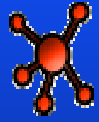


# XML Schemas

Whenever DTDs are not enough



## What are Schemas?

- Generically, a document that describes what a correct document may contain
- Specifically, a W3C Recommendation for an XML-document syntax that describes the permissible contents of XML documents



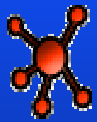
# What is an XML Schema?

- Like a DTD, a schema defines what a given set of one or more XML documents can look like.
  - What elements, and in what order
  - Attributes and their type
  - etc.
  - etc.
- The XML document can then be validated against the designated schema.



# What Are Schemas for?

- **Contracts:** agreeing on formats
- **Tool building:** know what the data will be *before* the first instance shows up
  - Database integration
  - User interface tools
  - Programming language bindings
- **Validation:** make sure we got what we expected



## About Schemas

- Created by W3C XML Schema Working Group based on many different submissions
- No known patent, trademark, or other IP restrictions
- XML Schema Part 1: Structures:  
<http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-1/>
- XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes:  
<http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/>



# At First Glance

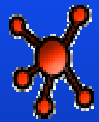
**greeting.xml**

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<GREETING>
  Hello XML!
</GREETING>
```



**greeting.xsd**

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd=
"http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xsd:element
    name="GREETING"
    type="xsd:string"/>
</xsd:schema>
```



# What are the Advantages of Schemas over DTDs?

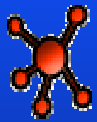
- Schemas can do everything a DTD can do, PLUS
  - They are written as well-formed XML documents
  - They offer **full support for namespaces**
  - Data can be validated based on **built-in** and **user-defined data types**
  - Programmers can more easily create complex and reusable content models
  - You can declare and use **both local and global variables** in the XML document



# Some Schema Aware Parsers

- Xerces-J 2.x: <http://xml.apache.org/xerces2-j>
- Xerces-J 1.4.4: <http://xml.apache.org/xerces-j>
- Xerces-C++ 1.7.0: <http://xml.apache.org/xerces-c>
- Oracle XML Parser for Java:  
[http://technet.oracle.com/tech/xml/xdk\\_java/](http://technet.oracle.com/tech/xml/xdk_java/)
- Oracle XML Parser for C:  
[http://technet.oracle.com/tech/xml/xdk\\_c/](http://technet.oracle.com/tech/xml/xdk_c/)
- Oracle XML Parser for C++:  
[http://technet.oracle.com/tech/xml/xdk\\_cpp/](http://technet.oracle.com/tech/xml/xdk_cpp/)





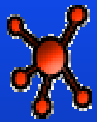
## Simple and Complex Types

- Simple types cannot have children or attributes
- Complex types can have child elements and attributes
- **Simple type** = Elements with only text  
Several built-in simple types of 'text', including:  
Date, integer, string, boolean and URL
- **Complex type** = Elements with attributes and non-text elements:
  - elements that contain only other elements
  - elements that contain both elements & text
  - elements that contain only text
  - elements that are empty



# Four *Main* Schema Elements

- **xsd:element**  
declares an element and assigns it a type
- **xsd:attribute**  
declares an attribute and assigns it a type
- **xsd:simpleType**  
defines a new simple type
- **xsd:complexType**  
defines a new complex type



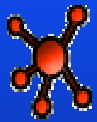
# Elements and Types: Example

```
<xsd:element name="weight" type="xsd:string"/>
<xsd:element name="population" type="xsd:integer">
<xsd:simpleType name="zipcodeType">
  <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
    <xsd:pattern value="\d{5}(-\d{4})?" />
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
```

Both simple and complex types can be  
**named** - they can be used in other places  
throughout the schema

*or*

**anonymous** - used only within the element  
in which they are defined



## *Local and Global Declarations*

- Elements declared as child elements of the *xsd:schema* element are considered *global*
- Elements declared in other locations are *local* to the definition where they are declared
- When defining a complex type, you can **reference** *globally declared elements*, or declare and define new ones *locally*
- Locally declared elements can only be used in the complex type definition where they are declared.

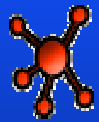


# Sample Code

```
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
<xsd:element name="endangered_species" type="endType"/>
<xsd:element name="name" type="xsd:string"/>
<xsd:complexType name="endType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="animal">
      <xsd:complexType>
        <xsd:sequence>
          <xsd:element ref="name" minOccurs="1"
                                maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
          <xsd:element name="source" type="sourceType" />
        </xsd:sequence>
      </xsd:complexType>
    </xsd:sequence>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:complexType>
. . .
</xsd:schema>
```

Global

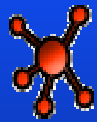
Local



## Beginning an Embedded Simple Schema

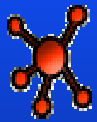
- At the top of the schema document
- Type the xml declaration
  - Type the schema namespace declaration
  - Your schema content will follow. . .
  - Type the closing of the namespace declaration

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>  
  <xsd:schema xmlns:xsd=  
    "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">  
    .  
    .  
    .  
  </xsd:schema>
```



# Indicating a Simple Schema's Location

- Type: the xml document declaration
- Type: your\_root\_element  
Then, without closing the root element tag,
- Type: xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance  
Then type: xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation=  
Type "file.xsd" where "file.xsd" is the full url to  
your schema file



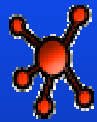
# Indicating a Schema's Location

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<cd
xmlns:xsi="http://ww.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation=
"http://www.iet.unipi/xml/schemas/cd.dtd">
```

- Use when you do NOT want to use the W3C schema namespace... Otherwise:

```
<stylesheet
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
xmlns:html="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transf
orm http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform.xsd
http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml
http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml.xsd">
```





# Annotating Schemas

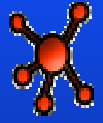
To add information about your schema or its elements...

- Type: `<xsd:annotation >`
- Type: `<xsd:documentation >`
- Type: `documentation_text`
- Type: `</xsd:documentation >`
- Type: `</xsd:annotation >`

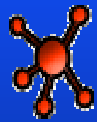


## Sample Code

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>  
  <xsd:schema xmlns:xsd=  
    "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">  
    <xsd:annotation >  
    <xsd:documentation >  
      The CD schema will be used to validate the  
      'Weird Al Yankovich' CD file used in the  
      Beginning XML textbook (Wrox)  
    </xsd:documentation >  
    </xsd:annotation >
```

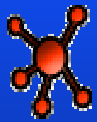


# Simple Types



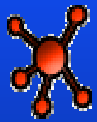
# Defining Simple Types

- An element with a simple type can contain only text. It may not contain other elements and it may not have attributes.
- Built-in simple types:
  1. String -
  2. Integer (numbers) -
  3. Boolean -
  4. Date -
  5. URL -
- Using 'facets', you can build custom simple types.



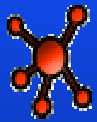
# “Facets”: Expressing Constraints

- Facets include:
  - length
  - minLength
  - maxLength
  - pattern
  - enumeration
  - whiteSpace
    - (values:  
preserve,  
replace)
  - maxInclusive
  - maxExclusive
  - minInclusive
  - minExclusive
  - totalDigits (prev. precision)
  - fractionDigits (prev. scale)
- Not all facets apply to all types.



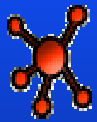
# Declaring an Element with a Simple Type

- Type `<xsd:element`
- Type `name="label"` where label is the name of the element
- Type `type="xsd:data_type"` (choose a data type)
- Type `/>` to complete the tag
- Additional data types can be found at [www.w3.com/TR/xmlschema-2/#built-in-datatypes](http://www.w3.com/TR/xmlschema-2/#built-in-datatypes)



# Simple Type Element Declarations

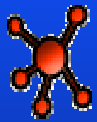
```
<xsd:element name="weight" type="xsd:string"/>
<xsd:element name="total" type="xsd:integer"/>
<xsd:element name="updated" type="xsd:date"/>
<xsd:element name="balance" type="xsd:decimal"/>
<xsd:element name="survived" type="xsd:boolean"/>
<xsd:element name="day_time" type="xsd:time"/>
<xsd:element name="id_num" type="xsd:ID"/>
<xsd:element name="EN" type="xsd:language"/>
<xsd:element name="day_time" type="custom"/>
```



# Common Date and Time Types

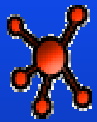
- xsd:timeDuration format=PnYnMnDTnHnMnS
- xsd:time format=hh:mm:ss.sss
- xsd:timeInstant format=CCYYMM-DDThh:mm:ss.sss
- xsd:date format=CCYY-MM-DD
- xsd:month format=CCYY-MM
- xsd:year format=CCYY
- xsd:century format=CC
- xsd:recurringDate format=--MM-DD
- xsd:recurringDay format=---DD





## Common Number Types

- xsd:decimal + or - content with finite number
- xsd:positiveInteger (1, 2, etc.)
- xsd:negativeInteger (-1, -2, etc.)
- xsd:nonPositiveInteger (0, -1, -2, etc.)
- xsd:nonNegativeInteger (0, 1, 2, etc.)
- xsd:float single precision 32 bit floating
- xsd:double double precision 64 bit floating



# Deriving Custom Simple Types

Custom allow you to expand on any of the built-in simple types.

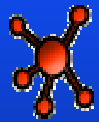
- Type `<xsd:simpleType` to begin the definition
- Type `name="label">` where label will identify the new custom type (but not the element).
- Type `<xsd:restriction base="foundation">`  
foundation=simple type upon which it's based
- Type `<xsd:pattern value="pattern_here"/>`
- Type `</xsd:restriction>`
- Type `</xsd:simpleType>`



## Sample Code

```
<xsd:simpleType name="zipcodeType">  
<xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">  
<xsd:pattern value="\d{5}(-\d{4})?" />  
</xsd:restriction>  
</xsd:simpleType>
```

The pattern limits the content of these elements to 5 digits followed by an optional hyphen, and 4 additional digits.



# Anonymous Custom Types - Example

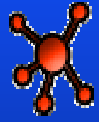
[same as previous... but this time anonymous]

```
<xsd:element name="zipcode">
  <xsd:simpleType>
    <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
      <xsd:pattern value="\d{5}(-\d{4})?" />
    </xsd:restriction>
  </xsd:simpleType>
</xsd:element>
```



# Specifying a Set of Acceptable Values

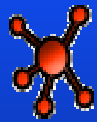
```
<xsd:element name="basicDirections">
  <xsd:simpleType>
    <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
      <xsd:enumeration value="North"/>
      <xsd:enumeration value="South"/>
      <xsd:enumeration value="East"/>
      <xsd:enumeration value="West"/>
      <xsd:enumeration value="Up"/>
      <xsd:enumeration value="Down"/>
    </xsd:restriction>
  </xsd:simpleType>
</xsd:element>
```



# Specifying a Pattern

You can use a regular expression (regex) to construct a pattern which content must match in order to be valid.

```
<xsd:element name="zipcode">
  <xsd:simpleType>
    <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
      <xsd:pattern value="\d{5}(-\d{4})?" />
    </xsd:restriction>
  </xsd:simpleType>
</xsd:element>
```



# Specifying a Range of Acceptable Values

- Type `<xsd:maxInclusive` ( `<xsd:minInclusive` )
- Type `value="n"` (content must be less than or equal to 'n' to be valid)
- Type `/>` to complete the element.

OR...

- Type `<xsd:maxExclusive` ( `<xsd:minExclusive` )
- Type `value="n"` (content must be less than but NOT equal to 'n' to be valid)
- Type `/>` to complete the element.



# Limiting the Length

- To specify the exact length of an element,  
Type `<xsd:length value="x" />`
- For minimum or maximum values:  
Type `xsd:minLength value="m" />`  
or `xsd:maxLength value="n" />`

where x, m, and n are number of characters





# Limiting a Number's Digits

- Within the customType definition  
Type `<xsd:totalDigits value="n" />`  
n = maximum number of digits in a number
- To specify the number of digits to the right of a decimal,  
Type `xsd:fractionDigits value="n" />`



## Creating List Types

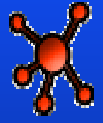
- Type `<xsd:simpleType name="label">`  
Where "label" is name of element declared
- Type `<xsd:list itemType = "individual">`  
Where 'individual' is the name of the simple type that defines each individual value of your list.
- Type `</xsd:list>`
- Type `</xsd:simpleType>`

```
<xsd:simpleType name="datelist">  
  <xsd:list itemType="original_list_type">  
  </xsd:list>  
</xsd:simpleType>
```



# Predefining an Element's Content

- To dictate an element's content:  
Within the element tag,  
Type fixed="value" - 'value' determines the content of the element
- To set an initial value for an element:  
Within the element tag,  
Type default="value" - 'value' determines the content of the element



# Complex Types

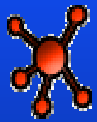


# Defining Complex Types

An element with a complex type can contain other elements and it may have attributes.

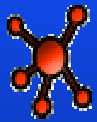
Possible "content models":

1. Empty - may contain attributes, but not elements or text
2. Text Only - may contain attributes
3. Elements Only - may contain other elements or attributes - no text
4. Mixed Content - may contain other elements or attributes or text



# Content Models: Syntax

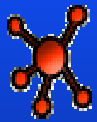
MODEL	SYNTAX	SHORTHAND
Empty	<pre>&lt;complexType mixed="false"&gt;   &lt;complexContent/&gt; &lt;/complexType&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;complexType /&gt;</pre>
Text only	<pre>&lt;complexType&gt;   &lt;simpleContent&gt;   &lt;/simpleContent&gt; &lt;/complexType&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;complexType&gt;   &lt;simpleContent&gt;   &lt;/simpleContent&gt; &lt;/complexType&gt;</pre>
Element only	<pre>&lt;complexType mixed="false"&gt;   &lt;element /&gt; &lt;/complexType&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;complexType&gt;   &lt;element /&gt; &lt;/complexType&gt;</pre>
Mixed	<pre>&lt;complexType mixed="true"&gt;   &lt;complexContent&gt;   &lt;/complexContent&gt; &lt;/complexType&gt;</pre>	<pre>&lt;complexType&gt;   &lt;complexContent&gt;   &lt;/complexContent&gt; &lt;/complexType&gt;</pre>



## Defining Empty Elements

'empty' means the element will have no content between the open and close tag. It may, though, contain attributes.

- Type `<xsd:complexType name="label">`
- Type `<xsd:complexContent>`
- Type `<xsd:extension base="xsd:anyType">`
- Declare the attributes (if any)
- Type `</xsd:extension>`
- Type `</xsd:complexContent>`
- Type `</xsd:complexType>`



# Defining Elements to Contain Only Text

- Type `<xsd:complexType name="label">`
- Type `<xsd:simpleContent>`
- Type `<xsd:restriction` if the base simple type will be limited with additional facets.

OR

- Type `<xsd:extension` if a simple type will be expanded.
- Type `base="foundation">` 'foundation'=simple type upon which this is based.
- Type `</xsd:restriction>` or `</xsd:extension>`
- Type `</xsd:simpleContent>`
- Type `</xsd:complexType>`

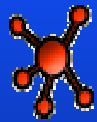




## Sample Code

```
<xsd:complexType>  
  <xsd:simpleContent>  
    <xsd:extension base="xsd:integer">  
      <xsd:attribute name="year"  
        type="xsd:year"/>  
    </xsd:extension>  
  </xsd:simpleContent>  
</xsd:complexType>
```

Use this if an element will contain only text, but might contain an attribute.



## Defining Elements to Contain Only Elements

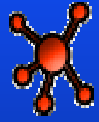
- Type `<xsd:complexType name="label"/>`  
'label' is the name of the complexType
- Declare a sequence, choice, or unordered group, or reference a named group (we'll see in a while).
- Then declare or reference the attributes.
- Type `</xsd:complexType>` to end.

```
<xsd:complexType name="address_bookType">  
  <xsd:sequence>  
    <xsd:element name="record" type="recordType"/>  
  </xsd:sequence>  
</xsd:complexType>
```



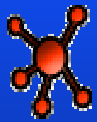
# Requiring Elements to Appear in Sequence

- Type `<xsd:sequence`
- If desired, specify how many times the sequence of elements itself can appear by setting `minOccurs` and `maxOccurs` attributes.
- Type `>` to close the tag.
- Declare or reference desired components in the order you want them to appear.
- Type `</xsd:sequence >` to end.



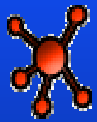
# Sequence: Example

```
<xsd:complexType name="recordType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:complexType element="name" type="nameType" />
    <xsd:complexType name="address" type="addressType" />
    <xsd:complexType name="contact" type="contactType" />
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
```



# Creating a Set of Choices

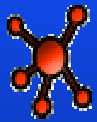
- Type `<xsd:choice`
- If desired, specify how many times the set of choices can appear by setting `minOccurs` and `maxOccurs` attributes.
- Type `>` to close the tag.
- Declare or reference desired elements that will make up the choices in the set.
- Type `</xsd:choice >` to end.



# Allowing Elements to Appear in Any Order

When you want to have an element be able to contain other elements in any order.

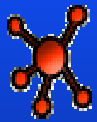
- Type `<xsd:all>` to begin the group.
- If desired, use `minOccurs` or `maxOccurs` attributes, may be used to set "how many".
- Only values of 0 or 1 may be used.
- An "all" group must be the sole child of a complex type definition or named group.



# Defining Named Groups

If a collection of elements appear together throughout an XML document, you can group them together to simplify the declaration.

- Type `<xsd:group name="label"`  
Where 'label' will identify this group
- Type `>` to close the group tag
- Declare the sequences, sets of choices, or unordered group that will make up the named group.
- Type `</xsd:group>` to end.



# Referencing a Named Group

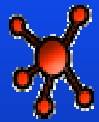
Once you've created a group, you can reference it in other groups or in complex type definitions.

- Type `<xsd:group ref="label">`  
Where 'label' matches the name of the group you created.
- Type `>` to close the group tag

```
<xsd:group ref="physical_traits"/>  
<xsd:group ref="physical_traits"/>
```

The same reference can now be used as other element names are declared and defined.





## Referencing Already Named Elements

Elements of both simple and complex type that are declared globally (just inside the `xsd:schema` element) must be called or *referenced* to appear in the XML document.

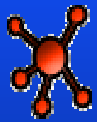
- Type `<xsd:element name="label"`
- Specify `minOccurs` or `maxOccurs` if needed,
- Type `/>` to end the reference.

```
<xsd:element ref="name" minOccurs="2"/>
```

```
<xsd:element ref="name" minOccurs="1"/>
```

```
<xsd:element ref="name" maxOccurs="5"/>
```

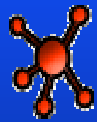
# Controlling How Many



- In the element's or group's opening tag, Type `minOccurs="n"` to indicate the fewest number of times it must occur.

OR

- Type `maxOccurs="n"` to indicate the maximum number of times it may occur.
- Type `maxOccurs="unbounded"` to indicate that the element may occur any number of times.
- Default value for both is 1.



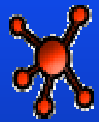
# Defining Elements with Mixed Content

- Type `<xsd:complexType name="label"`
- Type `mixed="true"` to indicate the element can contain elements, attributes and may possibly contain text.
- Type `>` to close the opening tag.
- Declare a sequence, choice, etc...
- Declare or reference the attributes...
- Type `</xsd:complexType>`



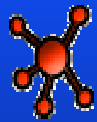
## Sample Code

```
<xsd:complexType name="paragraph" mixed="true">  
<xsd:sequence>  
<xsd:element name="name" type="nameType"/>  
</xsd:sequence>  
<xsd:attribute name="length" type="xsd:string"/>  
</xsd:complexType>
```



## Building Complex Types upon Complex Types

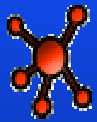
- Type `<xsd:complexType name="label">`
- Type `xsd:complexContent>`
- Type `xsd:extension` or `xsd:restriction`
- Type `base="existing"` (the name of the existing complex type)
- Type `>` to close the tag.
- Declare the changes you will make...
- Declare or reference any attributes...
- Type `</xsd:extension>` or `</xsd:restriction>`
- Type `</xsd:complexContent>`
- Type `</xsd:complexType>`



# Complex from Complex: Example (I)

This is a definition of a complex type,  
that will be used later within another complex type

```
<xsd:complexType name="characteristicsType">
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="weight" type="xsd:string"/>
    <xsd:element name="length" type="xsd:string"/>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="kind" type="xsd:string"/>
</xsd:complexType>
```



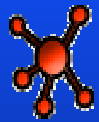
## Complex from Complex: Example (II)

```
<xsd:complexType name="birthType">
  <xsd:complexContent>
    <xsd:extension base="characteristicsType">
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element name="mother" type="xsd:string">
        <xsd:element name="birthdate" type="xsd:date">
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:extension>
  </xsd:complexContent>
</xsd:complexType>
```

When you base a complex type on another complex type, you begin with all the information from the existing type, then add or remove features.

In this example, `characteristicsType` was previously defined.

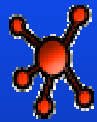
# Declaring an Element of Complex Type



Once a complex type is defined, it can be assigned to an element so that the element can then be used in the XML document.

- Type `<xsd:element type="label"`  
'label' must match the identifying word used when the complex type was defined.
- Type `/>` to close the tag.





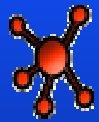
## Elements with Anonymous Complex Type

If you don't need to reuse a complex type, it may be faster to create an anonymous complex type within the element declaration.

- Type `<xsd:element name="label">`
- Type `<xsd:complexType>`
- Declare a sequence, choice, group, etc..
- Declare or reference any attributes...
- Type `</xsd:complexType>`
- Type `</xsd:element>`

```
<xsd:element name="characteristics">  
  <xsd:complexType>  
    <xsd:sequence>  
      <xsd:element name="weight" type="xsd:string"/>  
      <xsd:element name="length" type="xsd:date"/>  
      <xsd:attribute name="kind" type="xsd:date"/>  
    </xsd:sequence>  
  </xsd:complexType>  
</xsd:element>
```

# Declaring Attributes



- Type `<xsd:attribute name="label"`
- Type `type="simple"` (simple type to which the attribute belongs)  
OR
- Type `ref="label"` (label = already declared global attribute)
- Add any restraining facets...
- Type `/>` to close the tag

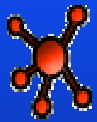
```
<xsd:element name="source">
  <xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:complexContent>
      <xsd:extension base="xsd:anyType">
        <xsd:attribute name="sectionid" type="xsd:string"/>
        <xsd:attribute name="newspaperid" type="xsd:string"/>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
```

# Requiring an Attribute



Attributes default to optional. Add this to require that they be used.

- Type `<xsd:attribute name="label"`
- Type `use="required"`
- Type `value="must"` if you want to require a specific value.
- Add any other attribute declarations...
- Type `/>` to close the tag.
- Other possible values:  
Type `use="prohibited"` if you want the document to validate only if the attribute is NOT present.

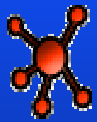


# Predefining an Attribute's Content

- Type `<xsd:attribute name="label"`
- Type `type="xsd:string"`  
(or other valid type)
- Type `use="fixed" value="content"`  
To set a fixed value,

OR

- Type `use="default" value="content"`  
To set an initial value, which can be typed over.
- Type `/>` to close the tag.

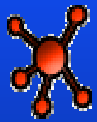


# Defining Attribute Groups

This allows you to use the same set of attributes in more than one element.

- Type `<xsd:attributeGroup name="label">`
- Declare or reference each attribute that belongs to the group.
- Type `</xsd:attributeGroup>` to end the definition.

```
<xsd:attributeGroup name="imageAtts">  
<xsd:attribute name="filename" type="xsd:uri-  
reference"/>  
<xsd:attribute name="x" type="xsd:integer"/>  
<xsd:attribute name="y" type="xsd:integer"/>  
</xsd:attributeGroup>
```

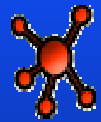


# Referencing Attribute Groups

Once an attribute list has been declared, it is easy and very efficient way to reference the group from within the corresponding complex type

- Type `<xsd:attributeGroup ref="label"/>`

```
<xsd:element name="picture">
  <xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:complexContent>
      <xsd:extension base="xsd:anyType">
        <xsd:attributeGroup ref="imageAtts"/>
      </xsd:extension>
    </xsd:complexContent>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
```



## Graphical Schema Editors

A number of graphical tools exist to help write XML schema; Here it's shown a screenshot from XMLSPY, one of the most popular ones.

The screenshot displays the XML Schema Editor interface for a file named `Altova.xsd` located at `S:\temp\Demo\Altova.xsd`. The main workspace shows a schema diagram with the following elements:

- PersonType** (Base Type):
  - ID**: type `xsd:ID`, derivedBy `restriction`, pattern `\p{L}{5}d{2}`. Description: Unique identifier for each person.
  - Last**: type `xsd:string`. Description: Last (family) name of person.
  - First**: type `xsd:string`. Description: First (given) name of person.
  - Title**: type `xsd:string`. Description: Academic (or other) title.
  - PhoneExt**: type `xsd:int`. Description: Phone extension for direct dialing.
  - Email**: type `emailType`, pattern `[p{L}_]+(\.[p{L}_]+)*@[...]`. Description: E-Mail address on the Internet (must be in name@company.net format).
  - Club**: type `xsd:string`. Description: Association with a VIP or royal club.
- VIP** (Extension):
  - type: `PersonType`
  - derivedBy: `extension`
  - substGrp: `Person`
  - Description: A very important person working for the company.

The diagram uses a dashed box to group the `PersonType` elements and a solid box for the `VIP` extension. A connector with three dots indicates the extension relationship.

Name	Type	Use	Value
Mgr			
Prg	xsd:boolean	required	
Des	xsd:boolean	optional	
IQ	xsd:int	required	



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minIncl	100	🔒
maxIncl	999	🔒
minExcl		🔒
maxExcl		🔒
precision		🔒
scale		🔒
whiteSp		🔒

Facets Patterns Enumerations

name	ID	▼
isRef	<input type="checkbox"/>	
minOcc	1	
maxOcc	1	▼
type	xsd:ID	▼
content	simple	▼
derivedBy	restriction	▼
default		
fixed		
nullable		▼
block		▼
form		▼
id		

Details SimpleType