

Part III. XML Schema

- ◆ In XML format
- ◆ Includes primitive data types (integers, strings, dates,...)
- ◆ Supports value-based constraints (integers > 100)
- ◆ Inheritance
- ◆ Foreign keys
- ◆ ...

Resources

<http://www.w3schools.com/schema/>

Elements v.s. Types in XML Schema

- Types:
 - Simple types (integers, strings, ...)
 - Complex types (regular expressions, like in DTDs)
- Element-type-element alternation:
 - Root element has a complex type
 - That type is a regular expression of elements
 - Those elements have their complex types...
 - ...
 - On the leaves we have simple types

XML Schemas

```
<xsd:element name="paper" type="papertype"/>
<xsd:complexType name="papertype">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="title" type="xsd:string"/>
    <xsd:element name="author" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xsd:element name="year"/>
    <xsd:choice> <xsd:element name="journal"/>
                  <xsd:element name="conference"/>
    </xsd:choice>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

DTD: <!ELEMENT paper (title,author*,year, (journal|conference))>

Elements v.s. Types in XML Schema

```
<xsd:element name="person">
  <xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:element name="name"
        type="xsd:string"/>
      <xsd:element name="address"
        type="xsd:string"/>
    </xsd:sequence>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
```

```
<xsd:element name="person"
  type="ttt"/>
<xsd:complexType name="ttt">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="name"
      type="xsd:string"/>
    <xsd:element name="address"
      type="xsd:string"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

DTD: <!ELEMENT person (name,address)>

Local and Global Types in XML Schema

- Local type:

```
<xsd:element name="person">  
    [define locally the person's type]  
</xsd:element>
```

- Global type:

```
<xsd:element name="person" type="ttd"/>
```

```
<xsd:complexType name="ttd">  
    [define here the type ttd]  
</xsd:complexType>
```

Global types: can be reused in other elements

Local v.s. Global Elements in XML Schema

- Local element:

```
<xsd:complexType name="ttd">  
  <xsd:sequence>  
    <xsd:element name="address" type="..." />...  
  </xsd:sequence>  
</xsd:complexType>
```

- Global element:

```
<xsd:element name="address" type="..." />  
  
<xsd:complexType name="ttd">  
  <xsd:sequence>  
    <xsd:element ref="address" /> ...  
  </xsd:sequence>  
</xsd:complexType>
```

Global elements: like in DTDs

Regular Expressions in XML Schema

Recall the element-type-element alternation:

```
<xsd:complexType name="...">  
    [regular expression on elements]  
</xsd:complexType>
```

Regular expressions:

- `<xsd:sequence> A B C </...>` = A B C
- `<xsd:choice> A B C </...>` = A | B | C
- `<xsd:group> A B C </...>` = (A B C)
- `<xsd:... minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"> ..</...>` = (...)*
- `<xsd:... minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"> ..</...>` = (...)?

Local Names in XML-Schema


name has
different meanings
in **person** and
in **product**

```
<xsd:element name="person">
  <xsd:complexType>
    . . . . .
    <xsd:element name="name">
      <xsd:complexType>
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:element name="firstname" type="xsd:string"/>
          <xsd:element name="lastname" type="xsd:string"/>
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:complexType>
    </xsd:element>
    . . . . .
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>

<xsd:element name="product">
  <xsd:complexType>
    . . . . .
    <xsd:element name="name" type="xsd:string"/>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
```


Attributes in XML Schema

```
<xsd:element name="paper" type="papertype"/>
<xsd:complexType name="papertype">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="title" type="xsd:string"/>
    . . . . .
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="language" type="xsd:NMTOKEN" fixed="English"/>
</xsd:complexType>
```



Attributes are associated to the *type*, not to the element
Only to *complex types*; more trouble if we want to add attributes
to *simple types*.

“Mixed” Content, “Any” Type

```
<xsd:complexType mixed="true">  
  . . . .
```

- Better than in DTDs: can still enforce the type, but now may have text between any elements

```
<xsd:element name="anything" type="xsd:anyType"/>  
  . . . .
```

- Means anything is permitted there

“All” Group

```
<xsd:complexType name="PurchaseOrderType">
  <xsd:all>
    <xsd:element name="shipTo" type="USAddress"/>
    <xsd:element name="billTo" type="USAddress"/>
    <xsd:element ref="comment" minOccurs="0"/>
    <xsd:element name="items" type="Items"/>
  </xsd:all>
  <xsd:attribute name="orderDate" type="xsd:date"/>
</xsd:complexType>
```

- A restricted form of & in SGML
- Restrictions:
 - Only at top level
 - Has only elements
 - Each element occurs at most once
 - Allows elements to appear in any order
- E.g. “comment” occurs 0 or 1 times

Derived Types by Extensions

```
<complexType name="Address">
  <sequence>
    <element name="street" type="string"/>
    <element name="city" type="string"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<complexType name="USAddress">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="Address">
      <sequence>
        <element name="state" type="USState"/>
        <element name="zip" type="positiveInteger"/>
      </sequence>
    </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

Corresponds to inheritance

Restrictions, or “facets”

- Restrictions are used to define acceptable values for XML elements or attributes. Restrictions on XML elements are called facets.
- The general form for putting a restriction on a text value is:
 - `<xs:element name="name">` (or `xs:attribute`)
 `<xs:restriction base="type">`
 ... *the restrictions* ...
 `</xs:restriction>`
 `</xs:element>`
- For example:
 - `<xs:element name="age">`
 `<xs:restriction base="xs:integer">`
 `<xs:minInclusive value="0">`
 `<xs:maxInclusive value="140">`
 `</xs:restriction>`
 `</xs:element>`

Derived Types by Restrictions

```
<complexContent>  
  <restriction base="ipo:Items">  
    ... [rewrite the entire content, with restrictions]...  
  </restriction>  
</complexContent>
```

- (*): may restrict cardinalities, e.g. (0,infty) to (1,1); may restrict choices; other restrictions...

Corresponds to set inclusion

Simple Types

- String
- Token
- Byte
- unsignedByte
- Integer
- positiveInteger
- Int (larger than integer)
- unsignedInt
- Long
- Short
- ...
- Time
- dateTime
- Duration
- Date
- ID
- IDREF
- IDREFS

Facets of Simple Types

- Facets = additional properties restricting a simple type
- 15 facets defined by XML Schema

Examples

- length
 - minLength
 - maxLength
 - pattern
 - enumeration
 - whiteSpace
 - maxInclusive
 - maxExclusive
 - minInclusive
 - minExclusive
 - totalDigits
 - fractionDigits
- Can further restrict a simple type by changing some facets
 - Restriction = subset

Restrictions on numbers

- `minInclusive` -- number must be \geq the given *value*
- `minExclusive` -- number must be $>$ the given *value*
- `maxInclusive` -- number must be \leq the given *value*
- `maxExclusive` -- number must be $<$ the given *value*
- `totalDigits` -- number must have exactly *value* digits
- `fractionDigits` -- number must have no more than *value* digits after the decimal point

Restrictions on strings

- `length` -- the string must contain exactly *value* characters
- `minLength` -- the string must contain at least *value* characters
- `maxLength` -- the string must contain no more than *value* characters
- `pattern` -- the *value* is a regular expression that the string must match
- `whiteSpace` -- not really a “restriction” --tells what to do with whitespace
 - `value="preserve"` Keep all whitespace
 - `value="replace"` Change all whitespace characters to spaces
 - `value="collapse"` Remove leading and trailing whitespace, and replace all sequences of whitespace with a single space

Enumeration

- An enumeration restricts the value to be one of a fixed set of values
- Example:
 - ```
<xs:element name="season">
 <xs:simpleType>
 <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
 <xs:enumeration value="Spring"/>
 <xs:enumeration value="Summer"/>
 <xs:enumeration value="Autumn"/>
 <xs:enumeration value="Fall"/>
 <xs:enumeration value="Winter"/>
 </xs:restriction>
 </xs:simpleType>
</xs:element>
```

# Defining Namespaces in XSchema

Placing the **targetNamespace** attribute at the top of your XSD schema means that all entities defined in it are part of this namespace.

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
 targetNamespace="myNamespace">
...
</xs:schema>
```

# Reference XSD in XML Documents

- ♦ [http://www.w3schools.com/xml/schema\\_howto.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/xml/schema_howto.asp)
- ♦ [https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms757863\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms757863(v=vs.85).aspx)

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