

Hierarchical data formats: XPath, XSLT

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XML Path Language - XPath

XPath - example

```
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  <title xml:lang="en">My catalog</title>
  <title xml:lang="cs">Můj katalog</title>
  <description xml:lang="en">This is my dummy catalog</description>
  <description xml:lang="cs">Toto je můj falešný katalog</description>
  <contact-point>
    <name xml:lang="en">John Doe</name>
    <e-mail>mailto:john@doe.org</e-mail>
  </contact-point>
  <datasets>
    <dataset>
      <title xml:lang="en">Bikesharing in Brno</title>
      <title xml:lang="cs">Sdílení kol v Brně</title>
      <distributions>
        <distribution>
          <media-type>application/xml</media-type>
          <downloadURL>http://brno.cz/myfile.xml</downloadURL>
        </distribution>
        <distribution>
          <accessService>
            <endpointURL>https://brno.cz/myAPI</endpointURL>
            <title xml:lang="en">My API</title>
          </accessService>
        </distribution>
      </distributions>
    </dataset>
    <dataset>
      <title xml:lang="en">Bikesharing in Prague</title>
      <title xml:lang="cs">Sdílení kol v Praze</title>
      <distributions>
        <distribution>
          <title xml:lang="en">CSV</title>
          <media-type>text/csv</media-type>
          <downloadURL>http://praha.eu/myfile.csv</downloadURL>
        </distribution>
      </distributions>
    </dataset>
  </datasets>
</catalog>
```

/catalog/datasets/dataset/title

- Element: title
- Element: title
- Element: title
- Element: title

/catalog/datasets/dataset/title/text()

- Text: Bikesharing in Brno
- Text: Sdílení kol v Brně
- Text: Bikesharing in Prague
- Text: Sdílení kol v Praze

/catalog/datasets/dataset/title[@xml:lang="en"]/text()

- Text: Bikesharing in Brno
- Text: Bikesharing in Prague

XPath - specifications

- [XML Path Language \(XPath\) 1.0](#)
 - W3C Recommendation **1999**
 - what we will cover mostly
- [XML Path Language \(XPath\) 2.0 \(Second Edition\)](#)
 - W3C Recommendation **2010**
 - most widely implemented
- [XML Path Language \(XPath\) 3.1](#)
 - W3C Recommendation **2017**

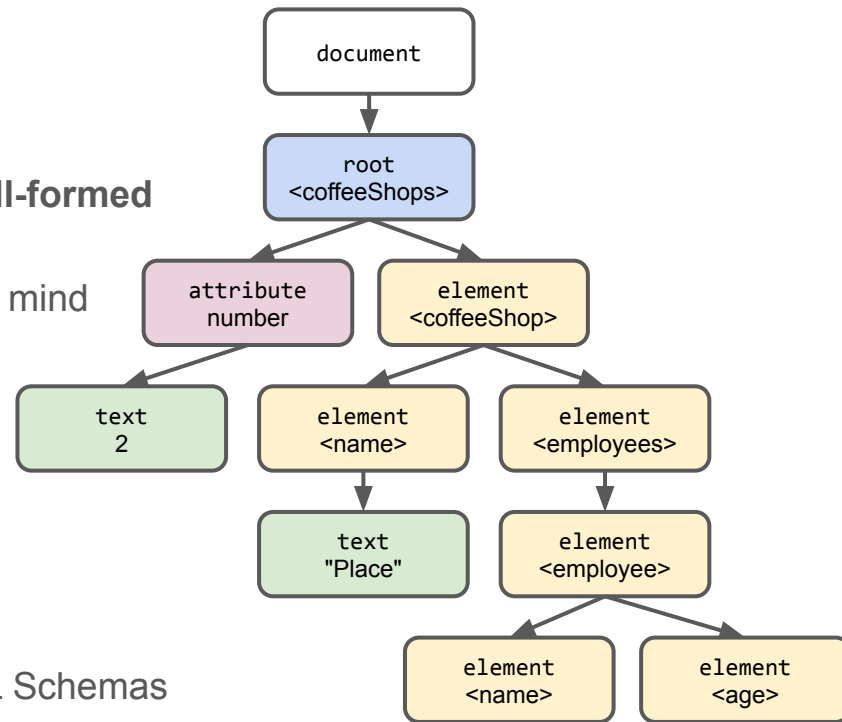
XML Infoset and XPath Data Model

[XML Information Set \(Second Edition\)](#)

- W3C Recommendation (Second Edition) **2004**
- Set of definitions for referring to information in **well-formed** XML documents
- Created with no particular processing language in mind

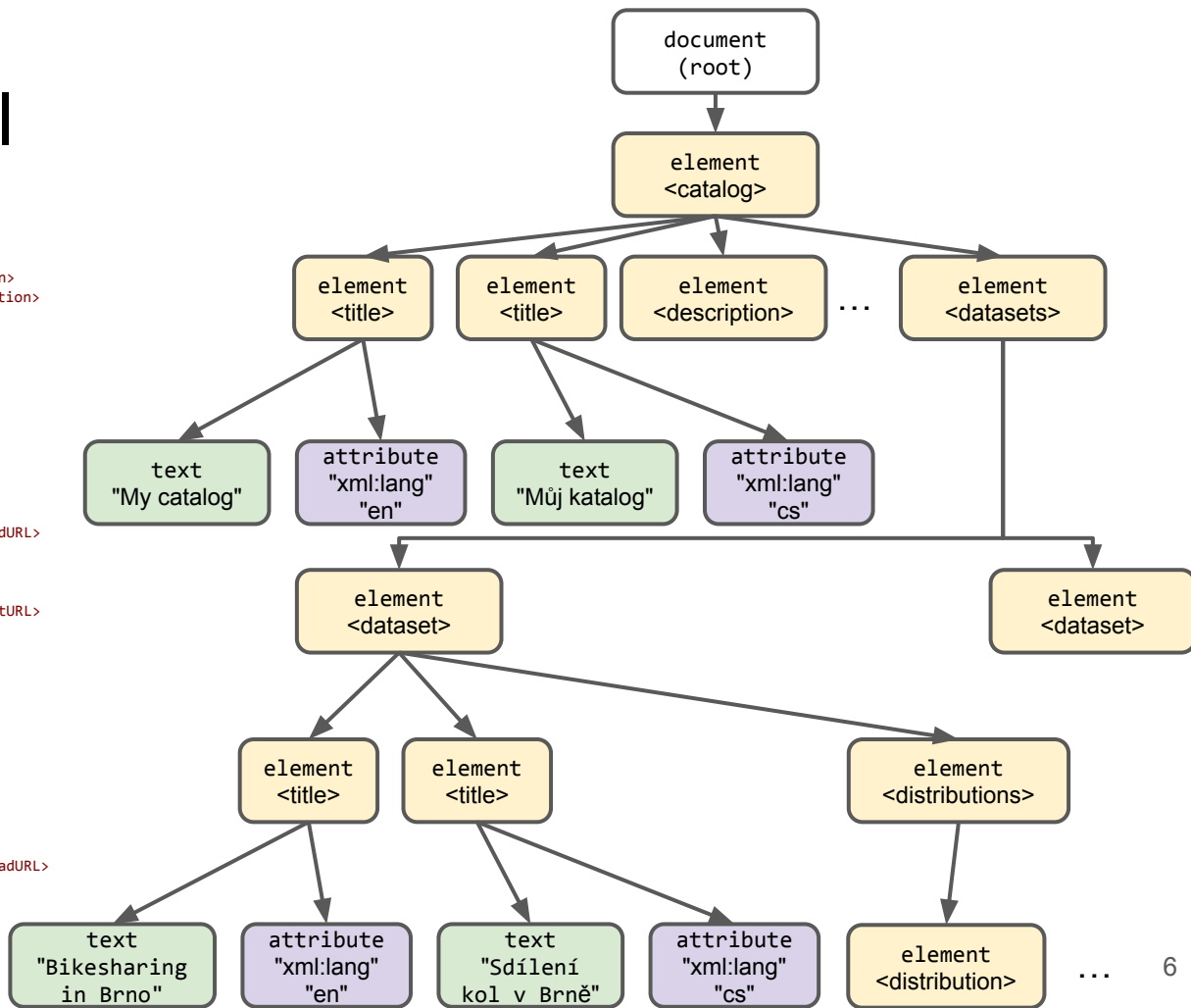
[XQuery and XPath Data Model 3.1](#)

- W3C Recommendation **2017**
 - For XPath 2.0 **2001**
- Based on XML Infoset
- Created for use in XPath, XSLT and XQuery
- Includes support for information coming from XML Schemas
 - e.g. types of text values



XPath Data Model

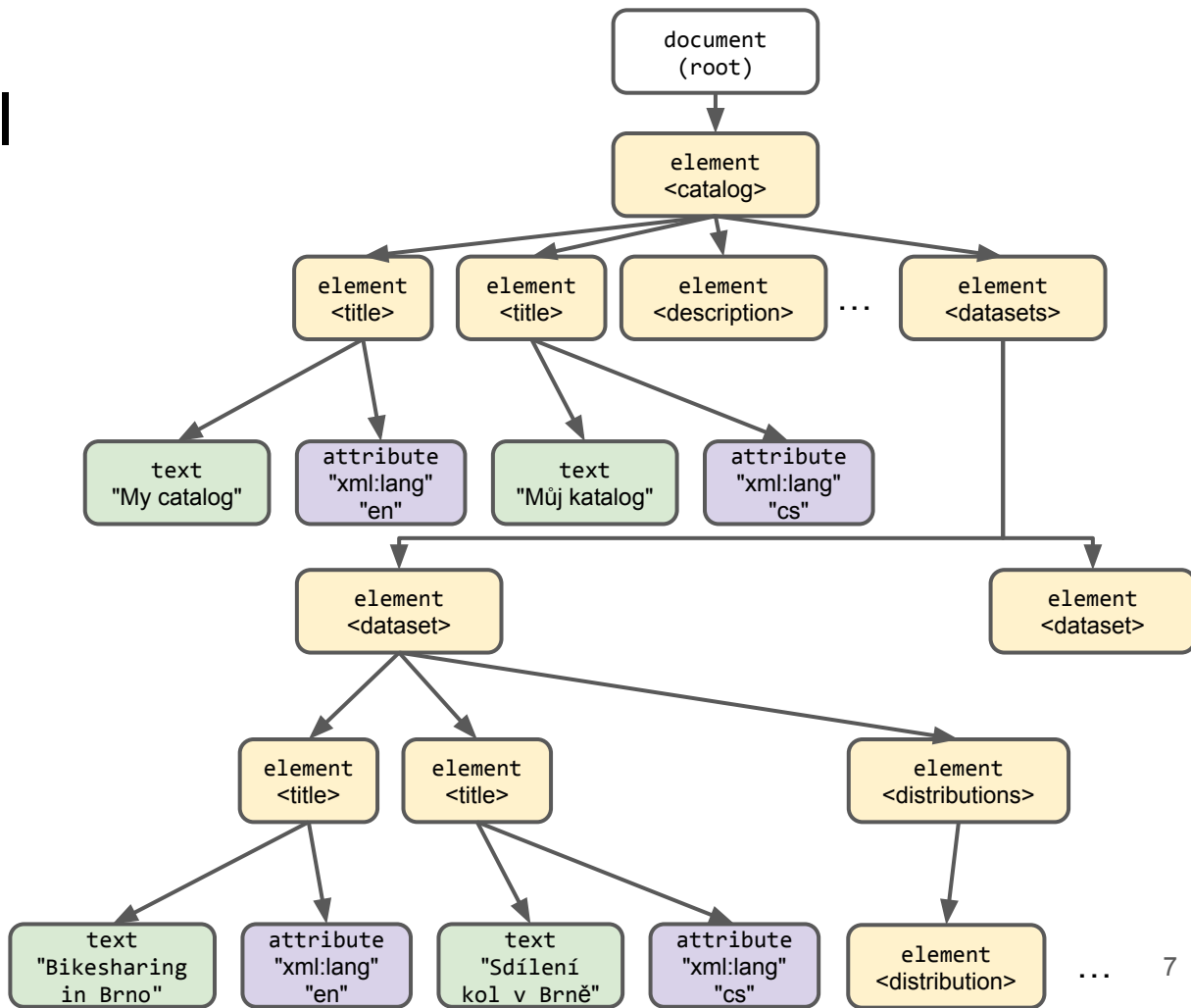
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```



XPath Data Model

XPath types of **nodes**

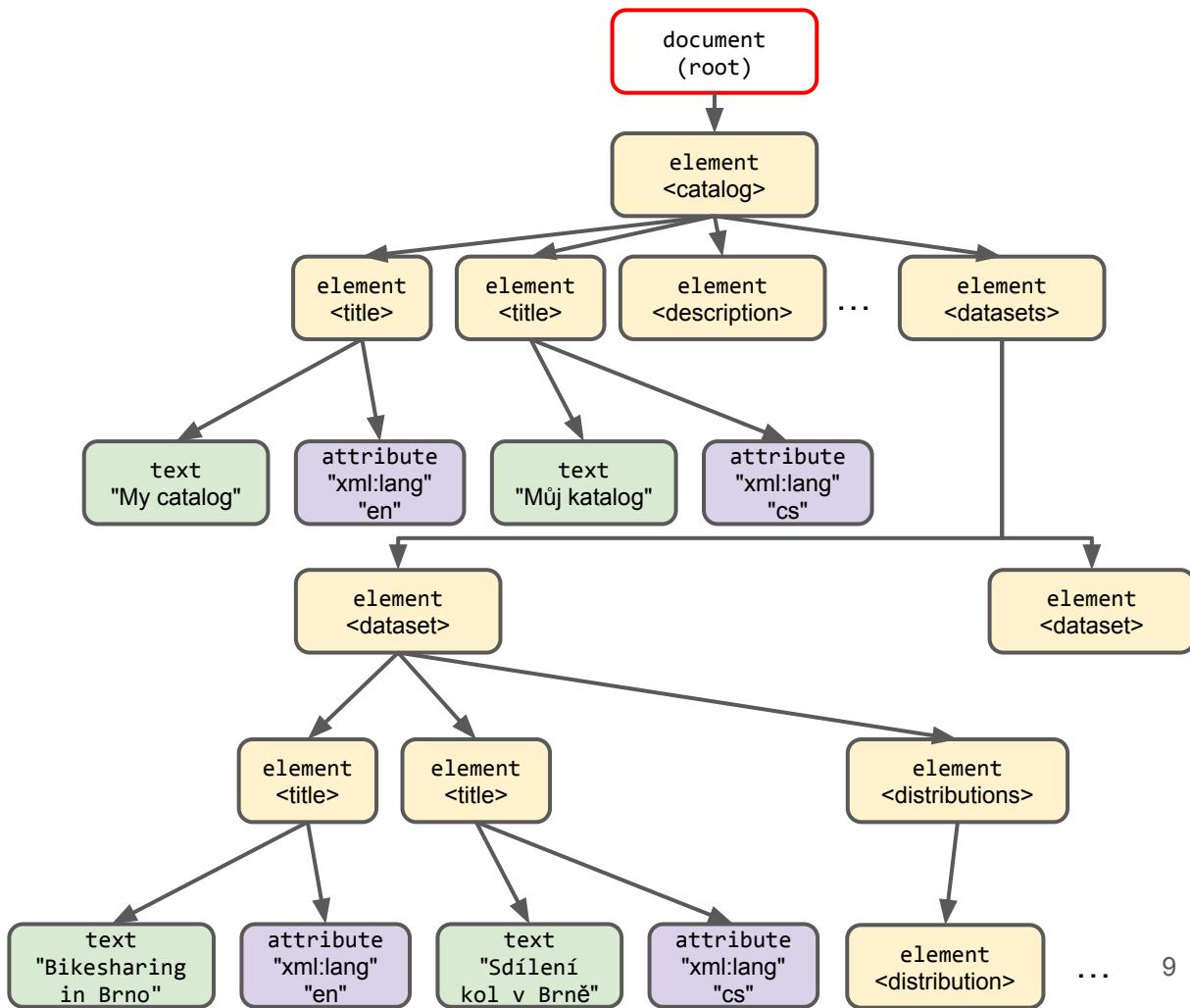
- document (root)
- element
- attribute
- text
- comment
- namespace
- processing instruction



XPath basic examples

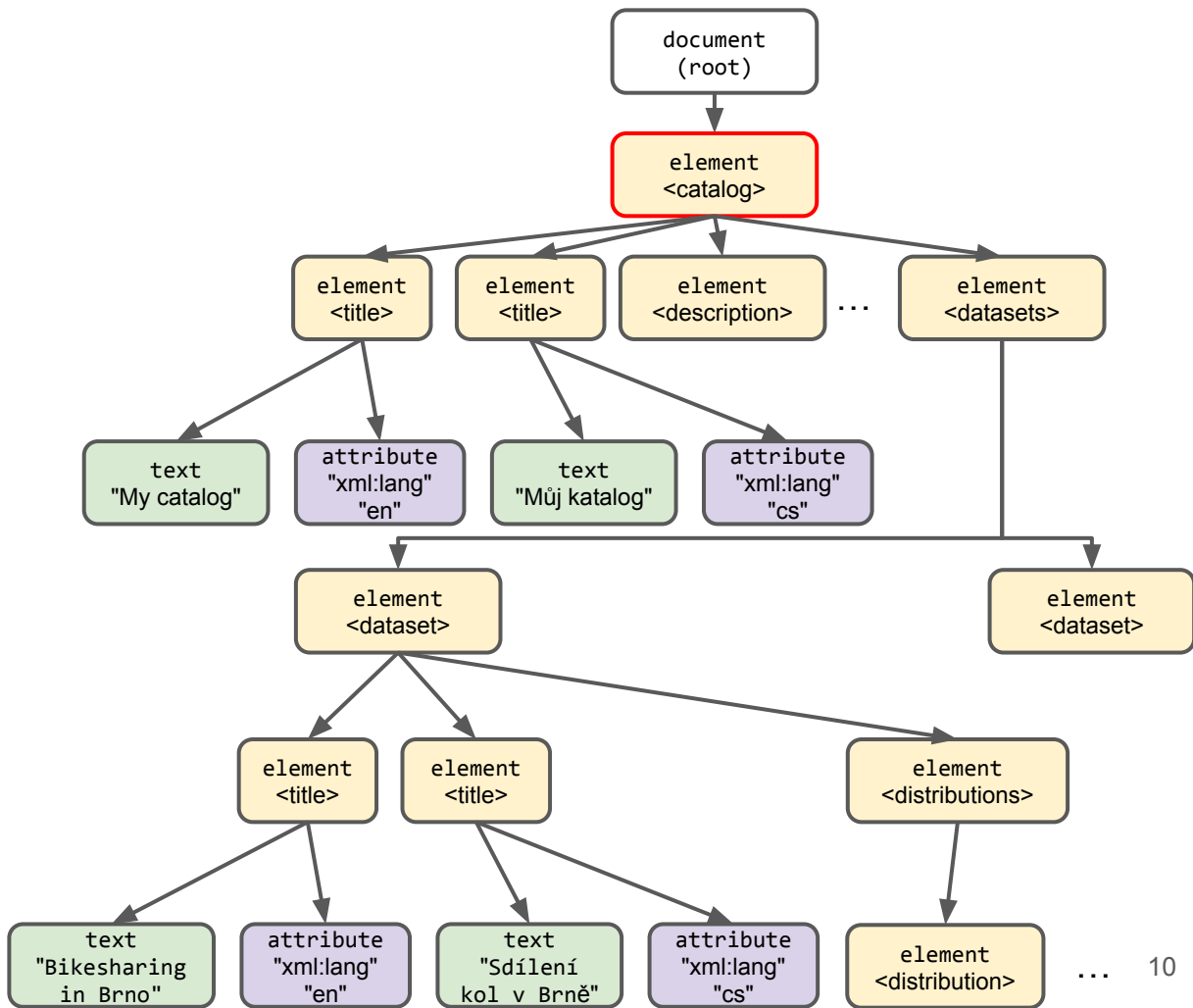
XPath - example

/



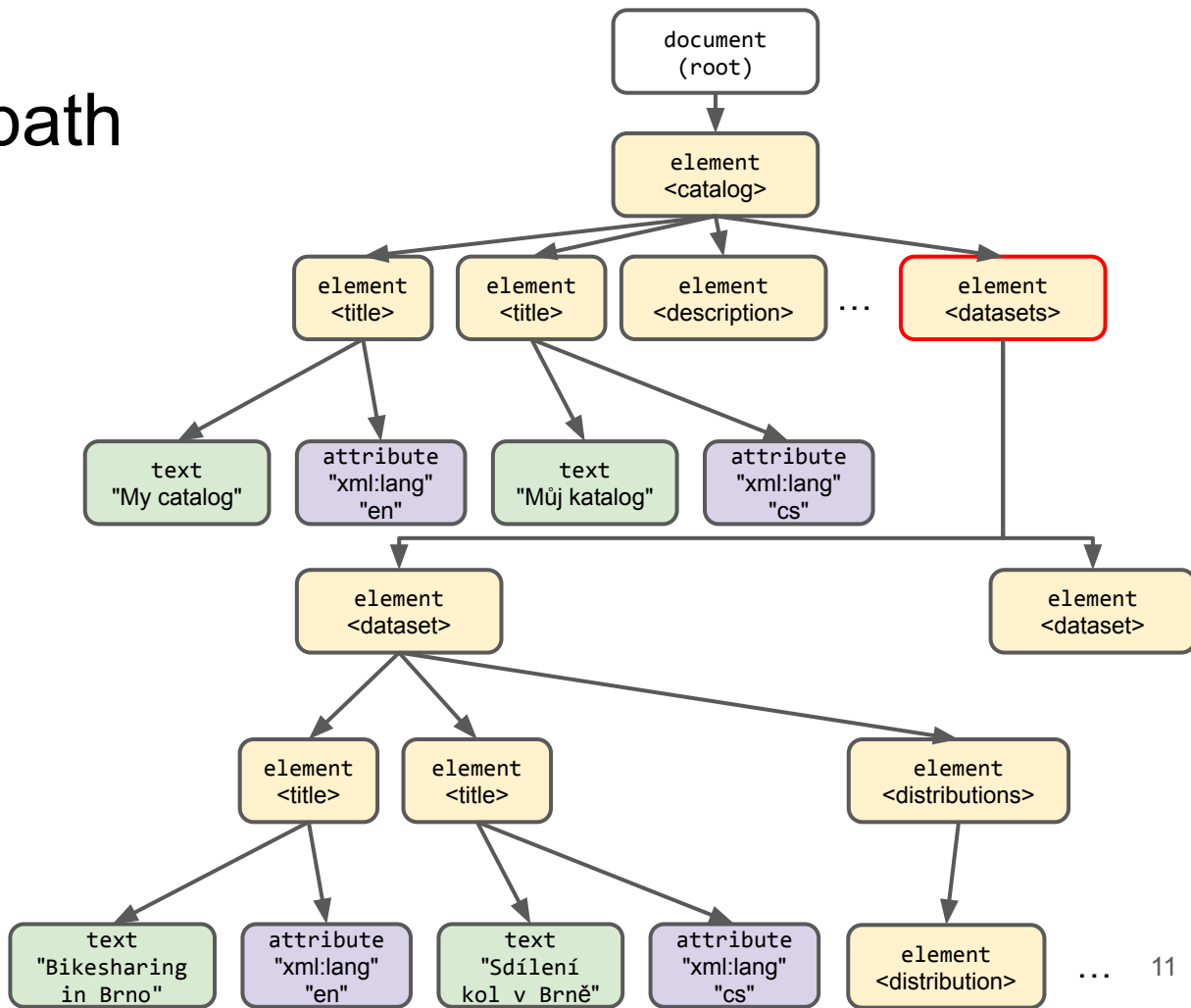
XPath - example

/catalog



XPath - absolute path

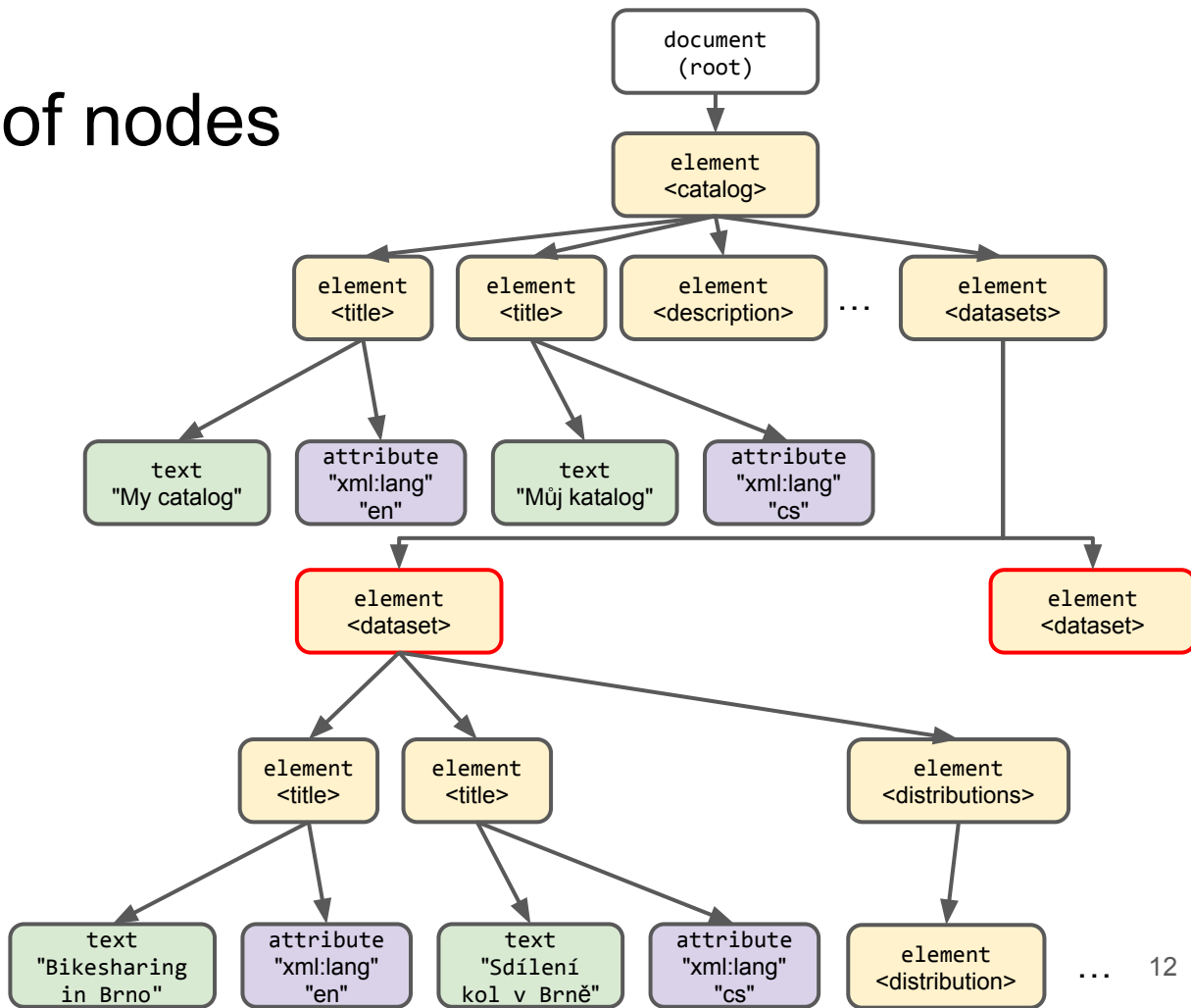
/catalog/datasets



Absolute path
/step1/.../stepN

XPath - result set of nodes

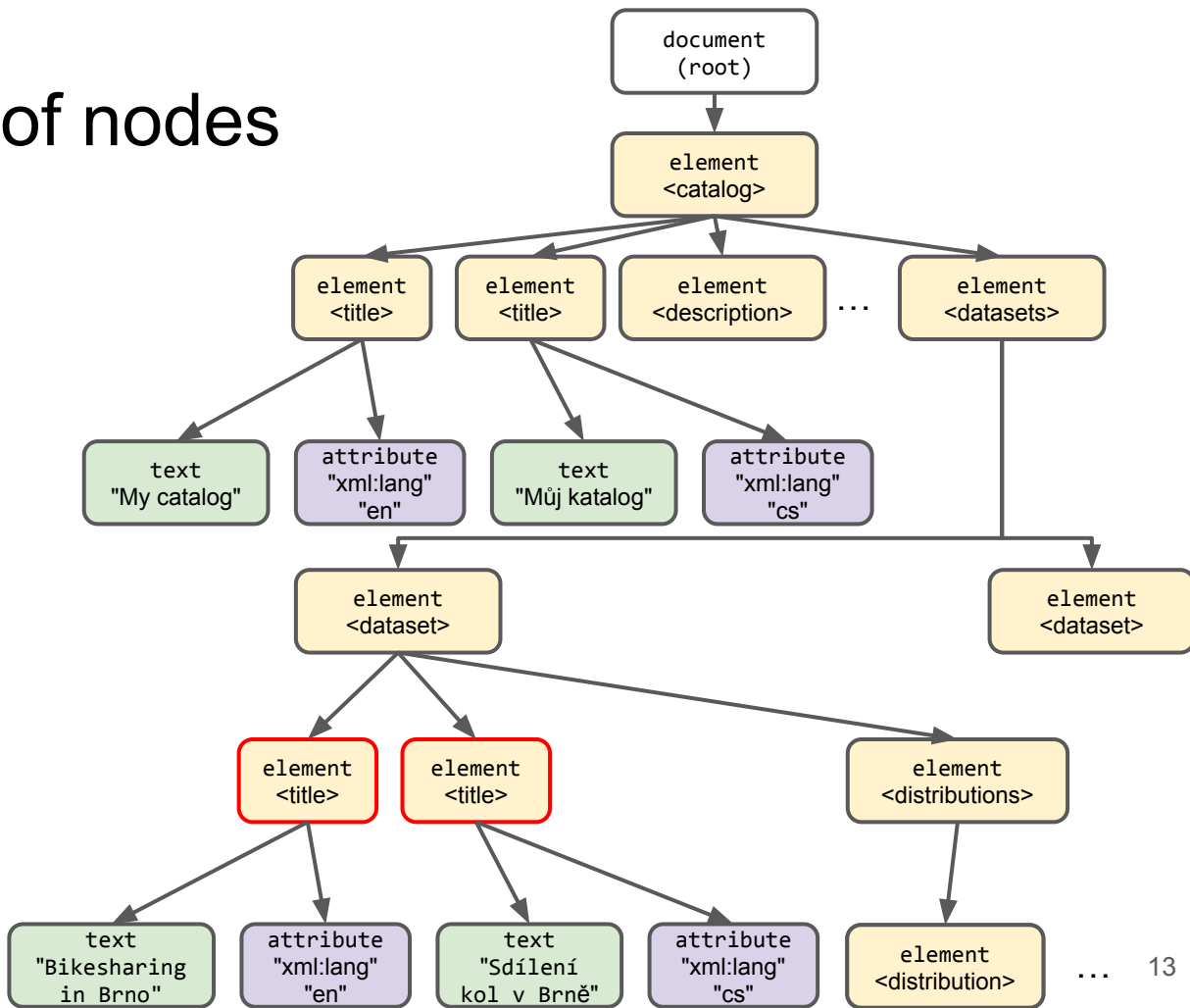
`/catalog/datasets/dataset`



Result is a set of nodes
(in no explicit order)

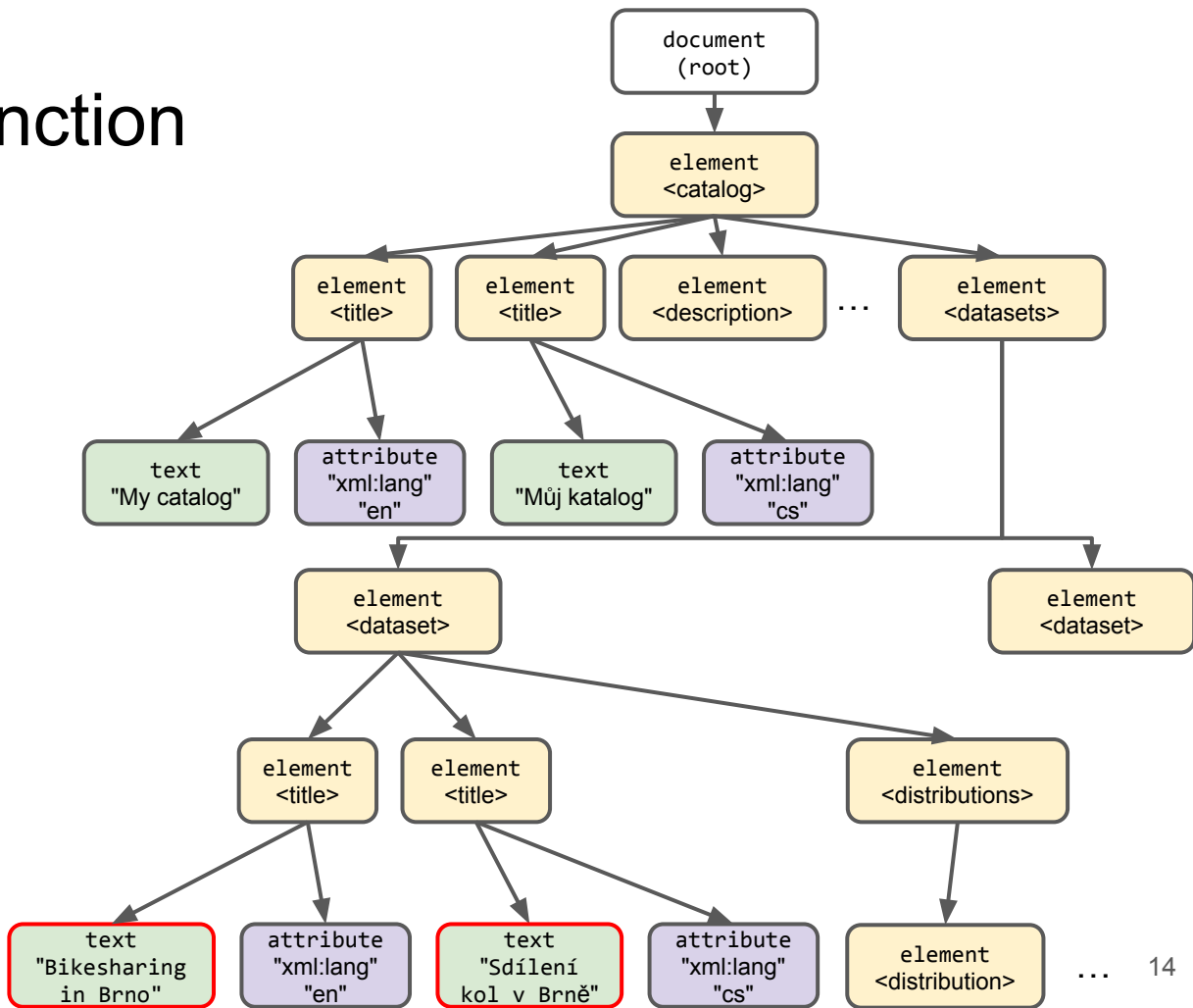
XPath - result set of nodes

`/catalog/datasets/dataset/title`



XPath - access function

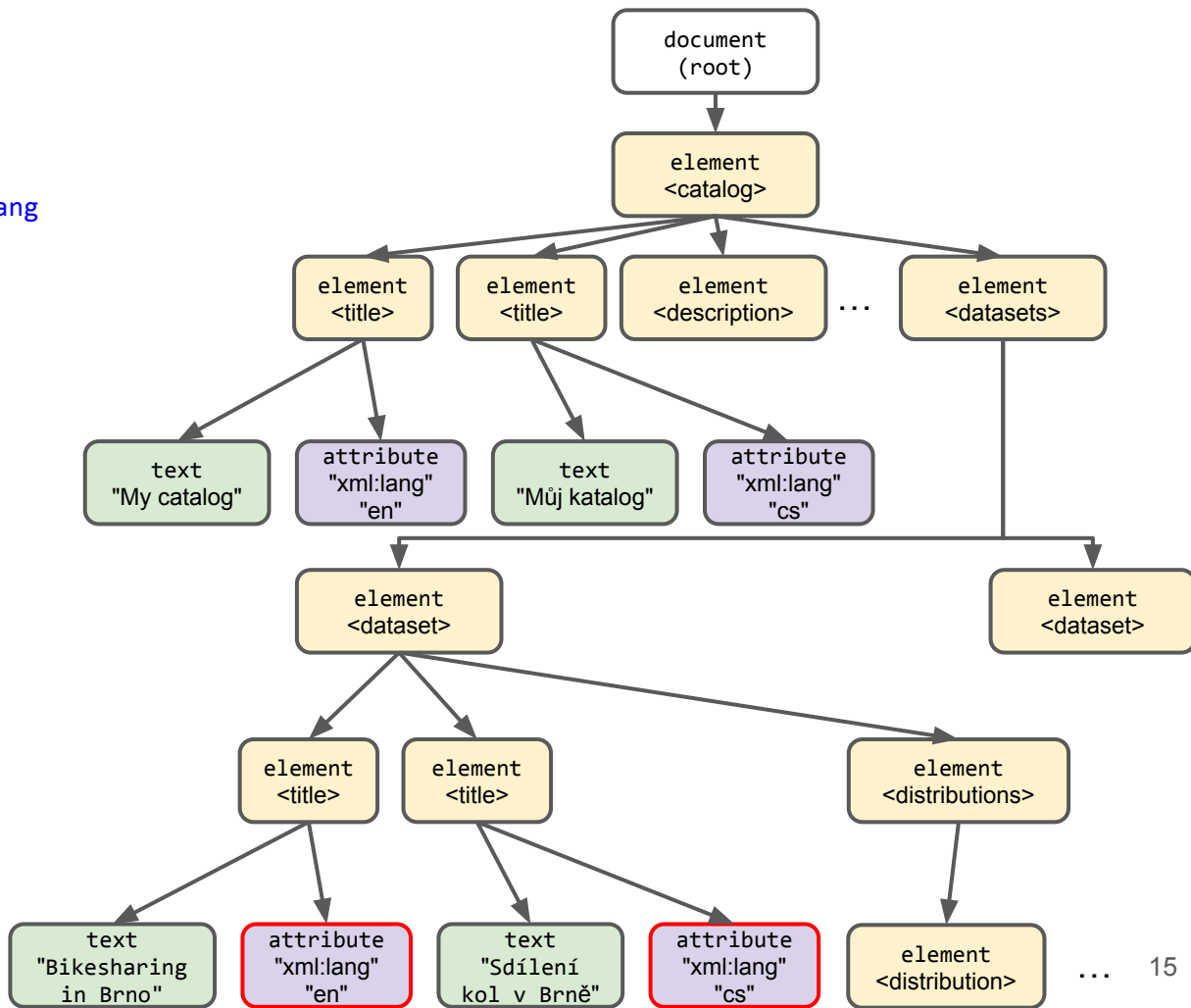
`/catalog/datasets/dataset/title/text()`



access function
`text()`

XPath - attribute

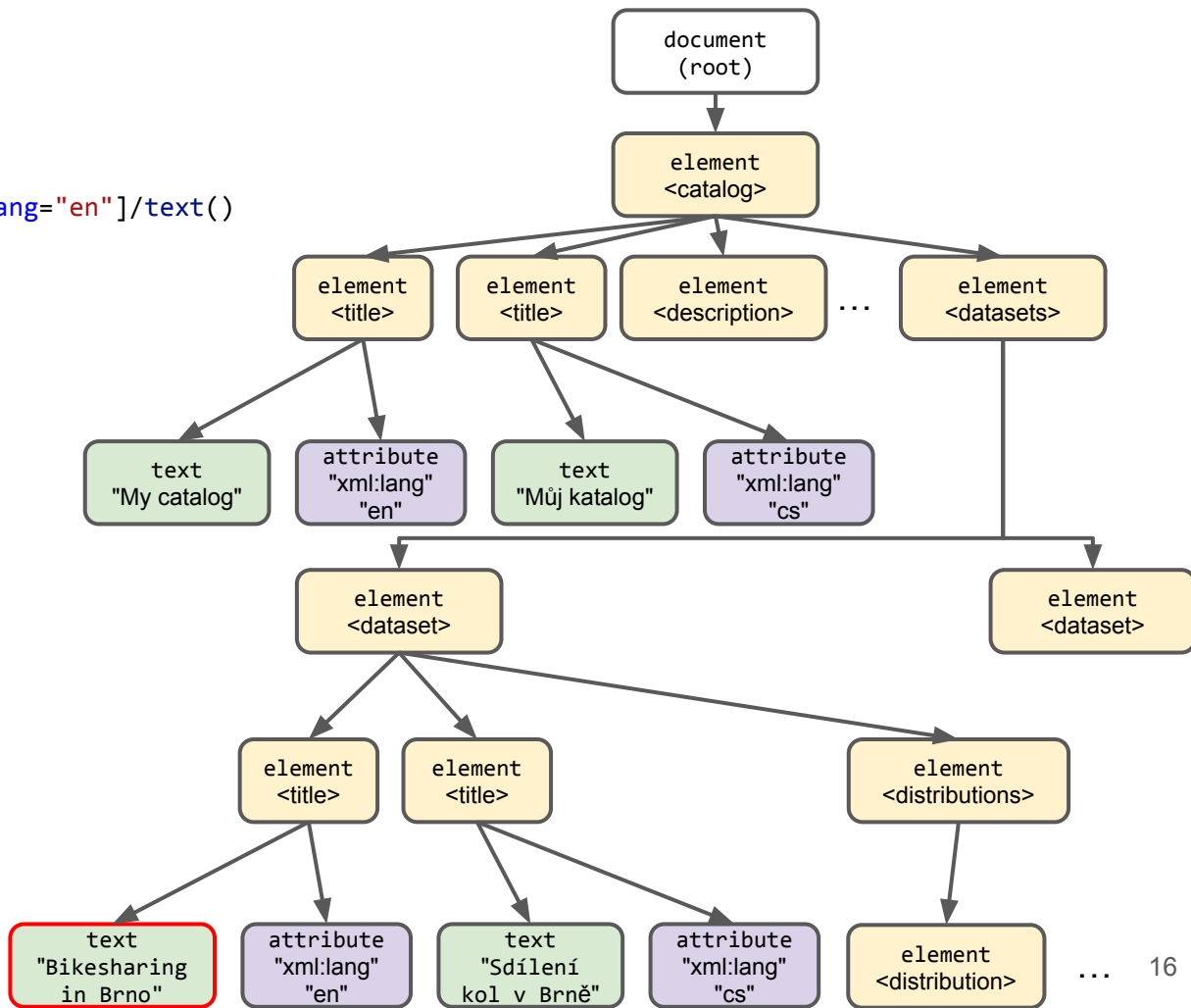
`/catalog/datasets/dataset/title/@xml:lang`



@attribute

XPath - predicate

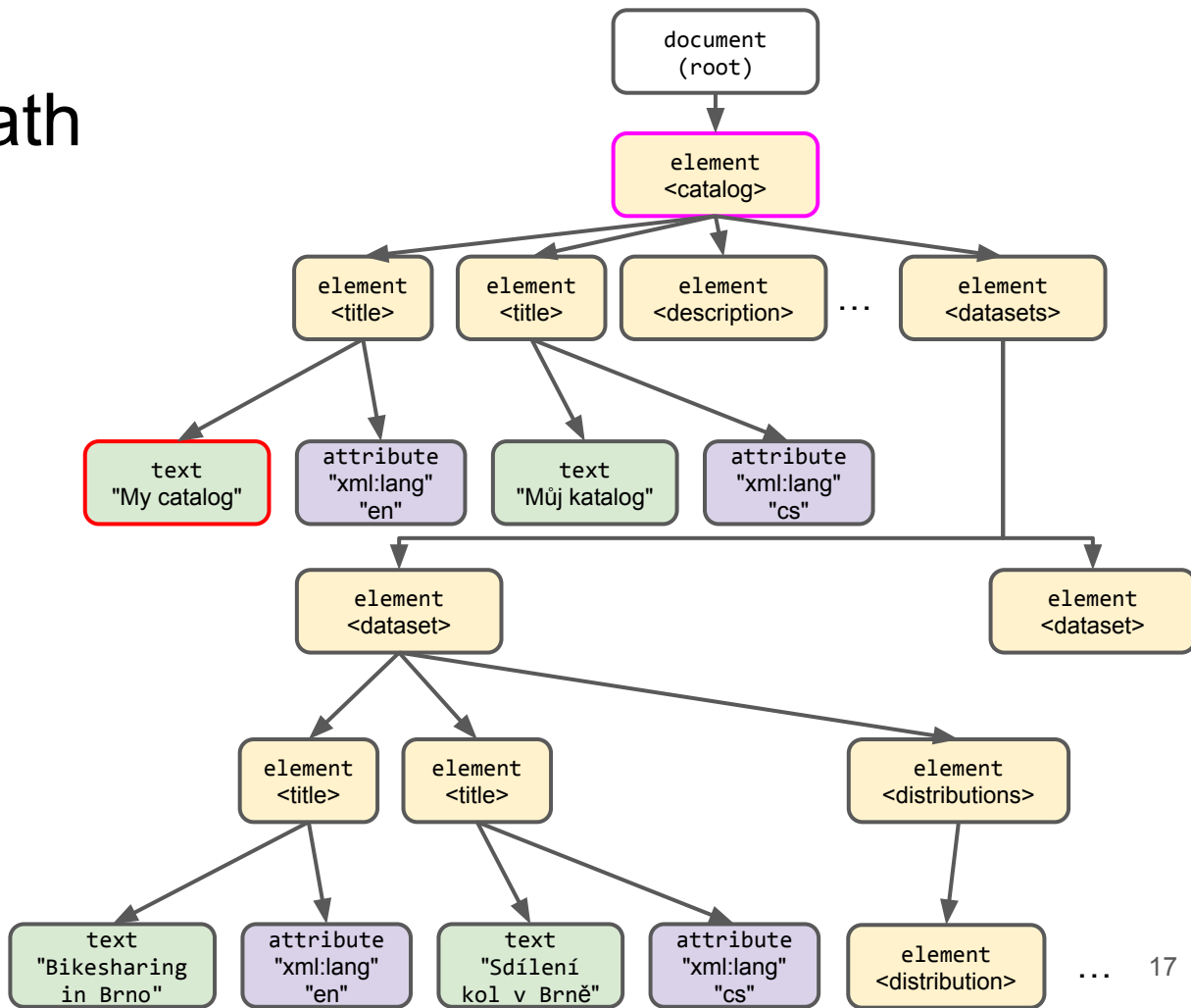
`/catalog/datasets/dataset/title[@xml:lang="en"]/text()`



[predicate]
logical expression

XPath - relative path

```
title[@xml:lang="en"]/text()
```



Relative path
step1/.../stepN
Needs a starting point

XPath - axes - child

`/catalog/datasets`

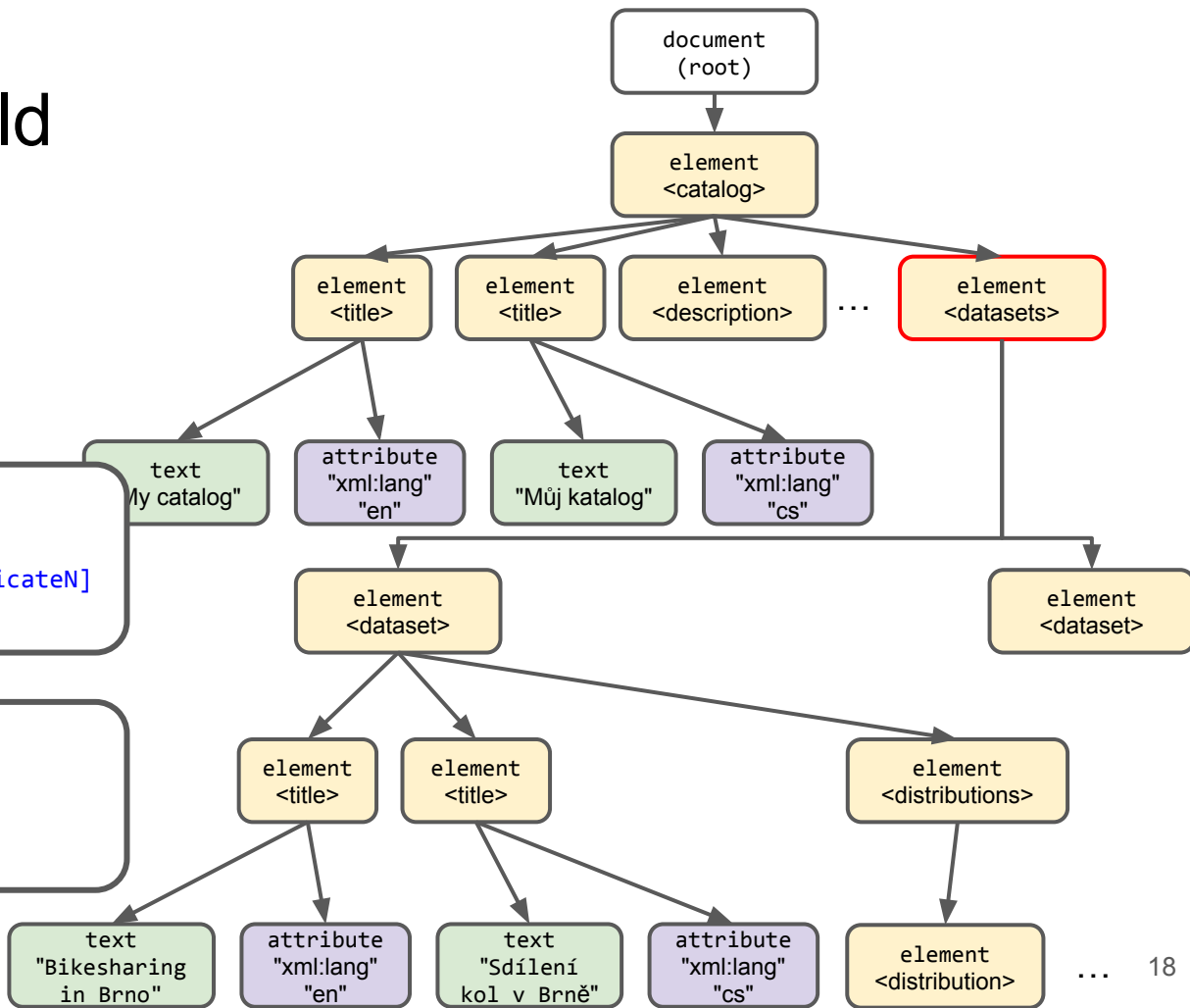
`/child::catalog/child::datasets`

XPath path step

`axis::node-test [predicate1] ... [predicateN]`

Default axis can be omitted

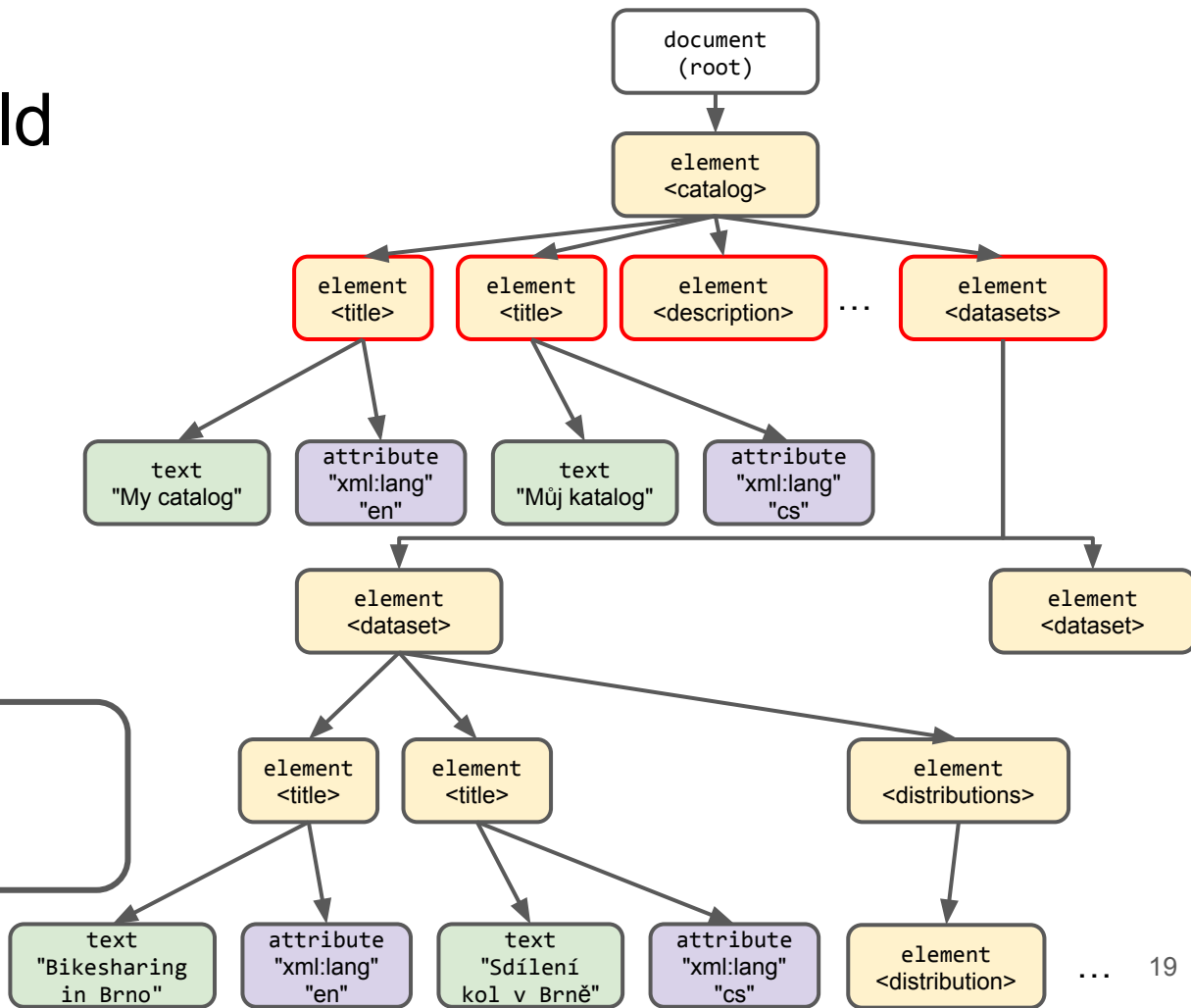
`child`



XPath - axes - child

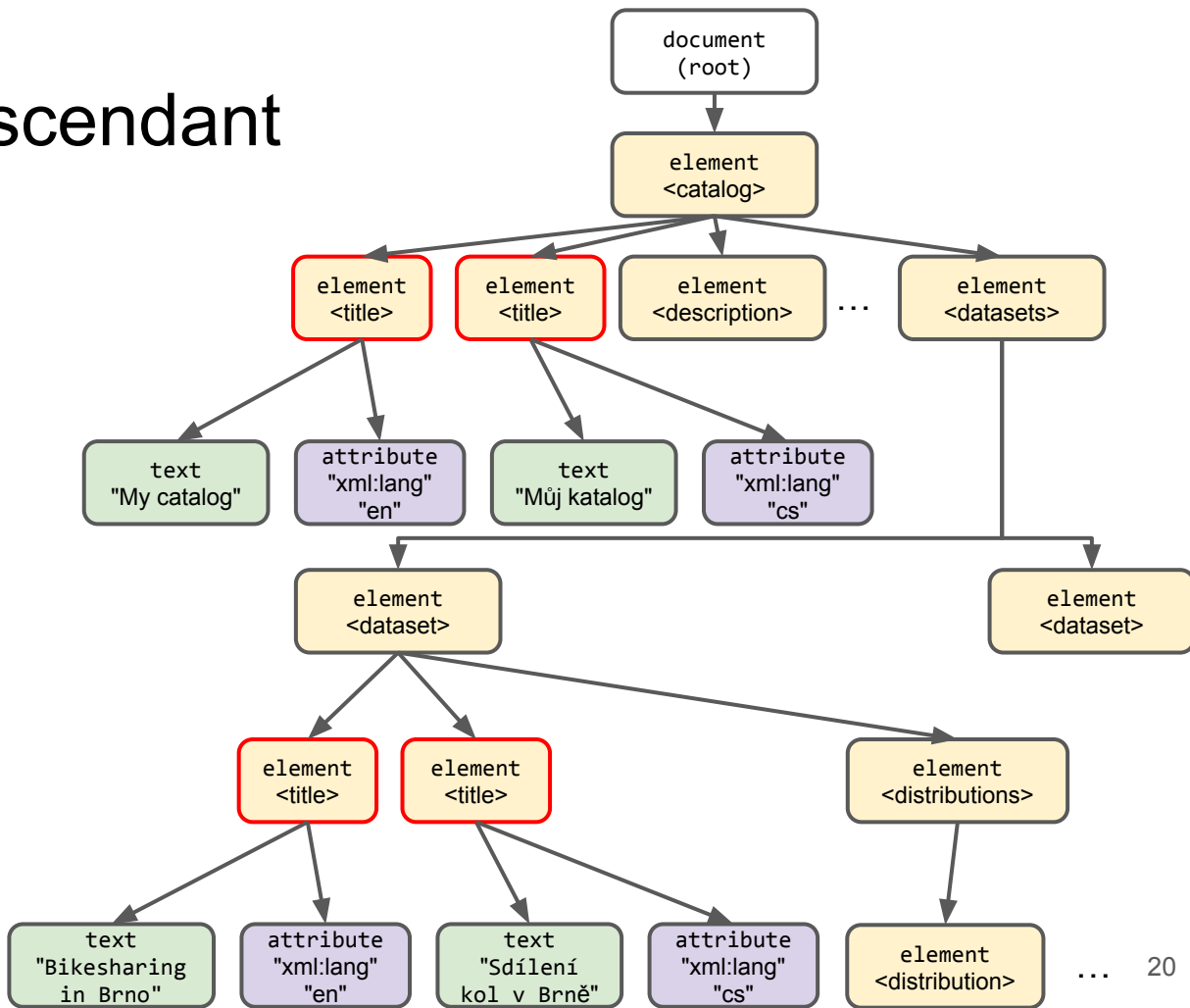
`/catalog/child::*`

`/catalog/*`



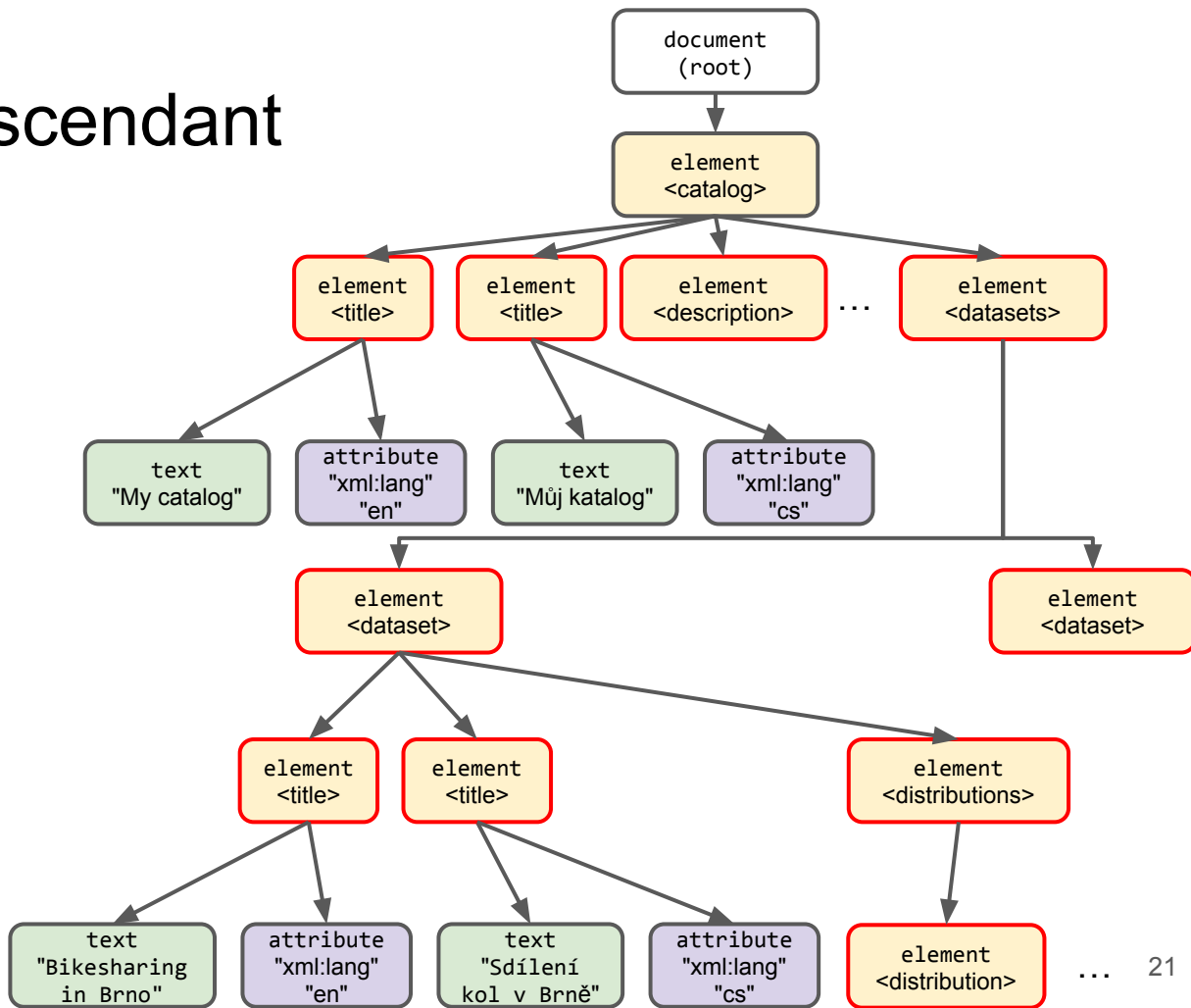
XPath - axes - descendant

`/catalog/descendant::title`



XPath - axes - descendant

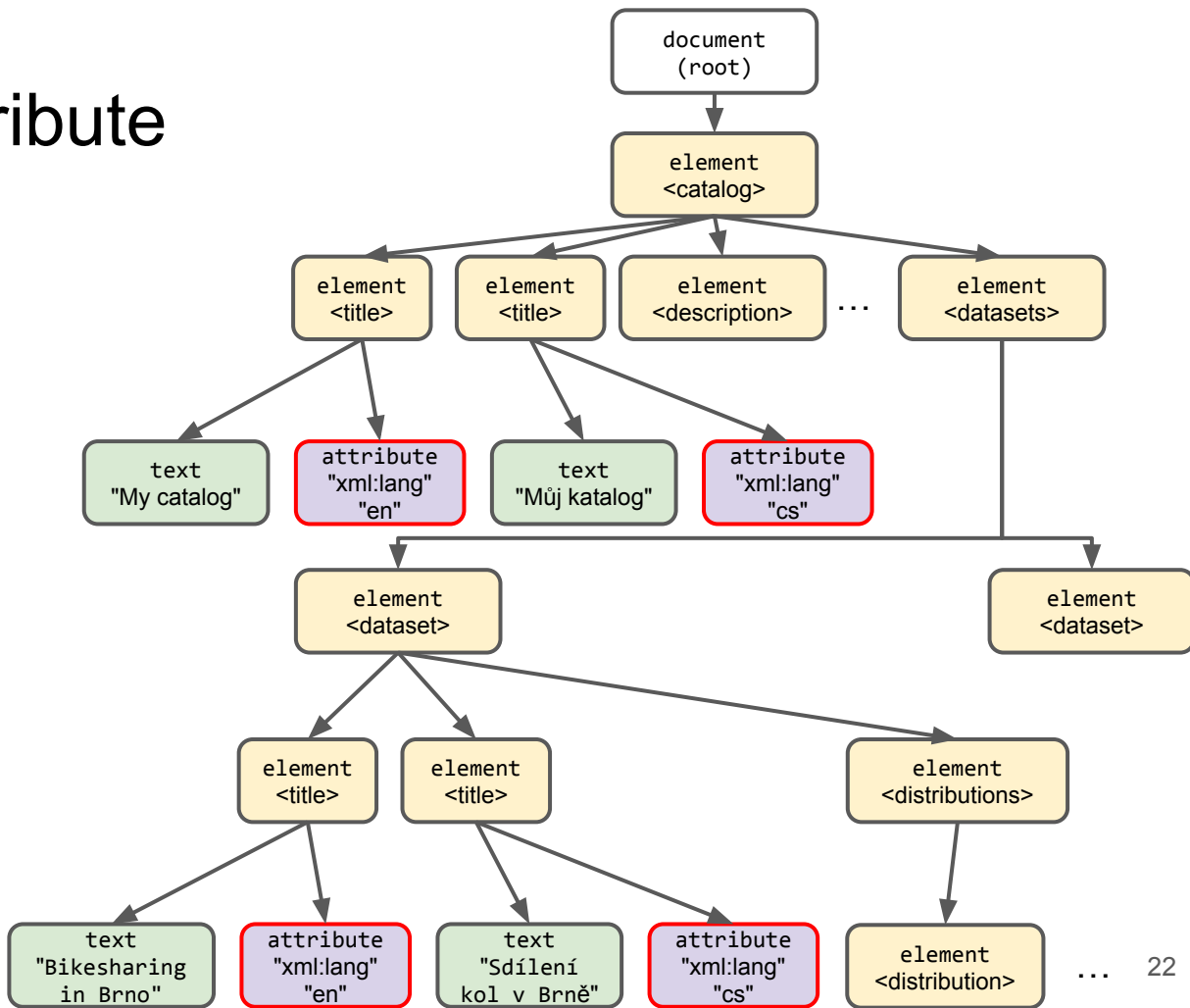
`/catalog/descendant::*`



XPath - axes - attribute

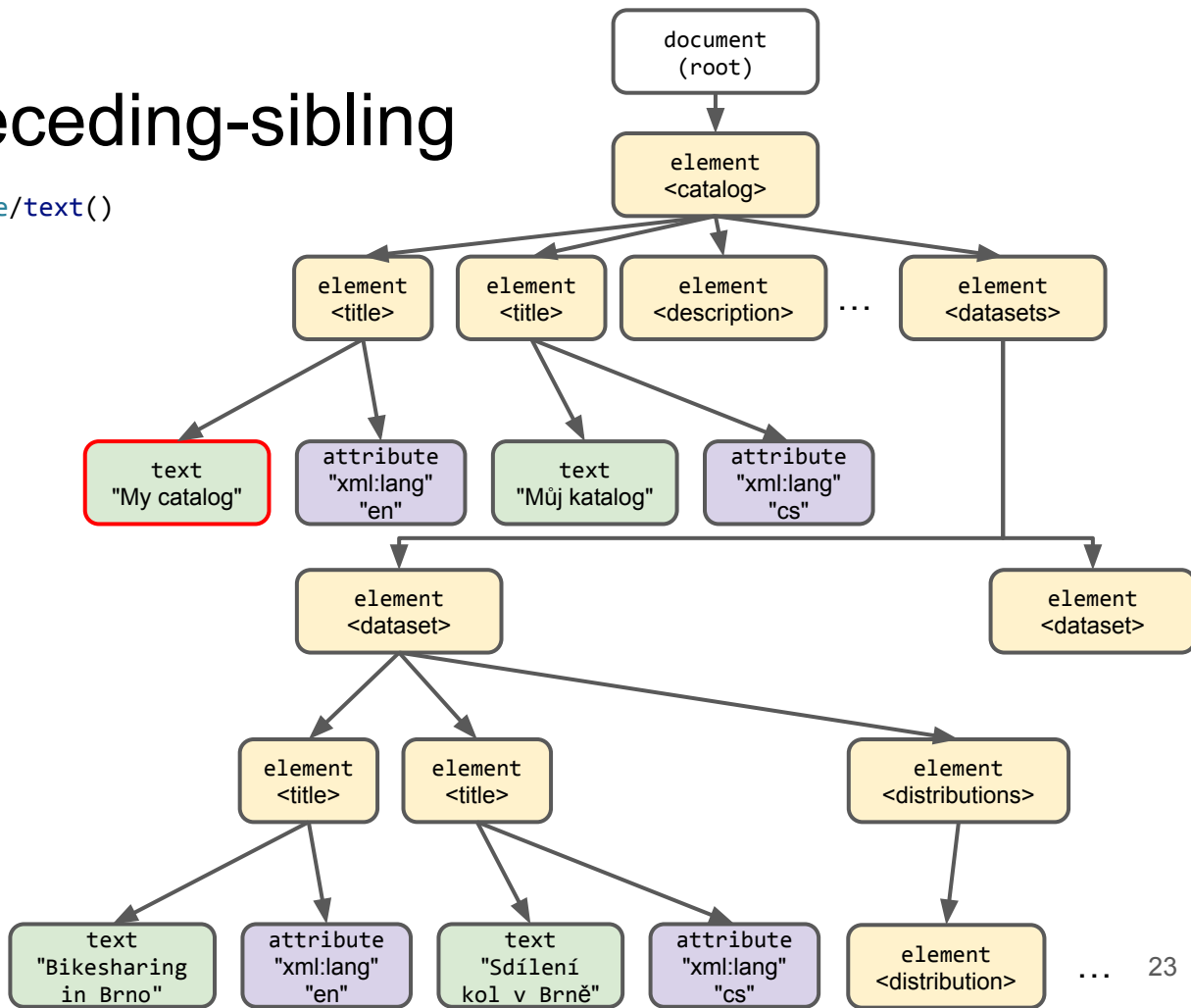
`/catalog/descendant::*/*attribute::*`

`/catalog/descendant::*/*@*`



XPath - axes - preceding-sibling

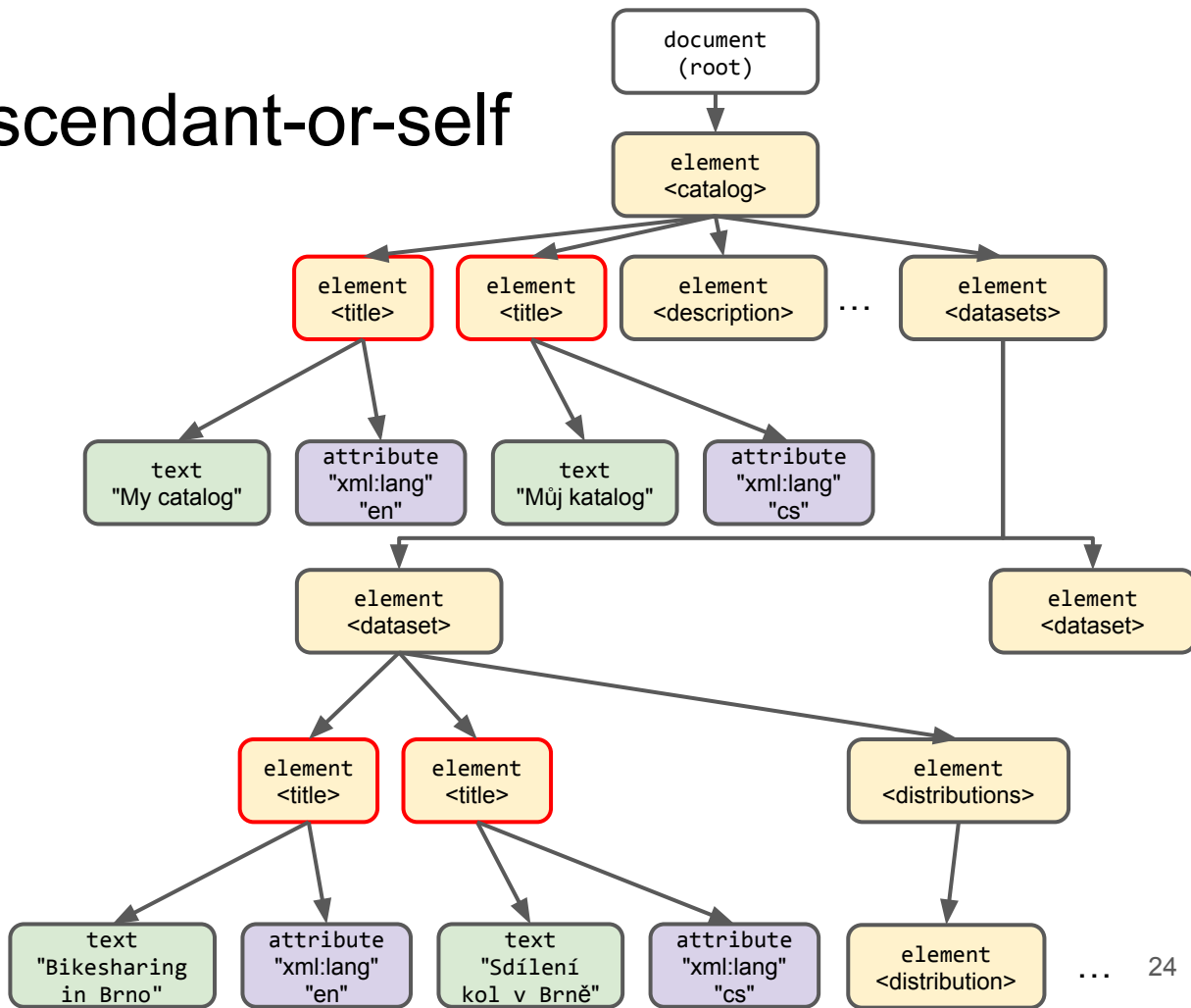
`/catalog/title/preceding-sibling::title/text()`



XPath - axes - descendant-or-self

`/catalog/descendant-or-self::title`

`/catalog//title`

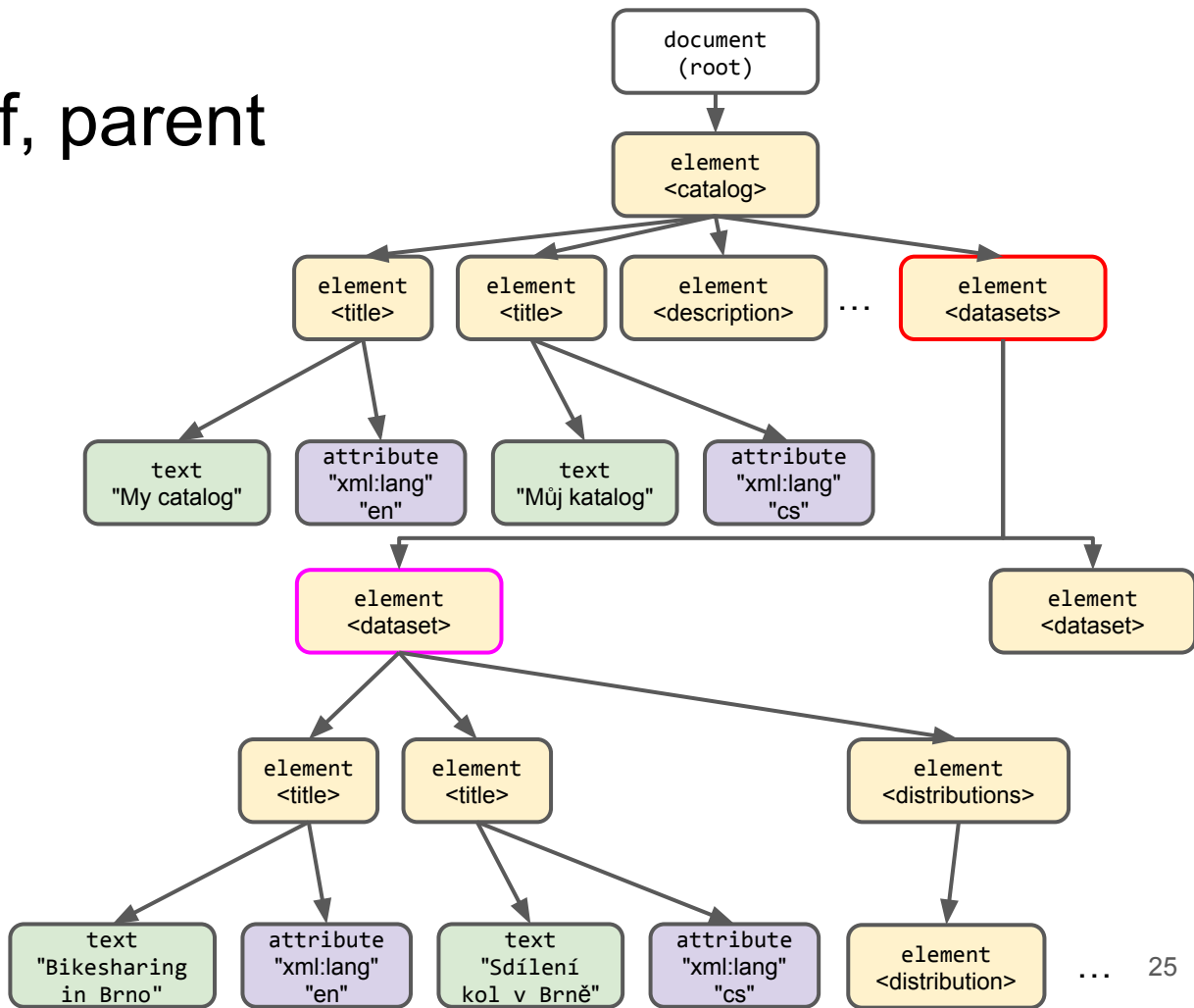


XPath - axes - self, parent

Starting in dataset

·
self::node()

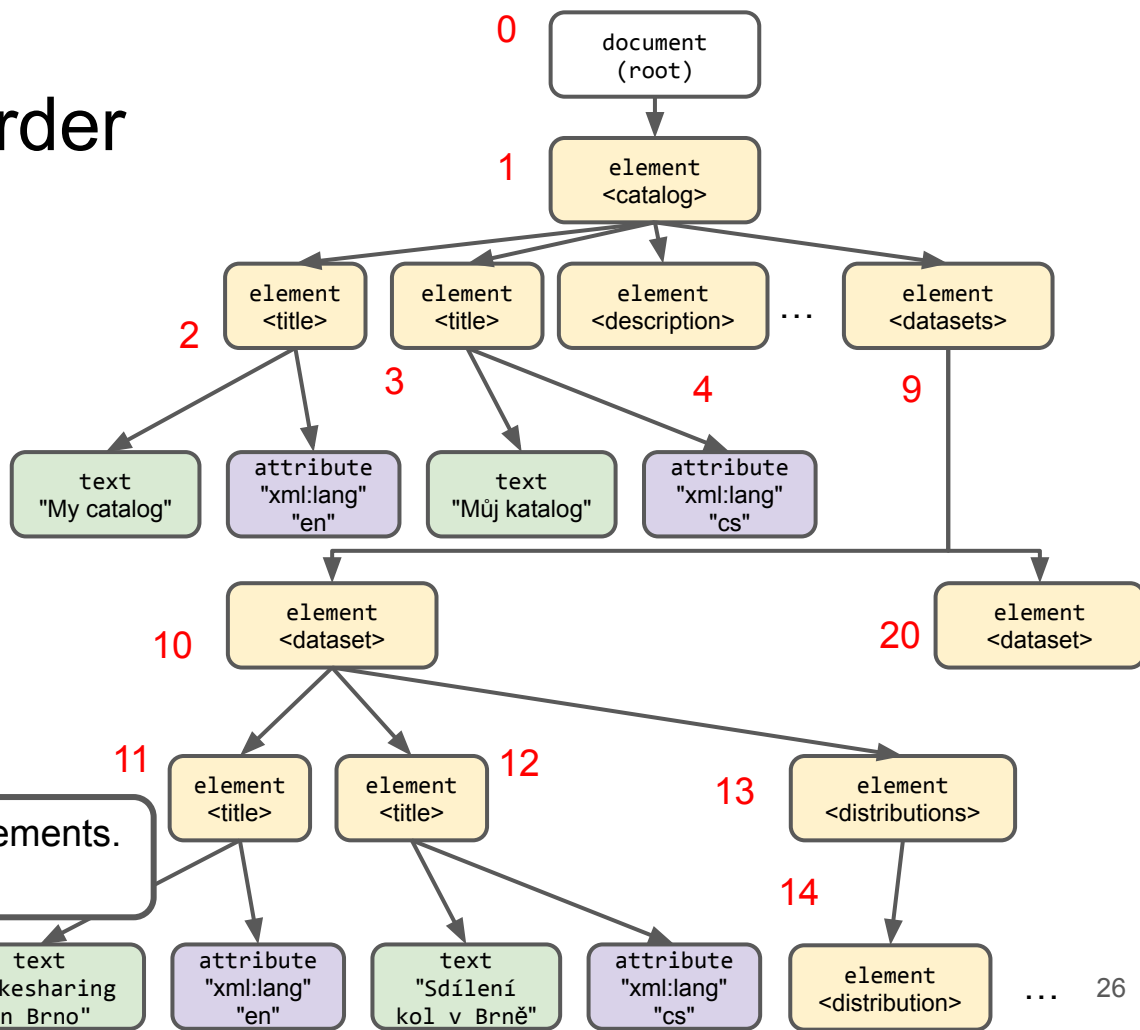
..
parent::node()



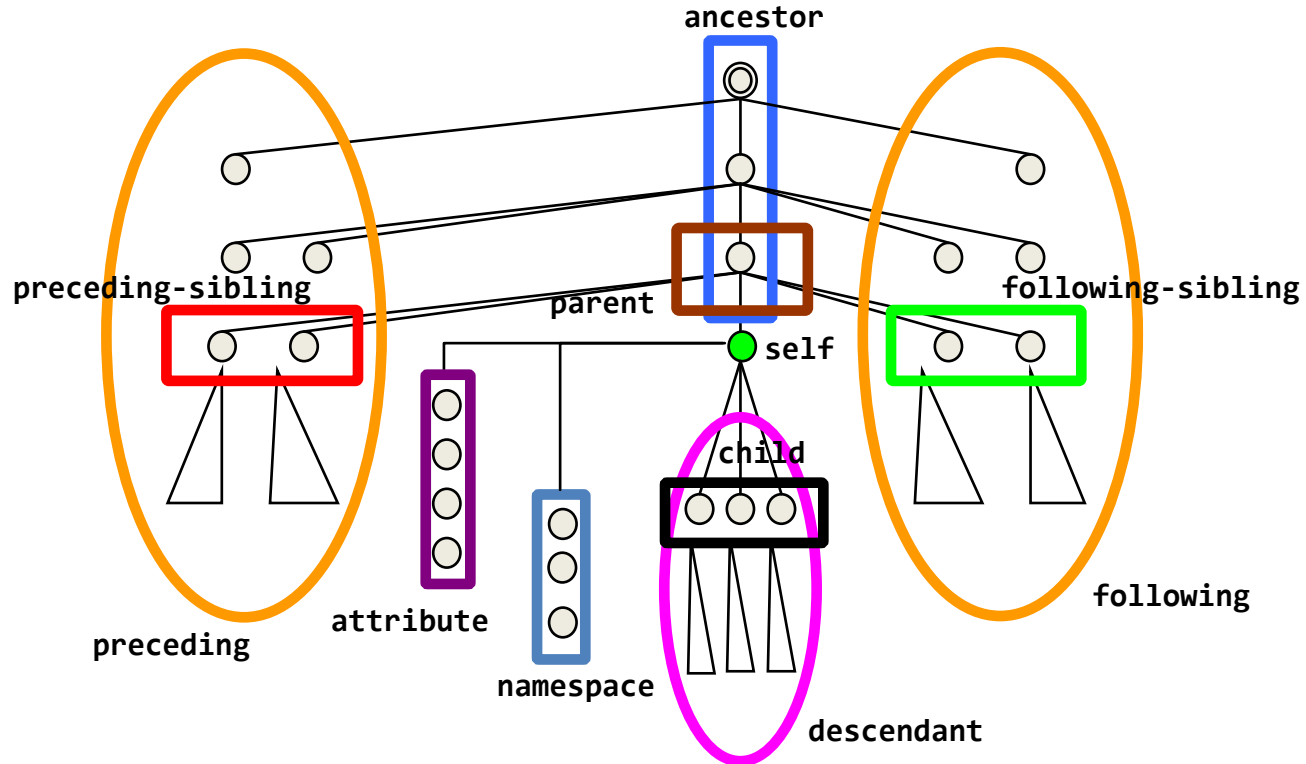
XPath - document order

```
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  </contact-point>
  <datasets>
    <dataset>
      <title xml:lang="en">Bikesharing in Brno</title>
      <title xml:lang="cs">Sdílení kol v Brně</title>
      <distributions>
        <distribution>
          <media-type>application/xml</media-type>
          <downloadURL>http://brno.cz/myfile.xml</downloadURL>
        </distribution>
        <distribution>
          <accessService>
            <endpointURL>https://brno.cz/myAPI</endpointURL>
            <title xml:lang="en">My API</title>
          </accessService>
        </distribution>
      </distributions>
    </dataset>
    <dataset>
      <title xml:lang="en">Bikesharing in Prague</title>
      <title xml:lang="cs">Sdílení kol v Praze</title>
    </dataset>
  </datasets>
</catalog>
```

according to the position of start tags of elements.

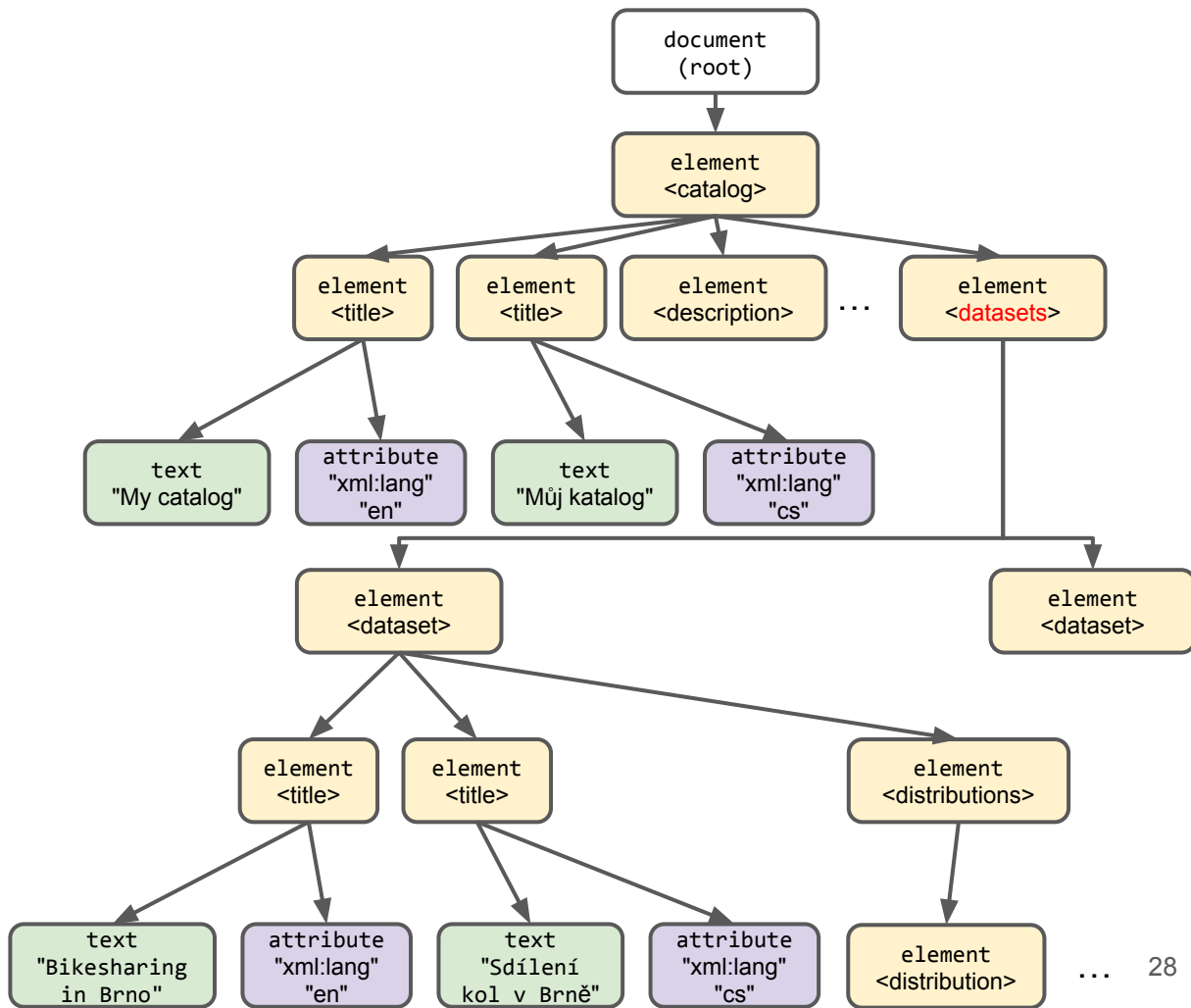


XPath - all axes



XPath - name()

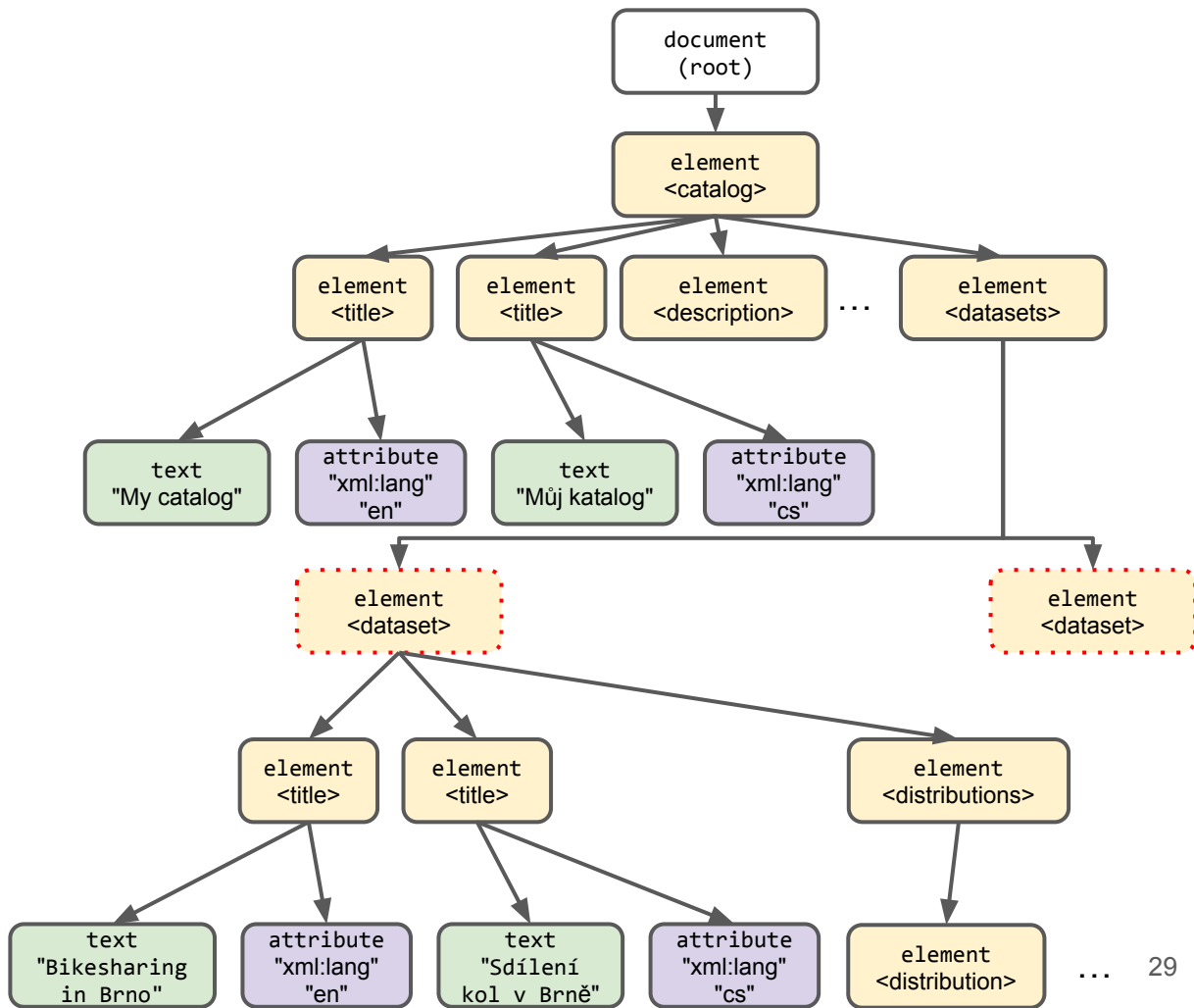
`/catalog/datasets/name()`



XPath - position()

`/catalog/datasets/dataset/position()`

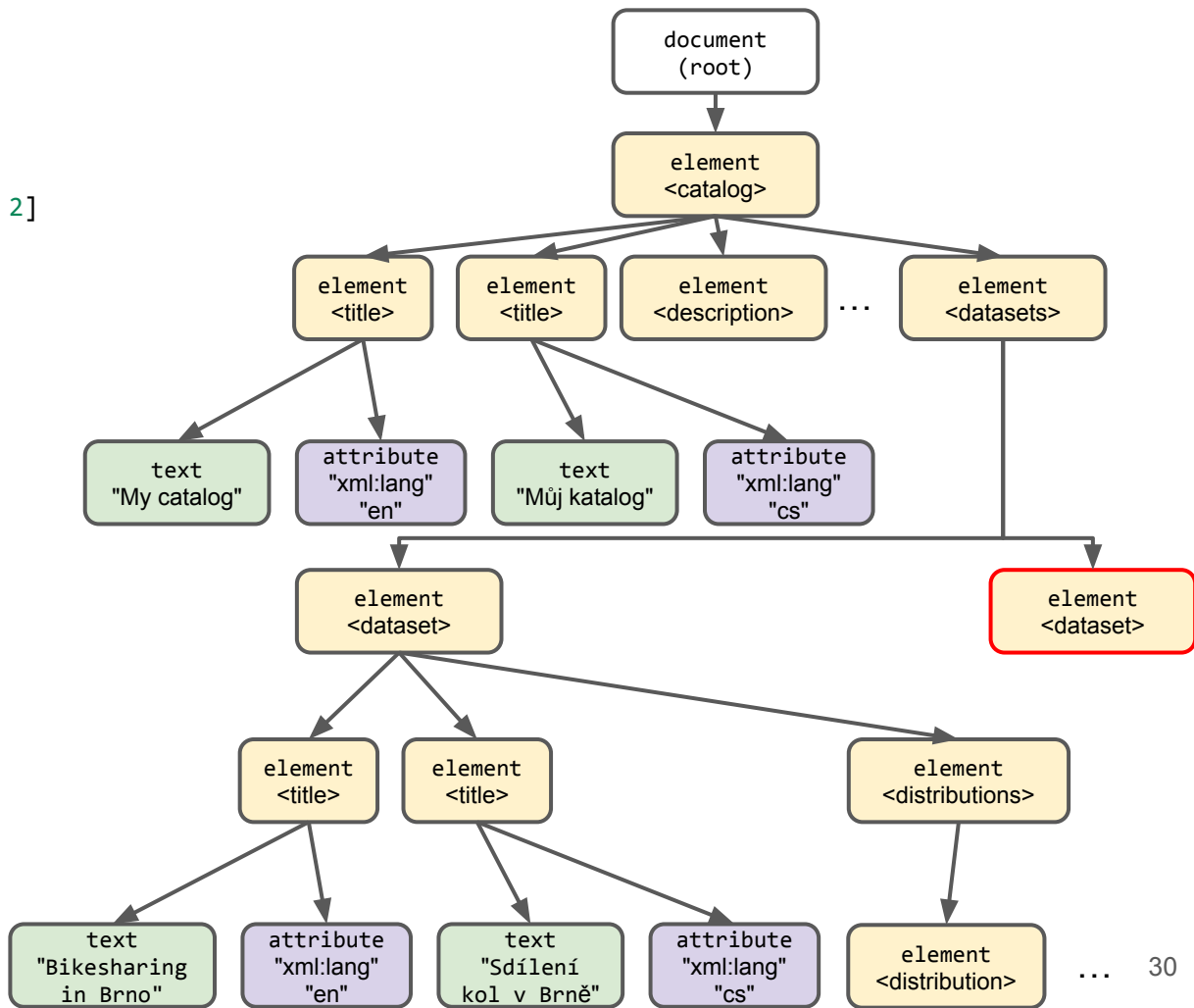
- 1 (xs:integer)
- 2 (xs:integer)



XPath - position()

`/catalog/datasets/dataset[position() = 2]`

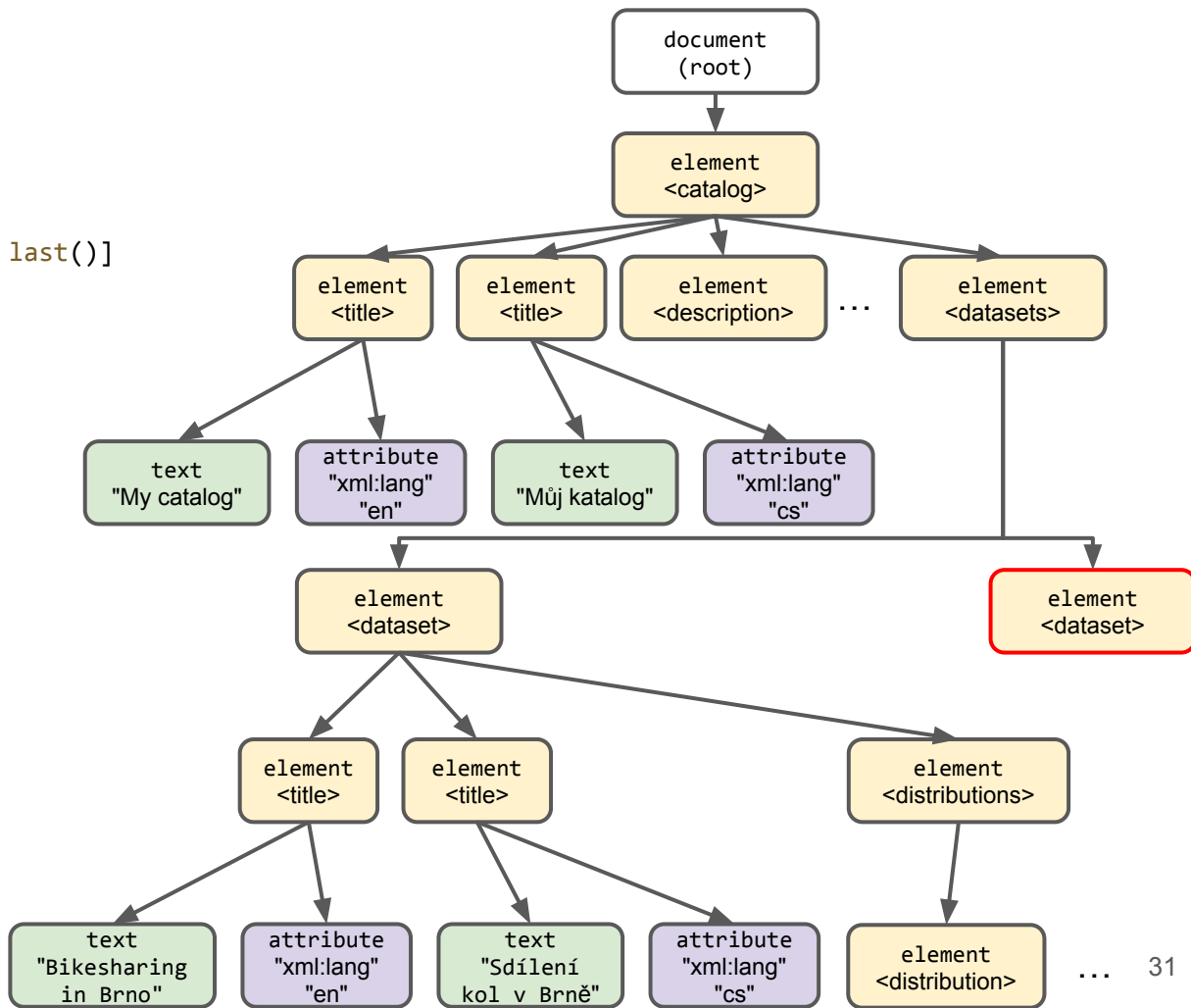
`/catalog/datasets/dataset[2]`



XPath - last()

```
/catalog/datasets/dataset[last()]
```

```
/catalog/datasets/dataset[position() = last()]
```



Axes	
self	
child	
descendant	
parent	
ancestor	
attribute	
following(-siblings)	
preceding(-siblings)	

Node tests	
name	node with particular name
*	node with arbitrary name
node()	any node
text()	any text node

Functions	
position()	position of node in the result
last()	position of the last node in the result
count()	number of nodes in the result

normalize-space()	normalization of white spaces
name()	name of node

Abbreviations	
.../...	.../child::...
.../@...	.../attribute::...
.../....	.../self::node()...
.../.....	.../parent::node()...
...//...	.../descendant-or-self::node()/...

XPath - common errors

“Select car rental companies in Hawaii which offer at least one cabrio”

```
/rental[state="Hawaii"]/offer/car[type="cabrio"]
```



Wrong: returns cars

Correct:

```
/rental[state="Hawaii" and offer/car[type="cabrio"]]
```

XPath - common errors

"Select the last section in the book."

```
//section[last()]
```

```
/descendant-or-self::node()/section[last()]
```



Wrong: returns the last section in each chapter / section

Correct: `/descendant::section[last()]`

```
<book>
  <chapter>
    <section>...</section>
  </chapter>
  <chapter>
    <section>
      <section>...</section>
    <section>
      <section>...</section>
    </section>
  </chapter>
  <section>...</section>
</book>
```

Some XPath 2.0 features

- result is a sequence (ordered)
`("a", 2, "c")[3]` results in `"c"`
`(1 to 10)[7]` results in `7`
- conditional expressions
`if (count(//dataset) > 1) then
"Datasets" else "Dataset"`

`//dataset[some $title in title
satisfies $title/@xml:lang="en"]`
- for cycles
`for $dataset in //dataset return
count($dataset//distribution)`
- comments
`(:comment:)`

Some XPath 3.0/3.1 features

- mapping operator !

```
//dataset ! count(descendant::distribution)
```

- 1
- 2

- functions chaining (to avoid deep nesting)

```
upper-case(/descendant::dataset[1]/title[1])  
/descendant::dataset[1]/title[1] => upper-case()
```

- string concatenation operator ||

```
//dataset[1]/title[@xml:lang="en"] || //dataset[1]/title[@xml:lang="cs"]  
concat(//dataset[1]/title[@xml:lang="en"], //dataset[1]/title[@xml:lang="cs"])
```

XSL Transformations - XSLT

XSLT - example

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    <dataset>
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    <dataset>
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      <distributions>
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          <downloadURL>http://praha.eu/myfile.csv</downloadURL>
        </distribution>
      </distributions>
    </dataset>
  </datasets>
</catalog>
```



XSLT

```
<html xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <head>
    <title>My catalog</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>My catalog</h1>
    <h2>Bikesharing in Brno</h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: 2</p>
    <h2>Bikesharing in Prague</h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: 1</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

My catalog

Bikesharing in Brno

Number of distributions: 2

Bikesharing in Prague

Number of distributions: 1

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      <distributions>
        <distribution>
          <title xml:lang="en">CSV</title>
          <media-type>text/csv</media-type>
          <downloadURL>http://praha.eu/myfile.csv</downloadURL>
        </distribution>
      </distributions>
    </dataset>
  </datasets>
</catalog>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0" xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">
  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes"/>
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <title>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </title>
      </head>
      <body>
        <h1>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </h1>
        <xsl:apply-templates/>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset">
    <h2>
      <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
    </h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: <xsl:value-of select="count(descendant::distribution)"/>
    </p>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="text()">
    <xsl:apply-templates/>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

XSLT - Specifications

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XSLT principles - stylesheet, template, processor

Input

- one or more XML documents

Output

- one or more text files
 - XML, HTML
 - RDF Turtle
 - TXT
 - ...

XSLT **stylesheet**

- is an XML document
- stylesheet root element
- set of templates

XSLT **template**

- matches part of input XML document using XPath expressions
- produces output text

XSLT **processor**

- goes through an input XML document
- tries to match templates

XSLT - empty stylesheet

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />

</xsl:stylesheet>
```

version attribute - version of XSLT used

xsl:output - specifies the output behavior of the XSLT processor

- **method**
 - **html**, **xhtml**, **xml** - produces well-formed documents
 - **text** - pure text output
- **indent**
 - **yes** - generates correct indentation for xml, html
 - **no** - only explicitly generated whitespace included in output

XSLT - first template

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <title>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </title>
      </head>
      <body>
        <h1>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </h1>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

match - contains XPath expression which needs to match

xsl:template

- content goes to the output
 - here, we generate the HTML stub
- **xsl:** elements get processed

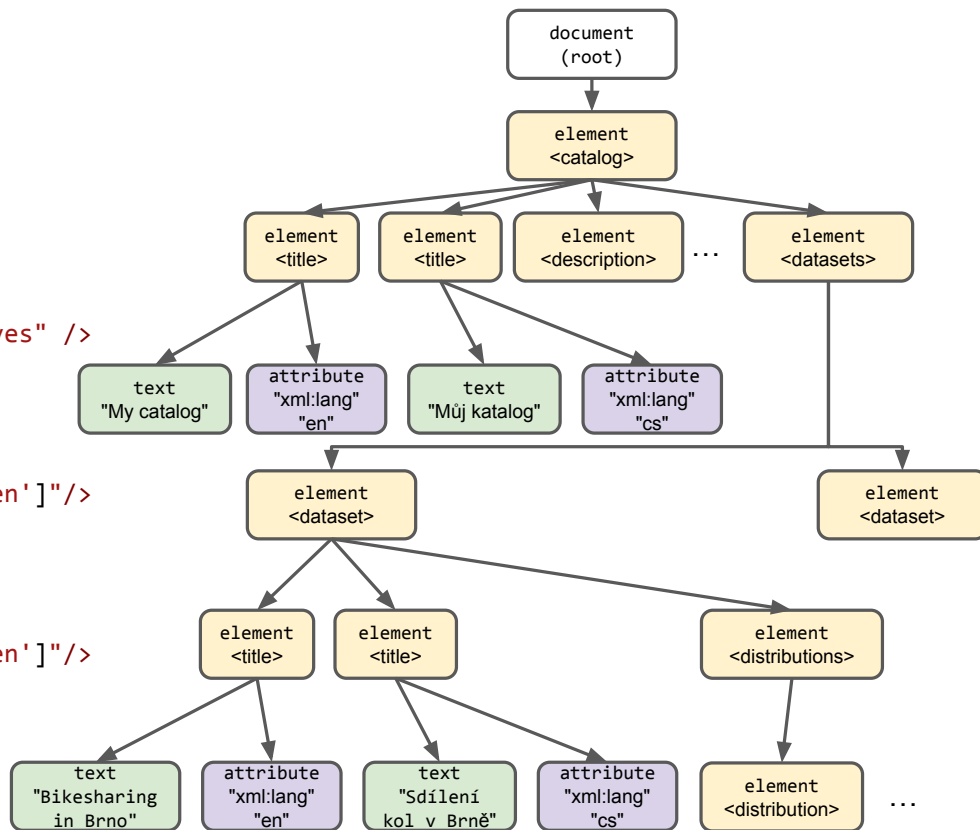
e.g xsl:value-of

- **select** attribute contains XPath expression
- result of the expression replaces the **xsl:value-of** element in the output

XSLT - first template

```
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  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <title>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </title>
      </head>
      <body>
        <h1>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </h1>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```



XSLT - first template

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <title>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </title>
      </head>
      <body>
        <h1>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </h1>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

```
<html
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type"
      content="text/html; charset=UTF-8">
    <title>My catalog</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>My catalog</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

- output is indented
- whitespace is normalized
- encoding indicated in the head

XSLT - second template

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">...</xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset">
    <h2>
      <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
    </h2>
    <p>
      Number of distributions:
      <xsl:value-of select="count(descendant::distribution)"/>
    </p>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

```
<html
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type"
      content="text/html; charset=UTF-8">
    <title>My catalog</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>My catalog</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

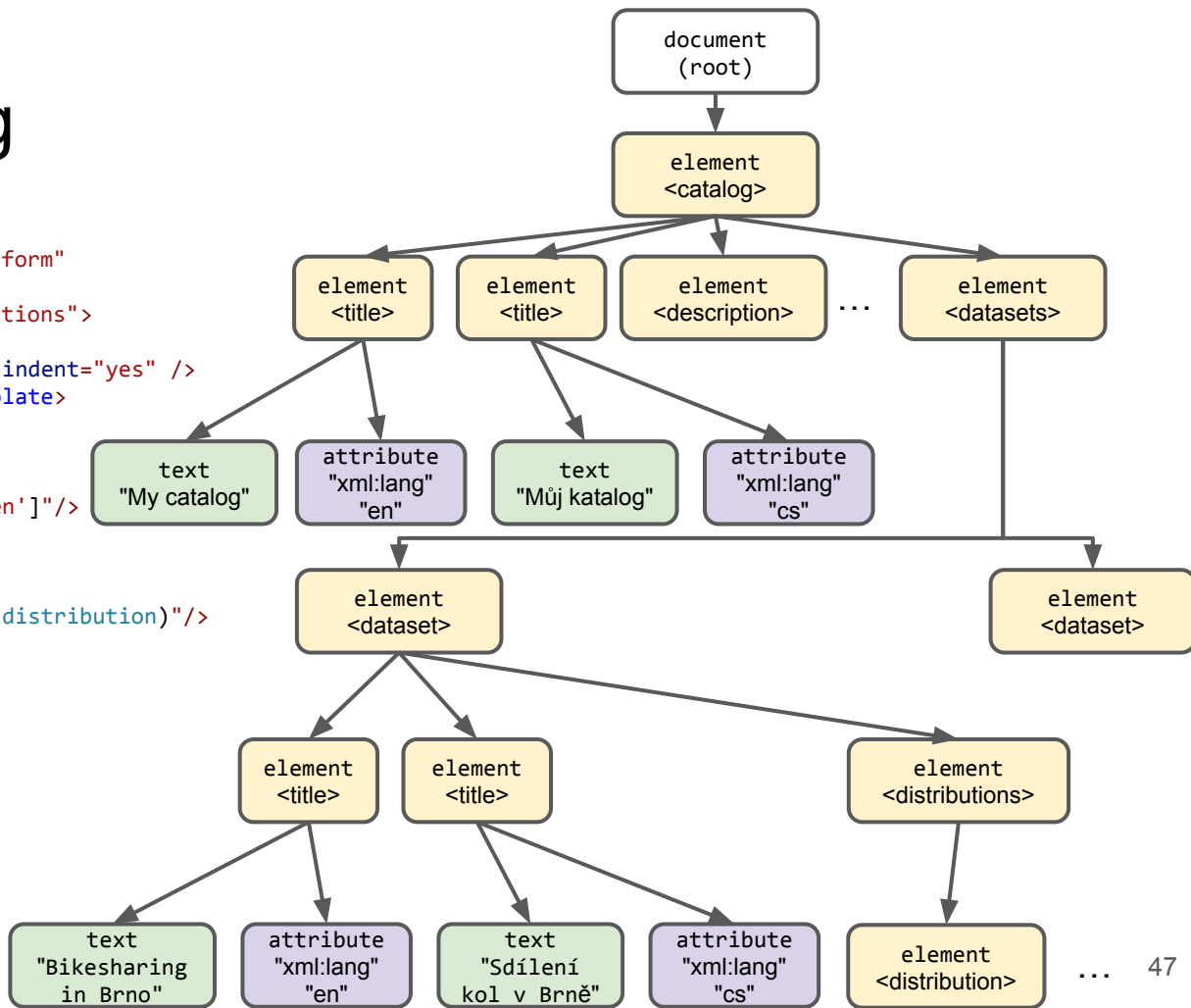
Nothing new in the output... why?

XSLT - processing

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">...</xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset">
    <h2>
      <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']" />
    </h2>
    <p>
      Number of distributions:
      <xsl:value-of select="count(descendant::distribution)" />
    </p>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```



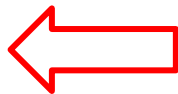
XSLT - apply templates

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <title>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </title>
      </head>
      <body>
        <h1>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </h1>
        <xsl:apply-templates/>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset">...</xsl:template>

</xsl:stylesheet>
```



```
<html
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type"
      content="text/html; charset=UTF-8">
    <title>My catalog</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>My catalog</h1>
    My catalog
    Můj katalog
    This is my dummy catalog
    Toto je můj falešný katalog

    John Doe
    mailto:john@doe.org

    <h2>Bikesharing in Brno</h2><p>Number of
    distributions: 2</p>
    <h2>Bikesharing in Prague</h2><p>Number of
    distributions: 1</p>

  </body>
</html>
```



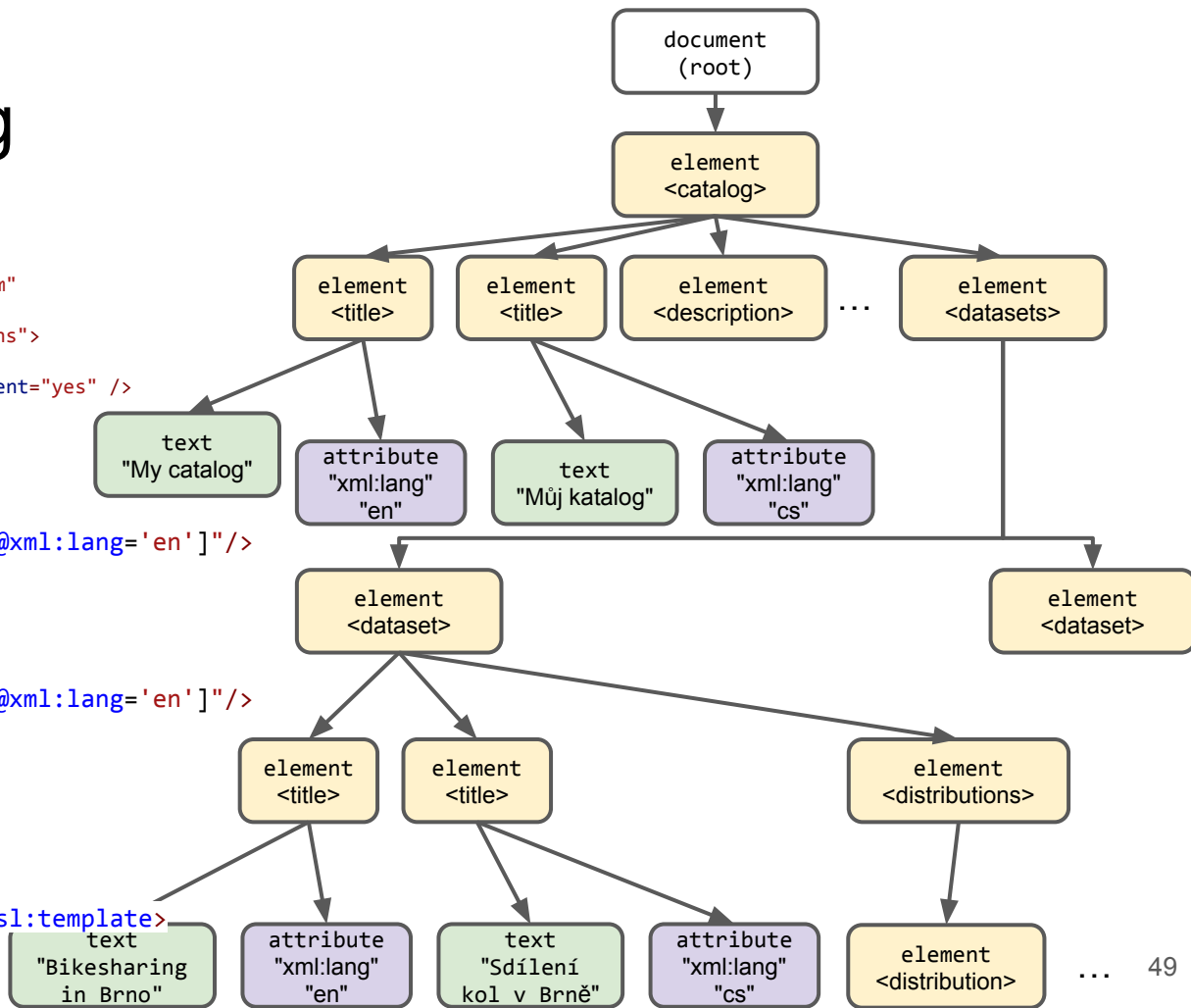
XSLT - processing

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <title>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </title>
      </head>
      <body>
        <h1>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </h1>
        <xsl:apply-templates/>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset">...</xsl:template>

</xsl:stylesheet>
```



XSLT - implicit templates

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">

  <xsl:template match="*" />
    <xsl:apply-templates/>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="text()|@">
    <xsl:value-of select="."/>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="processing-instruction()|comment()"/>

</xsl:stylesheet>
```

- Present implicitly - need to be overridden
- Result in text from elements and attributes to be copied to output

XSLT - processing

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
```

```
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
```

```
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
```

```
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">
```

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

```
    <xsl:apply-templates/>
```

```
  </xsl:template>
```

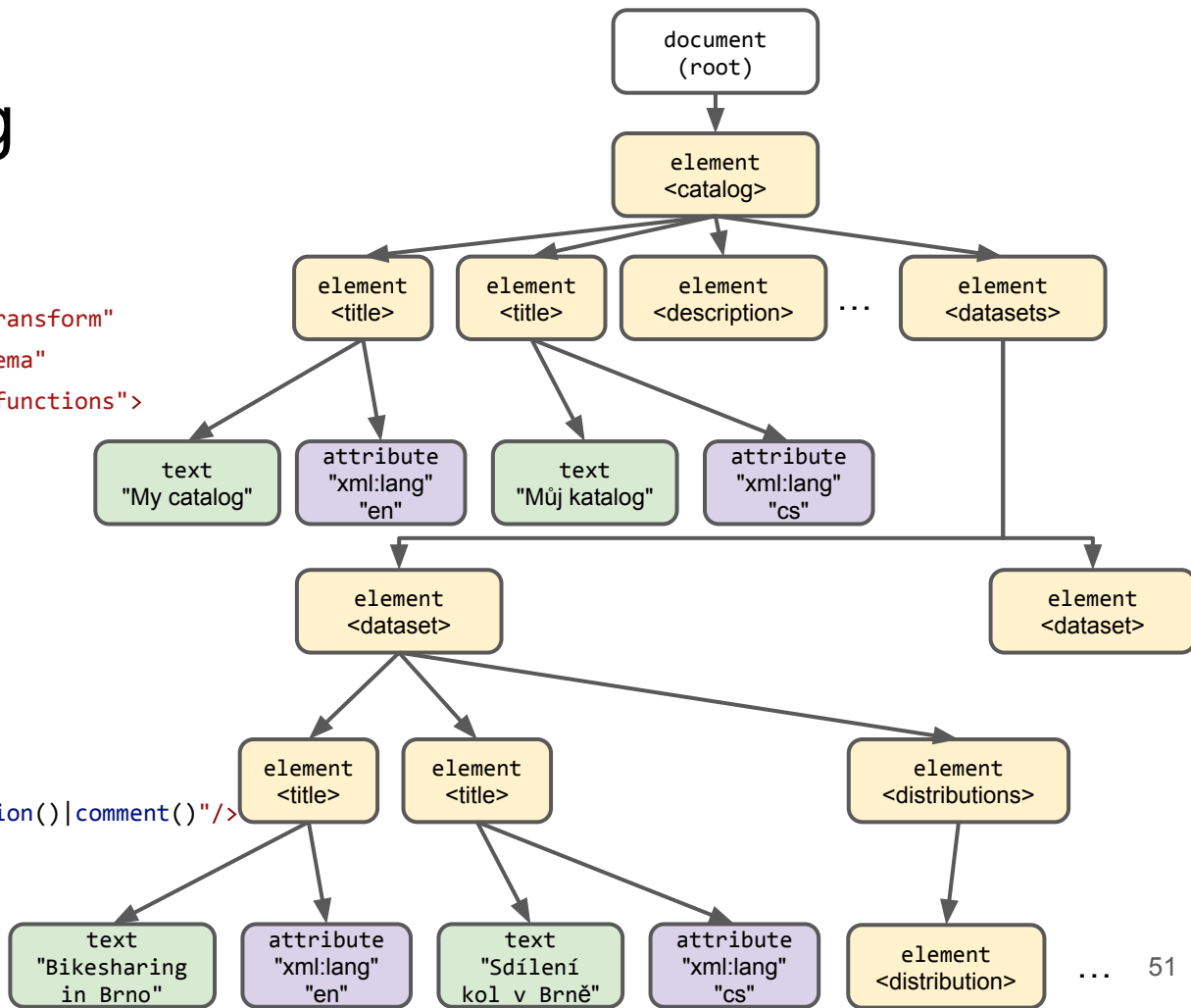
```
  <xsl:template match="text()|@*">
```

```
    <xsl:value-of select="."/>
```

```
  </xsl:template>
```

```
  <xsl:template match="processing-instruction()|comment()"/>
```

```
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

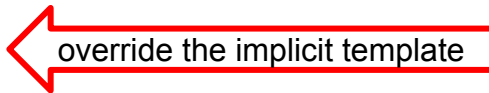


XSLT - implicit templates

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">
  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <title>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </title>
      </head>
      <body>
        <h1>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </h1>
        <xsl:apply-templates/>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset">
    <h2>
      <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
    </h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: <xsl:value-of select="count(descendant::distribution)"/>
    </p>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="text()"/>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```



override the implicit template

```
<html
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <head>
    <title>My catalog</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>My catalog</h1>
    <h2>Bikesharing in Brno</h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: 2</p>
    <h2>Bikesharing in Prague</h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: 1</p>
  </body>
</html>
```


XSLT - apply templates - select which

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">
  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <title>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </title>
      </head>
      <body>
        <h1>
          <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
        </h1>
        <xsl:apply-templates select="datasets/dataset"/>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset">
    <h2>
      <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang='en']"/>
    </h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: <xsl:value-of select="count(*)"/></p>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="text()"/>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

```
<html
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <head>
    <title>My catalog</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>My catalog</h1>
    <h2>Bikesharing in Brno</h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: 2</p>
    <h2>Bikesharing in Prague</h2>
    <p>Number of distributions: 1</p>
  </body>
</html>
```



XPath selecting nodes to which the
templates will be applied next.
Default: `child::node()`

XSLT - named templates and parameters

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <xsl:call-template name="processTitle">
          <xsl:with-param name="element">title</xsl:with-param>
          <xsl:with-param name="lang">cs</xsl:with-param>
        </xsl:call-template>
      </head>
      <body>
        <xsl:call-template name="processTitle">
          <xsl:with-param name="element">h1</xsl:with-param>
          <xsl:with-param name="lang">en</xsl:with-param>
        </xsl:call-template>
        <xsl:apply-templates select="datasets/dataset"/>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>
  <xsl:template match="dataset">
    <xsl:call-template name="processTitle">
      <xsl:with-param name="element">h2</xsl:with-param>
      <xsl:with-param name="lang">en</xsl:with-param>
    </xsl:call-template>
    <p>Number of distributions: <xsl:value-of select="count(descendant::distribution)"/>
    </p>
  </xsl:template>
  <xsl:template match="text()"/>
  <xsl:template name="processTitle">
    <xsl:param name="element" required="yes"/>
    <xsl:param name="lang" required="yes"/>
    <xsl:element name="{ $element }">
      <xsl:value-of select="title[@xml:lang=$lang]"/>
    </xsl:element>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

Named templates

- **name** attribute instead of **match** attribute
- accept parameters
 - **xsl:param** - definition in named template
 - **\$variable** - access to variable value in XPath
 - **{ \$variable }** - access to variable value elsewhere
- called using **xsl:call-template**
 - does not change the currently processed node set
 - **xsl:with-param** - values passed when calling

xsl:element

- creates an element on the output
- name can be constant or **{ \$variable }**

XSLT - global variables, modes, if

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions"
  <xsl:output method="html" encoding="UTF-8" indent="yes" />
  <xsl:variable name="lang">en</xsl:variable>

  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    <html>
      <head>
        <xsl:apply-templates mode="head"/>
      </head>
      <body>
        <xsl:apply-templates mode="catalog"/>
      </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset" mode="head">
    <xsl:template match="dataset" mode="catalog">
      <xsl:apply-templates mode="dataset"/>
    <p>Number of distributions: <xsl:value-of select="count(descendant::distribution)"/>
    </p>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="title" mode="head">
    <xsl:if test="@xml:lang=$lang">
      <xsl:element name="title">
        <xsl:value-of select="text()"/>
      </xsl:element>
    </xsl:if>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="title" mode="catalog">
    <xsl:if test="@xml:lang=$lang">
      <xsl:element name="h1">
        <xsl:value-of select="text()"/>
      </xsl:element>
    </xsl:if>
  </xsl:template>

  ...
  <xsl:template match="text()" mode="#all"/>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```



Global variable

- defined in the `xsl:stylesheet` root element using `xsl:variable`
- accessible in the whole stylesheet
 - e.g. `$lang`

Mode

- ability to process the same nodes in different ways
 - different templates with the same `match`
- specified in `xsl:apply-templates`
- used in unnamed `xsl:template`
 - `#all` matches all modes

Some remaining XSLT 1.0 features

"Switch"

```
<xsl:choose>
  <xsl:when test='$level=1'>
    <xsl:number format="i"/>
  </xsl:when>
  <xsl:when test='$level=2'>
    <xsl:number format="a"/>
  </xsl:when>
  <xsl:otherwise>
    <xsl:number format="1"/>
  </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
```

For each

```
<xsl:for-each select="item">
  <xsl:sort select="."/>
  <p>
    <xsl:number value="position()" format="1. "/>
    <xsl:value-of select="."/>
  </p>
</xsl:for-each>
```

Include - XML-based inclusion

```
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
  <xsl:include href="article.xsl"/>
```

Import - templates in importing stylesheet take precedence over imported templates

```
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
  <xsl:import href="article.xsl"/>
```


Some XSLT 2.0

Grouping of data

```
<xsl:for-each-group select="cities/city" group-by="@country">
  <tr>
    <td><xsl:value-of select="@country"/></td>
    <td>
      <xsl:value-of select="current-group()/@name" separator=", "/>
    </td>
    <td><xsl:value-of select="sum(current-group()/@pop)"/></td>
  </tr>
</xsl:for-each-group>
```

Multiple output documents

```
<xsl:result-document href="foo.html">
  <!-- add instructions to generate document content here -->
</xsl:result-document>
```

Regular expressions

```
<!-- This example transforms dates of the form "12/8/2003" into ISO 8601
standard form: "2003-12-08". -->
<xsl:analyze-string select="$date" regex="([0-9]+)/([0-9]+)/([0-9]{4})">
  <xsl:matching-substring>
    <xsl:number value="regex-group(3)" format="0001"/>
    <xsl:text>-</xsl:text>
  </xsl:matching-substring>
</xsl:analyze-string>
```

and 3.0 features

Streaming

```
<xsl:template match="/">
  <xsl:stream href="books.xml">
    <xsl:iterate select="/books/book">
      <xsl:result-document href="{concat('book', position(), '.xml')}">
        <xsl:copy-of select="."/>
      </xsl:result-document>
      <xsl:next-iteration/>
    </xsl:iterate>
  </xsl:stream>
</xsl:template>
```

Higher-order functions

```
<xsl:value-of select="$f1(2)"/>
```

Text processing: CSV, JSON, ... on input

```
<xsl:variable name="header" select="tokenize(unparsed-text-lines($csv)[1], $sep)"/>
```

Examples

XSLT Example - IANA registry - generating HTML

Open <https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.xml> in a web browser

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="media-types.xsl"?>
<?oxygen RNGSchema="media-types.rng" type="xml"?>
<registry xmlns="http://www.iana.org/assignment"
id="media-types">
```

```
  <title>Media Types</title>
  <category>Multipurpose Internet
Media Types</category>
  <updated>2021-03-10</updated>
```

Link to XSLT stylesheet
transforming XML to HTML

```
  <registration_rule>Expert Review for Vendor and Personal
Trees.</registration_rule>
  <expert>Ned Freed, Alexey Melnikov, Murray Kucherawy
(backup)</expert>
  <xref type="rfc" data="rfc6838"/>
  <xref type="rfc" data="rfc4855"/>
  ...
```

Media Types

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Registration Procedure(s)

Expert Review for Vendor and Personal Trees.

Expert(s)

Ned Freed, Alexey Melnikov, Murray Kucherawy (backup)

Reference

[\[RFC6838\]](#)[\[RFC4855\]](#)

Note

Per Section 3.1 of [\[RFC6838\]](#), Standards Tree requests made through IETF documents will be reviewed and approved by the IESG, while requests made by other recognized standards organizations will be reviewed by the Designated Expert in accordance with the Specification Required policy. IANA will verify that this organization is recognized as a standards organization by the IESG.

Note

[\[RFC2046\]](#) specifies that Media Types (formerly known as MIME types) and Media Subtypes will be assigned and listed by the IANA.

Procedures for registering Media Types can be found in [\[RFC6838\]](#), [\[RFC4289\]](#), and [\[RFC6657\]](#). Additional procedures for registering media types for transfer via Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) can be found in [\[RFC4855\]](#).

The following is the list of Directories of Content Types and Subtypes. If you wish to register a Media Type with the IANA, please see the following for the online application:

[\[Application for registration of Media Types\]](#)

Other Media Type Parameters: [\[IANA registry media-types-parameters\]](#)

Media Type Sub-Parameters: [\[IANA registry media-type-sub-parameters\]](#)

Provisional Standard Media Type Registry: [\[IANA registry provisional-standard-media-types\]](#)

Available Formats



Registries included below

XSLT Example - Generating RDF Turtle

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="2.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:fn="http://www.w3.org/2005/xpath-functions">
  <xsl:output method="text" encoding="UTF-8" />
  <xsl:variable name="prefix">https://ex.org/resource/</xsl:variable>
  <xsl:variable name="catalogIRI" select="concat($prefix, 'Catalog')"/>

  <xsl:template match="catalog">
    @prefix dcat: &lt;http://www.w3.org/ns/dcat#&gt; .
    @prefix dcterms: &lt;http://purl.org/dc/terms/&gt; .

    &lt;&lt;xsl:value-of select="$catalogIRI"/>&gt; a dcat:Catalog .
    <xsl:apply-templates>
      <xsl:with-param name="currentIRI" select="$catalogIRI"/>
    </xsl:apply-templates>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="dataset">
    <xsl:variable name="datasetIRI" select="concat($prefix, 'dataset/', fn:position())"/>
    &lt;&lt;xsl:value-of select="$catalogIRI"/>&gt; dcat:dataset &lt;&lt;xsl:value-of
select="$datasetIRI"/>&gt; .
    &lt;&lt;xsl:value-of select="$datasetIRI"/>&gt; a dcat:Dataset .
    <xsl:apply-templates select="title">
      <xsl:with-param name="currentIRI" select="$datasetIRI"/>
    </xsl:apply-templates>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="title">
    <xsl:param name="currentIRI"/>
    &lt;&lt;xsl:value-of select="$currentIRI"/>&gt; dcterms:title &quot;<xsl:value-of
select="text()"/>&quot;@<xsl:value-of select="@xml:lang"/> .
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="text()" mode="#all"/>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

```
@prefix dcat: <http://www.w3.org/ns/dcat#> .
@prefix dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .

<https://ex.org/resource/Catalog> a dcat:Catalog .
  <https://ex.org/resource/Catalog> dcterms:title "My catalog"@en .
  <https://ex.org/resource/Catalog> dcterms:title "Můj katalog"@cs .

<https://ex.org/resource/Catalog> dcat:dataset <https://ex.org/resource/dataset/2> .
<https://ex.org/resource/dataset/2> a dcat:Dataset .
  <https://ex.org/resource/dataset/2> dcterms:title "Bikesharing in Brno"@en .
  <https://ex.org/resource/dataset/2> dcterms:title "Sdílení kol v Brně"@cs .

<https://ex.org/resource/Catalog> dcat:dataset <https://ex.org/resource/dataset/4> .
<https://ex.org/resource/dataset/4> a dcat:Dataset .
  <https://ex.org/resource/dataset/4> dcterms:title "Bikesharing in Prague"@en .
  <https://ex.org/resource/dataset/4> dcterms:title "Sdílení kol v Praze"@cs .
```

Literature

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