XSLT 4.0



Main Features

- Syntax additions to make code 'terser'
- Enhancements to the type system to allow more expressive constraints, especially for maps and atomic values.
- Additional functionality for processing arrays



Syntax additions — increasing XSLT code density

XSLT 3.0 code

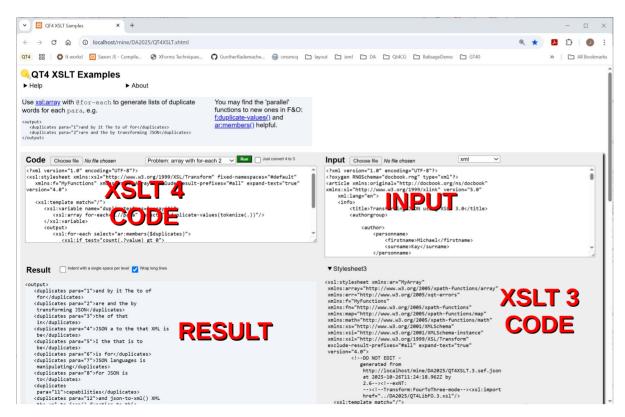
Terser XSLT 4.0 equivalent

These slide examples will be simple, possibly nonsensical or easier in direct XPath, but illustrative

```
<xsl:choose>
    <xsl:when test="$n lt $low" select="../below"/>
    <xsl:when test="$n gt $high" select="../above"/>
    <xsl:otherwise select="../within"/>
</xsl:choose>
```



XSLT workbench



SaxonJS only compiles/runs XSLT 3 and XPath 3.1

Solution:

Convert XSLT 4 to ~equivalent XSLT 3 for a number of new constructs, and run via **fn:transform()**

Only XSLT syntax is converted

- XPath expressions are not converted – XPath 4.0 syntax additions and new/modified functions not supported
- Some ~equivalent functions are provided in f: ar: and ma: namespaces



~Equivalent functions

Sequence position not supported in XPath 3.1

```
<xsl:sequence select="f:for-each(
   ('a','b','c'),
   function($x,$pos) {$x || string($pos)}
)"/>
```

'a1', 'b2', 'c3'

You may find the 'parallel' functions to new ones in F&O: f:duplicate-values() and ar:members() helpful.

Hints will be provided when such functions could be helpful; namespace prefixes are already bound in the stylesheet



Selection i

@select vs xsl:sequence[@select]

```
Similarly for:

xsl:map |

xsl:result-document |

xsl:matching-substring |

xsl:non-matching-substring
```

```
<xsl:choose>
    <xsl:when test="$n lt $low" select="../below"/>
    <xsl:when test="$n gt $high" select="../above"/>
    <xsl:otherwise select="../within"/>
</xsl:choose>
```



Selection ii

preserving formatted XPath expressions

Attribute value normalization



Selection iii preserving formatted XPath expressions



If @then @else



Enclosing Mode



Optional function parameters - i

```
<xsl:function name="f:inRange">
   <xsl:param name="n"/>
   <xsl:sequence select="f:inRange($n,0)"/>
</xsl:function>
<xsl:function name="f:inRange">
   <xsl:param name="n"/>
   <xsl:param name="low"/>
   <xsl:variable name="high">
      <xsl:call-template name="findLimit"/>
   </xsl:variable>
   <xsl:sequence select="f:inRange($n,$low,$high)"/>
</xsl:function>
<xsl:function name="f:inRange">
   <xsl:param name="n"/>
   <xsl:param name="low"/>
   <xsl:param name="high"/>
  <!-- Stuff -->
</xsl:function>
```



Optional function parameters - ii

```
<xsl:function name="f:inRange">
  <xsl:param name="n" as="element()"/>
  <xsl:param name="low" required="no" select="0"/>
  <xsl:param name="high" required="no">
      <xsl:call-template name="findLimit"/>
  </xsl:param>
  <!-- Stuff -->
</xsl:function>
```



Named Item Types

```
<xsl:param name="upscale" as="map(xs:string,function(xs:double) as xs:double)"/>
<xsl:param name="downscale" as="map(xs:string,function(xs:double) as xs:double)"/>
<xsl:variable name="converters" as="map(xs:string,function(xs:double) as xs:double)"
    select="map{
    'double': function ($x) {$x + $x},
    'quadruple': function ($x) {4 * $x}
    }""/>
```

```
<xsl:item-type name="f:converters"
    as="map(xs:string, function(xs:double) as xs:double)"/>

<xsl:param name="upscale" as="f:converters"/>
<xsl:param name="downscale" as="f:converters"/>
<xsl:variable name="converters" as="f:converters" select="
    map {
      'double': function ($x) {$x + $x},
      'quadruple': function ($x) {4 * $x}
    }
}"/>
```



Record Types, Constructors

```
<xsl:record-type name="f:complex" constructor="true">
   <xsl:field name="r" as="xs:double"/>
   <xsl:field name="i" as="xs:double" required="no" default="0"/>
</xsl:record-type>
<xsl:variable name="i" as="f:complex" select="f:complex(0, 1)"/>
<xsl:variable name="oneReal" as="f:complex" select="f:complex(1)"/>
 <xsl:record xsl:as="f:complex" r="$end?x - $start?x" i="$end?y - $start?y"</pre>
                 xsl:use-when="$use-records"/>
                                {'r': 15, 'i': 12}
  This is an exception - standard
```

attributes **must** be in **XSLT** namespace



Extension Instructions to call templates

```
<xsl:template name="f:report">
    <xsl:param name="code" as="xs:integer" required="yes"/>
    <xsl:param name="message" as="xs:string?"/>
    <report code="{$code}">{($message, 'Emergency')[1]}</report>
</xsl:template>

<xsl:call-template name="f:report">
    <xsl:with-param name="code" select="123"/>
    <xsl:with-param name="message" select="'All normal'"/>
</xsl:call-template>
```

```
... extension-element-prefixes="f"...
<xsl:template name="f:report"> ... </xsl:template/>
<f:report code="123" message="All normal"/>
<f:report code="999"/>
```

Example
Callable
extension call



Fixed namespaces

```
<xsl:stylesheet</pre>
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
   xmlns:array="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions/array"
   xmlns:err="http://www.w3.org/2005/xgt-errors"
   xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
   xmlns:map="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions/map"
   xmlns:math="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions/math"
   xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  version="3.0">
  <!-- Stuff -->
</xsl:stylesheet>
                                 <xsl:stvlesheet</pre>
                                    xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
                                    fixed-namespaces="#default"
                                    version="4.0"
                                    <!-- Stuff -->
                                 </xsl:stylesheet>
```



Separators

```
<xsl:apply-templates select="AUTHOR">
    <xsl:sort select="LAST-NAME"/>
    <xsl:sort select="FIRST-NAME"/>
</xsl:apply-templates>

<xsl:template match="AUTHOR">
    <!-- Stuff -->
    <xsl:if test="position() lt last()">
        <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
    </xsl:if>
</xsl:for-each>
```

```
<xsl:for-each select="AUTHOR">
    <xsl:sort select="LAST-NAME"/>
    <xsl:sort select="FIRST-NAME"/>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="."/>
    <xsl:if test="position() lt last()">
        <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
    </xsl:if>
</xsl:for-each>
```

```
<xsl:apply-templates select="AUTHOR" separator=", ">
    <xsl:sort select="LAST-NAME"/>
     <xsl:sort select="FIRST-NAME"/>
</xsl:apply-templates>
```

Similarly for: xsl:for-each



Switch

```
<xsl:switch select="$n">
    <xsl:when test="1, 2, 3, 4" select="../small"/>
    <xsl:when test="5 to 20" select="../medium"/>
    <xsl:otherwise select="../large"/>
</xsl:switch>
```



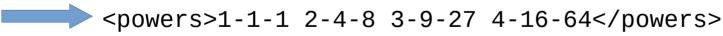
Grouping – split-when

Example Grouping split-when: line-wrap



xsl:array @for-each

```
<xsl:variable name="powers" as="array(*)">
    <xsl:array for-each="1 to 4" select="., . * ., . * . * ."/>
</xsl:variable>
<powers>{array:for-each($powers, string-join(?,'-'))}</powers>
```



Example
Array
array/@for-each
duplicate words



Development/documentation aid

```
<xsl:stylesheet xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"</pre>
  main-module="toplevel-uri.xsl" ...>
   <xsl:note role="description">
      This is a note <b>purely</b> for purposes outside XSLT. <br/>
       Think of it as a comment that can contain structured stuff.
   </xsl:note>
   <xsl:function name="t:temp">
      <xsl:note class="simple">It can appear anywhere as a child element
         and can have any attributes ...
      </xsl:note>
      <xsl:param name="a">
         <xsl:note continuation-of="previous::xsl:note[1]">
            ... and is totally ignored by XSLT for any
            syntactic or semantic purposes.</xsl:note>
      </xsl:param>
   </xsl:function>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```