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本书为在企业系统内使用 XML 访问、处理和交换数据提供了专业指导。本书内容全面,检验了最新的与 XML 相关的数据交换技术,并说明了 XML 如何与进行分布式计算的 Microsoft DNA 结构相适应;对 Microsoft Visual Basic 编程语言、Microsoft Visual Basic、VBScript 和 Microsoft JScript 的技术实例进行了探讨,以阐明如何为客户/服务器、n-tier 系统及其他方案建立专门的 XML 解决方案。

本书内容丰富,语言流畅,是IT从业者的一本很好的参考书。

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Introduction

This book is intended for anyone who wants a glimpse into the next generation of enterprise development. If you want to develop an understanding of Extensible Markup Language (XML) and learn how to use XML for business-to-business (B2B) communications, learn what the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) and BizTalk extensions are, and learn how to use Microsoft Internet Explorer 5 with XML, this book will provide the information you need. You are assumed to have a basic understanding of Microsoft Visual Basic and the Visual Basic Integrated Development Environment (IDE). Developers will find code samples, a discussion of the Internet Explorer 5 document object model, and many more topics. Web developers will find material on using XML to build Web pages. Senior developers and managers will find discussions on how XML can be integrated into the enterprise. Some of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) specifications discussed in this book are not final, and they are changing constantly. It is recommended that you visit the W3C Web site at http://www.w3.org often for the updated specifications.

WHAT IS IN THIS BOOK

This book provides a detailed discussion of what XML is and how it can be used to build a Digital Nervous System (DNS) using the Microsoft Windows DNA framework with SOAP 1.1, BizTalk Framework 2.0, and Internet Explorer 5. The book is divided into two parts. Part I covers all the essential elements of XML and enterprise development using SOAP and BizTalk. Part II covers XML and Windows DNA. It discusses how to use Internet Explorer 5 and the Windows DNA framework to build enterprise systems. Throughout the book, you will find code samples that will bring all the ideas together.

Part I: Introducing XML

Chapter 1 discusses how XML fits within the enterprise. It provides an overview of DNS, XML, and knowledge workers and includes a discussion of where XML solutions fit into the DNS.

Chapter 2 gives a general overview of markup languages. The chapter begins with a brief history of markup languages. Next, the three most important markup languages are discussed: Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML), Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), and XML.

Chapter 3 covers the basic structure of an XML document. Topics include XML elements, attributes, comments, processing instructions, and well-formed documents. Some of the more common XML tools will be discussed and demonstrated in this chapter.

Chapter 4 introduces the *document type definition (DTD)*. The DTD is an optional document that can be used to define the structure of XML documents. This chapter provides an overview of DTDs, discusses the creation of valid documents, and describes the DTD syntax and how to create XML document structures using DTDs.

Chapter 5 examines DTD entities. This chapter shows you how to declare external, internal, general, and parameter entities and how these entities will be expanded in the XML document and the DTD.

Chapter 6 covers four of the specifications that support XML: XML Namespaces, XML Path Language (XPath), XML Pointer Language (XPointer), and XML Linking Language (XLink). This chapter provides an overview of namespaces, including why they are important and how to declare them. The chapter will also cover how XPath, XLink, and XPointers can be used to locate specific parts of an XML document and to create links in an XML document.

Chapter 7 covers XML schemas. This chapter discusses some of the shortcomings of DTDs, what a schema is, and the elements of a schema.

Chapter 8 is all about SOAP, version 1.1. This chapter covers the problems associated with firewalls and procedure calls and using SOAP for interoperability. Examples demonstrate how to use SOAP in enterprise solutions.

Chapter 9 examines the BizTalk Framework 2.0. A detailed discussion of BizTalk tags and BizTalk schemas is provided. The next generation of products that will support BizTalk is also discussed. The rest of the chapter focuses on using BizTalk in enterprise solutions.

Part II: XML and Windows DNA

Chapter 10 provides an overview of the Windows DNA framework and the two fundamental models of the Windows DNA framework: the logical and physical models. This chapter focuses on the logical three-tier model, which is defined by the services performed by components of the system. These services fall into three basic categories: user services components, business services components, and data services components. The chapter ends with a discussion of Windows DNA system design.

Chapter 11 covers the majority of the objects in the XML Document Object Model (DOM). This chapter examines how to use the DOM and provides numerous code samples showing how to work with the DOM objects. The DOM objects not covered in Chapter 11 are discussed in Chapter 12.

Chapter 12 discusses how to present XML data in a Web browser using Extensible Stylesheet Language (XSL), how to transform XML documents using XSL Transformations (XSLT), and how to build static user services components using XML. The rest of the chapter examines XSL and XSLT support in the XML DOM and programming with XSL and XSLT.

Chapter 13 covers the creation of dynamic Web-based user services components using Dynamic HTML (DHTML) and the XML Data Source Object (DSO) available in Internet Explorer 5. This chapter will discuss how to use DHTML to create user services components that can respond directly to input from users. The rest of the chapter covers how to use the XML DSO to work directly with XML data embedded in HTML code.

Chapter 14 examines how XML can be used to build business services components. This chapter shows you how to create business services components using HTML Components (HTC).

Chapter 15 explores using XML in the data services component. This chapter discusses using ActiveX Data Objects (ADO) with XML, the Microsoft XML SQL Server Internet Server Application Programming Interface (ISAPI) extension, and the XSL ISAPI extension. The SQL ISAPI extension allows data in a SQL Server 6.5 or 7.0 database to be retrieved directly through Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS) as XML. The XSL ISAPI extension allows XSL documents to be automatically converted to XML when a browser other than Internet Explorer 5 requests data.

Chapter 16 introduces Microsoft BizTalk Server 2000. BizTalk Server 2000 allows corporations to pass information within the corporation and between the corporation and its partners using XML.

XML TOOLS

There are a number of XML tools available to assist you in developing XML applications. You will find some of these tools used in examples throughout this book. The tools I use are XML Authority from Extensibility, Inc., XML Spy from Icon Informations-System, and XML Pro from Vervet Logic. XML Authority provides a comprehensive design environment that accelerates the creation, conversion, and management of XML schemas. XML Spy is a tool for viewing and editing an XML document. XML Pro is an XML editing tool that enables you to create and edit XML documents using menus and screens. You can download Extensibility's tools from www.extensibility.com, XML Spy from http://xmlspy.com, and XML Pro from www.vervet.com.

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Installing the Sample Programs

You can view the samples from the companion CD, or you can install them onto your hard disk and use them to create your own applications.

Installing the sample programs requires approximately 162 KB of disk space. To install the sample programs, insert the companion CD into your CD-ROM drive and run Setup.exe in the Setup folder. Some of the sample programs require that the full version of Internet Explorer 5 be installed to work properly. If your computer doesn't have Internet Explorer 5 installed, run ie5setup.exe in the MSIE5 folder to install Internet Explorer 5. If you have trouble running any of the sample files, refer to the Readme.txt file in the root directory of the companion CD or to the text in the book that describes the sample program.

You can uninstall the samples by selecting Add/Remove Programs from the Microsoft Windows Control Panel, selecting Developing XML Solutions Example Code, and clicking the Add/Remove button.

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System Requirements

The XML samples in this book can be run using a computer that has at least the following system requirements.

- 486 or higher processor
- Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT 4.0, or Windows 2000
- Visual Basic 6 (If you want to perform the Visual Basic examples in the book, you will need to have this installed on your computer.)

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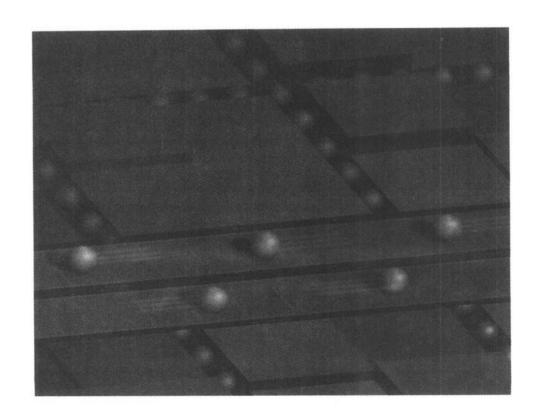
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Part I

Introducing XML



Chapter 1

XML Within the Enterprise

The last four decades of the twentieth century witnessed the birth of the Computer Age. Computers have become an essential tool for nearly every corporate worker. Personal computers are now found in over 50 percent of U.S. households, and with this proliferation has come the explosion of the Internet. The Internet has not only changed the way consumers gather information and make their purchases, but it has also completely changed the way corporations must do business.

Today corporations must be able to respond quickly to market pressures and must be able to analyze large quantities of data to make appropriate decisions. To be of any use to the corporation, this data must be accurate, relevant, and available immediately. As we will see in this chapter, a *Digital Nervous System (DNS)* will provide the corporation with a computer and software infrastructure that will provide accurate, relevant data in a timely manner. One of the most important elements of the DNS is the movement of data. In many circumstances, the ideal way to move this data will be in *Extensible Markup Language (XML)* format.

XML can be used to create text documents that contain data in a structured format. In addition to the data, you can include a detailed set of rules that define the structure of the data. The author of the XML document defines these rules. For example, you could create a set of rules that can be used for validating Microsoft Exchange e-mail documents, Microsoft SQL Server databases, Microsoft Word documents, or any type of data that exists within the corporation.