

Apache Xalan-J's, XSLT 3.0 specification implementation status (as of, 2024-05-20)

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(1) XSLT 3.0 & XPath 3.1

Following are details of "Xalan-J, XSL 3.0 family of languages" features, whose working implementation is available on Xalan-J XSLT 3.0 dev repos branch 'xalan-j_xslt3.0' (ref, https://github.com/apache/xalan-java/tree/xalan-j_xslt3.0).

(1.1) XSLT 3.0 features

XSLT 3.0 language home page : <https://www.w3.org/TR/xslt-30/>

- 1) xsl:for-each-group instruction
- 2) xsl:analyze-string instruction
- 3) xsl:iterate instruction
- 4) xsl:for-each instruction implementation is modified, to handle few XSLT 3.0 requirements.
- 5) xsl:function instruction
- 6) xsl:sequence instruction
- 7) xsl:attribute element can now have "select" attribute as well in addition to mutually exclusive child content as well, as specified by XSLT 3.0 spec.
- 8) xsl:import-schema instruction

Currently, the XML Schema simple types imported via xsl:import-schema instruction within an XSLT stylesheet, can be used with "as" attribute of XSLT xsl:variable elements to enforce schema type constraints on xsl:variable data contents.

- 9) xsl:variable instruction evaluation to node set instead of result tree fragment (RTF). This is a XSLT spec change first introduced within XSLT 2.0 language, as compared to XSLT 1.0.
- 10) The sequence type expression "as" attribute on XSLT elements xsl:variable, xsl:template, xsl:function, xsl:param, xsl:with-param.
- 11) Function implementations
 - a) New function implementations : fn:current-grouping-key, fn:current-group, fn:regex-group
 - b) Function implementation enhancements : fn:system-property

(1.2) XPath 3.1 expression language features

XPath 3.1 language home page : <https://www.w3.org/TR/xpath-31/>

- 1) Range "to" expression
- 2) Value comparison operators eq, ne, lt, le, gt, ge
- 3) Function item "inline function expression"
- 4) Dynamic function calls
- 5) "if" expression
- 6) "for" expression
- 7) Quantified expressions 'some', 'every'
- 8) "let" expression
- 9) Sequence constructor expression, using comma operator

For e.g, XPath expressions like (1, 2, 3) etc.

- 10) String concatenation operator "||"
- 11) Node comparison operators "is", "<<", ">>"
- 12) Simple map operator "!"
- 13) 'instance of' expression

14) Implementation of various new XML Schema built-in data types for use within XSLT 3.0 stylesheets and XPath 3.1 expressions. Implementation of, XPath constructor function calls (for e.g, `xs:string('hello')`, `xs:date('2005-10-07')` etc) for these supported XML Schema data types.

Currently, following XML Schema built-in data types are supported (depicted with XML Schema data type and subtype hierarchy as specified by “W3C XML Schema” data types specification), for this work :

```
xs:anyType
  xs:anySimpleType
    xs:anyAtomicType
      xs:anyURI
      xs:boolean
      xs:date
      xs:dateTime
      xs:decimal
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- xs:integer
- xs:long
- xs:int
- xs:double
- xs:duration
 - xs:dayTimeDuration
 - xs:yearMonthDuration
- xs:float
- xs:QName
- xs:string
 - xs:normalizedString
 - xs:token
 - xs:Name
 - xs:NCName
- xs:time

In addition to above mentioned XML Schema built-in data types, an XML Schema type `xs:untyped` specified by XPath 3.1 specification has also been implemented.

15) Collation support

As specified by XPath 3.1 F&O spec, following collation implementations are supported,

- a) The Unicode Codepoint Collation
- b) The Unicode Collation Algorithm

Support for following collation uri query parameters is available : 'fallback', 'lang', 'strength'

For the collation's query "lang" parameter, all languages as those supported by Java's 'java.util.Locale' class are available within Xalan-J's XSLT 3.0 implementation (ref, <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Locale.html>).

For the collation's query "strength" parameter, following values are supported : 'primary', 'secondary', 'tertiary', 'identical'.

- c) The HTML ASCII Case-Insensitive Collation

16) Sequence type expressions

17) Map constructor expressions

- 18) Array constructor expressions
 - > Square array constructor

(1.3) XPath 3.1 functions

XPath 3.1 F&O home page : <https://www.w3.org/TR/xpath-functions-31/>

Implementation of built-in functions namespace uri : <http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions>

Implementation of built-in math functions namespace uri : <http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions/math>

1) String functions that use regular expressions

fn:matches
fn:replace
fn:tokenize

2) Functions on numeric values

fn:abs
fn:round (implementation of an optional second argument, that's used to specify 'precision')

3) Functions giving access to external information

fn:doc
fn:unparsed-text

4) Functions on strings

fn:string-join
fn:upper-case
fn:lower-case
fn:codepoints-to-string
fn:string-to-codepoints
fn:compare (with support for collation argument)
fn:codepoint-equal
fn:contains-token (with support for collation argument)

5) Context functions

fn:current-dateTime
fn:current-date
fn:current-time
fn:implicit-timezone
fn:default-collation

6) Functions that compare values in sequences

fn:distinct-values (with support for collation argument)
fn:index-of (with support for collation argument)
fn:deep-equal (with support for collation argument)

7) Mathematical trigonometric and exponential functions

math:pi

math:exp
math:exp10
math:log
math:log10
math:pow
math:sqrt
math:sin
math:cos
math:tan
math:asin
math:acos
math:atan
math:atan2

8) Component extraction functions on durations

fn:years-from-duration
fn:months-from-duration
fn:days-from-duration
fn:hours-from-duration
fn:minutes-from-duration
fn:seconds-from-duration

9) Constructing xs:dateTime value

fn:dateTime

10) Component extraction functions on dates and times

fn:year-from-dateTime
fn:month-from-dateTime
fn:day-from-dateTime
fn:hours-from-dateTime
fn:minutes-from-dateTime
fn:seconds-from-dateTime
fn:timezone-from-dateTime
fn:year-from-date
fn:month-from-date
fn:day-from-date
fn:timezone-from-date
fn:hours-from-time
fn:minutes-from-time
fn:seconds-from-time
fn:timezone-from-time

11) Built-in higher-order functions

fn:for-each
fn:filter

fn:fold-left
fn:fold-right
fn:for-each-pair
fn:sort (with support for collation argument)

12) Functions on sequences

12.1 General functions on sequences

fn:empty
fn:exists
fn:head
fn:tail
fn:insert-before
fn:remove
fn:reverse
fn:subsequence
fn:unordered

12.2 Aggregate functions

fn:avg
fn:max
fn:min

13) Parsing and serializing

fn:parse-xml
fn:parse-xml-fragment

14) Accessors

fn:node-name
fn:data
fn:base-uri
fn:document-uri

15) Functions related to QNames

fn:resolve-QName
fn:QName

16) Functions related to maps

map:size
map:keys
map:contains
map:get
map:put
map:entry

17) Functions related to arrays

array:size

array:get

array:put

Other than the above mentioned newly implemented XPath 3.1 functions, all the functions that are already available within XPath 1.0 (all of them are common with XPath 3.1 function library as well) are available within Xalan-J's XPath 3.1 implementation as well.

Please refer to the web link <https://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xpath-19991116/> (section “4 Core Function Library”), for XPath 1.0 functions that shall work with Xalan-J's XSLT 3.0 implementation as well.

(2) Xalan-J XSLT 3.0 software test suite

For the Xalan-J XSLT 3.0 implementation described within this document, a working software test suite is available at the location : https://github.com/apache/xalan-java/tree/xalan-j_xslt3.0/tests.

Apache Xalan-J home page : <https://xalan.apache.org/xalan-j/>