

Chapter 10

XML Schema

10.1 Motivation

- Database area: schema description
 - cf. SQL datatypes, table schemata
 - constraints
- Programming languages: typing – *real* typing – means: theory
 - every expression (query, variable etc) can be assigned with a type
 - structural induction
 - static typechecking for queries/programs/updates
 - validation of resulting structures wrt. target DTD/Schema

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XML QUERY FORMAL SEMANTICS: OVERVIEW

Every (query) expression is assigned with a semantics

Static Semantics

Given a static environment, an expression is of a certain type:
(static env.: namespace decl, typedefs, type decls. of variables)

- $statEnv \vdash Expr : Type$

Dynamic Semantics

Given a dynamic environment, an expression yields a certain result:
(dynamic env.: context node, size+position in context, variable bindings)

- $dynEnv \vdash Expr \Rightarrow Value$
(equivalent to “classical” notation: $[[Expr]]_{dynEnv} = Value$)

... both defined by structural induction.

(for short example: show 2.1.5 and “if” in 4.10 of W3C XQFS document)

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XML QUERY DATA TYPES

... by examples:

```
define type coordinates { -- in any order
  element longitude of type xs:float &
  element latitude of type xs:float}

define type city { -- sequence
  attribute country of type xs:string,
  attribute province of type xs:string?, -- optional
  element name of type xs:string,
  element population of type { -- anonymous
    attribute year of type xs:decimal,
    xs:string }
  element coordinates of type { -- anonymous
    element longitude of type xs:float &
    element latitude of type xs:float} }
```

... similar to DTD expressions extended by primitive datatypes

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XML QUERY DATA TYPES (CONT'D)

XML type theory:

- operations on types (e.g. “union”): result type of a query that yields either a result of type a or type b
- derivation of new types by
 - additional constraints
 - additional content
- constraints: does the derived result type for some expression guarantee that some conditions hold?
- containment of types: is the derived result type for some expression covered by a certain target type?
(static type checking of programs)
- can e.g. be applied for query and storage optimization, indexing etc.

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REQUIREMENTS ON AN XML SCHEMA LANGUAGE

- requirement: a schema description language for the user that is *based* on these types: (usage is optional – XML is self-describing)
- DTD: heritage of SGML; database-typical aspects are not completely supported (datatypes [everything is CDATA/PCDATA], cardinalities); but: order, iteration.
- DTD: syntax is not in XML.

⇒ better formalism for representing schema information

- XML syntax → easy to process
- more detailed information as in the DTD
- database world: datatypes with derived types, constraints etc.

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XML SCHEMA: IDEAS

- no actually new concepts (in contrast to the definition of the object-oriented model), but ...
- combination of the power of previous schema languages:
 - datatype concepts from the database area (SQL)
 - idea of complex object types/classes from the OO area
 - structured types from the area of tree grammars (e.g. DTD)
- new in contrast to DTDs: difference between element types and elements: <country> elements are of the type countryType.

⇒ very complex

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10.2 XML Schema: Design

Using XML syntax and a verbose formalism, XML Schema uses a very detailed and systematic approach to type definitions and -derivations.

- only a few primitive, atomic datatypes
- other *simple types* are derived from these by *restriction*,
- *complex types* with text-only contents are derived by *extension* from simple types,
- other (*complex types*) are derived by *restriction* from a general *anyType* (cf. class *object* in OO),
- these types are then used for declaring elements.

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XML SCHEMA: THE STANDARD

The XML Schema Recommendation (since May 2001) consists of 2 parts:
(note: XML Schema 1.1 work is in progress [2007])

- Part 2: “Datatypes”
 - Definition of *simple types*:
have no attributes and no element content; are used only for text content and as attribute values.
- Part 1 “Structures”:
 - Definition of structured datatypes (*complex types*):
with subelements and attributes; are used as element types.
 - * names/types if the subelements and attributes
 - * order of the subelements
 - Definition of elements using the complex types.
- many syntax definitions
- Part 0: “Primer” (<http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-0/>) explains and motivates the concepts.

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USAGE OF XML SCHEMA

- understand concepts and ideas (XML Schema Primer, lecture)
- apply them in practice
- lookup for syntax details in the W3C documents
- make experiences

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XML SCHEMA DOCUMENTS

An XML-Schema document consists of

- a preamble and
- a set of definitions and declarations

```
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">  
  content  
</xs:schema>
```

content uses the following kinds of *schema components*:

- datatype definitions (simple types and complex types)
- attribute declarations
- element declarations
- miscellaneous ...

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10.3 Datatypes

Datatypes are seen as tripels:

- range (possible values, cardinality, equality and ordering),
- lexical representation by *literals* (e.g. 100 also as 1.0E2 and 1.0e+2)
- set of properties

The set of possible values can be specified in different ways:

- extensional (enumeration)
- intensional (by axioms)
- restriction of another domain
- construction from other domains (lists, sets ...)

DATATYPES

Datatypes are characterized by their domain and *properties (called facets)* in multiple independent “dimensions”. The facets describe the differences between datatypes.

The basic facets (present for each datatype) are

- equality,
- order relation,
- upper and lower bound,
- cardinality (finite vs. countable infinite),
- numerical vs. non-numerical.

DATATYPES

- primitive datatypes (predefined)
- generated datatypes (derived from other datatypes). This can happen by aggregation (lists) or restriction of another datatype.
- Primitive predefined types in XML Schema:
 - string (with many subtypes: token, NMTOKEN),
 - boolean (lexical repr.: true, false),
 - float, double,
 - decimal (with several subtypes: integer etc.),
 - duration, time, dateTime, ...
 - base64Binary, hexBinary
 - anyURI (Universal Resource Identifier).
- generated predefined types:
 - integer, [non]PositiveInteger, [non]NegativeInteger, [unsigned](long|short|byte)

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XML-SPECIFIC DATATYPES

There are some XML-specific datatypes (subtypes of string) that are defined based on the basic XML recommendation. They are only used for attribute types (atomic and list types):

- NMTOKEN (restriction of string according to the definition of XML tokens),
- NMTOKENS derived from NMTOKEN by list construction,
- IDREF/IDREFS analogously,
- Name: XML Names,
- NCName: non-colonized names,
- language: language codes according to RFC 1766.

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CONSTRAINING FACETS

By specifying constraining facets, further datatypes can be derived:

- for sequences of characters: length, minLength, maxLength, pattern (by regular expressions);
- for numerical datatypes: maxInclusive, minInclusive, maxExclusive, minExclusive,
- for lists: length, minLength, maxLength
- for decimal datatypes: totalDigits (number of digits), fractionDigits (number of positions after decimal point);
- enumeration (definition of the possible values by enumeration),

... for a description of all details, see the W3C XMLSchema Documents.

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GENERATION OF SIMPLE DATATYPES

Simple datatypes can be derived as `<simpleType>` from others:

Derivation by Restriction

Restriction of a base type (i.e., specification of further restricting facets):

```
<xs:simpleType name="name">
  <xs:restriction base="simple-type">
    facets
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>

<xs:simpleType name="carcodeType">
  <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
    <xs:minLength value="1"/>
    <xs:maxLength value="3"/>
    <xs:pattern value="[A-Z]"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
```

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Derivation by Restriction

Example:

```
<xs:simpleType name="longitudeType"
  <xs:restriction base="xs:decimal">
    <xs:minExclusive value="-180"/>
    <xs:maxInclusive value="180"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>

<xs:simpleType name="latitudeType"
  <xs:restriction base="xs:decimal">
    <xs:minInclusive value="-90"/>
    <xs:maxInclusive value="90"/>
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
```

defines two derived simple datatypes.

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Remark: Usage of SimpleTypes

- as attributes (details later):

```
<xs:attribute name="car_code" type="carcodeType"/>
```

can e.g. be used in

```
<country car_code="D"> ... </country>
```

- as elements (details later):

```
<xs:element name="longitude" type="longitudeType"/>
```

can e.g. be used in

```
<longitude>48</longitude>
```

Only if also attributes are required, a `<complexType>` must be defined.

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Derivation by Restriction: Enumeration

- Enumeration of the allowed values.

Example (from XML Schema Primer)

```
<xs:simpleType name="USState">
  <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
    <xs:enumeration value="AK"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="AL"/>
    <xs:enumeration value="AR"/>
    <!-- and so on ... -->
  </xs:restriction>
</xs:simpleType>
```

- so far, this functionality is similar to what could be done in SQL by attribute types and integrity constraints.
- additionally:
 - “multi-valued” list types (but still simple types)
 - complex types

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Derivation as List Types

```
<xs:simpleType name="name">
  <xs:list itemType="simple-type">
    facets <!-- optional -->
  </xs:list>
</xs:simpleType>
```

- *simpleType* must be a non-list type,
- facets of the list (e.g., maxLength, minLength, pattern) can be defined by subelements

Example

Datatype for a list of country codes:

```
<xs:simpleType name="countrylist">
  <xs:list itemType="carcodeType"/>
</xs:simpleType>

<xs:attribute name="neighbors" type="countrylist"/>

for <country neighbors="NL L F CH ..."> ... </country>
```

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Derivation as Union Types

- Analogously union of sets with `xs:union` and `@xs:memberTypes`.

Component of a data type for postal addresses for US suppliers: send e.g., to D 37075 Göttingen (car code), or CA 94065 Redwood (US State Code)

```
<xs:simpleType name="stateOrCountry">  
  <xs:union memberTypes="carcodeType USState"/>  
</xs:simpleType>
```

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10.4 Complex Datatypes

Complex datatypes can be derived from others by `<complexType>`. They describe

- `ContentType`: `simpleContent` or `complexContent` (an already defined `simpleType` or an own `ContentModel`),
- attributes.

Different possibilities:

- by extension from a simple datatype (adding attributes, making an element type out of a simple type)
- by restriction from another datatype (restriction of its components or its structure),
- completely new definition (formally, a restriction of `base="xs:anyType"`)

With these datatypes, element types can be defined later.

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COMPLEX DATATYPES

Complex datatypes are defined by the following properties:

- name,
`<xs:complexType name="name"> ... </xs:complexType>`
- kind of content (simple or complex; mixed)
`<xs:simpleContent>`
`<xs:complexContent [mixed="true"]>`
- derivation method (extension or restriction),
`<xs:extension base="typename">`
`<xs:restriction base="typename">`
- attribute declarations
`<xs:attribute name="name" type="typename"/>`
- structure of content model
... a bit more complex ...

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COMPLEX DATATYPES: TYPE WITH ATTRIBUTES

Population: text content and an attribute:

```
<population year="1997">130000</population>
```

- take the simpleType for the text content and extend it with an attribute:

```
<xs:complexType name="population">  
  <xs:simpleContent>  
    <xs:extension base="xs:nonNegativeInteger">  
      <xs:attribute name="year" type="xs:nonNegativeInteger"/>  
    </xs:extension>  
  </xs:simpleContent>  
</xs:complexType>
```

- the complexType can have (but does not necessary have) the same name, as the element to be defined later.

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COMPLEX DATATYPES: EMPTY ELEMENT TYPES

Border: only two attributes:

```
<border country="F" length="500"/>
```

- take the base type anyType (arbitrary complexContent and attributes) and restrict it:

```
<xs:complexType name="border">
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:restriction base="anyType">
      <xs:attribute name="country" type="xs:IDREF"/>
      <xs:attribute name="length" type="xs:decimal"/>
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
```

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COMPLEX DATATYPES: ARBITRARY ELEMENT TYPES

Newly defined element types with `<complexContent>` are usually defined by

```
<xs:complexType name="...">
  <xs:complexContent>
    <xs:restriction base="anyType">
      <!-- type definition: content model and attributes -->
    </xs:restriction>
  </xs:complexContent>
</xs:complexType>
```

As an abbreviation, it is allowed to omit `<complexContent>` and `<xs:restriction base="anyType">`:

```
<xs:complexType name="border">
  <xs:attribute name="country" type="xs:IDREF"/>
  <xs:attribute name="length" type="xs:decimal"/>
</xs:complexType>
```

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COMPLEX DATATYPES: ARBITRARY ELEMENT TYPES

- element types with complex content use (nested) structure-defining elements (called *Model Groups*):
 - `<xs:sequence> ... </xs:sequence>`
 - `<xs:choice> ... </xs:choice>`
 - `<xs:all> ... </xs:all>`
(“all” with some restrictions - only top-level, no substructures allowed)
- inside, the allowed element types are specified:
`<xs:element name=“name” type=“typename”/>`
- note: even if only one type of subelements is contained, one of the above must be used around it.
- note: the XML Schema definition requires to list the content model specification before the attributes.

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COMPLEX DATATYPES: ARBITRARY ELEMENT TYPES

Example

Definition of the type of the `<city>` elements:

```
<xs:complexType name="city">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="population" type="population"/>
    <xs:element name="longitude" type="longitude"/>
    <xs:element name="latitude" type="latitude"/>
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:attribute name="country" type="xs:IDREF"/>
</xs:complexType>
```

... so far, the basic concepts.

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10.5 Composing Declarations

FURTHER ATTRIBUTES OF ATTRIBUTE DEFINITIONS

- use (optional, required, prohibited)
default is “optional”
- default (same as in DTD: attribute is added if not given in the document)
- fixed (same as in DTD)

FURTHER ATTRIBUTES OF SUBELEMENT DEFINITIONS

- minOccurs, maxOccurs: default 1.
- <default value=“value”/> (bit different from attribute default): if the element is given in a document with empty content, then the default contents *value* is inserted.
In case that an element is not given at all, no default is used.
- <fixed value=“value”/>: analogous.

Examples: later.

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GLOBAL ATTRIBUTE- AND ELEMENT DEFINITIONS

... up to now, arbitrary element *types* have been defined.

At least, for the root element, a separate element declaration is needed.

- <xs:attribute> and <xs:element> elements can not only occur inside of <complexType> elements, but can also be global.
- as global declarations, they must not contain specifications of @use, @maxOccurs, or @minOccurs.
- global declarations can then also be used in type definitions by @ref.
Then, they are allowed to have @use, @maxOccurs and @minOccurs.
- especially useful if the same element type is used several times.

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EXAMPLE

```
<xs:element name="city" type="city"/>
<xs:element name="name" type="string"/>
<xs:attribute name="car_code" type="carcodeType"/>

<xs:complexType name="country">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element ref="name"/> -- maxOccurs and minOccurs default 1
    <xs:element ref="city" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xs:element ref="border" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:attribute ref="car_code" use="required"/>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:element name="country" type="country"/>

<xs:complexType name="mondial">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element ref="country" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    :
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```

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ANONYMOUS, LOCAL TYPE DEFINITIONS

- Instead of

```
<xs:element name="name" type="typename" />
<xs:attribute name="name" type="typename" />
```

anonymous, local type definitions in the content of such elements are allowed:

```
<xs:complexType name="city">
  <xs:attribute name="country" type="xs:IDREF"/>
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="population">
      <xs:simpleContent>
        <xs:extension base="xs:nonNegativeInteger">
          <xs:attribute name="year" type="xs:nonNegativeInteger">
            </xs:extension>
        </xs:simpleContent>
      </xs:element>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
```

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LOCAL DECLARATIONS

- `<complexType>` declarations define local *symbol spaces*, i.e., the same attribute/element names can be used in different complex datatypes with different specifications of result-datatypes (this is not possible in DTDs; cf. country/population and city/population elements)

Using global types:

```
<xs:complexType name="countrypop"> ... without @year ... </xs:complexType>
```

```
<xs:complexType name="citypop"> ... with @year ... </xs:complexType>
```

```
<xs:complexType name="countryType">  
  :  
  <xs:element name="population" type="countrypop"/>  
</xs:complexType>
```

```
<xs:complexType name="cityType">  
  :  
  <xs:element name="population" type="citypop"/>  
</xs:complexType>
```

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Local Declarations (Cont'd)

Using local "population" types:

```
<xs:complexType name="countryType">  
  <xs:complexType name="pop"> ... without @year ... </xs:complexType>  
  :  
  <xs:element name="population" type="pop"/>  
</xs:complexType>
```

```
<xs:complexType name="cityType">  
  <xs:complexType name="pop"> ... with @year ... </xs:complexType>  
  :  
  <xs:element name="population" type="pop"/>  
</xs:complexType>
```

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ATTRIBUTE GROUPS

Groups of attributes that are used several times can be defined, named and then reused:

```
<xs:attributeGroup name="groupname">
  attributedefs
</xs:attributeGroup>
```

```
<xs:complexType name="name" ...>
  :
  <xs:attributeGroup ref="groupname"/>
</xs:complexType>
```

- group definitions can also be nested ...

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CONTENT MODEL GROUPS

In the same way, parts of the content model can be predefined:

```
<xs:group name="groupname">
  modelgroupdef
</xs:group>

<xs:complexType name="name" ...>
  :
  <xs:group ref="groupname"/>
</xs:complexType>
```

Exercise 10.1

Use the following group definitions in your MONDIAL schema:

- an attribute group for (country, province) in city, lake, mountain etc.
- a content model group for (longitude, latitude)

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PRACTICAL ISSUES: XSI:SCHEMALOCATION

In addition to use separate separate .xsd and .xml files (call e.g. saxonXSD bla.xml bla.xsd), the XML Schema can be identified in the XML instance:

- simple things without namespace: the `xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation` attribute gives the URI or local file path of the XML Schema file:

```
<foo xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="bla.xsd"> ... </mondial>
```

```
<mondial xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="http://.../mondial.xsd"> ... </mondial>
```

- when a namespace is used: declare the namespace, and the `xsi:schemaLocation` attribute is of the form `xsi:schemaLocation="namespace uri-of-xsd-file"`:

```
<mon:mondial xmlns:foo="http://www.semwebtech.org/Mondial"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.semwebtech.org/Mondial
    http://www.semwebtech.org/Mondial/mondial.xsd"> ... </mon:mondial>
```

- if a document uses several namespaces, several `xsi:schemaLocations` can be given; also inside of inner elements.

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10.6 Integrity Constraints

XML Schema supports three further kinds of integrity constraints (*identity constraints*):

- [unique](#), [key](#), [keyref](#)

that have *very* strong similarities with the corresponding SQL-concepts:

- a name,
- a *selector*: an XPath expression, e.g. `//city`, that describes the set of elements for which the condition is specified (stronger than SQL: relative to the instance of the element type where the spec is a child of),
- a list of fields (relative to the result of the selector), that are subject to the condition,
- for `keyref`: the name of a key definition that describes the corresponding referenced key.

more expressive than ID/IDREF:

- not only document-wide keys, but can be restricted to a set of nodes (by type, and by subtree),
- multiple fields; can not only contain attributes, but also (textual) element content,
- but not applicable to IDREFS, only to IDREF.

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INTEGRITY CONSTRAINTS

- are subelements of an element type. The scope of them is then each instance of that element type (e.g., allows for having a key amongst all cities of a given country, and keyrefs in that country only referring to such cities)
- document-wide: define them for the root element type.

```
<xs:unique name="..." >
  <xs:selector xpath="xpath-expr"/>
  <xs:field xpath="xpath-expr"/> ... <xs:field xpath="xpath-expr"/>
</xs:unique>

<xs:key name="name" >
  <xs:selector xpath="xpath-expr"/>
  <xs:field xpath="xpath-expr"/> ... <xs:field xpath="xpath-expr"/>
</xs:key>

<xs:keyref name="..." refer="name" >
  <xs:selector xpath="xpath-expr"/>
  <xs:field xpath="xpath-expr"/> ... <xs:field xpath="xpath-expr"/>
</xs:keyref>
```

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INTEGRITY CONSTRAINTS: EXAMPLE

```
<xs:element name="mondial">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:element ref="country" maxOccurs="*" />
    :      <!-- with <border country="..." /> subelements -->
  </xs:complexType>

  <xs:key name="countrykey"> <!-- key amongst all countries -->
    <xs:selector xpath="country"/> <!-- range: unique amongst all countries -->
    <xs:field xpath="@car_code"/> <!-- is the field @car_code -->
  </xs:key>

  <xs:keyref name="bordertocountry" refer="countrykey">
    <xs:selector xpath="."/ /> <!-- for all border elements, -->
    <xs:field xpath="@country"/> <!-- the @country attr refs to a country -->
  </xs:keyref>
</xs:element>
```

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INTEGRITY CONSTRAINTS: EXAMPLE

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<countries-and-cities
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="keys.xsd">
  <country code="D">
    <neighbor code="A"/>
    <neighbor code="CH"/>
    <county code="FR" name="Freiburg">
      <neighbor code="VS"/>
      <city>Freiburg</city>
    </county>
    <county code="VS" name="Villingen-Schwenningen">
      <neighbor code="FR"/>
      <city>Villingen</city>
    </county>
    <county code="D" name="Duesseldorf"/>
  </country>
  <country code="CH">
    <neighbor code="D"/>
    <neighbor code="A"/>
    <county code="FR" name="Fribourg">
      <neighbor code="VS"/>
      <city>Fribourg</city>
    </county>
    <county code="VS" name="Valais/Wallis">
      <neighbor code="FR"/>
      <city>Sion</city>
    </county>
    <county code="VD" name="Vaud/Waadt">
      <neighbor code="FR"/>
      <neighbor code="VS"/>
    </county>
  </country>
  <country code="A"/>
</countries-and-cities>
```

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Integrity Constraints: Example (Cont'd)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="countries-and-cities">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element ref="country" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
    <xs:key name="countrykey"> <!-- all countries -->
      <xs:selector xpath="//country"/>
      <xs:field xpath="@code"/>
    </xs:key>
    <xs:keyref name="neighbortocountry" refer="countrykey">
      <xs:selector xpath="//country/neighbor"/>
      <xs:field xpath="@code"/>
    </xs:keyref>
  </xs:element>
  <xs:element name="country">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element ref="neighbor" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        <xs:element ref="county" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xs:sequence>
      <xs:attribute name="code" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:complexType>
    <xs:key name="countykey"> <!-- key is local to the country -->
      <xs:selector xpath="//county"/>
      <xs:field xpath="@code"/>
    </xs:key>
    <xs:keyref name="neighbortocounty" refer="countykey"> <!-- local in the country -->
      <xs:selector xpath="//county/neighbor"/>
      <xs:field xpath="@code"/>
    </xs:keyref>
  </xs:element>
  <xs:element name="county">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element ref="neighbor" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        <xs:element ref="city" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xs:sequence>
      <xs:attribute name="code" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:attribute name="name" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
  <xs:element name="city" type="xs:string"/>
  <xs:element name="neighbor">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:attribute name="code" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

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USE OF KEY/KEYREF

- allows for local keys and multi-field keys.
- queries can only be stated by joins (as in SQL); then local keys are only of limited use.
- no multivalued keyrefs as in IDREFS. Each reference must be in a separate subelement.

GENERAL ASSERTIONS

Assertions between attributes and/or subelements on instances of an element type:

- children of a complexType declaration,
- `<xs:assert test="xpath-based test"/>`

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10.7 Applications and Usage of XML Schema

- (simple) datatype arithmetics and reasoning (numbers, dates)
The simpleTypes and restrictions are also used in the Semantic Web languages RDF/RDFS/OWL.

- specification of allowed structure: validation of documents

The information about a class of documents is also often used:

- derive an efficient mapping to relational storage (cf. Slide 557)
- definition of indexes (over keys and other properties)
- the type definitions can be used to derive corresponding Java Interfaces (JAXB; (cf. Slide 470))
 - get/set methods for properties,
 - automatical mapping between Java and XML serialization,
 - classes that add behavior can then be programmed by extending the interfaces.

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