What is XML?

- XML stands for extensible Markup Language
- It does not do anything; it is just a medium to store and transport data.

Basic structure:

```
<root>
  <child>
    <subchild>....</subchild>
  </child>
</root>
<ordderinfo>
<header> ....
<detal>
   <order>
         <item>Bikes</ITEM>
         <ITEM>SCOOTERS</ITEM>
     </ORDER>
 <ORDER>
        <item>Bikes</ITEM>
         <ITEM>SCOOTERS</ITEM>
   </ORDER>
</ORDERINFO>
  </detail>
XML-INTO (Parsing of XML)
     XML-INTO DSNAME %XML(FILE OR VARIABLE : OPTIONS)
     Sample:
        clear order ;
         option = 'case=any doc=file allowmissing=yes allowextra=yes -
```

```
countprefix=c_path='path name'';
FILENAME = '/TEST/ORDER.XML';

xml-into ORDER %xml(%trim(FILENAME):%trim(option));
```

Option values:

```
Case = any (Elements can be in any case)
```

```
Doc = file (document is in IFS file)
```

Allowmissing = yes (even if document has missing tags ,parsing can take place)

Allowextra = yes (even if document has extra tags, parsing can take place)

path = within xml if we want to parse specific path example xml has both header and detail and we just need to parse detail.

```
NS = REMOVE OR MERGE (working with namespace)
```

If we get run time error for XML parsing, we can refer below site to know details of parsing error codes.

https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/i/7.3?topic=documents-xml-parser-error-codes

Below example shows simple XML parsing example where XML is defined in AS400 constant.

Below example shows NS=REMOVE example

Below example shows XML parsing where XML is defined in IFS file.

Option doc =file is required for this.

```
dcl-ds PgmDs psds ;
  Count ELEM int(20) pos(372);
end-ds ;
dcl-ds order dim(5) qualified;
  item char(10);
  qty zoned(3:0);
  DCL-DS ADDRESS ;
    CITY CHAR(10);
    STATE CHAR(10);
  END-DS ;
end-ds ;
dcl-s option char(500) inz ;
dcl-s filename char(100) inz ;
option = 'case=any allowmissing=yes allowextra=yes doc=file';
filename = '/praful/ordxml.xml';
 xml-into order %xml(%TRIM(filename):%TRIM(option)) ;
```

```
*inlr = '1' ;
```

Below example shows NS=merge example

Countprefix: we can have subfield to return count of each tag.

```
dcl-ds order dim(5) qualified;
  item char(10);
  cntitem zoned(3:0);
  qty zoned(3:0);
  cntqty zoned(3:0);
  DCL-DS ADDRESS;
  CITY CHAR(10);
  STATE CHAR(10);
  end-ds;
  dcl-s option char(500) inz;
```

JSON (Java script object Notation)

It is also used to transmit data, just like XML but format is much more in human readable mode.

Simple JSON example:

```
"employee": {
    "name": "sonoo",
    "salary": 56000,
    "married": true
}
```

JSON array example

```
"employees":[
    {"name":"Shyam", "email":"shyamjaiswal@gmail.com"},
    {"name":"Bob", "email":"bob32@gmail.com"},
    {"name":"Jai", "email":"jai87@gmail.com"}
]}
```

DATA-INTO

Just like XML-INTO which is used just to Parse XML document into an RPG variable, we have DATA-INTO opcode, this is used to parse/import all structured document into a RPG variable/Data structure, mostly it is used to parse JSON data in day to day operations.

DATA-INTO result %DATA (document[:options]) %PARSER(parser[:options]);

We have an extra parser option here; this can be 3rd Party program or IBM provided JSON parser.

Mostly YAJLINTO parser is used ,Here options are same like XML-INTO.

Example:-

```
D Address DS
D Street 10
D City 10
D State 10
D Postal 10

myJSON = '{ + "street": "123 Example Street", + "city": "Milwaukee", + "state": "WI", + "postal": "53201-1234" + }';
```

DATA-INTO address %DATA(myjson : 'case=any allowmissing=yes allowextra=yes) %PARSER('YAJLINTO');

In this example it will parse Json present in Myjson variable into address data structure. External parse YAJLINTO is used in this example, majority of places YAJLINTO parser is used .

In DATA-INTO options are same as XML-INTO with only addition of %parser part.

DATA-GEN(Generate a document from RPG variable)

If we need to generate XML/JSON or any other structured document from RPG variable this opcode can be used.

The DATA-GEN operation generates a structured document from an RPG variable. DATA-GEN requires a generator program or procedure to generate the text for the document.

The DATA-GEN operation passes the names and values of the *source* variable to the generator, which uses callback functions to gradually pass text for the document to the DATA-GEN operation. The DATA-GEN operation places the information into the target RPG variable or the target Integrated File System file specified by the %DATA built-in function.

Syntax:

DATA-GEN IP_DS_FOR_DOC_GENERATION
%DATA (RPGVARIABLE or file where JSON output will be placed: Options)
%GEN(Generator_pgm)

Option values:

doc – controls where the document is generated string (default) or file.

- trim remove extra blanks from strings
- countprefix control the number of specified elements generated
- fileccsid specifies the CCSID when creating an output file
- name specifies the name of the top-level element (for document)
- output should the output variable/file be cleared? Or appended?
- renameprefix lets you specify variables containing alternate names for subfields. %DATA.

Basically Generator_pgm used commonly for **JSON generation** is **YAJLDTAGEN** from YAJL library.

1. DATA-GEN address %DATA(ADDRJson) %GEN('YAJLDTAGEN');

In this example input data structure address will be generated as JSON and result will be placed in ADDRJSON variable.

2. myStmf = '/home/praful /address.json';

data-into address %DATA(myStmf:'doc=file') %GEN('YAJLDTAGEN');

In this example JSON will be generated in IFS folder from address data structure.

SQL functions in DB2 to build JSON and Parse Json

JSON_Object: This can generate JSON Variable from input record or group of records.

Example:

Create sqlrpgle program which receives employee number as input and written record of that employee in JSON format.

```
DWEMPNO
                 S
                               10 0
 DJSON_DATA S
                               1000
      *eNTRY
С
                   PLIST
 С
                     PARM
                                             WEMPNO
         exec sql SELECT JSON OBJECT(
                 'Employee Name ' : trim(EMPNAME),
                 'Employee age ' : EMPAGE ,
'Salary' : SALARY)
into:json Data
       FROM EMPPF
       WHERE EMPNO = :Wempno ;
        if sqlcode= 100;
           dsply 'No data found';
       endif ;
        *inlr = '1';
```

JSON_Table :

The JSON_TABLE table function converts a JSON document into a relational table.

This is basically used to

We will work with the following table, EMP, which contains four rows with one JSON object per row. By using the JSON_TABLE function we will extract the data so that it can be treated as relational data.

Syntax for this table function:

```
select * from JSON_TABLE(
json-context-item,

sql-json-path-expression
COLUMNS(
column-name
data-type
PATH
column-path-expression,
...
) as X

JSON text (character data)
-- must be a JSON object
Expression to determine rows

JSON value converted to this type
Expression for each row
```

Example:

Insert employee address information from JSON into emptable: Insert into emppf (empstrt , empcity, empstate , emppostal)

Values (
SELECT

t.street, t.city, t.state , t.postal

FROM

JSON_TABLE(

:addrJson,

```
'lax $'

COLUMNS (

street VARCHAR(10) PATH 'lax $.street',

city VARCHAR(10) PATH 'lax $.city',

state VARCHAR(10) PATH 'lax $.city',

postal varchar PATH 'lax $.postal'

)) AS t;
```

Lax \$: Suggest name given to json \
Lax \$.name