# XML::XPath::Literal(3pm)

#### **NAME**

XML::XPath::Literal – Simple string values.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

In XPath terms a Literal is what we know as a string.

#### **API**

## new(\$string)

Create a new Literal object with the value in \$string. Note that " and ' will be converted to " and 'respectively. That is not part of the XPath specification, but I consider it useful. Note though that you have to go to extraordinary lengths in an XML template file (be it XSLT or whatever) to make use of this:

<xsl:value-of select="&quot;I'm feeling &amp;quot;sad&amp;quot;&quot;"/>

Which produces a Literal of:

I'm feeling "sad"

#### value()

Also overloaded as stringification, simply returns the literal string value.

### cmp(\$literal)

Returns the equivalent of perl's cmp operator against the given \$literal.