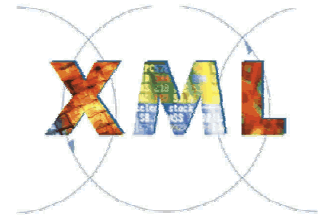# Document Type Definitions (DTD)

- An XML document may have an optional DTD.

- DTD serves as grammar for the underlying XML document, and it is part of XML language.

- DTDs are somewhat unsatisfactory, but no consensus exists so far beyond the basic DTDs.

- DTD has the form:

   <!DOCTYPE name [markupdeclaration]>