Creating Digital Scholarly Editions: An Introduction to the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI)

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It’s easy to confuse the terms *element (tag)*, *attribute*, *value*, and *content*.

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<sentence>This is a sentence.</sentence>
<sentence type="declarative">This is a sentence.</sentence>
<sentence type="declarative" xml:lang="ru">Это предложение.</sentence>
<sentence type="interrogative">Is this a sentence?</sentence>
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*Elements may have zero, one, or more than one attribute. Attributes, if present, are only on the opening tag, never the closing tag.*

*Some elements are empty—they have no content. They can be written in either of the following ways:*

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<milestone type="pagebreak"></milestone>
<milestone type="pagebreak" />
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