

Notice! This page describes the *nature of the error* using a hypothetical example and not the erroneous data of the input test file. You should however be able to apply this information to your error case.



## General description of the error:

**The format of the error message:** cvc-elt.3.2.1: Element "{0}" cannot have character or element information [children], because "{1}" is specified.

**Error description in schema standard:** <http://www.w3.org/TR/2007/WD-xmlschema11-1-20070830/#cvc-elt>

**Possible causes for this error:**

- Element in validated file has an attribute 'nillable="true"' which means that the element can't contain any values or child elements, but the element still has value or child elements.

## An example

```
<order xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <product>XML Schema Tutorial Book</product>
  <price></price>
  <shipDate carrier="FedEx" xsi:nil="true">2099-12-31</shipDate>
</order>
```

**Error message:** Error cvc-elt.3.2.1: Element 'shipDate' cannot have character or element information [children], because '<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance,nil>' is specified.

**How to fix:** The error can be corrected by removing either the content of the 'shipDate' element or the attribute 'xsi:nil="true"'.

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