



Please note! 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: The content of elements must consist of well-formed character data or markup.

Meaning of error: Element or tag structure is not considered to be well-formed and service is not able to parse given content as XML.

Possible causes for this error:

- Element contains two root elements
- Tag consists of a non-allowed (first) character. Further reading at w3.org

Example

```
<Payload1>
  <Data>123</Data>
</Payload1>
<Payload2>
  <Data>123</Data>
</Payload2>
```

Error message: (*MarkupNotRecognizedInMisc*) *The markup in the document following the root element must be well-formed.*

How to fix: Ensuring that all content is under one root element only.

```
<Root>
  <Payload1>
    <Data>123</Data>
  </Payload1>
  <Payload2>
    <Data>123</Data>
```

```
</Payload2>  
</Root>
```

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