Scripting & Computer Environments Web Programming: XHTML

IIIT-H

Sep 18, 2013

...Previously & Today...

Previously:

- Internet vs web, client-server interactions, key network protocolse.g. IP, TCP, UDP, HTTP(s), DNS
- HTML Basics
 - Document Structure
 - Block-level elements

```
<h1> to <h6>, , , , <hr>, <form>, <div> ...
```

• Inline elements

```
<b>, <i>, <em>, <strong>, <code>, <a>, <img>, ...
```

- Tables and Forms
- Layout Management

Today:

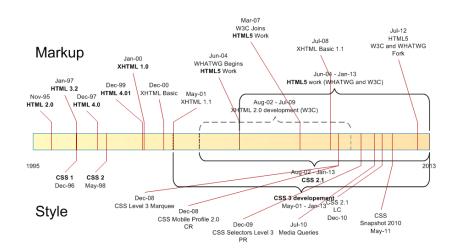
Brainstorm

• What factors would you consider when designing a website?

• HTML vs XHTML

Timeline

(X)HTML:



- EXtensible HyperText Markup Language.
- XHTML almost \sim HTML 4.01 (but stricter and cleaner)
- XHTML = HTML + XML (EXtensible Markup Language)
- XHTML is HTML redesigned as XML.
- XML designed to carry and store data; HTML to display data.
 - No predefined tags (unlike HTML).
 - Allows to define one's own tag or document structure.
 - Doesn't replace but complements HTML.
- XHTML is supported by major browsers:













The Whys

XHTML:

HTML...

- Many "bad" HTML codes out there.
- Markup ambiguities → inconsistent rendering by browsers.
 e.g. by mobile, small device, and braille browsers

XHTML...

- Inter-browser interoperability/compatibility
- Content-style separation
- XML eases addition of new elements/attributes. By extension ...
- Future-oriented standard



HTML vs XHTML

XHTML:

- Separation of content from presentation.
- Document structure (e.g. DOCTYPE declaration)
- Stricter element and attribute syntaxes
 - Case-sensitive element names
 - Quoting of attribute values
 - Tag closure
 - Proper nesting of tags



- Instruct the browser about the (X)HTML version of the page.
- Be the first line in your code.
- Common Document Type Definitions (DTDs) to ease the transition from HTML → XHTML:
 - XHTML 1.0 Transitional: compatible with HTML 4.01 but NO framesets, includes style + deprecated elements.
 - ❷ XHTML 1.0 Frameset: ~ XHTML 1.0 Transitional but allows framesets.
 - Strict: tighter control

XHTML 1.0 Transitional

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">

XHTML 1.0 Frameset

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Frameset//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-frameset.dtd">

XHTML 1.0 Strict

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">

```
<!-- Mandatory DOCTYPE goes here -->
<!-- <html>, <head>, <title> & <body> also must be present -->
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
       <!-- xmlns specifies the xml namespace for a document-->
<head>
     <title> Document title goes here </title>
</head>
<body>
    The actual content goes here
</body>
</html>
```

→ □ → → □ → □ ・ の へ ○

Nest XHTML elements properly.

Example

<i>This text is bold and italic</i>



Example

<i>This text is bold and italic</i>



Always close non-empty XHTML elements/tags.

Example

Here is a paragraph.

p> Here is another paragraph.



Example

Here is a paragraph

Here is another paragraph





Close empty XHTML elements too.

Example

A break:

A horizontal rule: <hr>



Example

A break:

A horizontal rule: <hr />





XHTML elements \mathcal{E} attributes be in lower case only (XML is case-sensitive).

```
Example
<TABLE WIDTH="80%">
<TR>
<TD> cell 1 </TD> <TD> cell 2 </TD>
</TR>
</TABLE>
```



```
Example
<t.r>
 cell 1   cell 2
```



Quote attribute values.

Example

<form action=example.php method=get>



Example



<form action="example.php" method="get">

Attribute minimization NOT allowed (attribute-value pairs must be written in full).

Example

<input checked>

<input readonly>

<input disabled>

<option selected>



<input checked="checked">

<input readonly="readonly">

<input disabled="disabled">

<option selected="selected">





HTML \rightarrow XHTML:

Input: HTML

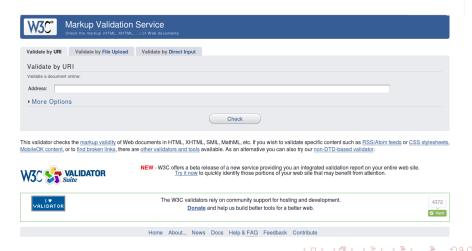
Output: XHTML

- 1. Add the <!DOCTYPE> declaration to the first line.
- 2. Add the xmlns attribute to the <html> element.
- 3. Change all element and attribute names to lowercase
- 4. Close all empty + non-empty elements
- 5. Quote all attribute values

Validation

(X)HTML:

Visit W3C's Markup Validator page.



XHTML vs HTML:

- Ocument Structure
 - Mandatory XHTML DOCTYPE ✓
 - Mandatory xmlns attribute in <html> √
 - \bullet Mandatory <html>, <head>, <title>, and <body> \checkmark
- XHTML Elements
 - ullet Be properly nested \checkmark
 - Always be closed ✓
 - Be in lowercase ✓
 - XHTML documents must have one root element \checkmark
- 3 XHTML Attributes
 - Names be in lower case ✓
 - Values be quoted \checkmark
 - Attribute minimization is forbidden ✓ ←□→ ←□→ ←≧→ ←≧→ ←≧→ → ◆○



- The new HTML standard (still work-in-progress).
- The previous version was HTML 4.01 (1999).
- Why the revision?
- Many latest browser versions support it.
- Device-independent, backward-compatible
- A response to the current web evolution

- New elements and attributes
- Aware of latest web technologies (e.g. full CSS3 support)
- Reduces the need for 3rd party plugins such as QuickTime/Flash.
 e.g. the <video> and <audio> new elements
- 2D/3D Graphics (e.g. the <canvas> element for 2D)
- \bullet Local Storage of info (\sim cookies but for larger info)
- Geolocation (e.g. for location-aware web apps)

Added/Removed Elements



HTML 5:

2D Drawing: canvas

Media: audio video

Content-specific: header footer nav section article

New form controls: calendar email time url search



big center font frame frameset blink noframes strike applet basefont marquee

HTML 5:

<input type="X">

where X is one of:

| X | Used For |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| search | search boxes |
| color | color pickers |
| tel | telephone numbers |
| email | email addresses |
| url | web addresses |
| date | calendar date pickers |
| datetime | date and time (with time zone) |
| datetime-local | local date and time |
| month | to select month + year |
| week | to select week + year |
| time | timestamps |
| range | range of numbers |
| number | numeric values |

XHTML 1.0 Strict ...

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">

HTML 5 ...

<!DOCTYPE html>

```
XHTML ...
```

```
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
lang="en" xml:lang="en">
```

HTML $5 \dots$

<html lang="en" xml:lang="en">

XHTML ...

```
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type"
content="text/html; charset=utf-8">
```

HTML 5 ...

<meta charset="utf-8" />

HTML 5:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <meta charset="utf-8">
   <title>This is title</title>
</head>
<body>
  <header>header of the document such as banner/header>
  <nav>navigation links go here</nav>
  <article>
      <section>
         An article may have many sections
      </section>
  </article>
  <aside>content aside from the main content</aside>
  <footer>footer of the document</footer>
</body>
</html>
```