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- XML files contain a list of elements and nested elements expressed as tagged text (name/value):

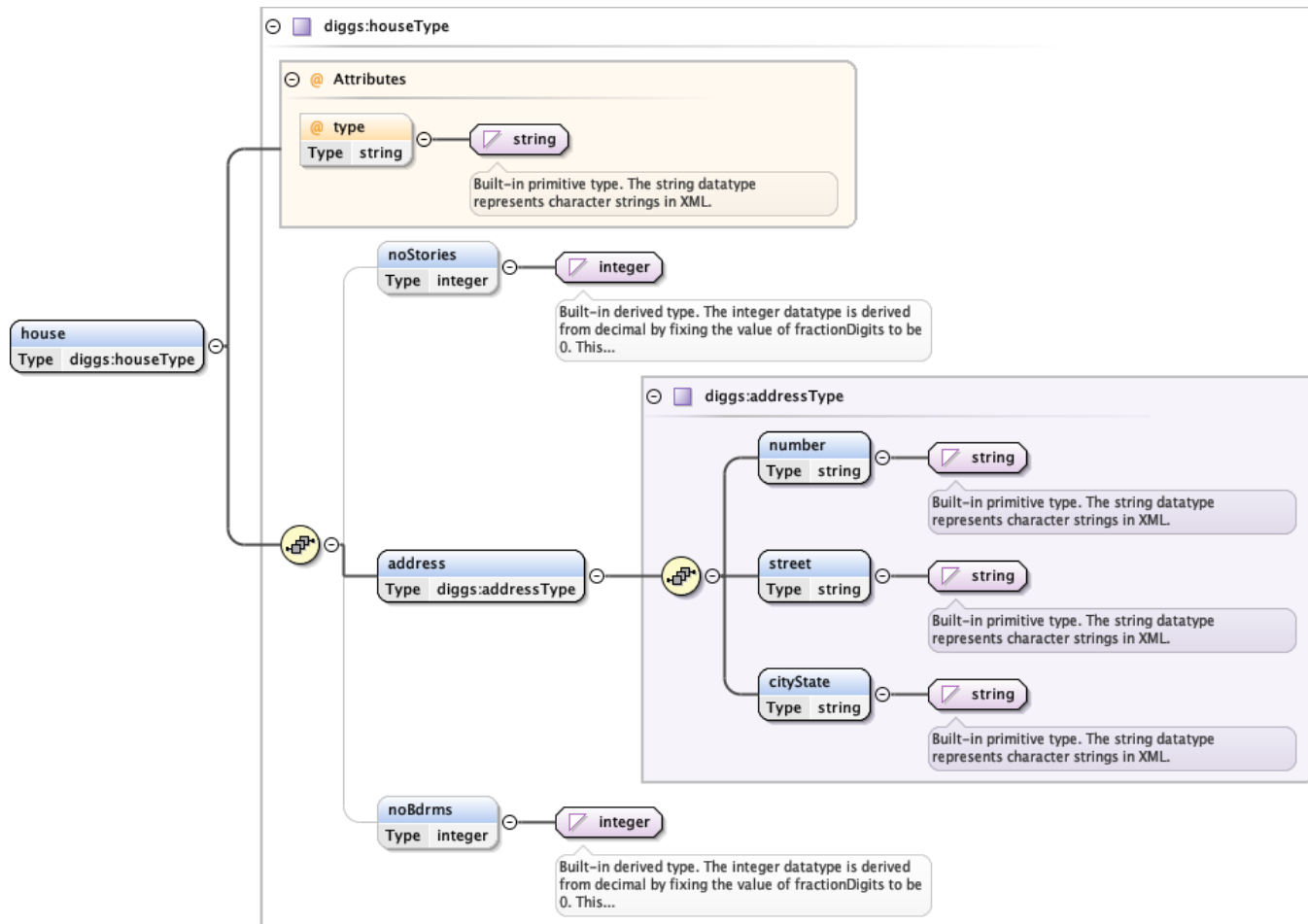
ELEMENT <name attribute="attribute value">value</name>

- An element can have zero or multiple attributes
- The value of an element can be text, another element or series of elements (nesting)

Simple type → `<house type="single family">`
`<noStories>2</noStories>`
Complex type { `<address>`
 `<number>123</number>`
 `<street>Main St.</street>`
 `<cityState>Anytown, CA</cityState>`
 `</address>`
 `<noBdrms>3</noBdrms>`
`</house>`

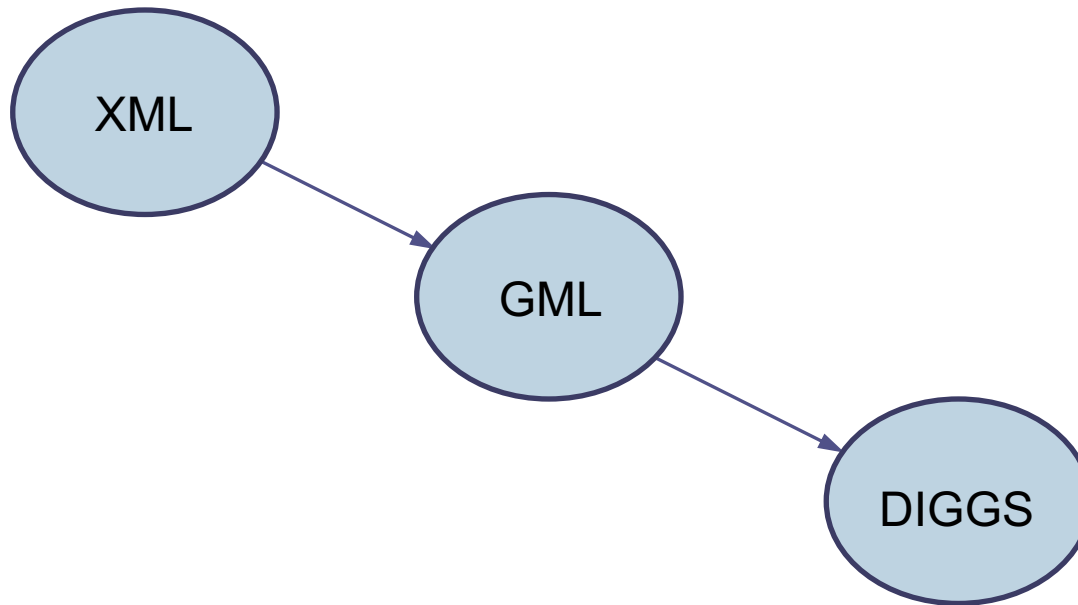
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Schema Definition



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- Diggs inherits its overall structure from its parent types



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- GML nomenclature, definitions, conventions
- GML defines two types of XML elements
 - Object
 - An element of complexType with “identity” that is derived (inherits) from a base “abstract” GML type (UpperCamelCase)
 - Property
 - An element of simple type or “propertyType” that is contained within an object (lowerCamelCase)

<Borehole gml:id=“b1”>

<gml:name>Borehole 1</gml:name>

<investigationTarget>Natural Ground</investigationTarget>

<projectRef xlink:href = “#p1”/>

....

</Borehole>

Inherited from GML base type
(GML namespace)

Application specific
properties
(DIGGS namespace)

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- GML Object-Property Rule

- All Object properties must be either of simple type or of "property type" - a type that holds a single object.
- This structure adds some bulk to the XML but maintains object structure and makes reuse, querying and referencing of GML data simpler.

```
<Borehole gml:id="b1">
  <gml:name>Borehole 1</gml:name>
  <investigationTarget>Natural Ground</investigationTarget>
  <projectRef xlink:href = "#p1"/>
  <locality>
    <Locality gml:id="l1">
      <station>1137</station>
      <offset uom="ft">20</offset>
      <offsetDirection>left</offsetDirection>
    </Locality>
  </locality>
  ...
</Borehole>
```

locality is a property of "property type"
Eg. it contains a single GML object

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- GML Feature – A GML object that contains geospatial information (a geometry object) within its properties
- DiGGS has many objects that contain geometry information

```
<Borehole gml:id="b1">
```

```
  <gml:name>Borehole 1</gml:name>
```

```
  <investigationTarget>Natural Ground</investigationTarget>
```

```
  <projectRef xlink:href = "#p1"/>
```

```
  <referencePoint>
```

```
    <PointLocation gml:id="cpt1" srsName="urn:diggs:def:crs:DIGGS:0.1:26911_5703"
      srsDimension="3">
```

```
      <gml:pos>387416.665116977 3742645.12297961 6</gml:pos>
```

```
    </PointLocation>
```

```
  </referencePoint>
```

```
</Borehole>
```

EPSG Code for UTM Zone 11
EPSG Code for NAVD88 height
(NAD83 datum)

x

y

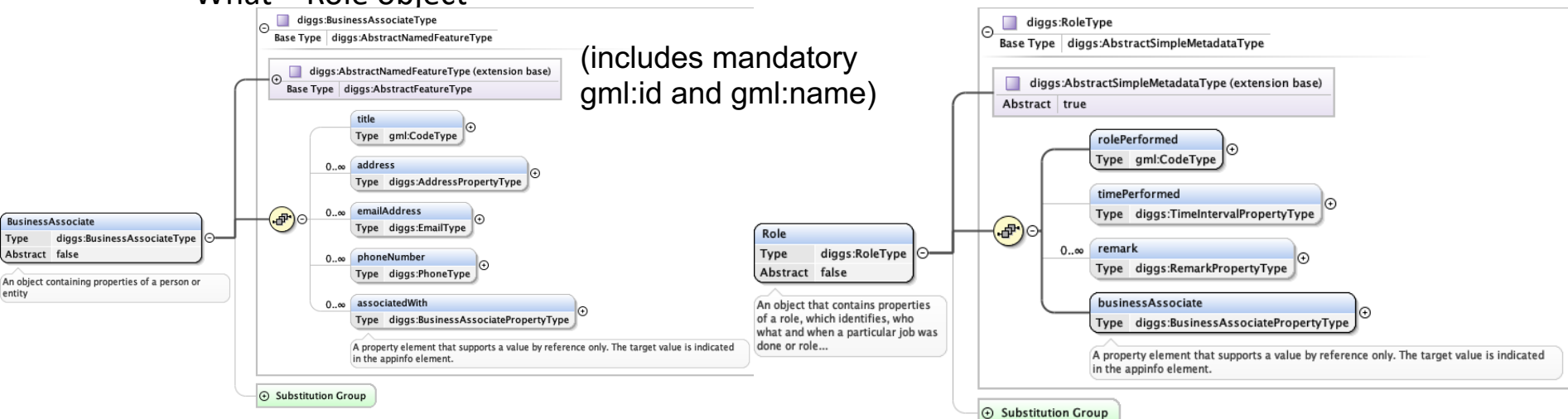
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- DIGGS objects inherit properties from base types:
 - gml:id (attribute)
 - xml:lang (attribute)
 - gml:description
 - gml:identifier
 - gml:name (unbounded)
 - status
 - remark (unbounded)
 - associatedFile (unbounded)
 - role (unbounded)
 - internalIdentifier

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- Objects can be defined once and utilized multiple places within an XML instance
 - Eg. for a borehole, we often record who performs various roles during construction of the hole. Similarly, we record who collected a sample, or what company may have run a test.
 - Who – BusinessAssociate object
 - What – Role object

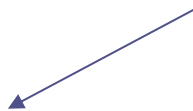


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XML Instance Example

```
<Borehole gml:id = "b1">
  <role>
    <Role>
      <rolePerformed>Driller</rolePerformed>
      <businessAssociate>
        <BusinessAssociate gml:id="ba-abc">
          <gml:name>ABC Drilling</gml:name>
        </BusinessAssociate>
      </businessAssociate>
    </Role>
  </role>
  <role>
    <Role>
      <rolePerformed>Logger</rolePerformed>
      <businessAssociate xlink:href="#ba-abc"/>
    </Role>
  </role>
</Borehole>
```

Note how objects can be referenced



The role object is used in many instances
eg. samples, tests, etc.

DIGGS 2.5 Top Level Properties

```
<Diggs gml:id = "QGD">  
  <documentInformation/>  
  <project/>  
  <samplingFeature/>  
  <samplingActivity/>  
  <sample/>  
  <observation/>  
  <measurement/>  
  <group/>  
</Diggs>
```

