XQuery: XML from Data to Query

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- Assignment 2: Group assignment
 - Releasing in Week 9
 - Based on XQuery and XSLT
 - Using the Saxonb8-9j software

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Coverage (Weeks 8 & 9)

- Introduction to XQuery
- XQuery Type systems
- XQuery FLOWR Expressionsfor, let, order by, where, return
- **♦**XQuery Advanced Concepts
- XQuery Aggregates
- ◆SQL and XQuery side-by-side
- ◆XML from/to Relational data
- Data Integration

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Introduction to XQuery

- Simple examples
- Basic ideas
- XPath vs. XQuery
- ♦ Value expression

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XML Example users.xml <?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?> <userid>U04</userid> <users> <name>Roger Smith</name> <user_tuple> <rating>C</rating> <userid>U01</userid> </user_tuple> <user_tuple> <name>Tom Jones</name> <rating>B</rating> <userid>U05</userid> <name>Jack Sprat</name> </user tuple> <user_tuple> <rating>B</rating> <userid>U02</userid> </user_tuple> <name>Mary Doe</name> <user tuple> <rating>A</rating> <userid>U06</userid> </user_tuple> <name>Rip Van Winkle</name> <rating>B</rating> <user tuple> <userid>U03</userid> </user_tuple> <name>Dee Linq</name> <rating>D</rating>

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XQuery Example 1
• Query 1: Return users with the rating of 'A' (in a particular format).
let $users := doc("users.xml")
<Result>
  for $u in $users/users/user_tuple
  where ($u/rating='A')
  return
                                 <Result>
   <User>
    {$u/userid,
                                     <User>
                                         <userid>U02</userid>
        $u/name
        $u/rating}
                                          <name>Mary Doe</name>
   </User>
                                          <rating>A</rating>
                                     </User>
</Result>
                                 </Result>
```


Basic Ideas Of XQuery

- ◆Value expressions
- Sequences of values
- Use XPath expression to "navigate" on the XML tree, to get values or sequences of values
- Integrate information from multiple sources

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Why not XPath?

- XPath expressivity insufficient
 - no join queries (as in SQL)
 - no changes to the XML structure possible
 - no quantifiers (as in SQL)
 - no aggregation and functions (as in SQL)
- XQuery <u>extends XPath</u> to a query language that has power similar to SQL.

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XQuery Overview

- XQuery is an expression language.
 - Every statement evaluates to some result
 - let x := 5 let y := 6 return 10*x+y
 - Evaluates to 56
- Unlike Relation Algebra, with the relation as the sole datatype, XQuery has a subtle type system.

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XQuery Type System

- Some node types
- Nodes and expressions
- Operators
 - Comparison, Boolean and Set

The XQuery Type System

- Primitive Types or Atomic values
 - Number, boolean, strings, dates, times, durations, and XML types
- Nodes.
 - Seven kinds.
 - We'll only cover four, on next slide.

Some Node Types

- 1. Element Nodes
 - Described by !ELEMENT declarations in DTD's.
- 2. Attribute Nodes
 - described by !ATTLIST declarations in DTD's.
- 3. Text Nodes = #PCDATA.
- 4. Document Nodes represent files.
- 5. Processing Instruction
- 6. Comment
- 7. Function

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Nodes and Expressions

- ♦ Various functions to create or return nodes.
 - Doc function reads an XML file to which a query applies.
 - Form: doc("<file name>")
 - Example:
 - doc("http://www.lms.qut.edu.au/itb295/bib.xml")
 - We will use doc("bib.xml") throughout, but you must use the complete path to run a XQuery
- Element constructor creates a node in the return
 - <doc><par>Blah Blah</par></doc>

. .

Comparison Operators

- Use Fortran comparison operators to compare atomic values only.
 - eq, ne, gt, ge, lt, le.
- ◆Arithmetic operators: +, , *, div, mod.
 - Apply to any expressions that yield arithmetic or date/time values.

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Document Order

- Comparison by document order
 - < < and >>.
- **◆**Example:

\$b/book[@year=1994] << \$b/book[@year=1992]

is true iff the '1994' attribute appears before the '1992' attribute in the document \$b.

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Boolean Operators

- ◆ E₁ and E₂, E₁ or E₂, not(E), if (E₁) then E₂ else E₃ apply to any expressions.
- Example: not(3 eq 5 or 0) has value TRUE.
- Also: true() and false() are functions that return values TRUE and FALSE.

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Set Operators

- •union, intersect, except operate on sequences of nodes.
 - Meanings analogous to SQL.
 - Result eliminates duplicates.
 - Result appears in document order.

XQuery FLOWR Expressions

- Example Document "bib.xml"
- ◆Semantics of FLOWR expressions
- FLOWR vs XPath
- For clause
- ◆Let clause
- Attribute retrieval
- Grouping or Result Structuring

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Example XML Document: bib.xml

A Simple XQuery Example

Query 3: Return the author names of all books.

```
| let $b := doc("bib.xml") | return <result> {$b/bib/book/author} </result> | = | <result> <author><last>Stevens</last><first>W.</first></author><author><last>Stevens</last><first>W.</first></author><author><last>Abiteboul</last><first>Serge</first></author><author><last>Buneman</last>first>Peter</first></author><author><last>Suciu</last>first>Dan</first></author></result> | 22
```

FLWOR Expressions

- 1. One or more for and/or let clauses.
- 2. Then optional where and/or order by clauses.
- 3. A return clause.

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A FLWOR Query Example

 Query 4: Return the title, price and publisher for each book that is published after 1998. The output should be sorted according to the publishers name.

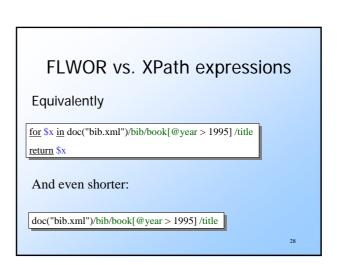
Query 5 Output

Semantics of FLWOR Expressions

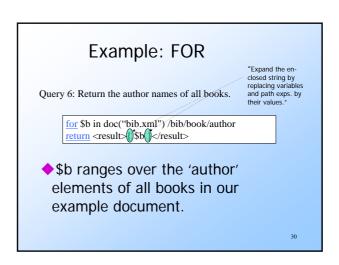
- Each for creates a loop.
 - let produces only a local definition.
- At each iteration of the nested loops, if any, evaluate the where clause.
- If the where clause returns TRUE, invoke the return clause, and append its value to the output.
- The order by clause defines an ordering of the result sequence.
 - With optional ascending or descending.

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FLWOR vs. XPath expressions Query 5: Find the book titles published after 1995. for \$x in doc("bib.xml")/bib/book where \$x/@year > '1995' return \$x/title Result: <title> Data on the Web </title> <title> The Economics of Technology and Content for Digital TV </title>



FOR Clauses for <variable> in <expression>, . . . Variables begin with \$. A for-variable takes on each item in the sequence denoted by the expression, in turn. Whatever follows this for is executed once for each value of the variable.



Result of Query 7 Result is a list of tagged authors, like <result><author><last>Stevens</last><first>W.</first></author></result> <result> <author><last>Stevens</last><first>W.</first></author></result> <esult> <author><last>Abiteboul</last><first>Serge</first></author></result> <esult> <author><last>Abiteboul</last><first>Peter</first></author></result> <esult> <author><last>Buneman</last><first>Peter</first></author></result> <esult> <author><last>Buneman</altor></first>Dan</first></author></first></author></result>

LET Clauses

let <variable> := <expression>, . . .

- Value of the variable becomes the sequence of items defined by the expression.
- Note let does not cause iteration; for does.

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Example: LET

Revisit Query 3

Is there any difference in result?

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FOR vs. LET

- ◆FOR \$x in expr -- binds \$x to each value in the list expr
 - Binds node variables → iteration
- ◆<u>LET</u> \$x = expr -- binds \$x to the entire list expr
 - Binds collection variables → one value
 - Useful for common subexpressions and for aggregations

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Attribute Retrieval

Query 7: Return the list of years of book publications.

for \$x in doc ("bib.xml")/bib/book/@year return <BookYears> { \$x } </BookYears>

- \$x ranges over the 'year' attributes of all books in our example document.
- Result is a list of tagged years, like

<BookYears year = "1994" />

<BookYears year = "1992" />

<BookYears year = "2000" />

<BookYears year = "1999" />

XQuery: Advanced Concepts

- ◆A simple example
- Grouping (Result Structuring)
- ◆Nesting (join)
- Sorting (order by)
- ◆Aggregates count, distinct, avg
- ♦ If-then-else
- Functions
- Universal and existential quantifiers

Result Structuring

Query 8: Find the book titles and their corresponding publication year:

```
for $x in doc("bib.xml")/ bib/book
return <answer>
            <title> { $x/title/text() } </title>
            <year> { $x/@year } </year>
        </answer>
```

Braces { } denote evaluation of enclosed expression

Query 8 Output

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
 <ariswer>
<title>TCP/IP Illustrated</title>
<year year="1994"/>
</answer>
<answer>
<title>Advanced Programming in the Unix environment</title>
<title>Advanced Programming i

year year="1992"/>

</answer>

<answer>

<atherisms of the Web</title>

year year="2000"/>

<answer>

<answer>
```

<ai>ditle>The Economics of Technology and Content for Digital TV</title><year year="1999"/></answer>

Result Structuring – text()

- Notice the use of text() in getting the value of title
- What is the result without it?

for \$x in doc("bib.xml")/ bib/book return <answer> <title>{ \$x/title/text() } </title> <year>{ x/@ year } </year> </answer>

Result Structuring - "{" and "}"

- ♦ Notice the use of "{" and "}"
- What is the result without them?

```
FOR $x IN document("bib.xml")/ bib/book
RETURN <answer>
            <title> $x/title/text() </title>
            <year> $x/year/text() </year>
          </answer>
```

Result Structure - Grouping

Query 9: Return a list of (author, title)

```
for $b in doc("bib.xml")/bib/book,
     $x in $b/title, $y in $b/author
return
 <answer>
        {$v}
       <title> { $x/text()} </title>
  </answer>
```

Result: <answer> <author> ..stevens.. </author> <title> TCP/IP... </title> <answer> <author> ..stevens </author> <title> Advanced... </title> </answer>

Result Structure: Grouping Query 10: For each author, return all titles of his books. Required Result: for \$b in doc("bib.xml")/bib, <author> ..stevens.. </author> <title> TCP/IP... </title> \$x in \$b/book/author <title> Advanced... </title> return /answer> <answer> <answer> <author> ..Abiteboul </author> { **\$x** } <title> Data... </title> {for \$y in \$b/book[author=\$x]/title return \$y} </answer>

```
Grouping: Result Structure
  Query 11: Eliminating duplicates
for $b in doc("bib.xml")/bib,
     $x in distinct-values ($b/book/author)
return
 <answer>
   <author> { $x } </author>
                                                Result:
   { for $y in $b/book[author=$x]/title
                                                  <author> StevensW </author>
<title> TCP/IP... </title>
    return $y }
                                                   <title> Advanced... </title>
 </answer>
                                                   <author> AbiteboulSerge </author
                                                   <title> Data... </title
                                                                    45
```

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XQuery Nesting: Output

Query 12 Result:

| cresult |
| cauthor |
| clast > Abiteboul < /last >
| clast > Buneman < /list >
| clast > Buneman | clast >
| clast > Buneman < /list >
| clast > Bun
```

```
Sorting in XQuery

◆ Query 13: List publishers in alphabetical order. No duplicates are allowed.

let $x := doc("bib.xml")//publisher
return
<publisher_list>
{
    for $p in distinct-values($x)
    order by $p
    return <publisher> {$p} </publisher>
}
</publisher_list>
```

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Aggregates

◆ count = a function that counts

◆ avg = computes the average

◆ sum = computes the sum

◆ distinct-values = eliminates duplicates
```

Aggregates: distinct-values

Query 17: Print authors who have published more than 1 book.

```
let $b := doc("bib.xml")/bib/book
for $a in distinct-values($b/author)
let $c := $b[author= $a]
where count($c)>1
return <author> { $a } </author>
```

\$c is a collection of elements, not a single element

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Aggregates: avg

Query 19: Find books with price larger than average:

```
let $b in doc("bib.xml")/bib
let $a:=avg($b/book/price/text())
for $x in $b/book
where $x/price/text() > $a
return $x
```

Use of text() - makes any difference?

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```
If-Then-Else

Query 20: Return the titles in a collection along with the details of the editors if the title is a journal otherwise the authors details.

| for $h in doc("collection.xml")/bib/collection order by $h/title return < holding>
| { $h/title, if $h/@type = "Journal" then return $h/editor else return $h/author } < holding>
```

Functions

Reverse(1 to 5)

```
♦ Note: (1 to 5) = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

Existential Quantifiers

Query 21: Return the titles in a book if the book has some paragraphs that contains the words "sailing" and "windsurfing".

```
FOR $b IN //book

WHERE SOME $p IN $b//para SATISFIES

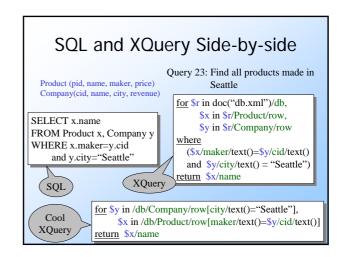
contains($p, "sailing")

AND contains($p, "windsurfing")

RETURN $b/title
```

Universal Quantifiers Query 22: Return the titles in a book if every paragraph of the book contains the words "sailing". FOR \$b IN //book WHERE EVERY \$p IN \$b//para SATISFIES contains(\$p, "sailing") RETURN \$b/title

SQL and XQuery side-by-side



```
SQL and XQuery Side-by-side
                                 Query 24: Find all product names
Product(pid, name, maker, price)
                                       and prices, and sort them
                                       by price.
SELECT x.name,
                     for $x in doc("db.xml")/db/Product/row
        x.price
                     order by $x/price
FROM Product x
                     return <answer>
ORDER BY x.price
                                { $x/name} {$x/price}
                            </answer>
 (SQL)
            ( XQuery )
```

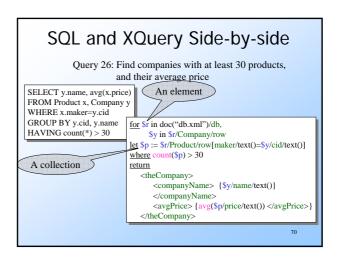
```
Producing a Well-Formed
Answer

<myQuery>
{     for $x in doc("db.xml")/db/Product/row
     order by $x/price
     return <answer>
        { $x/name} {$x/price}
     </answer>
    }
</myQuery>
```

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XQuery's Answer

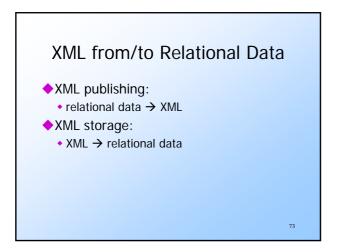
<myQuery>
<answer>
<name> abc </name>
<price> 7 </price>
</answer>
<answer>
<name> def </name>
<price> 23 </price>
</answer>
</myQuery>

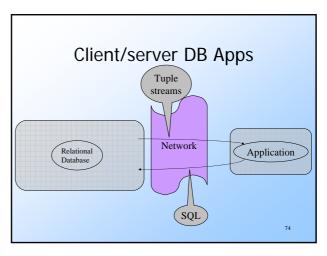
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```

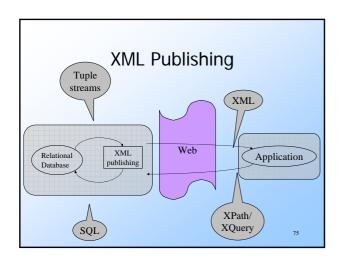


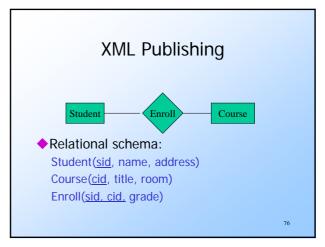
Summary of comparison If-then-else Universal and existential quantifiers Sorting Before and After for dealing with order in the input Filter deletes some edges in the result tree Recursive functions

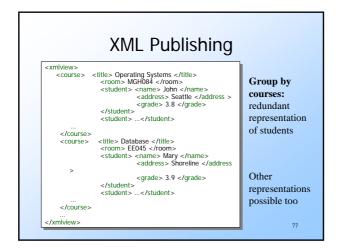
XML from/to Relational data XML publishing from relational data to its proprietary XML format

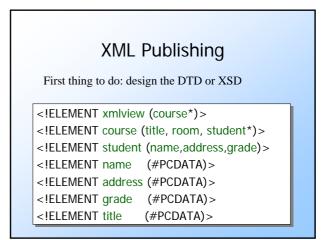




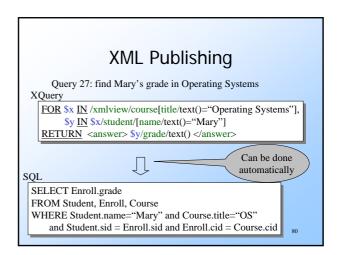








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Now we write an XQuery to export relational data → XML
Note: result is in the right DTD or XSD
{ for $x in /db/Course/row
 return
  <course>
     <title> { $x/title/text() } </title>
     <room> { $x/room/text() } </room>
     { \underline{\text{for }} \$y \underline{\text{in }}/\text{db/Enroll/row[cid/text()]} = \$x/\text{cid/text()]},
            $z in /db/Student/row[sid/text() = $y/sid/text()]
      <grade> { $y/grade/text() } </grade>
                </student>
  </course>
 /xmlview>
```



XML Publishing

How do we choose the output structure?

- Determined by agreement with partners/users
- Or dictated by committees
 - XML dialects (called applications) = DTDs
- XML Data is often nested, irregular, etc
- ◆No normal forms for XML

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Data Integration

- Integration of two data sources
 - Union and Grouping
 - Join and Nesting

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Integration of Two **Document/Database Sources**

- You are given two databases containing information about movies.
- The database A consists of Movie elements, with subelements Title (unique), Director (unique), and Actor (one or more).
- The database B consists of Actor elements, with subelements Movie that have attributes Title and Director.
- You define the schemas of A and B using XML Schema.
- ♦ Define in XQuery the mapping from B to A. Make sure of the
- There is a requirement that different movies have different titles. following
 - You don't end up with duplicate movies.
 - The set of actors for a movie is the union of the corresponding sets from A and B (duplicates eliminated).

Reference: Dr. Michalis Petropoulos- Data Integration Course notes

```
sourceA xsd

<
              <xs:sequence:
                   <xs:element name="movie" maxOccurs="unbounded">
                        <xs:complexType>
                              xs:sequence>
<xs:sequent name="title" type="xs:string"/>
<xs:element name="director" type="xs:string"/>
<xs:element name="actors">
                                       <xs:complexType>
<xs:sequence>
<xs:element name="actor" maxOccurs="unbounded"
      type="xs:string"/>
                                       </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
          </ks:element:
    </xs:sequence>
    </xs:sequence>
</ks:element>
    </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
element>
elements
```

```
integrated.xsd

</xml version="1.0"?>

<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">

<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">

<xs:selement name="sourceA">

<xs:complexType>

<xs:sequence>

<xs:sequence |

<xs:sequence |

<xs:sequence |

<xs:sequence |

<xs:sequence |

<xs:selement name="director" type="xs:string"/>

<xs:selement name="actors">

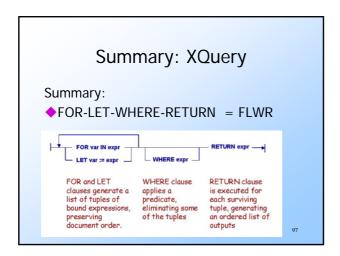
<xs:sequence |

<xs:sequ
```

```
sourceB.xml

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<sourceB xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="sourceB.xsd">
<actor>
<name>Actd</name>
<movies>
<movies> <tittle>MovieA</tittle> <director>DirA</director> </movie>
</movie>
</movie>>
</actor>
<actor>
<name>ActC</name>
<movies>
</actor>
<actor>
<name>ActC</name>
<movies>
<movi
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<integrated xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="integrated.xsd">
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Tutorial and Practicals

- ♦ Week 8 Practical
 - Making you familiarise with Saxon that will be used in completing assignment 2 tasks
- ♦ Week 9 Tutorial on XQuery
 - Question 1 to 4.
- ♦ Week 10 Tutorial on XQuery continues..
 - Questions 5 to 8.

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Reference or Reading Material There are numerous online resources of XQuery. Official XQuery Web site: http://www.was.org/18/xquery/. A complete reference of all the operators, built-in functions, and data types in XQuery 1.0 http://www.was.choole.gov An easy and concise tutorial of various features of XQuery.