

- **data vs information**

- data is always raw (meaningless)
 - e.g.
 - steve, 58, steve@apple.com, USA
- information is always meaningful as it always has a well-defined structure
 - e.g.
 - name: steve,
age: 58,
email: steve@apple.com,
address: USA
 - to add structure we have following options
 - JSON
 - XML
 - YAML

XML

- stands for eXtensible Markup Language
- used to structure the document (data)
- **markup language**
 - which is made up of
 - tag
 - word enclosed by < and >
 - also known as element
 - XML uses user defined elements
 - e.g.
 - <name>
 - <address>
 - used as an instruction to perform some operation
 - types
 - opening
 - used to start an instruction
 - also known as starting tag
 - e.g.
 - <p>
 - closing
 - used to end the instruction
 - also known as ending tag
 - e.g.

- `</p>`
- empty
 - tag without having any data
 - e.g.
 - `<p></p>`
 - shorthand
 - `
`
- root
 - which starts and ends the document
- attribute
 - more information about the tag
 - XML uses user defined attributes
 - attributes are optional
 - if used then attribute must be used in the name = value format
 - e.g.
 - `<input type="text" >`
 - where
 - input is a tag
 - type is an attribute
 - text is the value for attribute type
 - for html5 attributes
 - if attribute name and value is same then one can use the shorthand attribute
 - e.g.
 - `<input required="required">`
 - `<input required>`
 - every html tag has following attributes
 - **id**: used to identify the tag uniquely
 - **name**:
 - used to add the name for a tag
 - used while submitting the form
 - **style**:
 - used to inline style to a tag
 - **class**:
 - used to add css class to a tag
- data
 - also known as content
 - information enclosed by opening and closing tags
 - e.g.
 - `<p>This is my paragraph</p>`
 - where
 - `<p>`: starting tag
 - this is my paragraph: data
 - `</p>`: closing tag

- is not a programming language

- **html vs xml**

- html is used for web designing, while xml is used for adding structure to the document
- html provides pre-defined by W3C tags, while xml provides custom (user-defined) tags

- **use of xml**

- used to put the application configuration in a structured way
- used to send the data from one location to another
- used to add restrictions (to define rules) for other languages

- **rules for defining an element**

- special characters like space are not allowed
 - only underscore (_) is allowed

```
<!-- invalid element -->
<first name>steve</frst name>

<!-- valid element -->
<first_name>steve</frst_name>
<firstName>steve</frstName>
```

- element name must not start with a number

```
<!-- invalid element -->
<1name>steve</1name>

<!-- valid element -->
<firstName>steve</firstName>
<name1>steve</name1>
```

- every opening element must be closed

```
<!-- invalid -->
<name>steve

<!-- valid -->
<name>steve</name>
```

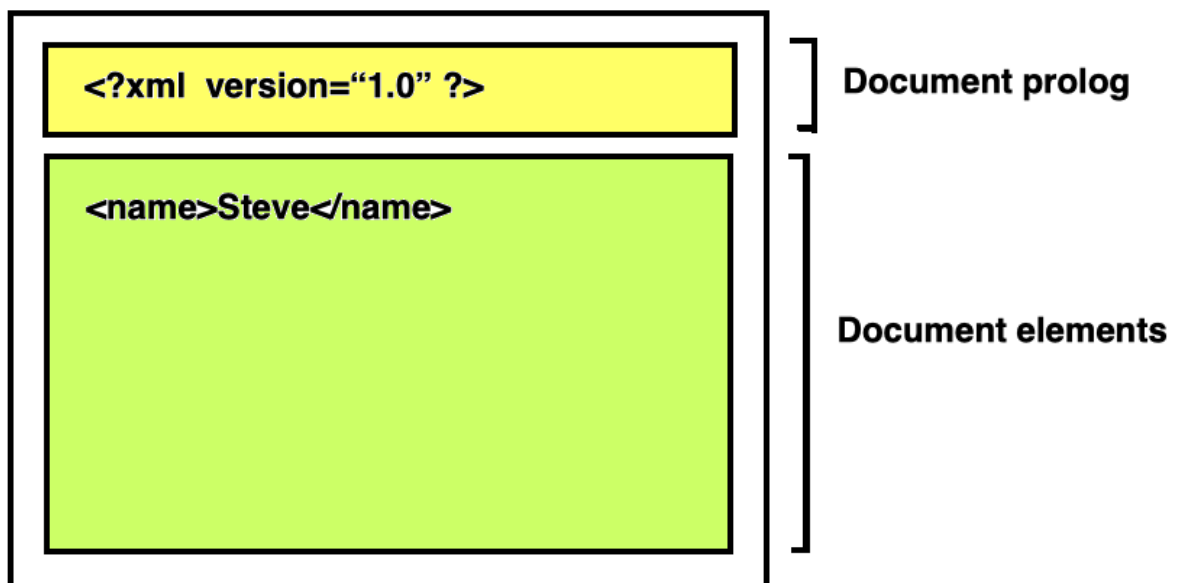
- element name is case sensitive

```
<!-- invalid -->
<name>steve</Name>

<!-- valid -->
<name>steve</name>
```

- **XML document**

- file used to write the xml elements
- contains two parts



- document prolog
 - used to add more information about the document
 - optional
 - e.g.
 - define XML specification used in the document

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

- document elements
 - used to add the user defined elements
 - e.g.

```
<name>steve</name>
```

- xml document must define one and only one root tag
 - xml document must start and end with one and only one element

```
<!-- invalid document -->
<name>steve</name>
<company>apple</company>
```

```
<!-- valid document -->
<person>
  <name>steve</name>
  <company>apple</company>
</person>
```

- **rules for defining attribute**

- attribute must appear in a name-value format

```
<phone usage="general">12342423</phone>

<!--
  usage is an attribute where
  - usage: name
  - genera: name
-->
```

- an element can not have multiple attributes with same name

```
<!-- invalid as multiple attributes with similar name (usage) -
->
<phone usage="general" usage="special">1234234</phone>

<!-- valid -->
<phone usage="genera" provider="airtel">23245435</phone>
```

- **attribute only element**

- element which does not contain any child element and has all the data converted to attributes

```
<person
  name="person1"
  address="pune"
  email="person1@test.com" />
```

```
<person
  name="person1"
  address="pune"
  email="person1@test.com"></person>
```

- **well-known xml**

- the xml document which satisfies all the syntactical rules for elements and attributes

```
<!-- not a well known xml -->
<cars>
  <1car>
    <model>i20</model>
    <color>space gray</color>
  </1car>
</cars>

<!-- well known xml -->
<cars>
  <car>
    <model>i20</model>
    <color>space gray</color>
  </car>
</cars>
```

- **valid xml**

- a well-known xml that follows the user-defined rules
- to validate xml
 - DTD
 - XML Schema

DTD

- Document Type Definition
- used to validate xml file based on the user-defined rules
- types
 - internal
 - added inside the same xml document
 - external
 - added outside the xml document
- every valid xml is a well-known xml but vice-a-versa may not be the case
- **rules**
 - !DOCTYPE
 - stands for document type (element)
 - represents the root element

```
<!-- valid xml -->
<!DOCTYPE name [
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
]>
<name>steve</name>

<!-- invalid xml -->
<!DOCTYPE name [
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
]>
<Name>steve</Name>
```

fundamentals

element declarations

- **empty element**
 - element without having any data
 - element must not contain any data
 - e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE myElement [
  <!ELEMENT myElement EMPTY>
]>
<myElement></myElement>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE myElement [
  <!ELEMENT myElement EMPTY>
]>
<myElement />
```

- **element with data**
 - element which **may** contain data with any type
 - data can be represented by using #PCDATA
 - PCDATA: Parsed Characters Data
 - e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE name [
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
]>
<name>person1</name>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE name [
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
]>
<name />
```

- **parent element (with child elements with pre-defined order)**

- element having at least one child element is a parent element
- the order of child elements is mandatory
- every child element must present within parent element
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name, address)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <name>person1</name>
  <address>pune</address>
</person>
```

- **any element**

- element having child elements in any order
- element may have anything inside it
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person ANY>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <name>person1</name>
  <address>pune</address>
</person>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person ANY>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <address>pune</address>
```



```
<name>person1</name>
</person>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person ANY>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>data</person>
```

- **element enumeration**

- a parent element can have only one of the child elements
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name | address)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <address>mumbai</address>
</person>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name | address)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <name>person1</name>
</person>
```

- **element occurrences**

- way to validate a parent element having multiple child elements
- DTD has given wild characters for validation

- **minimum one (+)**

- represents a scenario of: one or more element(s)
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
```

```

<!ELEMENT person (name, address, phone+)>
<!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <name>person2</name>
  <address>mumbai</address>
  <phone>+9112432432</phone>
</person>

```

```

<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name, address, phone+)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <name>person2</name>
  <address>mumbai</address>
  <phone>+9112432432</phone>
  <phone>+9112432433</phone>
  <phone>+9112432434</phone>
</person>

```

- **minimum zero (*)**

- represents a scenario of: zero or more element(s)
- e.g.

```

<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name, address, phone*)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <name>person2</name>
  <address>mumbai</address>
</person>

```

```

<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name, address, phone*)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>

```

```

    <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
    <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>
  ]>
  <person>
    <name>person2</name>
    <address>mumbai</address>
    <phone>+9112432432</phone>
  </person>

```

```

<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name, address, phone*)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <name>person2</name>
  <address>mumbai</address>
  <phone>+9112432432</phone>
  <phone>+9112432433</phone>
  <phone>+9112432434</phone>
</person>

```

■ zero or one (?)

- represents a scenario of: zero or one element
- this wild character makes the element optional
- e.g.

```

<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name, address, phone?)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>
]>
<person>
  <name>person2</name>
  <address>mumbai</address>
  <phone>2344</phone>
</person>

```

```

<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (name, address, phone?)>
  <!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>

```

```

    <!--ELEMENT address (#PCDATA)-->
    <!--ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)-->
  ]>
  <person>
    <name>person2</name>
    <address>mumbai</address>
  </person>

```

attribute declaration

- **simple attribute declaration**
 - an attribute always present within an element
 - e.g.

```

<!--DOCTYPE person [
  <!--ELEMENT person (phone)-->
  <!--ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)-->

  <!--ATTLIST phone provider CDATA >
]>
<person>
  <phone provider="airtel">+9234345</phone>
</person>

```

```

<!--DOCTYPE person [
  <!--ELEMENT person (phone)-->
  <!--ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)-->

  <!--ATTLIST phone provider CDATA >
  <!--ATTLIST phone model CDATA >
]>
<person>
  <phone provider="airtel" model="iPhone">+9234345</phone>
</person>

```

```

<!--DOCTYPE person [
  <!--ELEMENT person (phone)-->
  <!--ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)-->

  <!--ATTLIST phone
    provider CDATA
    model CDATA >
]>
<person>

```

```
<phone provider="airtel" model="iPhone">+9234345</phone>
</person>
```

- **attribute with default value**

- attribute value is optionally present
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (phone)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>

  <!ATTLIST phone provider CDATA "airtel">
]>
<person>
  <phone provider="">+9234345</phone>
</person>
```

- **required attribute**

- the attribute must be present in the element
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (phone)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>

  <!ATTLIST phone provider CDATA #REQUIRED>
]>
<person>
  <phone provider="airtel">+9234345</phone>
</person>
```

- **optional attribute**

- attribute may present in the element
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (phone+)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>

  <!ATTLIST phone provider CDATA #IMPLIED>
]>
<person>
  <phone provider="airtel">+9234345</phone>
```

```
<phone>+9234345</phone>
</person>
```

- **attribute with fixed value**

- attribute can not have any other value than the fixed value
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (phone)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>

  <!ATTLIST phone provider CDATA #FIXED "airtel">
]>
<person>
  <phone provider="airtel">+9234345</phone>
</person>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (phone)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>

  <!ATTLIST phone provider CDATA #FIXED "airtel">
]>
<person>
  <phone>+9234345</phone>
</person>
```

- **attribute enumeration**

- attribute must have one of the enumerated values
- e.g.

```
<!DOCTYPE person [
  <!ELEMENT person (phone)>
  <!ELEMENT phone (#PCDATA)>

  <!ATTLIST phone provider (airtel|idea|vodafone|gio) #REQUIRED>
]>
<person>
  <phone provider="vodafone">+9234345</phone>
</person>
```

DTD limitations

- DTD does not define any data type
- DTD can not understand XML namespace
- DTD can not apply any restrictions

XML namespace

- group of elements of a certain type
- xmlns is used to create an xml namespace
- use to the namespace, add a prefix
- to add any element in the namespace use format
 - <prefix>:<element name>
- e.g.

```
<tables>
  <rt:table xmlns:rt="http://real-table">
    <rt:size></rt:size>
    <rt:company></rt:company>
    <rt:price></rt:price>
  </rt:table>

  <ht:table xmlns:ht="http://html-table">
    <ht:tr>
      <ht:td></ht:td>
    </ht:tr>
  </ht:table>
</tables>
```

```
<tables
  xmlns:rt="http://real-table"
  xmlns:ht="http://html-table">

  <rt:table>
    <rt:size></rt:size>
    <rt:company></rt:company>
    <rt:price></rt:price>
  </rt:table>

  <ht:table>
    <ht:tr>
      <ht:td></ht:td>
    </ht:tr>
  </ht:table>
```

```
</tables>
```

XML Schema

- one of the ways to validate the xml file
- XML schema is preferred over DTD
 - XML schema has predefined data types
 - XML schema can be used to validate xml with namespaces
 - XML schema can be used to add restrictions
- requirements of XML schema
 - XML namespace
 - XML Schema can not be written internally
 - XML schema must be written outside of the xml file
 - external XML shema document must have an extension .xsd (XML Schema Document)
- **data types**
 - string
 - integer
 - decimal
 - date
 - time
 - boolean

element declaration

- **simple type**
 - element which does not have
 - any attribute
 - any child element
 - e.g.

```
<name>person</name>  
<address>pune</address>
```

```
<!-- page1.xml -->  
<person  
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"  
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page1.xsd">person1</person>  
  
<!-- page1.xsd -->  
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
```



```
<xs:element name="person" type="xs:string"></xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

```
<!-- page1.xml -->
<age
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page1.xsd">50</age>

<!-- page1.xsd -->
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="age" type="xs:integer"></xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

```
<!-- page1.xml -->
<salary
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page1.xsd">10.50</salary>

<!-- page1.xsd -->
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="salary" type="xs:decimal"></xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

```
<!-- page1.xml -->
<canVote
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page1.xsd">>false</canVote>

<!-- page1.xsd -->
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="canVote" type="xs:boolean"></xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

- **default value**

- the element will have a default value
- e.g.

```
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="canVote" type="xs:boolean" default="false">
</xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

- **fixed value**

```
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="canVote" type="xs:boolean" fixed="false">
</xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

- **complex type**

- element which may have
 - either at least one child element
 - or at least one attribute
 - or both child element(s) and attribute(s)
- e.g.

```
<person>
  <name>person1</name>
  <phone provider="airtel"></phone>
</person>

<!--
  where,
    <person> is a complex type element (as it has child elements)
    <name> is a simple type element
    <phone> is a complex type element (as it has an attribute)
-->
```

- **with child elements**

- **sequence**

- all the child element(s) must be present
- the child element(s) order is important
- e.g.

```
<!-- page.xsd -->
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="person">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element name="age" type="xs:integer" />
        <xs:element name="address" type="xs:string" />
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

```

<!-- page.xml -->
<person
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page.xsd">
  <name>person1</name>
  <age>40</age>
  <address>pune</address>
</person>

```

■ all

- all the child element(s) must be present
- the child element(s) order is NOT important
- e.g.

```

<!-- page.xsd -->
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="person">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:all>
        <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element name="age" type="xs:integer" />
        <xs:element name="address" type="xs:string" />
      </xs:all>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>

<!-- page.xml -->
<person
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page.xsd">
  <name>person1</name>
  <address>pune</address>
  <age>40</age>
</person>

```

■ choice

- one of the child elements is required
- e.g.

```

<!-- page.xsd -->
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="gender">
    <xs:complexType>

```

```

        <xs:choice>
            <xs:element name="male" type="xs:string" />
            <xs:element name="female" type="xs:string" />
        </xs:choice>
    </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
</xs:schema>

<!-- page.xml -->
<gender
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page.xsd">
    <female></female>
</gender>

<!-- page.xml -->
<gender
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page.xsd">
    <male></male>
</gender>

```

- **occurrence indicators**

- indicates multiple occurrences of the element(s)
- types
 - minOccurs: minimum time(s) the element must appear
 - maxOccurs: maximum time(s) the element must appear
- unbounded: predefined value to represent the element can occur as many times as you need
- e.g.

```

<!-- page.xsd -->
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
    <xs:element name="persons">
        <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>

                <xs:element name="person" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="5">
                    <xs:complexType>
                        <xs:sequence>
                            <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string" />
                            <xs:element name="age" type="xs:integer" />
                        </xs:sequence>
                    </xs:complexType>
                </xs:element>

            </xs:sequence>
        </xs:complexType>
    </xs:element>

```

```

</xs:schema>

<!-- page.xml -->
<persons
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page.xsd">

  <person>
    <name>person1</name>
    <age>40</age>
  </person>

  <person>
    <name>person2</name>
    <age>60</age>
  </person>

</persons>

```

attribute declaration

```

<!-- page.xsd -->
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="person">

    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element name="age" type="xs:integer" />

        <xs:element name="phone">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:attribute name="provider" type="xs:string" />
          </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>

      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>

  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>

<!-- page.xml -->
<person
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="page.xsd">
  <name>person1</name>
  <age>40</age>

```

```
<phone provider="airtel"></phone>
</person>
```

- with default value

```
<xs:element name="phone">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:attribute name="provider" type="xs:string" default="airtel"
  />
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```

- with fixed value

```
<xs:element name="phone">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:attribute name="provider" type="xs:string" fixed="airtel" />
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```

- with required attribute

```
<xs:element name="phone">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:attribute name="provider" type="xs:string" use="required" />
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```

- with optional attribute

```
<xs:element name="phone">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:attribute name="provider" type="xs:string" use="optional" />
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```

- with prohibited attribute

```
<xs:element name="phone">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:attribute name="provider" type="xs:string" use="prohibited"
  />
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```