

IT3063 – ADVANCED WEB TECHNOLOGIES

XML Schema



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Objectives

- ✓ Understand the purpose of XSD
- ✓ Knowledge about the types of XSDs
- ✓ Understand how to use data types used in XSD
- ✓ Get idea about how to apply restrictions for datatypes



What is XML Schema?

- ✓ Defines rules for the structure and content of an XML document.
 - Specify overall structure of an XML document and identify all the components of the XML document
- ✓ Documents that adhere to an XML schema are considered valid documents
- ✓ W3 recommended



XSD vs DTD

DTD	XSD
Doesn't support data types	Supports datatypes for elements and attributes
Doesn't support namespace	Supports namespace
Doesn't define order for child elements	Defines order for child elements
Not extensible	Extensible
Not simple to learn	Simple to learn
Less control on XML structure	More control on XML structure



XML Schema Lingo

Term	Syntax	Example	What it does
XML declaration	<code><xml version="version" encoding="encoding"></code>	<code><xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"></code>	Tell the processor which version of XML and which character encoding to use
Schema element	<code><xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="namespace"></code>	<code><xsd:schema xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"></code>	Identifies the document as XML Schema
Element declaration	<code><xsd:element name="name"></code>	<code><xsd:element name="books"></code>	Defines the element named <i>books</i>
Attribute declaration	<code><xsd:attribute name = "name" type = "datatype"></code>	<code><xsd:attribute name = "sourceType" type="xsd:string"></code>	Defined the attribute named <i>sourceType</i>

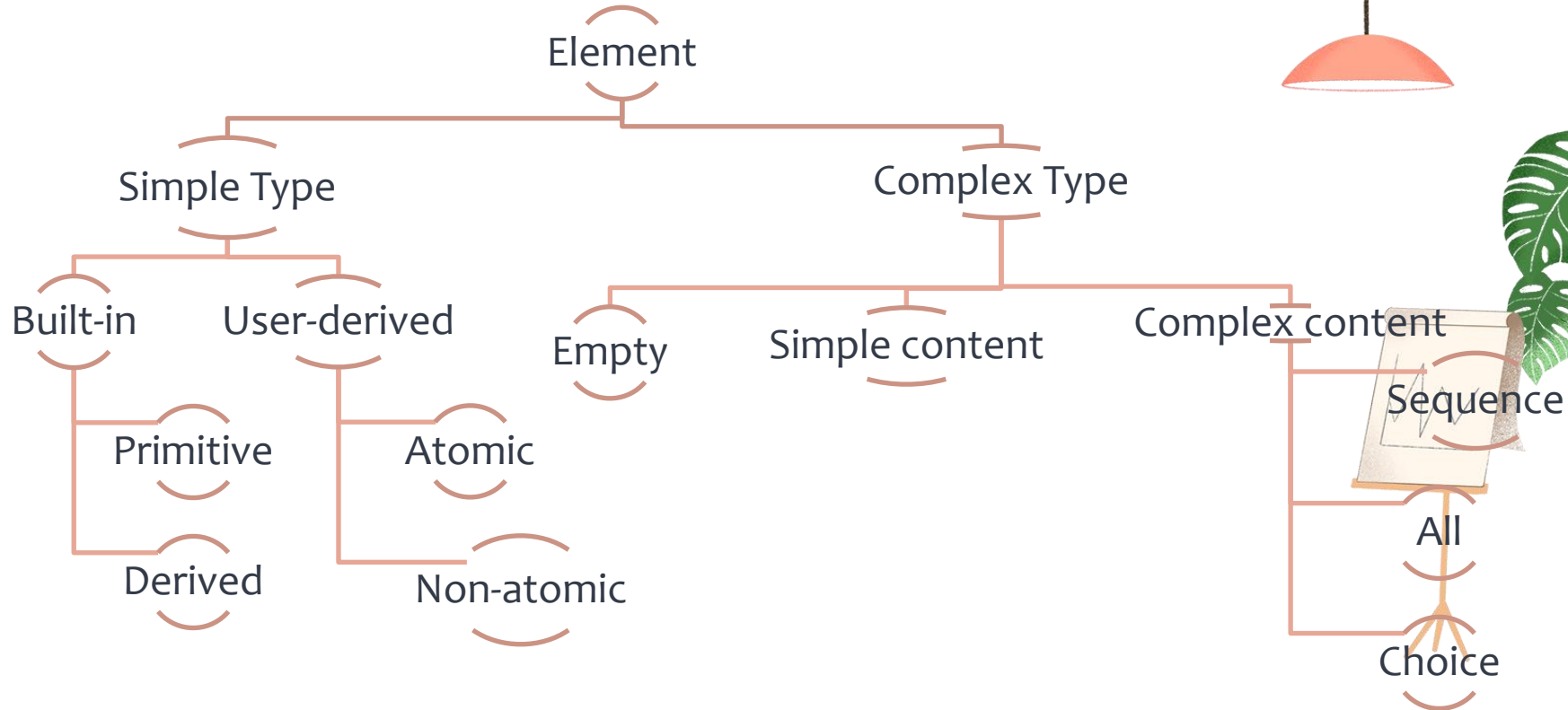


Syntax Example

```
<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs = "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name = "contact">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name = "name" type = "xs:string" />
        <xs:element name = "company" type = "xs:string" />
        <xs:element name = "phone" type = "xs:int" />
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```



Schema Types



Built-in Data Types

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Primitive Types

String	gYearMonth
Boolean	gYear
Decimal	gYearMonthDay
Float	gDay
Double	gMonth
dateTime	hexBinary
Time	anyURI
Date	Qname
	NOTATION

Derived Types

normalizedString	nonPositiveInteger
Token	negativeInteger
Language	Long
NMTOKEN	Int
NMTOKENS	Short
Name	Byte
NCName	nonNegativeInteger
ID	unsignedLong
IDREF	unsignedInt
IDREFS	unsignedShort
ENTITY	unsignedByte
Integer	positiveInteger



Built-in Data Types

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- ✓ string: a collection of characters that is treated as a simple string of text
- ✓ decimal: A number that includes a decimal point and some number of decimal places after the point
- ✓ dateTime: Can specify what pattern the date and time should use
- ✓ anyURI: a URI or URL
- ✓ integer: : A number without a decimal point



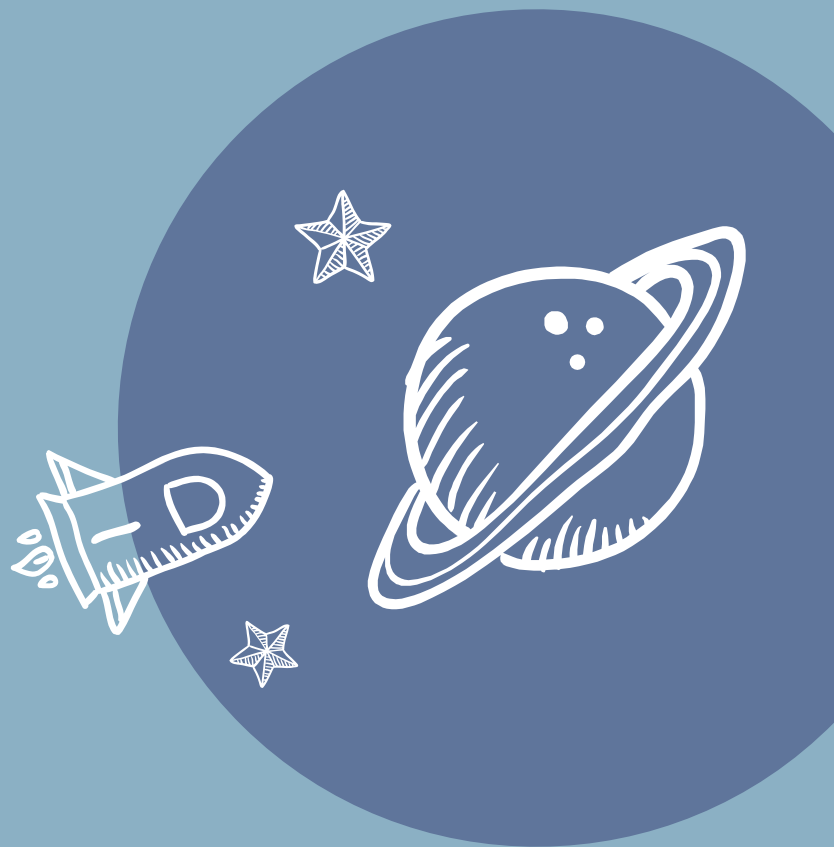
Valid XML Instance

- ✓ The **xmlns:xsi** indicated that XML document is an instance of an XML Schema
- ✓ **xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation** is used to link XML Schema with the XML file.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>  
<Author xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"  
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="Author.xsd">  
  <FirstName>Mark</FirstName>  
  <LastName>Twain</LastName>  
</Author>
```



Simple Type



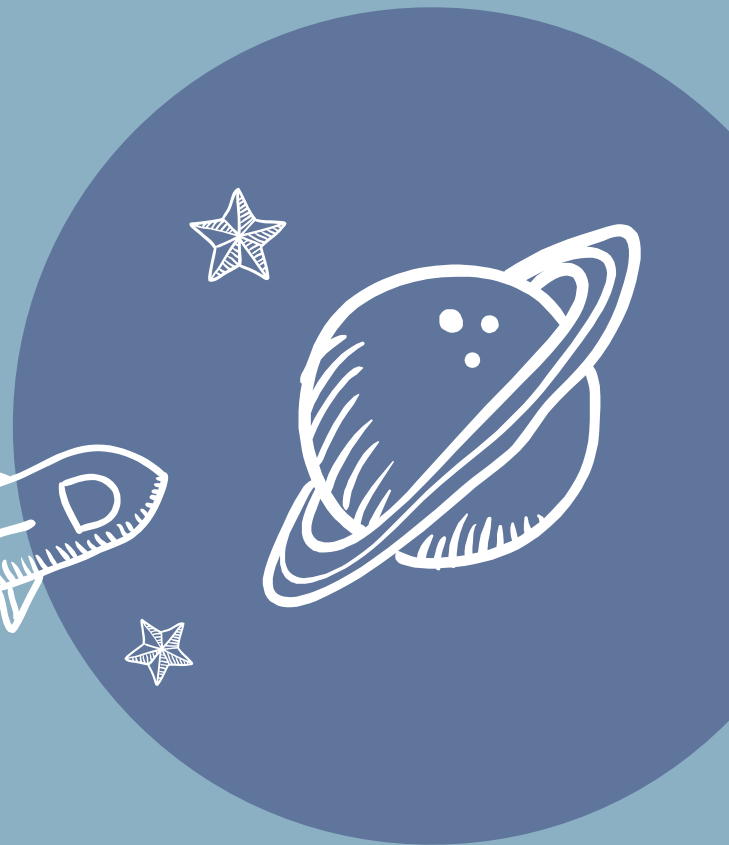
Simple Type

- ✓ Cannot contain any elements nor attributes
- ✓ Used for text-based elements
- ✓ Some of predefined simple types are;
 - xs:integer, xs:boolean, xs:string, xs:date, etc.

```
<xs:element name = "phone_number" type = "xs:int" />
```



Complex Type



Complex Type

- ✓ Container for other element definitions
- ✓ Allows to specify which child elements an element can contain
- ✓ Provides some structure within XML documents

```
<xs:element name = "Address">  
  <xs:complexType>  
    <xs:sequence>  
      <xs:element name = "name" type = "xs:string" />  
      <xs:element name = "company" type = "xs:string" />  
      <xs:element name = "phone" type = "xs:int" />  
    </xs:sequence>  
  </xs:complexType>  
</xs:element>
```



Complex Types

- ✓ Empty
- ✓ Elements Only
- ✓ Text Only
- ✓ Mixed
- ✓ Indicators
- ✓ <any>



Complex Type Indicators

- ✓ Choice Indicator
- ✓ Sequence Indicator
- ✓ All Indicator



Choice Indicator

```
<xs:element name="person">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:choice>
      <xs:element name="employee" type="employee"/>
      <xs:element name="member" type="member"/>
    </xs:choice>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```



Sequence Indicator

```
<xs:element name="person">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="firstname" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="lastname" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```



All Indicator

```
<xs:element name="person">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:all>
      <xs:element name="firstname" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="lastname" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:all>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```



```
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="class">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="student">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element name="firstname" type="xs:string"/>
              <xs:element name="lastname" type="xs:string"/>
              <xs:element name="age" type="xs:int"/>
            </xs:sequence>
          </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

```
<student>
  <firstname>Graham</firstname>
  <lastname>Bell</lastname>
  <age>20</age>
</student>
```

Exercise

- ✓ Between the open and close `xs:sequence` tags, declare three new elements:
 - Title of type `xs:string`.
 - Year of type `xs:gYear`.
 - Artist of type `xs:string`.
- ✓ Save the file.
- ✓ Try to validate the XML against the schema you just created.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="Song">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <!--
          Add three simple-type elements:
          1. Title
          2. Year
          3. Artist
        -->
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```



Exercise

- ✓ Write a XSD to below XML

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

```
<student>
```

```
<firstname>Graham</firstname>
```

```
<lastname>Bell</lastname>
```

```
<age>20</age>
```

```
</student>
```



Exercise

- ✓ Write a XSD to below XML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<home>
  <room>
    <type>livingroom</type>
    <doors>2</doors>
    <windows>3</windows>
    <electricity>
      <lights>5</lights>
      <switches>3</switches>
    </electricity>
  </room>
</home>
```



Thank you!

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