



# Modelling humanities data with TEI-XML

SCHOLARLY EDITING AND MANUSCRIPT CATALOGUING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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# Introductions

## ► Teacher:

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## ► Students:

- Name
- Background and Study Programme
- Research Interests
- Experience with Markup Languages (which ones, what experience)

# Course overview

## ► Classes:

- 10 x 2 hours between 1 October and 10 December
- Wednesdays, 15:15-17:15
  - Besides 8 October -> **Time Change: 10 October @ 10:00 on Zoom (the session will be recorded for those who cannot make it)**

# Course overview

- ▶ **Course prerequisites:**

- ▶ Laptop with installed

- ▶ **Oxygen XML Editor**

- ([https://www.oxygenxml.com/xml\\_editor/download\\_oxygenxml\\_editor.html](https://www.oxygenxml.com/xml_editor/download_oxygenxml_editor.html))

- ▶ **Sublime Text**

- (<https://www.sublimetext.com/download>)

# Objectives

- ▶ Understand the XML structure and its customisation
- ▶ Use the TEI Guidelines for text editing and manuscript cataloguing
- ▶ Create XML templates and validation rules
- ▶ Document encoding choices
- ▶ Apply XML to individual projects

# Schedule

<b>Session 1</b>	Markup Languages and Text Encoding
<b>Session 2</b>	Extensible Markup Language (XML) and Document Type Definition (DTD)
<b>Session 3</b>	Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) Guidelines
<b>Session 4</b>	Describing Primary Sources
<b>Session 5</b>	Transcribing Primary Sources
<b>Session 6</b>	Editing Primary Sources
<b>Session 7</b>	Annotating Primary Sources
<b>Session 8</b>	XPath
<b>Session 9</b>	Customisation and Documentation
<b>Session 10</b>	Customisation and Validation

# Assessment method

## ► Assessment:

- Attendance and Participation (20%)
- Encoding Project Portfolio:
  - Assignment 1 (due 20 October): 15%
  - Assignment 2 (due 17 November): 25%
  - Assignment 3 (due 22 December): 40%

# Course Materials

## ► GitHub Repo:

[https://github.com/KAKDH/TNAH\\_XML2025](https://github.com/KAKDH/TNAH_XML2025)



# Text Encoding & Markup Languages

# Markup Languages

## ► What is a markup language?

- Computer language
- Uses tags to define elements within a document
- Human-readable

## ► Examples:

- HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)
- Markdown
- TeX & LaTeX
- **XML (Extensible Markup Language)**
- Scribe, GML (Generalized Markup Language) & SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language)

# Markup

	Semantic	Presentational
<b>LaTeX</b>	<code>\selectlanguage{latin}{ad hoc}</code>	<code>\emph{ad hoc}</code>
<b>HTML</b>	<code>&lt;i lang="la"&gt;ad hoc&lt;/i&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;i&gt;ad hoc&lt;/i&gt;</code>
<b>XML</b>	<code>&lt;foreign xml:lang="la"&gt;ad hoc&lt;/foreign&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;hi rend="i"&gt;ad hoc&lt;/hi&gt;</code>

# Exercises

- ▶ **Sync the GitHub repo ([https://github.com/KAKDH/TNAH\\_XML2025](https://github.com/KAKDH/TNAH_XML2025)) and access the Exercises Folder: Week1/Exercises/Ex1**
- ▶ **GitHub Tutorials:**
- ▶ <https://docs.github.com/fr/repositories/creating-and-managing-repositories/cloning-a-repository>
- ▶ <https://dev.to/warish/a-step-by-step-guide-to-cloning-a-github-repository-to-your-local-machine-4ngc>
- ▶ <https://dev.to/phrawzty/easily-keep-your-local-git-repo-up-to-date-l52>

# Exercise 1 (Week1/Exercises/Ex1)

## Individual Work (10 min)

- ▶ Which of these files contain markup?
- ▶ What type of markup is used?
- ▶ How is the markup expressed?
- ▶ How is the document structured?
- ▶ What are these types of markup usually used for, give examples?
- ▶ List all markup elements used in the documents and explain what are they used for (what do you think they mean)?

### **Example 1:**

AM\_30\_fol.txt  
AM\_30\_fol.md  
AM\_30\_fol.html  
AM\_30\_fol.doc

### **Example 2:**

AM\_30\_fol.txt  
AM\_30\_fol.md  
AM\_30\_fol.tex  
AM\_30\_fol.doc

## Group work (10 min)

- ▶ *Create two groups. One group consisting of everyone who worked on example 1 and one group consisting of everyone who worked on example 2.*
- ▶ Compare your answers and prepare a presentation of your example, choose one person who will present your answers.
- ▶ **Group with example 1:** focus on HTML
- ▶ **Group with example 2:** focus on TEX

# Plain Text | Formatted Text

- ▶ **Plain text** format contains no formatting information,
- ▶ **Formatted Text - Rich text** format includes formatting details such as font size, style, colour, etc.
  - ▶ **WYSIWYG** (**W**hat **Y**ou **S**ee **I**s **W**hat **Y**ou **G**et) - a formatted document as it will appear on screen or in print without showing the descriptive code.

# Typesetting with TeX & LaTeX

- ▶ TeX is a typesetting system widely used in academia, especially in mathematics, computer science, engineering, linguistics, and many more, among them: **digital scholarly editing**.
- ▶ **WYSIWYM** (What You See Is What You **Mean**) is a paradigm for editing a structured document separating presentation from content.
- ▶ TeX commands commonly start with a backslash and are grouped with curly braces.
  - ▶ `\myCommand{ My Content goes here }`



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 3 Asmundar] + d. A587, A193. 3 frögr maþr] maþr frægr A587, A193. 5 sá  
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 T1768, hvor A345, P67, L222, huerier B4859. 21 skal] vil P67. 21 Hraungvþr.  
 Reipðr þú melle Hraungvðr P67. 21 hefi þú fer A345, L222, B4859.

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## The Saga of Hrómundur and Its Manuscript Transmission

## Physical Copies



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# HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)

- ▶ HTML is the standard markup language for web pages.
- ▶ Markup:
  - ▶ **<tagname> Content goes here... </tagname>**
  - ▶ Start Tag --- Content --- End Tag



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>This is my title</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <p>This is a paragraph</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

### Basic elements:

- <html> – root element of an HTML page
- <head> – contains meta information about the document
- <body> – contains the visible page content

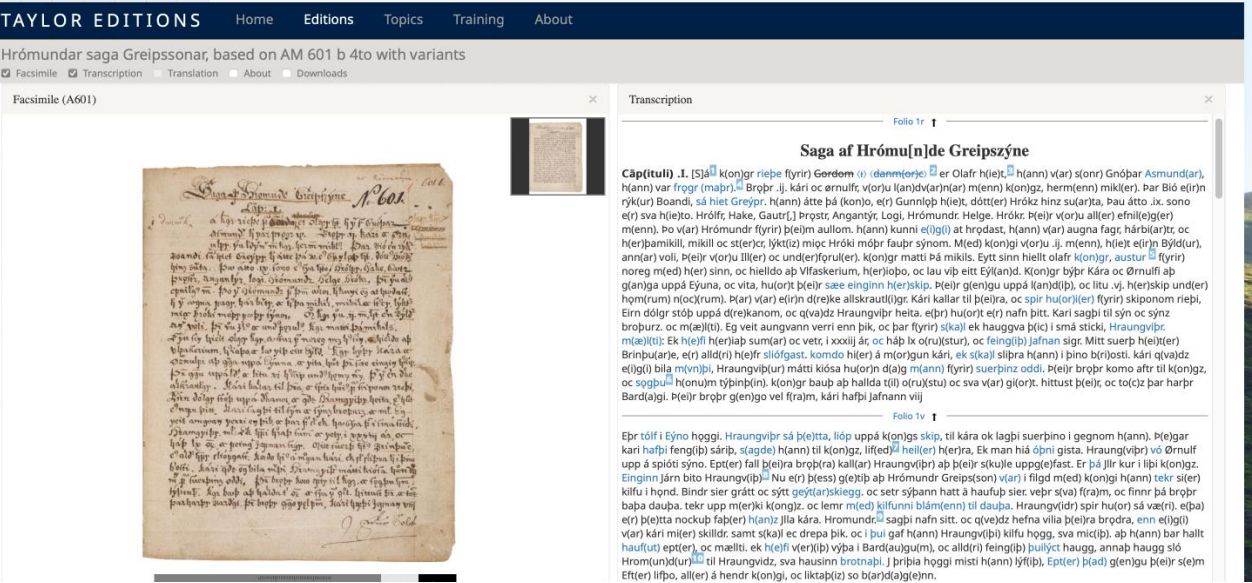
### Other elements (examples):

- <div> - division/section of the page
- <table> - table
- <img> - image
- <ul> – list
- <h1> – heading
- <p> – paragraph



# HTML is everywhere !!!

```
<div class="row" style="height:inherit;">
  ::before
  <div class="col-xs-12">
    <div id="text" class="panel-group" role="tablist">
      <div id="facsimile" class="panel panel-default col_rs ui-widget ui-widget-content ui-helper-clearfix ui-corner-all">...</div>
      <div id="transcription" class="panel panel-default col_rs ui-widget ui-widget-content ui-helper-clearfix ui-corner-all">
        <div class="panel-heading ui-sortable-handle ui-widget-header ui-corner-all" role="tab">...</div>
        <div class="panel-body" role="tabpanel">
          Scroll Event
          ::before
          <div class="tei_body">
            <span class="pagebreak" id="index.xml-pb-d65476e258">...</span> flex
            <h1 class>...</h1>
            <section class="chapter" id="index.xml-body.1_div.1">
              <p> = $0
              <span class="rubric" itemprop="hi">
                "Cáp"
                <span class="ex" itemprop="ex">(ituli)</span>
                ".I."
              </span>
              <span class="supplied" itemprop="supplied">[S]</span>
              "á"
              <span id="ftn001_return">
                <a class="notelink collapsed" title="In A601, there is a blank space left for a three-lines-tall initial, here supplied as the word-initial s." href="#ftn001" aria-controls="ftn001" aria-expanded="false" data-toggle="collapse">...</a> Event
              </span>
              <span class="collapse note " id="ftn001">
                <sup>1</sup>
                " In A601, there is a blank space left for a three-lines-tall initial, here supplied as the word-initial "
                <span class="q" itemprop="q">s</span>
                ".
              </span>
              " k"
              <span class="ex" itemprop="ex">(on)</span>
```



[https://editions.mml.ox.ac.uk/editions/hromundar\\_A601/](https://editions.mml.ox.ac.uk/editions/hromundar_A601/)

# Clear separation of content and presentation

```
<div>
```

```
  <h2>Short Description</h2>
```

```
    <p>AM 30 fol. is a paper manuscript in folio format comprising 56 leaves gathered into five quires of six conjoint leaves each, with the exception of the last quire, with consists of four conjoint leaves only. The whole codex is made of one type of relatively thick laid paper with a "bull's head" watermark.
```

```
  </p>
```

```
</div>
```

# Clear separation of content and presentation

HTML + CSS (Cascading Style Sheets)

► HTML

```
<h1> My Text </h1>
```

► CSS

```
h1 {  
    text-decoration: underline;  
    text-align: center;  
}
```

## Exercise 2 (Week1/Exercises/Ex2)

- ▶ Open AM\_30\_fol.html with your browser – take a screenshot of the view
- ▶ Open AM\_30\_fol.html with Sublime Text
- ▶ Associate style.css with your html file by adding within <head> the element <link>:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="style.css">
```

- ▶ Save the file.
- ▶ Open AM\_30\_fol.html in a browser – take a screenshot of the view.

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <head>
4   <meta charset="utf-8"/>
5   <meta name="author" content="Katarzyna Anna Kapitan">
6   <title>Copenhagen, Den Arnamagnæanske Samling, AM 30 fol.</title>
7 </head>
8 <body>
9   <h1>Copenhagen, Den Arnamagnæanske Samling, AM 30 fol.</h1>
10 <div>
11 <h2>Short Description</h2>
12 <p>AM 30 fol. is a paper manuscript in folio format comprising 56 leaves gathered into five quires of six conjoint
13 leaves each, with the exception of the last quire, with consists of four conjoint leaves only. The whole codex is
14 made of one type of relatively thick laid paper with a "bull's head" watermark. AM 30 fol. contains two main
15 texts dealing with the Christianization of the Slavs.</p>
16 </div>
17 <div>
18 <h2>Contents</h2>
19 <p>
20 <ul>
21 <li><i>Chronica Slavorum</i> by Helmold of Bosau
22 <li><i>Chronica Slavorum</i> by Arnold of Lübeck
23 </ul>
24 </p>
25 </div>
26 </body>
27 </html>
```

# Copenhagen, Den Arnamagnæanske Samling, AM 30 fol.

## Short Description

AM 30 fol. is a paper manuscript in folio format comprising 56 leaves gathered into five quires of six conjoint leaves each, with the exception of the last quire, with consists of four conjoint leaves only. The whole codex is made of one type of relatively thick laid paper with a "bull's head" watermark. AM 30 fol. contains two main texts dealing with the Christianization of the Slavs.

## Contents

- *Chronica Slavorum* by Helmold of Bosau
- *Chronica Slavorum* by Arnold of Lübeck

# COPENHAGEN, DEN ARNAMAGNÆANSKE SAMLING, AM 30 FOL.

## SHORT DESCRIPTION

AM 30 fol. is a paper manuscript in folio format comprising 56 leaves gathered into five quires of six conjoint leaves each, with the exception of the last quire, with consists of four conjoint leaves only. The whole codex is made of one type of relatively thick laid paper with a "bull's head" watermark. AM 30 fol. contains two main texts dealing with the Christianization of the Slavs.

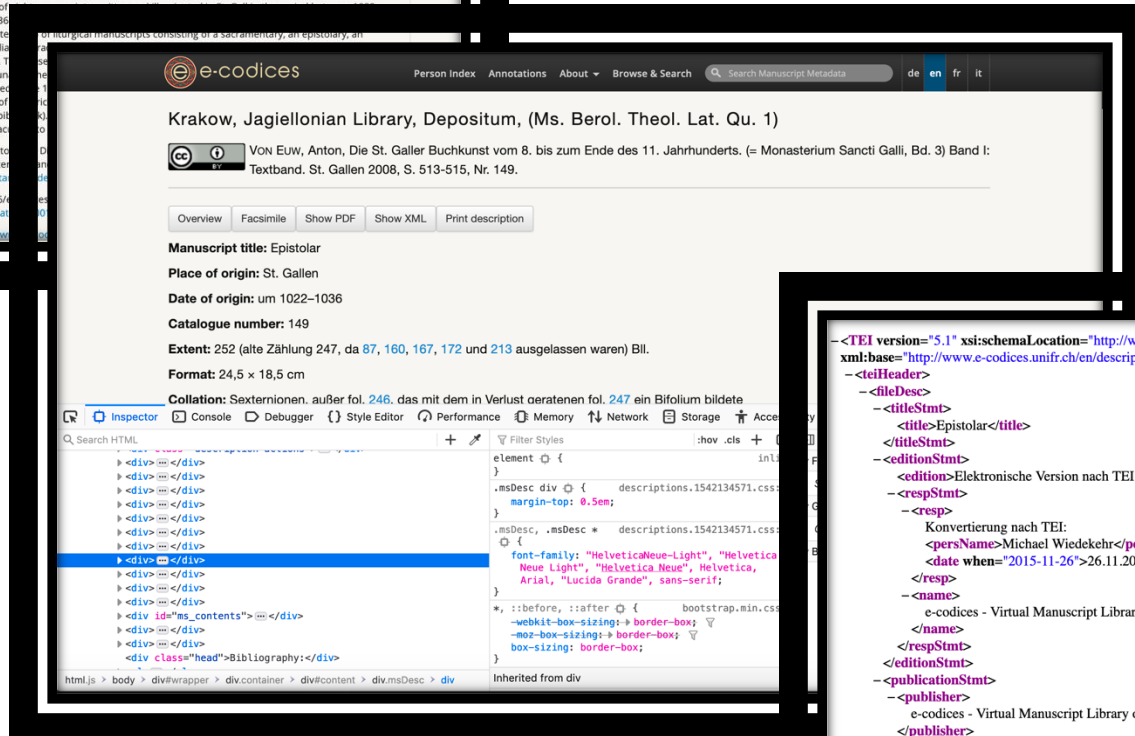
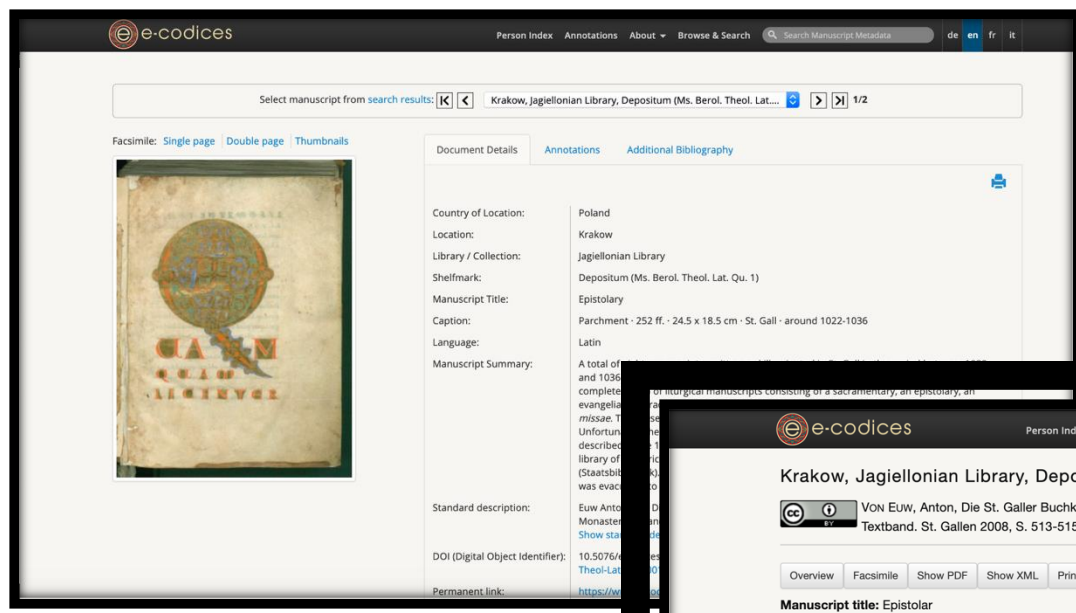
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# Markup is everywhere

## Behind the e-codices viewer: HTML & XML

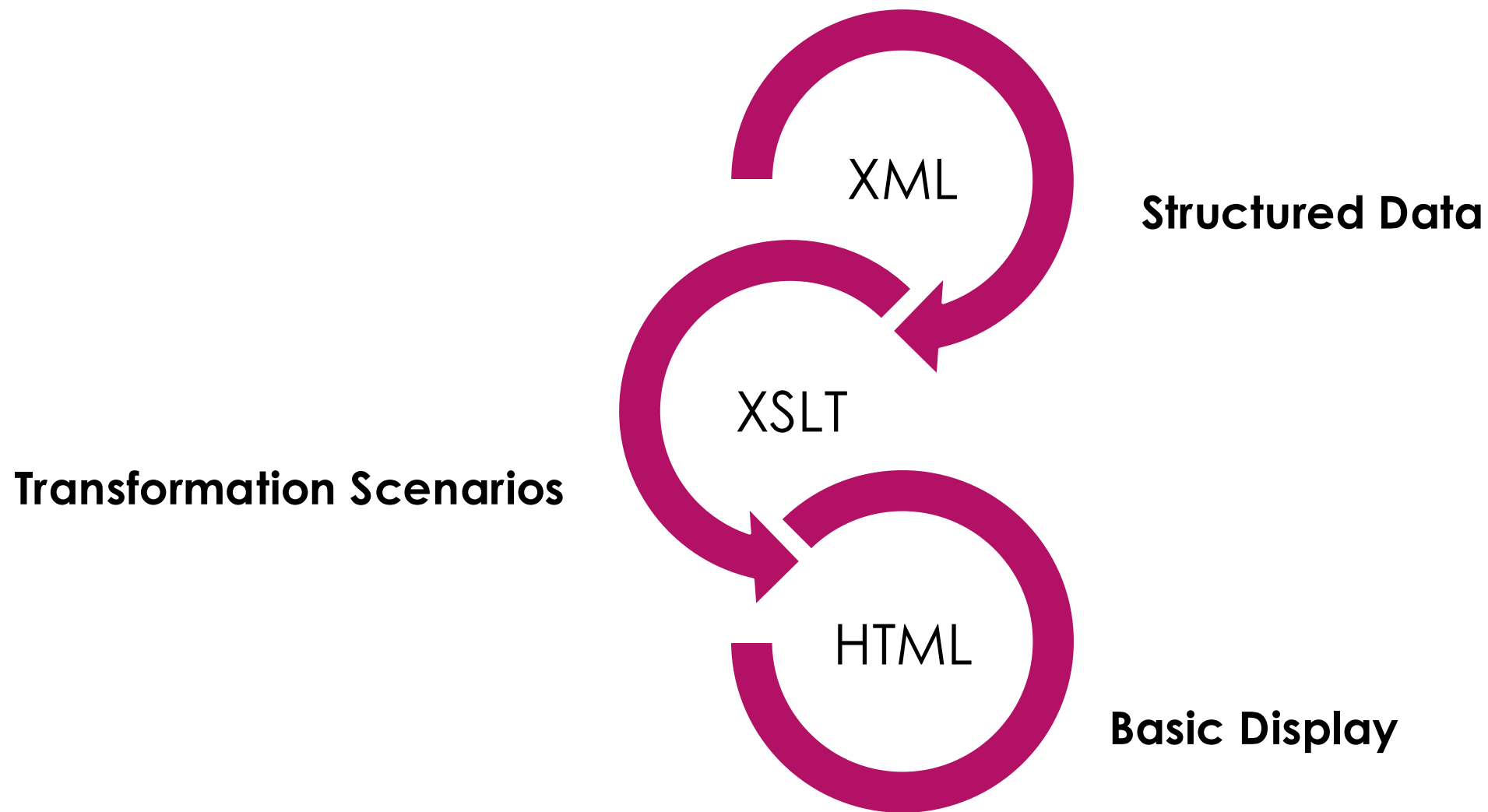


Kraków, Jagiellonian Library, Ms. Berol. Theol. Lat. Qu. 1

Source: <https://www.e-codices.unifr.ch/en/list/one/bj/Berol-Theol-Lat-Qu-0001/>

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# From Data to Display



# XML

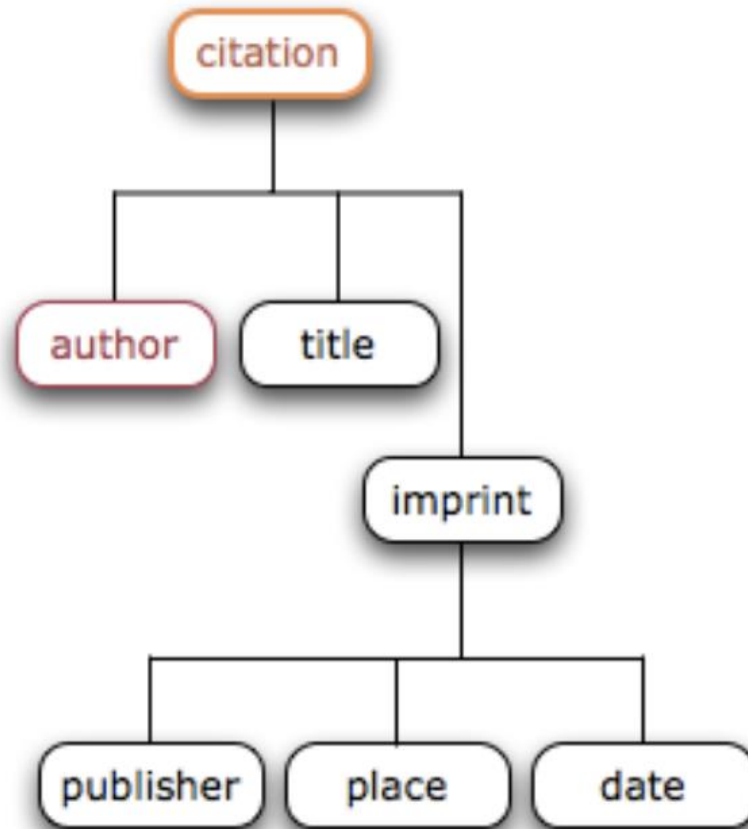
## (Extensible Markup Language)

# XML (Extensible Markup Language)

- ▶ Storing structured data
- ▶ International standard, non-proprietary
- ▶ Standard text format (expressed in plain text)
- ▶ Easy to parse and read for computer programs.
- ▶ Widely used to export and share structured data.
- ▶ Hardware and software independent



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```
<?xml version="1.0"
encoding="UTF-8"?>
<citation>
  <author>Katherine Hayles</author>
  <title>Writing Machines</title>
  <imprint>
    <publisher>MIT Press</publisher>
    <place>Cambridge, MA</place>
    <date>2002</date>
  </imprint>
</citation>
```

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# XML Elements & Tags

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<head>

<title>This is a title</title>

</head>

<body>

<p>This is a paragraph</p>

</body>

</html>

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<myRoot>

<myContent>

<content>

Here is my content

</content>

</myContent>

</myRoot>



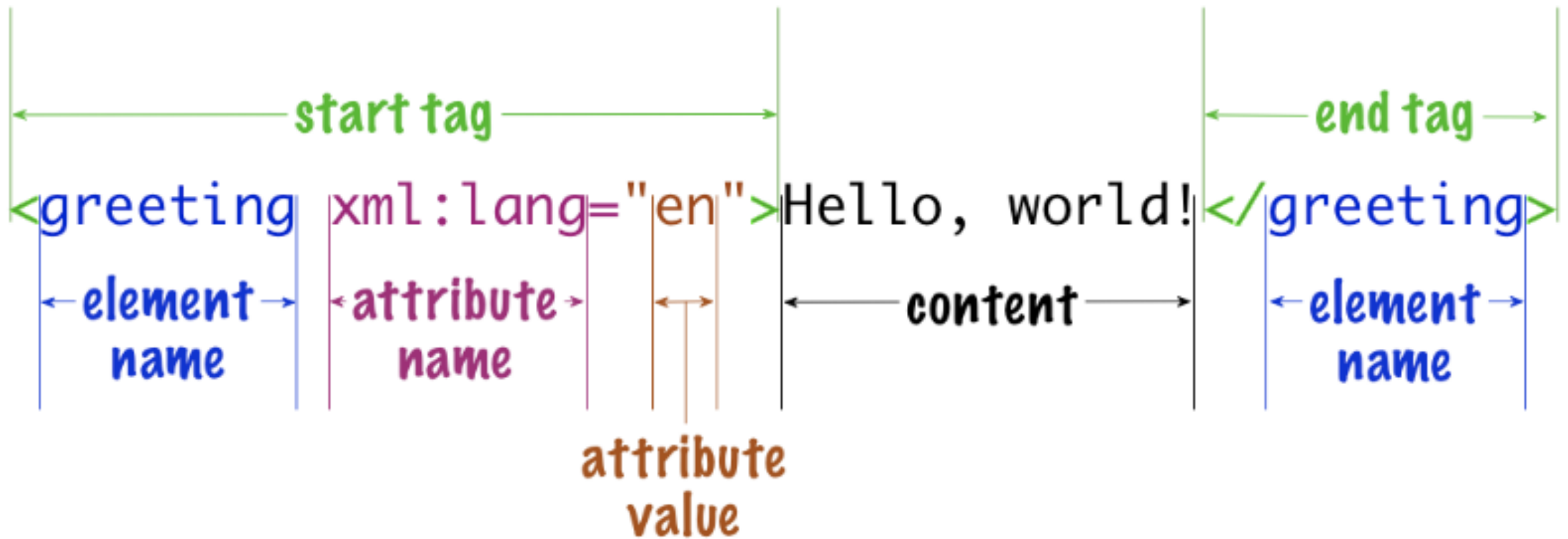
# XML Elements & Tags

- ▶ Text is divided into elements (the nouns of the encoding — content objects).
- ▶ elements have **start-tags** and **end-tags**
  - ▶ **<heading>**My heading**</heading>**
- ▶ start-tags have **< ... >**
  - ▶ **<heading>**
- ▶ end-tags have **</ ... >**
  - ▶ **</heading>**



# XML Attributes

- ▶ Attributes are adjectives of XML, they describe the properties of the elements
- ▶ any number of attributes can be specified on a given start-tag
- ▶ but only one with a given name
- ▶ `<person job="musician" age="55">Paul Simon</person>`



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# Quiz

## I. Which of the following examples are well-formed XML?

1. `<name type="person">Pearl S. Buck</name>`
2. `<name type="person">Toni Morrison<name>`
3. `<name="person">Carl Sagan</name>`
4. `<name type="person">Kurt Vonnegut</name>`
5. `<name type=person>John Cleese</name>`
6. `<name type="person"><forename>Frances</forename>  
<surname>Perkins</surname></name>`



## Course Materials:

[https://github.com/KAKDH/TNAH\\_XML2025](https://github.com/KAKDH/TNAH_XML2025)

## Syllabus:

[https://github.com/KAKDH/TNAH\\_XML2025/blob/main/Kapitan\\_TEI-XML\\_Syllabus.pdf](https://github.com/KAKDH/TNAH_XML2025/blob/main/Kapitan_TEI-XML_Syllabus.pdf)

## For Next Class:

1. Get your Git up and running
2. Get your Oxygen up and running