

XML Data

Introduction,
Well-formed XML

Extensible Markup Language (XML)

- Standard for data representation and exchange
- Document format similar to HTML
 - Tags describe content instead of formatting
- Also streaming format

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Basic constructs

- Tagged elements (nested)
- Attributes
- Text

Relational Model versus XML

Well-Formed XML

	Relational	XML
Structure	Tables	Hierarchical <u>Tree</u> , graph
Schema	Fixed in advance	Flexible "Self-describing"
Queries	Simple, nice langs. 😊	Less so. 😐
Ordering	None.	Implied.
Implementation	Native.	Add-on.

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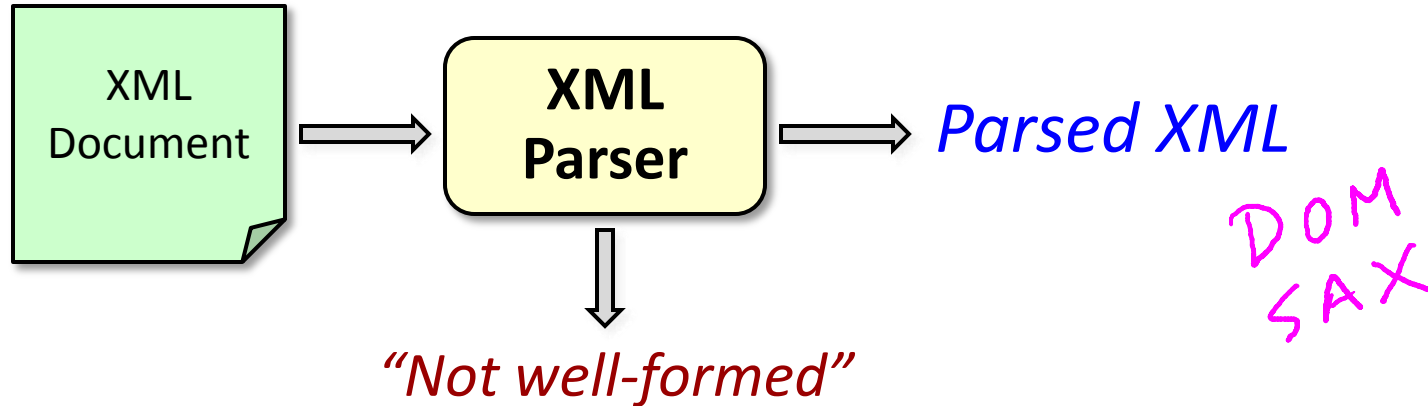
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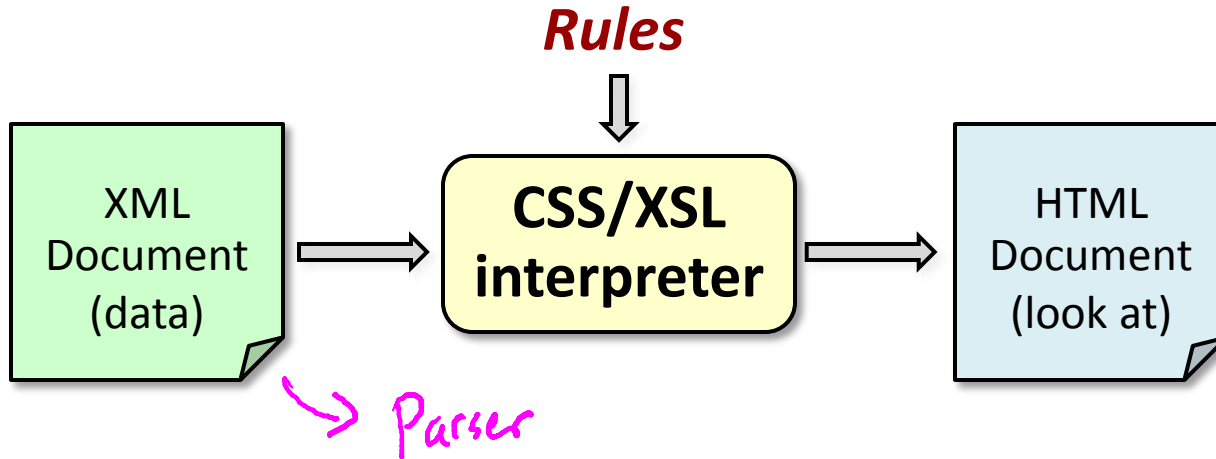


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