...  
... when you begin

and then:





# XPath

- `/` = root of the XML **before** the first element
- `ns:someelement` = child element of the current element
- `@attname` = attribute of current element
- `/oneele/twoele/three/@attname` = absolute path to an attribute 3 levels deep
- `//@attname` = attribute anywhere in the tree
- `*` = every element
- `@*` = every attribute



# XPath

Then the AXIS kicks in:

- **ForwardAxis**

child :: descendant :: attribute :: self ::  
descendant-or-self :: following-sibling ::  
following :: namespace ::

- **ReverseAxis**

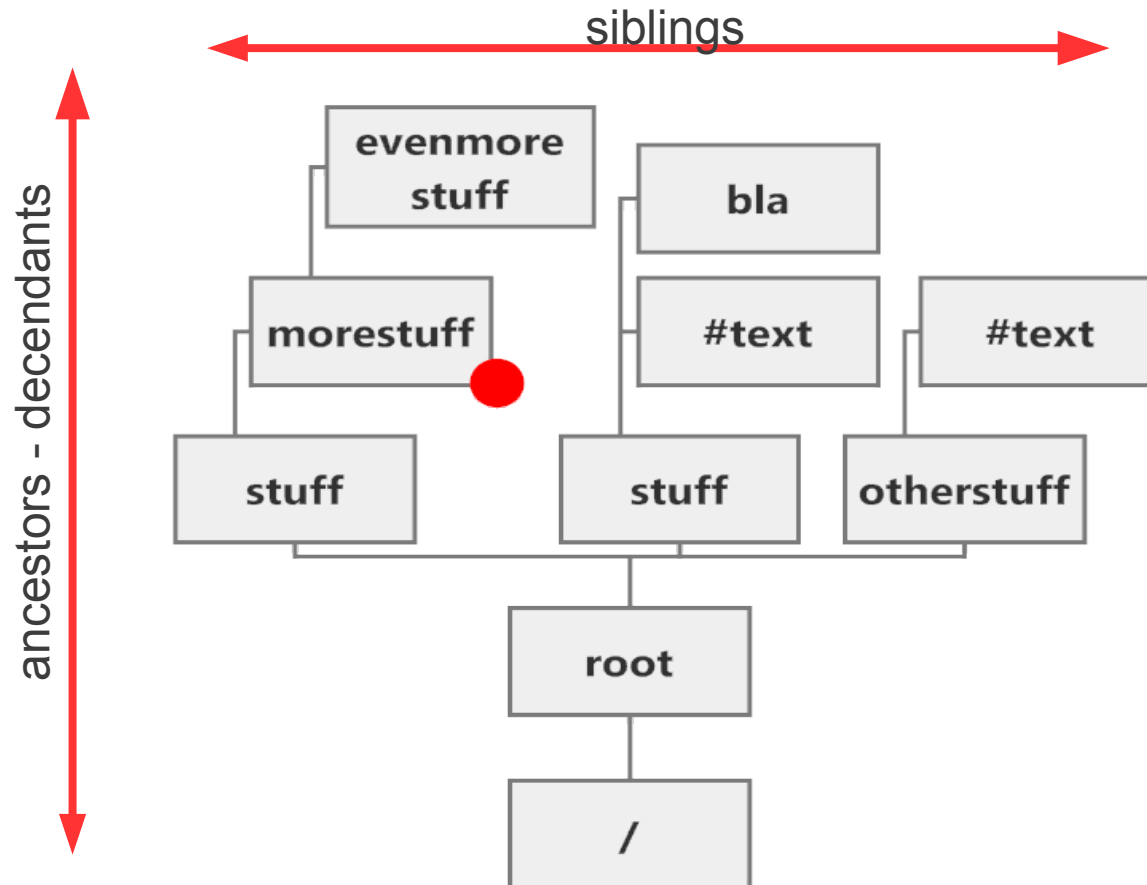
parent :: ancestor :: preceding-sibling ::  
preceding :: ancestor-or-self ::





# XPath

- preceding-sibling :: title = title of element before
- descendant :: @url = all URL attributes





# XPath Conditions & Functions

- `//player[goals > 0]`
- `xy:gene[@mutant='true']`
- `book[substring(preceding-sibling::title,1) != substring(title,1)]`
- `name()` = name of element or attribute
- `node()` = whole element or attribute
- `position()` = position in current selection including `last()`



# Priorities

- The better the match the higher the priority
- Tricky!
- “\*” lowest priority
- “someelement < someelement[somecondition]”
- Concurrent conditions undefined!
  - `<ele taste="hot" color="red">....</...>`
  - `ele[@taste='hot'] ~ ele[@color='red']`
  - `ele[@taste='hot' and @color='red']`



# Mode

- Allows to run through elements multiple times
- Whole or partial tree
- Can be a performance drag
- Flexible





Book List Sample  
Spring Clean Sample



# Java



Jesse Gallagher:  
XML manipulation in Java is like a sick joke



# Reading XML in Java

- Tree (DOM)
- Stream (SAX)





# Reading XML in Java

- Tree (DOM)
- In **memory** model
- XPath queries
- Manipulating content
- Flexible
- Stream (SAX)
- Series of events
- Fast
- Lean
- Suitable for large files



# Read into DOM

- Any Stream can be used
- DocumentBuilderFactory factory =  
DocumentBuilderFactory.newInstance();  
factory.setValidating(false); // Will blow if set to true  
factory.setNamespaceAware(true);  
InputSource source = new **InputSource**(new  
StringReader(sourceString));  
DocumentBuilder docb = factory.newDocumentBuilder();  
Document d = docb.parse(source);
- Document (XML) & Document (Notes)  
= Headache



# Read with SAX

- ```
XMLReader xmlReader = XMLReaderFactory.createXMLReader();  
FileReader reader = new FileReader("somefile.xml");  
InputSource inputSource = new InputSource(reader);  
xmlReader.setContentHandler(new SaxReadExample());  
xmlReader.parse(inputSource);
```
- ```
public void characters(char[] ch, int start, int length) throws SAXException {}  
public void endDocument() throws SAXException {}  
public void endElement(String arg0, String arg1, String arg2) throws SAXException {}  
public void endPrefixMapping(String arg0) throws SAXException {}  
public void ignorableWhitespace(char[] arg0, int arg1, int arg2) throws SAXException {}  
public void processingInstruction(String arg0, String arg1) throws SAXException {}  
public void setDocumentLocator(Locator arg0) {}  
public void skippedEntity(String arg0) throws SAXException {}  
public void startDocument() throws SAXException {}  
public void startElement(String arg0, String arg1, String arg2, Attributes arg3) throws  
SAXException {}  
public void startPrefixMapping(String arg0, String arg1) throws SAXException {}
```



# Write from DOM

- `Document.toString()` doesn't work
- ```
TransformerFactory tFactory =  
TransformerFactory.newInstance();  
Transformer transformer = tFactory.newTransformer();  
StreamResult xResult = new StreamResult(new StringWriter());  
DomSource source = new DOMSource(dom);  
// Suppress the XML declaration in front  
transformer.setOutputProperty("omit-xml-declaration", "yes");  
transformer.transform(source, xResult);
```
- `String result = xResult.getWriter().toString();`





# Write from SAX

- ```
PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter(out);
StreamResult streamResult = new StreamResult(pw);
SAXTransformerFactory tf = (SAXTransformerFactory)
TransformerFactory.newInstance();
TransformerHandler hd =
tf.newTransformerHandler();
Transformer serializer = hd.getTransformer();
serializer.setOutputProperty(OutputKeys.ENCODING, "UTF-8");
serializer.setOutputProperty(OutputKeys.METHOD, "xml");
serializer.setOutputProperty(OutputKeys.INDENT, "yes");
hd.setResult(streamResult);
hd.startDocument();
atts.addAttribute("", "", "someattribute", "CDATA", "test");
atts.addAttribute("", "", "moreattributes", "CDATA", "test2");
hd.startElement("", "", "MyTag", atts);
String curTitle = "Something inside a tag";
hd.characters(curTitle.toCharArray(), 0, curTitle.length());
hd.endElement("", "", "MyTag");
hd.endDocument();
```



# Avoid low level XML!

- JAXP
- ATOM
- ODATA
- Apache POI
- Apache ODF Toolkit
- IBM Social Business Toolkit

# JAXP



- XML equivalent to Google GSON
- `@XmlRootElement(name = "SomeName")`
- `@XmlElement(name = "SomeName")`
- JAXBContext context =  
JAXBContext.newInstance(BookingList.class);  
Marshaller m = context.createMarshaller();  
m.setProperty(Marshaller.JAXB\_FORMATTED\_OUTPUT,  
Boolean.TRUE);  
m.marshal(this, out);
- Unmarshaller u = context.createUnmarshaller();  
BookingList b = (BookingList) u.unmarshal(in);

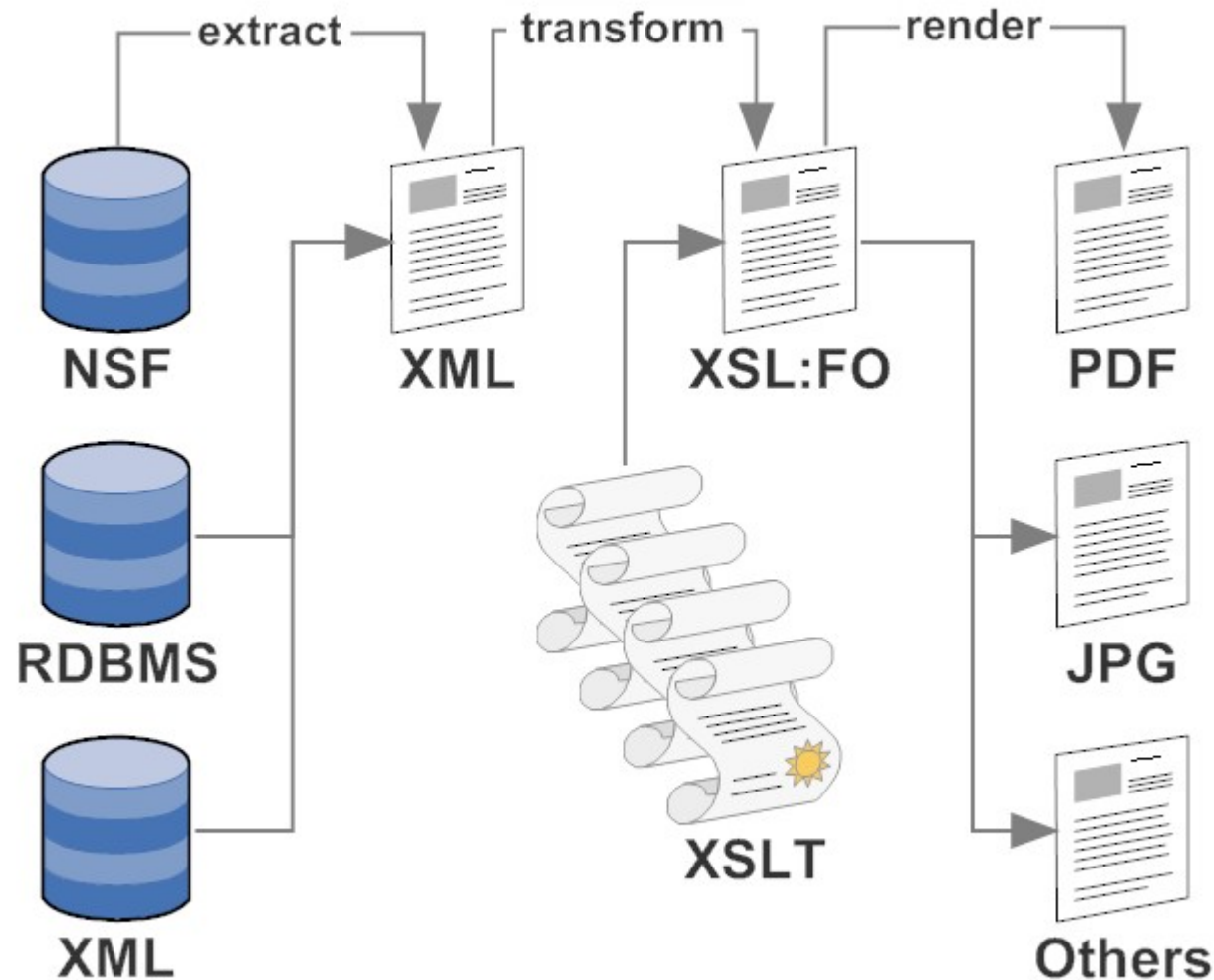


# Signature

- Platform, vendor & language independent signing of XML data
- Handles white space challenge
- Requires a key
- <http://www.w3.org/Signature/>
- <http://santuario.apache.org/>
- KMIP emerging standard support some lobby work needed
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Key\\_Management\\_Interoperability\\_Protocol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Key_Management_Interoperability_Protocol)

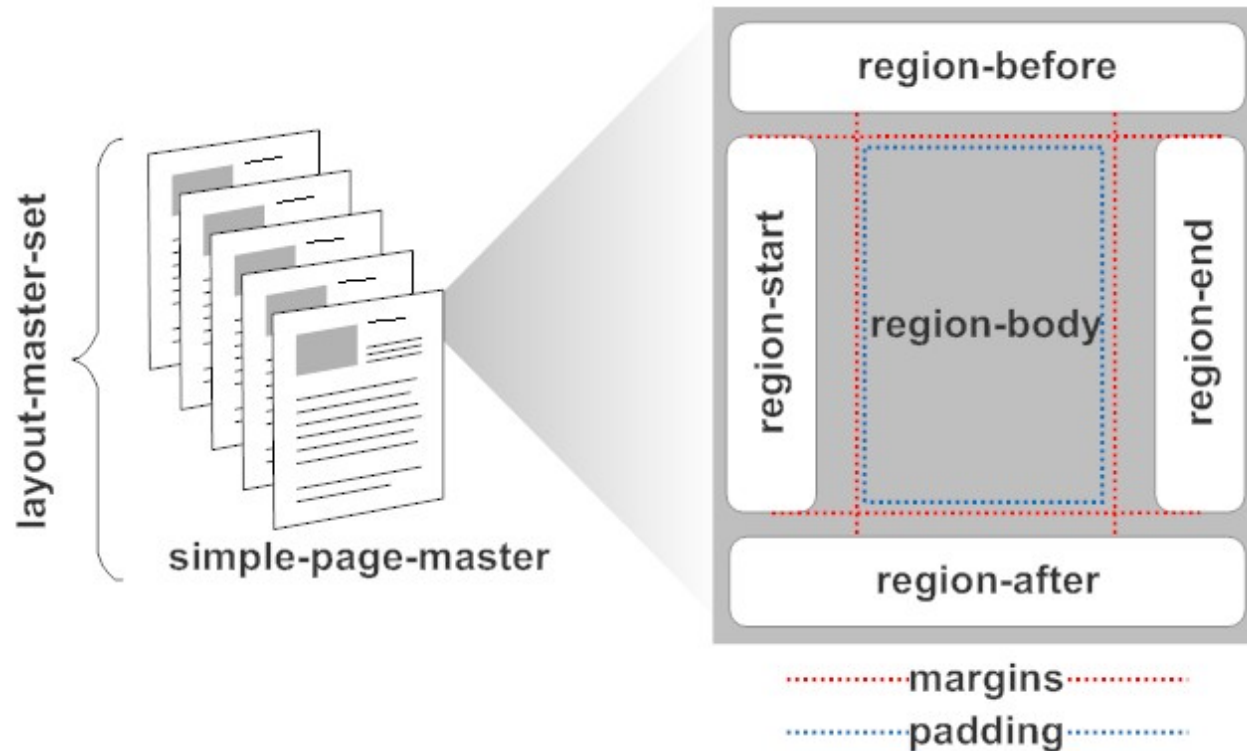


# Transform using XSL:FO



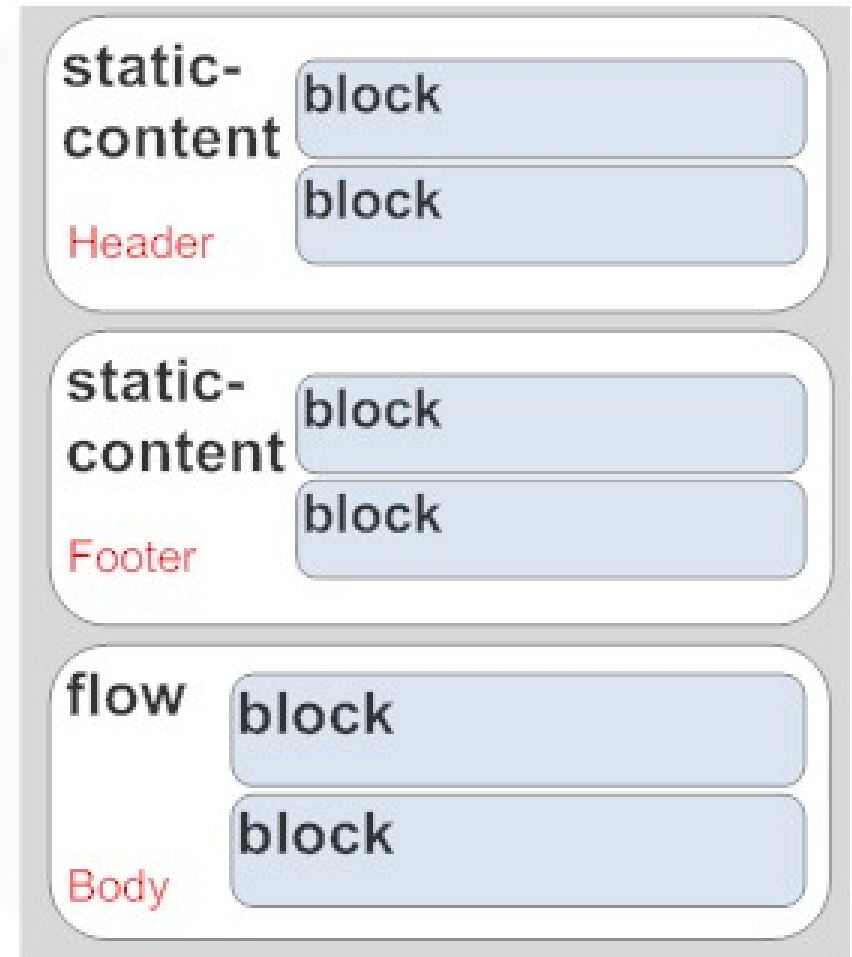
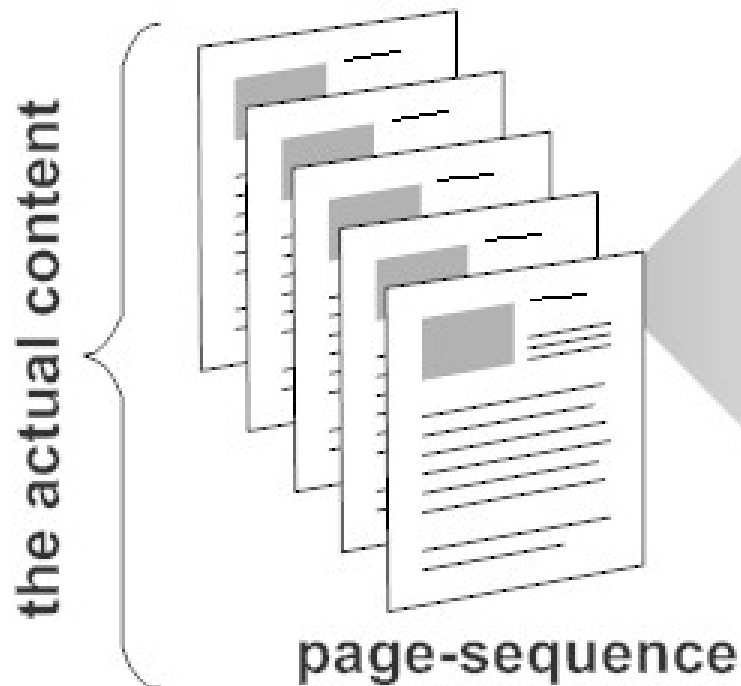


# Transform using XSL:FO





# Transform using XSL:FO







# Transform using XSL:FO

- FOP as only one input and one output!
- Input needs to be a FOP String
- Usually produced by an XSLT transformation
- ```
FopFactory fopFactory = FopFactory.newInstance();
FOUserAgent ua = fopFactory.newFOUserAgent();
Fop fop = this.fopFactory.newFop(MimeConstants.MIME_PDF, ua, out);
InputSource fopSrc = new InputSource(in);
SAXParser parser = this.getParser();
DefaultHandler dh = fop.getDefaultHandler();
parser.parse(fopSrc, dh);
```



# XML and HTML

- If you are lucky it is xHTML
- For the rest there is Jericho and HTMLCleaner
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# XML and JSON

- Best using JXP and GSON
- Second XSLT



# XML as Data Source

- XML Document object (Scope, Bean etc)
- Xpath expressions for Data bindings
- `${xpath:document:/person/firstName}`



# Fun with DXL and XPages sources

- Make an XPage out of a view
- Make an XPage, Form, View from a schema



# DB/2 PureXML

- The closest you get in the RDBMs world to a Domino Document
- That's what NotesDB2 should have looked like!
- ```
create view commentview(itemID, itemname, commentID, message) as
select i.id, i.itemname, t.CommentID, t.Message
from items i,
xmltable('$c/Comments/Comment' passing i.comments as "c"
columns CommentID integer path 'CommentID',
Message varchar(100) path 'Message' ) as t;
```