

Training: Capstone Courseware 501 Introduction to XML



# TRAINING GOALS:

Version 1.1.1

This one-day course introduces the **eXtensible Markup Language**, or **XML**, including basic grammar and XML validation using **DTDs** or **XML Schema**. Students learn to read and to hand-write XML well-formed XML documents, and then proceed to modeling concepts, first learning the basic DTD language and then studying namespaces and XML Schema. The course closes with a chapter on important XML-related technology, including XPath, XSLT, SAX or DOM parsing, and SOAP-based Web services.

The module presents what might be called "Pure XML" - by which we mean two things. Firstly, everything in the module is based strictly on W3C specifications, without any vendor-specific extensions. Secondly, no knowledge of any particular programming language or other external technology is required to participate fully in the module. Thus the hands-on exercises, and the knowledge that is developed, are portable and applicable to any XML authoring or development effort.

## CONSPECT:

- Chapter 1. A Brief History of XML
  - $\circ~$  Birth of XML
  - Content vs. Presentation
  - Self-Describing Data
  - A Standard Document Format
  - Uses for XML
- Chapter 2. XML Grammar
  - Structure of an XML Document
  - Handling Whitespace
  - Character and Entity References
  - Well-Formed XML
  - $\circ$  Elements
  - $\circ$  Attributes
  - Processing Instructions
  - Comments

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- CDATA Sections
- Chapter 3. Valid XML

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- Document Types
- DTD Structure
- Defining Elements
- $\circ$  Cardinality
- Attributes
- Required, Implied, Default, and Fixed Attributes
- Enumerations
- XML Namespaces
- Limitations of DTDs
- XML Schema
- Advantages of XML Schema
- Data Types
- Chapter 4. Using XML in Applications
  - SAX and DOM Parsing
  - $\circ \ \text{XSLT}$
  - XPath
  - $\circ$  XSL-FO
  - Web Services
  - SOAP

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

• None. Some familiarity with HTML will be beneficial.

# Difficulty level

## CERTIFICATE:

The participants will obtain certificates signed by Capstone Courseware.

#### TRAINER:

Authorized Capstone Courseware Trainer.

