

Introduction to XML

Section 1 - Introduction

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Course Description

- ◆ This course provides a technical introduction to XML
- ◆ There are hands-on lab exercises that allow you to practice what we discuss in class
- ◆ It is thorough in its discussion of the most important components of XML
- ◆ It will not cover those XML constructs that are rarely used in practice

Course Objectives

- ◆ Understand what XML is, why it is useful, and how it is used
- ◆ Understand the rules of XML and use the building blocks of XML to create well-formed XML documents
- ◆ Create schemas for XML documents and understand how an XML document is validated against a schema
- ◆ Understand XML namespaces

Course Sections

- ◆ Section 1 - **Introduction to XML**
- ◆ Section 2 - **XML Basics**
- ◆ Section 3 - **Namespaces**
- ◆ Section 4 - **Schemas**

- Section Outline -

- ◆ What is XML?
- ◆ Origins of XML
- ◆ Uses of XML

What is XML?

Yet Another Markup Language

- ◆ XML Defined
- ◆ Benefits of Using XML
- ◆ Comparison to HTML

What is XML?

- ◆ XML stands for *eXtensible Markup Language*
- ◆ XML is a *meta-markup language* for representing **data**
 - XML *documents* therefore contain markup and data -- the markup is generally in the form of *tags*
 - Both markup and data are in plain text
- ◆ XML is **extensible** because there is no predefined set of tags
 - Instead, you create your own tags to represent your own data
 - This is why we call it a meta-markup language instead of a markup language (like HTML, which has a fixed set of tags)

Benefits of XML - Example XML Document

- ◆ Without knowing anything about XML, you can probably figure out what this XML document is about

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

<customer ID='67183625'>
  <name>    Leanne Ross    </name>
  <street>   1475 Cedar Avenue </street>
  <city>     Fargo         </city>
  <state>    ND            </state>
  <zipcode>  58103         </zipcode>
</customer>
```

- ◆ Okay, so it holds customer data
 - But how shall this information be displayed to a human?
 - **XML is not about format or display** -- what other markup language can you think of that **is** concerned with format and display?

Benefits of XML

- ◆ XML documents describe the data that they contain
 - To contrast, what is the following flat file describing?

67183625, Leanne Ross, 1475 Cedar Avenue, Fargo, ND, 58103

- What about this one?

CD516/90125/Yes/1983-10-16/11.97/11.97

- ◆ XML is platform-neutral, standardized, and widely adopted as a mechanism for representing data
 - There is a set of rules that apply to XML documents
 - Since the data format is standardized, heterogeneous systems can exchange XML data without knowing anything about each other
 - We thus consider XML documents to be *portable*

Comparison of XML to HTML

- ◆ XML and HTML serve different purposes
 - They are not competitors, but rather cooperators
- ◆ HTML describes how information should be **displayed**
 - It says nothing about the data, just how to display it
 - What do the numbers mean in this HTML fragment?

```
<table border=1>
  <tr><td>  12  </td><td>  35  </td></tr>
  <tr><td><b>10</b></td><td><b>0</b></td></tr>
  <tr><td>   6  </td><td>   9  </td></tr>
</table>
```

- ◆ XML **describes** that **information** in the first place
 - But says nothing about how to display it

Origins of XML

Not Invented from Scratch

- ◆ SGML
- ◆ The XML 1.0 Recommendation and the W3C
- ◆ XML Design Goals
- ◆ Related Standards

Where Did XML Come From?

- ◆ XML is a subset of SGML - *Standard Generalized Markup Language*
 - SGML has been around since the 1980s, and was designed to encode text documents in a portable, self-describing way
 - It is very complex and “large”
 - It achieved some success in the government and aerospace sectors, and other industries which needed a mechanism to manage massive amounts of documentation (sometimes measured in “shelf-feet”)
 - In other words, the “User’s Guide” for an F-16 aircraft might require two 6-foot shelves of bookcase storage -- that would be 12 shelf-feet!
- ◆ SGML’s biggest success is HTML, which is an application of SGML for the distribution and rendering of Web pages
 - HTML is simply a markup vocabulary defined via SGML

Why Not Just Use SGML?

- ◆ The main problems are its complexity and its design goals
 - Some SGML features are redundant, and some are too complex to be easily implemented correctly in software
 - SGML software vendors left out the parts not needed by their customers
 - What resulted were incompatible SGML implementations
 - It was designed to represent and manage massive amounts of documentation
 - Document **management** was as important as document representation
 - Primarily aimed at books, technical manuals, etc.
- ◆ We don't need (or want!) this for data transfer over a network
 - A purchase order would not require 12 shelf-feet of paper storage

Then Why Derive XML from SGML?

- ◆ Because the basic idea is great - extensibility and portability
 - Create your own markup vocabularies for your own data
 - But remove the complicated stuff that wasn't needed anyway
 - Some argue that the XML designers could have scaled it down even more
- ◆ Because markup (e.g., HTML) was well understood
 - XML was developed between 1996-98 -- basing it on something that many people already knew would facilitate its adoption
- ◆ Because software and tools already existed
 - Since XML is a strict subset of SGML, just about any SGML software could already work with XML documents
 - Again, the XML developers sought to facilitate its quick and easy adoption

The XML 1.0 Recommendation

- ◆ The World Wide Web Consortium (**W3C**) finalized the XML specification in February, 1998
 - W3C specifications are called **Recommendations** and are developed collaboratively by industry participants
 - The XML Recommendation is at <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml>
- ◆ Note what XML is **not**:
 - A transport protocol -- HTTP, etc. can be used to transport XML data
 - A programming language
 - A formatting language -- that is left to things like HTML and XSL (**eXtensible Stylesheet Language**)

Related XML Standards

- ◆ **XML Namespaces** - a mechanism for qualifying element and attribute names in XML documents
 - To prevent name collisions
 - Java packages are used for this purpose, as well
- ◆ **XLink** - a syntax for creating links between XML documents
 - Like an `` in HTML, but with more functionality
- ◆ **XML Schema** - an XML vocabulary for creating *schemas* for XML documents
 - A schema defines an XML document's structure -- what things are required to be in it, in what order, etc.
 - The W3C XML Schema language is a replacement for SGML's DTD (Document Type Definition) syntax

Related XML Standards

- ◆ **XPath** - a query language for XML documents
 - Think of it as the SQL of XML
 - Used in conjunction with other technologies, like XSLT
- ◆ **XSL** (*eXtensible Stylesheet Language*) - a language for expressing stylesheets -- it consists of two parts:
 - **XSLT** (*XSL Transformations*) - an XML vocabulary for transforming XML documents into other forms
 - Including XML, HTML, etc.
 - **XSL-FO** (*XSL Formatting Objects*) - an XML vocabulary for specifying formatting semantics
 - For print media, such as PDF

Uses of XML

XML is Everywhere (or Will Be)

- ◆ XML's Reason for Being
- ◆ Examples of its Use

The Underlying Theme of XML

- ◆ XML's main reason for existence is to **represent data**
 - In a portable way
- ◆ This “block of data” can be retrieved, modified, stored, etc.
 - By heterogeneous applications -- Application A can generate XML and Application B can read it
 - And Applications A and B don't even know about each other
- ◆ Or it can be exchanged between systems, across a network
 - Systems that are written in different languages, running on different platforms, and are not coupled to one another
 - This **ubiquitous data interchange format** is probably the most important benefit that XML provides

Configuration Files

- ◆ You may have already seen some XML in configuration files
 - Since XML is a simple, self-describing way to represent data, software applications are increasingly using it for configuration
 - This way, you don't have to learn each vendor's specific configuration file syntax and format
- ◆ The Sun J2EE specifications all use XML for the “deployment descriptors” (which are basically configuration files)
 - Web applications are configured with *web.xml*
 - EJBs are configured with *ejb-jar.xml* and J2EE applications are configured with *application.xml*

Business Examples

- ◆ **ebXML** is a B2B XML-based standard
 - The intent of ebXML is to create a world-wide standard for electronic commerce, built around standardized XML documents
- ◆ **Web Services** use XML as the data format in transmitted messages to/from service providers
- ◆ **SOAP** (*Simple Object Access Protocol*) specifies a message format in XML
 - A SOAP message is simply an XML document that uses the SOAP vocabulary

Other Industry Examples

- ◆ **MathML** - Mathematical Markup Language
- ◆ **CML** - Chemical Markup Language
- ◆ **SVG** - Scalable Vector Graphics
- ◆ These “languages” are really just XML vocabularies that are specific to an industry or technology
 - An XML vocabulary is an agreed-upon set of names and document structure, i.e., how the names are used to create a document
 - For example, MathML might use `<equation>`, CML might use `<molecule>`, SVG might use `<animate>`, etc.

Resources

- ◆ **W3C** - World Wide Web Consortium
 - <http://www.w3.org>
- ◆ **OASIS** - Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards
 - <http://www.oasis-open.org>
- ◆ **XML.org** - an industry Web portal formed by OASIS
 - <http://www.xml.org>

- Lab 1.1 – Setting up the Environment -

- ◆ **Purpose:** To familiarize you with the lab environment
 - Become familiar with the lab structure and Eclipse
 - Start up Eclipse, and creating/using a Eclipse project
- ◆ You will also get a brief introduction to Eclipse's capabilities
 - To learn enough to be able to work comfortably with Eclipse
 - It is not an in-depth coverage
 - We'll start Eclipse, make a simple project, and work with XML files
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** None
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 30-40 minutes

Extract the Lab Setup Zip File

Lab

- ◆ To set up the labs, you'll need the course setup zip file *
 - It has a name like: ***XML_LabSetup_20100111.zip***
- ◆ Our base working directory for this part of the course will be **C:\StudentWork\XMLIntro**
 - This directory will be created when we extract the Setup zip
 - It includes a directory structure and files (e.g., Java files, XML files, other files) that will be needed in the labs
 - All instructions assume that this zip file is extracted to C:\. **If you choose a different directory, please adjust accordingly**

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ **Unzip** the lab setup file to **C:**
 - This will create the directory structure, described in the next slide, containing files that you will need for doing the labs

General Instructions

Lab

- ◆ **Lab Directory Structure:** Your labs will be in the directory:
StudentWork\XMLIntro\workspace
- ◆ The root lab directory where you will do your work for this lab is:
C:\StudentWork\XMLIntro\workspace\Lab01.1
 - This directory already exists in your workspace – you'll do your work in this directory
 - Generally, the files you work on for a lab will be under the root directory (and instructions are given relative to this directory)
- ◆ Detailed instructions are included in this lab
 - They include complete instructions for working in the **Eclipse** environment, as well as details about the lab requirements
- ◆ Subsequent labs require you to do the same thing as this lab to build/run, so they include fewer detailed instructions

The Eclipse Development Environment

Lab

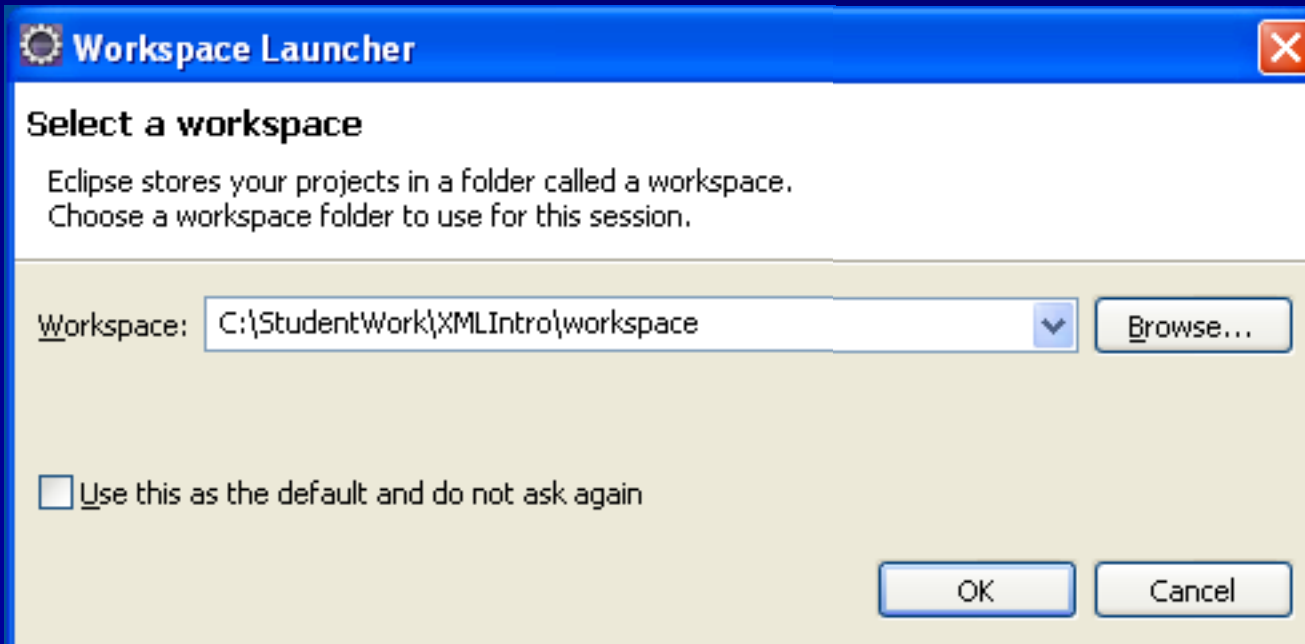
- ◆ **Eclipse** is an open source platform for building integrated development environments (IDEs)
 - Used mainly for Java development
 - Can be extended via plugins to create applications useful in many areas (e.g. C# programming)
 - <http://www.eclipse.org> is the main website
- ◆ The remainder of this lab gives detailed instructions on using Eclipse to run the labs
 - Starting it, creating and configuring projects, etc.
- ◆ The other labs in the course include fewer specific details regarding Eclipse – they may just say build/run as previously
 - For these labs, you should use the same procedures to build/run as in this lab
 - Refer back to these lab instructions as needed

The Eclipse Development Environment

Lab

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ To launch eclipse, go to **c:\eclipse** and run **eclipse.exe**
 - A dialog box should appear prompting for workbench location
 - Set the workbench location to **C:\StudentWork\XMLIntro\workspace**
 - If a different default Workbench location is set, change it
 - Click **OK**
 - In the window that opens, click the **Workbench** icon (see notes)

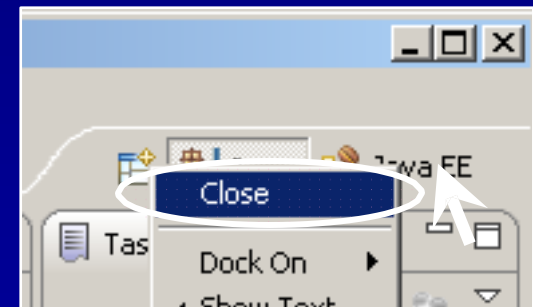
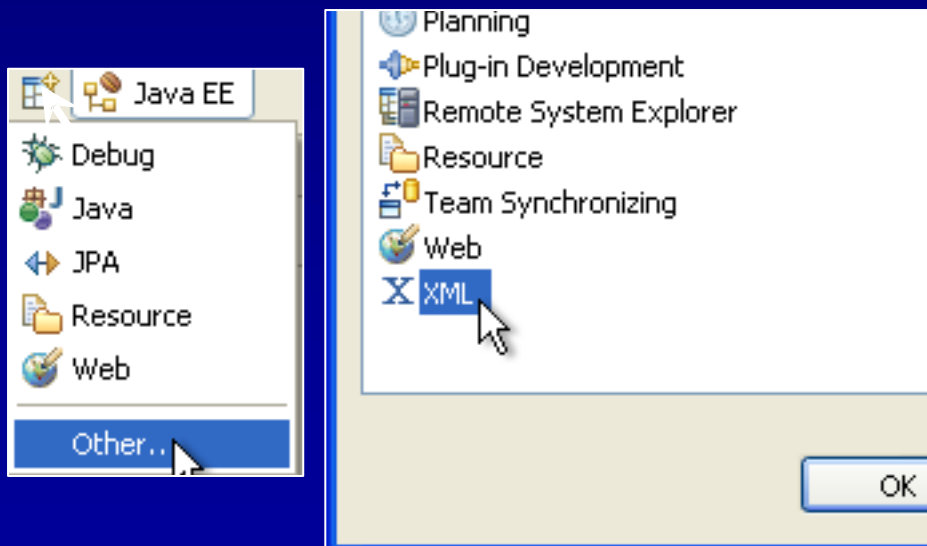


Workbench and XML Perspective

Lab

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ You'll likely be in a Java EE perspective *
- ◆ If in a **Java EE** perspective, **open an XML one** by clicking the Perspective icon at the top right of the Workbench, and select Other, then XML (as shown below left)
 - Close the Java EE perspective by right clicking its icon, and selecting close (as shown below right)
 - If you were in an XML perspective, then just remain in it

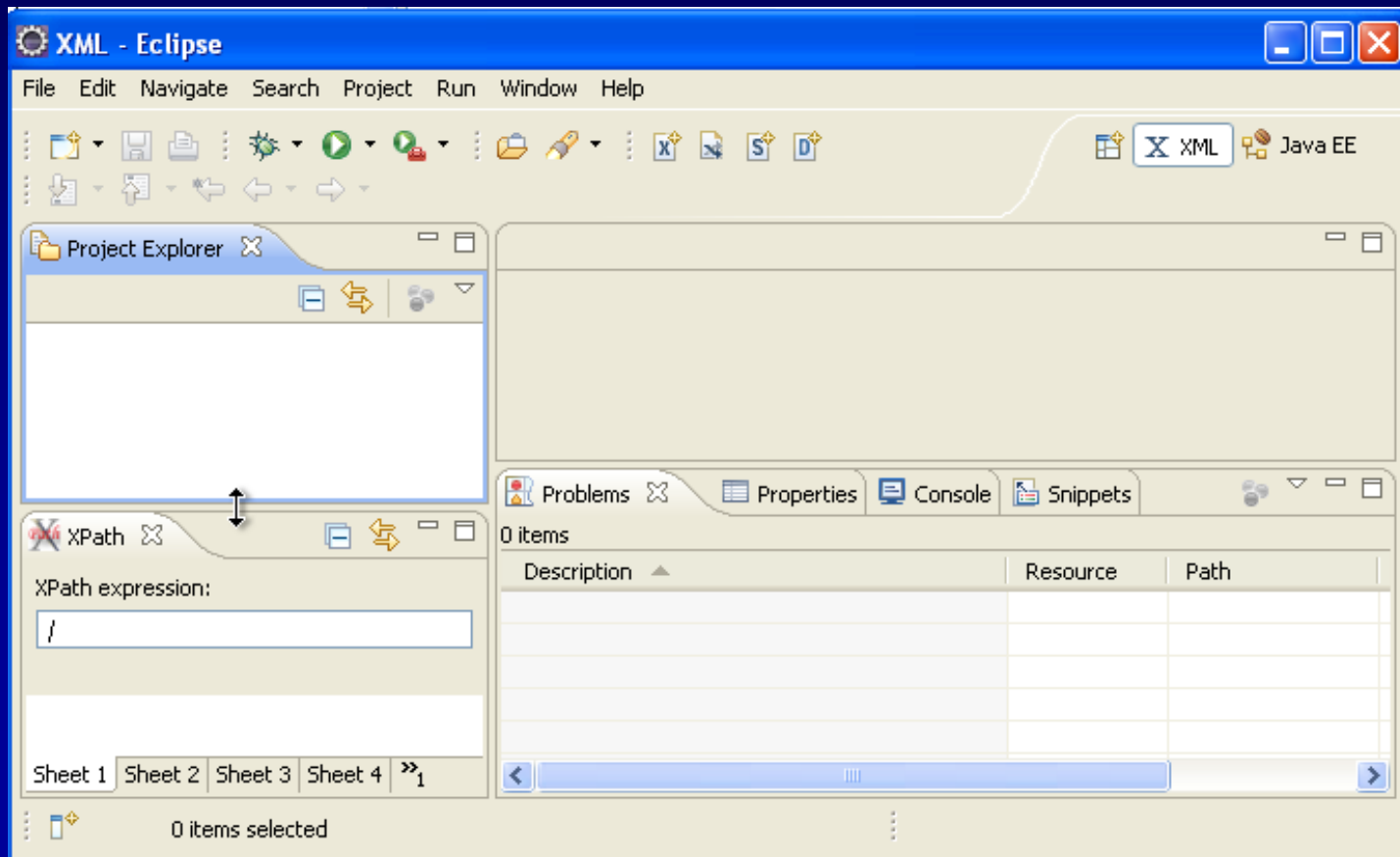


Unclutter the Workbench

Lab

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Let's unclutter the Perspective by closing some views
 - Close the Outline and Templates views (click on the X)
 - You can save this as the default if you want (see note)



Create a Project for our Lab

Lab

Tasks to Perform

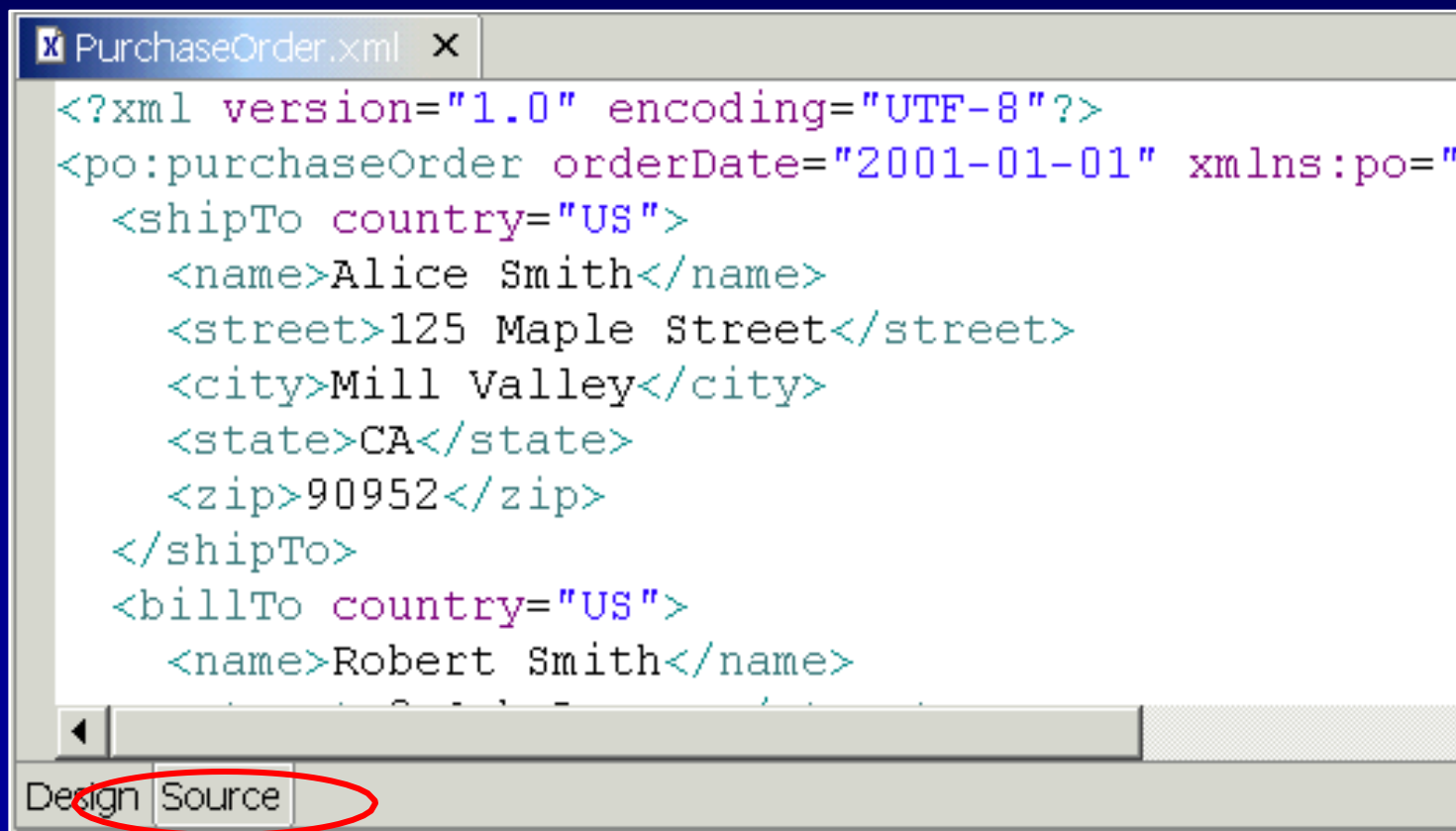
◆ Create a **Project**

- To create a new Project, use the menu item: **File | New | Project | General | Project** (see notes)
- Call the project **Lab01.1**
- Eclipse will then automatically set the project directory to *Lab01.1*
- Click **Finish**

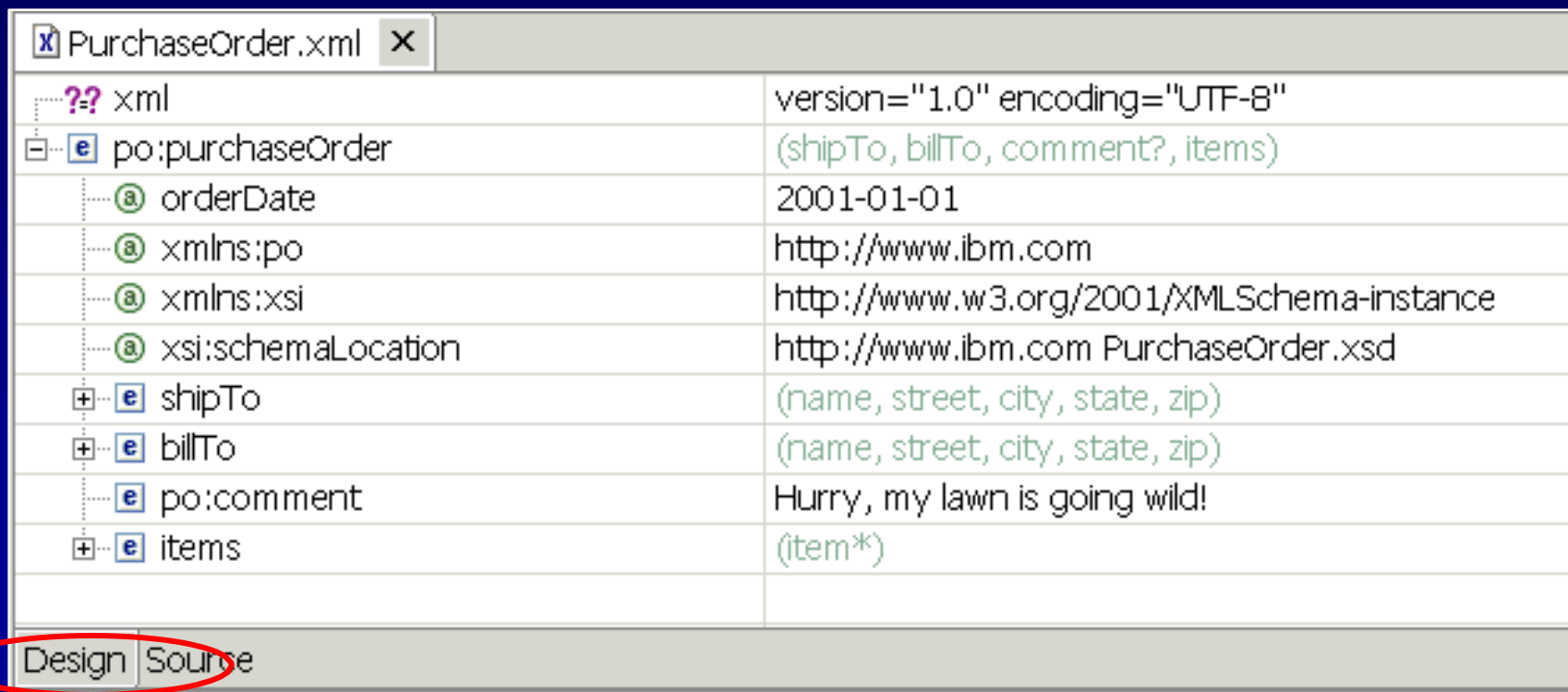
◆ Create a new XML file within the project you just created

- There are multiple ways to do this – we mention one way here
- Right click on the Lab01.1 project icon in **Project Explorer** and select **New | XML** to create a new XML file
- Call the file *order.xml*, click **Next**, and in the next dialog, choose **Create XML file from an XML template** *
- Click **Finish** – this will create and open the XML file

- ◆ There is a source editor like this one for a .xml file for all character files. (.java, .jsp, .html, etc.)
 - This is seen in the **Source** tab of the editor

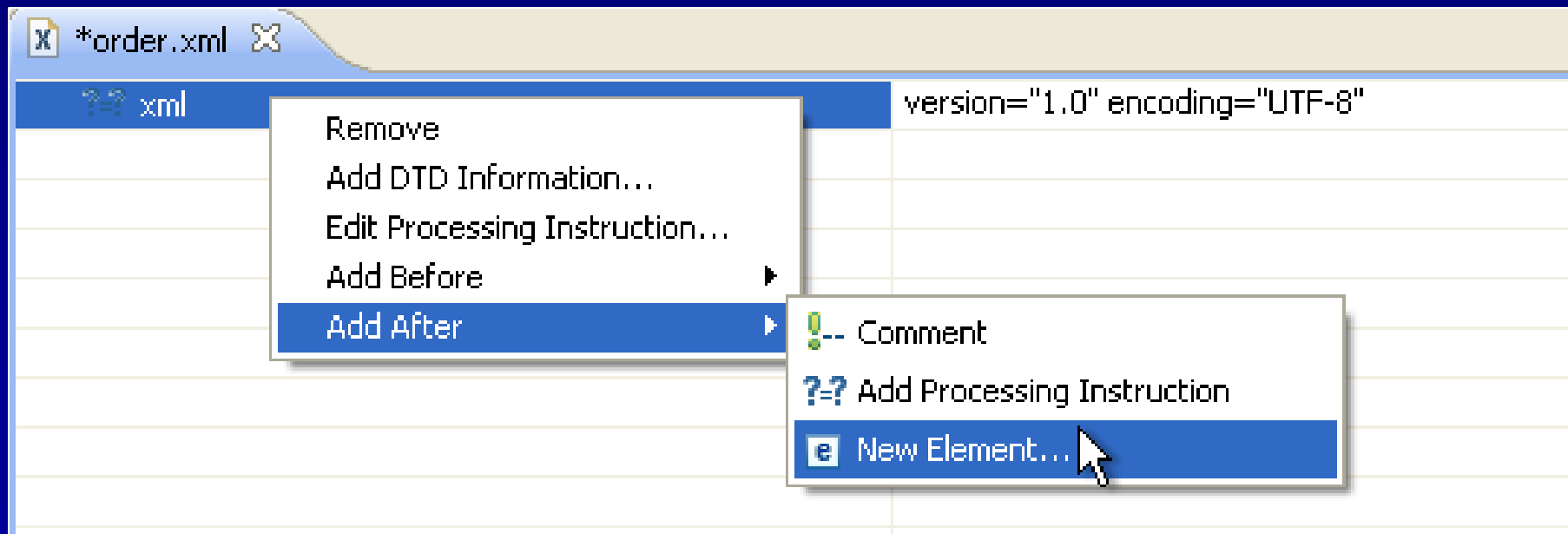


- ◆ There are design editors like this one for an xml file and for many other types of files. (JSP, HTML etc.)
 - This is seen in the **Design** tab of the editor



Tasks to Perform

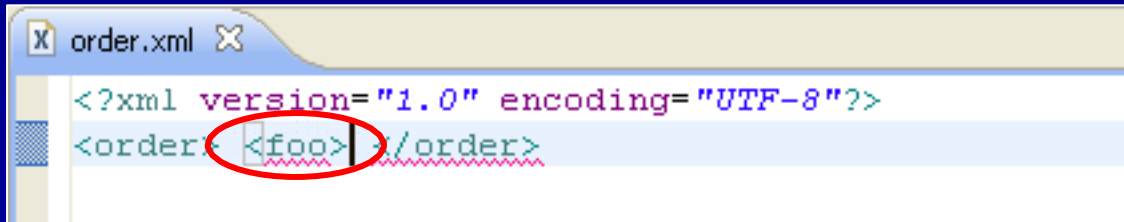
- ◆ Add in an "order" element using the design view
 - Right click on the XML declaration, choose **Add After -> New Element**
 - Call the element **order**
 - Look at the document in the design and source views
 - You can also type the element directly in the source view



- ◆ Let's add an error in the XML file
 - We'll then validate the file, and see that Eclipse can find XML errors

Tasks to Perform

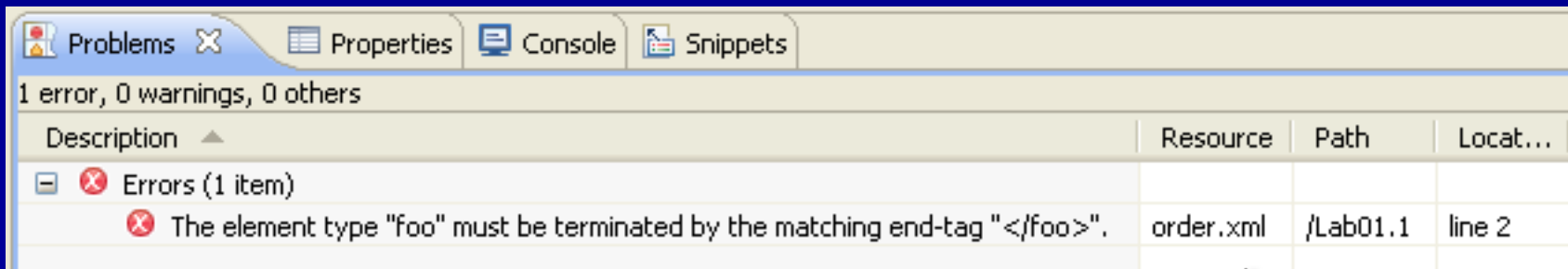
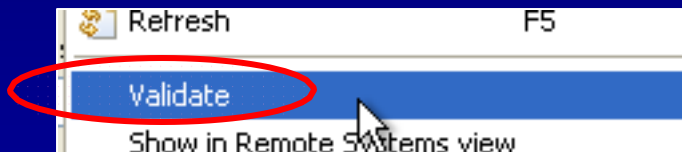
- ◆ View the file in **Source** view, and add a **<foo>** tag with no matching end tag, as shown below
 - This is not valid XML (we'll talk about what that means later)
 - You'll have to remove the end tag manually, because Eclipse automatically adds it in when you create a new element
 - **Save** the file



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<order <foo> ./order>
```

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Validation will check if the file is good (well formed) XML
- ◆ **Validate** the file by right clicking on it in Project Explorer, and selecting Validate (see image below)
 - This will check the document for well formedness
 - The error should show up in the Problems view (see bottom image)
- ◆ The rest of this lab describes the structure of Eclipse, for those that haven't used it



Important Notes for Using Eclipse

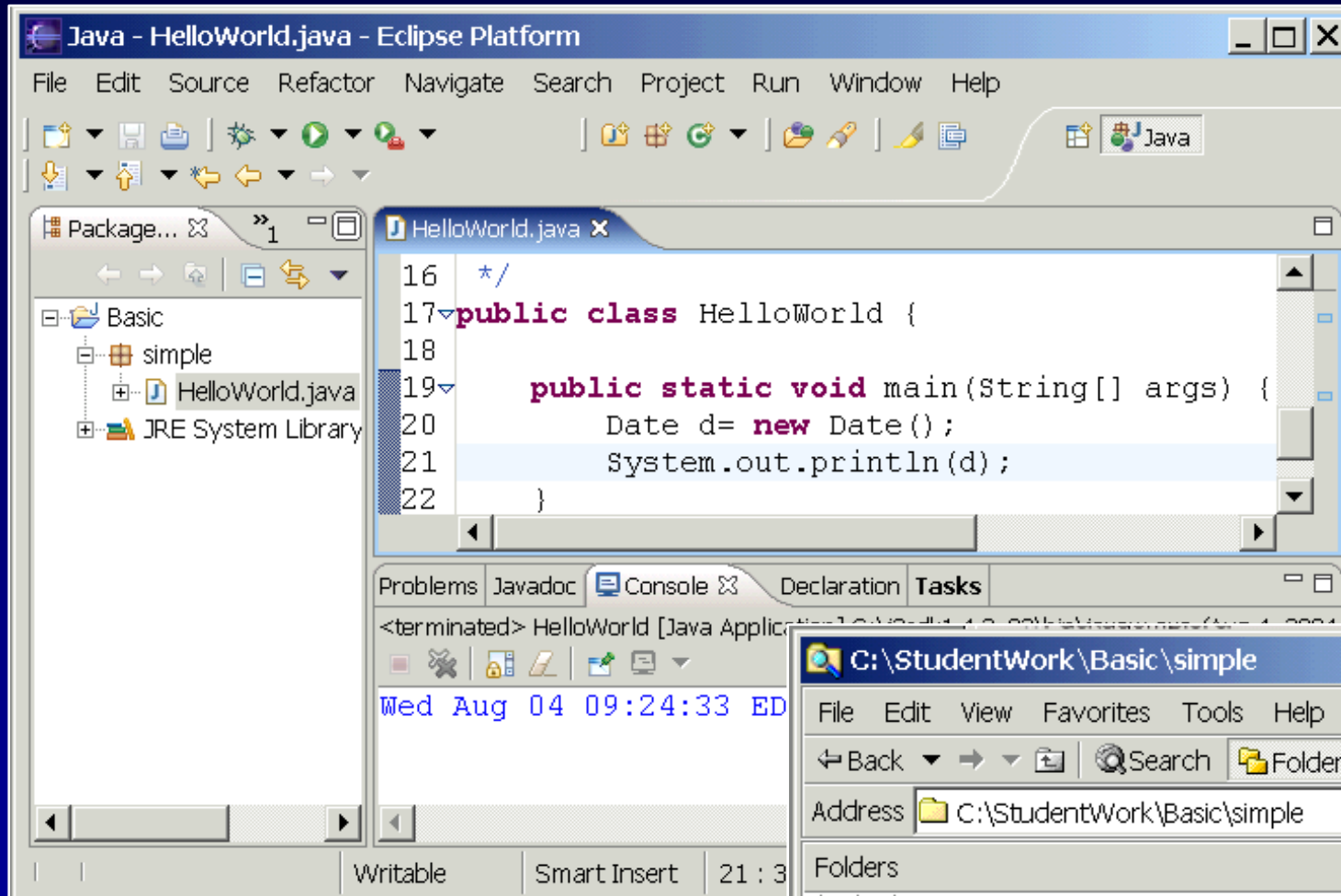
- ◆ Each lab that has a **separate lab directory** will require you to create **a new Eclipse project**
 - Sometimes several labs are done one directory, in which case you will use the same project for all of them
- ◆ If you **COPY** files (e.g. from the lab setup) into a project directory using Windows Explorer you need to **Refresh** it (Right click on the project, select **Refresh**)
 - You can also copy directly into an Eclipse view – in which case you don't need to refresh
- ◆ For anyone not familiar with Eclipse, the next few slides give a (very) brief overview of how Eclipse is structured
 - There is **nothing you need to do** in those slides – they are for information purposes only

Important Notes for Using Eclipse

- ◆ Eclipse products have two fundamental layers
 - The **Workspace** – files, packages, projects, resource connections, configuration properties
 - The **Workbench** – editors, views, and perspectives
- ◆ The Workbench sits on top of the Workspace and provides visual artifacts that allow you to access and manipulate various aspects of the underlying resources, such as:
 - **Editor** – A component that allows a developer to interact with and modify the contents of a file.
 - **View** – A component that exposes meta-data about the currently selected resource.
 - **Perspective** – A grouping of related editors and views that are relevant to a particular task and/or role.
- ◆ You can have multiple perspectives open to provide access to different aspects of the underlying resources

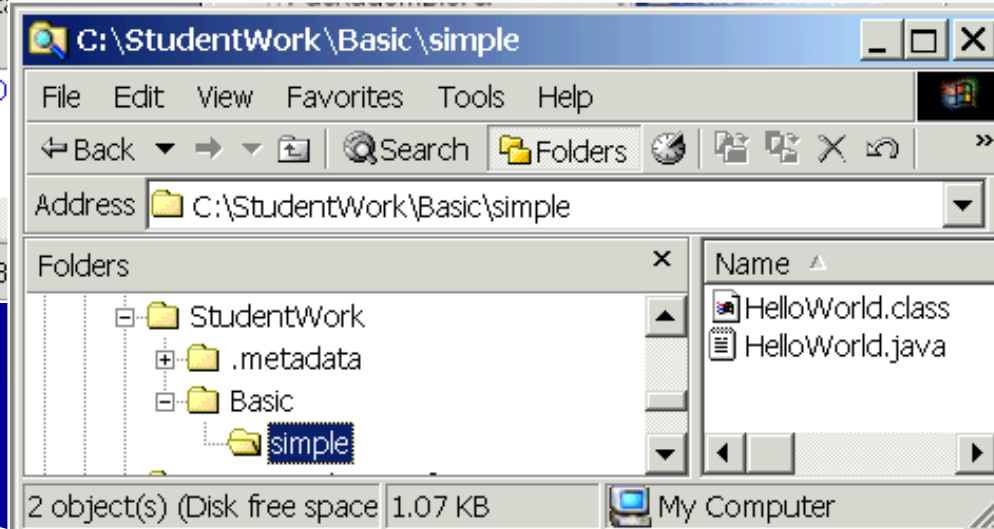
Workbench and Workspace

Lab



Workspace
(Model)

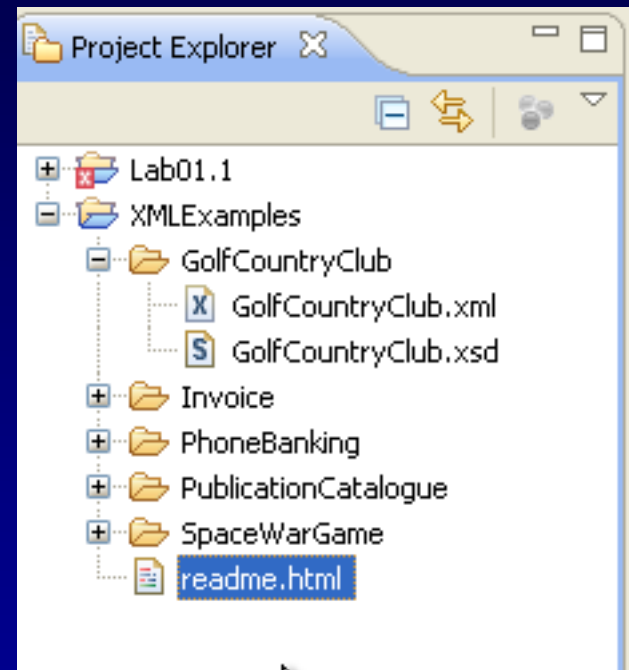
Workbench (View)



Project Explorer View

Lab

- ◆ Shows the resources in a Project
- ◆ What is shown may change depending on the type of project
 - In a simple project, there are generally projects, files and folders shown
 - May not show all the files that are in the file system (for example, the .project file which is used by Eclipse to organize the project)



Navigator View

Lab

- ◆ Shows how different resources are structured – file system view
 - For a simple project, similar to Project Explorer

- ◆ There are three kinds of resources:

- **Projects**

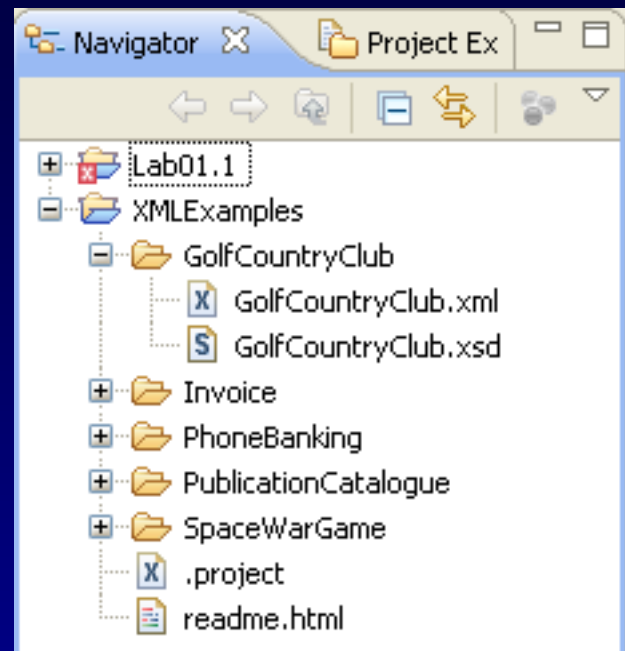
- Used to organize all your resources and for version control.
- When you create a new project, you assign a physical location for it on the file system.
- A third-party SCM (Source Control Manager) may be used to properly share project files amongst developers.

- **Folders**

- Like directories on the file system

- **Files**

- Correspond to files on the file system



Introduction to XML

Section 2 - Basics

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- *Section Outline* -

- ◆ Building Blocks of XML
- ◆ Rules for Well-formed XML Documents

Building Blocks of XML

What's in an XML Document?

- ◆ Document Body
- ◆ Elements
- ◆ Attributes
- ◆ Comments

JavaTunes Purchase Order Document - Body

```
<!-- JavaTunes order XML document -->
<order ID='67183625' dateTime='2001-10-03 09:50'>
  <customer>
    <name>Leanne Ross</name>
    <street>1475 Cedar Avenue</street>
    <city>Fargo</city>
    <state>ND</state>
    <zipcode>58103</zipcode>
    <shipper name='FedEx' accountNum='893-192' />
  </customer>
  <item ID='CD509'>
    <name>Surfacing</name>
    <artist>Sarah McLachlin</artist>
    <releaseDate>1997-12-04</releaseDate>
    <listPrice>17.97</listPrice>
    <price>13.99</price>
  </item>
</order>
```

comment → `<!-- JavaTunes order XML document -->`

root or document element - order - contains the entire body

attribute → `dateTime='2001-10-03 09:50'`

must use abbreviation → `<!-- must use abbreviation -->`

element → `<item ID='CD509'>`

text node → `13.99`

The Document Body

- ◆ The “main” part of the document, the body is required
 - The body is contained entirely within the *document element*, also called the *root element*
 - In our JavaTunes purchase order, that is the *order* element
- ◆ The fundamental component of the body is the *element*
- ◆ *Attributes* can be declared on elements

Elements

```
<!-- the name element contains character data -->
```

```
<name>Leanne Ross</name>
```

```
<!-- the person element contains child elements -->
```

```
<person>
```

```
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>
```

```
  <age>25</age>
```

```
</person>
```

- ◆ Elements are the basic building blocks of an XML document and contain the document's *content*
- ◆ This content is usually *character data* or *child elements*
 - Element content can also be a mixture of character data and child elements, but this is not as common in XML as it is in HTML
 - An element can also be *empty*, having nothing between its tags

Well-formed Elements

- ◆ Every *start-tag* must have a matching *end-tag*
 - An element which has no content is called an *empty* element, and can be written with an *empty-element-tag*

<code>
</code>	<code><!-- ok in HTML - not ok in XML --></code>
<code>
</code> or <code>
</br></code>	<code><!-- these are equivalent --></code>

- ◆ Elements must nest properly

<code><i>no!</i></code>	<code><!-- ok in HTML - not ok in XML --></code>
<code><i>yes</i></code>	

- ◆ XML documents must contain *at least one element* and there must be a *root element* which contains all of the other elements
 - Another (better) term for this is the *document element*

“Element” and “Tag” are Not Synonyms

- ◆ An element is delimited by start- and end-tags
 - Elements are not tags and tags are not elements

item element

<item ID='CD501'> *start-tag*

```
<name>Diva</name>  
<artist>Annie Lennox</artist>  
<releaseDate>1992-01-4</releaseDate>  
<listPrice>17.97</listPrice>  
<price>13.99</price>
```

</item> *end-tag*

content of item

Attributes

<!-- attributes in a start-tag -->

<person ssn='987-65-4321' gender='F'>

<name>Leanne Ross</name>

<age>25</age>

</person>

<!-- attributes in an empty-element-tag -->

<shipper name='FedEx' accountNum='893-192' />

- ◆ An attribute is additional information **about** or **associated with** an element
 - Attributes can appear in start-tags or empty-element-tags
- ◆ **Attributes are considered to be markup**, since they are defined to be information **about** an element, not part of the **content** of an element

Well-formed Attributes

- ◆ Attribute values must be quoted
 - You can use single- or double-quotes

```
<img src=logo.gif>      <!-- ok in HTML - not ok in XML -->  
   <!-- ok -->  
<img src='logo.gif'/>   <!-- ok -->  
   <!-- no -->
```

- ◆ An element cannot have two attributes with the same name
- ◆ Attributes can appear on an element in any order

Elements or Attributes?

- ◆ A decision you will often come across is whether to make a piece of data an **element** or an **attribute**

```
<person>  
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>  
  <age>25</age>  
</person>  
<!-- or -->  
<person name='Leanne Ross' age='25' />
```

- ◆ Elements provide for nested data structures -- attributes are simple name-value pairs
- ◆ We will defer this discussion until we know more about elements and attributes

XML Names

- ◆ Elements, attributes, etc., must be valid *XML names*
- ◆ XML names can contain:
 - Letters (including non-English letters like μ)
 - Numbers
 - Hyphens **-**
 - Underscores **_**
 - Periods **.**
 - Colons **:**
- ◆ XML names must start with:
 - Letter
 - Underscore

Comments

```
<!-- this is a comment -->
```

- ◆ Intended for humans -- ignored by the XML parser
- ◆ Can span multiple lines
- ◆ Cannot contain `--`
- ◆ Can appear anywhere except inside a tag

```
<name> <!-- this is ok --> </name>  
<name<!-- this is not -->> </name>
```

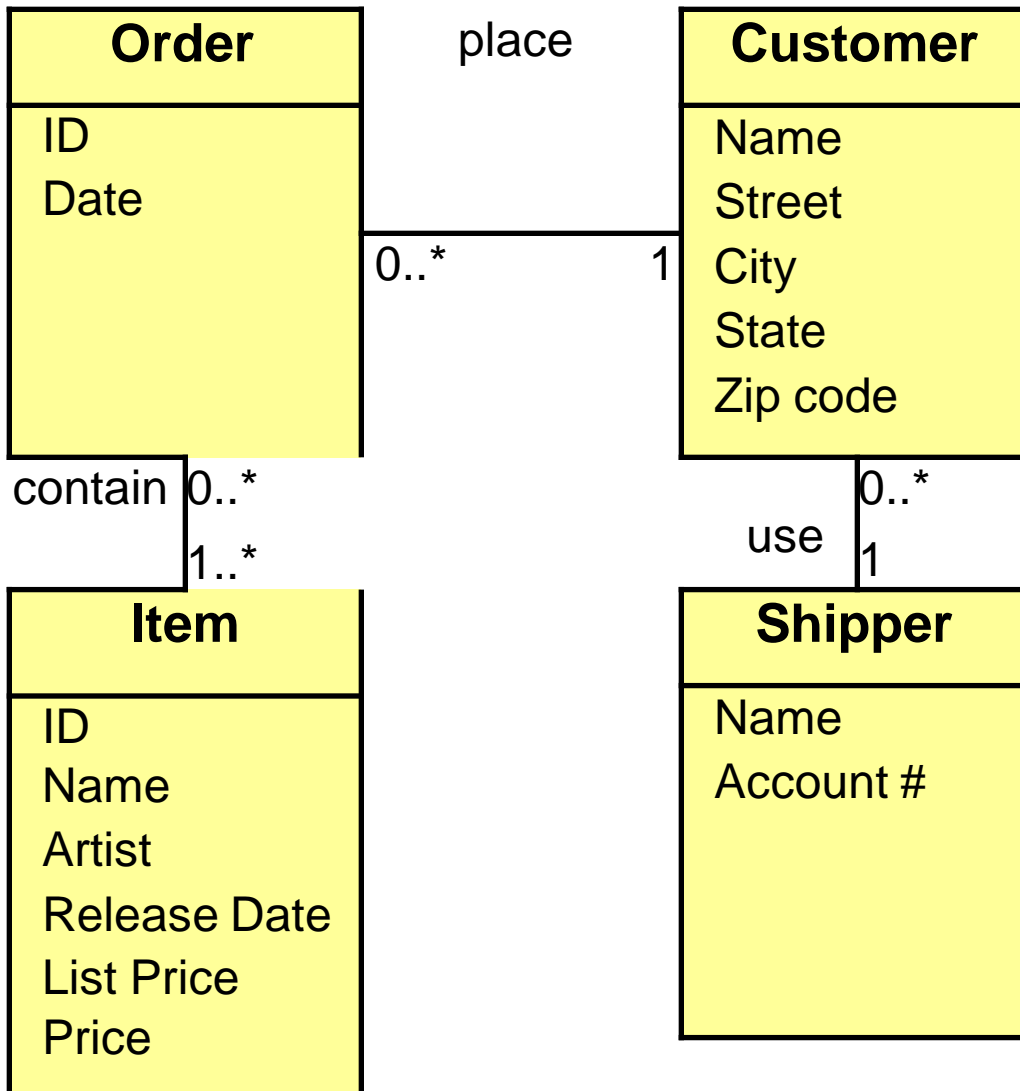
XML is Strict

- ◆ XML documents **must** be well-formed
 - Well-formedness violations deem a document **unusable** and the XML parser will impolitely abort when it finds one
- ◆ This is a good thing
 - The leniency with which Web browsers interpret HTML has led to several compatibility issues and we are **not** about to repeat **that**
- ◆ **XML is case sensitive!!!**
 - Reserved words, XML names, **everything**

- Lab 2.1 – Representing Data as XML-

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will create a JavaTunes purchase order XML document from an order form
 - Continue working in your **Lab01.1** project
- ◆ **Objectives:** Learn more about creating XML documents
 - You will create a valid XML document based on the data model of the JavaTunes purchase order seen in the slides
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** Lab01.1
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 20-30 minutes

Purchase Order - Data Model



This is a UML class diagram showing the data model for the JavaTunes purchase order

Purchase Order - Sample Document

A light blue starburst shape with a black border, containing the word "Lab" in a black serif font.

```
<!-- JavaTunes order XML document -->

<order ID='67183625' dateTime='2001-10-03 09:50'>
  <customer>
    <name>Leanne Ross</name>
    <street>1475 Cedar Avenue</street>
    <city>Fargo</city>
    <state>ND</state>
    <zipcode>58103</zipcode>
    <shipper name='FedEx' accountNum='893-192' />
  </customer>
  <item ID='CD509'>
    <name>Surfacing</name>
    <artist>Sarah McLachlin</artist>
    <releaseDate>1997-12-04</releaseDate>
    <listPrice>17.97</listPrice>
    <price>13.99</price>
  </item>
</order>
```

JavaTunes Order

Order ID: 12050826

Order Date: February 7, 2002 4:20PM

Customer Info

James Heft
455 Meadow St.
Lodi
CA
95112

Purchase Info

Item ID	Name	Artist	Release Date	List Price	Price
CD513	My, I'm Large	Bobs	1987-02-20	11.97	11.97
CD518	Escape	Journey	1981-02-25	11.97	11.97

Shipping Info

UPS
544-8775-1

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Modify the *order.xml* document from the previous lab so it contains purchase order information as well-formed XML
 - Use the structure of the example JavaTunes purchase order XML document earlier in this section (also shown in these lab instructions)
 - You can right click on the *order.html* file in the project, and select **Open With / Web Browser** to have a nice visual view of the data *
- ◆ **Validate** *order.xml* when you're done
 - Right click on *order.xml*, and select **Validate**
 - If you have any errors, they should show up in the Problems view
 - Correct any errors that you find
- ◆ Once you have a valid XML document with the data, you're done



More Building Blocks of XML

The Finishing Touches

- ◆ Prolog
- ◆ XML Declaration
- ◆ Document Type Declaration
- ◆ Processing Instructions
- ◆ Predefined Entities and *CDATA* Sections

JavaTunes Purchase Order Document - Prolog

`<?xml version='1.0'?>` ← XML declaration

`<!DOCTYPE order SYSTEM 'order.dtd'>` ← document type declaration

`<?xml-stylesheet type='text/xsl' href='order.xsl'?>`

← processing instruction

`<!-- JavaTunes order XML document -->` ← comment

begin document body

`<order ID='67183625' dateTime='2001-10-03 09:50'>`

`<customer>`

`<!-- rest of body follows ... -->`

Prolog

- ◆ Consists of everything before the body
 - All prolog components are optional, thus the prolog is optional
- ◆ The prolog can contain
 - XML declaration can only be in prolog
 - Document type declaration can only be in prolog
 - Processing instructions can be in prolog or body
 - Comments can be in prolog or body
- ◆ The prolog contains document *metadata* -- information about the document

XML Declaration

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' standalone='no'?>
```

- ◆ Optional, but strongly recommended
 - If present, it must be the **first** thing in the document
- ◆ Specifies up to three properties of the document:
 - XML version **REQUIRED - 1.0**
 - Character encoding **OPTIONAL - default is UTF-8**
 - External dependencies **OPTIONAL - parser will determine anyway**
- ◆ These three things **must** appear in the above order
 - You must use quotes around values -- ' ' and "" are both allowed

Document Type Declaration

```
<!DOCTYPE order SYSTEM 'order.dtd'>
<order>
  <!-- we say this is a "document of type order" -->
</order>
```

- ◆ We will cover this in the Schemas section, when we briefly discuss *document type definitions* (DTDs) -- for now:
 - It is part of the prolog and is optional (like everything in the prolog)
 - It's purpose is to reference a document type definition (DTD), which specifies the rules for what can be in the document, in what order, etc.
 - It specifies the document's *type*
- ◆ XML documents have a *type*
 - Denoted by the *root* or *document element*, which is the top-level element, containing everything else

Processing Instructions

<?target instruction?>

<!-- some PIs have a well-known format and meaning -->

<?xml-stylesheet type='text/xsl' href='order.xsl'?>

target

instruction

<!-- others you create with your own format/meaning -->

<?notepad file://venus/documents/resume.txt?>

- ◆ PIs are directives to the application to “do something”
 - What that is or means is completely up to you -- the XML parser knows nothing about the target nor the instruction, it simply passes these things to the application
 - The target could be the name of a program to be invoked -- the instruction could be an argument(s) to that program
- ◆ PIs can appear anywhere in the document except inside a tag

Predefined Entities - Escaping Markup

- ◆ What if a document's content contains markup characters?
 - You may need to escape them, so they are not treated as markup
- ◆ XML provides five predefined *entity references*
 - All entity references are delimited by **&** and **;**

&lt;	<
&gt;	>
&quot;	"
&apos;	'
&amp;	&

- ◆ **<** and **&must** be escaped in elements and attributes
- ◆ **"** and **'** may need to be escaped in attribute values

Escaping Markup in Content - Examples

<code><condition>a < b</condition></code>	<code><!-- no --></code>
<code><condition>a &lt; b</condition></code>	<code><!-- ok --></code>
<code><if condition='a & b' /></code>	<code><!-- no --></code>
<code><if condition='a & b' /></code>	<code><!-- ok --></code>
 <code><!-- if attribute value contains ', delimit it with " --></code>	
<code><person quote="What's up, Doc?" /></code>	<code><!-- ok --></code>
 <code><!-- however, this is not always possible --></code>	
<code><person quote="What's up, "Doc?" /></code>	<code><!-- no --></code>
<code><person quote="What's up, &quot;Doc?&quot;" /></code>	<code><!-- ok --></code>

CDATA Sections - Escaping LOTS of Markup

```
<![CDATA[none of this will be parsed]]>
```

- ◆ A **CDATA** section is a block of text that is entirely escaped
 - This can be easier than escaping individual characters
 - Especially useful if your content is XML or HTML code
 - The only thing that cannot appear in a CDATA section is **]]>**

```
<item ID='CD520'>  
  <name><![CDATA[<XML-Singalong> &amp; <company>]]></name>  
  <artist>The New Tags</artist>  
  <releaseDate>2002-02-04</releaseDate>  
  <listPrice>9.98</listPrice>  
  <price>3.99</price>  
</item>
```

- Lab 2.2 – Adding a PI -

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will add a processing instruction that transforms our XML into HTML
 - We'll also experiment with some of the other XML syntax
 - Continue working in your **Lab01.1** project
- ◆ **Objectives:** Work with Processing Instructions, and with other XML syntax
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** Lab02.1
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 20-30 minutes

Adding a PI to Our Document

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Add an *xml-stYLESHEET* PI to *order.xml*
 - Have it specify *customer.xsl* as the stylesheet (this is an XSLT stylesheet already supplied in your lab directory)
 - The *xml-stYLESHEET* PI must be in the prolog - See the example in this section
 - The PI directs an XML-enabled browser to display the document according to what's in *customer.xsl*
- ◆ **Load** *order.xml* into an XML-enabled browser -- what do you see?
 - Open the supplied *customer.html* file in a browser – they should be similar (This file is in the lab directory)
 - After you see what it does, comment out the PI
- ◆ Internet Explorer 6.0+ and Firefox both support XSLT 1.0

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Create a PI that directs the application to page the shipper
 - Put it somewhere in the document body, e.g., right after the *shipper* element -- we're not going to use it, so you can make it up -- example:
`<?pager UPS 544-8775-1?>`
- ◆ If you wish, add some comments to the document
 - Comments can go in the prolog and the body
- ◆ OPTIONAL - change some of the purchase order data to use markup characters and then escape those characters
 - For example, `<artist>Seals & Crofts</artist>`



Introduction to XML

Section 3 - Namespaces

```
<course title='Introduction to XML'>  
  <section num='1' title='Introduction' />  
  <section num='2' title='Basics' />  
  <section num='3' title='Namespaces' />  
  <section num='4' title='Schemas' />  
</course>
```

- *Section Outline* -

- ◆ The Motivating Problem
- ◆ The Namespace Solution
- ◆ Namespace Scope and Overriding
- ◆ Default Namespaces
- ◆ Namespaces and Attributes

The Motivating Problem

Why Do We Need Namespaces?

- ◆ Name Collisions
- ◆ Possible Solutions

Name Collision - Example

```
<!-- JavaTunes order document - fragment -->

<!-- from the JavaTunes customer vocabulary -->
<customer>
  <name title='Ms.'>
    <firstName>Leanne</firstName>
    <lastName>Ross</lastName>
  </name>
  ...

<!-- from the JavaTunes item vocabulary -->
<item ID='CD509'>
  <name>Surfacing</name>
  ...
```

- ◆ We have a potential problem here -- we need to distinguish between the two kinds of **name** elements
 - Because they have different **content models**

JavaTunes Name Collision - Possible Solutions

```
<customer>
  <customer-name title='Ms.'>
    <firstName>Leanne</firstName>
    <lastName>Ross</lastName>
  </customer-name>
  ...
<item ID='CD509'>
  <item-name>Surfacing</item-name>
  ...
```

- ◆ Problem - we have two types of content for names
- ◆ This can be handled by XML Schema (but not by DTDs)
- ◆ Or, we could use unique names:
customer-name and **item-name**

Inter-Organization Name Collisions - Example

<code><product></code> <code><lowlimit></code> <code><uplimit></code>	<code><!-- MathML product --></code>
---	--

<code><product partNumber='A678'></code> <code><stock-level></code>	<code><!-- your product --></code>
--	--

<code><formula concise='H 3 N 1'/></code>	<code><!-- CML formula --></code>
---	---

<code><formula></code> <code><price></code> <code><quantity></code>	<code><!-- your formula --></code>
---	--

<code><MessageHeader></code> <code><From></code>	<code><!-- ebXML From --></code>
---	--

◆ You **could** rename your elements to avoid collisions, but ...

The Namespace Solution

“Area Codes” for XML Names

- ◆ Definition
- ◆ Terminology
- ◆ URIs and Prefixes

The Namespace Solution

- ◆ To disambiguate names, we define a *namespace*
- ◆ Suppose we define two namespaces -- *customer* and *item*
 - We can now have a *name* element in both namespaces
 - We distinguish between them by using the labels of the namespaces as *prefixes* to the *name* elements, i.e.,
customer:name and *item:name*
- ◆ The *fully-qualified name* consists of two parts -- a *namespace prefix* and a *local base name*, with a colon (:) delimiting the two parts

Namespace Terminology

- ◆ An XML name is said to be a *qualified name* or *QName* when it consists of a *prefix*, followed by a colon (:), followed by a *local part* -- and the prefix is bound to a namespace

cust:name = qualified name

cust = prefix

name = local part

- ◆ **NOTE** - colons should **never** be used in XML names except when used as a delimiter between the prefix and the local part of a qualified name

Namespace Overlap

- ◆ If we allow arbitrary strings as namespace names, we could easily get collisions -- which is the problem we are trying to solve in the first place(!)
 - Two organizations could both use **customer** for a namespace
 - If you are using vocabularies from both of these organizations, you could end up with **customer:name** and **customer:name**
- ◆ Namespaces should satisfy several criteria:
 - **Universally unique**
 - **Conform to XML naming rules**
 - Simple in structure, so that documents remain readable even when the namespace prefixes are used

The URI + Prefix Solution

◆ To meet these criteria, we define a namespace in two steps

1. The namespace name is defined as a URI (often a URL)

- This is designed to guarantee uniqueness
- But URIs are long and generally cannot be used as XML names, which cannot contain a slash (/) character

2. We then bind a *local prefix*, or abbreviation, to the URI

- This prefix can follow the XML naming rules
- It only has to be unique within the immediate document
- Think of the prefix as a local “nickname” for the namespace

◆ **The URI is just a name and does not point to anything**

Defining a Namespace - Binding Prefixes to URIs

```
<element-name xmlns:prefix='namespaceURI'>
```

```
<cust:customer  
  xmlns:cust='http://www.javatunes.com/customer'>  
  <cust:name title='Ms.'>  
    <cust:firstName>Leanne</cust:firstName>  
    <cust:lastName>Ross</cust:lastName>  
  </cust:name>  
  ...  
<item ID='CD509'>  
  <name>Surfacing</name>  
  ...
```

- ◆ The **xmlns:cust** attribute binds the prefix **cust** to the namespace <http://www.javatunes.com/customer>

Namespace Scope and Overriding

“Inheritance” for Namespaces

- ◆ Namespace Scope
- ◆ Rules for Namespace Definitions
- ◆ Overriding Namespace Prefixes

Namespace Scope

- ◆ Namespace definitions are *scoped* by their declaring elements
 - The namespace definition is available to the declaring element, and to all of its descendant elements
- ◆ Namespaces which are used throughout the whole document should be defined in the document element
 - **The scope of a namespace defined in the document element is the entire document**, which makes the namespace available to all the elements and attributes in that document

Namespace Definitions - Rules

- ◆ A namespace definition **can** be applied to:
 - The element in which the namespace is defined
 - In the previous example, **cust:customer** is in the namespace
 - The elements contained in that element (its descendants)
 - In the previous example, **cust:name**, **cust:firstName**, and **cust:lastName** are also in the namespace
- ◆ **NOTE** that a namespace definition **allows** the use of the namespace but does **not require** that an element or attribute be in that namespace

Namespace Definitions - Rules

- ◆ An element's attributes are **not** automatically in the same namespace as the element itself
 - The prefix **must** appear on an attribute to indicate that it belongs to a namespace
- ◆ More than one namespace can be declared in the same element
 - This commonly occurs in **document elements**
- ◆ A prefix may not be bound to two different namespaces simultaneously
 - Doing so would make the prefix ambiguous

Namespace Scope - Example

```
<!-- two namespaces defined for the whole document -->
<order ID='67183625' dateTime='2001-10-03 09:50'
      xmlns:cust='http://www.javatunes.com/customer'
      xmlns:item='http://www.javatunes.com/item'>
  <customer>
    <cust:name title='Ms.'>
      <firstName>Leanne</firstName>
      <lastName>Ross</lastName>
    </cust:name>
    ...
  </customer>
  <item ID='CD509'>
    <item:name>Surfacing</item:name>
    ...
  </item>
</order>
```

- ◆ Only the *cust:name* and *item:name* elements belong to a namespace

Overriding Namespace Prefixes

- ◆ A prefix binding acts much like a variable definition
 - A prefix is bound to a namespace URI throughout the scope of the namespace definition, as we've discussed
 - **Except for** descendant elements in which the **same prefix** is bound to a **different namespace**
 - The second prefix binding **overrides** (or shadows) the first binding, but **only** within the scope of the second namespace definition

Overriding Namespace Prefixes - Example

```
<order ID='67183625' dateTime='2001-10-03 09:50'>
```

```
<cust:customer  
  xmlns:cust='http://www.javatunes.com/customer'>
```

```
  <cust:name  
    xmlns:cust='http://www.javatunes.com/names'  
    title='Ms.'>
```

```
    <cust:firstName>Leanne</cust:firstName>
```

```
    <cust:lastName>Ross</cust:lastName>
```

```
  </cust:name>
```

Scope of second *cust*

```
    <cust:street>1475 Cedar Avenue</cust:street>
```

```
  </cust:customer>
```

Scope of first *cust*

```
  ...
```

```
</order>
```

- Lab 3.1 – Namespaces -

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will add namespace definitions to an XML document
 - We'll declare the namespaces in two different ways, and compare them
- ◆ **Objectives:** Work and become more familiar with namespaces
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** None
 - The root lab directory where you will do your work for this lab is:
C:\StudentWork\XMLIntro\workspace\Lab03.1
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 30-40 minutes

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Create a **Project** (**File** | **New** | **Project** | **General** | **Project**)
 - Call the project **Lab03.1**
- ◆ You will work on the file *orders.xml*, which is already in the lab directory, and is shown on the next two slides
- ◆ Verify your solution **after each step** by validating it and making sure that there are no errors
 - You can also load your *orders.xml* file into Internet Explorer, to see how it formats namespace definitions

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

<!-- JavaTunes order XML document -->

<order ID='03230413' dateTime='2002-03-24 01:20'>
  <customer>
    <name title='Ms.'>
      <firstName>Rachel</firstName>
      <lastName>Jacobs</lastName>
    </name>
    <street>1408 Fell St.</street>
    <city>Oneida</city>
    <state>NY</state>
    <zipcode>14180</zipcode>
    <shipper name='FedEx' accountNum='77-63-2478' />
  </customer>
  ...

```

```
...  
<item ID='CD514'>  
  <name>So</name>  
  <artist>Peter Gabriel</artist>  
  <releaseDate>1986-10-03</releaseDate>  
  <listPrice>17.97</listPrice>  
  <price>13.99</price>  
</item>  
<item ID='CD506'>  
  <name>Seal</name>  
  <artist>Seal</artist>  
  <releaseDate>1991-08-18</releaseDate>  
  <listPrice>17.97</listPrice>  
  <price>14.99</price>  
</item>  
</order>
```

Tasks to Perform

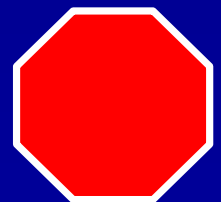
- ◆ Define a namespace prefix for **items** so that its scope is confined to **only** each *item* element (see notes)
 - Place each *item* element and each one's child elements in the namespace -- do not put *item*'s *ID* attribute in the namespace
- ◆ Define a namespace prefix for **customers** so that its scope is **only** the *customer* element (see notes)
 - Place the *customer* element and all of its descendant elements in the namespace -- do not put *name*'s *title* attribute in the namespace
 - Do not put the *shipper* element's attributes in the namespace
- ◆ After validating *ordersns.xml*, look at it in design view -
 - Open the nodes for the order, customer, and item elements, and notice where the namespace declarations lie
- ◆ Copy *ordersns.xml* to ***ordersnsA.xml*** (within Eclipse *) for use later

Part B - Namespace Scope



Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Define the namespace prefix for items so that it includes both *item* elements, but only define the namespace in one place
 - What are your choices for where this namespace definition can go?
- ◆ Where else can you define the namespace prefix for customers?
 - Define it there
- ◆ After making these changes, validate your document again
 - Open *ordersA.xml* also, and compare it to your current *orders.xml* looking at both of them in design view
 - It's easy to see in this view where the namespaces are declared, and how the contained elements are effected by the declarations



Default Namespaces

Those Prefixes are a Pain

- ◆ Defining and Using the Default Namespace
- ◆ Using Both Default and Explicit Namespaces
- ◆ Overriding the Default Namespace

Default Namespaces

- ◆ Since using a namespace-prefixed name can be difficult to maintain, and make a document more difficult to read, we have another option -- the *default namespace*
 - A default namespace is bound to a **zero-length string** prefix
 - Within the scope of the default namespace, **all elements without a prefix are in that namespace**
- ◆ **This only applies to elements, not attributes!**
 - Attributes **must** have a namespace prefix if they are to be in a namespace, even if they are in the scope of a default namespace

Default Namespaces - Example

```
<order ID='10161984' dateTime='2002-03-28 06:30'>
  ...
  <!-- this element is explicitly in a namespace -->
  <i:item ID='CD508' xmlns:i='http://javatunes.com/item'>
    <i:name>So Much for the Afterglow</i:name>
    <i:artist>Everclear</i:artist>
    <i:releaseDate>1997-01-19</i:releaseDate>
    <i:listPrice>16.97</i:listPrice>
    <i:price>13.99</i:price>
  </i:item>

  <!-- this element is in a namespace by default -->
  <item ID='CD510' xmlns='http://javatunes.com/item'>
    <name>Hysteria</name>
    <artist>Def Leppard</artist>
    <releaseDate>1987-06-20</releaseDate>
    <listPrice>17.97</listPrice>
    <price>14.99</price>
  </item>
</order>
```

Using Both the Default and Explicit Namespaces

```
<!-- default and explicit namespaces for document -->
<order ID='32450227' dateTime='2002-01-15 09:35'
      xmlns='http://www.javatunes.com/order'
      xmlns:item='http://www.javatunes.com/item'>

  <!-- this element is in the default namespace -->
  <customer>...</customer>

  <!-- this element is in the explicit namespace -->
  <item:item ID='CD512'>
    <item:name>Human Clay</item:name>
    <item:artist>Creed</item:artist>
    <item:releaseDate>1999-10-21</item:releaseDate>
    <item:listPrice>18.97</item:listPrice>
    <item:price>13.28</item:price>
  </item:item>
</order>
```

Overriding Default Namespaces

- ◆ Earlier, we saw how a namespace prefix can be overridden
 - The same process can be used to override the default namespace
- ◆ We can also “remove” the default namespace by setting the *xmlns* attribute to the empty string (' ')
 - This is the only time we would ever want to use the empty string as a namespace name
- ◆ Attempting to bind a **prefix** to the empty string as a namespace name will produce unpredictable results, e.g., *xmlns:item= ' '*

Overriding Default Namespaces - Example

```
<!-- default namespace for document -->
<order ID='32450227' dateTime='2002-01-15 09:35'
      xmlns='http://www.javatunes.com/order'>

  <!-- this element overrides the default namespace -->
  <customer xmlns='http://www.javatunes.com/customer'>
    <name title='Mr.'>
      ...
    </customer>

  <!-- this element is not in any namespace -->
  <item ID='CD512' xmlns=''>
    <name>Human Clay</name>
    <artist>Creed</artist>
    <releaseDate>1999-10-21</releaseDate>
    <listPrice>18.97</listPrice>
    <price>13.28</price>
  </item>
</order>
```

Namespaces and Attributes

No “Free Ride” for Attributes

- ◆ Recap of Namespaces and Attributes
- ◆ Default Namespaces and Attributes

Namespaces and Attributes - Recap

- ◆ Attributes can also be in a namespace
 - This is indicated in the usual way, with a prefix
- ◆ An element and its attribute(s) may belong to different namespaces
 - An attribute is **not** automatically in the same namespace as its element
 - A example is XLink, which uses a namespace to allow XLink attributes to appear on elements which themselves are not in the XLink namespace

```
<c:customer  
  xmlns:xlink='http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink'  
  xmlns:c='http://www.javatunes.com/customer'>  
  <c:name xlink:href='http://www.verisign.com/verify'  
    xlink:type='simple'  
    title='Ms.'>  
  ...
```

Default Namespaces and Attributes

- ◆ The default namespace **never** applies to attributes
 - Attributes **must always have a prefix** to be in a namespace
 - Therefore, if a default namespace is active and you want an attribute to be in that namespace, you have to have a prefix binding also

```
<!-- default namespace for document -->
<order ID='67183625' dateTime='2001-10-03 09:50'
      xmlns='http://www.javatunes.com/order'>

  <!-- a prefix is also bound to this namespace -->
  <customer xmlns:order='http://www.javatunes.com/order'>
    <name order:title='Ms.'>
      <firstName>Leanne</firstName>
      <lastName>Ross</lastName>
    </name>
    <street>1475 Cedar Avenue</street>
    ...
  </order>
```

- Lab 3.2 – Default Namespaces -

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will use default namespaces in an XML document
 - We'll work with our order document, as well as with a new document, ***purchase-requestns.xml***, which is also in the lab dir
- ◆ **Objectives:** Work with default namespaces
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** Lab 3.1
 - Continue working in your Lab03.1 project
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 30-40 minutes

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

<!-- JavaTunes purchase request XML document -->

<purchase-request>
  <purchase>
    <amount currency='USD'>1016.84</amount>
    <dateTime>2002-01-04 14:21</dateTime>
  </purchase>
  <merchant>
    <merchant-name>JavaTunes</merchant-name>
    <business-number>190973</business-number>
  </merchant>
  <credit-card type='Visa'>
    <name-on-card>Bob Smith</name-on-card>
    <card-number>1987987399918277</card-number>
    <exp-date>01/04</exp-date>
  </credit-card>
</purchase-request>
```

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Use a namespace for purchase requests (see notes)
 - Make it the default namespace for the entire document
 - Where do you make this namespace definition?

- ◆ In the scope of the *credit-card* element, reset the default namespace to be the one for credit cards (see notes)
 - This element and all of its child elements should belong to this “JavaTunes credit card” namespace
 - The *type* attribute should not be in any namespace

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Use a namespace for currencies (see notes)
 - Use the URI <http://www.monetary.org>
 - Put the *amount* element's **currency** attribute in this namespace
- ◆ Validate your document, and view it in Design View
 - Notice the namespaces
 - You can also load the document into Internet Explorer to view it
- ◆ Use a default namespace for orders in the *ordersns.xml* document from the last lab (see notes)
 - All the elements in the order should be in this one namespace (see the notes for an explanation as to why this is okay)
 - As before, none of the attributes should be in the namespace



Introduction to XML

Section 4 - Schemas

```
<course title='Introduction to XML'>  
  <section num='1' title='Introduction' />  
  <section num='2' title='Basics' />  
  <section num='3' title='Namespaces' />  
  <section num='4' title='Schemas' />  
</course>
```

- Section Outline -

- ◆ Valid XML Documents
- ◆ XML Schema Basics
- ◆ Data Modeling with XML Schema
- ◆ Overview of Document Type Definitions (DTDs)
- ◆ Advanced Topics - OPTIONAL

Valid XML Documents

eXtensible Doesn't Mean Anarchy

- ◆ Definition of Validity
- ◆ Definition of Schema
- ◆ Schema Languages

Definition of Validity

- ◆ A XML document is *valid* if its **structure and content** are in compliance with the rules set forth in its *schema*
 - Schemas allow us to validate XML documents
 - Valid documents must also be well-formed -- **all** XML documents must be well-formed
- ◆ XML documents without schemas:
 - If we have an XML document that we say is of type **order**
 - But we have no schema that defines what an order really is
 - How many items can an order have? Must it have items at all? What comprises an item? What comprises a customer?
- ◆ We need answers...we need a schema!

Definition of Schema

- ◆ A *schema* is a document that **describes the structure and content** of an XML document
 - It is a blueprint or definition for an XML document
- ◆ It contains a set of rules for a **type** of document -- rules that dictate things such as:
 - Which elements are permitted, required, in what order, etc.
 - What each element's content must be
 - The attributes that are permitted/required on elements, default values for attributes

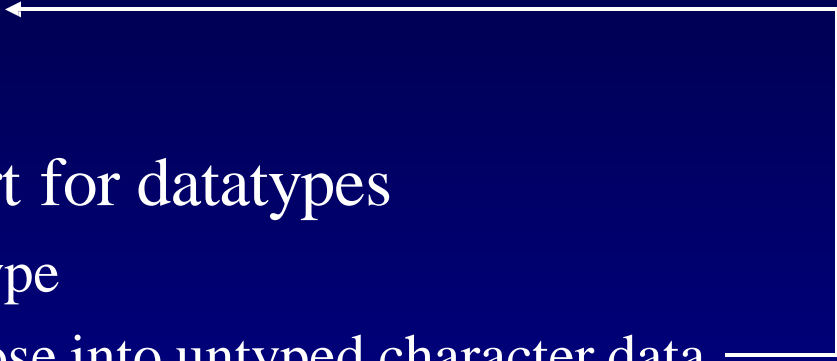
Analogy - Schema::Document as Class::Object

- ◆ A **schema** defines a **type** of XML document
 - XML documents of that type are said to be *instances* of the schema
 - A schema is like a contract -- valid documents of this type must adhere to the rules in the schema
- ◆ In OOP, a **class** defines a **type** of object
 - Objects of that type are said to be instances of the class

Schema Languages

- ◆ XML inherited the *Document Type Definition* (DTD) syntax from SGML
 - Still commonly used, DTDs will be with us for quite awhile
 - Does not use XML syntax and has little support for datatypes
 - But all XML software supports it -- and we will study it briefly
- ◆ The future (and present) is *W3C XML Schema*
 - Uses XML syntax -- a W3C XML Schema is an XML document
 - Strong support for datatypes
 - W3C Recommendation in May, 2001 -- becoming readily adopted
- ◆ There are other schema languages
 - **RELAX/NG** has been developed under the endorsement of OASIS

DTD Weaknesses

- ◆ DTDs specify document *structure*, but they don't help much in the way of *content*
 - Example: `<age>green</age>` 
- ◆ DTDs have very limited support for datatypes
 - Attributes have some notion of type
 - But elements ultimately decompose into untyped character data
- ◆ DTDs do not use XML syntax
- ◆ DTDs do not support namespaces
- ◆ Content models cannot be defined flexibly
 - And no default values for elements

W3C XML Schemas

- ◆ Can define both *content and structure*
 - Focus is on (reusing) datatypes
 - Many predefined datatypes for integers, floats, dates, strings, etc.
 - You can create (and reuse) your own datatypes
 - You can extend/refine the existing datatypes
 - You can specify rich, flexible content models
- ◆ Incredibly powerful
 - You can express anything you want with this schema language
- ◆ Uses XML syntax and supports namespaces
 - An XML Schema is an XML document
 - XML Schema is a replacement for DTDs

What's the Catch?

- ◆ XML Schema support is not yet widespread (but will be)
 - Specification finalized in May, 2001
 - Apache's **Xerces 2** parser supports validation against XML Schemas
 - Sun's **JAXP 1.2** (Java API for XML Processing) uses Xerces 2, and so supports XML Schema
- ◆ Much more verbose than DTDs
 - But verbosity was not a design goal of XML
 - Verbosity is sacrificed in favor of precision
- ◆ More difficult to learn and use
 - Specification is in three parts, totaling several hundred pages
 - <http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-0>, .../xmlschema-1, and .../xmlschema-2

XML Schema Basics

Getting Started with XML Schema

- ◆ General Form of an XML Schema
- ◆ Element Definitions
- ◆ Simple Types
- ◆ Complex Types
- ◆ Attribute Definitions
- ◆ Using XML Schema with Namespaces

General Form of an XML Schema

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

XML Schema
namespace

```
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema'>
```

```
  <!-- elements and their attributes are defined here -->
```

```
</xsd:schema>
```

- ◆ An XML Schema is an XML document
 - The document element is the **xsd:schema** element
- ◆ XML Schema elements belong to the namespace <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema>

Elements, Attributes, and Types

- ◆ The four primary components of schema definitions are:
- ◆ **Element definitions** *xsd:element*
- ◆ **Attribute definitions** *xsd:attribute*
- ◆ **Simple type definitions** -- specify restrictions on character data content, e.g., *xsd:string* and *xsd:integer*
- ◆ **Complex type definitions** -- specify an element's child elements and/or its attributes

Simple Schema and XML Document - Example

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

```
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema'>
```

```
  <xsd:element name='simple' type='xsd:string'/>
```

```
</xsd:schema>
```

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

```
<!-- can't get much simpler than this -->
```

```
<simple>Hey, I'm an XML Document</simple>
```

Another Simple Schema and XML Document

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

```
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema'>
```

```
  <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'/>
```

```
</xsd:schema>
```

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

```
<!-- age must contain an integer greater than 0 -->
```

```
<age>28</age>
```

- ◆ If *age* contained a value of *green*, this XML document would be invalid

Referencing a Schema in an XML Document

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

```
<!-- schema stored in file age.xsd -->
```

```
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema'>
```

```
  <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'/>
```

```
</xsd:schema>
```

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

```
<!-- point to schema with a schema location attribute -->
```

```
<age
```

```
  xmlns:xsi='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance'
```

```
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation='age.xsd'>28</age>
```

XML Schema namespace
for instance documents

- ◆ This is a **hint** to the parser to tell it where to find the schema
 - **NOTE** the use of a different namespace for this attribute -- the **XML Schema namespace for instance documents** (XML documents)

Element Definitions

- ◆ ***xsd:element*** defines an XML element within a schema
 - At a minimum, it defines the **name** and **type** of the element
- ◆ Elements must have a **name** attribute
 - Its value is what appears in the start/end tags in the XML document
 - It is an unqualified local name, i.e., it cannot specify a namespace
- ◆ Elements must have a **type** attribute
 - The type describes the element content and allows for its validation
 - The type of an element is described by **either**:
 - A **type attribute** which is a reference to a defined type
 - A **type definition** within the element definition
 - If no type is supplied, then the element's type is ***xsd:anyType***

Simple Types

- ◆ **Simple types** describe **values** or document content
 - Each type is some kind of restriction on character content
 - Simple types provide for validation of values within the document
- ◆ The fundamental type is ***xsd:anyType***, known as the ***ur-type***
 - Basic types are restrictions on the ur-type
- ◆ Simple types do not describe document structure

Simple Types

- ◆ XML Schema provides a wide selection of built-in simple types
 - **String** types - character strings
 - **Numeric** types - numeric values
 - **Date** and **time** types - ISO 8601 date and time values
 - **Legacy** types - attribute types described in the XML1.0 spec
 - **Other** types - miscellaneous types such as *xsd:anyURI* and *xsd:boolean*
- ◆ These built-in datatypes fall into two categories:
 - **Primitive** datatypes
 - **Derived** datatypes

Simple Types - Primitive Datatypes

- ◆ **Primitive datatypes** exist on their own
 - Not derived from another datatype
- ◆ XML Schema defines several primitive datatypes
 - Representations for strings, numbers, date/time values, binary data
- ◆ String datatypes
 - xsd:string***
 - xsd:anyURI***
 - xsd:QName***

Simple Types - Primitive Datatypes

◆ Numeric datatypes

xsd:boolean (true | false)

xsd:decimal

xsd:float

xsd:double

◆ Date/time datatypes

xsd:dateTime ***xsd:gYear*** ***xsd:gYearMonth***

xsd:date ***xsd:gMonth*** ***xsd:gMonthDay***

xsd:time ***xsd:gDay*** ***xsd:duration***

◆ Binary datatypes

xsd:hexBinary

xsd:base64Binary

Simple Types - Derived Datatypes

- ◆ **Derived datatypes** are defined in terms of restrictions or compositions of other datatypes
- ◆ XML Schema defines 13 derived numeric datatypes and 12 derived string datatypes

xsd:integer

xsd:long

xsd:int

xsd:short

xsd:byte

xsd:positiveInteger

xsd:negativeInteger

xsd:nonPositiveInteger

xsd:nonNegativeInteger

xsd:unsignedLong

xsd:unsignedInt

xsd:unsignedShort

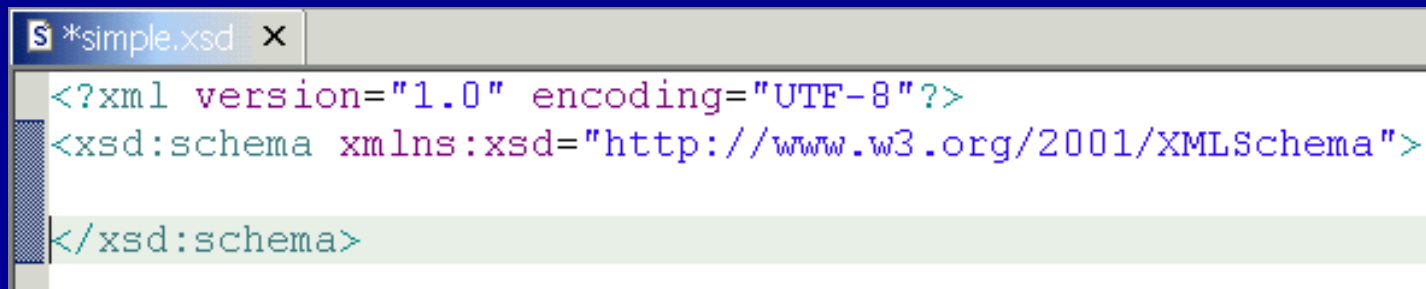
xsd:unsignedByte

- Lab 4.1 – Simple Schema -

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will create a very simple XML Schema and validate an instance document against that schema
- ◆ **Objectives:** Become familiar with XML Schema basics
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** None
 - The root lab directory where you will do your work for this lab is:
C:\StudentWork\XMLIntro\workspace\Lab04.1
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 20-30 minutes

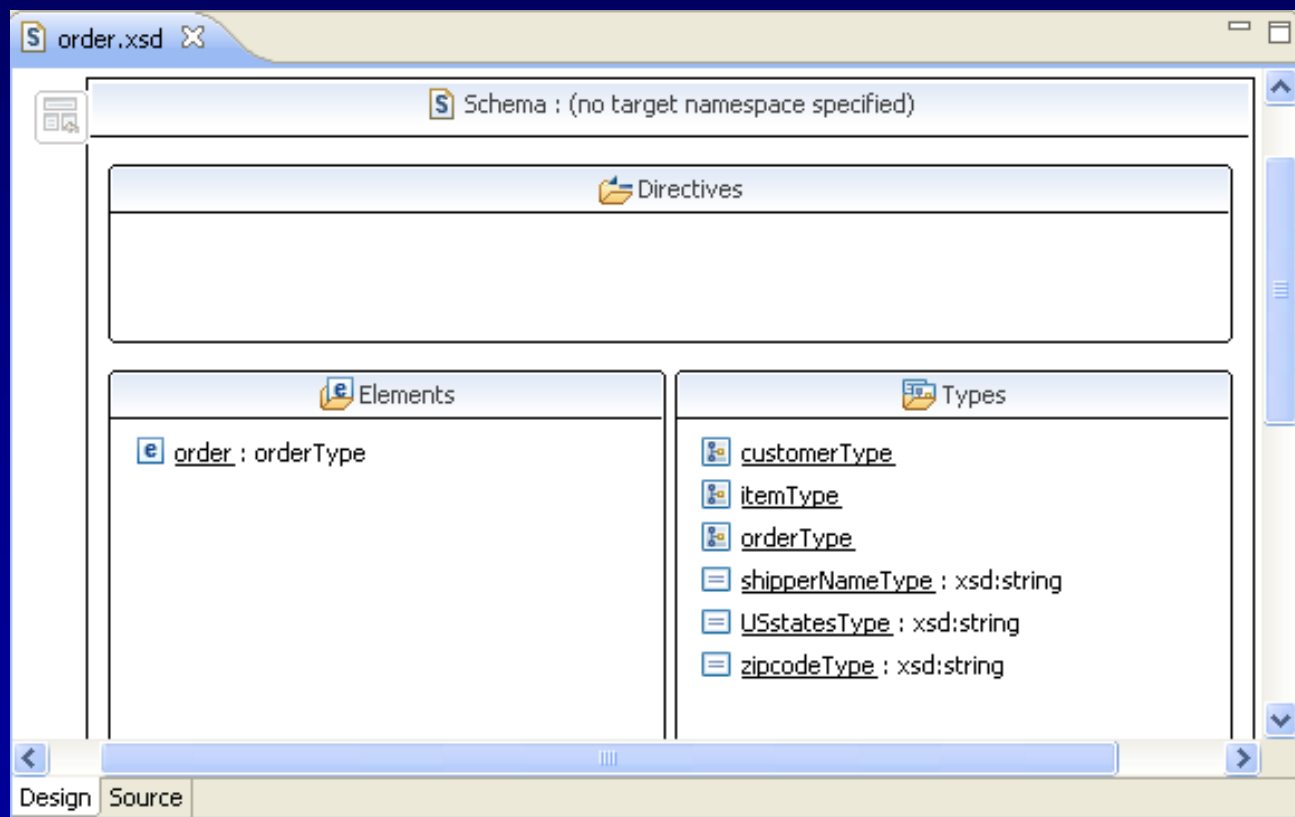
Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Create a **Project** (**File | New | Project | General | Project**)
 - Call the project **Lab04.1**
- ◆ In *your project*, create a file named ***simple.xsd*** which has the schema for documents of type *simple*
 - Create a new Schema doc via **File | New | XML Schema**
 - Next, **modify the namespace declaration** for the XML schema namespace to use the **xsd prefix** - Instead of the default prefix
 - Also **remove the namespace declarations** for the target and "simple" namespaces - We'll add in namespaces later

A screenshot of an IDE window titled '*simple.xsd'. The editor shows the following XML Schema code:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
</xsd:schema>
```

- ◆ Shows the structure of the schema
 - You can edit the schema here, or in the source (they'll stay in sync)
 - Double clicking zooms the editor in on the clicked element, right clicking allows you to modify elements



Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Add a single element to the schema

`<xsd:element name='simple' type='xsd:string'/>`

- You can use design or source view – as you prefer
- Changes in one are reflected in changes in the other

- ◆ **Create an XML document** based on *simple.xsd* - it's easy to use Eclipse to create an XML file based on a schema
 - Right click on the project and select: **New | XML**
 - Name the file ***simple.xml*** in the first dialog, and in the second dialog, select "**Create XML file from an XML schema file**" and click **Next**
 - In the next dialog, select *simple.xsd* from the Lab04.1 project and click **Finish**
 - Eclipse will create the file with most of the content you need

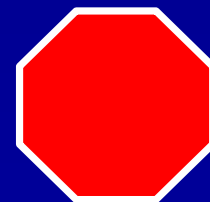
Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Review *simple.xml* which has our very simple XML document in it (example shown at bottom)
 - Note the schema location element *
- ◆ Validate your XML file
 - Since you declare a schema file, it will validate against the schema
- ◆ If the document is valid, you will get no error messages
- ◆ If the document is invalid, you will see an error message(s)



Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Experiment with some of the other simple datatypes
 - *xsd:integer*, *xsd:float*, *xsd:date* are common ones to use
 - The easiest way is to use them one at a time, changing the XML and schema documents each time
- ◆ Make sure you try some content that should be invalid
 - For example, use a schema type of *xsd:integer*, and leave the content as the original text string
 - Or use an element with a name different from `<simple>`
 - You should get an error(s)



Complex Types

- ◆ **Complex types** describe types (content models) containing **child elements** and/or **attributes**
 - Simple content allows character data only, with no child elements and no attributes
 - Complex content allows child elements and/or attributes
- ◆ Examples of elements that would need complex types:

```
<!-- this element has child element content -->  
<person>  
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>  
  <age>25</age>  
</person>
```

```
<!-- this element has attributes -->  
<shipper name='FedEx' accountNum='893-192' />
```

Defining Complex Types

- ◆ ***xsd:complexType*** is used to define a complex type
 - A named *xsd:complexType* appears at the **top level** of the schema
- ◆ Complex types are defined in terms of ***model groups***, also called ***compositors***
 - Model groups allow you to group child elements together to construct higher level content models
 - Every complex type has exactly one model group
- ◆ Model groups include:
 - ***xsd:sequence***
 - ***xsd:choice***
 - ***xsd:all***

xsd:sequence

- ◆ Specifies a group of child elements **in a specific order**

```
<person>  
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>  
  <age>25</age>  
</person>
```

```
<xsd:complexType name='personType'>  
  <xsd:sequence>  
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string'/>  
    <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'/>  
  </xsd:sequence>  
</xsd:complexType>
```

- ◆ The following instance of *personType* is not valid

```
<person>  
  <age>25</age>  
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>  
</person>
```

Using Complex Types

- ◆ You can define a complex type as a direct child of *xsd:schema* and then use it like any other type
 - In defining an element, you reference this complex type by name

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

<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema'>

  <xsd:element name='person' type='personType' />

  <xsd:complexType name='personType'>
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string' />
      <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger' />
    </xsd:sequence>
  </xsd:complexType>

</xsd:schema>
```

Referencing Top-Level Elements

- ◆ You can also define elements at the top level and reference them from within a complex type

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

<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema'>

  <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'/>

  <xsd:element name='person' type='personType'/>

  <xsd:complexType name='personType'>
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string'/>
      <xsd:element ref='age'/>
    </xsd:sequence>
  </xsd:complexType>

</xsd:schema>
```

Anonymous Types

- ◆ There are often times when you only want to use a complex type definition once
 - As opposed to global definitions at the top level of the schema
- ◆ Define the type as part of an element definition
 - It is only used once, by that definition
 - We say that the element's type is defined *locally*

```
<xsd:element name='part'>      <!-- no type attribute -->
  <xsd:complexType>             <!-- no name attribute -->
    <xsd:choice>
      <xsd:element name='name'    type='xsd:string' />
      <xsd:element name='number' type='xsd:string' />
    </xsd:choice>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
```


Adding Flexibility to Content Models

- ◆ What if we had an element with different possible content scenarios?
 - For example, a part that has either a name or a part number, but not both

```
<part>  
  <name>Left Threaded 1/4" Widget</name>  
</part>
```

```
<part>  
  <number>LT-1/4-W</number>  
</part>
```

- ◆ What if the order of child elements does not matter?
 - For example, a *person* element has *name* and *age* child elements, but we don't care in which order they occur

xsd:choice

- ◆ Specifies a **choice** of one of a group of elements
 - The type below defines an element that will have one child element
 - That child can be **either** a *name* or a *number*
 - Which is exactly what we want

```
<xsd:element name='part' type='partType' />

<xsd:complexType name='partType'>
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string' />
    <xsd:element name='number' type='xsd:string' />
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:complexType>
```

More Complex Choices

- ◆ What if we had different kinds of addresses?
 - For example, US and Canadian

```
<address>  
  <street>1475 Cedar Avenue</street>  
  <apt>3</apt>  
  <city>Fargo</city>  
  <state>ND</state>  
  <zipcode>58103</zipcode>  
</address>
```

```
<address>  
  <street>992 Red Oak Blvd.</street>  
  <apt>5F</apt>  
  <city>Winnipeg</city>  
  <prov>MB</prov>  
  <pcode>R2M 2T2</pcode>  
</address>
```

Examining a More Complex Choice

- ◆ Our *address* element consists of the following:
 - A sequence of *street*, *apt*, *city*
 - Followed by either of:
 - A sequence of *state*, *zipcode*
 - A sequence of *prov*, *pcode*
- ◆ We use an *xsd:choice* where we have the choice of one of two sequences
- ◆ You can nest *xsd:choice* and *xsd:sequence* elements to build your required content model

Type for More Complex Choice

```
<xsd:complexType name='addressType'>
  <xsd:sequence>

    <xsd:element name='street' type='xsd:string'/>
    <xsd:element name='apt' type='xsd:string'/>
    <xsd:element name='city' type='xsd:string'/>

    <xsd:choice>
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element name='state' type='xsd:string'/>
        <xsd:element name='zipcode' type='xsd:string'/>
      </xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element name='prov' type='xsd:string'/>
        <xsd:element name='pcode' type='xsd:string'/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:choice>

  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

xsd:all

- ◆ Specifies a list of child elements, all of which must be found, **in any order**
 - Only element definitions and element references may be used within **xsd:all**

```
<xsd:complexType name='personType'>
  <xsd:all>
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string' />
    <xsd:element ref='age' />
  </xsd:all>
</xsd:complexType>
```

- ◆ Both of these instances of *personType* are valid

```
<person>
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>
  <age>25</age>
</person>
```

```
<person>
  <age>25</age>
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>
</person>
```

- Lab 4.2 – More Complex Schemas -

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will create a schema that has complex content
 - We will create an XML Schema for a simplified JavaTunes order
- ◆ **Objectives:** Work with a more complex schema
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** Lab 4.1
 - Continue working in your Lab04.1 project
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 30-40 minutes

- ◆ Here are the rules for the content models for our simplified order document
 - An **order** has a *customer* (we will ignore *items* for now)
 - A **customer** has a *name*, a *street*, an *apt*, a *city*, a *state*, a *zipcode*, and a *shipper*
 - **shipper** is an empty element
 - All other elements have character content

- ◆ Ignore the attributes for now
 - We will define them in the next lab

Simple Order XML Document

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

<!-- JavaTunes order XML document (simplified) -->

<order>
  <customer>
    <name>Susan Phillips</name>
    <street>763 Rodeo Circle</street>
    <apt>1A</apt>
    <city>San Francisco</city>
    <state>CA</state>
    <zipcode>94109</zipcode>
    <shipper/>
  </customer>
</order>
```

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Create a schema in file *order.xsd*, with the following types:
 - *orderType* - a sequence of one element, *customer*
 - *customerType* - a sequence of the 7 *customer* child elements
 - Use an anonymous type for the *shipper* element (see notes)

- ◆ Then define the document element *order*

- ◆ Test your schema by validating the *simpleorder.xml* file
 - We supply this in the project (without the schema location)
 - **NOTE** - be sure to add the schema location attribute to the *order* element, referring to the schema in *order.xsd* (see notes)

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Enhance the content model for *customerType* to support both US and Canadian customers -- allow a choice of either:
 - *state* and *zipcode*
OR
 - *prov* and *pcode*
 - This is a choice of two sequences
- ◆ Again, experiment with the document, checking its validity



Element Occurrence Constraints

- ◆ You can constrain the number of times an element occurs within a complex type
- ◆ The attributes ***minOccurs*** and ***maxOccurs*** are used to define the concurrence constraints
- ◆ ***minOccurs*** - minimum number of times element can appear
 - The default is 1
 - Use 0 to make an element optional
- ◆ ***maxOccurs*** - maximum number of times element can appear
 - The default is 1
 - Use *unbounded* to indicate as many as you want

Optional Element - Example

- ◆ Make age optional for a person

```
<xsd:element name='person' type='personType' />

<xsd:complexType name='personType'>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string' />
    <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'
      minOccurs='0' />
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

- ◆ The following instance of *personType* is valid
 - A person doesn't need to have an age now

```
<person>
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>
</person>
```

Multiple Occurrences of an Element - Example

- ◆ Allow persons to have multiple addresses
 - A person has one or more addresses -- here we are using the previously defined *addressType*

```
<xsd:element name='person' type='personType' />

<xsd:complexType name='personType'>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string' />
    <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'
      minOccurs='0' />
    <xsd:element name='address' type='addressType'
      minOccurs='1' maxOccurs='unbounded' />
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Multiple Occurrences of an Element - Example

- ◆ The following instance of *personType* is valid
 - A person can have many addresses now

```
<person>
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>
  <age>25</age>
  <address>
    <street>125 Fell St.</street>
    ...
  </address>
  <address>
    <street>521 Oak St.</street>
    ...
  </address>
</person>
```

Element Default and Fixed Values

- ◆ Default values may be specified using the **default** attribute
 - The **element must appear and must be empty** for the default value to be used, e.g., <age/>

```
<xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'  
            default='29' />
```

- ◆ Fixed values may be specified using the **fixed** attribute
 - Works the same as a default value if the element is empty
 - If the element is present, the only value allowed is that given by the fixed value

```
<xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'  
            fixed='29' />
```


Element Default and Fixed Values - Example

```
<xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'  
             default='29' minOccurs='0' />
```

```
<person>                                <!-- age is provided and is 25 -->  
  <name>Leanne</name>  
  <age>25</age>  
</person>
```

```
<person>                                <!-- age is defaulted to 29 -->  
  <name>Leanne</name>  
  <age/>  
</person>
```

```
<person>                                <!-- age exists but has no value -->  
  <name>Leanne</name>  
  <age></age>                            <!-- age element is not empty -->  
</person>
```

```
<person>                                <!-- this person has no age -->  
  <name>Leanne</name>  
</person>
```

Attribute Definitions

- ◆ **xsd:attribute** defines attributes for an element
 - **Must occur within a complex type definition, after** any child elements have been specified (e.g., in a sequence)
 - Attribute occurrence may also be specified -- required, optional, etc.
 - Attribute is usually defined locally with a simple type
 - May also be a reference to a globally defined (top-level) attribute

```
<xsd:complexType name='personType'>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string'/>
    <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name='gender' type='xsd:string'/>
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
<person gender='F'>
  <name>Leanne Ross</name>
  <age>25</age>
</person>
```

Attribute Occurrence Constraints

- ◆ The **use** attribute specifies the attribute's occurrence

Allowed values are:

- **optional** - attribute may optionally appear
- **required** - attribute must appear
- **prohibited** - attribute must not appear
 - Useful when deriving types from other types, which we cover later
- Default value is **optional**

```
<xsd:complexType name='personType'>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string'/>
    <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name='gender' type='xsd:string'
                 use='required'/>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Attribute Default and Fixed Values

- ◆ Default values may be specified using the **default** attribute
 - The default value is inserted when the attribute is missing in a validated document

```
<xsd:attribute name='citizen' type='xsd:string'  
              default='US' />
```

- ◆ Fixed values may be specified using the **fixed** attribute
 - Works the same as a default value if the attribute is missing
 - If the attribute is present, the only value allowed is that given by the fixed value

```
<xsd:attribute name='verified' type='xsd:string'  
              fixed='yes' />
```

Attribute Occurrence - Example

```
<xsd:complexType name='employeeType'>
  <xsd:attribute name='name'      type='xsd:string'
                use='required' />
  <xsd:attribute name='gender'    type='xsd:string' />
  <xsd:attribute name='verified'  type='xsd:string'
                fixed='yes' />
  <xsd:attribute name='citizen'   type='xsd:string'
                default='US' />
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
<!-- this is valid -->
<employee name='Bob' gender='M' verified='yes' />
```

```
<!-- this is valid -->
<employee name='Robin' citizen='UK' />
```

```
<!-- is this valid?  if not, what's wrong? -->
<employee verified='no' name='Leanne' gender='F' />
```

Legacy Attribute Types from DTDs

- ◆ These built-in simple types correspond to the attribute types specified in the XML 1.0 Recommendation
 - It is recommended that these types only be used for attributes

xsd:NMTOKEN xsd:NMTOKENS

xsd:ID xsd:IDREF xsd:IDREFS

- ◆ You might use these if your organization is transitioning from DTDs to XML Schema
- ◆ You might also use them because they work well in some situations

xsd:NMTOKEN(S) Attributes

◆ *xsd:NMTOKEN*

- An XML 1.0 *NMTOKEN* is a valid *XML name token*, i.e., each character must be a **letter**, **number**, **-**, **_**, **.**, or **:**

◆ *xsd:NMTOKENS*

- The attribute value is a **list** of name tokens
- The individual name tokens are delimited by a whitespace character

xsd:NMTOKEN(S) Attributes - Example

```
<xsd:complexType name='employeeType'>
  <xsd:attribute name='name' type='xsd:string' />
  <xsd:attribute name='clearance' type='xsd:NMTOKEN' />
  <xsd:attribute name='candies' type='xsd:NMTOKENS' />
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
<!-- these are valid -->
<employee name='Bob' clearance='secret' />
<employee name='Robin' clearance='ultra'
  candies='blue red green' />
<employee name='~6@2 *?#^ 6%3!' />
```

```
<!-- these are not valid - what's wrong? -->
<employee name='Igor' clearance='top secret' />
<employee name='Ann' clearance='ultra@entrance'
  candies='orange, green, purple' />
```


xsd:ID-xsd:IDREF(S) Attributes

◆ *xsd:ID*

- An XML 1.0 **ID** attribute uniquely identifies its element
- An element can have no more than one *ID* type attribute
- The value must be a **valid XML name** (**not** name token) **and** be **unique in the document** (amongst other *ID* attributes)
- *ID* attributes are often specified as required
- Supplying a default or fixed value is pointless and not allowed

◆ *xsd:IDREF(S)*

- The value(s) of an **IDREF(S)** must be the value(s) of an **ID** attribute(s) of other element(s) in the document
- Used to create internal links between elements
- *IDREF(S)* type attributes are either required or optional

xsd:ID-xsd:IDREF(S) Attributes - Example

```
<xsd:complexType name='employeeType'>
  <xsd:attribute name='ID'          type='xsd:ID'
                use='required' />
  <xsd:attribute name='manager' type='xsd:IDREF' />
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
<xsd:complexType name='deptType'>
  <xsd:attribute name='members' type='xsd:IDREFS' />
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
<!-- these elements are in one document - it is valid -->
<employee ID='_45910' />
<employee ID='_83910' manager='_45910' />
<dept members='_45910 _83910' />
```

```
<!-- this document is not valid - what's wrong? -->
<employee ID='_1205' manager='_1205' />
<employee ID='_1003' />
<employee ID='1205' manager='_1003' />
<employee ID='_1205' />
<dept members='_1003 _1205' />
```

Defining Attributes on a Simple Element

- ◆ How can we define the type for the following element?

```
<amount currency='USD'>100.00</amount>
```

- ◆ *xsd:complexType* is used to define attributes on an element
 - **But** all of the complex types we've seen so far involve child elements (except *shipper*, which we defined to be empty)
 - We need a way to specify that *amount* has a *currency* attribute and **character content** rather than child element content
- ◆ We use ***xsd:simpleContent*** inside *xsd:complexType*, instead of a model group such as *xsd:sequence*
 - Model groups specify child elements -- we don't want that here

Attributes on a Simple Element - Example

```
<!-- anonymous type - could also use a named type -->
<xsd:element name='amount'>
  <xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:simpleContent>
      <xsd:extension base='xsd:decimal'>
        <xsd:attribute name='currency' type='xsd:string'/>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:simpleContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
```

- ◆ We use **xsd:extension** to *extend* the base type *xsd:decimal*
 - We are extending the meaning of *xsd:decimal* to say that this element has decimal content **and** an attribute

```
<amount currency='USD'>100.00</amount>
```

- Lab 4.3 – A Complete Order Schema -

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will learn to use occurrence constraints and attributes, and use them to create a complete order schema
 - We will create a complete Schema for a JavaTunes order
- ◆ **Objectives:** Work with occurrence constraints and attributes
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** Lab 4.2
 - Continue working in your Lab04.1 project
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 40-50 minutes

A Complete Order Schema



- ◆ **Purpose** - learn to use occurrence constraints and attributes, and use them to create a complete order schema
- ◆ In this lab, we will create a complete schema for a JavaTunes order
- ◆ The JavaTunes order schema is *order.xsd*, the one you created in the previous lab
- ◆ The JavaTunes order document is *order.xml*, which you used in earlier labs, and which we supply in the lab dir
 - **NOTE** - be sure to add the schema location attribute to the *order* element, referring to the schema in *order.xsd* (see notes)

- ◆ Here are the rules for the element content models:
 - An **order** has a *customer* and **1 or more** *items*
 - A **customer** has a *name*, a *street*, an **optional** *apt*, a *city*, a **choice** of *state* and *zipcode* or *prov* and *pcode*, and a *shipper*
 - **shipper** is an empty element
 - An **item** has a *name*, **1 or more** *artists*, a *releaseDate*, a *listPrice*, and a *price*
 - *releaseDate* has *xsd:date* content
 - *listPrice* and *price* have decimal content; *price* has a **default value** of 9.99
 - All other elements have character content

◆ Here are the attribute definitions: (see notes for type formats)

◆ **order**

- **ID** is type *xsd:ID* and is required
- **dateTime** is type *xsd:dateTime* and is required

◆ **shipper**

- **name** is type *xsd:NMTOKEN* and is defaulted to *USMail*
- **accountNum** is type *xsd:string* and is optional with no default

◆ **item**

- **ID** is type *xsd:ID* and is required
- **type** is type *xsd:NMTOKEN* and is defaulted to *CD*

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Based on the content model in the previous slides, extend your *order.xsd* schema to conform to it
 - We supply a sample order XML document, *order.xml*, that you can validate against
 - Finish the schema, then try validating *order.xml* against it
 - If your schema is correct, then you should not get any errors.
 - See notes for some of the attribute data

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Experiment with the order document and check its validity
 - Give an item two artists -- is the document valid?
 - This order's customer has no apartment -- is that valid?
 - Remove a required attribute -- is the document valid?
 - Remove an optional attribute -- is the document valid?
 - Change the shipper name to *UPS Ground* -- is that value okay?

- ◆ Are your default values being used?
 - Is the *type* attribute of *item* defaulting to *CD*?
 - Is the *name* attribute of *shipper* defaulting to *USMail*?
 - Is the *price* child element of *item* defaulting to *9.99*?
Remember that it must appear as `<price/>` to take the default value



Context-Sensitive Element Definitions

- ◆ In XML Schema, we can define elements **specific to a parent element** context

```
<!-- we have two different contexts for name -->  
<customer>  
  <name title='Ms.'>  
    <firstName>Leanne</firstName>  
    <lastName>Ross</lastName>  
  </name>  
</customer>  
<item>  
  <name>Surfacing</name>  
</item>
```

- ◆ Thus, we can easily avoid the name collision between the two different JavaTunes order **name** elements that we discussed in the Namespaces section
 - A *customer name* is defined differently from an *item name*

Context-Sensitive Element Definitions - Example

```
<xsd:complexType name='customerType'>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name='name'>
      <xsd:complexType>                                <!-- anonymous type -->
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:element name='firstName' type='xsd:string'/>
          <xsd:element name='lastName' type='xsd:string'/>
        </xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:attribute name='title' type='xsd:string'/>
      </xsd:complexType>
    </xsd:element>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

```
<xsd:complexType name='itemType'>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string'/>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Using XML Schema with Namespaces

- ◆ XML Schema has full support for namespaces
- ◆ You can specify a *target namespace* that a schema is to be used for
 - In XML documents, the elements belonging to the target namespace can be validated against this schema
 - Elements belonging to **another namespace** are **not** validated against this schema -- because this schema does not apply to them
- ◆ Schemas are namespace-specific
 - A schema provides definitions for a single target namespace

Schema with Namespace Support - Example

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

```
<!-- schema stored in file order.xsd -->
```

```
<xsd:schema
```

XML Schema
namespace

```
  xmlns:xsd='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema'
```

```
  xmlns='http://www.javatunes.com/order'
```

JavaTunes order
namespace
(default)

```
  targetNamespace='http://www.javatunes.com/order'
```

```
  elementFormDefault='qualified'>
```

target namespace

```
<!-- top-level elements always in target namespace -->
```

```
<xsd:element name='order' type='orderType'/>
```

```
<xsd:complexType name='orderType'>
```

```
  <xsd:sequence>
```

```
    <!-- locally defined elements are in the target  
         namespace IF elementFormDefault='qualified' -->
```

```
    <xsd:element name='customer' type='customerType'/>
```

```
    ...
```

```
</xsd:schema>
```

XML Document with Namespaces - Example

The diagram shows an XML document snippet with several annotations. A callout box labeled "XML Schema namespace for instance documents" points to the `xmlns:xsi` attribute. Another callout box labeled "JavaTunes order namespace" points to the `xmlns:jt` attribute. A third callout box labeled "location of schema" points to the `xsi:schemaLocation` attribute. A fourth callout box labeled "for this namespace" points to the `file:///StudentWork/XML/order.xsd` part of the `xsi:schemaLocation` value. The XML code is as follows:

```
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<!-- point to schema with a schema location attribute -->
<jt:order
  xmlns:xsi='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance'
  xmlns:jt='http://www.javatunes.com/order'
  xsi:schemaLocation='http://www.javatunes.com/order
    file:///StudentWork/XML/order.xsd'>
  <jt:customer>
    ...
  <jt:item>
    ...
</jt:order>
```

- ◆ ***xsi:schemaLocation*** specifies a ***namespace URI*** and the ***physical location of the schema*** for that namespace
- ◆ We use the ***jt*** prefix to place the elements in the JavaTunes order namespace (or, we could use a default namespace)

- Lab 4.4 – Schema Namespace Support -

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will add namespace support to our schema and provide context-sensitive element definitions for the name elements
- ◆ **Objectives:** Work with Schema and namespaces
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** Lab 4.3
 - Continue working in your Lab04.1 project
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 40-50 minutes

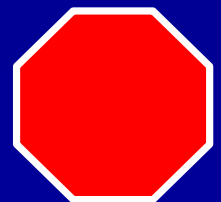
Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Make a copy of *order.xsd* and name it ***orderns.xsd***
 - Work in *orderns.xsd* for this lab – this way we'll preserve the non-namespace version

- ◆ Add support for the JavaTunes order namespace to the new namespace-based schema
 - You can use the example just shown as your model
 - Recall that in our earlier namespace lab, we used a single order namespace – look at ***orderns.xml*** in this project to see the namespace declaration
 - Recall also that you'll need to use an *elementFormDefault* attribute (see notes)

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Create a complex type for the **customer name** element
 - You can use the example shown a few slides back as your model
 - No change is necessary to the *item name* element definition
- ◆ Add the necessary attributes to the XML document to refer to the schema
 - You will use **xsi:schemaLocation** instead of *xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation*
 - And recall that the value of *xsi:schemaLocation* is a **pair: namespace-URI location-of-schema** (separated by a space)
 - You can use the example just shown as your model
- ◆ Validate the supplied *ordersns.xml* document
 - This document uses the order namespace



Data Modeling with XML Schema

Elements or Attributes?

- ◆ The SGML View
- ◆ The OO View
- ◆ The Middle View
- ◆ Pragmatic Considerations
- ◆ The Metadata View

Elements or Attributes?

- ◆ A decision you will often come across is whether to make a piece of data an **element** or an **attribute**
 - Sometimes this decision is easy and practically made for you
 - Other times it's more difficult
- ◆ We will examine several viewpoints on the issue and present some ideas that may help you decide

The SGML View (Noun-Adjective Model)

- ◆ SGML has a very clear rule for what should be an element and what should be an attribute
- ◆ Elements (nouns) contain the **content** of the document
 - The content is what the author has written, and as such, it should not be changed in any way by the process of being marked up
- ◆ Attributes (adjectives) contain information **about** the document -- we refer to this “data about the data” as *metadata*
 - Things like revision date, author, security classification, draft status, or formatting instructions

Problem with the SGML View

- ◆ The problem with this view is that XML is not SGML
 - The primary focus of SGML is documents which are usually going to be read by someone
 - Thus, the SGML view is often called the “visibility” constraint -- if someone is going to see or read it, it should be an element
- ◆ XML documents are usually going to be used for transmitting information from system to system
 - They will usually not be read by anyone directly
 - Visibility constraint is less applicable

The OO View (Object-Instance Variable Model)

- ◆ In contrast, the OO view looks at the issue in terms of objects and properties
 - In this view, **elements** correspond to **objects** and **attributes** to the (scalar) **instance variables** of those objects
- ◆ This is also called the ***container and contents*** view
 - An element corresponds to an object
 - If an object has instance variables which are **complex objects**, these are represented in a natural way as **child elements**
 - If an object has instance variables which are **scalars** (e.g., *int*, *String*), these map in a natural way to **attributes**

The Middle View

- ◆ In actual practice, we usually choose a position between the SGML and OO views
 - There is no “right way”
 - One consideration which is often underplayed is, in the intuition of the designer, what representation “feels right” for a data item
 - This is one of the most debated issues in XML -- there is an on-going discussion of this topic at <http://www.oasis-open.org/cover/elementsAndAttrs.html>
- ◆ There are also a number of pragmatic considerations which can guide our decision
 - Leave the philosophizing to the academics
 - Let the “physics” of the situation tell you what to do

Pragmatic Considerations - Attributes

◆ Advantages of attributes include:

- Most compact way to represent simple name-value pairs
- Unique identifier types, i.e., *xsd:ID* and *xsd:IDREF(S)*
- More intuitive default value behavior

◆ Disadvantages of attributes include:

- Can only represent simple name-value pairs, i.e., scalar data
- Aren't as convenient for large chunks of data, e.g., a paragraph
- Can only have zero or one occurrence, i.e., you can't have two attributes with the same name on an element
- Order cannot be constrained, i.e., attributes on an element can appear in any order

Pragmatic Considerations - Elements

◆ Advantages of elements include:

- Substructures and nesting -- attributes cannot represent structure
- Can flexibly constrain order and occurrence
 - 0 or 1, 0 or more, 1 or more, 1 to 10, exactly 1, exactly 3, etc.
- More convenient for large chunks of data, e.g., a paragraph

◆ Disadvantages of (character data) elements include:

- More verbose (start- and end-tags) than attributes
- Less intuitive default value behavior

Asking Certain Questions Can Make it Easier

- ◆ Is the information hierarchical or flat (scalar)?
 - Hierarchical \Rightarrow element
 - Flat \Rightarrow attribute or element (though attribute might win here)
- ◆ Is the information ordered or unordered?
 - Ordered \Rightarrow element
 - Unordered \Rightarrow attribute

The Metadata View

- ◆ If the pragmatic considerations don't answer this question for you, consider the *metadata* view
 - If the data is **about** the content, make it an **attribute**
 - If the data **is** the content, make it an **element**

In this example, the *amount* **is** *100.00*, whereas *currency* **describes** the *100.00*

```
<amount currency='USD'>100.00</amount>
```

In this example, *ID* and *date* are data **about** the *order* -- the *items* are the **contents** of the *order*

```
<order ID='_1234' date='2001-02-20'>  
  <item partNumber='VT-2112'>  
    ...  
  <item partNumber='TS-1002'>  
    ...
```

Optional Section

Overview of Document Type Definitions

Living with the Legacy of DTDs

- ◆ Document Type Declaration
- ◆ Defining Elements and Attributes
- ◆ Defining General Entities
- ◆ Comparison of XML Schema to DTDs

Document Type Declaration

```
<!DOCTYPE type location-of-DTD>
```

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

```
<!DOCTYPE person location-of-DTD>
```

```
<person>
```

```
  <!-- this is a document of type person -->
```

```
</person>
```

- ◆ Located in the prolog, it specifies the document's **type**
 - And therefore the document element -- in this case **person**
- ◆ Points to the document's schema, which must be a DTD

Referencing an External DTD - *SYSTEM*

```
<!DOCTYPE type SYSTEM 'system-identifier'>
```

```
<!-- DTD is on an HTTP (Web) server -->
```

```
<!DOCTYPE person  
  SYSTEM 'http://www.javatunes.com/dtds/person.dtd'>
```

```
<!-- DTD is on a network file system -->
```

```
<!DOCTYPE person  
  SYSTEM 'file://venus/XML/dtds/person.dtd'>
```

```
<!-- DTD is on the local file system -->
```

```
<!DOCTYPE person  
  SYSTEM 'file:///StudentWork/XML/dtds/person.dtd'>
```

```
<!-- DTD is in the current directory -->
```

```
<!DOCTYPE person SYSTEM 'person.dtd'>
```

◆ *system-identifier* indicates the physical location of the DTD

Referencing an External DTD - *PUBLIC*

```
<!DOCTYPE type PUBLIC 'public-identifier'  
                        'system-identifier'>
```

```
<!-- DTD's location is determined, maybe by lookup -->  
<!-- if this fails, the system-identifier is used -->  
<!DOCTYPE person  
  PUBLIC '-//JavaTunes//Order//EN'  
        'http://www.javatunes.com/dtds/person.dtd'>
```

- ◆ The application can use the *public-identifier* to determine the physical location of the DTD
 - Provides location transparency -- DTD's location can change and the application can still find it
 - How this is handled is completely up to the application
- ◆ The system-identifier is used as a backup mechanism

Using an Internal DTD

```
<!DOCTYPE type  
[  
  definitions  
>
```

```
<!-- DTD is embedded in the XML document -->  
<!DOCTYPE person  
[  
  <!ELEMENT person (name, age)>  <!-- discussed soon -->
```

- ◆ Useful when first developing a DTD
 - The DTD and a document of its type are in the same file
- ◆ Not very reusable
 - Once the DTD is done, it's generally moved out of the document

Combining an External and Internal DTD

```
<!-- total DTD = internal DTD + external DTD -->
<!DOCTYPE person
  SYSTEM 'http://www.javatunes.com/dtds/person.dtd'
[
  <!ELEMENT person (name, age)>  <!-- discussed soon -->
]>
```

- ◆ The internal DTD can provide additional definitions
- ◆ It can also **redefine** or **override** certain external definitions
 - Internal DTD has precedence over external DTD
- ◆ Internal and external DTDs must be compatible
 - Element definitions cannot be overridden, for example

Defining Element Content in a DTD

```
<!ELEMENT element-name content-model>
```

```
<!-- person has element content - name followed by age -->
```

```
<!ELEMENT person (name, age)>
```

```
<!-- name and age both have character (text) content -->
```

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

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

```
<!-- this is valid -->
```

```
<person>
```

- ◆ The content model (*name*, *age*) is called a *sequence*
 - Each child element **must** appear, and **in this order**
- ◆ **#PCDATA** indicates **p**arsed **c**haracter **d**ata (text)

Defining Element Content - *EMPTY* and *ANY*

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

```
<!ELEMENT shipper EMPTY>
```

```
<!-- empty elements often have attributes -->  
<shipper name='FedEx' accountNum='893-192' />
```

```
<!ELEMENT element-name ANY>
```

- ◆ Elements with *ANY* content can contain anything (or nothing)
 - Usually only used while DTD is still under development
 - You may have decided on the content models for some elements but not all -- leave the unfinished ones as *ANY* for the time being
 - Validation is still possible against this in-progress DTD

Element Occurrence Constraints in a DTD

- ◆ When defining an element with **element content**, you can specify the occurrences of its child elements
- ◆ In the content model, an ***occurrence indicator*** is appended to the element name
 - **?** means **0 or 1** occurrence
 - ***** means **0 or more** occurrences
 - **+** means **1 or more** occurrences
 - no indicator means **exactly one** occurrence

Element Occurrence Constraints - Example

```
<!ELEMENT company      (employee+)>
<!ELEMENT employee     (salary, dependent*)>
<!ELEMENT salary        (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT dependent     (firstName, middleName?, lastName)>
<!ELEMENT firstName     (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT middleName    (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT lastName      (#PCDATA)>
```

- ◆ In this example:
 - A *company* has **1 or more** *employees*
 - An *employee* has a *salary* and **0 or more** *dependents*
 - A *dependent* has a *firstName*, **optionally** a *middleName*, and a *lastName*
 - **NOTE** - these content models are sequences, so order matters
- ◆ A valid XML document of type *company* is in the notes

Defining Element Choice in a DTD

```
<!-- a part has a name OR a number -->
```

```
<!ELEMENT part (name | number)>
```

```
<!-- an address can be US OR Canadian -->
```

```
<!ELEMENT address (street, apt?, city,  
  (state | prov), (zipcode | pcode))>
```

- ◆ The vertical bar **|** is used to indicate a choice between two or more elements
 - Use parentheses for grouping and nesting
- ◆ In the second example, we provide for Canadian addresses:
 - The *apt* is optional
 - A *state* or *prov* must be supplied
 - A *zipcode* or *pcode* must be supplied

Occurrence Indicators and Choice

```
<!ELEMENT contacts (name, email, phone)*>  
<!ELEMENT contacts (name, email?, phone+)*>  
<!ELEMENT contacts (name, (email | phone)+)*>  
<!ELEMENT contacts (name | (email, phone))*>
```

- ◆ The occurrence indicators (?, *, +) can be combined with parentheses to give lots of flexibility
 - A sequence or a choice can be enclosed in parentheses and you can nest these inside other sequences or choices
 - Satisfy the content model in the parentheses, then apply the occurrence indicator

Defining Attributes in a DTD

```
<!ATTLIST element-name attribute1 type occurrence default  
    ...  
    attributen type occurrence default>
```

```
<!ELEMENT person (name, age)>          #REQUIRED  
<!ATTLIST person ssn      NMTOKEN  
                gender (M | F)    #IMPLIED  
                dob      CDATA    #IMPLIED  
                donor   (yes | no) 'yes'>
```

```
<!-- this is valid -->  
<person ssn='987-65-4321' gender='F'  
        dob='March 2, 1977' donor='yes'>  
    <name>Leanne Ross</name>  
    <age>25</age>  
</person>
```

Attribute Occurrence Constraints in a DTD

◆ **#REQUIRED**

`<xsd:attribute ... use='required'/>`

◆ **#IMPLIED**

`<xsd:attribute ... use='optional'/>`

◆ **'default-value'**

`<xsd:attribute ... default=''/>`

◆ **#FIXED 'constant-value'**

`<xsd:attribute ... fixed=''/>`

Attribute Types in a DTD

- ◆ Unlike the text content of an element, attributes are typed
 - ***CDATA***
 - ***NMTOKEN*** ***NMTOKENS***
 - ***ID*** ***IDREF*** ***IDREFS***
 - **enumeration**
 - *NOTATION*
 - *ENTITY* *ENTITIES*
- ◆ We will not cover *NOTATION* and *ENTITY* types, because they are rarely used

CDATA and ***NMTOKEN(S)*** Attributes

- ◆ ***CDATA*** - character data

<xsd:attribute ... type='xsd:string' />

- ◆ ***NMTOKEN(S)***

<xsd:attribute ... type='xsd:NMTOKEN' />

<xsd:attribute ... type='xsd:NMTOKENS' />

ID-IDREF(S) Attributes

◆ ***ID***

*<xsd:attribute ... **type='xsd:ID'** />*

◆ ***IDREF(S)***

*<xsd:attribute ... **type='xsd:IDREF'** />*

*<xsd:attribute ... **type='xsd:IDREFS'** />*

Enumerated Attributes

- ◆ An *enumeration* is like a **NMTOKEN** but the attribute values are restricted to a defined list
 - This allows for value checking
 - The values in the enumeration must be *valid XML name tokens*

```
<!-- ELEMENT employee EMPTY -->  
<!-- ATTLIST employee class (ceo | manager | grunt) #IMPLIED  
                        perks (lots | few) 'few' -->
```

```
<!-- this is valid -->  
<employee class='ceo' perks='lots' -->
```

```
<!-- this is not valid - what's wrong? -->  
<employee class='clerical' perks='none' -->
```

```
<!-- what are the attribute values here? -->  
<employee -->
```

Defining General Entities

- ◆ A **general entity** is a piece of XML that you can insert into a document, using an **entity reference**
 - They can be used in both element content and attribute values
 - The parser performs the process of **entity replacement**

```
<!ENTITY entity-name 'entity'>
```

```
<!ENTITY copyright 'This is OURS!'
```

```
<!-- somewhere in an XML document -->  
<article owner='&copyright;'>  
  <notice>Be warned! &copyright;</notice>  
</article>
```

```
<!-- after entity replacement, we have this -->  
<article owner='This is OURS!>  
  <notice>Be warned! This is OURS!</notice>  
</article>
```

JavaTunes Order DTD

```
<!ELEMENT order (customer, item+)>
<!ATTLIST order ID ID #REQUIRED
               dateTime CDATA #REQUIRED>

<!ELEMENT customer (name, street, apt?, city,
                   ((state, zipcode) | (prov, pcode)), shipper)>
<!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT apt (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT street (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT city (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT state (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT zipcode (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT prov (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT pcode (#PCDATA)>

<!ELEMENT shipper EMPTY>

<!ATTLIST shipper name NMTOKEN 'USMail'
                  accountNum CDATA #IMPLIED>
```


JavaTunes Order DTD

```
<!-- name element already defined - cannot redefine -->
<!ELEMENT item (name, artist+, releaseDate,
listPrice, price)>
<!-- item ID ID #REQUIRED
type NMTOKEN 'CD' -->

<!-- name element already defined - cannot redefine -->
<!ELEMENT artist (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT releaseDate (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT listPrice (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT price (#PCDATA)>
```

Comparison of XML Schema to DTDs

- ◆ Element definitions are “flat” and not hierarchical
- ◆ This has several ramifications:
 - No required ordering of the definitions in a DTD
 - No nesting of definitions
 - No context-sensitive element definitions, e.g., no way to distinguish between a **customer name** and an **item name**
 - No designation of document or root element -- any element definition can be a document element

Comparison of XML Schema to DTDs

- ◆ Attribute values have some types, but element values do not
 - `<price>abc</price>` is valid with respect to this DTD!
 - And there are no numeric or date types for attributes in DTDs
- ◆ Attribute values can take defaults, but element values cannot
- ◆ DTDs do not use XML syntax and do not support namespaces
- ◆ Content models cannot be defined flexibly
 - Order of child elements must be specified, i.e., there is no equivalent of `xsd:any`
 - It is difficult to specify certain child element occurrences, e.g., between 1 and 3

Optional Section

XML Schema Advanced Topics

- ◆ Element Groups
- ◆ Attribute Groups
- ◆ Deriving Simple Types
- ◆ Deriving Complex Types
- ◆ The *any* Types

Element Group Definitions

- ◆ ***xsd:group*** contains a compositor that acts as an atomic set of elements
 - Defines a reusable group of elements
 - Element group definitions are at the **top level, with a name**
- ◆ Element group **references** can be used within *xsd:sequence* and *xsd:choice* model groups
 - May use *maxOccurs* and *minOccurs*
- ◆ Similar to *xsd:sequence* embedded within a model group
 - However, *xsd:sequence* is unnamed and specific to a parent element context, therefore it cannot appear at the top level

Element Group Definitions - Example

<!-- groups must appear at the top level, with a name -->

<xsd:group name='USaddressGroup'>

<xsd:sequence>

<xsd:element name='state' type='xsd:string'/>

<xsd:element name='zipcode' type='xsd:string'/>

</xsd:sequence>

</xsd:group>

<xsd:group name='CAaddressGroup'>

<xsd:sequence>

<xsd:element name='prov' type='xsd:string'/>

<xsd:element name='pcode' type='xsd:string'/>

</xsd:sequence>

</xsd:group>

Element Group Definitions - Example

- ◆ We can now reference the groups to compose other types

```
<!-- reference the named groups with ref='' -->

<xsd:complexType name='addressType'>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name='street' type='xsd:string'/>
    <xsd:element name='apt' type='xsd:string'
      minOccurs='0'/>
    <xsd:element name='city' type='xsd:string'/>
    <xsd:choice>
      <xsd:group ref='USaddressGroup'/>
      <xsd:group ref='CAaddressGroup'/>
    </xsd:choice>
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```

Attribute Group Definitions

- ◆ ***xsd:attributeGroup*** is like an *xsd:group* for attributes
 - Defines a reusable group of attributes
 - Attribute group definitions are at the **top level, with a name**
- ◆ Attribute group **references** can be used wherever *xsd:attribute* can be used

Attribute Group Definitions - Example

```
<!-- groups must appear at the top level, with a name -->
```

```
<xsd:attributeGroup name='itemAttrGroup'>  
  <xsd:attribute name='ID' type='xsd:ID'  
    use='required'/>  
  <xsd:attribute name='type' type='xsd:NMTOKEN'  
    default='CD'/>  
</xsd:attributeGroup>
```

```
<!-- reference the named groups with ref='' -->
```

```
<xsd:complexType name='itemType'>  
  <xsd:sequence>  
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string'/>  
    ...  
  </xsd:sequence>  
  <xsd:attributeGroup ref='itemAttrGroup'/>  
</xsd:complexType>
```

Deriving New Types

- ◆ With XML Schema, we can create new types based on existing types
- ◆ We do this by placing *restrictions* on certain *facets* of the *base type*
- ◆ We use *xsd:simpleType* and *xsd:complexType* to create derived types

Facets

- ◆ Every basic datatype is defined in terms of a series of *facets*
- ◆ Facets determine the nature of the datatype
- ◆ XML Schema defines 12 facets that can constrain a datatype
 - xsd:length*
 - xsd:minLength*
 - xsd:maxLength*
 - xsd:pattern*
 - xsd:enumeration*
 - xsd:whiteSpace*
 - xsd:minInclusive*
 - xsd:maxInclusive*
 - xsd:minExclusive*
 - xsd:maxExclusive*
 - xsd:totalDigits*
 - xsd:fractionDigits*

Facets

- ◆ Each datatype has a set of constraining facets
 - Not all facets apply to each datatype
 - Each datatype may interpret a facet differently
- ◆ For ***xsd:string***
 - The *length*, *minLength*, and *maxLength* facets refer to the number of characters in the string
 - The *totalDigits* and *fractionDigits* have no meaning
- ◆ For ***xsd:list***
 - The *length*, *minLength*, and *maxLength* facets refer to the number of atomic elements in the list
 - We will look at *xsd:list* in detail later

Deriving New Simple Types

- ◆ ***xsd:simpleType*** allows us to derive new simple types
 - Recall that a simple type is a datatype for **values**
 - Used for **text values of elements** and **attribute values**
- ◆ We derive a type in terms of ***restrictions***, ***lists***, or ***unions***
 - ***xsd:restriction*** specifies the rules for this derived type
 - ***xsd:list*** specifies that this datatype is a list of another named simple type
 - ***xsd:union*** specifies that this datatype may contain one value from a series of possible datatypes

```
<xsd:simpleType name=' '>  
USE <xsd:restriction>  
OR <xsd:list>  
OR <xsd:union>  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

Deriving New Types by Restriction

- ◆ **xsd:restriction** defines the rules for the derived type
 - The base datatype is specified with the **base** attribute
 - One or more **constraining facets** may then be specified
- ◆ Each constraining facet contains two attributes
 - **value** is the meaningful value of this constraint - **required**
 - **fixed** is a boolean value determining if this facet can be constrained further (by other types derived from this type) - default is *false*

```
<!-- restrict a base type by using various facets -->  
<xsd:simpleType name=''>  
  <xsd:restriction base=''>  
    <someFacet value=''>  
    <someFacet value=''>  
  </xsd:restriction>  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

Deriving New Types by Restriction - Example

```
<!-- create a type with integer values from 1 to 150 -->  
<xsd:simpleType name='ageType'  
  <xsd:restriction base='xsd:positiveInteger'  
    <xsd:minInclusive value='1' fixed='true'/>  
    <xsd:maxInclusive value='150'/>  
  </xsd:restriction>  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- reference the type as usual, with type='' -->  
<xsd:element name='age' type='ageType'/>
```

```
<!-- this is valid -->  
<age>25</age>
```

```
<!-- this is not valid -->  
<age>199</age>
```

Deriving New Types by Enumeration

- ◆ ***xsd:enumeration*** is a **facet** that allows you to specify a **set of valid values** for a type
 - Like all facets, it appears in the body of *xsd:restriction*
 - This facet appears once for each possible value
 - Each value must be unique and valid for the base type
- ◆ In XML documents, the value for such a type must be **one of the values** in the set
 - It is a **single-valued** type

Deriving New Types by Enumeration - Example

```
<!-- create a single-valued type with the 50 US states
      as valid values -->
<xsd:simpleType name='USstatesType'>
  <xsd:restriction base='xsd:string'>
    <xsd:enumeration value='AK' />
    <xsd:enumeration value='AL' />
    ...
    <xsd:enumeration value='WY' />
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- reference the type as usual, with type='' -->
<xsd:element name='state' type='USstatesType' />
```

```
<!-- this is valid - a single value from the set -->
<state>WY</state>
```

```
<!-- this is not valid -->
<state>XX</state>
```

Deriving New Types by List

- ◆ ***xsd:list*** defines a list of values from a set
 - *xsd:list* is **not a facet**
 - It is used instead of *xsd:restriction*
 - The type for the list of values is specified by the ***itemType*** attribute

```
<!-- create a type that is a list of values -->  
<xsd:simpleType name=''>  
  <xsd:list itemType='' />    <!-- a list of what type? -->  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

- ◆ In XML documents, the value for such a type can be a **list of values** of type *itemType*, each one separated by whitespace
 - It is a **multi-valued** type

Deriving New Types by List - Example

```
<!-- create a multi-valued string type -->  
<xsd:simpleType name='nameListType'  
  <xsd:list itemType='xsd:string'/'>  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- this is valid - a list of xsd:string values -->  
<name>Jackson Jack Jackie Jackbo</name>
```

```
<!-- create a multi-valued type with the 50 US states  
as valid values -->  
<xsd:simpleType name='USstatesListType'  
  <xsd:list itemType='USstatesType'/'>  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- this is valid - a list of USstatesType values -->  
<state>WY AK</state>
```

Further Refining a Derived Type - Example

```
<!-- create a multi-valued string type with <=3 values -->
<xsd:simpleType name='threeNameListType'>
  <xsd:restriction base='nameListType'>
    <xsd:maxLength value='3' />
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- this is not valid - too many values -->
<name>Jackson Jack Jackie Jackbo</name>
```

- ◆ Notice how we derive a new type based on our own list type
 - By simply placing a restriction on it
- ◆ You can also use anonymous types in deriving new types
 - See notes below for an example

Deriving New Types by Union

- ◆ **xsd:union** defines a type as a union of other types
 - *xsd:union* is **not a facet**
 - It is used instead of *xsd:restriction* or *xsd:list*
 - The types of valid values are specified by the **memberTypes** attribute

```
<!-- create a type that is a union of other types -->  
<xsd:simpleType name=''>  
  <xsd:union memberTypes=''/> <!-- what types allowed? -->  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

- ◆ In XML documents, the value for such a type must be **one of the types** in the union
 - It is a **single-valued** type

Deriving New Types by Union - Example

```
<xsd:simpleType name='statusCodeType'>
  <xsd:restriction base='xsd:positiveInteger'>
    <xsd:maxInclusive value='5'/>
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<xsd:simpleType name='statusNameType'>
  <xsd:restriction base='xsd:string'>
    <xsd:enumeration value='COMMITTED'/>
    <xsd:enumeration value='ROLLED-BACK'/>
    ...
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- a status type that is a union of the other types -->
<xsd:simpleType name='statusType'>
  <xsd:union memberTypes='statusCodeType statusNameType'/>
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- this is valid -->
<status>1</status>
```

```
<!-- this is valid -->
<status>COMMITTED</status>
```

Deriving New Complex Types

- ◆ ***xsd:complexType*** allows us to derive new complex types
 - Used for **elements with child elements** and/or **attributes**
- ◆ Within *xsd:complexType*, ***xsd:complexContent*** defines a complex type in terms of an existing complex type
 - ***xsd:restriction*** is used to restrict the base type
 - By removing or redefining child elements and attributes
 - ***xsd:extension*** is used to extend the base type
 - By adding child elements and attributes
- ◆ Restrictions have a different meaning here
 - There are no constraining facets on complex content; facets apply only to simple types

Deriving New Complex Types - Example

- ◆ We start with a complex type named *address*
 - We will then extend and restrict that definition

```
<!-- this is the base type -->  
<xsd:complexType name='addressType'>  
  <xsd:sequence>  
    <xsd:element name='city' type='xsd:string'/>  
    <xsd:element name='state' type='xsd:string'/>  
    <xsd:element name='zipcode' type='xsd:string'/>  
  </xsd:sequence>  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- this is a valid instance of addressType -->  
<address>  
  <city>Harrisburg</city>  
  <state>Pennsylvania</state>  
  <zipcode>17109</zipcode>  
</address>
```


Deriving New Complex Types by Extension

```
<!-- extend addressType - add element & attribute -->
<xsd:complexType name='zip-plus4addressType'>
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base='addressType'>
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element name='zip-plus4' type='xsd:string'/>
      </xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:attribute name='type' type='xsd:string'/>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- this is a valid instance of zip-plus4addressType -->
<address type='billing'>
  <city>Harrisburg</city>
  <state>Pennsylvania</state>
  <zipcode>17109</zipcode>
  <zip-plus4>0775</zip-plus4>
</address>
```

Deriving New Complex Types by Restriction

```
<!-- restrict addressType - redefine & remove elements -->
<xsd:complexType name='simpleAddressType'>
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:restriction base='addressType'>
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element name='city' type='xsd:string'/>
        <xsd:element name='state' type='USstatesType'/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:restriction>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:simpleType>
```

```
<!-- this is a valid instance of simpleAddressType -->
<address>
  <city>Harrisburg</city>
  <state>PA</state>
</address>
```

Generic Type for Elements

- ◆ **xsd:any** is a wildcard schema component for elements
 - May specify a namespace
 - May use occurrence specifiers
 - No *type* is specified
- ◆ By default, *xsd:any* will allow any element from any namespace

```
<!-- a sequence of any one element -->  
<xsd:sequence>  
  <xsd:any/>  
</xsd:sequence>
```

```
<!-- a sequence of any three or more elements -->  
<xsd:sequence>  
  <xsd:any minOccurs='3' maxOccurs='unbounded' />  
</xsd:sequence>
```

Generic Type for Attributes

- ◆ ***xsd:anyAttribute*** is a wildcard schema component for attributes
 - May specify a namespace
 - No *type* is specified
- ◆ By default, *xsd:anyAttribute* will allow any attribute from any namespace

```
<!-- a complex type having any attribute -->
<xsd:complexType>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name='name' type='xsd:string'/>
    <xsd:element name='age' type='xsd:positiveInteger'/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <b><xsd:anyAttribute/></b>
</xsd:complexType>
```

- [Optional] Lab 4.5 – Advanced Topics -

- ◆ **Purpose:** In this lab, we will use derivation of simple types to refine some of the datatypes in our JavaTunes order schema
- ◆ **Builds on previous labs:** Lab 4.4
 - Continue working in your Lab04.1 project
- ◆ **Approximate Time:** 40-50 minutes

Tasks to Perform

- ◆ Create simple types to provide the following refinements:
 - Restrict the **shipper name** attribute to allow the following values:
USMail, FedEx, UPS
 - Create a type for zipcodes (see notes)
 - Restrict the **state** element content to actual state abbreviations
 - Don't actually do this for 50 states
 - Pick your 3 favorite states and use them

Testing Our Derived Types

Lab

- ◆ Modify your schema appropriately to use these new types
 - Simply refer to them by name in the appropriate *type* attributes, e.g.,
`<element name='zipcode' type='zipcodeType'/>`
- ◆ Test your schema by changing some of the data in an order
 - Try invalid values for the *shipper name* attribute
 - Try 5-digit and zip-plus4 values for the *zipcode* element
 - Try invalid values, as well
 - Try invalid values for the *state* element
- ◆ You can do this work in *order.xsd* or *ordersns.xsd*



Resources

- ◆ **W3C** - World Wide Web Consortium
 - <http://www.w3.org>
- ◆ **OASIS** - Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards
 - <http://www.oasis-open.org>
- ◆ **XML.org** - an industry Web portal formed by OASIS
 - <http://www.xml.org>