

# XML DTD

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# DTD

- A DTD is a **Document Type Definition**.
- A DTD defines the structure and the legal elements and attributes of an XML document
- With a DTD, independent groups of people can agree on a standard DTD for interchanging data.
- An application can use a DTD to verify that XML data is valid.

# Internal DTD

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE note [
  <!ELEMENT note ( to, from, heading, body)>
  <!ELEMENT to (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT from (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT heading (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT body (#PCDATA)>
]>
<note>
  <to>Tove</to>
  <from>Jani</from>
  <heading>Reminder</heading>
  <body>Don't forget me this weekend</body>
</note>
```

# An External DTD Declaration

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE note SYSTEM "note.dtd">
<note>
  <to>Tove</to>
  <from>Jani</from>
  <heading>Reminder</heading>
  <body>Don't forget me
    this weekend!</body>
</note>
```

```
<!ELEMENT note
(to,from,heading,body)>
<!ELEMENT to (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT from (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT heading (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT body (#PCDATA)>
```

# The Building Blocks of XML Documents

- Elements
- Attributes
- Entities
- PCDATA
- CDATA

# Attributes

Attributes provide **extra information about elements**.

Attributes are always placed **inside the opening tag** of an element. Attributes always come in **name/value pairs**. The following "img" element has additional information about a source file:

```

```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="euc-kr" standalone="yes"?>
```

```
<MEMO>
```

```
  <TO date = '2020/8/16' by = 'Peter'> To: Eugene</TO>
```

```
  <FROM> From: Hong, Gil-Dong</FROM>
```

```
  <CONTENTS> Can we dine out at 1 PM?</CONTENTS>
```

```
</MEMO>
```

Try also to use "**Code Beautify**" for validating attribute syntax.

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MEMO

TO

date

by

#text

FROM

CONTENTS

version="1.0" encoding="euc-kr" standalone="yes"

2020/8/16

Peter

To: Eugene

From: Hong, Gil-Dong

Can we dine out at 1 PM?

This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.

```
<MEMO>
  <TO date="2020/8/16" by="Peter"> To: Eugene</TO>
  <FROM> From: Hong, Gil-Dong</FROM>
  <CONTENTS> Can we dine out at 1 PM?</CONTENTS>
</MEMO>
```

# Entities

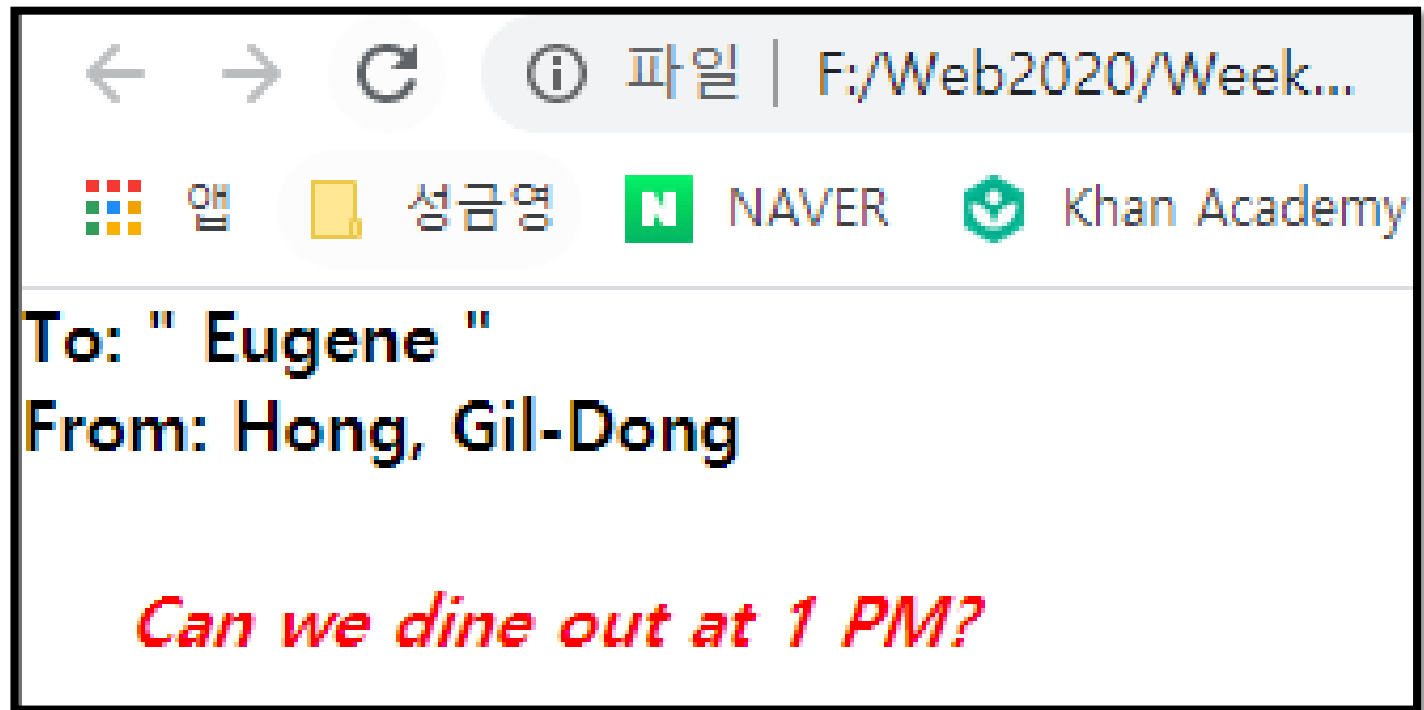
- Some characters have a **special meaning** in XML, like the less than sign (<) that defines the start of an XML tag.
- Most of you know the HTML entity: "&nbsp;". This "no-breaking-space" entity is used in HTML to insert an extra space in a document. **Entities are expanded when a document is parsed by an XML parser.**



The following entities are predefined in XML:

Entity References	Character
&lt;	<
&gt;	>
&amp;	&
&quot;	"
&apos;	'

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="euc-kr" standalone="yes"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/css" href="memo1.css"?>
<MEMO>
  <TO> To: &quot; Eugene &quot;; </TO>
  <FROM> From: Hong, Gil-Dong</FROM>
  <CONTENTS> Can we dine out at 1 PM?</CONTENTS>
</MEMO>
```



# PCDATA

- parsed character data.
- character data as the text found between the start tag and the end tag of an XML element.
- **PCDATA is text that WILL be parsed by a parser.**
- **The text will be examined by the parser** for entities and markup.
- should not contain any &, <, or > characters;
- represented by the &amp; &lt; and &gt;

# CDATA

- CDATA means character data.
- **CDATA is text that will NOT be parsed by a parser.**  
Tags inside the text will NOT be treated as markup and entities and will not be expanded.

# Declaring Elements

In a **DTD**, XML elements are declared with the following syntax:

**<!ELEMENT** element-name **category**>

or

**<!ELEMENT** element-name (**element-content**)>

Empty elements are declared with the category keyword **EMPTY**:

**<!ELEMENT** element-name **EMPTY**>

Example:

**<!ELEMENT** br **EMPTY**>

XML example:

**<br />**

# Elements with Parsed Character Data

- Elements with only parsed character data are declared with #PCDATA inside parentheses:
- `<!ELEMENT element-name (#PCDATA)>`

Example:

```
<!ELEMENT from (#PCDATA)>
```

# Elements with any Contents

- Elements declared with the category keyword ANY, can contain any combination of parsable data:
- `<!ELEMENT element-name ANY>`

Example:

```
<!ELEMENT note ANY>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE note [
<!ELEMENT note (to,from,heading,body)>
<!ELEMENT to (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT from (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT heading (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT body ANY>
]>
<note>
    <to>Tove</to>
    <from>Jani</from>
    <heading>Reminder</heading>
<body>
    <to>Tove</to>
</body>
</note>
```

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```
9 ]>
10 <note>
11   <to>Tove</to>
12   <from>Jani</from>
13   <heading>Reminder</heading>
14 <body>
15   <to>Tove</to>
16 </body>
17 </note>
```

#### Validation result

Syntax wellformed PASSED

DTD validation PASSED

XSD validation OMITTED

No schema reference provided using either xsi:schemaLocation or xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation attribute.

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<!ELEMENT note (to,from,heading,body)>  
<!ELEMENT to (#PCDATA)>  
<!ELEMENT from (#PCDATA)>  
<!ELEMENT heading (#PCDATA)>  
<!ELEMENT body (#PCDATA)>

When children are declared in a sequence separated by commas, the children must appear in the same sequence

# Declaring Only One Occurrence of an Element

<!ELEMENT element-name (child-name)>

Example:

<!ELEMENT note (message)>

# Declaring Minimum One Occurrence of an Element

`<!ELEMENT element-name (child-name+)>`

Example:

`<!ELEMENT note (message+)>`

# Declaring Zero or More Occurrences of an Element

<!ELEMENT element-name (child-name\*)>

Example:

<!ELEMENT note (message\*)>

# Declaring Zero or One Occurrences of an Element

<!ELEMENT element-name (child-name?)>

Example:

<!ELEMENT note (message?)>

# Declaring either/or Content

```
<!ELEMENT note (to,from,header,(message|body))>
```

# Declaring Mixed Content

```
<!ELEMENT note (#PCDATA|to|from|header|message)*>
```

The example above declares that the "note" element can contain zero or more occurrences of parsed character data, "to", "from", "header", or "message" elements.

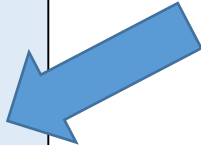
# Important Guide with DTD Attribute

If you use attributes as containers for data, you end up with documents that are difficult to read and maintain. Try to use **elements** to describe data. Use attributes only to provide information that is not relevant to the data

```
<note date="12/11/2002">  
  <to>Tove</to>  
  <from>Jani</from>  
  <heading>Reminder</heading>  
  <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>  
</note>
```

```
<note>  
  <date>12/11/2002</date>  
  <to>Tove</to>  
  <from>Jani</from>  
  <heading>Reminder</heading>  
  <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>  
</note>
```

```
<note>  
  <date>  
    <day>12</day>  
    <month>11</month>  
    <year>2002</year>  
  </date>  
  <to>Tove</to>  
  <from>Jani</from>  
  <heading>Reminder</heading>  
  <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>  
</note>
```





Don't end up like this (this is not how XML should be used):

```
<note day="12" month="11" year="2002"  
to="Tove" from="Jani" heading="Reminder"  
body="Don't forget me this weekend!">  
</note>
```