Rules of XHTML

XML

* Documents must start with an XML declaration

* Every document must have a single root element

* All elements have distinct start and end tags

* All elements are nested correctly

* Elements/attributes must obey naming conventions

* All attributes must have quoted values

* Empty elements are formatted correctly

XHTML

* Documents start with XML/DTD declarations

* The HTML element must refer to a namespace

* XHTML has four required tags

* Al element/attribute names must be lower-case

* Use the "id" and "name" attributes

* Use style sheets to control layout

* Externalize scripts and styles