

# XML Schema - Structures Quick Reference

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## 1 Namespaces

- <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema>
- <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance>

## 2 Schema declaration

```
<schema id = ID
attributeFormDefault = (qualified | unqualified) : unqualified
blockDefault = (#all | List of (extension | restriction | substitution)) :
elementFormDefault = (qualified | unqualified) : unqualified
finalDefault = (#all | List of (extension | restriction)) :
targetNamespace = anyURI
version = token
xml:lang = language >
Content: ((include | import | redefine | annotation)*, (((simpleType | complexType |
group | attributeGroup) | element | attribute | notation), annotation*)*) </schema>
```

```
<include id = ID
schemaLocation = anyURI >
Content: (annotation?) </include>
```

```
<redefine id = ID
schemaLocation = anyURI>
Content: (annotation | (simpleType | complexType | group | attributeGroup))*>
</redefine>
```

```
<import id = ID
namespace = anyURI
schemaLocation = anyURI>
Content: (annotation?) </import>
```

## 3 Simple Data Type Declaration

```
<simpleType id = ID
final = (#all | (list | union | restriction))
name = NCName>
Content: (annotation ?, (restriction | list | union)) </simpleType>

<restriction id = ID
base = QName>
```

```
Content: (annotation ?, (simpleType ?, (minExclusive | minInclusive |
maxExclusive | maxInclusive | totalDigits | fractionDigits | length | minLength |
maxLength | enumeration | whiteSpace | pattern )*)) </restriction>

<list id = ID
itemType = QName>
Content: (annotation ?, (simpleType ?)) </list>

<union id = ID
memberTypes = List of QName>
Content: (annotation ?, (simpleType *)) </union>
```

## Constraining Facets

```
<length id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = nonNegativeInteger >
Content: (annotation?) </length>

<minLength id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = nonNegativeInteger >
Content: (annotation?) </minLength>

<maxLength id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = nonNegativeInteger >
Content: (annotation?) </maxLength>

<pattern id = ID
value = anySimpleType
Content: (annotation?) </pattern>

<enumeration id = ID
value = anySimpleType >
Content: (annotation?)
</enumeration>

<whiteSpace id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = (collapse | preserve | replace)>
Content: (annotation?) </whiteSpace>

<maxInclusive id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = anySimpleType>
Content: (annotation?) </maxInclusive>

Content: (annotation?) </maxExclusive>

<minExclusive id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = anySimpleType>
Content: (annotation?) </minExclusive>

<minInclusive id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = anySimpleType>
Content: (annotation?) </minInclusive>

<totalDigits id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = positiveInteger >
Content: (annotation?) </totalDigits>

<fractionDigits id = ID
fixed = boolean : false
value = nonNegativeInteger >
Content: (annotation?) </fractionDigits>
```

## 4 Complex Data Type Declaration

```
<complexType id = ID
abstract = boolean : false
block = (#all | List of (extension | restriction))
final = (#all | List of (extension | restriction))
mixed = boolean : false
```

```
name = NCName>
Content: (annotation?, (simpleContent | complexContent | ((group | all | choice |
sequence)?, ((attribute | attributeGroup)*, anyAttribute?))) </complexType>
```

## Complex Content

```
<complexContent id = ID
mixed = boolean>
Content: (annotation?, (restriction | extension)) </complexContent>

<restriction id = ID
base = QName>
Content: (annotation?, (group | all | choice | sequence)?,
(attribute | attributeGroup)*, anyAttribute?)) </restriction>

<extension id = ID
base = QName>
Content: (annotation?, ((group | all | choice | sequence)?,
(attribute | attributeGroup)*, anyAttribute?)) </extension>
```

## Simple Content

```
<simpleContent id = ID>
Content: (annotation?, (restriction | extension)) </simpleContent>

<restriction id = ID
base = QName>
Content: (annotation?, (simpleType?, (minExclusive | minInclusive | maxExclusive |
maxInclusive | totalDigits | fractionDigits | length | minLength | maxLength |
enumeration | whiteSpace | pattern )? , ((attribute | attributeGroup)*,
anyAttribute?)) </restriction>

<extension id = ID
base = QName>
Content: (annotation?, ((attribute | attributeGroup)*, anyAttribute?)) </extension>

<attributeGroup id = ID
ref = QName>
Content: (annotation?) </attributeGroup>

<anyAttribute id = ID
namespace = ((##any | ##other) | List of (anyURI |
(#$targetNamespace | #$local)) ) : ##any
processContents = (lax | skip | strict) : strict >
Content: (annotation?) </anyAttribute>
```

## 5 Model Group Definition

```
<group
name = NCName>
Content: (annotation?, (all | choice | sequence)) </group>

<all id = ID
maxOccurs = 1 : 1 minOccurs = (0 | 1) : 1>
Content: (annotation?, element*) </all>
```

## 6 Attribute Group Definition

```
<attributeGroup id = ID  
name = NCName  
ref = QName >  
Content: (annotation?,  
((attribute | attributeGroup)*, anyAttribute?)) </attributeGroup>
```

## 7 Element Declaration

```
<element id = ID  
abstract = boolean : false  
block = (#all | List of (extension | restriction | substitution))  
default = string  
final = (#all | List of (extension | restriction))  
fixed = string  
form = (qualified | unqualified)  
maxOccurs = (nonNegativeInteger | unbounded) : 1  
minOccurs = nonNegativeInteger : 1  
name = NCName  
nillable = boolean : false  
ref = QName  
substitutionGroup = QName  
type = QName>  
Content: (annotation?, ((simpleType | complexType)?,  
(unique | key | keyref)*)) </element>
```

## 8 Model Group (content model)

```
<choice id = ID  
maxOccurs = (nonNegativeInteger | unbounded) : 1  
minOccurs = nonNegativeInteger : 1>  
Content: (annotation?, (element | group | choice | sequence | any*)) </choice>  
<sequence id = ID  
maxOccurs = (nonNegativeInteger | unbounded) : 1  
minOccurs = nonNegativeInteger : 1>  
Content: (annotation?, (element | group | choice | sequence | any*)) </sequence>  
<any id = ID  
maxOccurs = (nonNegativeInteger | unbounded) : 1  
minOccurs = nonNegativeInteger : 1  
namespace = (##any | ##other) | List of (anyURI |  
##targetNamespace | ##local)) : ##any  
processContents = (lax | skip | strict) : strict>  
Content: (annotation?) </any>
```

## 9 Attribute Declaration

```
<attribute id = ID  
default = string  
fixed = string  
form = (qualified | unqualified)  
name = NCName
```

```
ref = QName  
type = QName  
use = (optional | prohibited | required) : optional >  
Content: (annotation?, (simpleType?)) </attribute>
```

## 10 Notation Declaration

```
<notation id = ID  
name = NCName  
public = anyURI  
system = anyURI >  
Content: (annotation?) </notation>
```

## 11 Annotation Components

```
<annotation id = ID>  
Content: (appinfo | documentation)* </annotation>  
<appinfo  
source = anyURI>  
Content: ({any})* </appinfo>  
<documentation  
source = anyURI  
xml:lang = language>  
Content: ({any})* </documentation>
```

## 12 Identity-constraint definitions

```
<unique id = ID  
name = NCName >  
Content: (annotation?, (selector, field+)) </unique>  
<key id = ID  
name = NCName >  
Content: (annotation?, (selector, field+)) </key>  
<keyref id = ID  
name = NCName  
refer = QName >  
Content: (annotation?, (selector, field+)) </keyref>  
<selector id = ID  
xpath = a subset of XPath expression, see below >  
Content: (annotation?) </selector>  
<field id = ID  
xpath = a subset of XPath expression, see below >  
Content: (annotation?) </field>
```

## 13 Defined Values

**{any}** Any element not part of Shema namespace.  
**#all** All of the values listed  
**#atomic** A built-in primitive simple type definition

## [final]

**list** A finite-length (possibly empty) sequence of values  
**union** A combination of the of one or more other datatypes.  
**restriction** Values for constraining facets are specified to a subset of those of its base type.  
  
[namespace]  
**##any** Any namespace (default)  
**##other** Any namespace other than target namespace  
**##targetNamespace** Must belong to the target Namespace of schema  
**##local** Any unqualified XML  
  
[processContents]  
**strict** There must be a top-level declaration for the item available, or the item must have an xsi:type, and must be valid.  
**skip** No constraints at all: the item must simply be well-formed.  
**lax** Validate where you can, don't worry when you can't.  
  
[form]  
**qualified** Namespace qualified  
**unqualified** No namespace qualification  
  
[use]  
**optional** Attribute is optional  
**prohibited** Attribute is prohibited  
**required** Attribute is required to have a value  
  
[value]  
**preserve** The value is the normalized value  
**replace** All occurrences of tab, line feed and carriage return are replaced with space.  
**collapse** Contiguous sequences of spaces are collapsed to a single space, and initial and/or final spaces are deleted.

## 14 Schema Instance Related Markup

**xsi:type** An element in an instance may explicitly assert its type using the attribute xsi:type. The value is a QName associated with a type definition.  
**xsi:nil** An element may be valid without content if it has the attribute xsi:nil with the value true.  
**xsi:schemaLocation, xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation** Provide hints as to the physical location of schema documents.



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