

XML

vs. JSON, YAML, TOML, etc.

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Lecture #7 out of 16

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Extensible Markup Language (XML)

XSD, XPath, XSLT, XQuery, etc.

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

YAML, TOML, CSV

Books, Venues, Call-to-Action

Chapter #1:

Extensible Markup Language (XML)

Library in XML

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <library>
3   <book id="42">
4     <author>David West</author>
5     <title>Object Thinking</title>
6   </book>
7   <book id='43'>
8     <author>Martin Fowler</author>
9     <title>Refactoring</title>
10  </book>
11 </library>
```

Namespaces

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <library xmlns="https://innopolis.university/ssd16"
3   xmlns:a="https://www.amazon.com"
4   xmlns:t="https://www.twitter.com">
5   <book id="42">
6     <a:dp>0134757599</a:dp>
7     <t:author>@martinfowler</t:author>
8     <author>Martin Fowler</author>
9     <title>Refactoring</title>
10  </book>
11 </library>
```

Escaping

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <formulas>
3   <f title='Fibonacci&apos;s'> <!-- Fibonacci's -->
4     <e>if x &lt; 2 return x</e> <!-- if x < 2 return x -->
5     <e>else return f(x-1) + f(x-2)</e>
6   </f>
7 </formulas>
```

[XML Namespaces Escaping [Formats](#)]



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:XML-based_standards →

XML Based Formats/Protocols

SOAP, RSS, Atom, SVG, XHTML, HTML5,
Open Office XML, XMPP,
SyncML, RDF, XMI, XMIR :)

Chapter #2:

XSD, XPath, XSLT, XQuery, etc.

XML Schema Definition (XSD)

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
3   <xs:complexType name="book">
4     <xs:sequence>
5       <xs:element name="author" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
6       <xs:element name="title" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
7     </xs:sequence>
8     <xs:attribute name="id" type="xs:decimal"/>
9   </xs:complexType>
10  <xs:element name="library">
11    <xs:complexType>
12      <xs:sequence>
13        <xs:element name="book" type="book" minOccurs="0"/>
14      </xs:sequence>
15    </xs:complexType>
16  </xs:element>
17 </xs:schema>
```

XML Path Language (XPath)

```
<library><book id=42><author>David West</..></..></..>
```

```
/library/book[@id='42']
```

```
//book[@id='42']
```

```
//book[first()]
```

```
//book[author='David West']
```

```
//book[author[text()='David West']]
```

XSL Transformations (XSLT)

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
3   xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
4   <xsl:template match="book">
5     <item>
6       <xsl:value-of select="title"/>
7       <xsl:text> by </xsl:text>
8       <xsl:value-of select="title"/>
9     </item>
10  </xsl:template>
11  <xsl:template match="node()|@*">
12    <xsl:copy>
13      <xsl:apply-templates select="node()|@*" />
14    </xsl:copy>
15  </xsl:template>
16 </xsl:stylesheet>
```

Chapter #3:

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

JSON for the Library

```
1  [
2    {
3      "author": "David West",
4      "id": 42,
5      "title": "Object Thinking"
6    },
7    {
8      "author": "Martin Fowler",
9      "id": 43,
10     "title": "Refactoring"
11   }
12 ]
```



<https://www.yegor256.com/2015/11/16/json-vs-xml.html> ➞

JSON to JavaScript Object and Backwards

```
var a = JSON.parse('{ "age": 25 }').age;
```

```
JSON.stringify({age: 25});
```

Chapter #4:

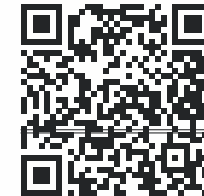
YAML, TOML, CSV

Yet Another Markup Language (YAML)

```
1 library:
2 - id: 42
3   author: David West
4   title: Object Thinking
5 - id: 43
6   author: Martin Fowler
7   title: Refactoring
```


TOML

```
1 [library.a]
2   id = 42
3   author = "David West"
4   title = "Object Thinking"
5 [library.b]
6   id = 43
7   author = "Martin Fowler"
8   title = "Refactoring"
```



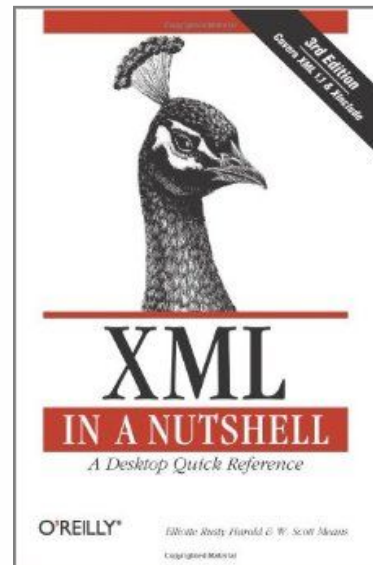
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_file_formats ➞

Comma-Separated Values (CSV)

```
1 Id,Author,Title
2 42,David West,Object Thinking
3 43,"Martin Fowler","Refactoring"
```

Chapter #5:

Books, Venues, Call-to-Action



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Call to Action:

In your application, make sure your data is represented in XML, at least in one place, and being transformed by XSLT.

Design your own data format.

Still unresolved issues:

- How to map XML/JSON to objects?
- How to print object to XML/JSON?
- How to create a common binary format?
- How to restore the popularity of XSLT?

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