

XPath - XSL

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i linguaggi XPath e XSL**

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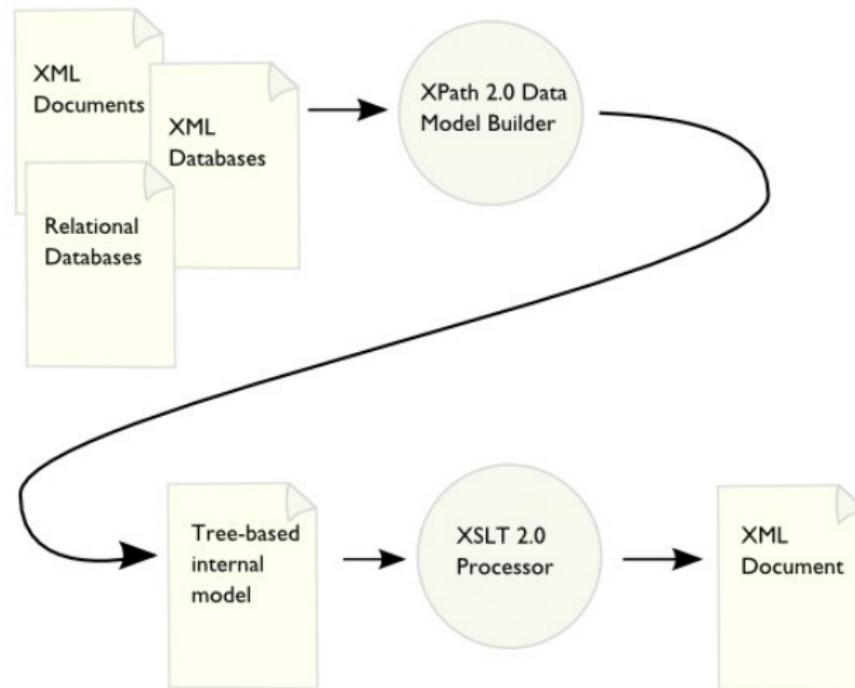
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XSL is a family of W3C recommendations for defining XML document transformation and presentation.

XSL

- **XSL Transformations (XSLT):**
a language for transforming XML
- **The XML Path Language (XPath):**
an expression language to refer to parts of an XML document;
- **XSL Formatting Objects (XSL-FO):**
an XML vocabulary for specifying formatting semantics.

XQuery

XQuery is a query language for XML to extract data.

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2021-03-30	Recommendation	XSL Transformations (XSLT) Version 2.0 (Second Edition) This specification defines the syntax and semantics of XSLT 2.0, a language for transforming XML documents into other XML documents. XSLT 2.0 is a revised version of the XSLT 1.0 Recommendation [XSLT 1.0] published on 16 November 1999. XSLT 2.0 is designed to be used in conjunction with XPath 2.0, which is defined in [XPath 2.0]. XSLT shares the same data model as XPath 2.0, which is defined in [Data Model], and it uses the library of functions and operators defined in [Functions and Operators]. XSLT 2.0 also includes optional facilities to serialize the results of a transformation, by means of an interface to the serialization component described in [XSLT and XQuery Serialization]. <i>This document contains hyperlinks to specific sections or definitions within other documents in this family of specifications. These links are indicated visually by a superscript identifying the target specification: for example XP for XPath, DM for the XDM data model, FO for Functions and Operators.</i>
2017-06-08	Recommendation	XSL Transformations (XSLT) Version 3.0 This specification defines the syntax and semantics of XSLT 3.0, a language for transforming XML documents into other XML documents.
1999-11-16	Recommendation	XSL Transformations (XSLT) Version 1.0 This specification defines the syntax and semantics of XSLT, which is a language for transforming XML documents into other XML documents. XSLT is designed for use as part of XSL, which is a stylesheet language for XML. In addition to XSLT, XSL includes an XML vocabulary for specifying formatting. XSL specifies the styling of an XML document by using XSLT to describe how the document is transformed into another XML document that uses the formatting vocabulary. XSLT is also designed to be used independently of XSL. However, XSLT is not intended as a completely general-purpose XML transformation language. Rather it is designed primarily for the kinds of transformations that are needed when XSLT is used as part of XSL.

RELATED RETIRED SPECIFICATIONS

2001-08-24	Retired	XSL Transformations (XSLT) Version 1.1
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2017-03-21	Recommendation	XML Path Language (XPath) 3.1 XPath is an expression language that allows the processing of values conforming to the data model defined in the XQuery and Xpath Data Model.
2014-04-08	Recommendation	XML Path Language (XPath) 3.0 XPath 3.0 (renamed from XPath 2.1 to align with the family of "3.0" specifications) is an expression language that allows the processing of values conforming to the data model defined in [XQuery and XPath Data Model (XDM) 3.0]. Some of the important new features since XPath 2.0 are: Literal function items, inline functions, dynamic function invocations, and function item coercion Clarification of rules associated with sequence type matching let expressions EQNames (QNames with a namespace URI instead of a namespace prefix) Support for union types in casting and function arguments
2010-12-14	Recommendation	XML Path Language (XPath) 2.0 (Second Edition) XPath is a way to refer to parts of an XML document. XPath 2.0 is based on the XQuery 1.0 and XPath 2.0 Data Model (XDM), and also introduces Schema awareness and data typing.
1999-11-16	Recommendation	XML Path Language (XPath) Version 1.0 XPath is a language for addressing parts of an XML document, designed to be used by both XSLT and XPointer.

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xsl:accumulator	xsl:copy-of	xsl:iterate	xsl:number	xsl:source-document
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xsl:analyze-string	xsl:document	xsl:map	xsl:on-empty	xsl:strip-space
xsl:apply-imports	xsl:element	xsl:map-entry	xsl:on-non-empty	xsl:stylesheet
xsl:apply-templates	xsl:evaluate	xsl:matching-substring	xsl:otherwise	xsl:template
xsl:assert	xsl:expose	xsl:merge	xsl:output	xsl:text
xsl:attribute	xsl:fallback	xsl:merge-action	xsl:output-character	xsl:transform
xsl:attribute-set	xsl:for-each	xsl:merge-key	xsl:override	xsl:try
xsl:break	xsl:for-each-group	xsl:merge-source	xsl:package	xsl:use-package
xsl:call-template	xsl:fork	xsl:message	xsl:param	xsl:value-of
xsl:catch	xsl:function	xsl:mode	xsl:perform-sort	xsl:variable
xsl:character-map	xsl:global-context-item	xsl:namespace	xsl:preserve-space	xsl:when
xsl:choose	xsl:if	xsl:namespace-alias	xsl:processing-instruction	xsl:where-populated
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xsl:context-item	xsl:import-schema	xsl:next-match	xsl:sequence	

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xsl:template

Defines a processing rule for source elements or other nodes of a particular type.

Available in XSLT 1.0 and later versions. Available in all Saxon editions.

- **Category:** declaration
- **Content:** (`xsl:context-item?`, `xsl:param*`, *sequence-constructor*)
- **Permitted parent elements:** `xsl:package`; `xsl:stylesheet`; `xsl:transform`; `xsl:override`

Attributes

`match?`

`pattern`

Pattern to identify the type of node to be processed. The most common form of pattern is simply an element name. However, more complex patterns may also be used: the syntax of patterns is given in more detail in XSLT Pattern Syntax. The following examples show some of the possibilities:

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fn:substring

`substring($sourceString as xs:string?, $start as xs:double) → xs:string`

Returns a substring of a given string starting at the given starting position and continuing to the end of the string.

Arguments

\$sourceString	xs:string?	The input string
\$start	xs:double	The position of the first character of the input string to be included in the result

Result

xs:string

`substring($sourceString as xs:string?, $start as xs:double, $length as xs:double) → xs:string`

Returns a substring of a given string starting at the given starting position and continuing to the end of the string, or \$length characters if shorter.

Arguments

\$sourceString	xs:string?	The input string
\$start	xs:double	The position of the first character of the input string to be included in the result
\$length	xs:double	The number of characters to be included in the result

Result

xs:string

Namespace

<http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions>

Links to W3C specifications

[XPath 2.0 Functions and Operators](#)

[XPath 3.0 Functions and Operators](#)

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- The W3C specifications for XSLT, XQuery, and XPath **model an XML document as a tree**. This data model is known as **XDM**, and the nodes of an XDM tree are known as **XDM nodes**.
- XDM defines the information contained in the input to an XSLT processor as well as it defines all **permissible values of expressions** in the XSLT
- The **node-sets of XPath 1.0** are replaced in XPath 2.0 by **sequences of nodes**.

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XML Trees

Hierarchical Ordered Nodes

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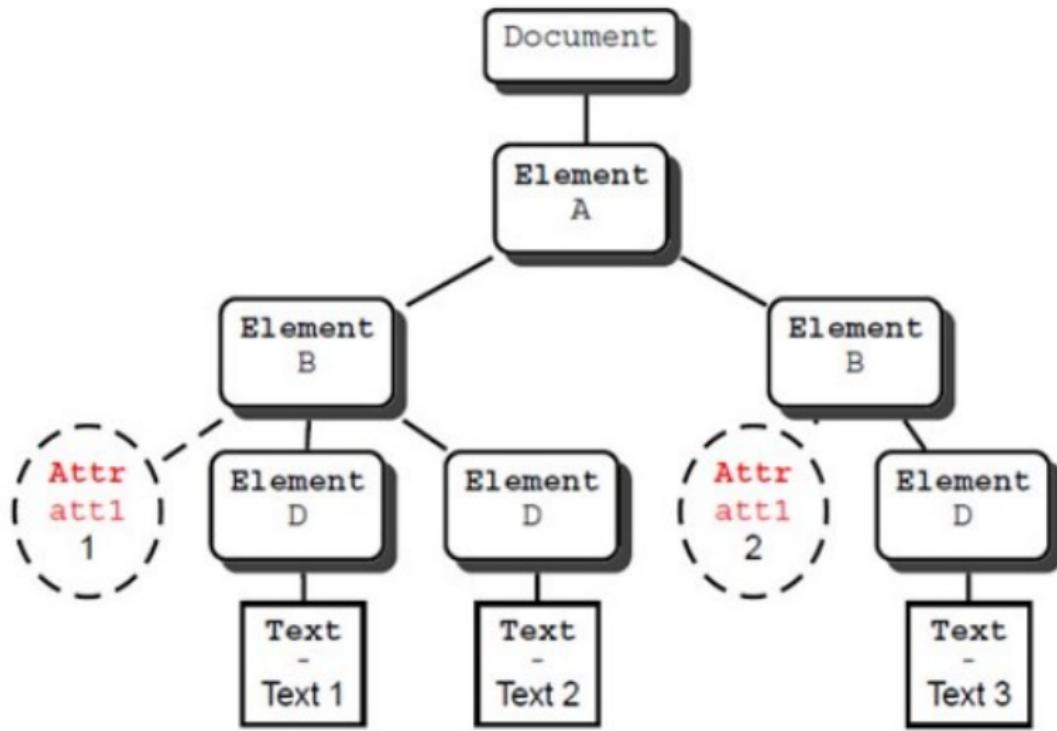
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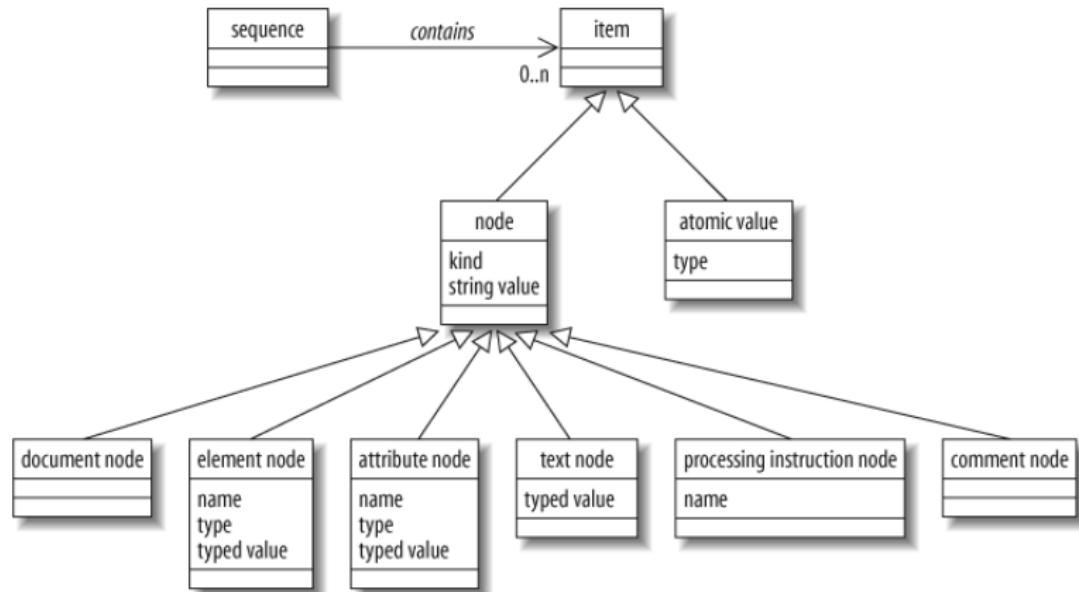
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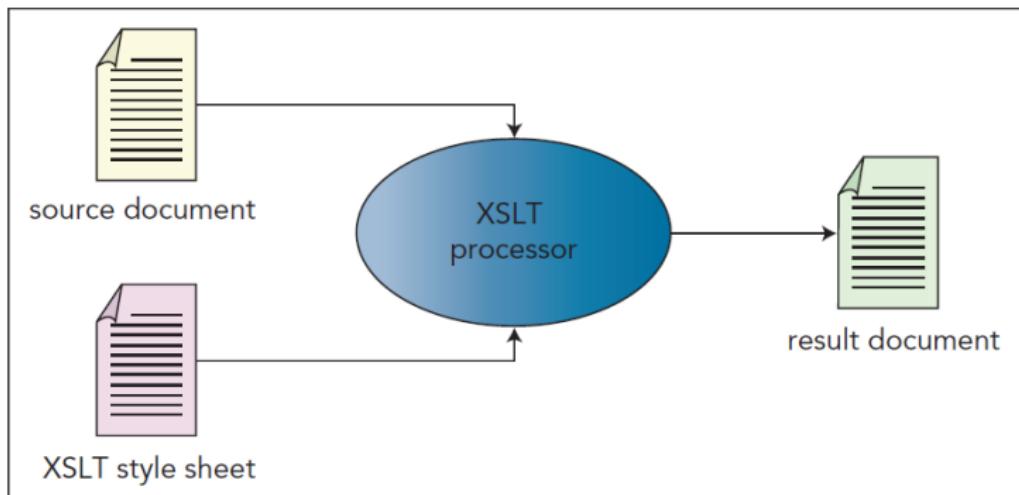
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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<TEI xml:lang="en">
  <teiHeader> ...
  </teiHeader>
  <text>
    <body>
      <div type="bibliography"> ...
      </div>
      <div subtype="text-constituted-from" type="history"> ...
      </div>
      <div type="edition" xml:lang="la"><head xml:lang="en">Text</head><ab> ...
      </ab></div>
      <div type="apparatus"> ...
      </div>
      <div type="translation"><head>Translation</head> ...
      </div>
      <div type="commentary"> ...
      </div>
      <div type="figure"> ...
      </div>
    </body>
  </text>
</TEI>
```

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Example

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2  <xsl:stylesheet version="1.0">
3  --- xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
4  --- <xsl:output method="text" />
5  --- <xsl:template match="/">
6  -----<xsl:apply-templates select="current()/descendant::text" />
7  -----</xsl:template>
8  -----<xsl:template match="div[@type='edition']|div[@type='translation']">
9  -----<xsl:value-of select="normalize-space(.)" />
10 -----</xsl:template>
11 -----<xsl:template match="div" />
12 </xsl:stylesheet>
```

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angelodel80@LAPTOP-V8V3MLGO:/mnt/c/Users/angel/risorse/universita/corsoCodifica/tools$ java -jar SaxonHE10-3J/
saxon-he-10.3.jar -s:source/IRT030.xml -xsl:source/built-in.xsl
```

Text Imperator Caesar Marci Antonini Pii fili diui Pii nep diui Hadriani pronep diui Traiani Parthici
abnep diui Neruae adnep Luci Aeli Aureli Commod August

Translation Emperor Caesar case unknown son of Marcus Antonius Pius, grandson of deified Pius, great
grandson of deified Hadrian, great great grandson of deified Trajan victor in Parthia, great great great grand
son of deified Nerva, Lucius Aelius Aurelius Commodus Augustus



How Does it work

The XSLT processor **uses the instructions** in the Style Sheet to process the input XML document by **traversing the document's hierarchy**.

How Does it work

XSLT instructions indicate what **portion of the tree should be traversed**, how it should be inspected, and what **output fragment should be generated** at each point.

Ordered Hierarchy of Content Objects

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The nodes of the tree are ordered. The child nodes of a parent node, which are siblings of one another, **occur in a particular order.**

This is why XML can be described as representing an ordered hierarchy of content objects.

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Path **expressions** will return **node sequences** whose nodes are in document order

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Sequence

The group of nodes that an XPath expression returns is a sequence, which is a technical term for an **ordered collection of items** that permits duplicates

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- Select nodes sequence from XML tree
- Process data via functions

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XPath expressions are extremely accurate (selection of elements, attributes, texts etc.)

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2  <xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
3      xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
4      <xsl:output method="text"/>
5
6      <xsl:template match="/">
7          ...
8              <xsl:value-of
9                  select="/TEI/text/body/div/@type" />
10             ...
11         </xsl:template>
12
13     </xsl:stylesheet>
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XPath Basics

Path expressions are used to navigate from a current location
(called the context node) to other nodes in the tree.

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XPath Basics

Steps in a path expression are indicated with slash characters
and the context node changes with each step.

XPath Basics

- "div" (*div child*)
- "div/head" (*child of div*)
- "div/*/persName" (*child of child*)
- "div//persName" (*descendant*)

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The XPath expression can be absolute or relative to the **context node**

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The XPath expression encompasses three components: (**Axes, Test, Predicate**)

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XPath expressions navigate the XML tree by using the so called (*expression axes*).

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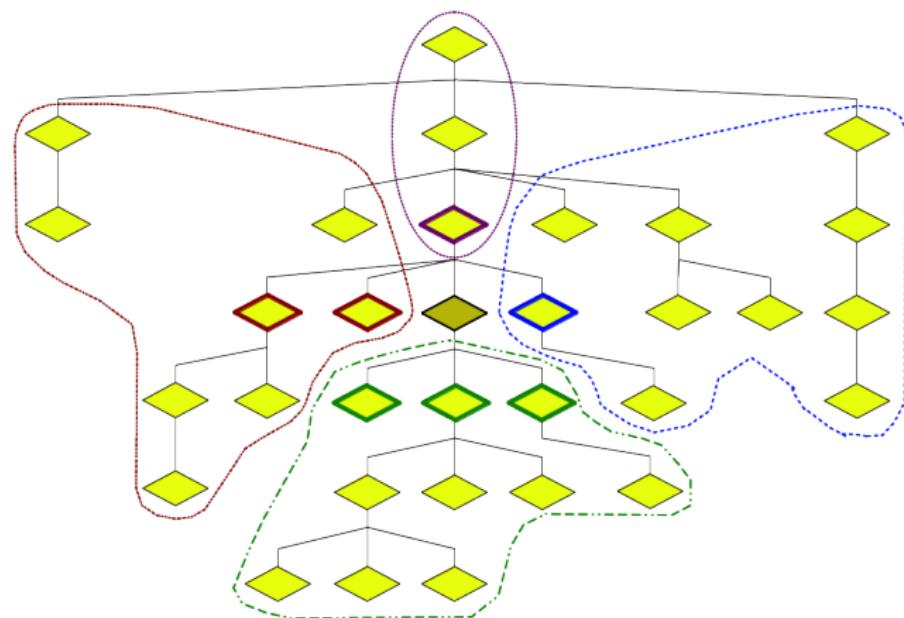
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Axes	Depiction	Nodes
child	Dark green edges	The three nodes immediately below the current location
descendant	Dashed green line	The three child nodes mentioned above, plus the seven nodes below them, all the way down (their children and their children's children)
parent	Magenta edges	The node immediately above the current location
ancestor	Magenta dashed line	The parent plus its parent, and its parent's parent
preceding-sibling	Dark red edges	The two nodes to the left of the current location that have the same parent
preceding	Dark red dashed line	The preceding-sibling nodes plus the six other nodes that are entirely to the left of the current location
following-sibling	Blue edges	The node to the right of the current location that has the same parent
following	Blue dashed line	The following-sibling node plus the nine other nodes that entirely to the right of the current location

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Symbol	Meaning	Expanded version
.	current context node	<code>self::*</code> (for elements)
..	parent element	<code>parent::*</code>
//	descendant axis	<code>descendant::</code> . At the beginning of a path expression, it means that the path starts at the document node.
@	attribute axis	<code>attribute::</code>

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3  .... xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
4  .... <xsl:output method="text" encoding="UTF-8" />
5  ....
6  .... <xsl:template match="/">
7  ....
8  .... |.... <xsl:value-of select="TEI/descendant::langUsage/language" />
9  ....
10 ....
11 </xsl:template>
12 </xsl:stylesheet>
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XPath Predicate

Predicates are **conditional expression** and are used to **filter the results** of the path expression.

XPath Predicate

Predicate expression are written in **square brackets after the step** in the path expression to which they apply

Any expression in square brackets that filters a step in a path expression is a predicate

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3      xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
4      <xsl:output method="text" encoding="UTF-8" />
5
6      <xsl:template match="/">
7          <xsl:value-of select="//div[1]" />
8
9      </xsl:template>
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12 </xsl:stylesheet>
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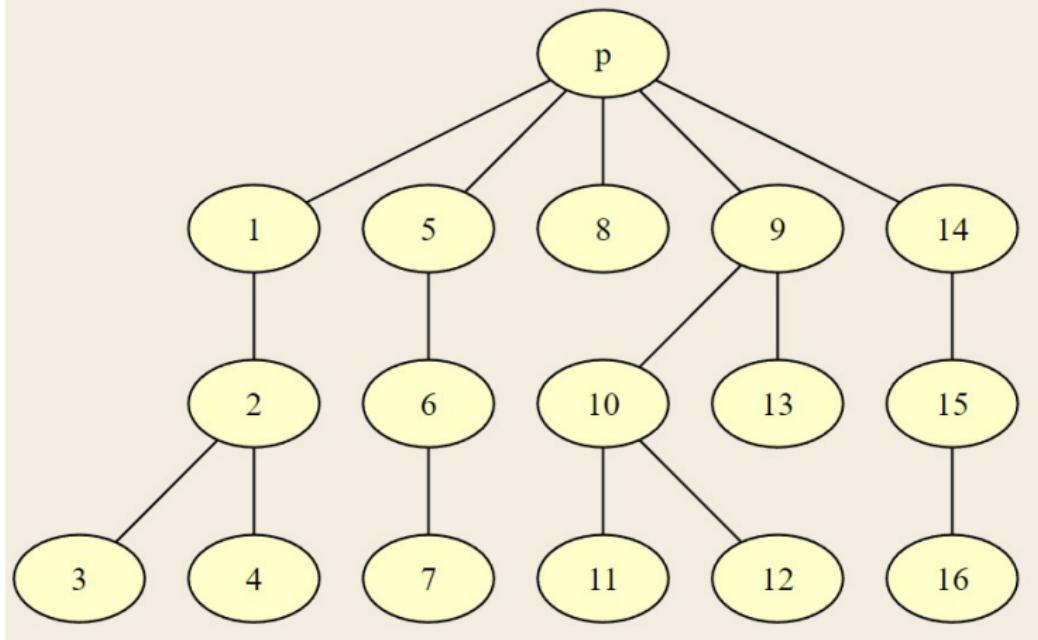
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Description	Value	General
Equal to	eq	=
Not equal to	ne	!=
Greater than	gt	> (>)
Greater than or equal to (not less than)	ge	>= (>=)
Less than	lt	< (<)
Less than or equal to (not greater than)	le	<= (<=)

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Examples of Predicates

- `div[@type]`
- `div[@type="edition"]`

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"jolly" element selection

- *
- *[@type]
- *[@type="book"]

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- `//div[@type="edition"]`
- `//div[@type!="translation"]`
- `//div[@n > 2]`
- `//div[1]`
- `//div[last()]`
- `//div[position() = last() - 1]`
- `//div[position() mod 2 = 0]`

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XPath Basics

Use of OR to select more than one named elements and ID
function to select the element with the given ID

- "title | author"
- id("irt1952")

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```
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
3  ....xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
4  ....<xsl:output method="text" />
5  ....
6  ....<xsl:template match="/">
7  ....
8  ....<xsl:value-of
9  .... select="descendant::langUsage/language[@ident='it']/preceding-sibling::*[1]/text()"
10 .... />
11 ....
12 ....</xsl:template>
13
14 </xsl:stylesheet>
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```

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XPath functions

- Functions operate on the information returned by a path expression or another function
- Functions can be nested
- functions can be used in predicates to filter expressions

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```
2 <xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
3   xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
4   <xsl:output method="text" encoding="UTF-8" />
5   <xsl:template match="/">
6     <xsl:value-of select="concat(
7       name(TEI/descendant::langUsage/language[1]), ',',
8       count(TEI/descendant::langUsage/language), ',',
9       //w[contains(., 'filii')]/@lemma, ',',
10      upper-case(
11        substring(TEI/descendant::langUsage/language[@ident eq 'it'], 0, 4)
12      ), ','
13    )"
14   "/>
15 </xsl:template>
16 </xsl:stylesheet>
```

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fn:count

Counts the number of items in a sequence.

`count($arg as item()*) → xs:integer`

Arguments

\$arg item()*

The sequence whose items are
to be counted

Result

xs:integer

Namespace

<http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions>

Links to W3C specifications

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[XPath 3.0 Functions and Operators](#)

[XPath 3.1 Functions and Operators](#)

Saxon availability

Available in XPath 2.0, XSLT 2.0, XQuery 1.0, and later versions. Available in all Saxon

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fn:contains

Returns true if the second string is a substring of the first.

`contains($arg1 as xs:string?, $arg2 as xs:string?) → xs:boolean`

Arguments		
\$arg1	xs:string?	The containing string
\$arg2	xs:string?	The contained string
Result	xs:boolean	

`contains($arg1 as xs:string?, $arg2 as xs:string?, $collation as xs:string) → xs:boolean`

Arguments		
\$arg1	xs:string?	The containing string
\$arg2	xs:string?	The contained string
\$collation	xs:string	The collation to be used for comparing the strings
Result	xs:boolean	

Namespace

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fn:name

`name() → xs:string`

Returns the name of the context node, as a string in the lexical form of a QName.

There are no arguments

<i>Result</i>	xs:string
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`name($arg as node())? → xs:string`

Returns the name of the supplied node, as a string in the lexical form of a QName.

Arguments

\$arg	node()?
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The node whose name is
required

<i>Result</i>	xs:string
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Namespace

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fn:substring

`substring($sourceString as xs:string?, $start as xs:double) → xs:string`

Returns a substring of a given string starting at the given starting position and continuing to the end of the string.

Arguments

<code>\$sourceString</code>	<code>xs:string?</code>	The input string
<code>\$start</code>	<code>xs:double</code>	The position of the first character of the input string to be included in the result

Result

`xs:string`

`substring($sourceString as xs:string?, $start as xs:double, $length as xs:double) → xs:string`

Returns a substring of a given string starting at the given starting position and continuing to the end of the string, or `$length` characters if shorter.

Arguments

<code>\$sourceString</code>	<code>xs:string?</code>	The input string
<code>\$start</code>	<code>xs:double</code>	The position of the first character of the input string to be included in the result
<code>\$length</code>	<code>xs:double</code>	The number of characters to be included in the result

Result

`xs:string`

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fn:upper-case

Converts a string to upper case.

`upper-case($arg as xs:string?) → xs:string`

Arguments

\$arg	xs:string?	The string to be converted to upper-case
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Result

xs:string

Namespace

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fn:concat

Concatenates the string-values of the arguments into a single string. There must be at least two arguments.

`concat($arg1 as xs:anyAtomicType?, $arg2 as xs:anyAtomicType?, $etc... as xs:anyAtomicType?) → xs:string`

Arguments

\$arg1	xs:anyAtomicType?	The first string
\$arg2	xs:anyAtomicType?	The second string
\$etc...	xs:anyAtomicType?	The third and subsequent strings (as many as required)

Result

xs:string

Namespace

<http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions>

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Basics

A transformation expressed in XSLT **describes rules for transforming input data into output data**. The inputs and outputs will all be instances of the XDM data model.

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Basics (cont.)

The input often is an XML document referred to as the **source tree**, and the output is a document referred to as the **result tree**.

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Basics (cont.)

The transformation is achieved by **a set of template rules**. A template rule associates a pattern, which typically **matches nodes** in the source document, with a **sequence constructor**.

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Basics (cont.)

The structure of the result trees can be completely different from the structure of the source trees.

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URL to Documentation

- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-stylesheet/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-template/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-value-of/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-apply-templates/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-for-each/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-if/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-choose/>

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URL to Documentation

- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-sort/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-variable/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-element/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-attribute/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-key/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-preserve-space/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-strip-space/>
- <https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-analyze-string/>

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xsl:stylesheet

The `xsl:stylesheet` element is always the top-level element of an XSLT stylesheet. The name `xsl:transform` may be used as a synonym.

Available in XSLT 1.0 and later versions. Available in all Saxon editions.

- **Content:** (*declarations*)

Attributes

`id?`

id

Used to reference stylesheet modules embedded in a document.

`version`

decimal

Standard attribute that may appear on any XSLT element. Indicates the version of XSLT required by the stylesheet.

<https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-stylesheet/>



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xsl:stylesheet

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

<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
    ...
        xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
    ...
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

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xsl:template

Defines a processing rule for source elements or other nodes of a particular type.

Available in XSLT 1.0 and later versions. Available in all Saxon editions.

- **Category:** declaration
- **Content:** (`xsl:context-item?` , `xsl:param*` , *sequence-constructor*)
- **Permitted parent elements:** `xsl:package` ; `xsl:stylesheet` ; `xsl:transform` ;
`xsl:override`

Attributes

`match?`

`pattern`

Pattern to identify the type of node to be processed. The most common form of pattern is simply an element name. However, more complex patterns may also be used: the syntax of patterns is given in more detail in XSLT Pattern Syntax. The following examples show some of the possibilities:

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

<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
    <!-- xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">

        <!--<xsl:template match="/">

        </xsl:template>

        <!--<xsl:template match="div">
            ...
            </xsl:template>

        <!--<xsl:template match="head">
            ...
            </xsl:template>

        <!--<xsl:template match="lb">
            ...
            </xsl:template>

    </xsl:stylesheet>
```

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xsl:value-of

Evaluates an expression as a string, and outputs its value to the current result tree.

Available in XSLT 1.0 and later versions. Available in all Saxon editions.

- **Category:** instruction
- **Content:** sequence-constructor
- **Permitted parent elements:** any XSLT element whose content model is sequence-constructor; any literal result element

Attributes

`select?`

`expression`

Identifies the expression. If this is not specified, the value to be output is obtained by evaluating the sequence constructor contained within the `xsl:value-of` element. The full syntax of expressions is outlined in XPath Expression Syntax. Here are some examples of expressions that can be used in the `select` attribute:

<https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-value-of/>

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```
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
  <!-- xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform" -->

  <xsl:template match="/">
    <xsl:value-of select="concat('&#10;', normalize-space(descendant::titleStmt/title=>string()))" />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="div">
    <xsl:value-of select="@type" />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="head">
    <xsl:value-of select="." />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="lb">
    <xsl:value-of select="concat('&#10;', current()/@n)" />
  </xsl:template>

</xsl:stylesheet>

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```

<https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-value-of/>

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Causes navigation from the current element, usually but not necessarily to process its children.
Each selected node is processed using the best-match `xsl:template` defined for that node.

Available in XSLT 1.0 and later versions. Available in all Saxon editions.

- **Category:** instruction
- **Content:** (`xsl:sort` | `xsl:with-param`)*
- **Permitted parent elements:** any XSLT element whose content model is sequence-constructor; any literal result element

Attributes

`select?`

`expression`

Sequence of nodes to be processed. If this attribute is omitted, then all the immediate children of the current node are processed.

`mode?`

<https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-apply-templates/>



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

<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">

  <xsl:template match="/">
    <xsl:value-of select="concat(&#10;, normalize-space(descendant::titleStmt/
      title=>string()))" />
    <xsl:apply-templates select="//text//div" />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="div">
    <xsl:text>&#10;</xsl:text>
    <xsl:value-of select="@type" />
    <xsl:text>&#10;</xsl:text>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="head">
    <xsl:value-of select=".." />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="lb">
    <xsl:value-of select="concat(&#10;, current()/
      @n)" />
  </xsl:template>

</xsl:stylesheet>
```

```
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  Dedication to Commodus
3  bibliography
4
5  history
6
7  edition
8
9  apparatus
10
11 translation
12
13 commentary
14
15 figure
16
```

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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
  <!-- xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform" -->
  <xsl:template match="/">
    <xsl:value-of select="concat('&#10;', normalize-space(descendant::titleStmt/title[string()]))"/>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="//text//div" />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="div">
    <xsl:text>&#10;</xsl:text>
    <xsl:value-of select="name(.)=>concat(':::',@type)" />
    <xsl:text>&#10;</xsl:text>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="head" />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="head">
    <xsl:value-of select="name(.)=>concat(':::',.,'.')"/>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="lb">
    <xsl:value-of select="concat('&#10;', current()/@n)" />
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

```
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  Dedication to Commodus
3  div : bibliography
4  head : Bibliography
5  div : history
6  head : Text constituted from
7  div : edition
8  head : Text
9  div : apparatus
10 head : Apparatus
11 div : translation
12 head : Translation
13 div : commentary
14 head : Commentary
15 div : figure
16 head : Photographs
```

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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
  <!-- xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">

  <!--xsl:strip-space elements="" /-->

  <xsl:template match="/">
    <xsl:value-of select="concat('&#10;', 'title : ', normalize-space(descendant::titleStmt/title>string()))"
      " />
    <xsl:apply-templates select="//text//div" />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="div">
    <xsl:text>&#10;</xsl:text>
    <xsl:value-of select="name(.)=>concat('. : ', @type)" />
    <xsl:text>&#10;</xsl:text>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="head" />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="head">
    <xsl:value-of select="name(.)=>concat('. : ', ., '&#10;')"
      " />
    <xsl:apply-templates select="following-sibling::*" />
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="lb">
    <xsl:value-of select="concat('&#10;', 'riga ', current()
      ()&#n, ' : ')"/>
  </xsl:template>

</xsl:stylesheet>
```

```
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  title : Dedication to Commodus
3  div : bibliography
4  head : Bibliography
5  Not previously published.
6  div : history
7  head : Text constituted from
8  Transcription (Reynolds, Ward-Perkins)
9  div : edition
10 head : Text
11 riga 1 : ImperatorCaesarMarciAntoniniPiifili
12 riga 2 : diuipinepediuHadrianiprompediu
13 riga 3 : TraianiParthiciabnepdiuNeruaeadnep
14 riga 4 : LuciAeliAureliCommmodAugust
15 div : apparatus
16 head : Apparatus
17 Line 4 is represented by the upper parts only of
two letters with rounded bowls.
18 div : translation
19 head : Translation
20 Emperor Caesar son of Marcus Antonius Pius,
grandson of deified Pius, great grandson of
deified Hadrian, great great grandson of deified
Trajan Victor in Parthia, great great great
grandson of deified Nerva, Lucius Aelius Aurelius
Commodus Augustus
21 div : commentary
22 head : Commentary
23 No comment
24 div : figure
25 head : Photographs
26 head : Ward-Perkins Archive, BSR (BSR 48.XXVII.13)
```

<https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-apply-templates/>

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xsl:for-each

Causes iteration over the nodes selected by a node-set expression.

Available in XSLT 1.0 and later versions. Available in all Saxon editions.

- **Category:** instruction
- **Content:** (`xsl:sort` * , sequence-constructor)
- **Permitted parent elements:** any XSLT element whose content model is sequence-constructor; any literal result element

Attributes

`select`

`expression`

Defines the nodes over which the statement will iterate. The XSLT statements subordinate to the `xsl:for-each` element are applied to each source node selected by the node-set expression in turn. The full syntax of expressions is outlined in XPath Expression Syntax.

<https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-for-each/>



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```
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2  <xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
3  ...  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
4  ...  <xsl:output method="text" encoding="UTF-8" />
5
6  ...  <xsl:template match="/">
7  ...    <xsl:for-each select="distinct-values(//w/@lemma)">
8  ...      <xsl:sort select=". " data-type="text" lang="la"/>
9  ...      <xsl:text>&#32;</xsl:text>
10     <xsl:value-of select=". " />
11     <xsl:text>&#32;</xsl:text>
12   </xsl:for-each>
13 </xsl:template>
14
15 </xsl:stylesheet>

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xsl:if

Used for conditional processing. It takes a mandatory test attribute, whose value is a boolean expression. The contents of the `xsl:if` element are expanded only if the expression is true.

Available in XSLT 1.0 and later versions. Available in all Saxon editions.

- **Category:** instruction
- **Content:** sequence-constructor
- **Permitted parent elements:** any XSLT element whose content model is sequence-constructor; any literal result element

Attributes

`test`

expression

The boolean expression to be tested. The full syntax of boolean expressions is outlined in XPath Expression Syntax.

<https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-if/>



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```
1   <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2   <xsl:stylesheet version="2.0">
3   |   ... xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
4   |   ... <xsl:output method="text" encoding="UTF-8" />
5
6   |   ... <xsl:key name="lang" match="language" use="@ident"></xsl:key>
7
8   |   ... <xsl:template match="/">
9   |   |   ... <xsl:if test="key('lang','la')">
10  |   |   |   ... <xsl:value-of select="key('lang','la')"/>
11  |   |   ... </xsl:if>
12  |   ... </xsl:template>
13
14  </xsl:stylesheet>
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<https://xsltdev.com/xslt/xsl-key/>

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xsl:variable

Used to declare a variable and give it a value. If it appears at the top level (immediately within `xsl:stylesheet`) it declares a global variable, otherwise it declares a local variable that is visible only within the stylesheet element containing the `xsl:variable` declaration. The value of a variable can be referenced within an expression using the syntax `$name`.

Available in XSLT 1.0 and later versions. Available in all Saxon editions.

- **Category:** declaration
- **Category:** instruction
- **Content:** sequence-constructor
- **Permitted parent elements:** `xsl:package` ; `xsl:stylesheet` ; `xsl:transform` ;
`xsl:override` ; `xsl:function` ; any XSLT element whose content model is sequence-constructor; any literal result element

Attributes

`name`

`eqname`

Defines the name of the variable.

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3   <xsl:output method="text" encoding="UTF-8" />
4   <xsl:key name="lang" match="language" use="@ident"></xsl:key>
5
6   <xsl:template match="/">
7     <xsl:if test="key('lang', 'la')">
8       <xsl:variable name="latLang" select="key('lang', 'la')"/>
9       <xsl:value-of select="concat('Selected Language: ', $latLang/text(), ' (' , $latLang/@ident, ')')"/>
10    </xsl:if>
11  </xsl:template>
12
13 </xsl:stylesheet>
```

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1 Selected Language: Latin (la)

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```
<teiHeader>
  <fileDesc>
    <titleStmt>
      <title>
        <rs type="textType">Christian</rs>
        <rs type="textType">funerary</rs> inscription for Helladios</title>
        <editor>J. M. Reynolds</editor>
        <editor>J. B. Ward-Perkins</editor>
      </titleStmt>
      <publicationStmt>
        <authority>Centre for Computing in the Humanities, King's College London</authority>
        <idno type="filename">IRT256a</idno>
        <availability>
          <p>Creative Commons licence Attribution UK 2.0 (<ref>http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/uk/2.0/</ref>)
          <p>All reuse or distribution of this work must contain somewhere a link back to the original source</p>
        </availability>
      </publicationStmt>
    <sourceDesc> ...
```

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```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <!-- $Id$ -->
3 <xsl:stylesheet>
4   ... xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
5   ... xmlns:tei="http://www.tei-c.org/ns/1.0"
6   ... xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
7   ... exclude-result-prefixes="t" version="2.0">
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PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

```
angelodel80@LAPTOP-V8V3MLG0:/mnt/c/Users/angel/risorse/universita/corsoCodifica/tools$ java -jar SaxonHE10-
3J/saxon-he-10.3.jar -s:source/IRT256a.xml -xsl:source/Stylesheets-9.4/start-edition.xsl -o:source/out/out-
-text-epidoc.html
```

```
1 <!DOCTYPE HTML><html xmlns:i18n="http://apache
org/cocoon/i18n/2.1">
2 ...
3 ...
4 ...
5 ...
6 ...
7 ...
8 ...
9 ...
10 ...
11 ...
12 ...
```

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[Εύμοιριτο] Ἐλλάδιος ἔζησε ἔτι ν'
[πλέον ἔλατ(τ)ον μῆν[ες γ'] ἡμέρας
[δεκαπέντε ὁ Χριστὸς μετὰ τ(ο)ῦ πνεύ-
[ματός σ(ο)υ ἐτ]ελεύ[τισεν μ]ηνὶ Παυνὶ⁵
[έβδο]μι κατὰ τοὺς Ἀφρ<ο>υς

Apparatus

Apparatus

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Translation

[May he be well off]. Helladios lived approximately 50 years, three months and fifteen days. Christ be with your spirit. He died on the seventh of the month of Payn among the Africans.

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```
<parameter>
  <name>edition-type</name>
  <value>interpretive</value>
  <value on="yes">diplomatic</value>
</parameter>


<parameter>
  <name>line-inc</name>
  <value>1</value>
</parameter>
```

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- 1 [.....]ΕΛΛΑΔΙΟΣΕΖΗΣΕΕΤΙΝ
- 2 [.....]Ν[...]ΗΜΕΡΑΣ
- 3 [.....]ΠΙΝΕΥ
- 4 [.....]ΕΛΕΥ[.....]ΝΙΑΥΝΙ
- 5 [...]ΜΙΚΑΤΑΤΟΥΣΑΦΡΥΣ

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```
<parameter>
  <name>edn-structure</name>
  <value>default</value>
  <value>ddbdp</value>
  <value>hgv</value>
  <value>inslib</value>
  <value>iосре</value>
  <value>edh</value>
  <value>edh-db</value>
  <value>rib</value>
  <value>sammelbuch</value>
  <value on="yes">sample</value>
  <value>eagle</value>
  <value>igcyr</value>
</parameter>
```

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Interpretive

Text

- 1 [Εύμοιριτο] Έλλαδιος ἔζησε ἐπι ν'
- 2 [πλέον ἔλατ(τ)ον μῆν[ες γ'] ἡμέρας
- 3 [δεκαπέντε ὁ Χριστός μετά τ(ο)ῦ πνεύ-
- 4 [ματός σ(ο)υ ἐτ]ελεύτισεν μι]νι Παυνί
- 5 [έβδο]μι κατὰ τοὺς Αφρο>υς

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Text

- 1 [.....]ΕΛΛΑΔΙΟΣΕΖΗΣΕΕΤΙΝ
- 2 [.....]Ν[...]ΗΜΕΡΑΣ
- 3 [.....]ΠΝΕΥ
- 4 [.....]ΕΛΕΥ[.....]ΝΙ.ΑΥΝΙ
- 5 [...]ΜΙΚΑΤΑΤΟΥΣΑΦΡΥΣ

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```
<p><b>Text type:</b>
<xsl:choose>
  <xsl:when test="//t:textClass//t:keywords//t:term[@type='textType']">
    <xsl:apply-templates select="//t:textClass//t:keywords//t:term[@type='textType']"/>
  </xsl:when>

  <!--xsl:when test="//t:teiHeader//t:rs[@type='textType']"-->
  <xsl:apply-templates select="//t:teiHeader//t:rs[@type='textType']"/>
</xsl:when-->
  <xsl:when test="//t:teiHeader//t:rs[@type='textType']">
    <xsl:for-each select="//t:teiHeader//t:rs[@type='textType']">
      <xsl:apply-templates select="current()"/><xsl:text></xsl:text>
    </xsl:for-each>
  </xsl:when>
</xsl:choose>
```

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The screenshot shows a software interface for XSLT transformation. At the top, there are three tabs: "new-document 1", "transform.xq", and "htm-tpl-struct-sample.xsl". The "transform.xq" tab is currently active. Below the tabs is a code editor containing the following XQuery code:

```
1 xquery version "3.1";
2
3 let $xml := doc("IRT256a.xml")
4 let $xsl := doc("Stylesheets-9.4/start-edition.xsl")
5
6 return transform:transform($xml,$xsl,())
7
```

Below the code editor is a toolbar with the following buttons: a back arrow, a forward arrow, "XHTML Output" dropdown, "Indent" checkbox (which is checked), "Live Preview" checkbox (which is checked), "Highlight Index Matches" checkbox (which is checked), and a plus sign button.

The main pane displays the transformed XML output:

```
<html xmlns:i18n="http://apache.org/cocoon/i18n/2.1">
<head>
    <title>IRT256a. Christian funerary inscription for Helladios</title>
    <meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8" />
    <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" media="screen, projection" href="global.css" />
</head>
<body>
    <h1>IRT256a. Christian funerary inscription for Helladios</h1>
    <div id="mainContent">
```

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