



XML Schema



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- XML Schema Components
- XML Schema Reusability & Conformance
- XML Schema Applications and IDE



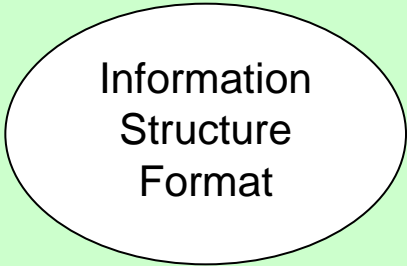
What is XML Schema?

- The origin of schema
 - XML Schema documents are used to define and validate the content and structure of XML data.
 - XML Schema was originally proposed by Microsoft, but became an official W3C recommendation in May 2001



Why Schema? (1)

Separating Information from Structure and Format



Information
Structure
Format

Traditional Document:
Everything is clumped together



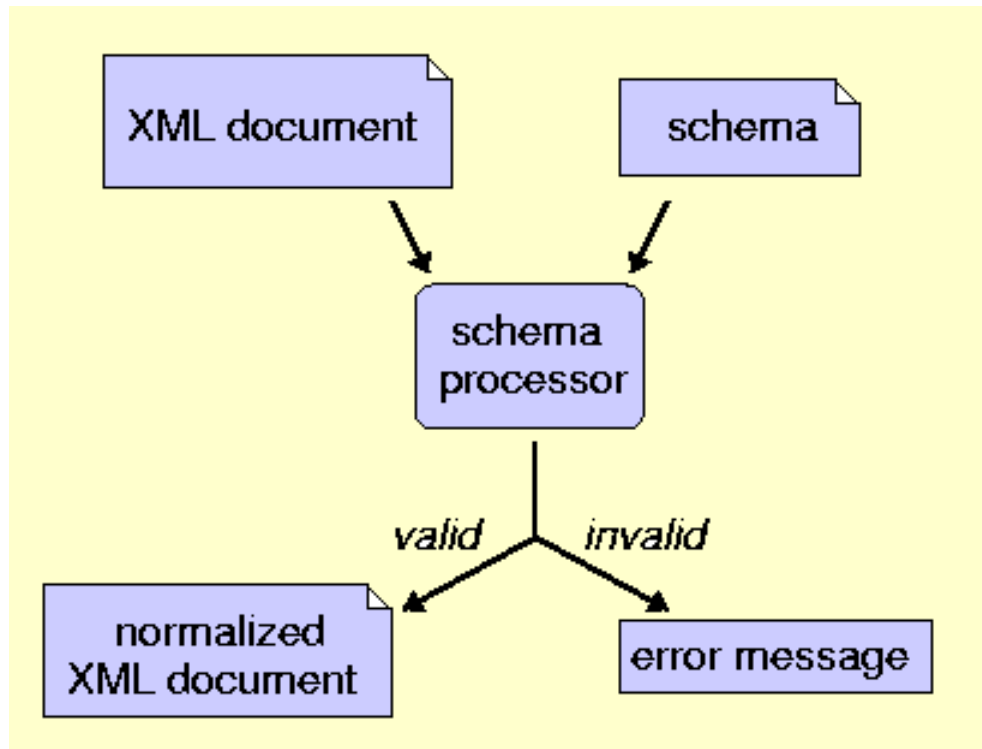
Information

Structure

Format

“Fashionable” Document: A document
is broken into discrete parts, which
can be treated separately

Why Schema? (2)



Schema Workflow



DTD versus Schema

Limitations of DTD

- No constraints on character data
- Not using XML syntax
- No support for namespace
- Very limited for reusability and extensibility

Advantages of Schema

- Syntax in XML Style
- Supporting Namespace and import/include
- More data types
- Able to create complex data type by inheritance
- Inheritance by extension or restriction
- More ...



Problems of XML Schema

- General Problem
 - Several-hundred-page spec in a very technical language
- Practical Limitations of expressibility
 - content and attribute declarations cannot depend on attributes or element context.
- Technical Problem
 - The notion of “type” adds an extra layer of confusing complexity
- ...



An XML Instance Document Example

```
<book isbn="0836217462">  
  <title> Being a Dog Is a Full-Time Job</title>  
  <author>Charles M. Schulz</author>  
  <qualification> extroverted beagle </qualification>  
</book>
```




The Example's Schema

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
  <xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
    <xs:element name="book">
      <xs:complexType>
        <xs:sequence>
          <xs:element name="title" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:element name="author" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:element name="qualification" type="xs:string"/>
        </xs:sequence>
      </xs:complexType>
    </xs:element>
  </xs:schema>
```

book.xsd



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XML Schema Components

- Abstract Data Model
- Simple and Complex Type Definitions
- Declarations
- Relationship among Schema Components



XML Abstract Data Model

- The XML Abstract Data Model
 - composes of Schema Components.
 - is used to describe XML Schemas.
- Schema Component
 - is the generic term for the building blocks that compose the abstract data model of the schema.



13 Kinds of Schema Components

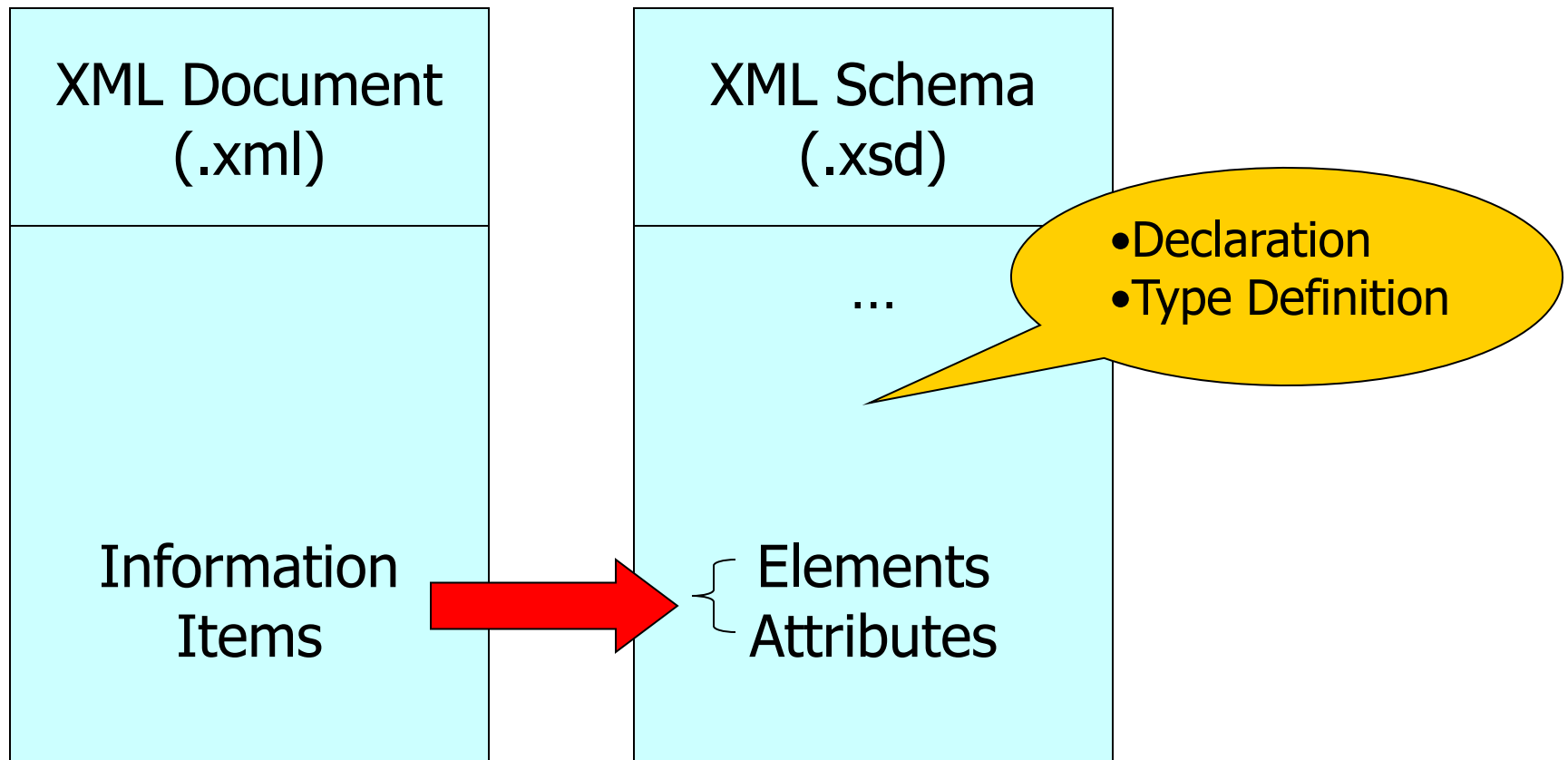
- Simple type definitions
- Complex type definitions
- Attribute declarations
- Element declarations

- Attribute group definitions
- Identity-constraint definitions
- Model group definitions
- Notation declarations

- Annotations
- Model groups
- Particles
- Wildcards
- Attribute Uses



XML document & XML Schema





Declaration & Definition

- Declaration Components
 - are associated by (qualified) names to information items being validated.
 - It is like declaring objects in OOP.
- Definition Components
 - define internal schema components that can be used in other schema components.
 - Type definition is like defining classes in OOP.

Examples

Declaration

```
<xs:element name="book">  
  <xs:complexType>  
    <xs:sequence>  
      <xs:element name="title" type="xs:string"/>  
      ... ..  
    </xs:sequence>  
    <xs:attribute name="isbn" type="xs:string"/>  
  </xs:complexType>  
</xs:element>
```

```
<book isbn="0836217462">  
  <title>  
    Being a Dog Is a Full-Time Job  
  </title>  
  ... ..  
</book>
```

Type Definition

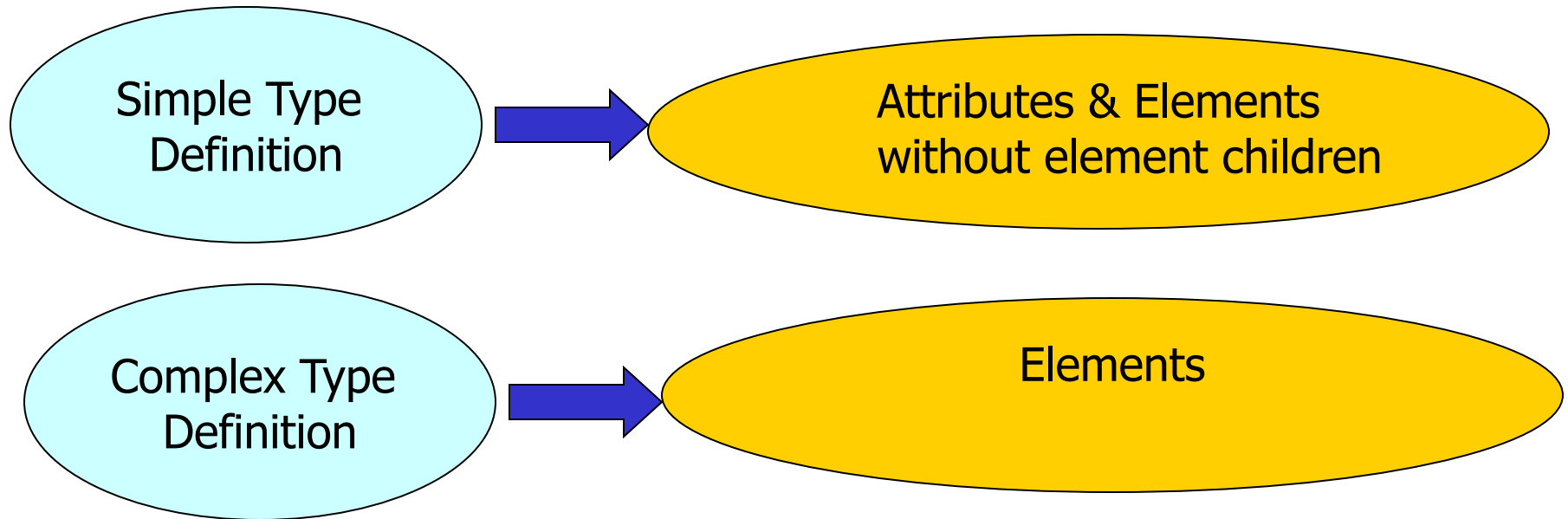
```
<xs:complexType name="bookType">  
  <xs:sequence>  
    <xs:element name="title" type="nameType"/>  
    ... ..  
  </xs:sequence>  
  <xs:attribute name="isbn" type="isbnType" use="required"/>  
</xs:complexType>
```

```
<xs:element name="book" type="bookType"/>
```



Type Definitions

- Why Type Definitions?
- Simple Type Definition VS. Complex Type Definition





Simple Type Definition

- Simple Type Definition can be:
 - a **restriction** of some other simple type;
 - a list or union of simple type definition; or
 - a built-in primitive datatypes.
- Example

```
<xs:simpleType name="fahrenheitWaterTemp">  
  <xs:restriction base="xs:number">  
    <xs:fractionDigits value="2"/>  
    <xs:minExclusive value="0.00"/>  
    <xs:maxExclusive value="100.00"/>  
  </xs:restriction>  
</xs:simpleType>
```



Complex Type Definition(1)

- Inheritance
 - Restriction: We restrict base types definitions.
 - Extension: We add something new.
- Composition
 - Group model



Complex Type Definition(2)

- Inheritance

Each complex type definition is either

- a **restriction** of a complex type definition
- an **extension** of a simple or complex type definition
- a **restriction** of the **ur-type definition**.

- Example

```
<xs:complexType name="personName">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="title" minOccurs="0"/>
    ... ..
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```

```
<xs:complexType name="extendedName">
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:extension base="personName">
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="generation"
          minOccurs="0"/>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:extension>
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
```



Complex Type Definition(3)

- Composition

Model Group is composed of

- Compositor (*sequence* | *choice* | *all*)
- Particles, which can be
 - Element Declaration
 - Wildcard
 - Model Group



Complex Type Definition(4)

- Model Group Examples

```
<xs:all>  
  <xs:element ref="cats"/>  
  <xs:element ref="dogs"/>  
</xs:all>
```

```
<xs:sequence>  
  <xs:choice>  
    <xs:element ref="left"/>  
    <xs:element ref="right"/>  
  </xs:choice>  
  <xs:element ref="landmark"/>  
</xs:sequence>
```



Complex Type Definition(5)

- Reusable Fragments of Type Definition
 - Model group definition
 - Attribute group definition

```
<xs:group name="mainBookElements">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="title" type="nameType"/>
    <xs:element name="author" type="nameType"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:group>

<xs:complexType name="bookType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:group ref="mainBookElements"/>
    ... ..
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:attributeGroup ref="bookAttributes"/>
</xs:complexType>
```




Declarations(1)

- Element Declaration
- Attribute Declaration
 - Attribute uses
- Notation Declaration
 - Notation declarations reconstruct XML 1.0 NOTATION declarations.



Declarations(2)

Examples

```
<xs:element name="PurchaseOrder" type="PurchaseOrderType"/>
```

```
<xs:element name="gift">  
  <xs:complexType>  
    <xs:sequence>  
      <xs:element name="birthday" type="xs:date"/>  
      <xs:element ref="PurchaseOrder"/>  
    </xs:sequence>  
  </xs:complexType>  
</xs:element>
```

```
<xs:attribute name="age" type="xs:positiveInteger" use="required"/>
```

```
<xs:notation name="jpeg" public="image/jpeg" system="viewer.exe">
```

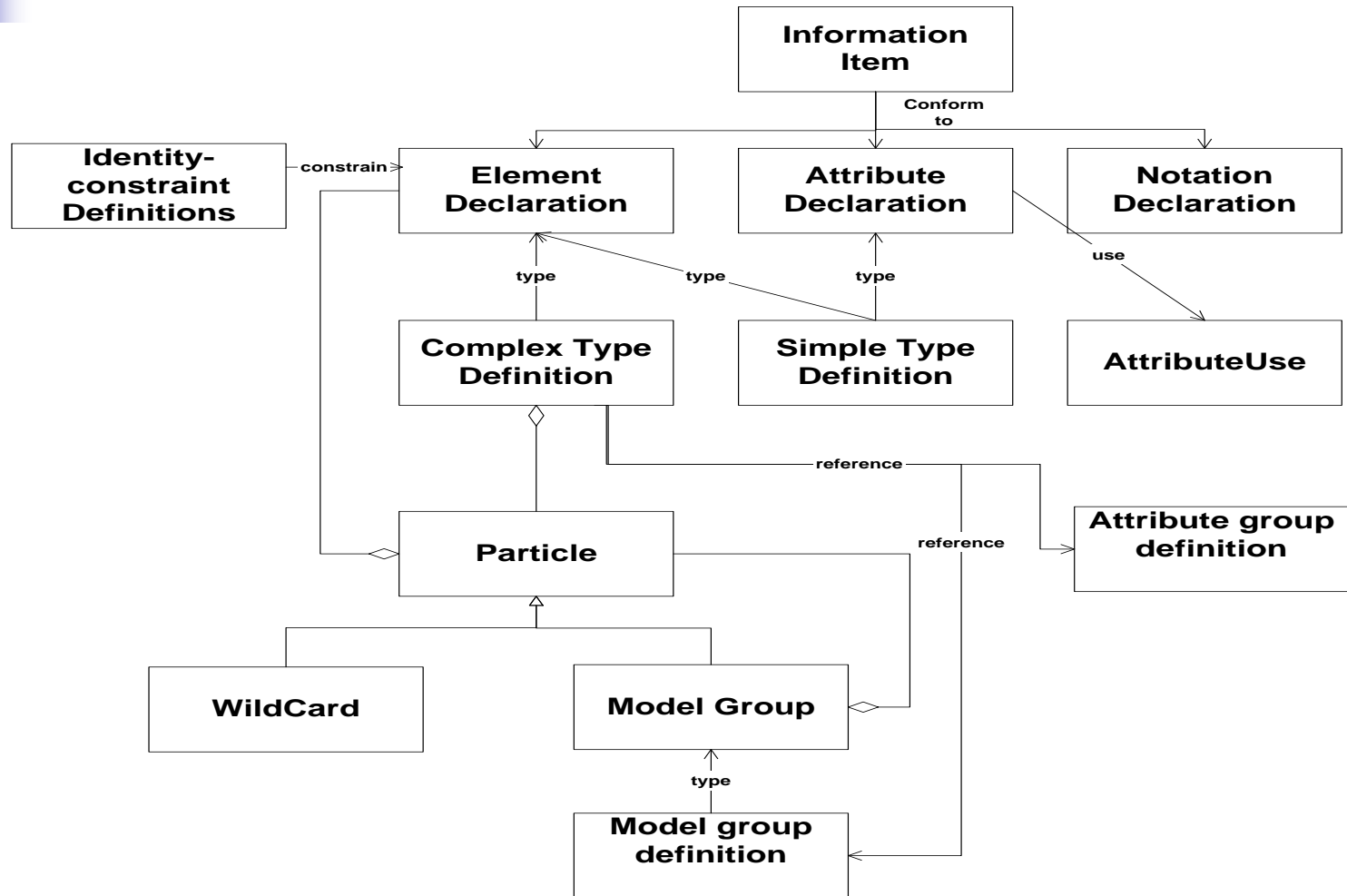


Annotations

- Annotations provide for human- and machine-targeted documentations of schema components.
- They are meta-data.

```
<xs:simpleType fn:note="special">  
  <xs:annotation>  
    <xs:documentation>A type for experts only</xs:documentation>  
    <xs:appinfo>  
      <fn:specialHandling>checkForPrimes</fn:specialHandling>  
    </xs:appinfo>  
  </xs:annotation>
```

Relationships among Schema Components





Javascript and the DOM

- Originally, the Document Object Model (DOM) and Javascript were tightly bound
- Each major browser line (IE and Netscape) had their own overlapping DOM implementation
- There's also some jargon issues, eg. DHTML...
- Now, the DOM is a separate standard, and can be manipulated by other languages (eg Java, server side javascript, python, etc)
- Browsers still differ in what parts of the standard they support, but things are much better now



Review: DOM Structure

window

- * **location**
- * **frames**
- * **history**
- * **navigator**
- * **event**
- * **screen**
- * **document**
 - o **links**
 - o **anchors**
 - o **images**
 - o **filters**
 - o **forms**
 - o **applets**
 - o **embeds**
 - o **plug-ins**
 - o **frames**
 - o **scripts**
 - o **all**
 - o **selection**
 - o **stylesheets**
 - o **body**

- Objects are in a hierarchy
- The window is the parent for a given web page
- Document is the child with the objects that are most commonly manipulated



Referencing Objects

- Objects can be referenced
 - by their id or name (this is the easiest way, but you need to make sure a name is unique in the hierarchy)
 - by their numerical position in the hierarchy, by walking the array that contains them
 - by their relation to parent, child, or sibling (parentNode, previousSibling, nextSibling, firstChild, lastChild or the childNodes array)



Learning The DOM

- The only way is to read and try things out
- Build a test document, with things you've learned
- `Gecko_test.html` is an example adapted from the mozilla site....



Manipulating Objects

- As said, it's easiest to reference objects by id
- To do this easily, use `getElementById()`, which returns the element with the given id
- For example, if you want to find a div with the id of "my_cool_div", use `getElementById("my_cool_div")`
- Keep in mind that it's the element itself that's returned, not any particular property



Using divs

- Div properties can be dynamically manipulated
- You can use this to make menus more dynamic



innerHTML

- innerHTML is a property of any document element that contains all of the html source and text within that element
- This is not a standard property, but widely supported--it's the old school way to manipulate web pages
- Much easier than building actual dom subtrees, so it's a good place to start
- Very important--innerHTML treats everything as a string, not as DOM objects (that's one reason it's not part of the DOM standard)



Using These....

- You can reference any named element with `getElementById()`
- You can read from or write to that element with `innerHTML`
- For example:

```
getElementById("mydiv").innerHTML  
    ="new text string";
```



A Simple DOM example

```
<div id="mydiv">
```

```
<p>
```

```
This some <i>simple</i> html to display
```

```
</p>
```

```
</div>
```

```
<form id="myform">
```

```
<input type="button" value="Alert innerHTML of mydiv"
```

```
  onclick="
```

```
    alert(getElementById('mydiv').innerHTML)
```

```
  " />
```

```
</form>
```



Manipulating Visibility

- You can manipulate the visibility of objects, this from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DHTML>
- The first part displays an element if it's hidden...

```
function changeDisplayState (id)
```

```
{  
trigger=document.getElementById("showhide");  
target_element=document.getElementById(id);  
if (target_element.style.display == 'none'  
    || target_element.style.display == "")  
{  
target_element.style.display = 'block';  
trigger.innerHTML = 'Hide example';  
}
```

```
...
```

31_dhtml_example.html