



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.
- Type-based pattern matching
- Additional functionality for processing arrays
- Streaming split from the main specification



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Syntax additions – increasing XSLT code density

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

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 – i

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

The screenshot shows a web-based XSLT workbench. The top bar indicates 'QT4 XSLT Samples' and the URL is 'localhost/mine/DA2025/QT4XSLT.xhtml'. The main content area is titled 'QT4 XSLT Examples' and includes a 'Help' section with instructions on using `xsl:array` and `@for-each`. The 'Code' section contains XSLT 4.0 code, with a red 'XSLT 4 CODE' label overlaid. The 'Input' section shows an XML document, with a red 'INPUT' label overlaid. The 'Result' section displays the output, with a red 'RESULT' label overlaid. The 'XSLT 3 CODE' section shows the converted XSLT 3.0 code, with a red 'XSLT 3 CODE' label overlaid. The interface also includes a 'Run' button and a 'Just convert 4 to 3' checkbox.

XSLT workbench – ii

Syntax limitations

```
map{'a':1, 'b':2}
```

map keyword required
in 3, optional in 4

```
{'a':1, 'b':2}
```

```
function($x) {$x}
```

inline function keyword
must be **function** in 3,
can be **fn** in 4

```
fn($x) {$x}
```

```
if(a) then b  
else ()
```

if/then/else must be
complete in 3,
can use **{exp}** in 4

```
if(a) {b}
```



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XSLT workbench – iii

~Equivalent functions

```
fn:for-each($input as item()*,
            $action as fn(item(), xs:integer) as item()*)
as item()*
```

Sequence position
not supported in
XPath 3.1

```
<!--QT4FOLib - imported into the XSLT3 stylesheet-->
<xsl:function name="f:for-each" as="item()*">
  <xsl:param name="input" as="item()*"/>
  <xsl:param name="fn" as="function(*)"/>
  <xsl:sequence select="for-each-pair(
    $input,
    1 to count($input),
    $fn)"/>
</xsl:function>
```

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

→ 'a1', 'b2', 'c3'

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

You may find the
~equivalent functions
f:duplicate-values() and
ar:members() helpful.



Development/documentation aid

```
<xsl:stylesheet xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  main-module="toplevel-uri.xsl" ...>

  <xsl:note role="description">
    <p>This is a note <b>purely</b> for purposes outside XSLT. <br/>
    Think of it as a comment that can contain structured stuff.</p>
  </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>
```



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Selection i

@select vs xsl:sequence[@select]

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

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>
```




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Selection ii

preserving formatted XPath expressions

```
<xsl:function name="f:book-to-json" as="map(*)">
  <xsl:param name="book" as="element(book)">
    <xsl:sequence select="
      { 'title' : string($book/title),
        'author' : array { $book/author ! string() },
        'date' : let $d := $book/publication return
                    if(current-date() lt xs:date($d))
                    then $d else 'Don&apos;t release'
      }"/>
</xsl:function>
```

Attribute value
normalization



```
<xsl:function name="f:book-to-json" as="map(*)">
  <xsl:param name="book" as="element(book)">
    <xsl:sequence select="{ 'title' : string($book/title),
      'author' : array { $book/author ! string() }, 'date' : let
        $d := $book/publication return if(current-date() lt
        xs:date($d)) then $d else 'Don&apos;t release' }"/>
</xsl:function>
```

Selection iii

preserving formatted XPath expressions

```
<xsl:function name="f:book-to-json" as="map(*)">
  <xsl:param name="book" as="element(book)">
    <xsl:select>
      {
        'title'   : string($book/title),
        'author'  : array { $book/author ! string() },
        'date'    : let $d := $book/publication return
                     if(current-date() lt xs:date($d))
                     then $d else "Don't release"
      }
    </xsl:select>
  </xsl:function>
```



If @then @else

```
<xsl:choose>
  <xsl:when test="$n ge 0">
    <xsl:sequence select="1"/>
  </xsl:when>
  <xsl:otherwise>
    <xsl:sequence select="-1"/>
  </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
```

```
<xsl:if test="$n ge 0"
  then="1" else "-1"/>
```

```
<xsl:choose>
  <xsl:when test="$n ge $low and $n le $high">
    <xsl:apply-templates/>
  </xsl:when>
  <xsl:otherwise>
    <xsl:sequence select="
      error((), 'Outside limits')"/>
  </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
```

```
<xsl:if test="$n ge $low and $n le $high"
  else="error((), 'Outside limits')">
  <xsl:apply-templates/>
</xsl:if>
```



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Switch

```
<xsl:variable name="n" select="a"/>
<xsl:choose>
  <xsl:when test="$n = (1, 2, 3, 4)">
    <xsl:sequence select="../small"/>
  </xsl:when>
  <xsl:when test="$n = (5 to 20)">
    <xsl:sequence select="../medium"/>
  </xsl:when>
  <xsl:otherwise>
    <xsl:sequence select="../large"/>
  </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
```

```
<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>
```

Enclosing Mode

```
<xsl:mode name="M1" on-no-match="shallow-copy"/>
```

```
<xsl:template mode="M1" as="element(*)" match="p"/>
```

Lots of other stuff which makes finding all relevant matches difficult

```
<xsl:template mode="M1" as="element(*)" match="/">  
  <xsl:apply-templates mode="#current"/>  
</xsl:template>
```

Example
Mode
enclosing modes

mode=M1
for matching
& default mode
for application

```
<xsl:mode name="M1" as="element(*)"  
  on-no-match="shallow-copy">  
  <xsl:template match="p"/>  
  ...  
  <xsl:template match="/">  
    <xsl:apply-templates/>  
  </xsl:template>  
</xsl:mode>
```

```
<xsl:template match="*" mode="M1"/>
```

templates in this mode **must not**
appear elsewhere in the package

```
<xsl:template match="*" mode="#all"/>
```

only templates **inside the mode** are
applicable – even **#all** doesn't apply



Optional function parameters - i

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

```
<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>
```

Constructor function

```
<xsl:variable name="i" as="f:complex" select="f:complex(0, 1)"/>  
<xsl:variable name="oneReal" as="f:complex" select="f:complex(1)"/>
```

`$oneReal, $i`  `{'r': 0, 'i': 1}, {'r': 1, 'i': 0}`

Record Types - ii

```
<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>
```

Constructor instruction

```
<xsl:record r="$end?x - $start?x" i="$end?y - $start?y"/>
```

Expression evaluated
in current context

xs:NCName of key



{'r': 15, 'i': 12}

```
<xsl:record xsl:as="f:complex" r="$end?x - $start?x" i="$end?y - $start?y"
  xsl:use-when="$use-records"/>
```

This is an exception – standard attributes **must** be in **XSLT** namespace

Type-based pattern matching

```
<xsl:template match="
  [. instance of array(xs:date)] |
  [. instance of map(xs:string,*)]">
```

```
<xsl:template match="
  type(array(xs:date)) |
  type(map(xs:string,*))">
```

```
<xsl:template match="
  array(xs:date) |
  map(xs:string,*)">
```

```
record(first, last, *)[?location = 'UK']
```

matches a map with keys including **"first"** and **"last"**, and an entry **{"location": "UK"}**

```
array(record(first, last, *))[array:size(.) gt 0]
```

matches a non-empty array where every entry is a map with keys including **"first"** and **"last"**

```
jnode(books, array(record(Author, Title, *)))
```

matches any **JNode** of a map entry whose key is **"books"** and whose content is an array of records, each record having entries keyed **"Author"** and **"Title"** (with other entries also allowed)



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
  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/xqt-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:stylesheet
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  fixed-namespaces="#default"
  version="4.0"
  <!-- Stuff -->
</xsl:stylesheet>
```



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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>
```

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

Similarly for:
xsl:for-each

Grouping – split-when

Next item

Group so far

```
<xsl:for-each-group select="1 to 4, 5, 7 to 9, 10 to 12, 14, 15, 20 to 22"
  split-when="$next ne ($group[last()] + 1)">
  <a g="{current-group()}" />
</xsl:for-each-group>
```



```
<b g="1 2 3 4 5" />
<b g="7 8 9 10 11 12" />
<b g="14 15" />
<b g="20 21 22" />
```

Example
Grouping
split-when: line-wrap

xsl:array @for-each

```
<xsl:variable name="powers" select="
  let $parts := (1 to 4)!
  map{'value':(., . * ., . * . * .)}
  return
  array:for-each(array{$parts},
    function($a){$a?value})"/>
```

→

```
[ (1,1,1),
  (2,4,8),
  (3,9,27),
  (4,16,64) ]
```

```
<xsl:variable name="powers" as="array(*)">
  <xsl:array for-each="1 to 4" select="., . * ., . * . * ."/>
</xsl:variable>
```

```
<powers>{array:for-each($powers,string-join(?,'-'))}</powers>
```

→ `<powers>1-1-1 2-4-8 3-9-27 4-16-64</powers>`

Caution – proposed but not yet fully discussed/agreed

Example
Array
array/@for-each
duplicate words