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XML & WEB SERVICES

- XML - Extensible Markup Language → text-based.
  ↓ derived from
  Standard Generalised Markup language (SGML)
- XML is a software & hardware Independent tool for storing data.
- (a) markup language
  (b) store and transport data
  (c) self descriptive
  (d) W3C Recommendation.
- CHARACTERISTICS:

  * XML is extensible → create own self descriptive tags.
  * XML carries data, does not present it.
  * XML is a public standard. → Developed by (W3C) and is open standard.

XML USAGE:

- Can work behind the scene to simplify the creation of HTML documents.
- Exchange Information b/w organisation & systems.
- Used for offloading and reloading of databases.
- Used to encode any structured information.

- Can be used to store and arrange the data.
- Can easily merge with style sheets
- Virtual representation of any data is possible.

The Difference b/w

XML	HTML
• Was designed to describe data with focus on what data is	Designed to display data, with focus on how data looks.
• Stores and transport data	Present and display data
• Has own tags	Predefined tags
• Case sensitive	Not case sensitive
• Documents form tree structures.	

Why XML important?

Provides rules to define any data.

COMPONENTS: (Save as .xml extension)

- XML document
- XML declaration
- XML elements — Text, attributes, other elements
- XML content

XML DELIMITER CHARACTER :

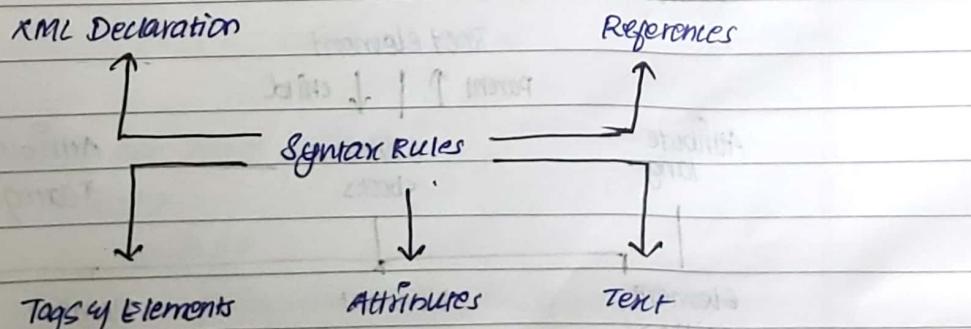
< - - Start of an XML markup lang
> - End of an XML markup lang
& - Start of an XML entity
; - End of an XML entity

XML SYNTAX :

XML document :

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
<contact_info>
    <name> Rajesh </name>
    <company> TCS </company>
    <phone> 93333 32354 </phone>
</contact_info>
```

Syntax rules :
- Tags are case sensitive
- All XML elements must have closing tag
- Must be properly nested
- Must have root element (XML doc.)



XML Declaration:

<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"?>

Tags & Elements : <element>

Root element: Can have only one root element.

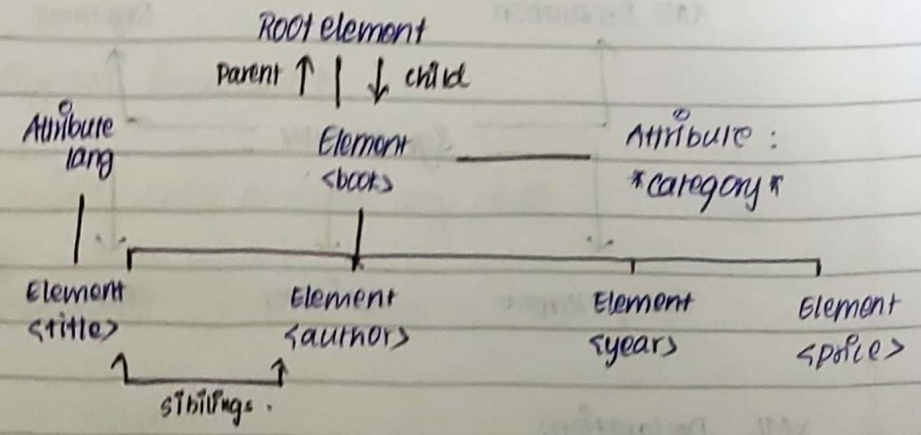
```
<root>
    <x>     </x>
    <y>     </y>
</root>
```

- XML elements are case sensitive.
  <contact info> ⟷ <Contact info>
  are different

XML ATTRIBUTES:

- An attribute specifies a single property for the element using a name/value pair.
- An XML element can have one or more attribute
- Provide additional information about an element.
- Provide info that is not a part of data
- Must be quoted.

XML TREE:

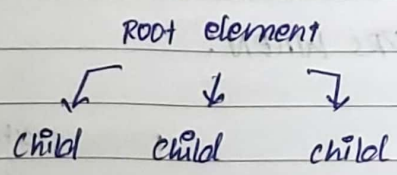


EXAMPLE:

```
<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"?>
<bookstore>
    <book category = "cooking">
        <title lang = "en"> Everyday Italian </title>
        <author> Giada de Laurentis </author>
        <year> 2005 </year>
        <price> 30.00 </price>
    </book>
    <book category = "children">
        <title lang = "en"> Harry Potter </title>
        <author> J K. Rowling </author>
        <year> 2005 </year>
        <price> 29.99 </price>
    </book>
</bookstore>
```

XML documents are element trees

XML tree



All elements can have subchild.

```
<root>
    <child>
        <subchild>  </subchild>
    </child>
</root>
```

XML NAMESPACES:

DEFAULT NAMESPACES: Applies to all elements without a prefix.

```
<root xmlns = "https://www.w3.org/TR/html4/">
<table>
  <tr> Apples </tr>
    <td> Apples </td>
    <td> Bananas </td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

INHERITED NAMESPACES: Child element inherit the namespace of their parent unless oversiden.

```
<root>
  <child> content </child>
</root>
```

NAMESPACE OCCURS WHEN:

```
<table>
  <tr>
  <td> Apples </td>
  <td> Bananas </td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

```
<table>
  <name> African coffee table </name>
  <width> 80 </width>
  <length> 120 </length>
</table>
```

If these XML fragments are added together there would be a name conflict. Both contain <table> element but with different content//

SOLVING NAME CONFLICT USING A PREFIX:

```
<h:table>                          <f:table>
  <h:tr>                             <f:name>African Agg. Table</f:name>
    <h:td> Apples </h:td>            <f:width> 80 </f:width>
    <h:td> Bananas </h:td>           <f:length> 120 </f:length>
  </h:tr>                          </f:table>
</h:table>
```

XML VALIDATOR. used for syntax checks of our XML doc.

Well formed:

(a) Have proper syntax.

- Must have root element
- Must have closing tag
- tags are case sensitive
- elements must be properly nested.
- attribute value must be quoted.

VALID XML DOCUMENTS:

Well formed doc is not same as valid doc.
But a valid XML document must be well formed.
In addition it must conform to a document type defn.

DTD
The Original - Document Type Definition.

XML schema.
An XML based alternative to DTD.

XML DTD :

- Basic building blocks of XML.
- Purpose: Define the structure of an XML document.
  Defines the structure with a list of legal elements.
- DTD is a valid XML document + well formed.

```
<!DOCTYPE book                          - root element of doc is book
[
<!ELEMENT book                          - defines the book elements
                                          must contain below data
  (title, author, price)> <!ELEMENT     - !Element - title
    title (#PCDATA)> <!ELEMENT author   - !Element author.
    (#PCDATA)> <!ELEMENT price          - !Element price.
    (#PCDATA)> ]>
```

2 TYPES OF DTD:

- Internal/Embedded DTD
- External DTD.

When to use a DTD/Schema?

- With a DTD we can verify that the data you receive from the outside world is valid.
- Can use DTD to verify our own data.

XML SCHEMA:

- Describes the structure of an XML doc. just like DTD
- XML schema defines the elements, attributes & datatypes.
- Supports namespaces.

Document that describes some rules or limits on structure of an XML file.

Purpose: Define a structure

TYPES:

simple: Define constraints on text values

complex: Define structure with nested elements.

Global Declaration

Can be reused throughout the schema

Local Type Declaration.

Defined within a specific element/attribute.

Schema Management: Organising and maintaining XML schemas

Instance Document: XML documents that address/adhere to the schema.

Benefits of using XML?

- Support interbusiness transactions
- Maintain data integrity.
- Improve search efficiency
- Design flexible applications.

XSLT INTRODUCTION:

XSL (Extensible Stylesheet Language) is a styling language for XML.

XSLT stands for XSL Transformations.

HTML	XML
• Predefined tags	• No predefined tags
• CSS - stylesheet for HTML.	• XSL = stylesheet for XML

What is XSLT?

- stands for XSL Transformations
- XSLT is the most important part of XSL.
- transforms XML document into another XML document
- XSLT uses XPath to navigate.
- is a W3C Recommendation.

XML DOM PARSER:

- XML parser is sw that can process or read XML documents to extract the data within them.

  Modern data formats: JSON & XML

- XML DOM defines a standard way for accessing & manipulating XML documents. It presents a XML doc as tree structure.

THE XML DOM:

All XML elements can be accessed through XML DOM.

XML DOM is

- A standard object model for XML
- A standard programming interface for XML
- Platform and language - independent
- A W3C standard.

XML DOM PROPERTIES:

- x.modelName
- x.nodevalue
- x.parentNode
- x.childNodes
- x.attributes.

XML DOM METHODS:

- x.getElementsByTagName(name) - getall Elements
- x.appendchild(node) - Insert childnode
- x.removechild(node) - remove childnode