

# Generating DTD

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A [Data Type Definition \(DTD\)](#) is required for running [structure validation checks](#) on a Web content file. IntelliJ IDEA can scan any XML file for the existing elements and attributes and generate a DTD for it.

## To generate a DTD for an XML file

1. Open the desired file in the active editor tab.
2. On the main menu, choose **Tools | XML Actions | Generate DTD From XML File**. The resulting DTD is added as a section above the first line of the file.

## See Also

Procedures:

- [Validating Web Content Files](#)

Language and Framework-Specific Guidelines:

- [Markup Languages and Style Sheets](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#)