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XML cheat sheet

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

```xml
<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 is a sentence?</sentence>
```

*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:*  

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

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