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# M10 L1

## XML Database and XQuery Language

# Lecture Outline

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- | **Why XML Database and XML Query Language?**

- | **XQuery Language**

- | **IBM DB2 XML Database Example**

- | **Oracle XML Database Example**

# Why XML Database and XML Query Language?

<http://www.w3.org/TR/xquery/>

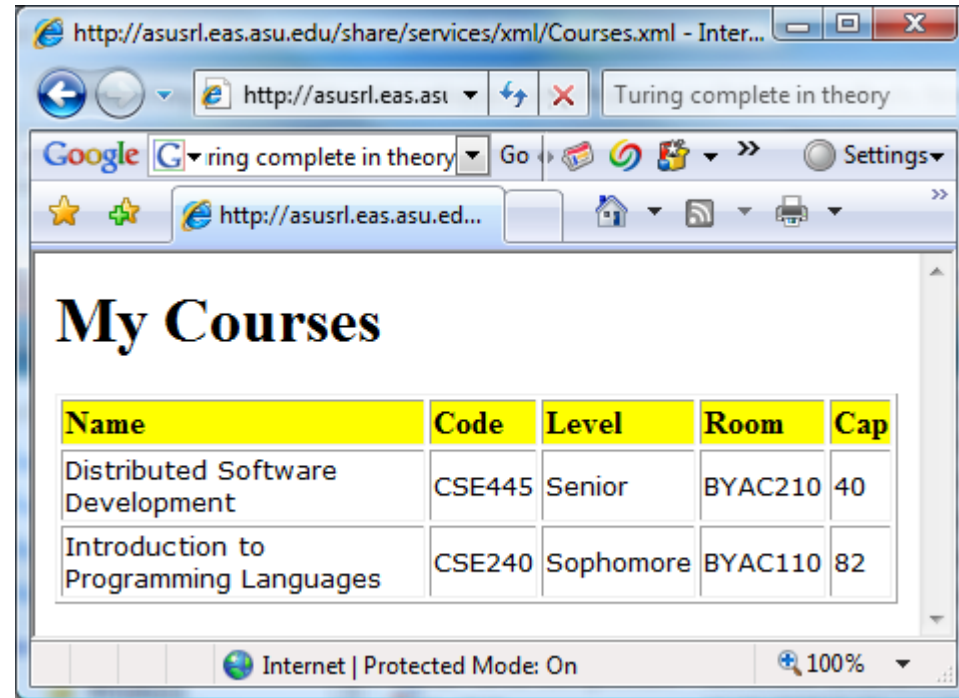
- Most of the world's business data is stored in relational databases.
- The relational query language, e.g. SQL, is mature and well-established.
- Can SQL be adapted to query an XML database?
  - Leverage existing software
  - Leverage existing user skills
- Can a relational BD be used to store XML data efficiently?
- How is an XML database different from a relational database?
- Can we have an XML database, that selects data **inside** the database's computer?

# Converting XML Doc to Table

## if the data are regular

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Courses>
  <Course>
    <Name>Introduction to Programming
    Languages</Name>
    <Code>CSE240</Code>
    <Level>Sophomore</Level>
    <Room>BYAC110</Room>
    <Cap>82</Cap>
  </Course>
  <Course>
    <Name>Distributed Software
    Development</Name>
    <Code>CSE445</Code>
    <Level>Senior</Level>
    <Room>BYAC210</Room>
    <Cap>40</Cap>
  </Course>
</Courses>
```

XSLT, DataSet, etc.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `http://asusrl.eas.asu.edu/share/services/xml/Courses.xml - Inter...`. The page content is titled "My Courses" and displays a table with the following data:

Name	Code	Level	Room	Cap
Distributed Software Development	CSE445	Senior	BYAC210	40
Introduction to Programming Languages	CSE240	Sophomore	BYAC110	82

The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates "Internet | Protected Mode: On" and a zoom level of "100%".

# Problems of Using Relational DB for XML

- The mapping strategy is hard to define when an XML document has a complex structure;
- When an XML document is an **irregular** tree, it may end up with using **many tables** or a table with **many null column values**;
- When retrieving XML documents, many multi-table join queries need to be performed, which make the queries slow.

Country	Count
Canada	200
Mexico	300
France	250
USA	750
Zambia	100

Customer Relation

Province	Count
Ontario	50
Alberta	100
Quebec	50

State	Count
Arizona	250
Utah	100
Texas	300
Oregon	100

City	Count
Phoenix	100
Kingman	20
Flagstaff	40
Tucson	60
Yuma	30

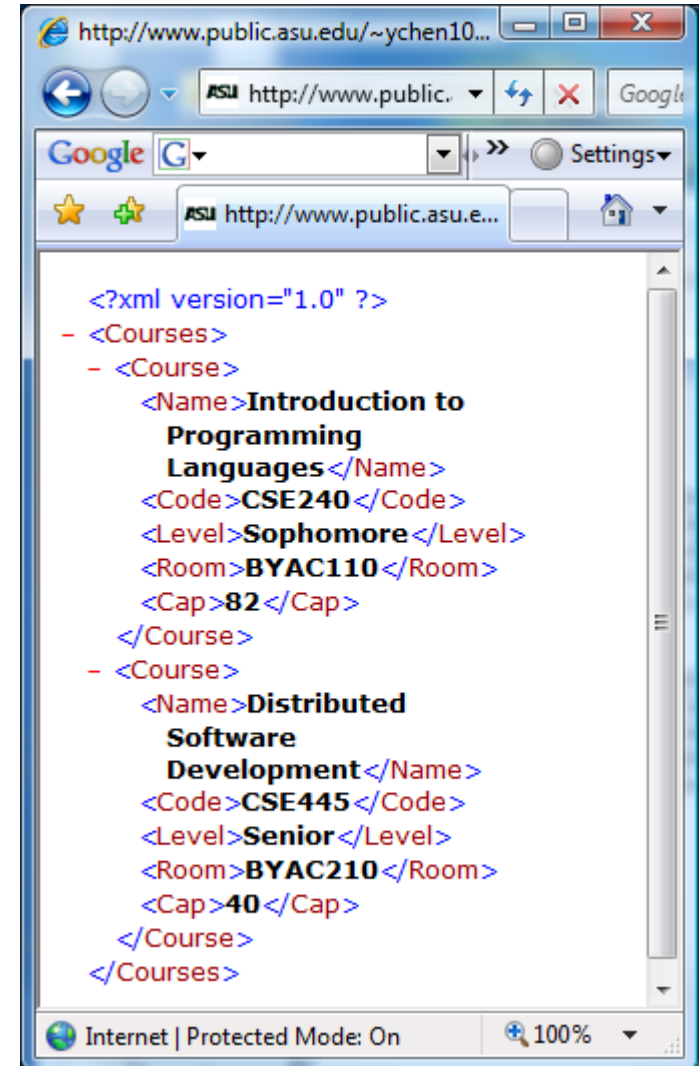
# What is the Native XML Database

Store XML document as is.

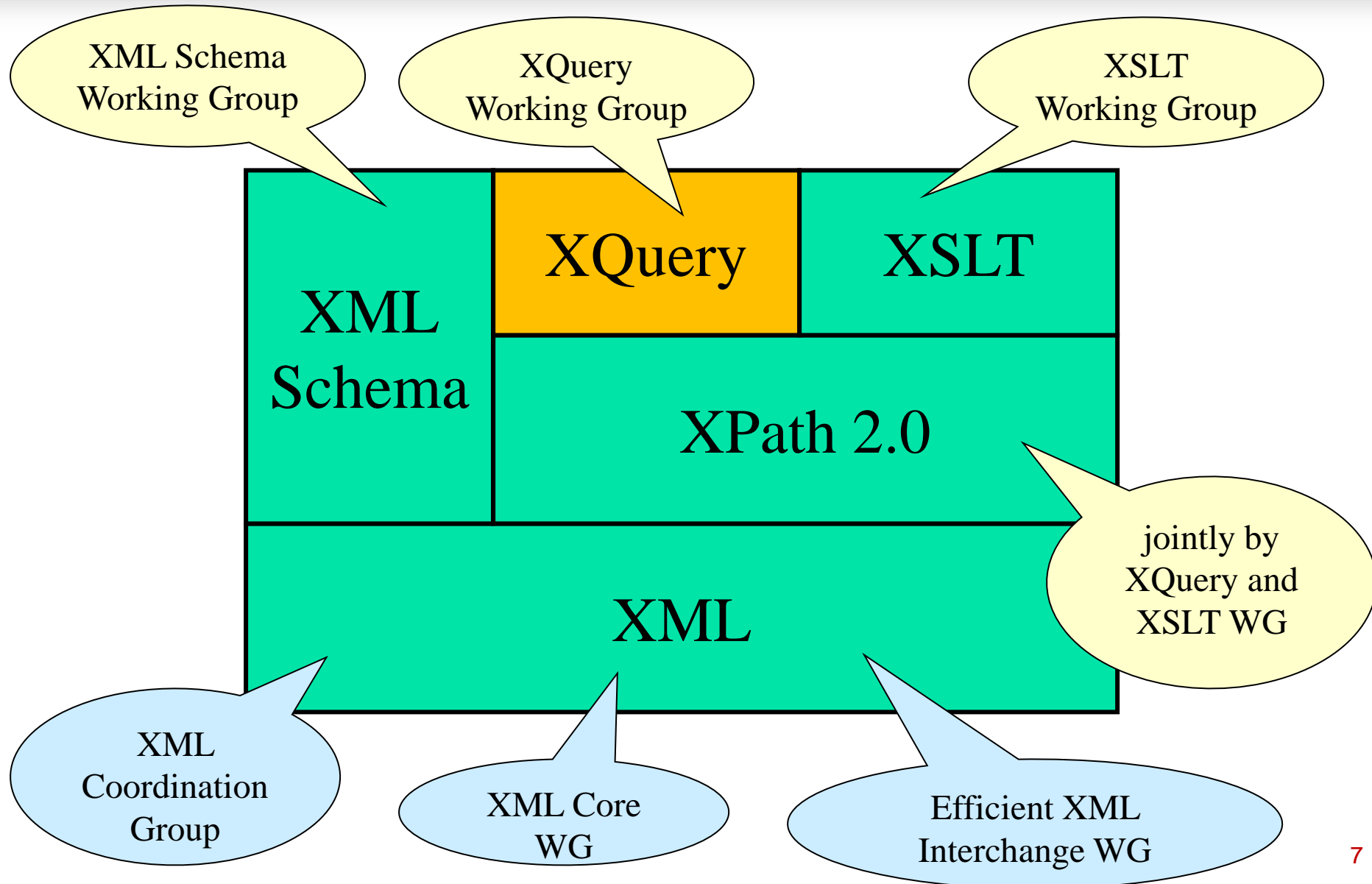
XML document

```
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  </Course>
</Courses>
```


File Stored



# XQuery is based on Other XML Technologies



# Getting Started with XQuery

- XQuery is a **functional programming language**
  - Example: LISP, Scheme (CSE240 and CSE340, AI courses)
  - Every statement evaluates to a result and returns a value  
`let $x := 3 let $y := 7 return 8*$x+4*$y`  
which returns 52
  - Can we rewrite the code as follows   
`let $x := 3 let $y := 7 $x = 8*$x+4*$y return $x`
  - No variables can be used (`$x` and `$y` are not variables)
- Primitive types in XQuery
  - number,
  - boolean,
  - strings,
  - dates,
  - times,
  - durations, and
  - XML types



# Creating Nodes in XQuery

- Various XQuery functions can create or return nodes
  - Document function reads an XML file  
`doc("http://venus.sod.asu.edu/WSRepository/XML/Courses.xml")`  
or  
`doc("Courses.xml")`
  - Element constructor: a pair of tags, forms an element constructor and creates a node:  
`<foo><bar>Courses</bar></foo>`

# XQuery and Path Expressions

- Use curly braces to embed XQuery expressions inside an element constructor  
Let \$g := doc("Courses.xml")  
return <result>{\$g/Courses/Course}</result>
- /Course selects the child elements named Courses
- /Courses/Course selects the Course elements
- //Course  
returns all Course elements that appear anywhere in the document
- //Course[Level = "400"]  
returns all Course elements with Level = "400"
- //Room[@image = "layout210.JPEG"]  
returns all Room elements with attribute image = "layout210.jpeg"
- //Course/(Level | Code)  
returns all Level or Code elements from current node

Even though XQuery shares the syntax with XPath, it intends to perform the query in XML database, instead of in client program.

# Programming the Queries in XQuery

<html>

{

Similar to  
SQL  
syntax

from

where

orderby

select

let \$d := doc("Courses.xml")/Courses

for \$b in \$d/Course

where \$b/Level > 200

order by \$b/Code

return <Course>

{ \$b/Name, \$b/Level, \$b/Cap }

</Course>

}

</html>

# Native XML Database Products:

## Current Status

- **IBM DB2 9.5 PureXML DB** (Commercial)  
<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/data/library/techarticle/dm-0710nicola/>
- **Oracle XML DB** (Commercial), 9i, 10i, 11g, and later  
<https://www.oracle.com/database/technologies/appdev/xmlldb.html>
- **Microsoft SQLXML 4.0** (Commercial)  
<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/sqlxml/sqlxml-4-0-programming-concepts?view=sql-server-ver16>
- **dbXML** (Open Source)  
<http://www.dbxml.com/>
- **eXist** (Open Source)  
<http://exist.sourceforge.net/>
- **Apache Xindice** (Discontinued)  
<http://xml.apache.org/xindice/>

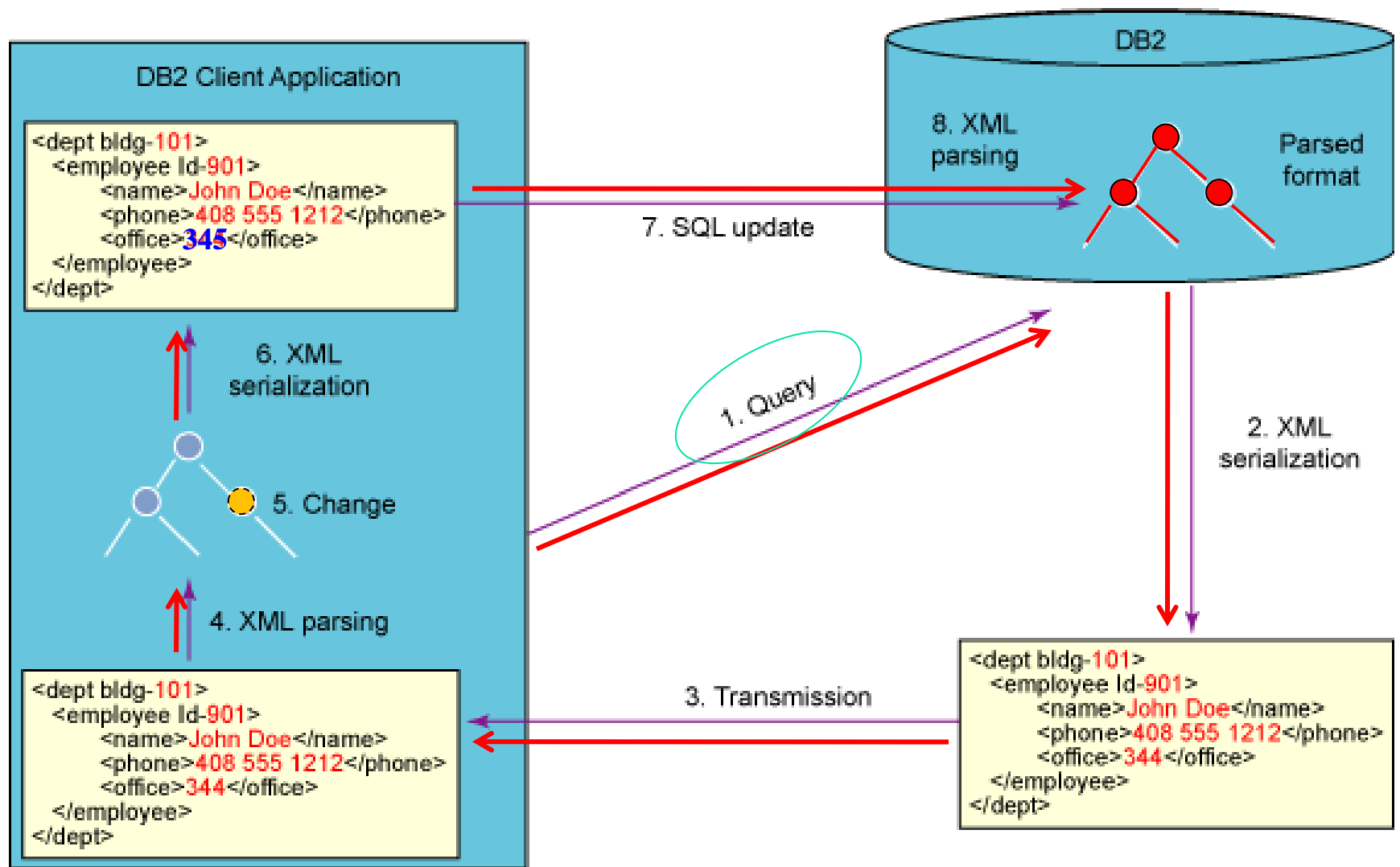
# Example: Oracle XQuery: Retrieve Info

```
SELECT xmlquery(  
    '<POSummary lineItemCount="{count($XML/PurchaseOrder/LineItems/LineItem)}">  
    {  
        $XML/PurchaseOrder/User,  
        $XML/PurchaseOrder/Requestor,  
        $XML/PurchaseOrder/LineItems/LineItem[2]  
    }  
    </POSummary>'  
    passing object_value AS "XML"  
    returning content  
) .getclobval() initial_state  
FROM PURCHASEORDER  
WHERE xmlExists(  
    '$XML/PurchaseOrder[Reference=$REF]'  
    passing object_value AS "XML",  
           'ACABRIO-100PDT' AS "REF"  
)  
/
```

# Oracle: Deleting a node using XQuery update

```
UPDATE PURCHASEORDER
SET    object_value = XMLQuery
      (
        'copy $NEWXML := $XML modify (
          for $PO in $NEWXML/PurchaseOrder return (
            replace value of node $PO/User with $USERID,
            replace value of node $PO/Requestor with $FULLNAME,
            replace value of node $PO/LineItems/LineItem/Part[@Description=$OLDTITLE]
          )
        )
        return $NEWXML'
        passing object_value as "XML",
        'KCHUNG' as "USERID",
        'Kelly Chung' as "FULLNAME",
        'Runaway' as "OLDTITLE",
        'Runaway[Updated]' as "NEWTITLE"
        returning content
      )
WHERE xmlExists(
  '$XML/PurchaseOrder[Reference=$REF]/LineItems/LineItem/Part[@Description=$OLDTITLE]'
  passing object_value as "XML",
        'ACABRIO-100PDT' as "REF",
        'Runaway' as "OLDTITLE"
)
```

# Example: IBM DB2 XML Update



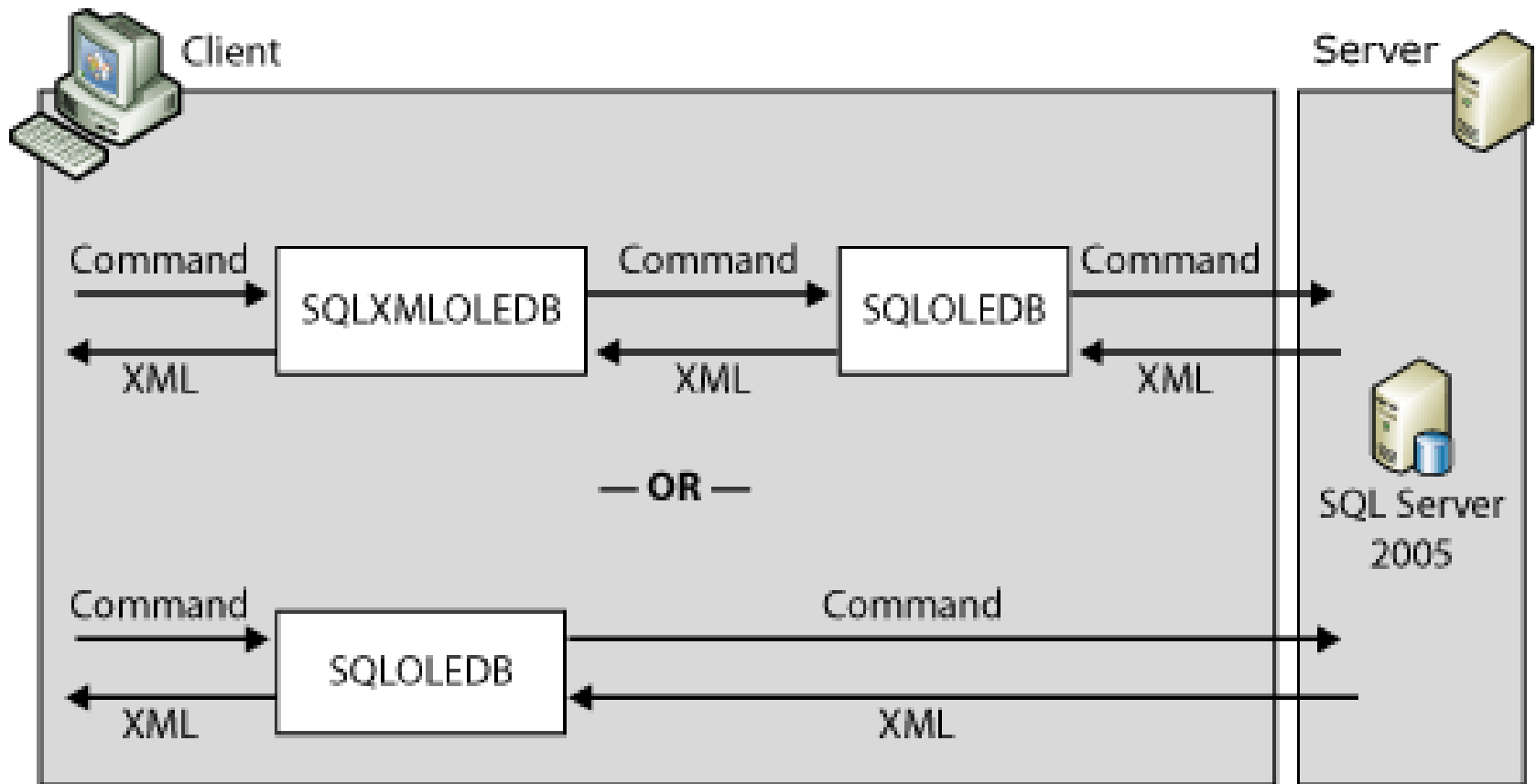
# Steps of IBM DB2 XML Update

1. The application submits an SQL or XQuery statement to read an XML document.
2. The document is retrieved from the database and serialized to text format.
3. The document is transmitted to the client.
4. The application parses the XML document, typically using the document object model (DOM).
5. The application modifies **part** of the document using DOM APIs.
6. The document is re-serialized in the client application.
7. The application submits an SQL UPDATE statement and transmits the updated document to the database server.
8. The database server parses the updated XML document and replaces the **entire** old document.

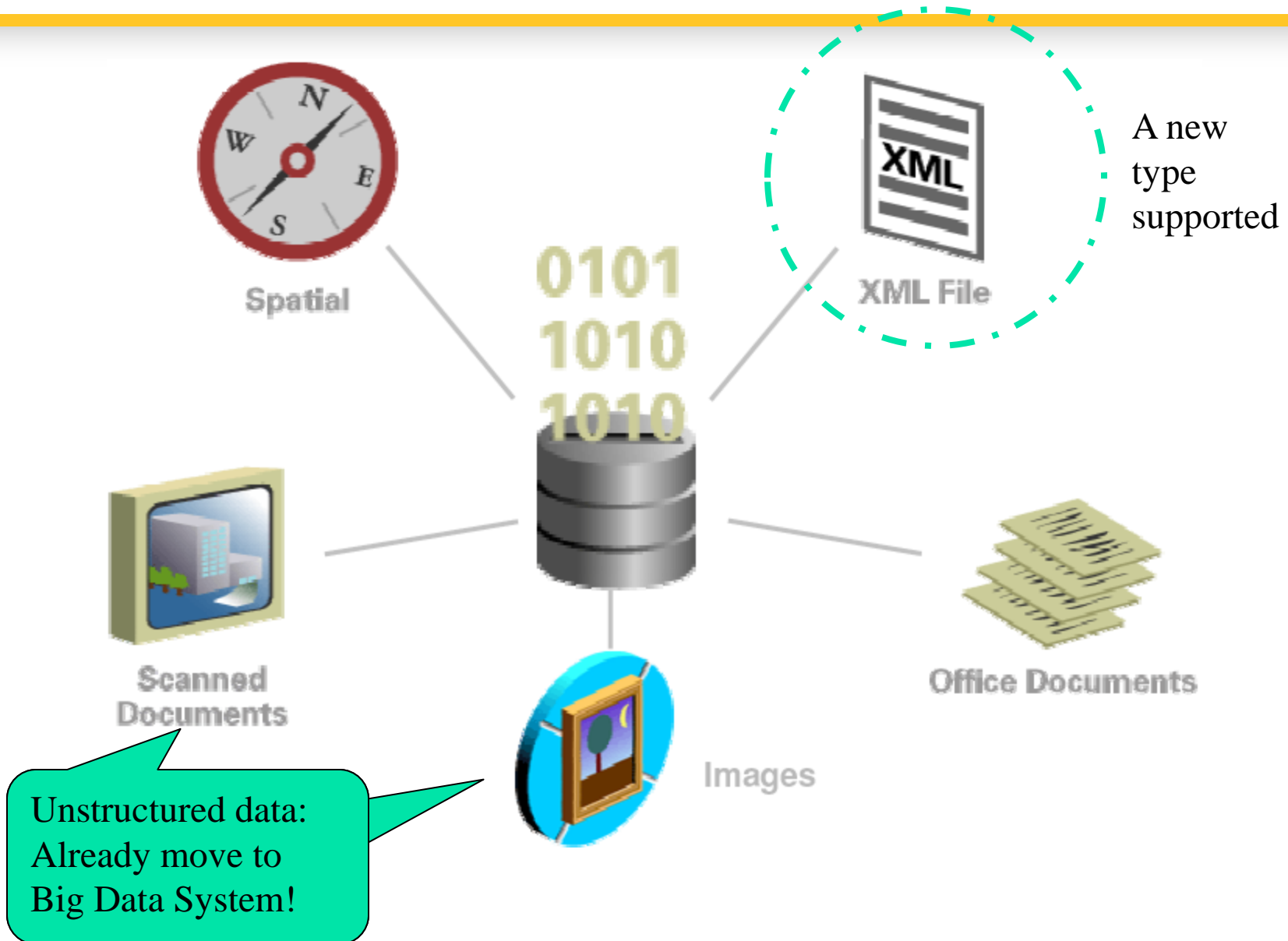


# Microsoft SQLXML 4.0 (2023)

It primarily performs Client-side XML Formatting



# Case Study: Oracle DB Managing Many Types of Information



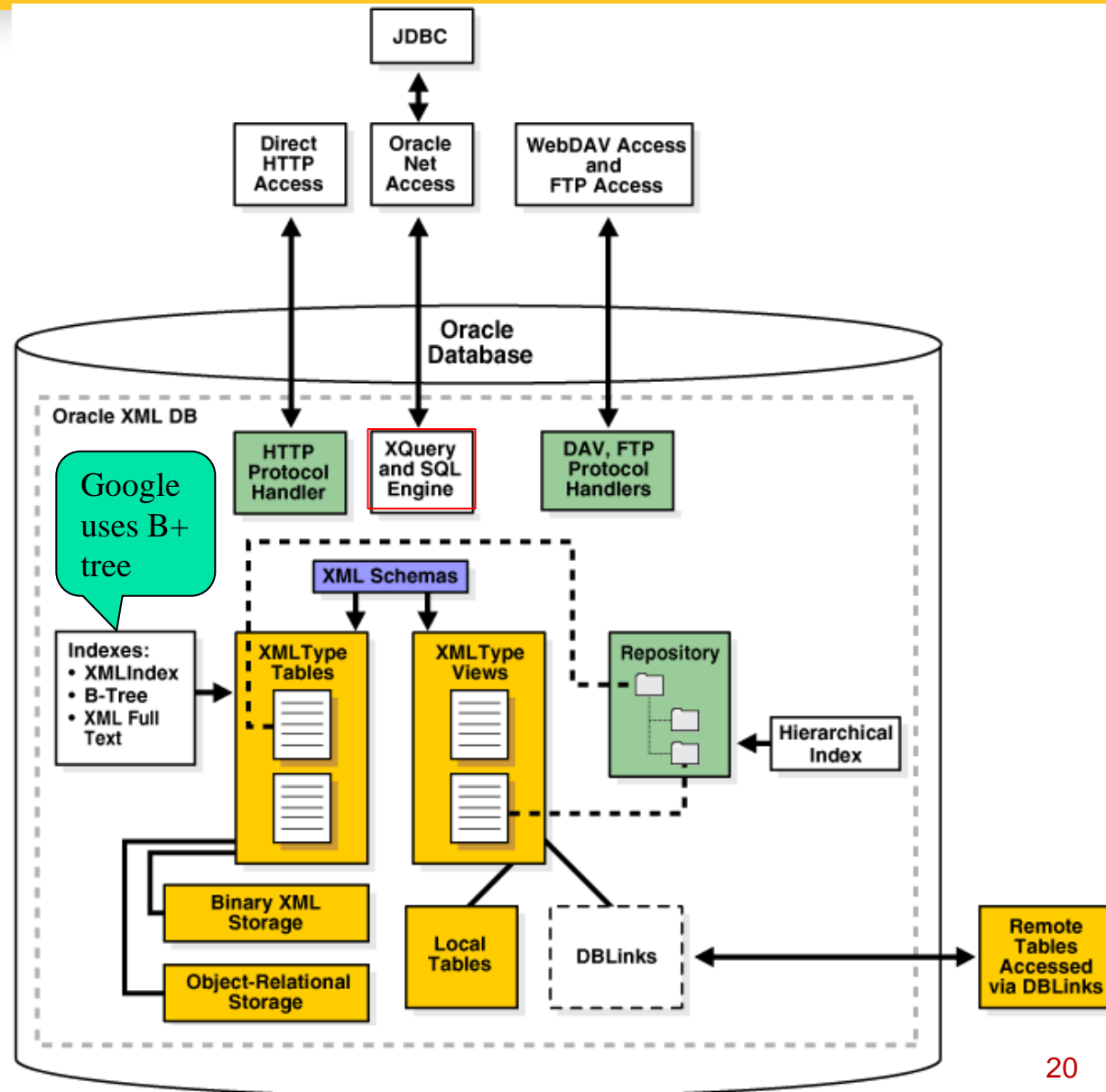
# Oracle DB: Enhanced XML Type

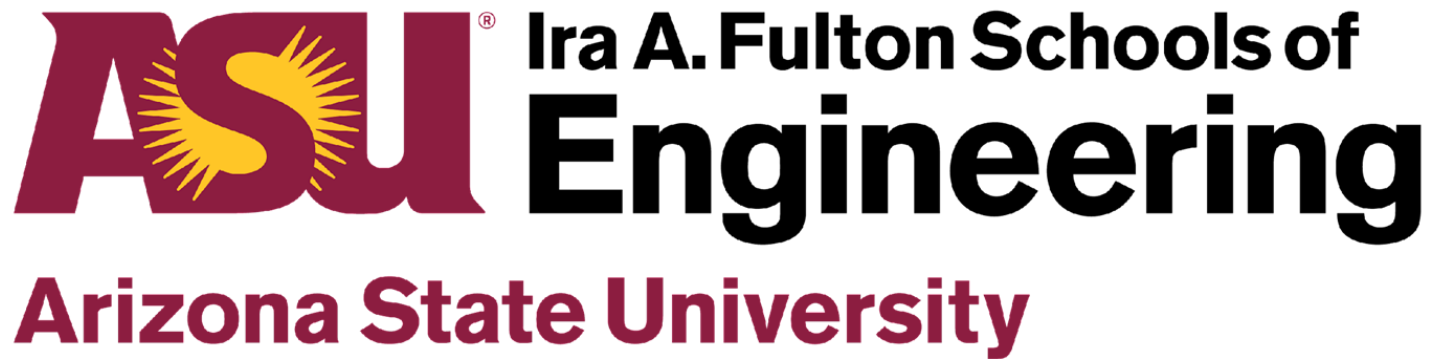
<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/21/adxdb/intro-to-XML-DB.html#GUID-43B25825-FE37-4782-B627-8B2EFB44068D>

- XML Schema Support
- Object-Relational Storage Maintaining DOM fidelity
- XML-specific memory management for better scalability and performance
- Built-in XML operators for SQL/XML interchangeability
- XPath Search in the server, and **piecewise update** of XML via XPath
- XSL Transforms in the server
- Enhanced XML Views for creating your own efficient representations of XML

# Oracle XML DB Organization and Flow

- The XML Database is not a simple XML File
- It contains **schema** for transforming each XML file into a binary file, and store different elements in different places to enable **partial updating**
- Different indices are generated and stored, which speed up search: Not use sequential search.





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# Google Protocol Buffer and Big Table

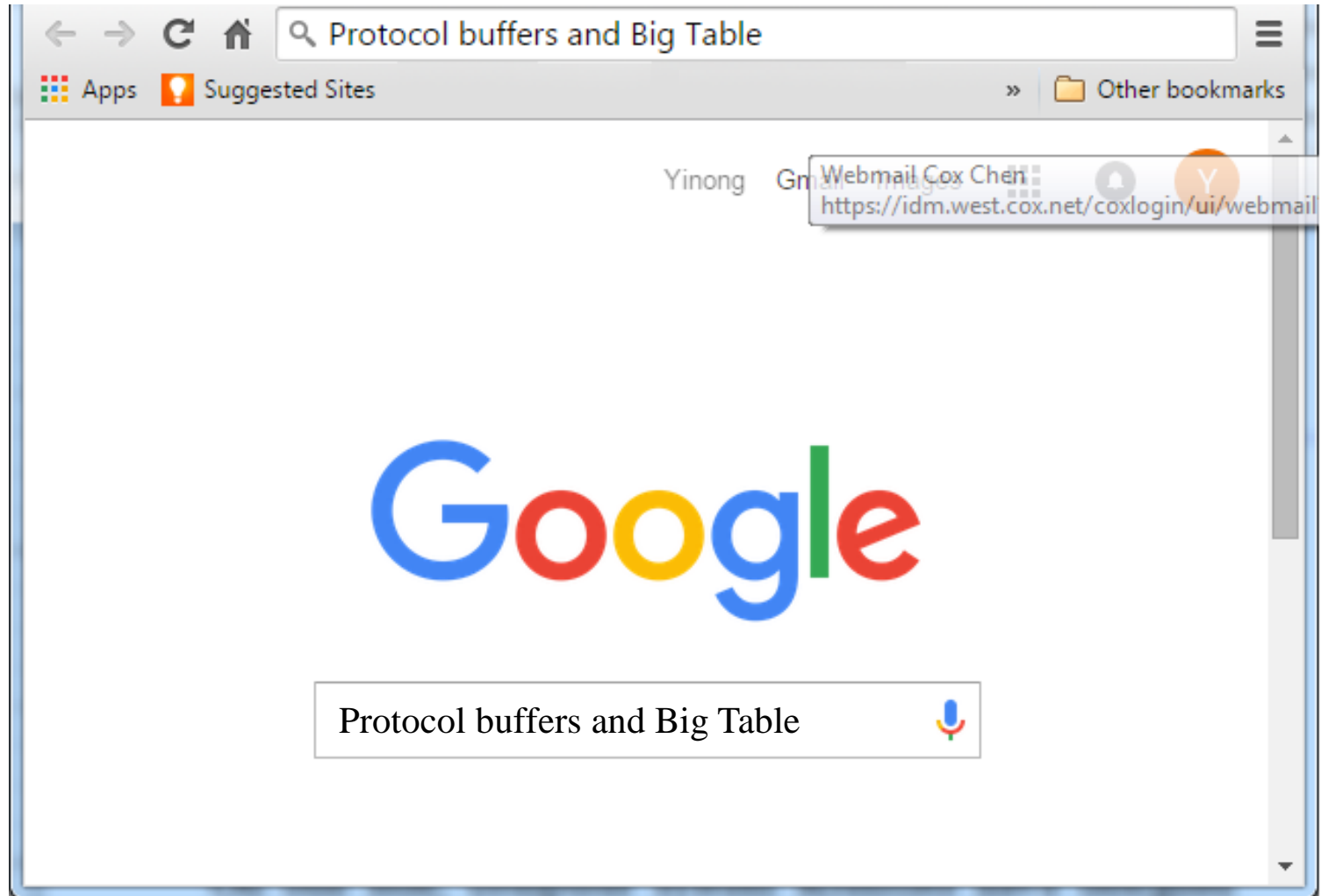
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- | **Google Protocol Buffers**
- | **Big Table**

# Google Data Description and Management

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# How can Google be so fast?

- Distributed and Parallel Computing: Buildings of machines
- Crawling and Indexing  
Working 24/7
- Caching  
Buffering the frequently and recently used links and pages
- Specifically designed service-oriented computing model: Removing SOAP, using HTTP directly: RESTful service, instead of WSDL/SOAP services
- Specifically designed data structures and data management

# Google Data Description Language?

- What are the data description languages used by Google? XML and XML Schema?
  - XML is **universal and standard** for representing data on Web;
  - XML may be slow for Google's amount of Data;
  - Think about the amount of information stored in Google directories – Any efficiency improvement will be significant;
  - A good design needs compromise / tradeoff between flexibility and efficiency

# Google Protocol Buffers

<http://code.google.com/apis/protocolbuffers/docs/overview.html>

Compared to XML and XML Schema, Protocol buffers:

- are simpler
- are 3 to 10 times smaller in presenting the same information
- are 20 to 100 times faster in processing
- are less ambiguous
- generate data structures that are similar to object-oriented classes and thus are easier to use programmatically
- are less flexible/adaptable

# Google Protocol Buffers Example

```
message Person {  
    required string name = 1;  
    required int32 id = 2;  
    optional string email = 3;  
    enum PhoneType {  
        WORK = 0;  
        HOME = 1;  
        MOBILE = 2;  
    }  
    message PhoneNumber {  
        required string number = 1;  
        optional PhoneType type = 2 [default = WORK];  
    }  
    repeated PhoneNumber phone = 4;  
}
```

# A Similar Description in XML Schema

```
<element name = Person>
  <complexType>
    <sequence>
      <element name = "Id" type="integer" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
      <element name = "Name" type="string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
      <element name = "Email" type="string" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
      <element name = "Phone" type="string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>
</element>
<element name = "Phone" >
  <simpleType>
    <restriction base = "string" >
      <enumeration value = "Work" type="minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
      <enumeration value = "Home" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
      <enumeration value = "Mobile" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
    </restriction>
  </simpleType>
</element >
```

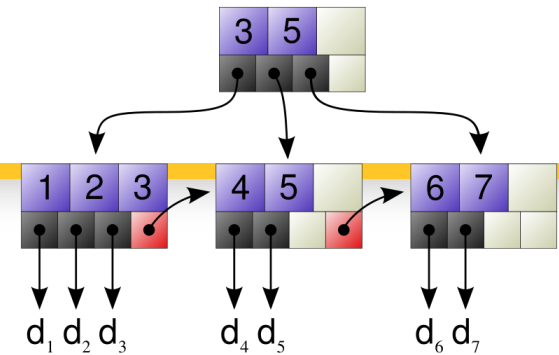
# Using Protocol Buffer for Service Development: gRPC

- <https://cloud.google.com/endpoints/docs/grpc/about-grpc>
- <https://www.grpc.io/docs/>
- gRPC is a high performance, open-source universal RPC framework, developed by Google.
- In gRPC, a client application can directly call methods on a server application on a different machine as if it was a local object.
- By default, gRPC uses **protocol buffers** as the Interface Definition Language (IDL).
- gRPC exposes endpoints (APIs) to the outside to enable different types of clients.
  - gRPC client
  - HTTP / JSON clients
- Visual Studio supports the development of gRPC services and clients.

- **BigTable** is a fast and extremely large-scale database management system;
- It is a compressed, high performance, and proprietary database system built on Google File System (GFS);
- It departs from the convention of relational database, with a fixed number of columns;
- The database is “a sparse, distributed multi-dimensional sorted map”.
- What is it?
- The idea is similar to **B Tree** and **B+ Tree** that allow for efficient insertion, retrieval and removal of nodes.

# B Tree and B+ Tree

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B%2B\\_tree](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B%2B_tree)

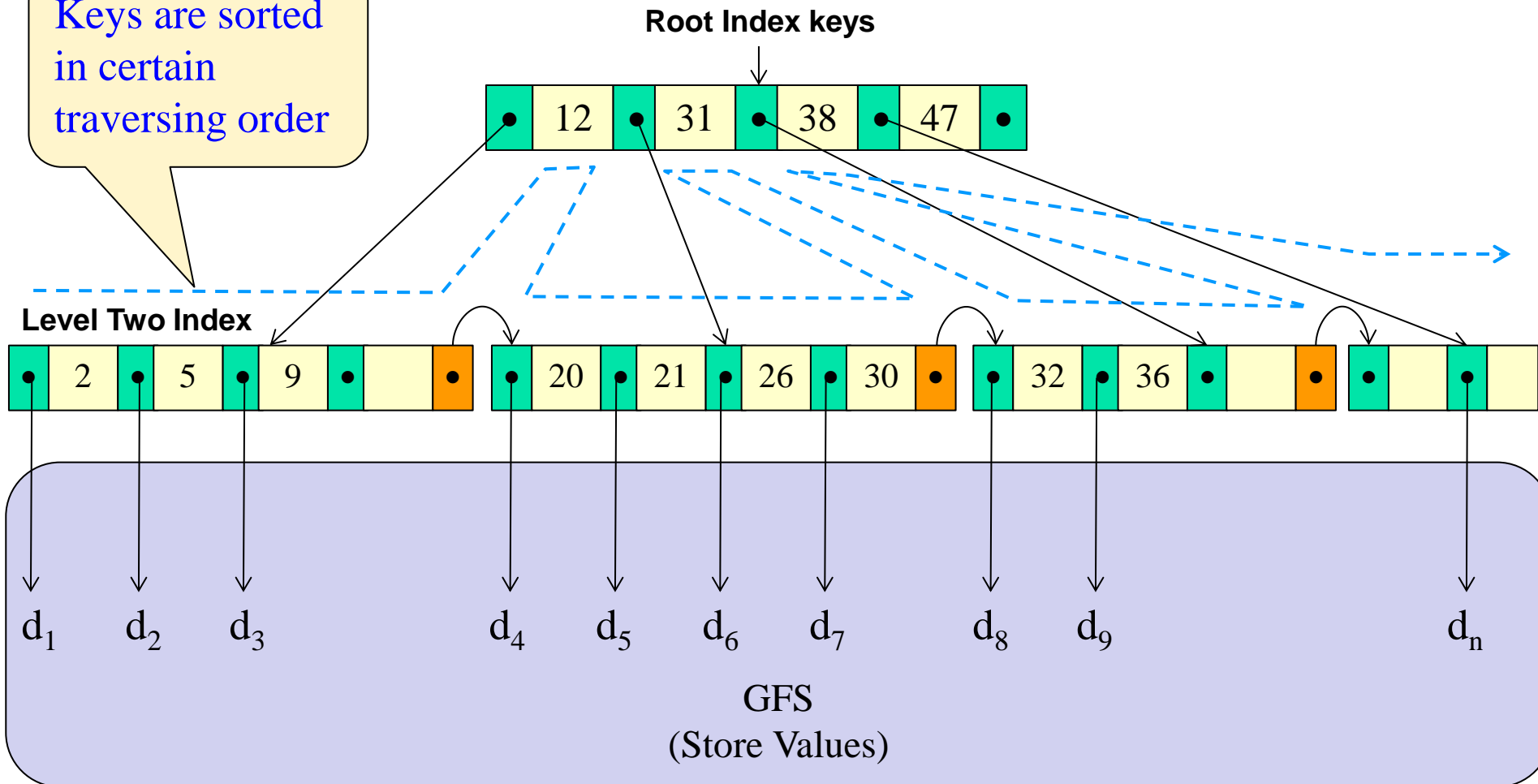


- It extends the **binary search tree**.
- It is a tree representing **sorted** data in a way that allows for efficient insertion, retrieval and removal of records, each of which is identified by a *key*: key-value database.
- It is a dynamic, multilevel index, with maximum and minimum bounds on the number of keys in each index node.
- In a **B+** tree, in contrast to a B Tree, all records (values) are stored at the lowest level of the tree (leaves). Only keys are stored in interior blocks



# + Tree-Based BigTable (Key-Value Store)

Keys are sorted  
in certain  
traversing order





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## Feed

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## Web Data Representations

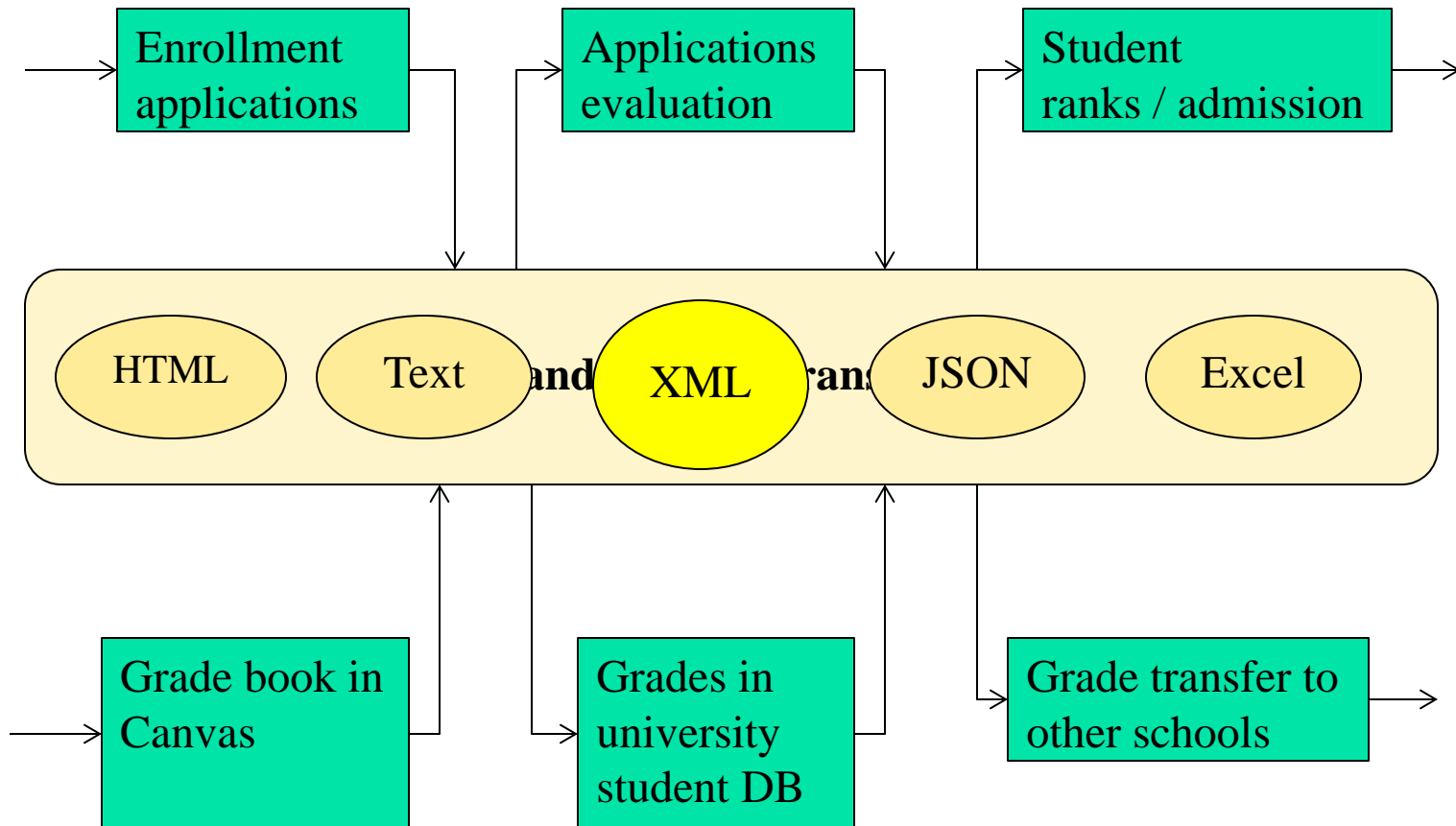
### Feed

RSS

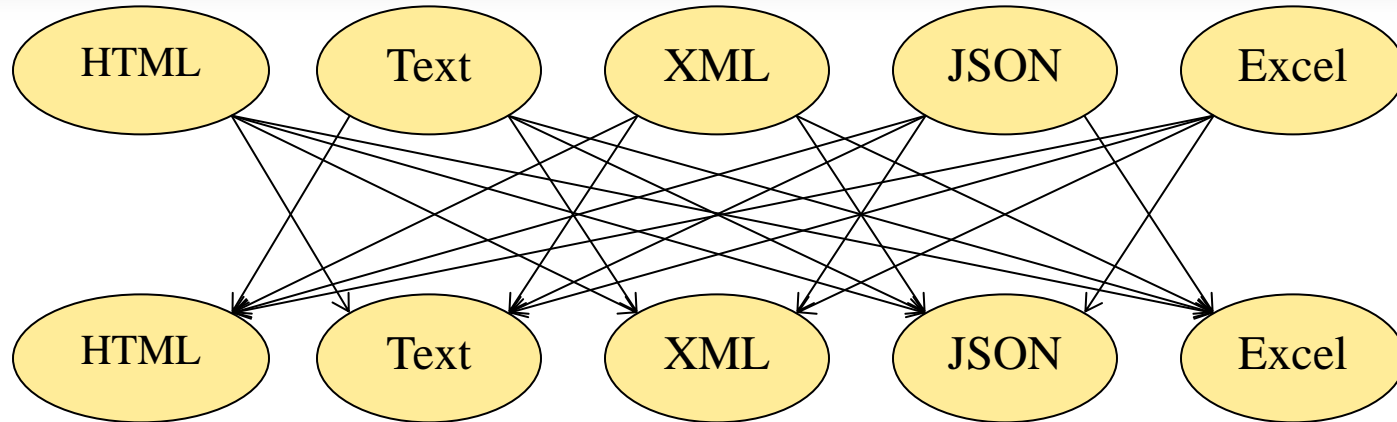
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# Distributed Software Development through Data Standards

## Example: A University Enterprise System



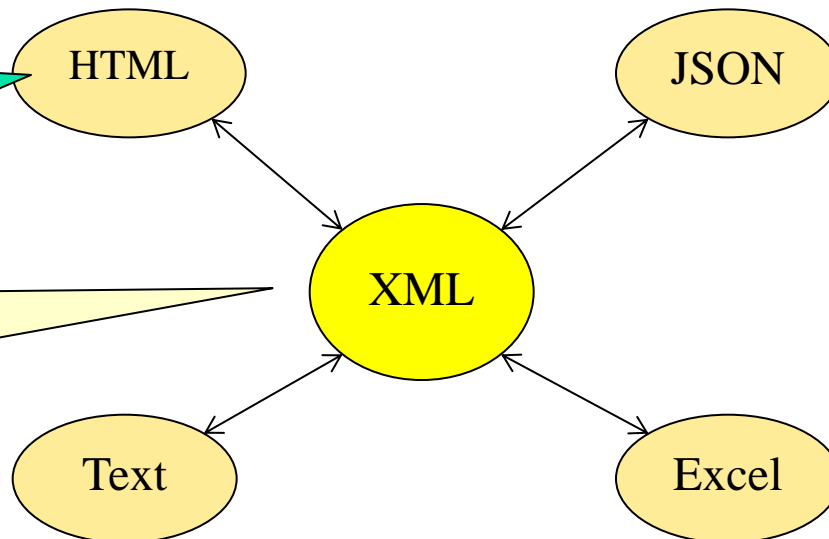
# How Do You Implement Conversion?



20 data  
converters

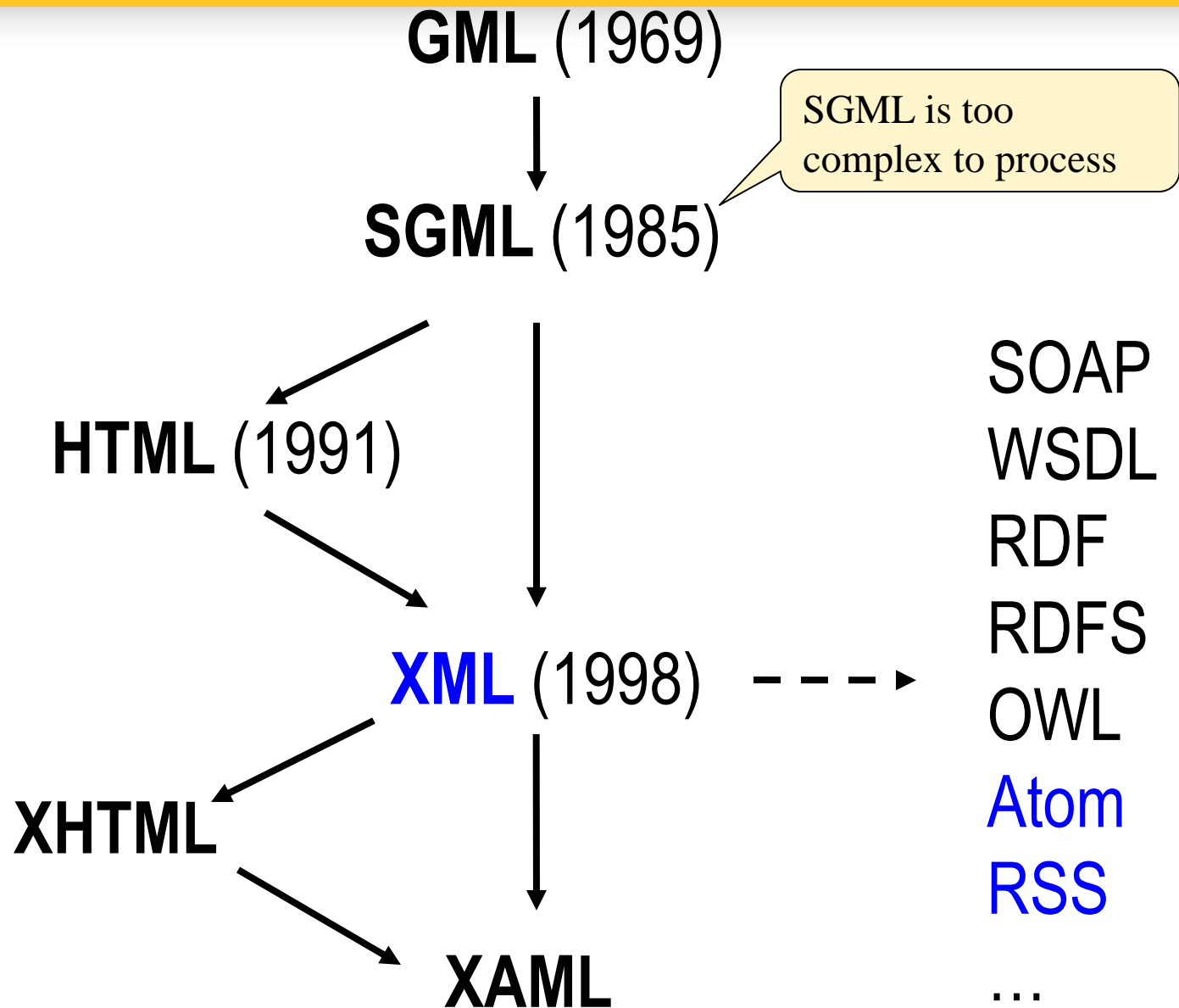
Why not use  
HTML as the  
main language?

XML is a meta  
language, while  
HTML is a  
concrete language



8 data  
converters

# XML and Development

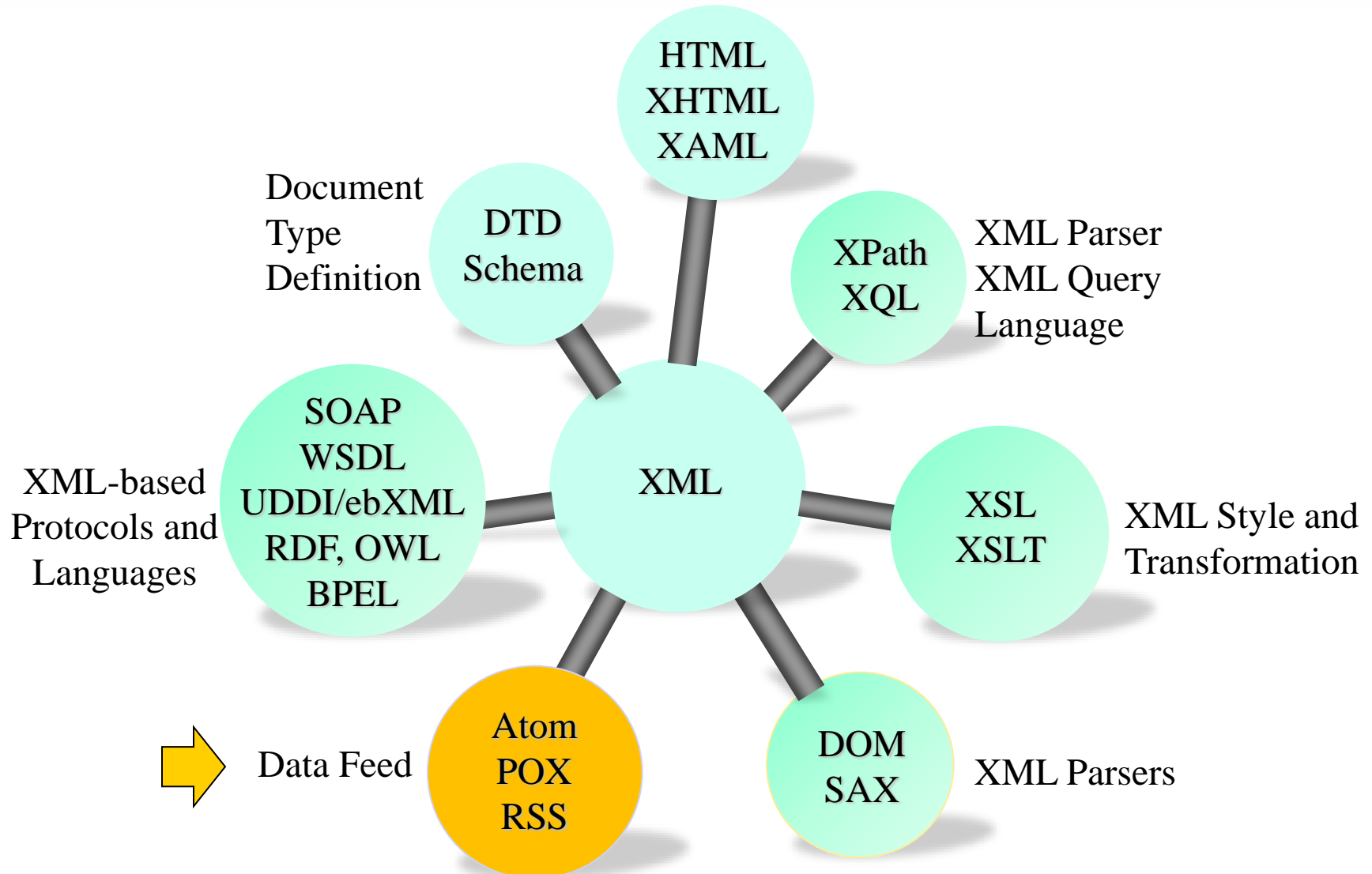


# Web Data Representations

Web formats	Description
XML	The premier format for defining data, protocol, and languages
HTML	The traditional format for representing Web data and format
XHTML	Extended HTML 4.01 to conform with the XML format
RSS	RSS (Really Simple Syndication) for feed readers and Web blogs
Atom	Atom extends RSS, and it is also used for representing feeds for feed readers and blog publishing. It has been used in wider context, including the REST architecture.
POX	Plain-Old-XML is used for representing SOAP data, which does not need the header information for complex processing.
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation is efficient for representing data processed or to be processed by a program, such as JavaScript.
Protocol buffers	Google's Web data structure for search engine.
BigTable	Google's data structure for large database management.



# XML Related Technologies (Review)



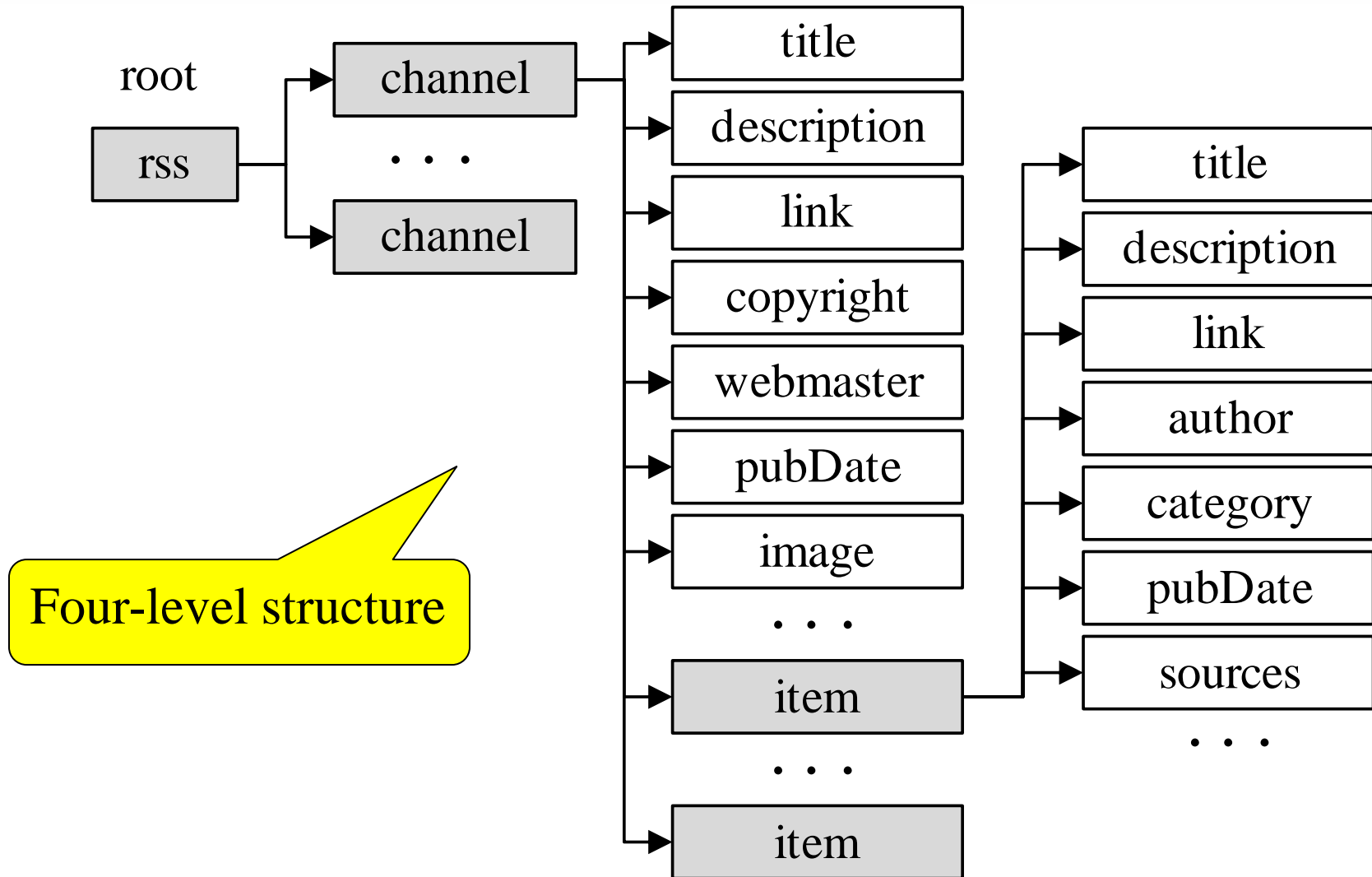
# Why Other Data Formats?

- XML is **flexible** and can be used to define any data structure in a rooted tree.
- For any specific data structure, an XML **schema** or DTD is needed to define the structure.
- For convenience, a few predefined XML data structures are used, which **do not need a schema** file:
  - POX
  - RSS
  - ATOM
- They are widely used in Web page feed: Another Web page can conveniently read your Web data with structure, instead of as a string.

# RSS: An XML-based Feed Data Structure

- A **feed** is a data structure that contains a list of items
- Each items is described by a few attributes, including the hyperlink and other information of the item, such as title, author, etc.
- RSS is a language used to describe syndicated feed data.
- A number of RSS versions exist.
- **RSS 1.0** stands for **RDF Site Summary**, where RDF (Resource Description Framework) is an ontology language widely used in semantic Web authoring.
- **RSS 2.0** stands for **Really Simple Syndication**. It is an XML document with a specific schema definition.

# RSS Schema, with a four-layer structure



# Example of RSS Document

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
```

```
<rss version="2.0">
```

```
<channel>
```

```
<title>Computer Science Books</title>
```

```
<link>http://cslibrary.asu.edu/</link>
```

```
<description>
```

This example will be further discussed in RESTful service in Chapter 7.

```
</description>
```

```
<item>
```

```
<title>Operating Systems</title>
```

```
<link>http://mylibrary.asu.edu/authors/{author=Aaron}</link>
```

```
<description>Operating system design and analysis</description>
```

```
<author>aaronauthor@asu.edu</author>
```

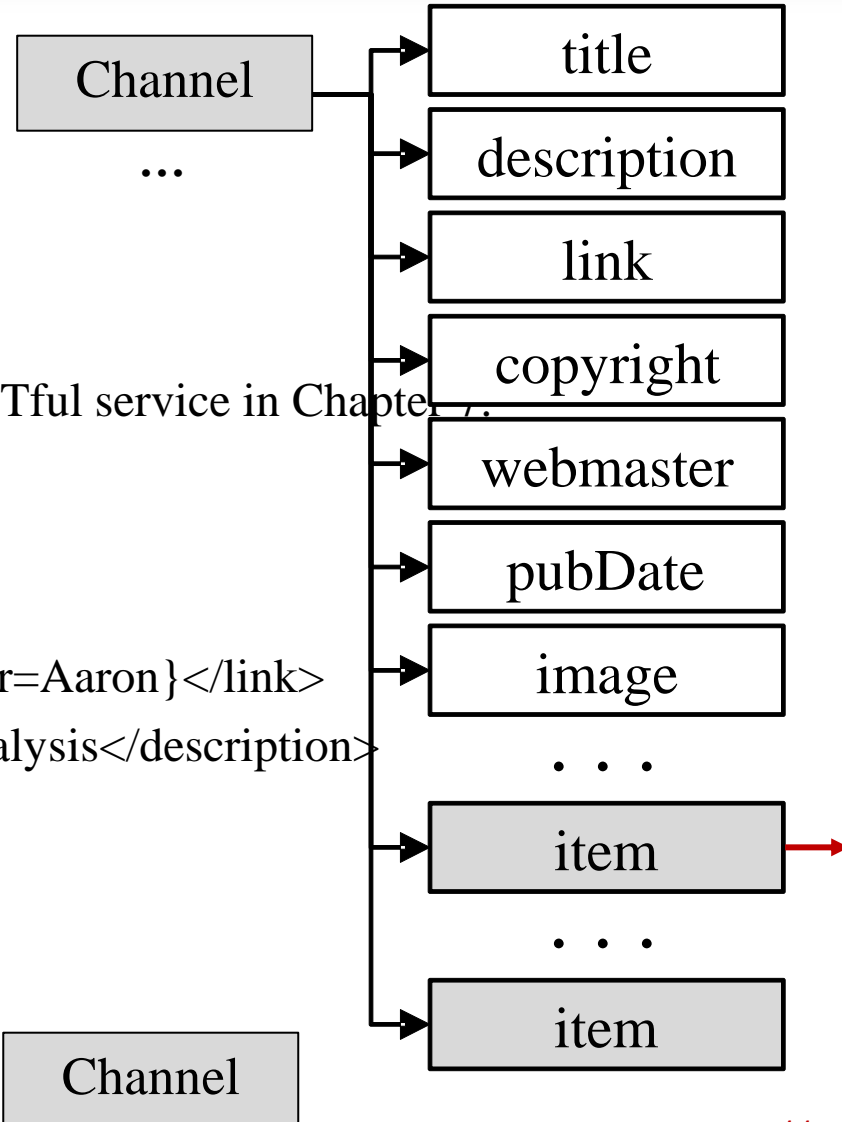
```
</item>
```

...

```
<channel>
```

```
<title>Biology Science Books</title>
```

...



# Example of RSS Document (contd.)

<item>

<title>Compilers</title>

<link> http://cslibrary.asu.edu/years/{year=1999}</link>

</item>

<item>

<title>Algorithm Analysis and Design</title>

<author>zetaauthor@asu.edu</author>

</item>

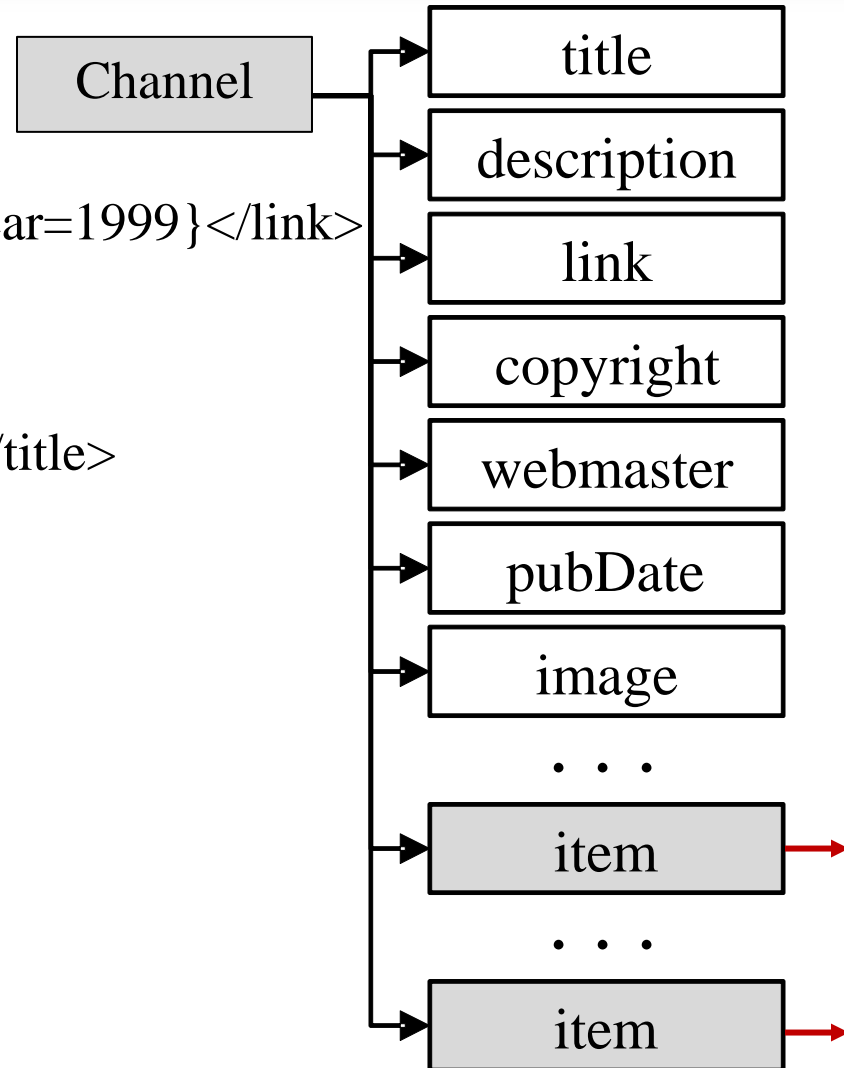
</channel>

<channel>

<title>Biology Science Books</title>

<link>http://biolibrary.asu.edu/</link>

...



# Example of RSS Document (contd.)

<channel>

<title>My Books</title>

<link><http://mylibrary.asu.edu/></link>

<item>

<title>Programming Languages</title>

<link><http://www.kendallhunt.com/index.cfm></link>

<description>

Introduce different programming paradigms and program techniques

</description>

<author>yinong.chen@asu.edu</author>


</item>

</channel>

</rss>

# Find RSS URLs

<https://about.fb.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/rss-urls-1.pdf>

country	category	rss-url
US	general	<a href="http://feeds.abcnews.com/abcnews/usheadlines">http://feeds.abcnews.com/abcnews/usheadlines</a>
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AU	entertainment	<a href="http://www.news.com.au/entertainment">http://www.news.com.au/entertainment</a>



# CNN Top Stories RSS URL

[http://rss.cnn.com/rss/cnn\\_topstories.rss](http://rss.cnn.com/rss/cnn_topstories.rss) 

```
▼<rss xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/" xmlns:content="http://purl.org/rss/1.0/modules/content"
  ▼<channel>
    ▼<title>
      <![CDATA[ CNN.com - RSS Channel - HP Hero ]]>
    </title>
    ▼<description>
      <![CDATA[ CNN.com delivers up-to-the-minute news and information on the latest top stories, weather
    </description>
    <link>https://www.cnn.com/index.html</link>
    ▼<image>
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      <title>CNN.com - RSS Channel - HP Hero</title>
      <link>https://www.cnn.com/index.html</link>
    </image>
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    <pubDate>Tue, 18 Apr 2023 21:25:59 GMT</pubDate>
    ▼<copyright>
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      </title>
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      <guid isPermalink="true">https://www.cnn.com/business/live-news/fox-news-dominion-trial-04-18-23/
```

# Processing RSS Feed

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.servicemodel.syndication.syndicationfeed?view=net-8.0>

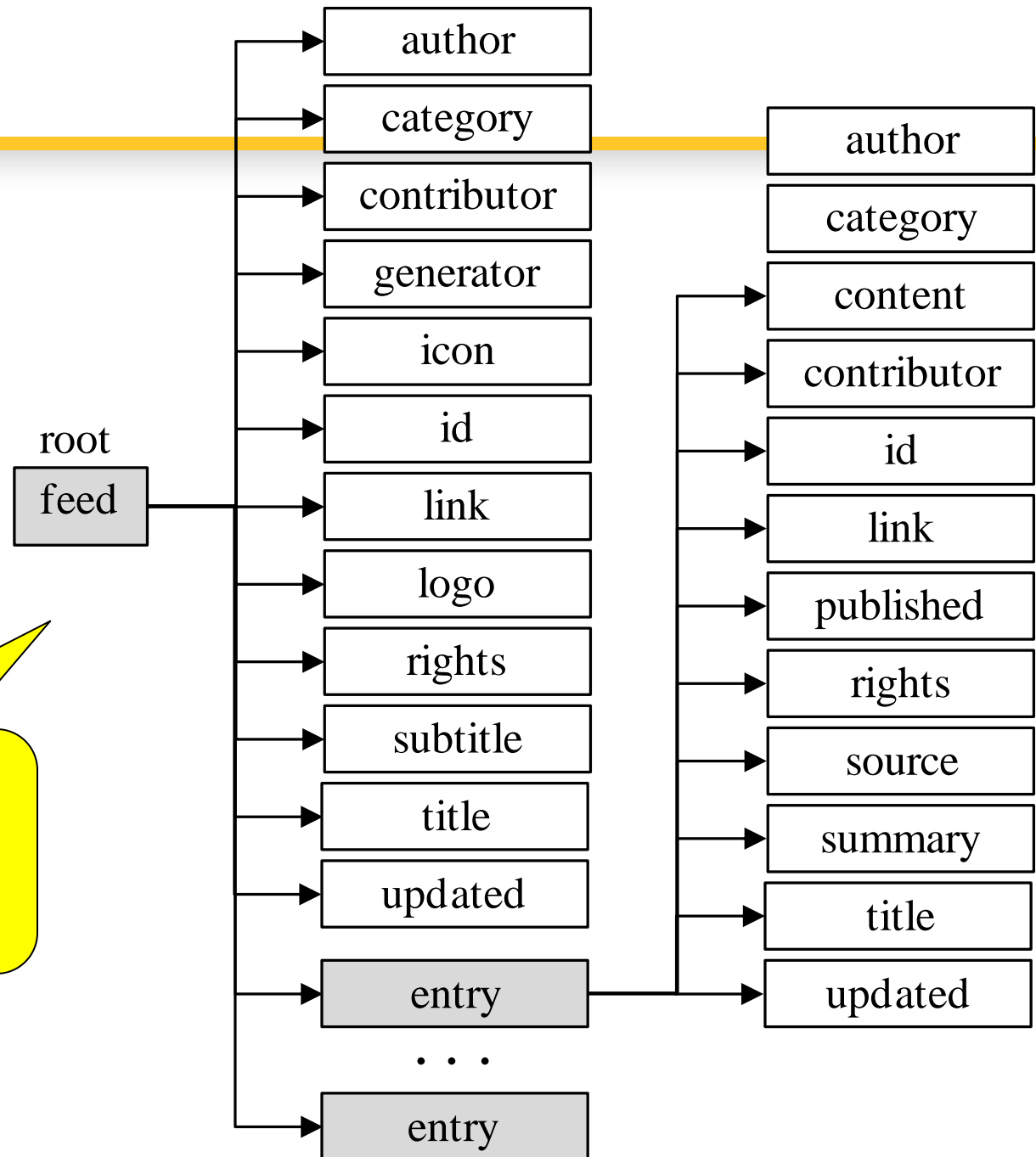
```
string url = " https://justinpot.com/feed/ ";
XmlReader reader = XmlReader.Create(url);
SyndicationFeed feed = SyndicationFeed.Load(reader);
reader.Close();
foreach (SyndicationItem item in feed.Items)
{
    String title = item.Title.Text;
    Console.WriteLine(title);
    String summary = item.Summary.Text;
    Console.WriteLine(summary);
    String summary = item.Summary.Text;
    ...
}
```

# Atom

- RSS 2.0 widely used for representing feed data for its simplicity.
- It is a really simple syndication, which does not have many features that today's feed data desired to have.
- There are frequent reports with the interoperability problems with different feed readers and protocols.
- **Atom** is a more recent language designed for describing feed data with more features and with improved structure.

# Atom Schema, with a three- layer structure

Three-level  
structure, but with  
more elements





# Feeds Applications: ASU Feed



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SpringerLink

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**RSS Feeds** are offered by research databases and journals as an alternative of contents.

Feeds are more flexible than emails but require "feed reader" software. they still can be very valuable. For advice on choosing a feed reader, see

- [Best Free RSS Reader-Aggregators](#)
- [Google Reader is Shutting Down: Here are the Best Alternatives](#)
- We recommend: [Feedly](#)
- [Using RSS feeds via Outlook Email](#)

*Try it ...*



This symbol indicates that a feed is available; in general ...

- If you would like to add the feed into your browser, when you are and then click on the "subscribe to this feed" link. The browser will



# Feeds Applications: New York Times

- RSS feeds offer another way to get NYTimes.com content.
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# M10 L4

## JSON



# Lecture Outline

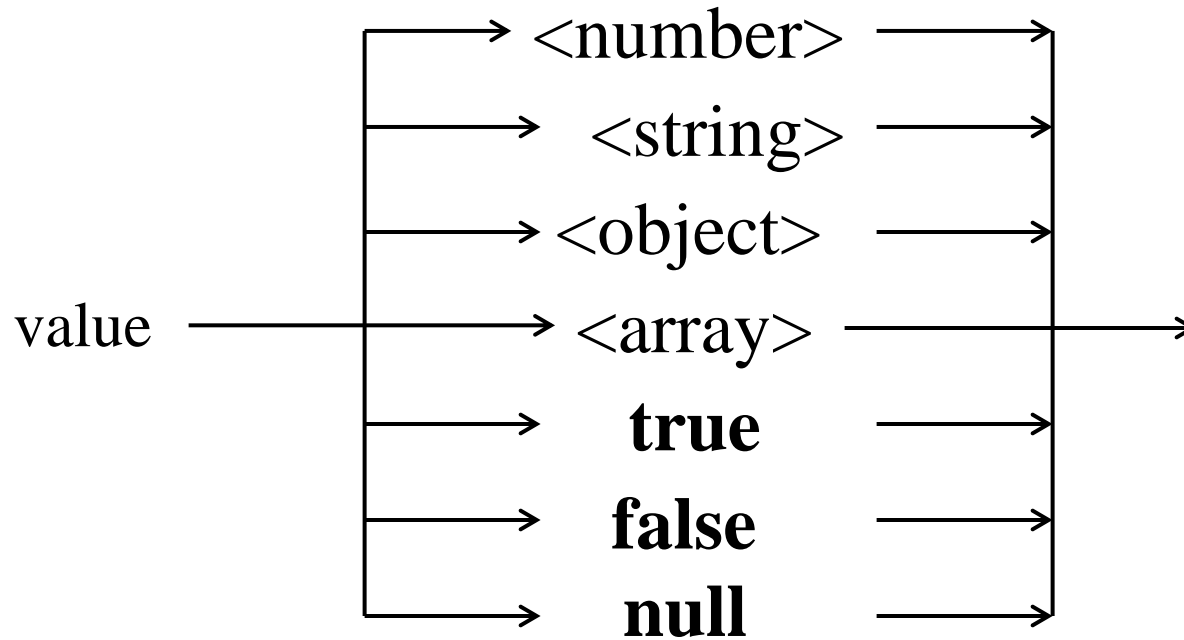
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- | **JSON Data Definition**
- | **JSON vs. XML**
- | **JSON vs. Dictionary**
- | **JSON Applications**

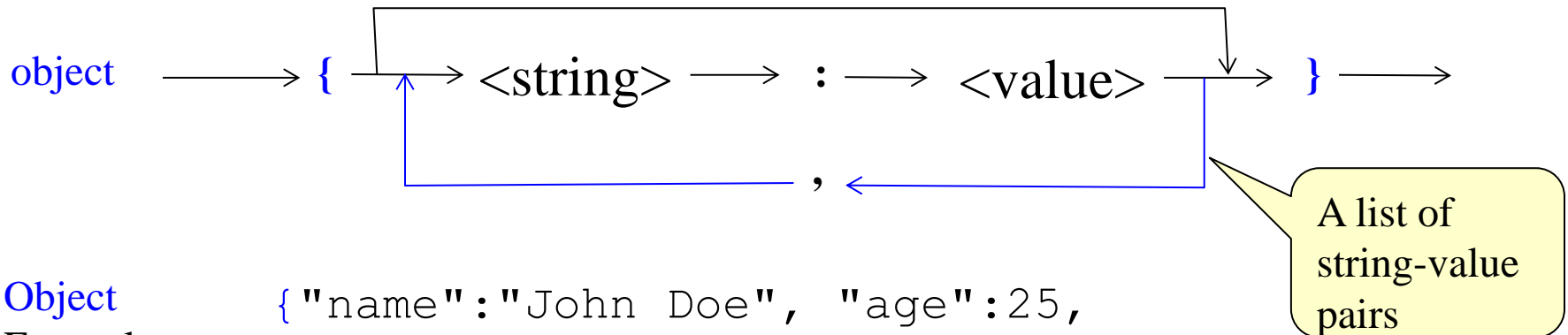
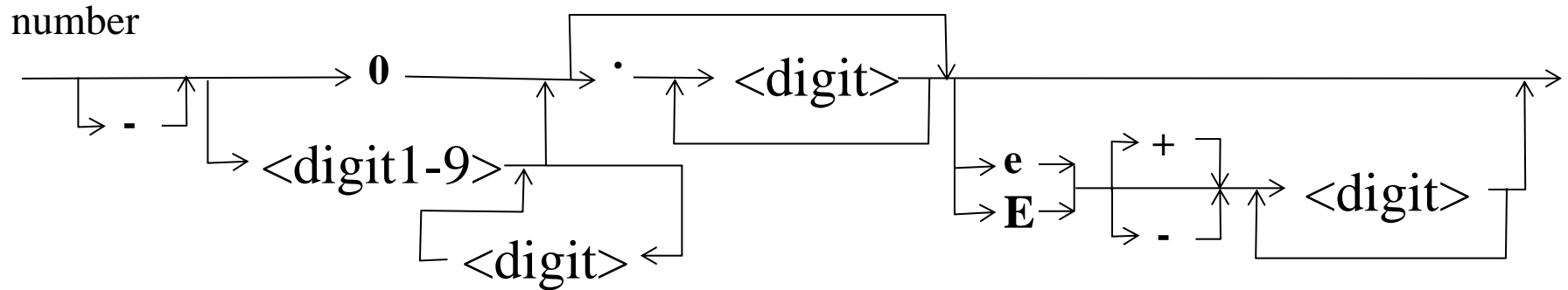
# JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)

- JSON is a light-weight alternative to XML for simple data-interchange
- JSON is simpler than XML and more compact
  - JSON uses no tags, and it uses braces instead, like programming language
  - XML parsing is harder because of its complexity
- JSON has fixed schema (structure definition), and it is not as extensible as XML
- Preferred for simple data exchange by many
- Transforms to other formats? Find library or write your own.

# JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) Data Definition



# JSON Number and Object Format

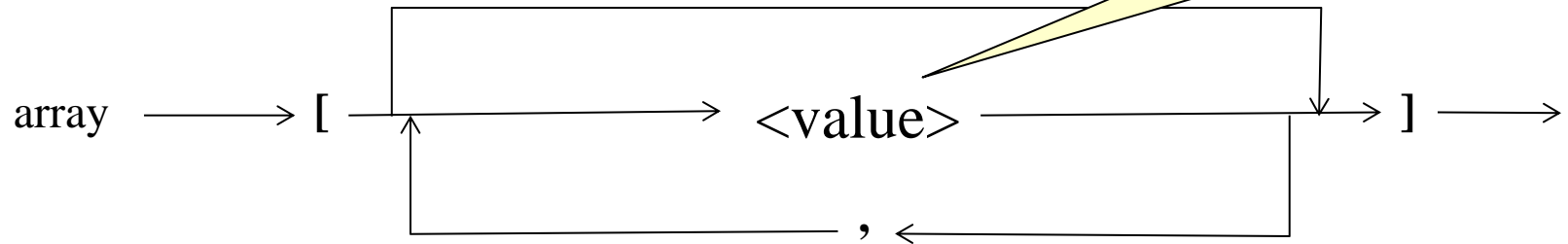


Object  
Example

```
{ "name": "John Doe", "age": 25,  
  "married": true, "University": "ASU",  
  "Graduated": false,  
  "Courses": { "CSE240": 200, "CSE310": 300,  
               "CSE445": 400, "GPA": 3.75 } }
```

# JSON Array

Different types of values are allowed in one array.



Array of string `["John Doe", "Marry", "Smith"]`

Array of mixed values `[{"John Doe":25}, {"Marry":30}, "Smith", 20, true]`

Array of arrays `[  
 [1, 2, 3, 4],  
 [2, 3, 4, 5],  
 [5, 2, 3, 5]  
]`

```
for(var i=0;i<myArray.length;i++)  
{  
  console.log(myArray[i].name,  
              myArray[i].value);  
}
```

# XML vs. JSON

```
<studentInfo>
  <students>
    <student>
      <name>John Doe</name>
      <phone>4801234567</phone>
    <student>
    <student>
      <name>Mary Smith</name>
      <phone>6022345678</phone>
    <student>
    <student>
      <name>April Lee</name>
      <phone>6233456789</phone>
    <student>
  </students>
</studentInfo>
```

```
{ "studentInfo" :
  { "students" :
    [
      {
        "name" : "John Doe",
        "phone" : 4801234567
      },
      {
        "name" : "Mary Smith",
        "phone" : 6022345678
      },
      {
        "name" : "April Lee",
        "phone" : 6233456789
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

# JSON and Dictionary

**A dictionary is similar to an array. In an array, we use an integer as the index to its element.**

- In a dictionary, an element is accessed using an index as well. However, it is not a number index, but a string (name) index.
- It represents a JSON object/

**A Python dictionary is dynamic. It offers the following dynamic operations:**

- `Create()`: Creates an empty dictionary.
- `Insert(e)`: Adds element `e` into the dictionary
- `Delete(e)`: Removes element `e` from the dictionary, if `e` exists.
- `Lookup(e)`: Checks if the element `e` is in the dictionary. If it does, it returns the information associated with the element

# Python Dictionary Example (Short)

```
zip = dict() # Create a dictionary structure
zip = {"Tempe": 85281, "Chandler": 85224, "Phoenix": 85003, "Mesa": 85201, "Scottsdale": 85250}
print("zip is", zip)
print("Tempe zipcode is ", zip["Tempe"])
print("Mesa zipcode is ", zip["Mesa"])
print("Mesa zipcode is ", zip.get("Mesa"))
print("mesa zipcode is ", zip.get("mesa")) # will not cause an error
print("tempe zipcode is ", zip.get("tempe")) # will not cause an error
print("Gilbert zipcode is ", zip.get("Gilbert")) # will not cause an error
print("tempe zipcode is ", zip["tempe"]) # will cause an error
```

```
zip is {'Tempe': 85281, 'Chandler': 85224, 'Phoenix': 85003, 'Mesa': 85201, 'Scottsdale': 85250}
Tempe zipcode is 85281
Mesa zipcode is 85201
Mesa zipcode is 85201
mesa zipcode is None
tempe zipcode is None
Gilbert zipcode is None
```



# Python Dictionary Example (Extended)

```
zipcode = dict() # Create a dictionary structure
zipcode["Tempe"] = [85281, 85282, 85283, 85284, 85287] # insert
zipcode["Chandler"] = [85224, 85225, 85226, 85226] # insert
zipcode["Phoenix"] = [85003, 85004, 85006, 85007, 85008, 85009] # insert
zipcode["Mesa"] = [85201, 85202, 85203, 85204, 85205, 85206, 85207]
# insert
zipcode["Scottsdale"] = [85250, 85251, 85253, 85254, 85255] # insert
cities = ["Tempe", "Mesa", "Gilbert", "Phoenix", "Scottsdale",
"Chandler"]
# Continue on next page
```

# Python Dictionary Example (Cont'd.)

```
# Continued from previous page
```

```
for city in cities:
```

```
    if city in zipcode:
```

```
        print("The zip code of", city, "is", zipcode[city]) # lookup
```

```
    else:
```

```
        print("The city", city, "is not in my list")
```

```
city = input("Please enter a city name:")
```

```
found = False
```

```
for c in cities:
```

```
    c1 = c
```

```
    city1 = city
```

```
    if c1.lower() == city1.lower():
```

```
        print("The zip code of", c, "is", zipcode[c]) # lookup
```

```
        found = True
```

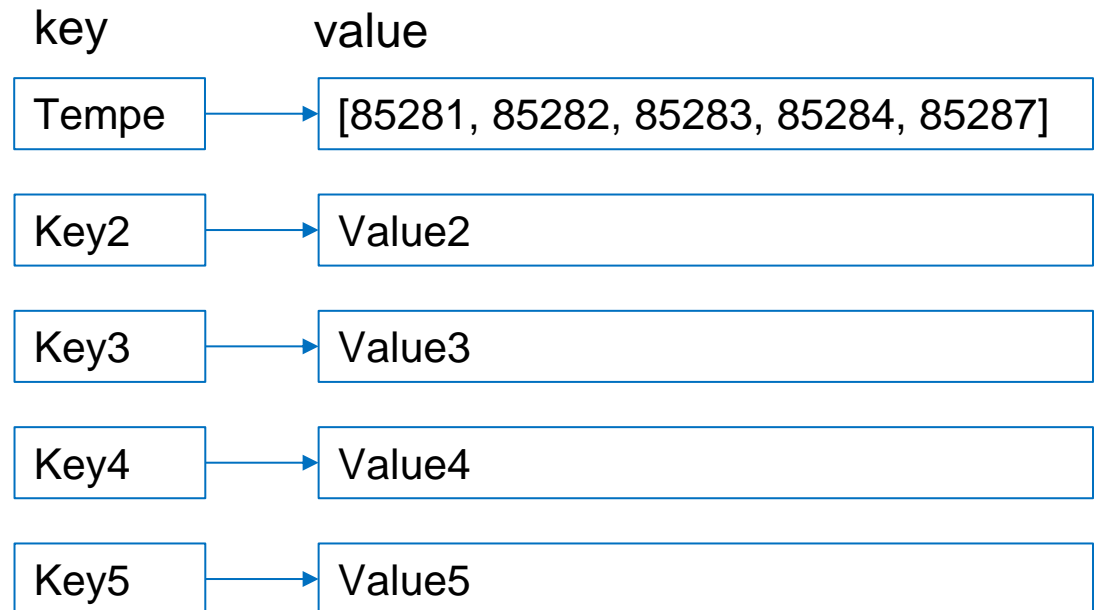
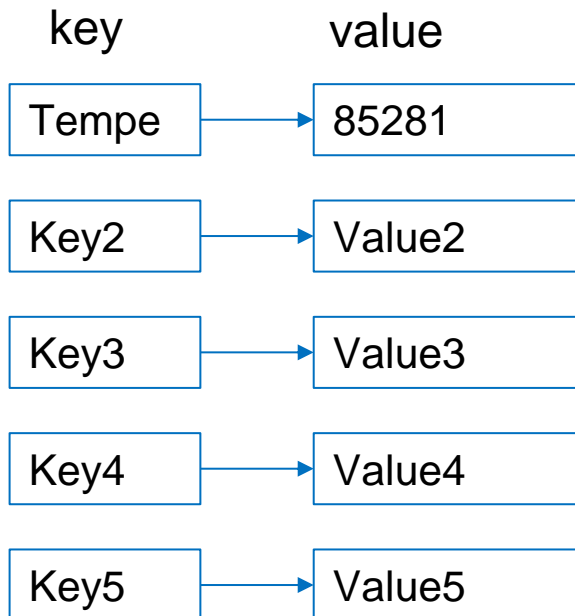
```
if found == False:
```

```
    print("The city", city, "is not in my list")
```

```
The zip code of Tempe is [85281, 85282, 85283, 85284, 85287]
The zip code of Mesa is [85201, 85202, 85203, 85204, 85205, 85206, 85207]
The city Gilbert is not in my list
The zip code of Phoenix is [85003, 85004, 85006, 85007, 85008, 85009]
The zip code of Scottsdale is [85250, 85251, 85253, 85254, 85255]
The zip code of Chandler is [85224, 85225, 85226, 85226]
Please enter a city name:Mesa
The zip code of Mesa is [85201, 85202, 85203, 85204, 85205, 85206, 85207]
Press any key to continue . . .
```

# Structures of Dictionary / JSON Object

A dictionary/JSON object consists of key-value pairs.



# Processing JSON Data Example in C#

[https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc197957\(v=vs.95\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc197957(v=vs.95).aspx)

```
JsonArray users =  
    (JsonArray)JsonArray.Load(responseStream);  
var members = from member in users  
               where member["IsMember"]  
               select member;  
foreach (JsonObject member in members)  
{  
    string name = member["Name"];  
    int age = member["Age"];  
    // Do something...  
}
```

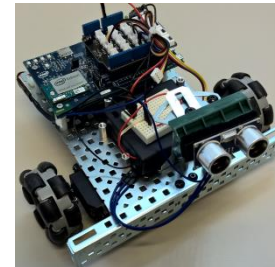
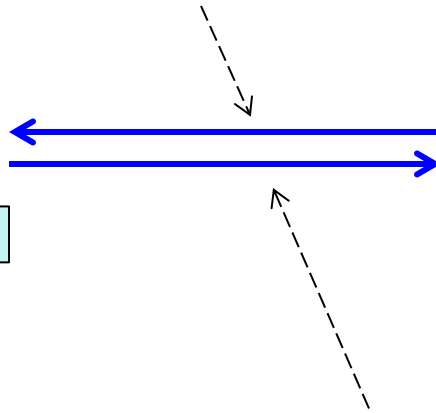
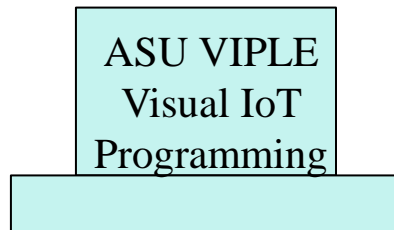
# JSON Object Defined for IoT Communication

## Text Chapter 9 Example

### ROBOT OUTPUT

name: string (touch, distance, sound, light, color, motorEncoder)  
id: int  
value: For touch sensor, value will be an int (0 = not pressed and 1 = pressed).  
For other sensors, value will be a double

```
{"sensors": [{"name":"touch", "id":0, "value":0}, {"name":"distance", "id":1, "value":12.8}]}
```



IoT / Robot

An object pair, with  
the second element  
an array of objects

### ROBOT INPUT

servoId: int  
servoSpeed: double between -1 and 1  
- negative values represent a backwards motion

```
{"servos": [{"servoId":3, "servoSpeed":0.5}, {"servoId":5, "servoSpeed":-0.5}]}
```

Object

Array

Object

Object

# Where are RSS, Atom, and JSON used?

They are widely used in

- Web data integration – Web page feed: Another Web page can conveniently read your Web data with a structure, instead of in a string.
- They are widely used as the RESTful service outputs.

**Why do we need RSS, Atom, JSON, instead of using general XML? Choose one!**

- A. General XML is too simple to represent feed data.
- B. General XML cannot represent a collection of data.
- C. General XML is a meta language, and it can be used to define languages only.
- D. General XML file requires a schema definition, while RSS, Atom, and JSON have fixed schemas and do not need to attach a schema file. A simpler and fixed structure is good enough for most feed applications.



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