

XML (Extensible Markup Language) is a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format that is readable by both machines and humans. XML is used extensively by technical communicators to store and transport data.

The purpose of this XML assignment was to create an XML file with an accompanying XSLT file for styling purposes, and a DTD file that outlined the structure and authoring rules of the XML file. Again, the emphasis was on creating a well-formed XML project rather than the content itself, so I chose to display simple information relating to a bookshelf. My XML file was broken down into books, authors, title, genre, year, and publisher and styled with an XSLT file to display as a table with a blue heading.

This was an interesting project and one that I enjoyed because I know that XML is something I need to become very familiar with. I was pleased that my knowledge of HTML made learning the XML structure a lot easier and I feel quite comfortable with XML. However, I found it difficult to link my XML and XSLT file and this was a challenge that took me some time to overcome.