Introduction to XML

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 three-day course students will learn how to create well-formed XML documents. In addition, they will learn about the most important supplementary technologies that support XML, including XML Schema for validation as well as XSLT for transformation.

Course Objectives:

- Explain what XML is, and how it is used in application and document development.
- Write well-formed documents that conform to XML's basic rules of syntax.
- Validate XML documents with XML Schemas.
- Use XML Namespaces to distinguish between XML tags.
- Transform an XML document into an HTML document using XSLT.
- Use XPath to navigate a document tree.
- Explain how programs can use DOM and SAX to parse XML documents.

Audience: Application developers, web developers and administrators, and XML authors.

Prerequisites: HTML. Familiarity with web and data processing concepts. Programming experience is helpful, but not necessary.

Number of Days: 3 days

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