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### **Record Element**

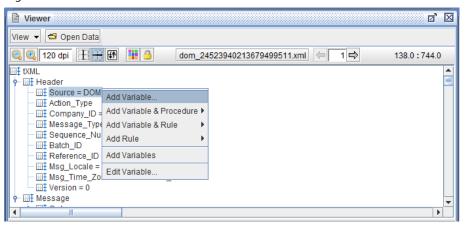
A Record Element is the output type used to generate an XML file. The Record Element allows the user to build out the node tree structure of an incoming XML data file. In the process, new tags may be added and existing tags from the data file can be modified with Functions, such as database lookups or concatenation of values.

#### XML Variables

A Variable stores data for later use. Rules, Functions, Procedures and Conditions can be added to a Variable. Any one Variable can be used multiple times within a particular project.

#### To create a Variable:

1. Right click a data node and select Add Variable.



**NOTE:** Create an empty variable for later use with Functions, Procedures or Conditions by right clicking the form and selecting Add Variable > Using data node.

Variable

Name Source

Data Node tXML/Header/Source

Transfer method Normal (any child elements as array)

Node Filter

Include variable in XML output

Use as a bookmark in PDF output

2. The Variable dialog box will display. Click OK to continue.

Variable options include:

#### Name

Variable name as displayed in the project layout.

#### Data Node

The node location of the Variable in relation to parent or child elements in the data node tree.

#### Transfer method

There are five options:

#### Normal (any child elements as array)

(Default) Will display any child elements as their own array, or indexed row of data within the parent element.

#### Count of child elements

Provides a count of the child elements contained within the parent element.

#### Sum of child elements' data

Calculates the sum of the child elements's data contained within the parent element.

#### Concatenation of child elements' data (comma delimited)

Concatenates all of the child elements's data contained within the parent element. Each element's value is delimited by a comma.

#### Concatenation of child elements' data (new line delimited)

Concatenates all of the child elements's data contained within the parent element. Each element's value is delimited by a new line.

#### Node Filter

The Node Filter filters for an element's descendants. It allows grandchildren and great grandchildren to be parsed out.

#### Include variable in XML output

For use with eDIRECT output. The default is unchecked. If checked, Variable names cannot include special characters such as !, @, \$, \*.

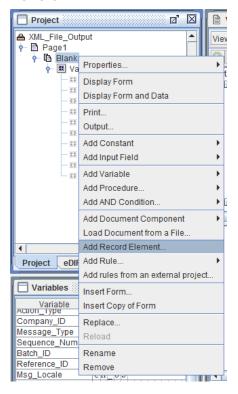
#### Use as a bookmark in PDF output

Variable will be bookmarked for PDF file output.

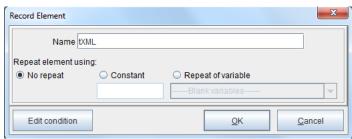
#### The Node Tree

An incoming XML file will have a definite node structure of tagged data. To output an XML file, the Record Element must be used to restructure this node tree, making any adjustments to the existing arrangement as deemed appropriate.

 To implement the Record Element, right click the Form and select Add Record Element.



2. Enter a Name for the Record Element.



Repeat element using:

#### No repeat

(Default) The element will not repeat.

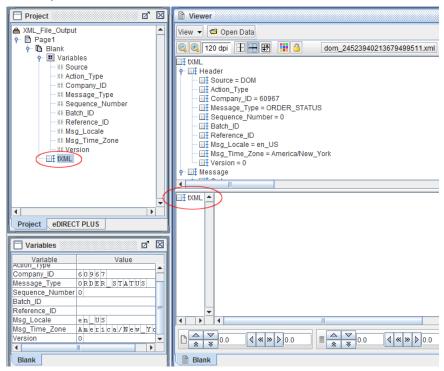
#### Constant

Enter a numeric value.

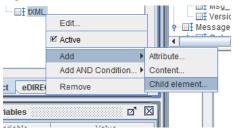
#### Repeat of variable

The element will repeat in relation to the instances of the Variable selected from the drop-down menu.

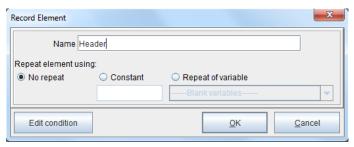
3. The Record Element will appear in the Project window and the Form Viewer (the bottom pane of the Viewer window).



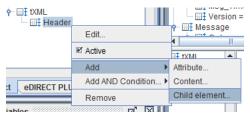
4. Right click the Record Element and select Add > Child element.



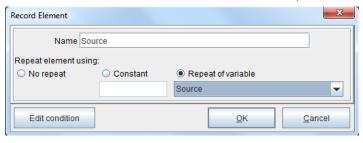
5. Enter a Name for the Child Element.



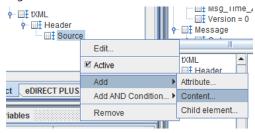
6. To nest a Child Element within another one, right click the Child Element and select Add > Child element.



 Enter a Name for the Child Element. From the Repeat of variable drop-down menu, select the Variable that this Element is intended to express.



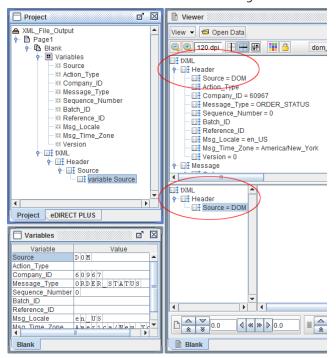
8. Right click the Child Element and select Add > Content.

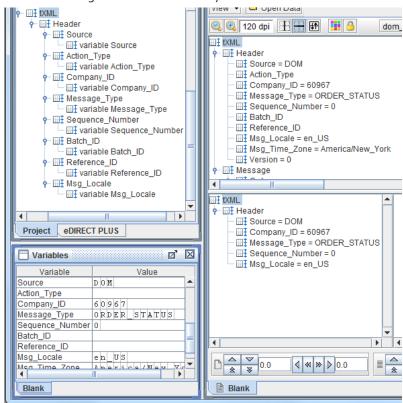


9. Select the corresponding Variable value from the Variable drop-down menu.



10. The Record Element will reflect the incoming data file's node structure.

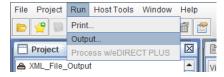




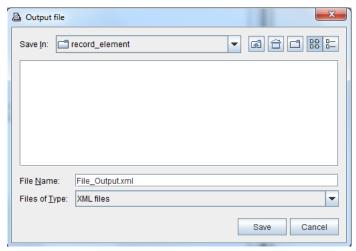
11. Continue adding Elements as necessary.

**NOTE:** When specifying that an Element repeat in relation to a Variable, if the instance of a Variable value being referenced is null, then the corresponding instance of the Element will not display in the Record Element or the output.

12. To output the Record Element to an XML file, navigate to the eFORMz Main Menu and select Run > Output.



13. Name and save the file.

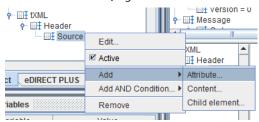


14. The Record Element will have generated an XML file.

#### Attribute

An Attribute is a named definition that provides accompanying information about an element.

1. To add an Attribute, right click an Element and select Add > Attribute.



2. Enter a Name and select the Variable from the drop-down menu for the Attribute definition.

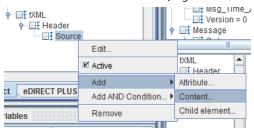


3. An Attribute in an XML file outputted by a Record Element will look as follows:

#### Content

Adding Content to an Element defines that particular Element with a selected value.

1. To add Content to an Element, right click the Element and select Add > Content.



2. Select the corresponding Variable value from the Variable drop-down menu.

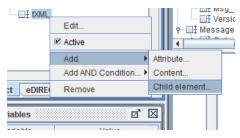


An Element's Content in an XML file outputted by a Record Element will look as follows:

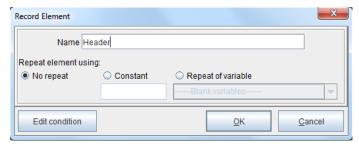
#### Child Element

A Child Element is any Element nested underneath the Root, or Parent, Element at the beginning of a Record node tree. Child Element's encapsulate raw data, as well as data that has been modified through Functions and Procedures performed on Variables.

 To add a Child Element, right click the Record Element and select Add > Child element.



2. Enter a Name for the Child Element.



3. A Child Element in an XML file outputted by a Record Element will look as follows:



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