

Processing of XML Documents, XPath - XSLT - XQuery

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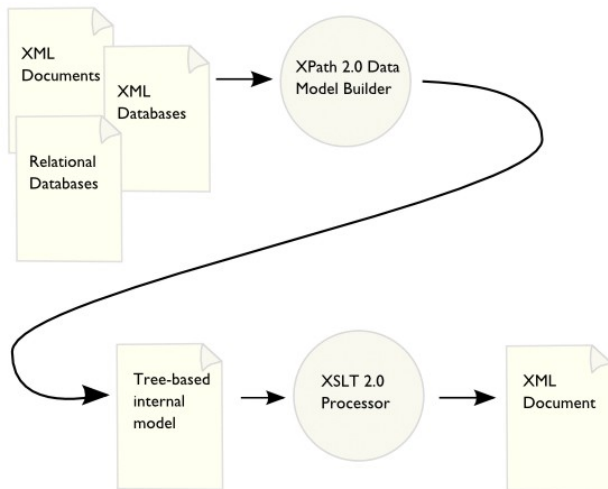
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We talk about

Introduction to processing and visualizing XML documents via
XPATH and **XSL** languages.

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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.

Tree data model (XDM)



- 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.
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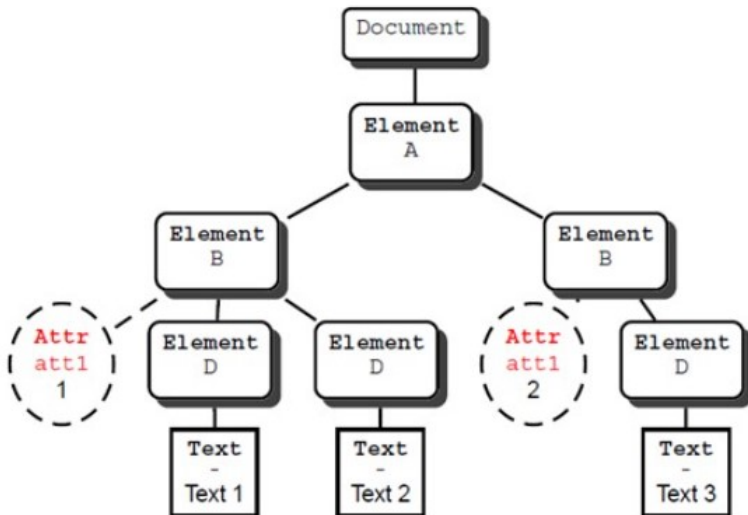
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XML Trees

Hierarchical Ordered Nodes



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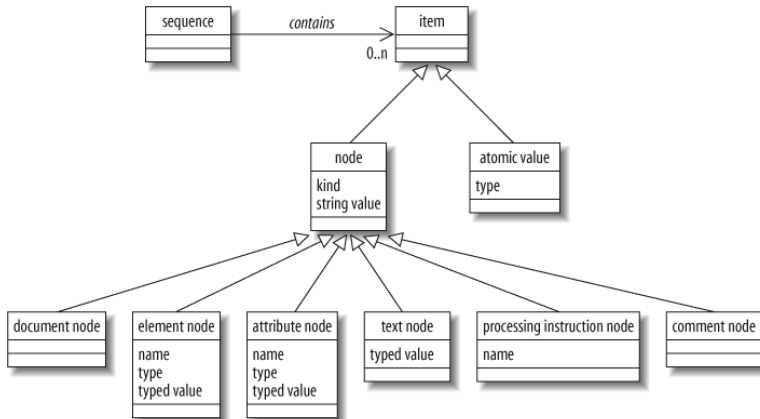
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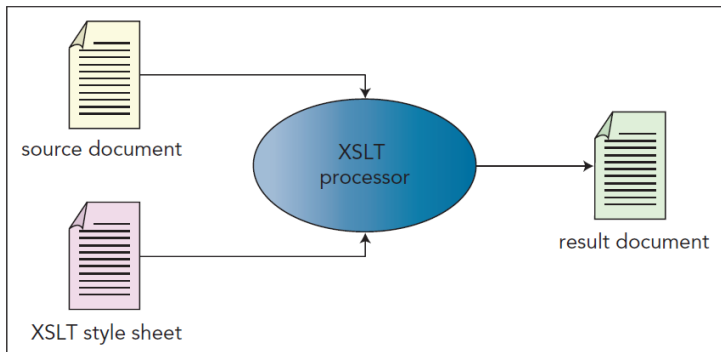
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XQuery is a powerful **query language** designed to query and manipulate XML data

Compared to XSLT, XQuery is extremely **compact** and this aspect enhances the **readability** of the scripts

FLWOR Statement

XQuery is based on the **FLWOR** (*For, Let, Where, Order-by, Return*) construct. It is very compact and also students in traditional humanities can manage it

FLWOR Statement

A **FLWOR** query is an XQuery structure built around **for**, **let**, **where**, **order by**, and **return** clauses.

The **for** clause iterates through a sequence of nodes or atomic values.

The **let** clause is the local variable used in the query.

The **where** clause filters the result of the query.

The **order by** clause sorts the query result.

The **return** clause specifies the format and structure of the query result.

```
for $o in doc('gjc orders.xml')//order
let $total := sum($o/product/(@qty*@salesPrice))
where $total >= 600
order by $total descending
return
  <order id="{ $o/@orderID }" date="{ $o/@orderDate }">
    <totalCharge>{
      concat("$", round-half-to-even($total, 2))
    }</totalCharge>
    { $o/product }
  </order>
```

FOR CLAUSE

- **Purpose:** Iterates over a sequence of items
- **Functionality:** The *For clause* binds a variable to each item in a sequence, allowing for iteration over large datasets, much like a loop in other programming languages. It can **iterate** over *nodes*, *values*, or *any sequence* generated by an XQuery expression

```
for $word in doc("aen.xml")//tei:w  
return $word
```

LET CLAUSE

Purpose: Binds values to variables

Functionality: The *Let clause* is used to assign a value to a variable. Unlike the For clause, Let does not iterate but simply assigns a value to be used later in the FLWOR statement. It is useful for storing intermediate results

```
let $count = count(doc("aen.xml")//tei:w)
```

WHERE CLAUSE

Purpose: Filters data based on conditions

Functionality: The *Where clause* restricts the results returned by the FLWOR expression, acting as a filter that allows only items meeting certain conditions to be processed in the subsequent clauses

where \$word/@xml:lang = "grc"

ORDER BY CLAUSE

- **Purpose:** Sorts the results of the query
- **Functionality:** The *Order by clause* sorts the items returned by the query, based on *specified criteria*. This sorting can be done in ascending or descending order

order by \$word/text() ascending

RETURN CLAUSE

Purpose: Specifies what is to be returned from the query

Functionality: The

Return clause

determines what will
be included in the
final output of the
FLWOR statement.

This can be a node, a
constructed element,
a value, or any
combination of these

```
for $line in doc("aen.xml")//l
let $line_id := $line/@xml:id
let $text := string-join($line/w, ' ')
return
  <span class="line">
    <span class="id">{$line_id}</span>
    <span class="text">{$text}</span>
  </span>
```

FLWOR Nesting Statements

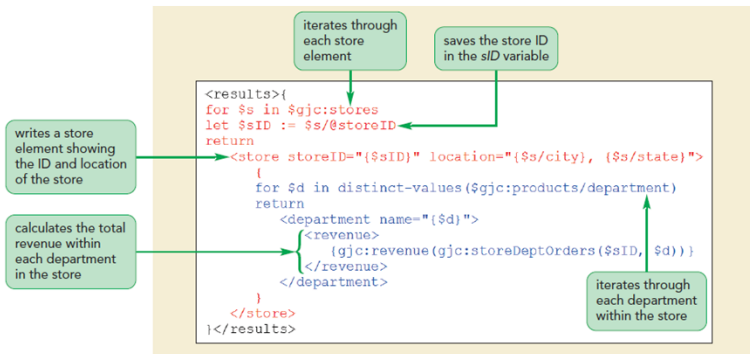


Immagine dal libro: New Perspectives on XML, Patrick Carey, Sasha Vodnik, 2014

XSLT Transformation in XQuery

XQuery can *perform XSLT* transformations, which are more familiar to the **XML-TEI community** than the xquery language

```
<!--transform the TEI lg in an XHTML div-->
{transform:transform($lg,doc("trans/fromTeiToHtml.xml"),())}
```

```
<!-- process tei:lg -->
<xsl:template match="tei:lg">
  <xsl:element name="div">
    <!--<xsl:apply-templates select="tei:head"/>-->
    <xsl:for-each select="tei:l">
      <xsl:element name="span">
        <xsl:attribute name="class">latcit</xsl:attribute>
        <xsl:attribute name="id">
          <xsl:value-of select="@n"/>
        </xsl:attribute>
        <xsl:value-of select="@n"/>
        <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
      </xsl:element>
      <xsl:element name="span">
        <xsl:attribute name="class">verseText</xsl:attribute>
        <xsl:for-each select="tei:w">
          <xsl:value-of select="text()"/>
          <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
        </xsl:for-each>
      </xsl:element>
    </xsl:for-each>
  </xsl:template>
```

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```
<teiHeader> ...
</teiHeader>
<text>
  <body>
    <div1 xml:id="d001" type="section" decls="#md" met="H"> ...
    </div1>
    <div1 xml:id="d002" type="section" decls="#md" met="H"> ...
    </div1>
    <div1 xml:id="d003" type="section" decls="#md" met="H"> ...
    </div1>
    <div1 xml:id="d004" type="section" decls="#md" met="H"> ...
    </div1>
    <div1 xml:id="d005" type="section" decls="#md" met="H">
      <head>
        <title>5</title>
        <abbr>5</abbr>
      </head>
      <p xml:id="d005l1" n="0|1">
        <w xml:id="d005w600">MENALCAS</w>
      </p>
      <l xml:id="d005l2" n="1">
        <w xml:id="d005w1">Cur</w>
        <w xml:id="d005w2">non,</w>
        <w xml:id="d005w3">Mopse,</w>
        <w xml:id="d005w4">boni</w>
```

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```
<l xml:id="d00112" n="1">
  <s>
    <w lemma="Tityre," pos="UPosTag=ADV">Tityre,</w>
    <w lemma="tu" pos="UPosTag=PRON|Case=Nom|Gender=Masc|Number=Sing">tu</w>
    <w lemma="patula" pos="UPosTag=NOUN|Case=Gen|Gender=Fem|Number=Sing">patulae</w>
    <w lemma="recubo" pos="UPosTag=VERB|Case=Nom|Gender=Masc|Number=Sing|Tense=Pres|VerbForm=Part">recubans</w>
    <w lemma="sub" pos="UPosTag=ADP">sub</w>
    <w lemma="tegmen" pos="UPosTag=NOUN|Case=Abl|Gender=Neut|Number=Sing">tegmine</w>
    <w lemma="fago" pos="UPosTag=VERB|Aspect=Perf|Mood=Ind|Number=Sing|Person=1|Tense=Past|VerbForm=Fin|Voice=Act">fagi</w>
  </s>
</l>
<l xml:id="d00113" n="2">
  <s>
    <w lemma="siluester" pos="UPosTag=NOUN|Case=Acc|Gender=Fem|Number=Sing">siluestrem</w>
    <w lemma="teneo" pos="UPosTag=VERB|Aspect=Perf|Mood=Ind|Number=Sing|Person=1|Tense=Past|VerbForm=Fin|Voice=Act">tenui</w>
    <w lemma="musa" pos="UPosTag=NOUN|Case=Acc|Gender=Fem|Number=Sing">musam</w>
    <w lemma="meditaris" pos="UPosTag=ADJ|Case=Gen|Gender=Fem|Number=Sing">meditaris</w>
    <w lemma="auena:" pos="UPosTag=PUNCT">auena:</w>
  </s>
</l>
<l xml:id="d00114" n="3">
  <s>
    <w lemma="nos" pos="UPosTag=PRON|Case=Nom|Gender=Masc|Number=Plur">nos</w>
    <w lemma="patria" pos="UPosTag=NOUN|Case=Gen|Gender=Fem|Number=Sing">patriae</w>
    <w lemma="finis" pos="UPosTag=NOUN|Case=Gen|Gender=Masc|Number=Sing">finis</w>
    <w lemma="et" pos="UPosTag=CCONJ">et</w>
    <w lemma="dulcis" pos="UPosTag=NOUN|Case=Abl|Gender=Fem|Number=Sing">dulcia</w>
    <w lemma="linquo" pos="UPosTag=VERB|Mood=Ind|Number=Plur|Person=1|Tense=Pres|VerbForm=Fin|Voice=Act">linquimus</w>
    <w lemma="aruauintus" pos="UPosTag=NOUN|Case=Abl|Gender=Masc|Number=Sing">aruau.</w>
  </s>
</l>
```

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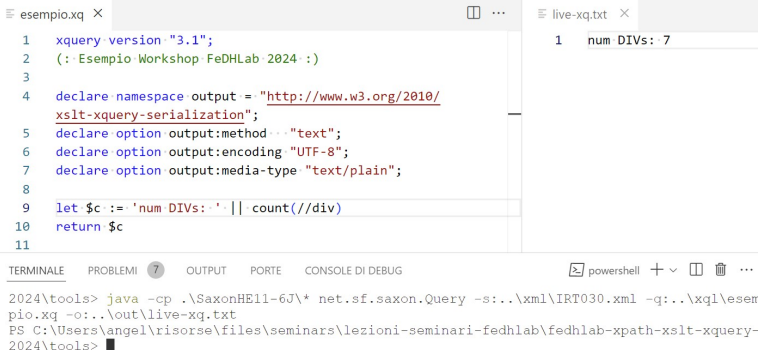
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The screenshot shows an IDE with two tabs: `esempio.xq` and `live-xq.txt`. The `esempio.xq` tab contains the following XQuery code:

```
1 xquery-version "3.1";
2 (: Esemplio Workshop FeDHLab 2024 :)
3
4 declare namespace output = "http://www.w3.org/2010/
  xslt-xquery-serialization";
5 declare option output:method "text";
6 declare option output:encoding "UTF-8";
7 declare option output:media-type "text/plain";
8
9 let $c := 'num-DIVs: ' || count(/div)
10 return $c
11
```

The `live-xq.txt` tab shows the output of the query:

```
1 num-DIVs: 7
```

Below the code editor, the `TERMINALE` (Terminal) tab is active, showing the command used to execute the query:

```
2024\tools> java -cp .\SaxonHE11-6J\* net.sf.saxon.Query -s:..\xml\IRT030.xml -q:..\xql\esempio.xq -o:..\out\live-xq.txt
PS C:\Users\angel\risorse\files\seminars\lezioni-seminari-fedhlab\fedhlab-xpath-xslt-xquery-2024\tools>
```

```
java -cp .\SaxonHE11-6J\* net.sf.saxon.Query
```

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Example one

```
4 declare namespace output = "http://www.w3.org/2010/xslt-xquery-serialization";
5 declare option output:method "html";
6 declare option output:encoding "UTF-8";
7 declare option output:media-type "text/html";
8
9
10 let $doc := doc('./xml/switchboard.clarin.eu-step9.xml')
11 let $words := $doc//w[lower-case(@lemma)="musa"]
12 for $w in $words
13 return <p><b>{string($w/@lemma)} </b><i style="padding-left:1em"> {string($w)}</i></p>
14
```


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Example two

```
4 declare namespace output = "http://www.w3.org/2010/xslt-xquery-serialization";
5 declare option output:method "xml";
6 declare option output:encoding "UTF-8";
7 declare option output:media-type "text/xml";
8
9 let $doc := doc('./xml/switchboard.clarin.eu-step9.xml')
10 let $lemmata := distinct-values ($doc//w/@lemma)
11
12 return
13   <lemmata n="{count($lemmata)}">{
14     for $l in $lemmata
15     return
16       <lemma value="{ $l }">{
17         for $form in distinct-values ($doc//w[@lemma=$l])
18         return
19           <form value="{data($form)}" />
20       }
21     }</lemmata>
22 }
23 </lemmata>
```

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Example three

```
4 declare namespace output = "http://www.w3.org/2010/xslt-xquery-serialization";
5 declare option output:method "html";
6 declare option output:encoding "UTF-8";
7 declare option output:media-type "text/html";
8
9 let $doc := doc('./xml/switchboard.clarin.eu-step9.xml')
10 let $words := $doc//w
11 for $w in $words
12 group by $l := $w/@lemma
13 order by count($w) descending
14 - return <ul>{
15   for $p in distinct-values($w)
16   return <li><b>{$p}</b><i style="padding-left:1em">{string($w[1]/@lemma)}</i> ({count($w)})</li>
17 }</ul>
```

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Example four

```
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6 declare option output:encoding "UTF-8";
7 declare option output:media-type "text/plain";
8
9 let $doc := doc('./xml/switchboard.clarin.eu-step9.xml')
10 for $word in $doc//w
11 let $lemma := $word/@lemma
12 where lower-case($lemma) = "miser"
13 let $eclo := data($word/ancestor::div1/descendant::head/descendant::title)
14 let $verso := data($word/ancestor::l/@n)
15 return concat(string($word), " in ", normalize-space($eclo), " ecloga ", $verso, " verso", "&#xa;")
```

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Example five

```
4 declare namespace output = "http://www.w3.org/2010/xslt-xquery-serialization";
5 declare option output:method "html";
6 declare option output:encoding "UTF-8";
7 declare option output:media-type "text/html";
8
9 let $doc := doc('./xml/switchboard.clarin.eu-step9.xml')
10 let $words := $doc//w[ft:query(@lemma,"miser~0.5")]
11 for $w at $idx in $words
12 return <li style="list-style-type:none">
13     <span style="font-weight:bold">{$idx}</span>
14     <span style="padding-left:1em">{string($w/@lemma)}</span>
15     <span style="font-style:italic; padding-left:1em">({string($w)})</span>
16 </li>
```

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10 let $words := $doc//w[ft:query(@lemma,"miser~0.5")]
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12 return <li style="list-style-type:none">
13     <span style="font-weight:bold">{$idx}</span>
14     <span style="padding-left:1em">{string($w/@lemma)}</span>
15     <span style="font-style:italic; padding-left:1em">{string($w)}</span>
16 </li>
```

/db/apps/clarin-siena-2024/esempio5.xq

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```
1 <li style="list-style-type:none">
  <span style="font-weight:bold">1</span>
  <span style="padding-left:1em">miror</span>
  <span style="font-style:italic; padding-left:1em">(miror)</span>
</li>
2 <li style="list-style-type:none">
  <span style="font-weight:bold">2</span>
  <span style="padding-left:1em">mis</span>
  <span style="font-style:italic; padding-left:1em">(mea)</span>
</li>
```

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Example XSLT transformation with XQuery

```
4 declare option output:encoding
  "UTF-8";
5 declare option output:media-type
  "text/xml";
6
7 let $result := transform(map
  { "stylesheet-node": doc('../xsl/
    add-license.xsl'), "source-node": doc
    ('../xml/DeVulgariEloquentia.xml'),
    "stylesheet-params": map {
8     QName('','user'): 'ANGELO'
9   }}
10
11 return $result?output
```

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <!--De vulgari eloquentia-->
3 <TEI xmlns="http://www.tei-c.org/ns/1.0">
4   <teiHeader>
5     <fileDesc>
6 >     <titleStmt> ...
13     </titleStmt>
14     <editionStmt>
15       <edition
16         n="CLARIN">CLARIN
17         EDITION</edition>
18       <respStmt>
19         <resp>Adapted by</
19         resp>
19         <name>ANGELO</name>
19       </respStmt>
```

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```
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transform.xq -o:..\out\live-xq.xml
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xslt-xquery-2024\tools> █
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