Introduction to Web Technology

XSLT

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XSLT

EXtensible **S**tylesheet **L**anguage **T**ransformation (XSLT) is an XML language for transforming XML documents

- file extension is .xsl
- used to transform XML file into other file formats, such as HTML
- describes how the XML elements should be displayed.

The content of the stylesheet XSL file looks like the following:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet
  version="1.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  ... xslt code here ...
```

This is an XML data representing exam information for a particular subject:

We would like to transform this XML content into the following HTML display:

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Closed book exam, calculator allowed

exam.xml

exam-with-style.xml

These two XML files have almost the same content.

The 2nd one has a reference to a **stylesheet**. Let's look at them on a browser.

```
exam.xml
```

exam-with-style.xml

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On web browser, the two XML files display differently.

This is because the second XML uses a **stylesheet**.

```
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="style-exam.xsl"?>
```

</xsl:stylesheet>

Let's have a look at the stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

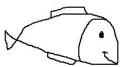
```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet</pre>
 version="1.0"
 xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
 xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <xsl:output method="xml" indent="yes" encoding="UTF-8"/>
  <xsl:template match="/exam">
    <html>
      <head>
         <title>XSLT example</title>
      </head>
      <body>
                                    What do you see in this stylesheet file:
                                    style-exam.xsl
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>
```

Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet</pre>
 version="1.0"
 xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
 xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <xsl:output method="xml" indent="yes" encoding="UTF-8"/>
  <xsl:template match="/exam">
                                                     this is the root element
    <html>
                                                     of the XML file
       <head>
         <title>XSLT example</title>
       </head>
       <body>
                            <?xml version="1.0" ?>
                            <exam subject="MATH 2113">
       </body>
                              <title>Abstract Algebra</title>
                              <venue>20.G01</venue>
    </html>
                              <date>15/11/2018</date>
                              <time>1PM-4PM</time>
  </xsl:template>
                              <note>Closed book exam, calculator allowed</note>
</xsl:stylesheet>
                            </exam>
```

Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet</pre>
 version="1.0"
 xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
 xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <xsl:output method="xml" indent="yes" encoding="UTF-8"/>
  <xsl:template match="/exam">
    <html>
       <head>
         <title>XSLT example</title>
       </head>
       <body>
       </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```



this looks like HTML code,

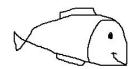
that's why the XML file is displayed on the browser as HTML

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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet</pre>
 version="1.0"
 xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
 xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <xsl:output method="xml" indent="yes" encoding="UTF-8"/>
  <xsl:template match="/exam">
    <html>
      <head>
         <title>XSLT example</title>
      </head>
      <body>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```



Let's have a look at this code in more detail

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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<body>
  <div align="center" style="background-color:#f0371930">
    \langle h1 \rangle
      <xsl:value-of select="@subject" />
      <xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="title" />
    </h1>
    <font size="6" color="green">
      <xsl:value-of select="venue" />
      <br />
      <xsl:value-of select="date" />
      <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="time" />
    </font>
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="note" />
  </div>
</body>
```



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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

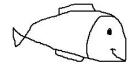
```
<body>
  <div align="center" style="background-color:#f0371930">
    <h1>
      <xsl:value-of select="@subject" />
      <xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="title" />
    </h1>
    <font size="6" color="green">
      <xsl:value-of select="venue" />
      <br />
      <xsl:value-of select="date" />
      <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="time" />
    </font>
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="note" />
                                           MATH 2113: Abstract Algebra
  </div>
                                                   20.G01
</body>
```

15/11/2018, 1PM-4PM

Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<xsl:value-of select="@subject" />
<xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="title" />
<xsl:value-of select="venue" />
<xsl:value-of select="date" />
<xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="time" />
<xsl:value-of select="note" />
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<exam subject="MATH 2113">
 <title>Abstract Algebra</title>
 <venue>20.G01</venue>
 <date>15/11/2018</date>
 <time>1PM-4PM</time>
 <note>Closed book exam, calculator allowed</note>
</exam>
```

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Get value from attribute

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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl



```
<xsl:value-of select="@subject" />
<xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="title" />
                                                   Abstract Algebra
<xsl:value-of select="venue" />
                                                    20.G01
<xsl:value-of select="date" />
                                                    15/11/2018
<xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
                                                    1PM-4PM
<xsl:value-of select="time" />
                                                    Closed book exam.
<xsl:value-of select="note" />
                                                    calculator allowed
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<exam subject="MATH 2113">
 <title>Abstract Algebra</title>
 <venue>20.G01
 <date>15/11/2018</date>
 <time>1PM-4PM</time>
 <note>Closed book exam, calculator allowed
</exam>
```

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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

<xsl:value-of select="@subject" />

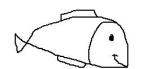
```
<xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="title" />
<xsl:value-of select="venue" />
<xsl:value-of select="date" />
<xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="time" />
<xsl:value-of select="note" />
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<exam subject="MATH 2113">
  <title>Abstract Algebra</title>
  <venue>20.G01</venue>
  <date>15/11/2018</date>
  <time>1PM-4PM</time>
  <note>Closed book exam, calculator allowed</note>
</exam>
```

Write literal text

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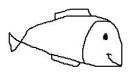
Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<body>
  <div align="center" style="background-color:#f0371930">
    \langle h1 \rangle
      <xslMATH12113 select="@subject" />
      <xsl::text>: </xsl:text>
      <xslAbstract Algebraect="title" />
    </h1>
    <font size="6" color="green">
      <xsl20:G01e-of select="venue" />
      \langle \text{br} / \rangle
      <xs115/11/2018f select="date" />
      <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
      <xsl1PMl4PMof select="time" />
    </font>
    <br />
    <xsl:vClosed book.lect="note" />
  </div>
</body>
```



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Summary



Get attribute value:

```
<xsl:value-of select="@attribute-name" />
```

Get element value:

```
<xsl:value-of select="element-name" />
```

Literal text:

<xsl:text>some text here ...

transaction0.xml uses stylesheet transaction-style0.xsl

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="transaction-style0.xsl"?>
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
  <person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
    <firstName>John</firstName>
    <lastName>Smith
    <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
  </person>
  <person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
    <firstName>Mary</firstName>
   <lastName>Jane
    <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
  </person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

Have a look at the XML file transaction0.xml in the browser

```
24/02/2015
John
Smith
0211223344
103
update
Mary
Jane
0244556677
-1
add
Matt
Brown
```

Let's look at the xml stylesheet: transaction-style0.xsl

```
<xsl:template match="/dailyTransaction">
   < ht.ml>
     <head>
       <title>XSLT example</title>
     </head>
                                    <dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
     <body>
                                      <person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
                                        <firstName>John</firstName>
                                        <lastName>Smith
     </body>
                                        <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
   </html>
                                      </person>
</xsl:template>
                                      <person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
                                        <firstName>Mary</firstName>
                                        <lastName>Jane
                                        <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
                                      </person>
                                    </dailyTransaction>
```

Let's look at the xml stylesheet: transaction-style0.xsl

```
<body>
 <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> <br /><br />
 <xsl:for-each select="person">
    <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
    <br />
    <br />
 </xsl:for-each>
</body>
```

```
John
Smith
0211223344
103
update
```

```
Mary
Jane
0244556677
-1
add
```

Matt Brown

</dailyTransaction>

John

Example: Transaction v0

Let's look at the xml stylesheet: transaction-style0.xsl

```
<body>
  <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> <br /><br />
  <xsl:for-each select="person">
    <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
    <br />
    <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
    <br />
    <br />
 </xsl:for-each>
</body>
```

FOR LOOP

Smith 0211223344 103 update

Mary Jane 0244556677 -1 add

Matt Brown

0211223344

0244556677

John Smith

103

update

Mary

Jane

add

Example: Transaction v0

Let's look at the xml stylesheet: transaction-style0.xsl

```
<body>
 <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> <br /><br />
 <xsl:for-each select="person">
   <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
   <br />
   <br />
 </xsl:for-each>
</body>
```

```
Matt
                         Brown
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
 <person staffDbId="103" operation="up</pre>
   <firstName>John</firstName>
   <lastName>Smith</lastName>
   <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
 </person>
 <person staffDbId="-1" operation="add</pre>
    <firstName>Mary</firstName>
    <lastName>Jane
   <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
 </person>
                                    22
```

</dailyTransaction>

Let's look at the xml stylesheet: transaction-style0.xsl

```
<body>
 <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> <br /><br />
 <xsl:for-each select="person">
   <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
   <br />
   <br />
 </xsl:for-each>
</body>
```

John Smith 0211223344 103 update

Mary Jane 0244556677 -1 add

Matt Brown

</dailyTransaction>

<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">

transaction1.xml uses stylesheet transaction-style1.xsl

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="transaction-style1.xsl"?>
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
  <person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
   <firstName>John</firstName>
   <lastName>Smith
   <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
  </person>
  <person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
   <firstName>Mary</firstName>
   <lastName>Jane
   <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
  </person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

Have a look at the XML file in the browser

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

- John Smith, 0211223344, 103, update
- Mary Jane, 0244556677, -1, add
- Matt Brown, 0413273345, 104, remove
- Jack Patel, 0211223344, 105, update
- Frank Jones, 0244556677, -1, add
- James Williams, 0413273345, 106, remove

Let's look at the xml stylesheet: transaction-style1.xsl

```
<h1>Daily transaction <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> </h1>
<u1>
  <xsl:for-each select="person">
    <1i>>
      <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
      <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
      <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
      <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
      <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
    Daily transaction 24/02/2015
  </xsl:for-each>
```

- John Smith, 0211223344, 103, update
- Mary Jane, 0244556677, -1, add
- Matt Brown, 0413273345, 104, remove
- Jack Patel, 0211223344, 105, update
- Frank Jones, 0244556677, -1, add
- James Williams, 0413273345, 106, remove

Version 2 is exactly like version 1 except that we only display staffDbId if it is a positive number.

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

- John Smith, 0211223344, 103, update
- Mary Jane, 0244556677, add
- Matt Brown, 0413273345, 104, remove
- Jack Patel, 0211223344, 105, update
- Frank Jones, 0244556677, add
- James Williams, 0413273345, 106, remove



Danger Stranger!!!
There is no IF-ELSE

IF statement will be applied when a specified condition is true.

Use CHOOSE-WHEN-OTHERWISE statement to express multiple conditional tests.

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

- John Smith, 0211223344, 103, update
- Mary Jane, 0244556677, add
- Matt Brown, 0413273345, 104, remove
- Jack Patel, 0211223344, 105, update
- Frank Jones, 0244556677, add
- James Williams, 0413273345, 106, remove

Conditional statement examples

```
Mark = 49:
                            <xsl:if test="@staffDbId &qt; 0">
mark = 49
                              <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
                              <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
Mark not equal to 49:
                            </xsl:if>
mark != 49
Student type = 'U':
type = 'U'
Student type not equal to 'U':
type != 'U'
Mark > 35:
mark > 35
                                Mark NOT equal to 49:
                                not(mark = 49)
Mark >= 85:
mark &qt; = 85
                                Student type = 'U' or 'P':
Mark < 35:
                                (type = 'U') or (type = 'P')
mark < 35
                                Mark \ge 75 and mark < 85:
Mark <= 85:
                                (mark \&qt; = 75) and (mark \< 85)
mark <= 85
```

Now look at transaction3.xml, it uses an xml stylesheet: transaction-style3.xsl

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="transaction-style3.xsl"?>
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
  <person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
   <firstName>John</firstName>
   <lastName>Smith
   <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
  </person>
  <person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
   <firstName>Mary</firstName>
   <lastName>Jane
   <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
  </person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

View the source of the xml stylesheet: **transaction-style3.xsl** we can see that it displays a table and the data is sorted.

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Sorted by lastName

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0413273345	3	remove
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add
Jack Patel	0211223344	10	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update
James Williams	0413273345	105	remove

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Sorted by lastName

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0413273345	3	remove
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add
Jack Patel	0211223344	10	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update
James Williams	0413273345	105	remove

Sorted by operation

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add
Matt Brown	0413273345	3	remove
James Williams	0413273345	105	remove
John Smith	0211223344	103	update
Jack Patel	0211223344	10	update

Sorted by staffDbId as string data type

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add
Jack Patel	0211223344	10	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update
James Williams	0413273345	105	remove
Matt Brown	0413273345	3	remove

Sorted by staffDbId as number data type

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add
Matt Brown	0413273345	3	remove
Jack Patel	0211223344	10	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update 34
James Williams	0413273345	105	remove

Now look at transaction4.xml

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0413273345	104	remove
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add
Jack Patel	0211223344	105	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update
James Williams	0413273345	106	remove

Now look at transaction-style4.xsl

```
<xsl:choose>
 <xsl:when test="@operation = 'remove'">
   <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
   </xsl:when>
 <xsl:when test="@operation = 'add'">
   <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
   </xsl:when>
 <xsl:otherwise>
   <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
   </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
```

Now look at transaction5.xml

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown		104	remove
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add
Jack Patel	0211223344	105	update
John Smith		103	update
James Williams	0413273345	106	remove

Now look at transaction-style5.xsl

Now look at transaction6.xml

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

New records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add

Updated records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Jack Patel	0211223344	105	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

Removed records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0413273345	104	remove
James Williams	0413273345	106	remove

Now look at transaction-style6.xsl

```
<xsl:for-each select="person[@operation='add']">
  <xsl:sort select="lastName"/>
  \langle t.r \rangle
    <+d>
      <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
      <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
      <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
    \langle t.d \rangle
      <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
    \langle t.d \rangle
      <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
    \langle t.d \rangle
      <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
    </xsl:for-each>
```

Now look at transaction 7.xml

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0413273345	104	×
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	+
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	+
Jack Patel	0211223344	105	
John Smith	0211223344	103	
James Williams	0413273345	106	×

Now look at transaction-style7.xsl

```
\langle t.d \rangle
 <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
<img>
   <xsl:attribute name="src">
     <xsl:text>images/</xsl:text>
     <xsl:value-of select="@operation"/>
     <xsl:text>.pnq</xsl:text>
   </xsl:attribute>
   <xsl:attribute name="width">
     <xsl:text>30px</xsl:text>
   </xsl:attribute>
  </imp>
```

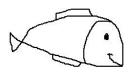
Now look at transaction8.xml

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0413273345	104	remove
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0244556677	-1	add
Jack Patel	0211223344	105	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update
James Williams	0413273345	106	remove

Now look at transaction-style8.xsl

```
\langle t.d \rangle
  <xsl:choose>
    <xsl:when test="@staffDbId &lt; 0">
      <span style="color:red">
        <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
      </span>
    </xsl:when>
    <xsl:otherwise>
      <span style="color:green">
        <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
      </span>
    </xsl:otherwise>
  </xsl:choose>
```



Get attribute value:

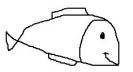
```
<xsl:value-of select="@attribute-name" />
```

Get element value:

```
<xsl:value-of select="element-name" />
```

Literal text:

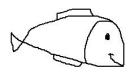
<xsl:text>some text here ...



FOR loop:

FOR loop with sort:

FOR loop with filter:



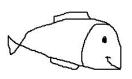
IF statement: (note, there is no IF-ELSE)

```
<xsl:if test="the-if-condition">
    ...
</xsl:if>
```

Summary :

CHOOSE-WHEN-OTHERWISE statement:

```
<xsl:choose>
  <xsl:when test="condition1">
  </xsl:when>
  <xsl:when test="condition2">
  </xsl:when>
  <xsl:otherwise>
  </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
```



Mark = 49:

mark = 49

Mark not equal to 49:

mark != 49

Student type = 'U':

type = 'U'

Student type not equal to 'U':

type != 'U'

Mark > 35:

mark > 35

Mark >= 85:

mark >= 85

Mark < 35:

mark < 35

Mark <= 85:

mark & lt; = 85

Mark NOT equal to 49:

not(mark = 49)

Student type = 'U' or 'P':

(type = 'U') or (type = 'P')

Mark >= 75 and mark < 85:

(mark >= 75) and (mark < 85)

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