XML Applications Guide

Introduction

Pasquale De Marco has spent the last 15 years working with XML in a variety of roles, from developer to architect to evangelist. He has seen firsthand how XML can be used to solve a wide range of problems, from simple data exchange to complex enterprise applications.

In this book, Pasquale De Marco shares his knowledge and experience with XML. He covers everything from the basics of XML syntax to advanced topics such as XML security and XML in the cloud. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced XML developer, you will find something valuable in this book.

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XML Applications Guide is also a great reference for XML developers. It is packed with examples and

exercises that you can use to learn new skills and improve your existing skills. If you are looking for a book that will help you become a more proficient XML developer, this is the book for you.

Chapter 1: XML Fundamentals

What is XML

XML (Extensible Markup Language) is a markup language that is used to store and transport data. It is a flexible and extensible language that can be used to represent a wide variety of data structures. XML is a text-based language that is easy to read and write. It is also a very portable language that can be used on a variety of platforms.

XML is a hierarchical language. This means that it is organized into a tree structure. Each element in the tree can have child elements. The root element is the top-level element in the tree. All other elements are descendants of the root element.

XML elements are identified by their tags. Tags are enclosed in angle brackets (< and >). The start tag of an element contains the element's name. The end tag of an

element contains the element's name preceded by a forward slash (/).

For example, the following XML document represents a simple address book:

```
<address-book>
  <person>
    <name>John Doe</name>
    <email>john.doe@example.com</email>
  </person>
  <person>
    <name>Jane Doe</name>
    <email>jane.doe@example.com</email>
  </person>
</address-book>
```

XML is a very versatile language. It can be used to represent a wide variety of data structures. XML is also a very portable language. It can be used on a variety of platforms. This makes XML an ideal language for storing and transporting data.

XML is used in a variety of applications, including:

- Web services
- Data exchange
- Configuration files
- Document storage
- Archiving

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XML Syntax

XML syntax is a set of rules that define how XML documents are structured. These rules are designed to make XML documents easy to read and write, both for humans and for computers. Also, XML documents are self-describing since they contain their structure within themselves.

XML documents are made up of elements and attributes. Elements are the basic building blocks of XML documents. They can contain text, other elements, or both. Attributes are used to provide additional information about elements.

The following is an example of an XML document:

```
<book>
  <title>XML Applications Guide</title>
  <author>John Doe</author>
  <date>2023-03-08</date>
</book>
```

In this example, the <book> element is the root element of the document. It contains three child elements: <title>, <author>, and <date>. The <title> element contains the text "XML Applications Guide". The <author> element contains the text "John Doe". The <date> element contains the text "2023-03-08".

XML attributes are used to provide additional information about elements. Attributes are always specified in the form of a name-value pair. The following is an example of an XML element with an attribute:

```
<book title="XML Applications Guide">
```

In this example, the <book> element has a `title` attribute with the value "XML Applications Guide".

XML syntax is a simple and straightforward way to structure data. It is easy to read and write, and it is supported by a wide variety of software applications.

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XML Schemas

XML Schemas are used to define the structure of XML documents. They provide a way to specify the elements, attributes, and data types that are allowed in an XML document. XML Schemas can be used to validate XML documents, which ensures that they are well-formed and conform to the specified structure.

XML Schemas are written in a language called XML Schema Definition (XSD). XSD is a W3C recommendation that defines a grammar for XML Schemas. XSD Schemas can be used to define the structure of both simple and complex XML documents.

Simple XML Schemas define the structure of XML documents that contain only simple data types, such as strings, numbers, and dates. Complex XML Schemas define the structure of XML documents that contain

both simple and complex data types. Complex data types are defined using XML Schema elements.

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- Web services
- Data exchange
- Configuration files
- E-commerce transactions

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