XML:

The structure of cross media production—getting better all the time?

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XML: The structure of cross medial production

- Brief history of XML
- The purpose of XML
- The purpose of DTD
- XML inclusion in a cross media workflow

XML

- How many of you work, play, or use XML in a production workflow?
- How many of you teach about XML?

Brief history of XML

- Setting type
 - Graphic Communications Association (GCA)
 - This organization starting creating electronic structured documents
 - GCA and GenCode developed a coding system for computerized phototypsetters
 - International Business Machines (IBM) developers
 - Generalized Markup Language (GML)
 - Codes placed in angle brackets < > and < / >
 - Sample code <Newsletter>GAITway News</Newsletter>
 - XML developed at the Word Wide Web Consortium
 - XML is abbreviation for eXtensible Markup Language
 - The angle brackets are used in forming markup languages such as HTML and XML

The purpose of XML

- The HyperText Markup Language (HTML) was created to function as a display markup language, formatting text so that it is readable from a Web browser.
- The eXtensible Markup Language (XML) was developed to allow uses to store and manipulate data, a process beyond the capabilities of HTML.
- XML is considered the first cousin of HTML;
- XML is "data-centric"

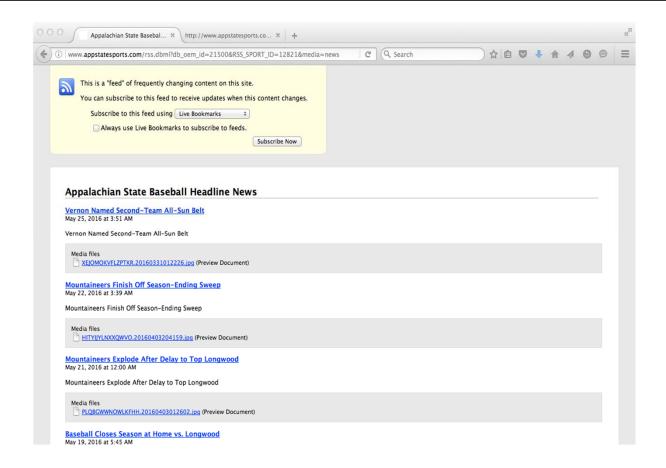
RSS News Feeds are in XML



Rich Site Summary



XML Code Structure Sample



Page Source with XML Declaration

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view-source:http://www.appstatesports.com/rss.dbml?db_oem_id=21500&RSS_SPORT_II
   <?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252"?>
       <rss version="2.0" xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom">
           <channel>
              <title>
                  <! [CDATA]
                      Appalachian State Baseball
                          Headline News
              </title>
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                                     <pubDate>Tue, 24 May 2016 20:51:00 EST</pubDate>
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                  </item>
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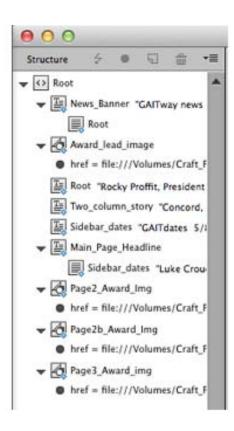
XML Declaration

After a page layout is created...



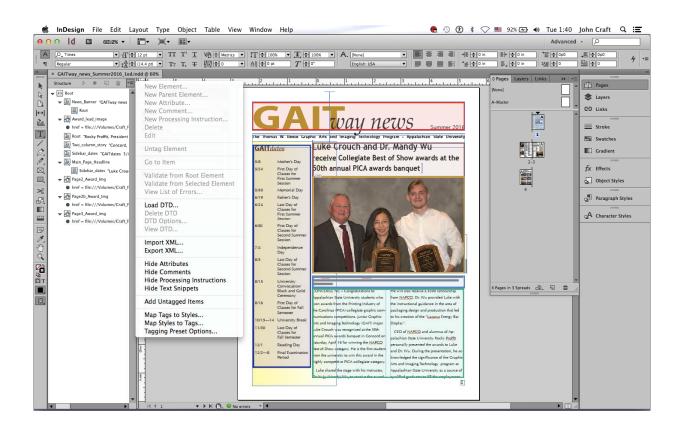
- Select specific elements and create tags using the Window > Utilities > Tags menu command.
- Carefully type the name of the selected elements that are tagged.
- Open the Structure pane to check the list of tagged elements.

Structure Pane an Tags Panel

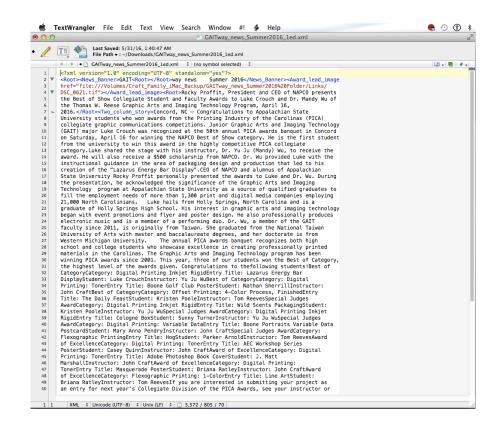




XML file exported from InDesign



XML file examined in TextWrangler



Thank you!

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