



XQUERY FULL TEXT

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“As XML becomes mainstream, users expect to be able to search their XML documents. This requires a standard way to do full-text search, as well as structured searches, against XML documents.”

— XQuery and XPath Full Text 1.0

contains text

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for $b in /books/book  
where $b/title contains text ("dog" using stemming) fband "cat"  
return $b/author
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All examples are taken from the XQuery and XPath Full Text 1.0 Recommendation:
<https://www.w3.org/TR/xpath-full-text-10/>

Positional Filters

- "It was many and many a year ago, In a kingdom by the sea, That a maiden there lived whom you may know By the name of Annabel Lee; And this maiden she lived with no other thought Than to love and be loved by me." contains text "sea" ftand "kingdom" all words same sentence
- "It was many and many a year ago, In a kingdom by the sea, That a maiden there lived whom you may know By the name of Annabel Lee; And this maiden she lived with no other thought Than to love and be loved by me." contains text { "maiden", "live" } all using stemming same paragraph

Match Options

- /books/book/title contains text "usability"
 - *using language "de"*
 - *using no wildcards*
 - *using no thesaurus*
 - *using no stemming*
 - *using case insensitive*
 - *using diacritics insensitive*
 - *using no stop words*

Stopwords

- "Nevertheless, she persisted" contains text "still she persisted" using stop words at "<http://files.basex.org/etc/stopwords.txt>"
- "propagating few errors" contains text "propagating of errors" using stop words at "<http://files.basex.org/etc/stopwords.txt>"

Thesaurus

- *equivalence relationships (synonyms):*
 - *PREFERRED TERM (USE); NONPREFERRED USED FOR TERM (UF)*
- *hierarchical relationships:*
 - *BROADER TERM (BT); NARROWER TERM (NT), BROADER TERM GENERIC (BTG), NARROWER TERM GENERIC (NTG), BROADER TERM PARTITIVE (BTP), NARROWER TERM PARTITIVE (NTP), TOP Terms (TT)*
- *associative relationships:*
 - *RELATED TERM (RT).*