

Distributed Software Development

RDF

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17-2: RDF

- RDF stands for *Resource Description Framework*
- Provides a way to describe properties that belong to objects.
- Much like a relational database.
- Can be serialized as XML, but it's easiest not to get hung up on the XML syntax initially.
 - Built to be created and consumed by machines.

17-3: Uses of RDF

- RDF is a very popular framework for describing resources on the Web.
 - RSS
 - Mozilla
 - Creative Commons
 - FOAF
 - Adobe' XMP project
 - Open Directory Project
- All of these applications need a more powerful way of representing information than XML provides by itself.