

# XML : Anatomy of XML Document

## 1) Syntactical rules of well form xml.

Ans)

### A Well-formed XML document:

- A Well-formed XML document simply includes markup pages with descriptive tags
- A Well-formed XML does not need a DTD, but should conform to xml syntax
- If all tags are correctly formed and follow XML guidelines, then the document is a well-formed XML

### Syntax Rules for XML:

An XML document

- Is case sensitive
- Has a single root element
- Has all matching tags
- XML Elements should be properly nested
- All attributes are quoted
- White spaces are not ignored
- May or may not have a (DTD) document Type Description to describe the document.

## 2) Rules to form element name.

Ans)

### Naming Rules:

- A name consists of at least one letter : a to z or A-Z.
- If the name consists of more than one character, then it may start with an underscore ( \_ ) or a colon ( : )
- The initial letter can be followed by one or more letters, digits, hyphens, underscores, or full stops.

## 3) How to check whether an element contains mixed content.

Ans)

### XSD Mixed Content:

- A mixed complex type element can contain attributes, elements, and text.

### Complex Types with Mixed Content

- An XML element, "letter", that contains both text and other elements:

```
<letter>
  Dear Mr.<name>John Smith</name>.
  Your order <orderid>1032</orderid>
  will be shipped on <shipdate>2001-07-13</shipdate>.
</letter>
```

The following schema declares the "letter" element:

```
<xs:element name="letter">
  <xs:complexType mixed="true">
    <xs:sequence>
```

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```
<xs:element name="name" type="xs:string"/>
<xs:element name="orderid" type="xs:positiveInteger"/>
<xs:element name="shipdate" type="xs:date"/>
</xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```

### 4) Compare dtd and xsd.

Ans)

#### Drawbacks of DTD:

- Use of non-XML syntax
- No support for data typing
- Non-extensibility

#### Advantages of XML Schemas:

- Support data types
- Use XML syntax
- Secure data communication
- Are extensible
- Well-formed is not enough

### 5) How to form complex type.

Ans)

#### Complex Element:

A complex element is an XML element that contains other elements and/or attributes.

There are four kinds of complex elements:

- Empty elements
- Elements that contain only other elements
- Elements that contain both – other elements and text
- Elements that contain text

Examples of Complex XML Elements:

Example 1:

Consider a complex XML element, “product”, which is empty:

- `<product pid="1345"/>`

It can be declared as:

```
<xs:element name="product">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:attribute name="prodid" type="xs:positiveInteger"/>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```

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## 6)Importance of <xs:sequence>, <xs:all> and <xs:choice>.

Ans)

### All Indicator:

- The <all> indicator specifies, by default, that the child elements can appear in any order and that each child element must occur once and only once.

### Choice Indicator:

- The <choice> indicator specifies that either one child element or another can occur.

### Sequence Indicator:

- The <sequence> indicator specifies that the child elements must appear in a specific order.

## 7)How to apply SimpleType restrictions such as : pattern, minInclusive, maxInclusive,

Ans)

Restrictions on XSD Elements:

### Restrictions on Content:

When an XML element or attribute has a datatype associated with , it puts a restriction on the element's or attribute's content.

### Restrictions on Values:

The example in the above slide defines an element called "Quantity" with a restriction. The value of book "Quantity" cannot be lower than 0 or greater than 500.

- MinInclusive Specifies the lower bounds for numeric values (the value must be greater than or equal to this value)
- MaxInclusive Specifies the upper bounds for numeric values (the value must be less than or equal to this value)

### Example:

```
<xs:element name="Quantity">
  <xs:simpleType>
    <xs:restriction base="xs:integer">
      <xs:minInclusive value="0" />
      <xs:maxInclusive value="500"/>
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:simpleType>
</xs:element>
```

### Restrictions on Series of Values

- To limit the content of an XML elemnt to define a series of numbers or letters that can be used, we can use the pattern constraint.

```
<xs:element name="letter">
```

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```
<xs:simpleType>
  <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
    <xs:pattern value="[a-z]" />
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
</xs:element>
```

- The only acceptable value is ONE of the LOWERCASE letters from a to z.

### 8)Attribute definition in xsd with its usage.

Ans)

- Defining an Attribute:  
    < xs : attribute name="AuthorID" type="xs:string" />  
    (where "AuthorID" is the name of the attribute and "xs:string" specifies the data type of the attribute )
- Creating optional and Required Attributes:  
    < xs : attribute name="btype" type="xs:string" use="required" />
- Attributes are optional by default.