The Idea of Markup

The following features of Values:

- Easy to read for humans
- Easy to use
- Easy to Use for Computer
- Easy to debug
- Easy to modify suitably for any industry or domain
- Works with all leading programming languages, database and formats such as spredsheets and drawing.

- Desiging an XML document is similar to designing a database table.
- This process break down into three steps:
 - Classifiying information as per its importance
 - Adding the details
 - Transforming information into XML format
 - Identifying elements
 - Identifying attributes

- Classifiying information as per its importance for BOOK
 - Titler
 - Author
 - Publication
 - Price
 - Publishing Year
 - Reprint number
 - Edition number
 - Book Website

Adding the details

Primary Info	Details we want to capture	Details we can ignore
Title	Main Title Sub - Title	-
Autor	First Name Last Name	Full Name Affiliations
Publication	Name of Publisher	Full Address
Price	In local Currency	In more Currency
Edition	Number	-
Book Website	URL	-

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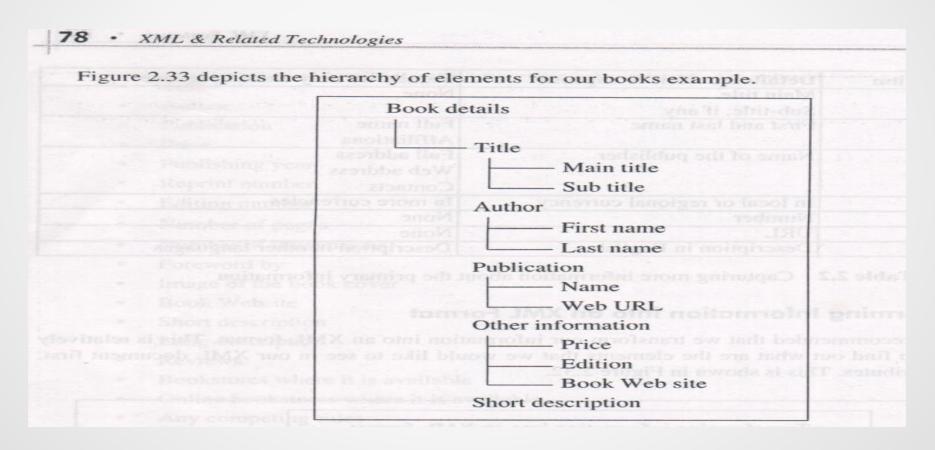
- Transforming information into XML format
 - Identifying elements
 - Identifying attributes

Transforming Information into an XML format

Identifying Elements

Identifying Attributes

Identifying Elements



Identifying Elements

is to transform the visual form of the hierarchy into an XML-like syntax. The resulting structure Figure 2.34.

```
<BOOK DETAILS>
    <TITLE>
       <MAIN TITLE> </MAIN TITLE>
       <SUB TITLE> </SUB TITLE>
    </TITLE>
    <AUTHOR>
       <FIRST NAME> </FIRST NAME>
       <LAST NAME> </LAST NAME>
    </AUTHOR>
    <PUBLICATION>
       <NAME> </NAME>
       <WEB URL> </WEB URL>
    <OTHER INFO>
       <PRICE> </PRICE>
       <EDITION> </EDITION>
       <BOOK WEB SITE> </BOOK WEB SITE>
   </orthoral
   <SHORT DESC> </SHORT DESC>
</BOOK DETAILS>
```

Identifying Attributes

```
the can make category as an attribute of the one of the suitable
         ments, for instance, that of the TITLE. This approach is illustrated in Figure 2.38.
Ve ca
let ==
         SOOK DETAILS>
nge i
            <TITLE category = "...">
               <MAIN TITLE> </MAIN TITLE>
               <SUB TITLE> </SUB TITLE>
            </TITLE>
            <AUTHOR>
               <FIRST NAME> </FIRST NAME>
               <LAST_NAME> </LAST_NAME>
           </AUTHOR>
           <PUBLICATION>
               <NAME> </NAME>
               <WEB_URL> </WEB_URL>
           </PUBLICATION>
               <PRICE> </PRICE>
              <EDITION> </EDITION>
              <BOOK WEB SITE> </BOOK WEB SITE>
           </OTHER INFO>
           <SHORT DESC> </SHORT DESC>
```

Figure 2.38 Adding the category attribute to a book

The <?xml> tag

- This tag identifies our document as an XML Document.
- It must be first line of the Document.
- It specifies the version of the XML specifications it is following.
- It also specifies the encodeing.
 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
- The Character encoding allows us to specify the language based on the ISO standards or Unicode standards, which use to creat markup and contents of the documents.

The root Element

- XML document must have exactly one root element.
- Root element must be the first element immediately after the <?XML> tag

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<BOOKS>
  rest of the xml document
</BOOKS>
```

- Opening and Closing Tags (Element Tag Rules>
 - All elements have an opening tag. Optionally, element also have a closing tag.

```
<BOOK Pubyear='1973'>
  <BOOK_TITLE> LOOK Homeward </BOOK_TITLE>
  <AUTHOR> Wolfe, Thomas </AUTHOR>
</BOOK>
```

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Empty Elements

- Empty Elements in XML can be represented in two ways.
- (1) We can either use the tag pair <> and </> containing the element name to depict this, without content in between.

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Empty Elements

 Show the customer name including the first and the last name, but the middle name should be empty.

```
<Name>
<Name>
<First> Atul </First>
<Middle></Middle>
<Last> Patel </Last>
</Name>
```

Opening and Closing Tags

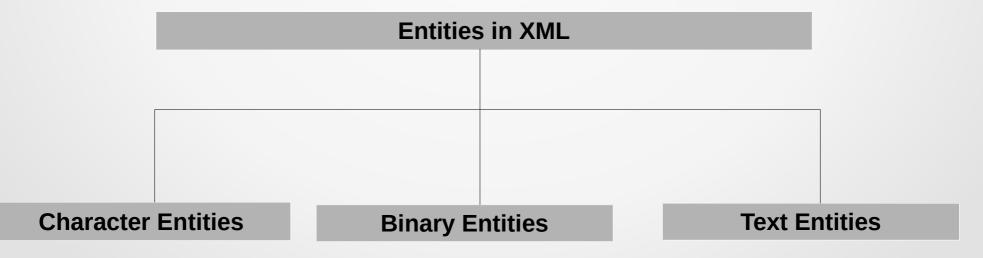
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Entities

- An Entity inXML represents a text that you want to use repeatedly without having to write it every time.
- We define it at one place, and refer to it from other place.
- There are three types of entities in XML:



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Character Entities

 Character entity references are special character code that assign a different meaning to a special symbol.

Character Entity	Meaning
&	& Character
'	' Character
>	> Character
<	< Character
"	" Character

Character Entities

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- Contents in XML:

Please make sure that your offer is >\$500

- Interpretation:

Please make sure that your offer is > \$500

Text Entities

- Text entities are used to associate large or repeated blocks of text with a name and replace the text with the entity name.
- Declaring Syntax
 - <!ENTITY name "content">
 - <!ENTITY country "INDIA">

- Demo4.xml

Binary Entities

 Binary entities are used to associate a name with binary data (such as an image or a video) and use the entity name insted of the actual binary data.

<!ENTITY city SYSTEM "delhi.html" NDATA html>

Element Nameing

- Should contain at least one latter: a-z or A-Z
- Can start with an alphabet or an underscore
- Can contain latters, digits, hypens, underscores, full stops
- XML names are case sensitive.
- Names cannot contain spces
- Name cannot beused any prefix
- i.e
 - <Name05>
 - <Name.05>
 - <_05Name>

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Nesting Conventions

 In XML, child elements must be nested completely inside the parent element.

Adding Attributes

- Attributes allow us to specify more information about XML elements.
- Attributes merely provide an alternative to sub-elements
- Attributes conist of a name="value" pair
- Attributes are placed in the start tag of the element.
- An element may have several attributes, each uniquely named.
- Attributes must have a value
- Values must be quoted with either double or single quotes

Comments

<!-- THIS IS COMMENT IN XML -->

Element Content

- Element content is handled in one of two ways:
- (1) Parsed Character Data (PCDATA): it is examined by the XML parser to discover XML content embedded within it.

Character Entity	Meaning
&	& Character
'	' Character
>	> Character
<	< Character
"	" Character

Element Content

- Element content is handled in one of two ways:
 - (2) Character Data (CDATA): CDATA is not parsed and is treated as it is. It is useful for embedding other languages within the XML as:
 - HTML documents
 - XML documents
 - JavaScript documents
 - Etc.

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