XML AND JSON

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HTML and XML

- 1989: Tim Berners-Lee invents the Web with HTML as its publishing language
- Based on SGML
  - Separates data from presentation
  - No hypertext
- 1993: Mosaic browser is released
- 1994: World Wide Web Consortium is formed
- 1995: HTML 2.0 published IETF
- 1995: Internet Explorer is released
- 1997: HTML 3.2 published by W3C
- 1999: HTML 4.01 standardized and released
- 2000: XHTML standard released
- 2010: HMTL 5 Draft Standard Released
- 2014: HTML 5 finalized on 10/28/14

HTML AND XML
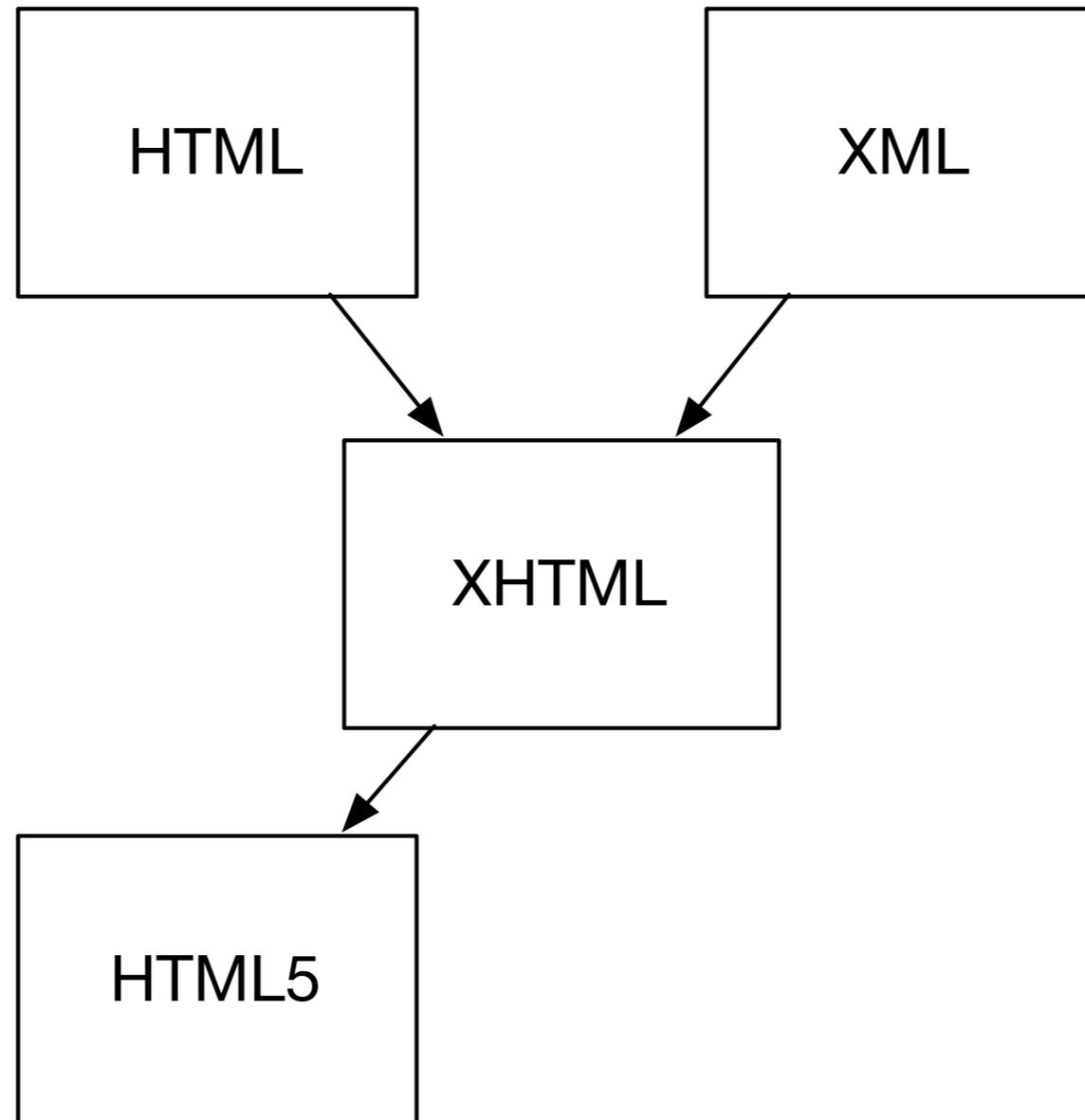
HTML5

- Support for SVG and MathML
- New tags
  - add semantic meaning
    - section
    - article
  - add multimedia processing
    - canvas
    - video
    - audio
- Some tags deleted
- offline storage
- drag and drop
- document editing
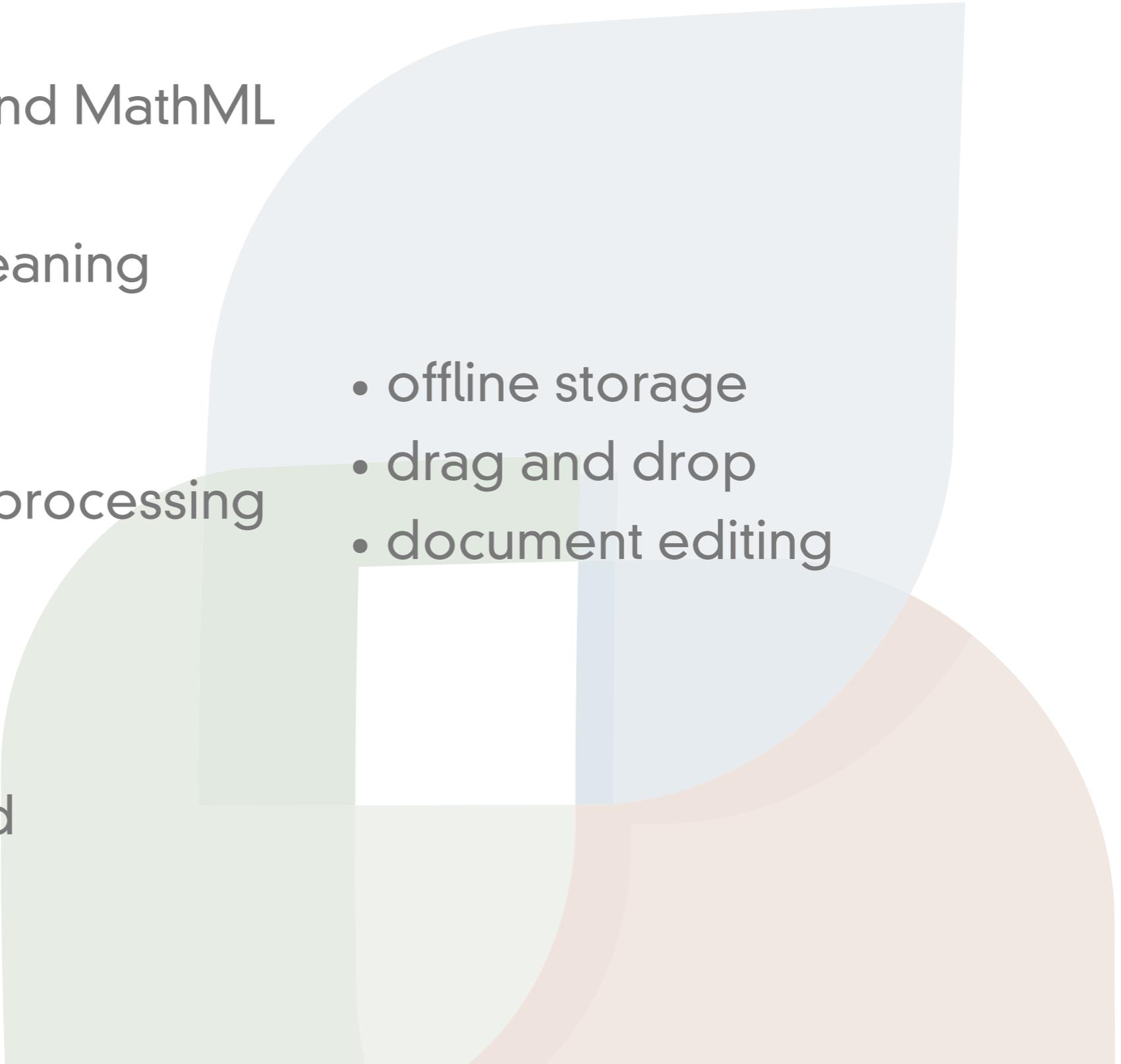
- Today: HTML5.1 is in a W3C recommendation
 - http://www.w3.org/TR/html51/

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What Is HTML5?

A nice description from a magazine I was reading yesterday that describes just what the heck HTML5 is. :

> "HTML5 is most often thought of broadly to include new versions of the markup language itself and its associated standard for accessing and manipulating HTML documents, the Document Object Model; Cascading Style Sheets (CSS), a language to define the presentation and appearance of an HTML document; and the JavaScript scripting language. The term is often used even more broadly to include specific application programming interfaces (APIs), such as those that enable new browser-based graphics, geolocation, local storage, and video capabilities."

I didn't keep the reference. Comment if you know it. Maybe ACM Communications?

by admin — Tags: code, java, location — Leave a comment
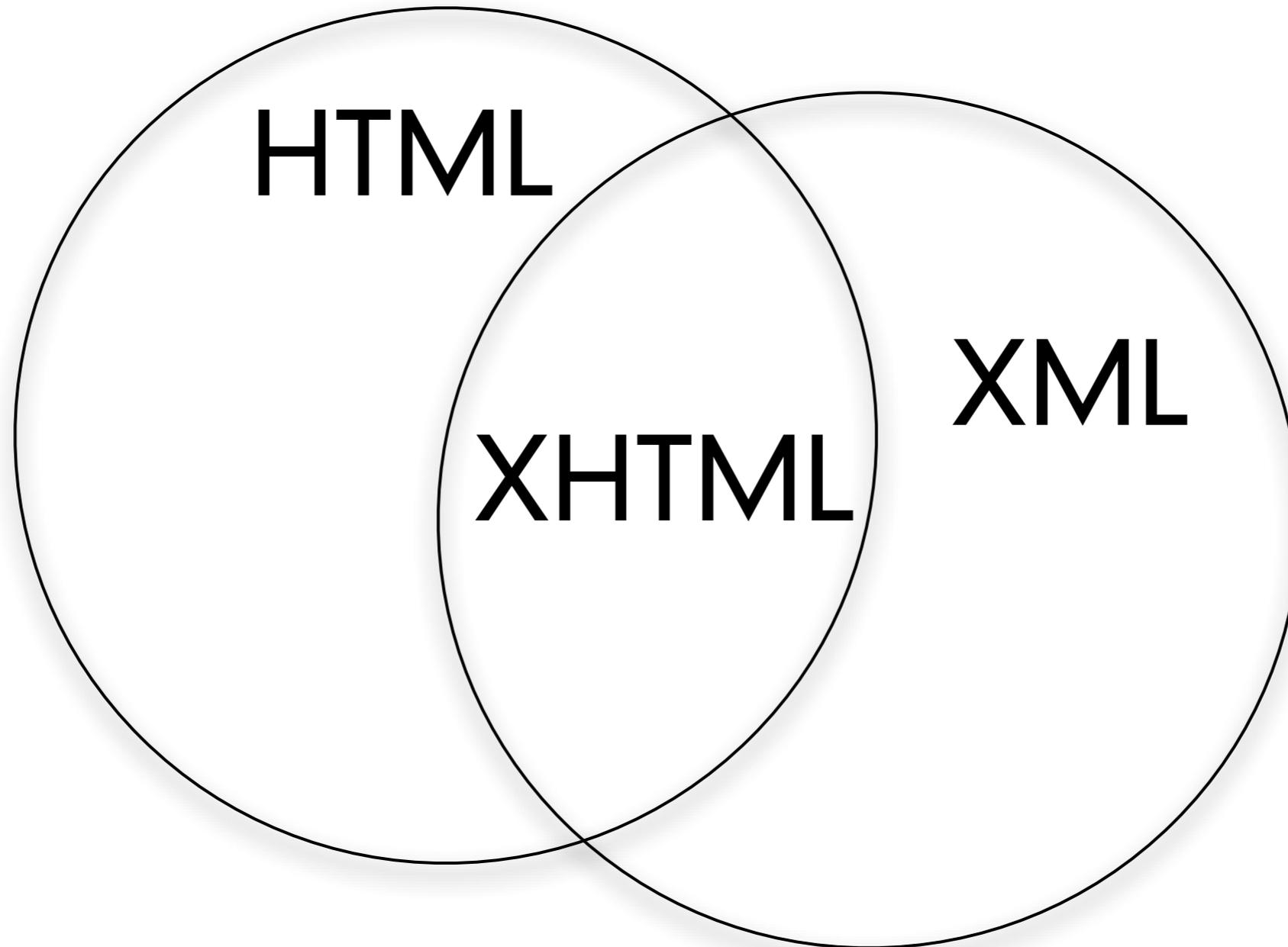
- HTML, XML and JSON
  - Structured Data Formats that evolved with the web
  - Text with a syntax applied
  - They can represent a huge variety of information
  - They enable data transport
    - Different systems and technologies and programming languages depend on the syntax being standardized

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<note>
    <to>Tove</to>
    <from>Jani</from>
    <heading>Reminder</heading>
    <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>
</note>
```

- What is XML?
  - XML stands for "eXtensible Markup Language"
  - XML was designed in the context of separating
    - data from display
  - XML tags are not predefined
    - You define your own tags
 - XML is designed to be self-descriptive

- The Difference Between XML and HTML
- XML
    - designed to transport and store data
    - It looks like HTML
    - The focus is on what the data is
- HTML
    - originally focussed on how data looks
    - it typically is "broken-XML"
    - XHTML is
        - HTML that conforms to XML standard

- XML Does not DO Anything
  - It is a data format
  - A program must be written to manipulate the data
    - To search the data
    - To display the data
    - To change the data
  - Even though the data seems to be associated with a task it is still just data.

Schema

Tags

✴ Characters
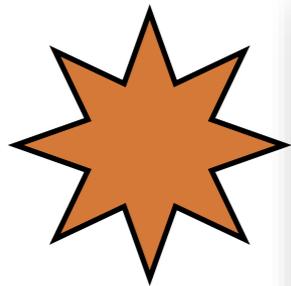
- XML is Just Plain Text
  - There is nothing fancy about the storage
  - A program that can read and write text can read and write XML
  - an XML-aware application
    - Expects a valid tag structure
    - Interprets the tags in a particular way

```
<?xml version="1.1" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
```

- XML declaration
  - version
    - 1.0
      - declaration is optional, defaults assumed
    - 1.1
      - declaration is mandatory
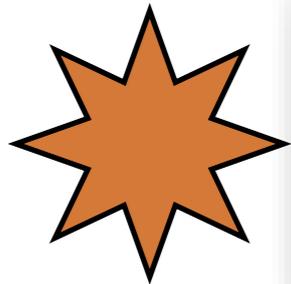   - some encoding ambiguities resolved between Unicode versions
  - encoding
    - how are UNICODE characters represented
  - standalone
    - can this document be DTD validated without retrieving external documents?
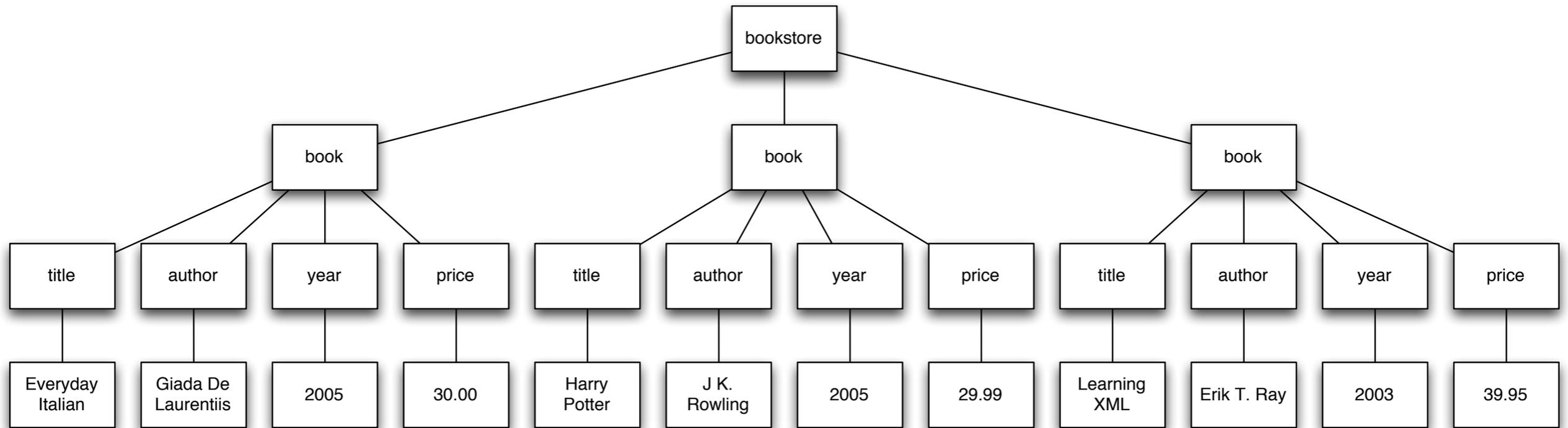
Schema

Tags

Characters

- With XML You Invent Your Own Tags
  - <from> and <to>
    - are not defined anywhere official
    - they are invented by the author
  - There are no predefined tags
- In contrast, HTML has predefined tags
  - <p> <href> etc.,
- In XML the author defines the tags and the structure
 - within the bounds of a "valid XML document"

- XML is Not a Replacement for HTML
  - XML complements HTML
  - XHTML is an XML syntax compliant version of HTML
    - It has tags defined by a standards body

- XML Separates Data from HTML presentation
- XML Simplifies Data Sharing
- XML Simplifies Data Transport
- XML Simplifies Platform Changes
- XML Makes Your Data More Available

- XML is Used to Create New Internet Languages
  - XHTML the latest version of HTML
  - WSDL for describing available web services
  - WAP and WML as markup languages for handheld devices
  - RSS languages for news feeds
  - RDF and OWL for describing resources and ontology
  - SMIL for describing multimedia for the web

- XML uses a tree structure
  - with a root element
  - and child elements
- tags indicate the start and end of an element
- opening tag looks like this:
  - <tag>
- a closing tag looks like this:
  - </tag>
- A valid XML document has exactly one closing tag for every opening tag
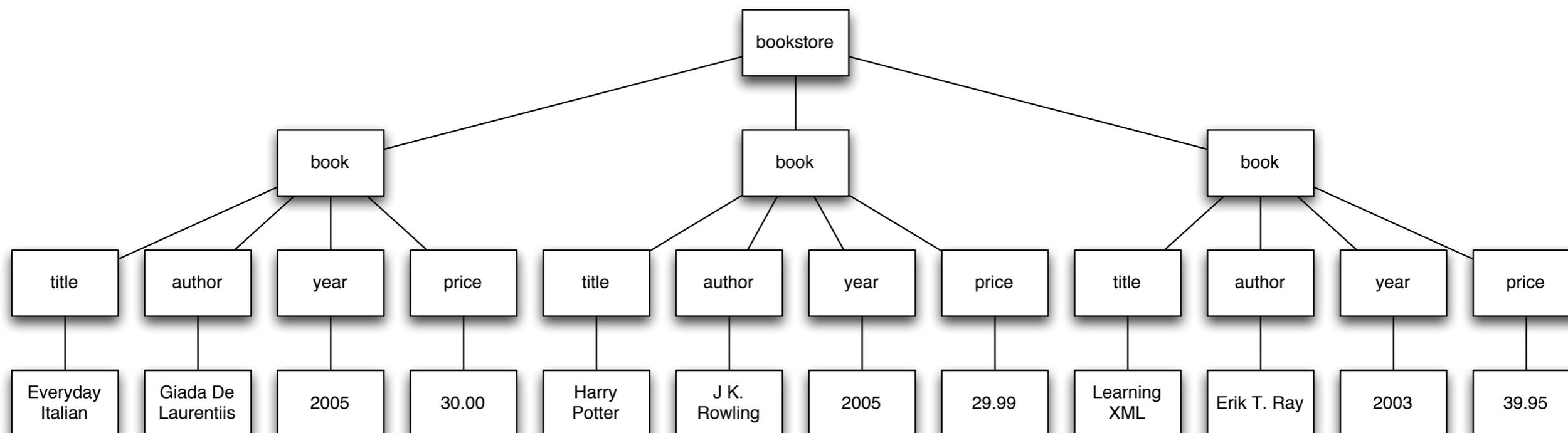
```xml
<bookstore>
    <book category="COOKING">
        <title lang="en">Everyday Italian</title>
        <author>Giada De Laurentiis</author>
        <year>2005</year>
        <price>30.00</price>
    </book>
    <book category="CHILDREN">
        <title lang="en">Harry Potter</title>
        <author>J K. Rowling</author>
        <year>2005</year>
        <price>29.99</price>
    </book>
    <book category="WEB">
        <title lang="en">Learning XML</title>
        <author>Erik T. Ray</author>
        <year>2003</year>
        <price>39.95</price>
    </book>
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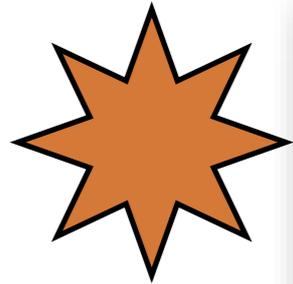
Schema

Tags

Characters

```
<!DOCTYPE bookstore [

<!ELEMENT bookstore (book+)>
<!ELEMENT book (title,author,year,(price)+)>
<!ELEMENT title (CDATA)>
<!ELEMENT author (CDATA)>
<!ELEMENT year (CDATA)>
<!ELEMENT price (CDATA)>

<!ATTLIST book category CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ATTLIST title lang CDATA #IMPLIED>

]>
```

Details

- Details
  - All XML Elements Must Have a Closing Tag
  - HTML
    - <p>This is a paragraph
    - <p>This is another paragraph
  - XML
    - <p>This is a paragraph</p>
    - <p>This is another paragraph</p>

- Details
  - Empty XML Elements may use a short cut closing tag
  - ✔ • <nothing></nothing>
  - ✔ • <nothing/>

  - ✘ • <img src="picture.jpg">
  - ✔ • <img src="picture.jpg"></img>
  - ✔ •

- Details
  - XML Tags are Case Sensitive
    - <Message>This is incorrect</message>
    - <message>This is correct</message>
    - <Message>This is correct</Message>

- Details
  - XML Elements Must be Properly Nested
    - HTML might have this
      - <i>This text is bold and italic</i>
    - Valid XML requires this:
      - <i>This text is bold and italic</i>

- Details
  - XML Documents Must Have a Root Element
    - This is the top-level tag
      - <root>
      - <child>
      - <subchild>.....</subchild>
      - </child>
      - </root>

- Details
  - XML Nodes may have attributes
  - Which describe the tag
  - XML Attribute Values Must be Quoted
    - Invalid:
      ```
      <note date=12/11/2007>
          <to>Tove</to>
          <from>Jani</from>
      </note>
      ```
    - Valid:
      ```
      <note date="12/11/2007">
          <to>Tove</to>
          <from>Jani</from>
      </note>
      ```

- Details
  - Special characters:
    - If you put a "<" in your data it will mess up XML parsing
      - <message>if salary < 1000 then</message>
    - 5 characters are like this
      - & < > " '

        - & → & (ampersand, U+0026)
        - < → < (less-than sign, U+003C)
        - > → > (greater-than sign, U+003E)
        - " → " (quotation mark, U+0022)
        - ' → ' (apostrophe, U+0027)

      - <message>if salary < 1000 then</message>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Character_encodings_in_HTML

- Details

  - Comments in XML
    - <!-- This is a comment -->

  - White-space is preserved
    - <message>There is   a   lot of space</message>

- Attributes and Elements are pretty interchangeable

```xml
<person sex="female">
  <firstname>Anna</firstname>
  <lastname>Smith</lastname>
</person>

<person>
  <sex>female</sex>
  <firstname>Anna</firstname>
  <lastname>Smith</lastname>
</person>
```

```xml
<note date="10/01/2008">
  <to>Tove</to>
  <from>Jani</from>
  <heading>Reminder</heading>
  <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>
</note>

<note>
  <date>10/01/2008</date>
  <to>Tove</to>
  <from>Jani</from>
  <heading>Reminder</heading>
  <body>Don't forget me this weekend!</body>
</note>

<note>
  <date>
    <day>10</day>
    <month>01</month>
    <year>2008</year>
  </date>
  <to>Tove</to>
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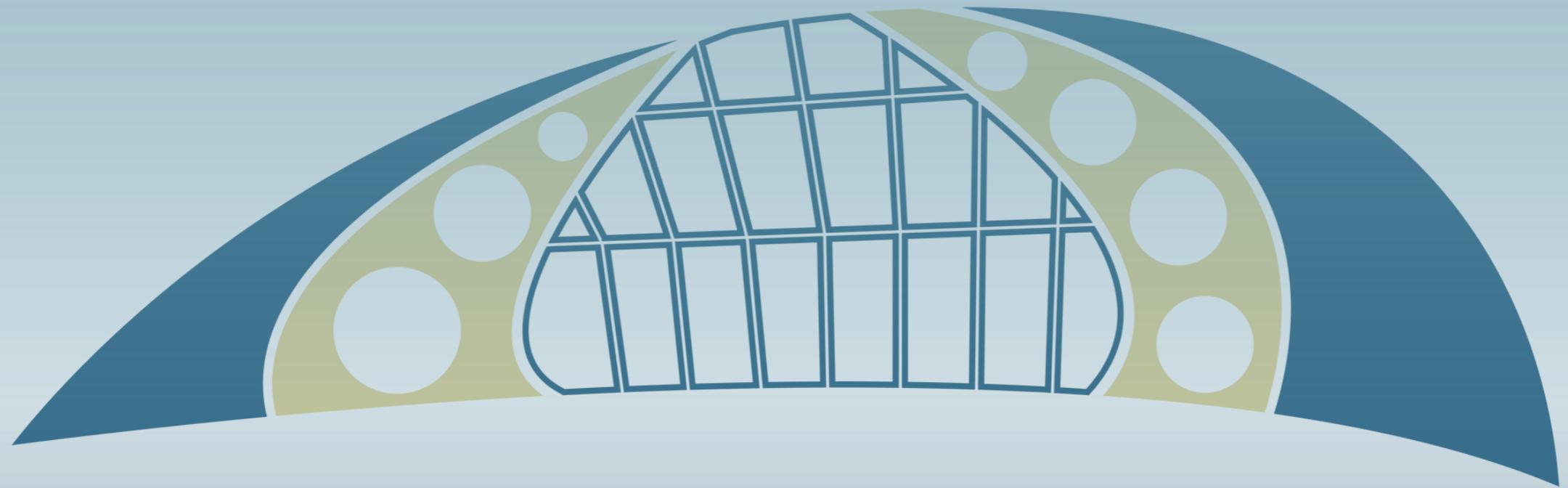
- On beyond XML
  - XML validation
  - Schemas like XML - DTD
  - Namespaces
  - XSLT
    - transforms XML to HTML for viewing

- Demo:
  - Look at Chrome debugging tools to see the "Document Object Model"

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