

XMLSchema, RelaxNG

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XML Schema - Motivation

Stronger tool for XML data model specification **than DTD**, it allows:

- Separate **type** (e.g. *element type*) from its **occurrence** (i.e. element with particular name)
- More **primitive data types**.
- Allows to use **namespaces**.
- Allows to specify content model (elements) more **accurate way**.
- Allows new **type inheritance**.
- Allows modular schema design and schema **reuse**.
- XML Schema has an **XML syntax**.

XMLSchema

```
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">  
    <!-- here the schema definition goes -->  
</xs:schema>
```

XMLSchema - Element type

```
<xs:element name="element_name">  
  <!-- here comes the type definition --  
  placed either right here (so called "local")  
  or as a referenced one (so called "global") -->  
</xs:element>
```

XMLSchema - Element type (short)

```
<xs:element name="element_name" type="element_type"/>
```

XMLSchema - Simple type

```
<xs:simpleType name="TypeName">  
    <xs:restriction base="BaseTypeName"> ... </xs:restriction>  
</xs:simpleType>
```

e.g.

```
<xs:simpleType name="MyString32">  
    <xs:restriction base="xs:string"> <xs:maxLength value="32"/>  
</xs:restriction> </xs:simpleType>
```

XMLSchema - Union

```
<xs:simpleType name="isbnType">
  <xs:union>
    <xs:simpleType>
      <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
        <xs:pattern value="[0-9]{10}" />
      </xs:restriction>
    </xs:simpleType>
    <xs:simpleType>
      <xs:restriction base="xs:NMTOKEN">
        <xs:enumeration value="TBD" />
        <xs:enumeration value="NA" />
      </xs:restriction>
    </xs:simpleType>
  </xs:union>
</xs:simpleType>
```

Union of two simple types - **string** restricted by regular expression and **enumeration**

XMLSchema - inheritance

```
<xs:simpleType name="isbnTypes">
  <xs:list itemType="isbnTypes" />
</xs:simpleType>
<xs:simpleType name="isbnTypes10">
  <xs:restriction base="isbnTypes">
    <xs:minLength value="1"/>
    <xs:maxLength value="10"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
```

isbnTypes - basic type,
isbnTypes10 - **derived** type with
restriction

XMLSchema - Complex type

```
<xs:complexType name="TypeName">  
  <xs:sequence>  
    <xs:element ...> ...  
      <xs:attribute ...>  
    </xs:element>  
  </xs:sequence>  
</xs:complexType>
```

complex type - applies to elements
typically defines **sequence** of child
elements

XMLSchema - Group of elements

```
<xs:group name="GroupName">  
  <xs:sequence>  
    <xs:element ... /> ...  
  </xs:sequence>  
</xs:group>
```

group type - reusable **sequence** of child elements

```
<xs:choice> and <xs:all>
```

choice or **all** type - may be used instead of **sequence**

XMLSchema - Attribute group

```
<xs:attributeGroup name="AttributesGroupName">  
  <xs:attribute ... use="required"/>  
  ...  
</xs:attributeGroup>
```



attribute group - reusable **set** of attributes

XMLSchema - Namespaces

```
<xs:schema targetNamespace="http://example.org/ns/books/"  
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"  
  xmlns:bk="http://example.org/ns/books/"  
  elementFormDefault="qualified"  
  attributeFormDefault="unqualified">  
  .../...  
</xs:schema>
```

XMLSchema - reference

```
<book isbn="0836217462"  
      xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"  
      xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="file:library.xsd">
```

or

```
<book isbn="0836217462" xmlns="http://example.org/ns/books/"  
      xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"  
      xsi:schemaLocation="file:library.xsd">
```

RelaxNG - Alternative to Schema

```
<addressBook>
  <card>
    <name>John Smith</name>
    <email>js@example.com</email>
  </card>
  <card>
    <name>Fred Bloggs</name>
    <email>fb@example.net</email>
  </card>
</addressBook>
```

RelaxNG vs DTD

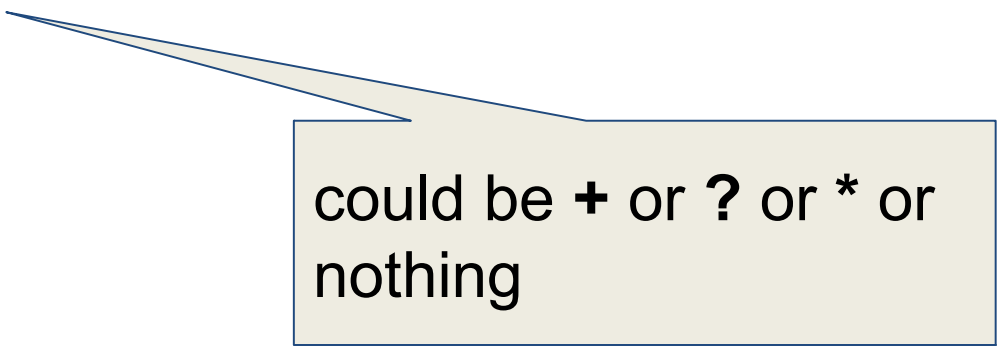
```
<!DOCTYPE addressBook [  
<!ELEMENT addressBook (card*)>  
<!ELEMENT card (name, email)>  
<!ELEMENT name (#PCDATA)>  
<!ELEMENT email (#PCDATA)>  
>]
```

Do you like this or that?

```
element addressBook {  
  element card {  
    element name { text },  
    element email { text }  
  }*  
}
```

RelaxNG - Cardinality indication

```
element addressBook {  
  element card {  
    element name { text },  
    element email { text }  
  }*  
}
```



could be + or ? or * or
nothing

RelaxNG - Options

```
element addressBook {
  element card {
    # here is the option
    (element name { text }
     | (element givenName { text },
        element familyName { text })),
    element email { text },
    element note { text }?
  }*
}
```

RelaxNG - Options with attributes

```
element addressBook {
  element card {
    (element name { text }
     | attribute name { text }),
    (element email { text }
     | attribute email { text })
  }*
}
```

RelaxNG - Grammar

```
grammar {  
    start = AddressBook  
    AddressBook = element addressBook { Card* }  
    Card = element card { Name, Email }  
    Name = element name { text }  
    Email = element email { text }  
}
```

RelaxNG - Enumerations

```
element card {  
  attribute name { text },  
  attribute email { text },  
  attribute preferredFormat { "html" | "text" }  
}
```

```
element card {  
  element name { text },  
  element email { text },  
  element preferredFormat { "html" | "text" }  
}
```