

Definition of the XML -- language

Extended BNF grammar:

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| Document | Element |
| Element | StartTag (Element Data)* EndTag EmptyTag |
| StartTag | < Name Attribute* > |
| EndTag | </ Name > |
| EmptyTag | < Name Attribute* /> |
| Attribute | Name = String |

Lexical summary:

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| Name | Initial Other* |
| Initial | Letter _ : |
| Other | Initial Digit - . |
| String | " (Char ')* " ' (Char ")* ' |
| Data | Char ⁺ |
| Char | Ordinary Special Reference |
| Ordinary | not (< > " ' &) |
| Special | < ; > ; " ; ' ; & ; |
| Reference | &# (Digit) ⁺ ; &#x (Digit a...f A...F) ⁺ ; |
| Letter | a...z A...Z |
| Digit | 0...9 |
| Comment | <!-- ((not -) (- (not -))) [*] --> |
| Whitespace | blank tab (\t) newline (\n) return (\r) |

Additional constraints:

- The tokens are Name, String, Data, <, >, </, />, and =.
- Names and = may only appear inside tags, so elsewhere treat them as Data.
- Names are case-sensitive.
- Each StartTag and its corresponding EndTag must have matching names.
- Within each StartTag or EmptyTag, all attribute names must be distinct.
- The start symbol of the grammar is Document.
- Comments and Whitespace characters are ignored (except within a String).