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-- XML has evolved to be a widely-used mechanism for representing
structured data.

There are a wide variety of Internet protocols being developed; many
have need for a representation for structured data relevant to their
application. There has been much interest in the use of XML as a
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analyzes various alternatives in the use of XML, and provides
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