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XML Acronym Definition

What does XML stand for?

The acronym **XML** stands for **Extensible Markup Language** anywhere that links here.

To find other possibilities for the [meaning of XML](#), look up the [XML acronym](#) in the [list of acronyms starting with "E"](#).

If you use this [HTML code for acronyms](#) the intended meaning of the acronym will displayed by a pop-up tool-tip whenever anyone positions their mouse over the acronym. It also indicates to text-to-speech (auditory) browsers how to correctly pronounce the acronym.

For verbal rendering, the [pronunciation](#) of the XML acronym should be:

x m l

This information can be provided to auditory browsers using either an [extended link](#) or [embedded RDF metadata](#).

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Extensible Markup Language Usage

HTML for XML Acronym

when XML means Extensible Markup Language

New! Now updated with the inheritance rules for the [title attribute](#) in [HTML 5](#)

The easiest way to create HTML code indicating that the acronym **XML** stands for **Extensible Markup Language** is to simply include the acronym in an HTML `<a>` tag and an abbreviation tag (not an [acronym tag](#)):

```
<a href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language/" title="Extensible Markup Language"
onclick="if (confirm('XML stands for Extensible Markup Language')) return false;"
>
<abbr>XML</abbr>
</a>
```

This is the recommended code for both HTML 4 browsers and HTML 5 browsers. Some browsers, most notably IE, do not activate help when the title attribute is coded on the `<abbr>` tag, but they do work as expected for titles on the `<a>` tag. The `<abbr>` tag inherits its title attribute from the parent `<a>` tag.

If you are creating HTML code for the definition of **Extensible Markup Language**, the meaning of the acronym XML, then include a [<dfn> definition tag](#) around the [<abbr> abbreviation tag](#) and follow the entire HTML code for the hypertext link with the definition of the term:

```
<p>A <a href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language/" title="Extensible Markup Language"
onclick="if (confirm('XML stands for Extensible Markup Language')) return false;"
>
<dfn><abbr title="Extensible Markup Language">XML</abbr>
</a> is ...(definition of Extensible Markup Language)....</p>
```

The `<dfn>` tag gets the term being defined from the title attribute of the `<abbr>` tag. The result should look like this (hovering your mouse over the XML acronym shows the expanded meaning of the acronym):

A [XML](#) is ...(definition of "Extensible Markup Language")....

If you are creating HTML code that simply expands the acronym then indicate that it is the XML acronym which is being defined using an HTML `<dfn>` tag with a title attribute around the `<abbr>` tag and follow the HTML for the hypertext link with the acronym definition:

```
<p>When we use the acronym <a href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language/"
title="Extensible Markup Language"
onclick="if (confirm('XML stands for Extensible Markup Language')) return false;"
>
<dfn title="XML"><abbr title="Extensible Markup Language">XML</abbr></dfn>
</a> it is the abbreviation for Extensible Markup Language.</p>
```

The result should look like this (hovering your mouse over the XML acronym shows the definition):

When we use the acronym [XML](#) it is the abbreviation for Extensible Markup Language.

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Acronym Vocabulary URI Declaration

For the remaining examples, the Acronym Vocabulary namespace URI needs to be declared for use with element tag names and attribute values. For an HTML web page, the beginning of the file should look like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE html [
<!ENTITY at "http://Acronyms.net/terms/">
<!ENTITY av "http://Acronyms.net/vocabulary/">
]>
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xmlns:av="&av;">
<head>
<style type="text/css">
.hide { display: none }
</style>
```

...
This only needs to be done once per document file.

XLink simple link

First, [declare the vocabulary](#) as shown above. Then, add acronyms as follows:

```
<a href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language/" title="Extensible Markup Language"
xlink:type="simple"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language/"
xlink:arcrole="&av;definedAt"
xlink:role="&av;definition"
xlink:title="Extensible Markup Language"
xlink:show="new"
xlink:actuate="onRequest"
>
<abbr
xlink:type="simple"
xlink:href="&at;Extensible-Markup-Language"
xlink:arcrole="&av;standsFor"
xlink:role="&av;term"
xlink:title="XML - Extensible Markup Language"
xlink:show="new"
xlink:actuate="onRequest"
>XML</abbr></dfn>
</a>
```

XLink extended link

First, [declare the vocabulary](#) as shown above. Then, add acronyms as follows:

```
<a xlink:type="extended" href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language/" title="Extensible
Markup Language">
<abbr xlink:type="resource" xlink:label="acronym">XML</abbr>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="resource" xlink:label="verbal" xlink:title="pronunciation">x m l</span>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="resource" xlink:label="expand" xlink:title="expansion">Extensible Markup
Language</span>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="term" xlink:role="&av;term"
xlink:href="&at;Extensible-Markup-Language" xlink:title="Extensible Markup Language"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="definition" xlink:role="&av;definition"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language/" xlink:title="Extensible Markup
Language"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="finder" xlink:role="&av;reference"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/reference/e/XML#Extensible-Markup-Language" xlink:title="XML - Extensible
Markup Language"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;pronounceAs" xlink:to="verbal"
xlink:actuate="onLoad"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;expandsTo" xlink:to="expand"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;standsFor" xlink:to="term"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="term" xlink:arcrole="&av;definedAt" xlink:to="definition"
xlink:show="new" xlink:actuate="onRequest"/>
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embedded RDF metadata

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URI Reference for Extensible Markup Language

URI Reference for Advanced Webmasters

This page is intended for advanced users, such as developers who are creating XML documents or building Semantic Web sites, who want to code their own simple or extended links, or RDF metadata. For all other purposes, the [HTML hypertext links](#), which show the proper usage of URI References, should be used instead.

In RDF or XML documents, refer to the abstract concept of **Extensible Markup Language** using this URI reference:

<http://Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language>

or, declare the &at; entity as shown below and use:

&at;ExtensibleMarkupLanguage

Note that a URI Reference is case-sensitive, and that www. is omitted since it is not intended to be a web-accessible resource.

Use the following URL to refer to the web page that defines this term:

<http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language>

Examples

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xlink:arcrole="&av;definedAt"
xlink:role="&av;definition"
xlink:title="Extensible Markup Language"
xlink:show="new"
xlink:actuate="onRequest"
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XLink Extended Link

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```
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xlink:title="Extensible Markup Language">
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<span class="hide" xlink:type="resource" xlink:label="verbal" xlink:title="pronunciation">x m l</span>
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Language</span>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="term" xlink:role="&av;term"
xlink:href="&at;Extensible-Markup-Language" xlink:title="Extensible Markup Language"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="definition" xlink:role="&av;definition"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language/" xlink:title="Extensible Markup
Language"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="finder" xlink:role="&av;reference"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/reference/e/XML#Extensible-Markup-Language" xlink:title="XML - Extensible
Markup Language"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;pronounceAs" xlink:to="verbal"
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xlink:show="new" xlink:actuate="onRequest"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;foundAt" xlink:to="finder"
xlink:show="new" xlink:actuate="onRequest"/>
</link>
```

RDF metadata

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="...">
<av:standsFor rdf:resource="&at;ExtensibleMarkupLanguage"/>
</rdf:Description>
<rdf:Description rdf:about="...">
<av:standsFor>
<rdf:Description rdf:about="&at;ExtensibleMarkupLanguage">
<av:definedBy rdf:resource="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/e/Extensible-Markup-Language"/>
</rdf:Description>
</av:standsFor>
</rdf:Description>
```

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