

The Extensible Markup Language (XML) defines a way of marking up text to describe the structure of data. XML allows you to create your own markup language: you define the tags that give meaning to your data. The World-Wide Web Consortium (W3C) creates and maintains the definition of XML, making it a standard for creating markup languages. Industries and organizations use XML to write rules defining their own markup languages.

In this two-day course students will learn advanced features of XML. Through lecture and hands-on lab exercises, they will extend their capabilities in XML Schema, XPath, and XSLT. In addition, new topics such as XQuery and features of XSLT 2.0 will be discussed.

Course Objectives:

- Reuse XML Schema content using features such as restriction, extension, and redefinition.
- Ensure element or attribute uniqueness with XML Schema.
- Transform XSLT stylesheets to text, HTML, and XML output.
- Call various XPath and XSLT functions.
- Merge XSLT stylesheets using include and import syntax.
- Use XSLT and XPath 2.0 elements and functions.
- Retrieve attribute and element content from an XML document using XQuery.

Audience: XML developers who need to use some of the advanced features of XML.

Prerequisites: *Introduction to XML* and some XML development experience.

Number of Days: 2 days

1. Course Introduction

Course Objectives

Overview

Suggested References

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Substitution Groups

All and Choice Elements

Simple Type Restrictions

Pattern and Enumeration Facets

Complex Types and Extensions

Complex Types and Restrictions

The Final Attribute

3. Additional Schema Elements

Uniqueness

Keys and Keyref

Groups

Attribute Groups

redefine

Allowing Any Content

Mixed Content

Documentation Schemas

4. Generating Output with XSLT

Output Methods

HTML Output

Plain Text Output

XML Output

xsl:element and xsl:attribute

Attribute Value Templates

xsl:attribute-set

Text, Processing-Instructions,

and Comments

Working with Namespaces

5. Using XPath and XSLT

Functions

XPath Datatypes and Functions

Node Test Functions

Node Set Functions

Boolean Functions



String Functions

Number Functions

id() Function

XSLT Functions

The document() Function

xsl:key and the key() Function

6. Advanced XSLT

Copying Elements

Numbering

Variables

Parameters

Using Other Stylesheets

Apply-imports

Template Rule Conflicts

Extensions

7. XSLT and XPath 2.0 New Features

XSLT 2.0 Grouping Elements and

Functions

User-Defined XSLT Functions

Multiple Output and XHTML

Documents

Temporary Trees

Sequences

Types

Stylesheets That Are Schema-Aware

Character Mapping

Regular Expressions

8. Introduction to XQuery

What is XQuery?

doc() Function

XQuery Datatypes

XQuery Expressions

XQuery Prolog

Modules

Conditional Expressions

Iteration and FLWOR

Built-in Functions

User-Defined Functions

9. Appendix A – Effective Document Design

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Document Types

Choosing a Validation Method

Incorporating Namespaces

Modular Document Design

Planning for Extensibility

10. Appendix B – XSL Formatting Objects

What is XSL?

XSL-FO Overview

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Setting Up the Flow

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Objects

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