

Lab 3 – DD1334 – XML, Xpath, Xquery

Important: You and your lab partner will be expected to be able to answer questions about your code and if you understand the results.

Goals: This lab focusses on some problems involving XML in a Data Science setting.

Before you start, please make sure you have read the relevant chapters of the book pertaining to XML/Xpath/Xquery that we have covered in the lectures.

Preparations:

We will work with the same fact based database as before, but this time using XML!

Download the sources:

<https://www.dbis.informatik.uni-goettingen.de/Mondial/mondial.dtd>

<https://www.dbis.informatik.uni-goettingen.de/Mondial/mondial.xml>

<https://www.dbis.informatik.uni-goettingen.de/Mondial/mondial.xsd>

If you work on u-shell, you can use the preinstalled program xqilla there, otherwise install it on your local system. Xqilla takes as input a Xquery file. Your answers should be saved as prepared query files for each question that you can demonstrate.

Example Xquery query.txt:

```
let $d:=doc("mondial.xml")
return $d/mondial/country/name
```

Example execution of xqilla in same directory as both query.xml and mondial.xml:

```
xqilla query.xml
<name>Albania</name>
<name>Greece</name>
<name>North Macedonia</name>
<name>Serbia</name>
<name>Montenegro</name>
<name>Kosovo</name>
<name>Andorra</name>
<name>France</name>
<name>Spain</name>
...
```

Questions

To develop an understanding of the data, start by reading the `mondial.dtd` file. Note that in all answers below, we do not care about whitespaces/newlines, so the results from `xqilla` may not be in exactly the same pretty formatting as shown. “...” indicates more data in the actual output.

a) Return a list of all mountains with type volcano. Result should look as follows:

```
<name>Hekla</name>
<name>Katla</name>
<name>Croscat</name>
<name>Vesuvio</name>
<name>Etna</name>
<name>Pico de Teide</name>
<name>Pico</name>
<name>Cabeço Gordo</name>
...
```

b) Return a list of all mountain names with type volcano that have a `mountains` tag indicating that they lie in Hawaii. Result looking as follows:

```
<name>Mauna Kea</name>
<name>Mauna Loa</name>
<name>Haleakala</name>
<name>Mauna Kamakou</name>
<name>Ka'ala</name>
<name>Kawaikini</name>
<name>Lānaīhale</name>
```

c) Return a list of mountains with height above 8000m formatted as follows and ordered by increasing height. Note, you need to convert height to float with `xs:float(...)`.

```
<bigmountain><height>8027 meters</height><name>Shishapangma</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8034 meters</height><name>Gasherbrum II</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8051 meters</height><name>Broad Peak</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8080 meters</height><name>Gasherbrum I</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8091 meters</height><name>Annapurna</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8125 meters</height><name>Nanga Parbat</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8163 meters</height><name>Manaslu</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8167 meters</height><name>Dhaulagiri</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8188 meters</height><name>Cho Oyu</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8485 meters</height><name>Makalu</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8516 meters</height><name>Lhotse</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8586 meters</height><name>Kangchendzonga</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8611 meters</height><name>K2</name></bigmountain>
<bigmountain><height>8848 meters</height><name>Mt. Everest</name></bigmountain>
```

d) Note that cities may have multiple name variations. Return an XML document of the following form listing all cities per country as well as the various alias names. Hint: recall that Xquery results can be nested, you can use multiple variable declarations and remember that the result of “return” is again a sequence of items. The result can be assigned to a variable as desired.

```
<mylist>
  <country name="Albania">
    <city id="cty-Albania-Tirane">
      <alias>Tirana</alias>
      <alias>Tirane</alias>
    </city>
    <city id="stadt-Shkoder-AL-AL">
      <alias>Shkodër</alias>
    </city>
    ...
  </country>
  <country name="Greece">
    <city id="cty-Greece-Komotini">
      ...
    </city>
    ...
  </country>
  ...
</mylist>
```

e) Return the number of cities available per country for those countries with more than 40 cities. For countries with more than 60 cities in the database, we add the tag `note="morethan60"`. The result should look like shown below. Note that the name attribute contains the name of the country.

```
<manycities><country name="France">41</country><country note="morethan60" name="Spain">65</country><country note="morethan60" name="Germany">85</country><country name="Italy">56</country><country name="Poland">41</country><country note="morethan60" name="Russia">171</country><country name="Romania">42</country><country note="morethan60" name="Turkey">88</country><country note="morethan60" name="United Kingdom">84</country><country note="morethan60" name="China">302</country><country name="Iran">50</country><country note="morethan60" name="India">99</country><country name="Indonesia">58</country><country note="morethan60" name="Japan">72</country><country note="morethan60" name="Mexico">83</country><country note="morethan60" name="United States">251</country><country name="Colombia">52</country><country note="morethan60" name="Brazil">210</country><country name="Nigeria">58</country></manycities>
```

f) Consider the file `newdata.xml`. Use Xquery to return a new xml document in the same format as `newdata.xml` which also adds the older population counts from `mondial.xml` for the cities in `newdata.xml`.