Module 7

More on XSLT



Module Overview

In this module, you will learn about:

- XPath
- XPath Expressions and Functions
- Working with different Styles



Lesson 1 - XPath

In this first lesson, **XPath**, you will learn to:

- Define and describe XPath.
- Identify nodes according to XPath.
- List operators used with XPath.
- Describe the types of matching



XPath 1-2

- XPath can be considered as a query language like SQL.
- Extracts information from an XML document.
- Language for retrieving information from a XML document.
- Used to navigate through elements and attributes in an XML document.
- Allows identifying parts of an XML document.
- Provides a common syntax for features shared by Extensible Stylesheet Language Transformations (XSLT) and XQuery.



XPath 2-2

- XSLT
 - Language for transforming XML documents into XML, HTML or text.
- XQuery
 - Builds on XPath.
 - Language for extracting information from XML documents.



Benefits of XPath

- Provides single syntax that you can use for:
 - Queries
 - Addressing
 - Patterns
- Concise, simple, and powerful
- Benefits:
 - Syntax is simple for the simple and common cases.
 - Any path that can occur in an XML document.
 - Any set of conditions for the nodes in the path can be specified.
 - Any node in an XML document can be uniquely identified.

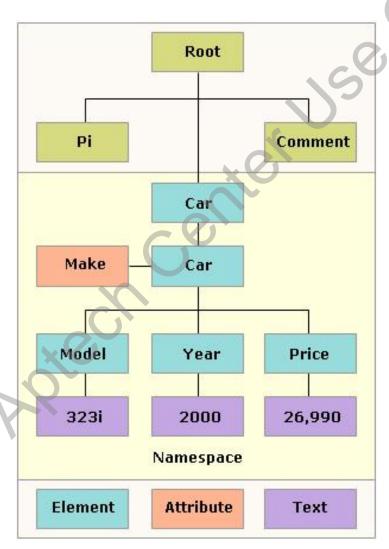


XML Document in XPath 1-4

- An XML document is viewed as a tree.
- Each part of the document is represented as a node.
- Nodes
 - Root
 - A single root node that contains all other nodes in the tree.
 - Element
 - Every element in a document has a corresponding element node that appears in the tree under the root node.
 - Within an element node appear all of the other types of nodes that correspond to the element's content.
 - Element nodes may have a unique identifier associated with them that is used to reference the node with XPath.



XML Document in XPath 2-4





XML Document in XPath 3-4

Attribute

- Each element node has an associated set of attribute nodes.
- Element is the parent of each of these attribute nodes.
- An attribute node is not a child of its parent element.

Text

- Character data is grouped into text nodes.
- Characters inside comments, processing instructions and attribute values do not produce text nodes.
- The text node has a parent node and it may be the child node.

Comment

- There is a comment node for every comment, except within the document type declaration (DTD).
- The comment node has a parent node and it may be the child node too.



XML Document in XPath 4-4

Processing instruction

- Processing instruction node exists for every processing instruction except for any processing instruction within the document type declaration.
- The processing instruction node has a parent node and it may be the child node too.

Namespace

- Each element has an associated set of namespace nodes.
- Provides descriptive information about their parent node.

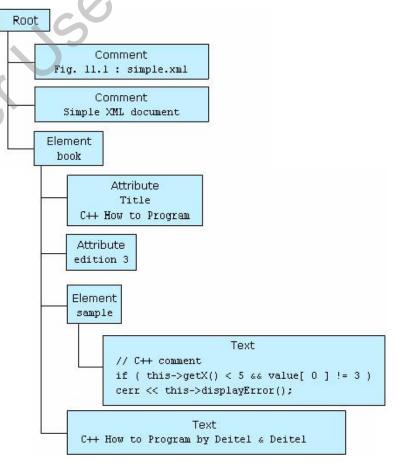


XPath Representation

An XPath query operates on a well-formed XML document after it

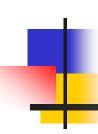
has been parsed into a tree structure.

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
<!-- Fig. 11.1 : simple.xml -->
<!-- Simple XML document -->
<book title = "C++ How to Program" edition</pre>
<sample>
<! [CDATA]
// C++ comment
 if (this->getX() < 5 && value[-0]
cerr << this->displayError();
 11>
 </sample>
C++ How to Program by Deitel & amp; Deitel
</book>
```



Original XML Document

XPath Representation



Operators in XPath

- An XPath expression returns a node set, a boolean, a string, or a number.
- XPath provides basic floating point arithmetic operators and some comparison and boolean operators.

Operator	Description		
/	Child operator; selects immediate children of the left-side collection.		
//	Recursive descent; searches for the specified element at any depth		
•	Indicates the current context		
• •	The parent of the current context node		
*	Wildcard; selects all elements regardless of the element name		
@	Attribute; prefix for an attribute name		
: 0	Namespace separator; separates the namespace prefix from the element or attribute name		



Examples of XPath Operators

Expression	Refers to	
Author/FirstName	All <firstname> elements within an <author> element of the current context node.</author></firstname>	
BookStore//Title	All <title> elements one or more levels deep in the <BookStore> element.</td></tr><tr><td>BookStore/*/Title</td><td colspan=2>All <Title> elements that are grandchildren of <BookStore> elements.</td></tr><tr><td>BookStore//Book/Excerpt//Work</td><td>All <Work> elements anywhere inside <Excerpt> children of <Book> elements, anywhere inside the <BookStore> element.</td></tr><tr><td>.//Title</td><td>All <Title> elements one or more levels deep in the current context.</td></tr></tbody></table></title>	



Types of Matching 1-3

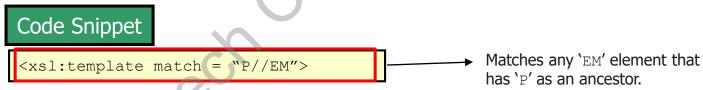
- XPath can create of the patterns.
- The match attribute of the xsl:template element supports a complex syntax.
- Allows to express exactly which nodes to be matched.
- The select attribute of xsl:apply-templates, xsl:value-of, xsl:for-each, xsl:copy-of, and xsl:sort supports a superset of the syntax.
- Allows to express exactly which nodes to selected and which nodes not to be selected.



Types of Matching 2-3

- Matching by name
 - The source element is identified by its name, using the match attribute.
 - The value given to the match attribute is called the pattern.

- Matching by ancestry
 - As in CSS, a match can be made using the element's ancestry.

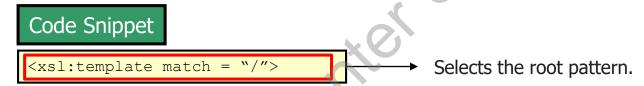


- Matching the element names
 - The most basic pattern contains a single element name which matches all elements with that name.

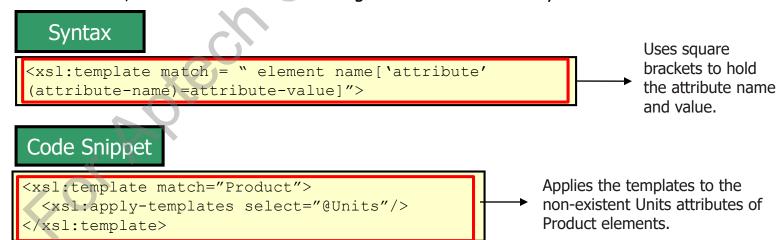
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Types of Matching 3-3

- Matching the root
 - Enables all descendant nodes to inherit the properties on the root of document.
 - Uses a single forward slash to represent the root.



- Matching by attribute
 - As in CSS, a match can be made using the element's ancestry.





Lesson 2 – XPath Expressions and Functions

In this second lesson, **XPath Expressions and Functions**, you will learn to:

- State and explain the various XPath expressions and functions.
- List the node set functions.
- List the boolean functions.
- State the numeric functions.
- Describe the string functions.
- Explain what result tree fragments are.



XPath Expressions 1-2

- Statements that can extract useful information from the XPath tree.
- Instead of just finding nodes, one can count them, add up numeric values, compare strings, and more.
- Are like statements in a functional programming language.
- Evaluates to a single value.



XPath Expressions 2-2

Node-set

 An unordered group of nodes from the input document that match an expression's criteria.

Boolean

- XSLT allows any kind of data to be transformed into a boolean.
- Often done implicitly when a string or a number or a node-set is used where a boolean is expected.

Number

- Numeric values useful for counting nodes and performing simple arithmetic.
- Numbers like 43 or -7000 that look like integers are stored as doubles.
- Non-number values, such as strings and booleans, are converted to numbers automatically as necessary.

String

- A sequence of zero or more Unicode characters.
- Other data types can be converted to strings using the string() function.



XPath Functions

- XPath defines various functions required for XPath 2.0, XQuery 1.0 and XSLT 2.0.
- The different functions are Accessor, AnyURI, Node, Error and Trace, Sequence, Context, Boolean, Duration/Date/Time, String, QName and Numeric.
- Can be used to refine XPath queries and enhance the programming power and flexibility of XPath.
- Each function in the function library is specified using a function prototype that provides the return type, function name, and argument type.
- If an argument type is followed by a question mark, the argument is optional; otherwise, the argument is required.
- Function names are case-sensitive.
- The default prefix for the function namespace is fn.



Node-Set Functions 1-4

- Take a node-set argument.
- Return a node-set or information about a particular node within a node-set.
- Are name(), local-name(), namespace-uri() and root().

Syntax

```
name()
fn:name()
fn:name(nodeset)

local-name()
fn:local-name()
fn:local-name(nodeset)

namespace-uri()
fn:namespace-uri()
fn:namespace-uri(nodeset)

root()
fn:root()
fn:root()
```

where,

name (): Returns name of current node or the first node in specified node set.

local-name(): Returns name of currentnode or the first node in specified node setwithout namespace prefix.

namespace-uri(): Returns namespace URI of current node or first node in specified node set.

root(): Returns root of tree to which the current node or specified node belongs. This will usually be a document node.

Node-Set Functions 2-4

Code and Schema

```
<!--Book.xml -->
    <?xml-stylesheet type="text/xs1" href="Sample.xs1"?>
2 - < Catalog xmlns="http://www.BookCatalog.com"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.BookCatalog.com BookSchema.xsd
                     <Author>Gambardella, Matthew</Author>
                     <Title>XML Developer's Guide</Title>
                     <Genre>Computer</Genre>
                     <Price>44.95</Price>
10
                     <Publish>2000-10-01</Publish>
11
                     <Description>An in-depth look at
                                                      creating applications
12
                with XML.</Description>
            </Book>
13
   L</Catalog>
    <!--BookSchema.xsd -->
1 巨 <xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
      targetNamespace="http://www.BookCatalog.com"
      xmlns="http://www.BookCatalog.com"
      elementFormDefault="qualified">
      <!--definition for simple elements-
      <xs:element name="Author" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="Title" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="Genre" type="xs:string"/>
10
      <xs:element name="Price" type="xs:float"/>
11
      <xs:element name="Publish" type="xs:string"/>
12
      <xs:element name="Description" type="xs:string"/>
13
14
15
      <!--definition for complex elements-->
      <xs:element name="Book">
        <xs:complexType>
17
          <xs:sequence>
             <xs:element ref="Author"/>
             <xs:element ref="Title"/>
             <xs:element ref="Genre"/>
22
             <xs:element ref="Price"/>
            <xs:element ref="Publish"/>
23
24
             <xs:element ref="Description"/>
25
           </xs:sequence>
        </xs:complexType>
26
      </xs:element>
27
28
29 中
       <xs:element name="Catalog">
30
        <xs:complexType>
31
          <xs:sequence>
            <xs:element ref="Book" min0ccurs="1" max0ccurs="unbounded"/>
33
          </xs:sequence>
34
        </xs:complexType>
35
      </xs:element>
    </xs:schema>
```

Node-Set Functions 3-4

Stylesheet

```
<!-Sample.xsl -->
1 - (xsl:stylesheet xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform" version="1.0
      <xsl:output method="html"/>
     <xsl:template match="/">
        <html>
5 🗀
           <body>
             <h3>Node-set Function</h3>
8 🖨
             <b>namespace-uri()</b>
11
                  <b>name()</b>
                  <b>local-name</b>
12
                  25%"><b>text()</b>
13
14
                15
                <xsl:apply-templates />
             16
17
          </body>
18
        </html>
19
     </xsl:template>
20
21
     <xsl:template match="</pre>
22 🖨
        >
23 臣
           <xsl:value-of select="namespace-uri()"/>
24
25
           26
           <xsl:value-of select="name()"/>
27
28
           29
          30
             <xsl:value-of select="local-name()"/>
31
32
           33
             <xsl:value-of select="text()"/>
34
          35
        36
        <xsl:apply-templates select="#"/>
   </xsl:template>
  L</xsl:stylesheet>
```



Node-Set Functions 4-4

Formatted Output

Node-set Function

namespace-uri()	name()	local-name	text()
http://www.BookCatalog.com	Catalog	Catalog	
http://www.BookCatalog.com	Book	Book	
http://www.BookCatalog.com	Author	Author	Gambardella, Matthew
http://www.BookCatalog.com	Title	Title	XML Developer's Guide
http://www.BookCatalog.com	Genre	Genre	Computer
http://www.BookCatalog.com	Price	Price	44.95
http://www.BookCatalog.com	Publish	Publish	2000-10-01
http://www.BookCatalog.com	Description	Description	An in-depth look at creating applications with XML.

Boolean Functions 1-5

- boolean(arg)
 - Returns a boolean value for a number, string, or node-set.

Syntax

fn:boolean(arg)

Code Snippet

```
boolean(0) = false
boolean(1) = true
boolean(-100) = true
boolean('hello') = true
boolean('') = false
boolean(//book) = false
```



Boolean Functions 2-5

- not(arg)
 - The sense of an operation can be reversed by using the not() function.

Syntax

fn:not(arg)



Boolean Functions 3-5

- not(arg)
 - The sense of an operation can be reversed by using the not() function.

Code Snippet

The template rule selects all product elements that are not the first child of their parents.

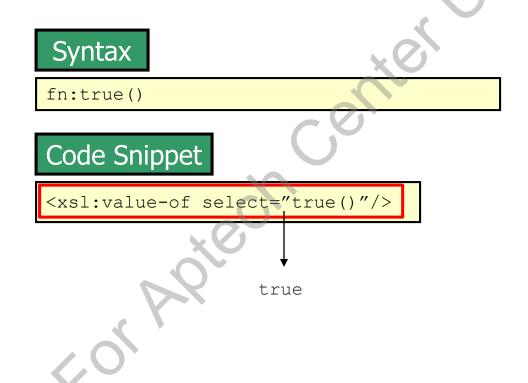
Code Snippet

The same template rule could be written using the not equal operator != instead.



Boolean Functions 4-5

- true()
 - Returns the boolean value true.





Boolean Functions 5-5

- false()
 - Returns the boolean value true.

Syntax

```
fn:false()
```

Code Snippet

```
<xsl:value-of select="false() or false()"/>
<xsl:value-of select="true() and false()"/>
<xsl:value-of select="false() and false()"/>
```

true false



Numeric Functions 1-5

- Return strings or numbers.
- Can be used with comparison operators in filter patterns such as:
 - number(arg)
 - ceiling(num)
 - floor(num)
 - round(num)

Syntax

number (arq)

fn:number(arg)

ceiling(num)

fn:ceiling(num)

floor (num)

fn: floor (num)

round (num)

fn:round(num)

where,

number(arg): Returns numeric value of
argument. Argument could be a boolean, a string,
or a node-set.

ceiling (num): Returns smallest integer greater than the number argument.

floor (num): Returns largest integer that is not greater than the number argument.

round (num): Rounds the number argument to the nearest integer.

Numeric Functions 2-5

Stylesheet(1-3)

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="Number.xsl"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0" xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
  <xsl:output method="html"/>
  <xsl:template match="/">
    <ht.ml>
      <body>
        <h3>Numeric Functions</h3>
        <1i>>
            <b>number('1548')</b> =
            <xsl:value-of select="number('1548')"/>
          </1i>
          <1i>>
            <b>number('-1548') = <xsl:value-of select="number('-1548')"/>
          <1i>>
            <b>number('text')</b> = <xsl:value-of select="number('text')"/>
          <1i>>
            \langle b \rangle number ('226.38' div '1')\langle b \rangle = \langle xsl \rangle: value-of select="number ('226.38'
            div '1')"/>
```

Numeric Functions 3-5

Stylesheet(2-3)

```
<l
  <1i>>
    <b>ceiling(2.5) = <xsl:value-of select="ceiling(2.5)"/>
  <1i>>
    <b>ceiling(-2.3) = <xsl:value-of select="ceiling(-2.3)"/>
  <1i>>
    <b>ceiling(4)</b> = <xsl:value-of select="ceiling(4)"/>
  </1i>
<111>
  <1i>>
    <b>floor(2.5) = <xsl:value-of select="floor(2.5)"/>
  <1i>>
    \langle b \rangle floor(-2.3) \langle b \rangle = \langle xsl:value-of select="floor(-2.3)"/>
  </1i>
  <1i>>
    <br/>
<b>floor(4)</b> = <xsl:value-of select="floor(4)"/>
```

Numeric Functions 4-5

Stylesheet(3-3)

```
<l
           <1i>>
             <b>round(3.6) = <xsl:value-of select="round(3.6)"/>
           <1i>>
             \langle b \rangle round(3.4)\langle b \rangle = \langle xsl:value-of select="round(3.4)"/<math>\rangle
           <1i>>
             \langle b \rangle (3.5) \langle b \rangle = \langle xsl:value-of select="round(3.5)"/>
           <1i>>
              <b>round(-0.6)</b> = <xsl:value-of select="round(-0.6)"/>
           <1i>>
             \langle b \rangle = \langle xsl : value - of select = "round (-2.5)" / \rangle
           </body>
    </html>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```



Numeric Functions 5-5

Output

Numeric Functions

- number('1548') = 1548
- number('-1548') = -1548
- number('text') = NaN
- number('226.38' div '1') = 226.38
- ceiling(2.5) = 3
- ceiling(-2.3) = -2
- ceiling(4) = 4
- floor(2.5) = 2
- floor(-2.3) = -3
- floor(4) = 4
- round(3.6) = 4
- round(3.4) = 3
- round(3.5) = 4
- round(-0.6) = -1



String Functions 1-5

- String functions are used to:
 - Evaluate
 - Format and manipulate string arguments
 - Convert an object to a string
- Different String functions are:
 - string(arg)
 - compare()
 - concat()
 - substring()



String Functions 2-5

Syntax

string(arg)

fn:string(arg)

translate()

fn:translate(string, string, string)

concat()

fn:concat(string, string, ...)

substring()

fn:substring(string, start, len)

fn:substring(string, start)

where,

string (arg): Returns string value of the argument. The argument could be a number, boolean, or node- set.

translate(): Returns first argument string with occurrences of characters in second argument string replaced by character at the corresponding position in third argument string.

concat (): Returns concatenation of the strings.

substring(): Returns substring from
the start position to specified length.

String Functions 3-5

Code Snippet

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
 1
    <?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="BookDetail.xsl"?>
  □ <BookStore>
      <Book>
        <Title>The Weather Pattern</Title>
 5
        <Author>Weather Man</Author>
        <Price>100.00</Price>
 7
 8
      </Book>
      <Book>
 9
        <Title>Weaving Patterns</Title>
10
        <Author>Weaver</Author>
11
        <Price>150.00</Price>
12
      </Book>
13
      <Book>
14
        <Title>Speech Pattern</Title>
15
        <Author>Speaker</Author>
16
        <Price>15.00</Price>
17
      </Book>
18
19
      <Book>
        <Title>Writing Style</Title>
20
        <Author>Writer</Author>
21
22
        <Price>1500.00</Price>
23
       </Book>
     </BookStore>
24
```

String Functions 4-5

Stylesheet

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
    <?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="BookDetail.xsl"?>
3 🗗 <xsl:stylesheet version="1.0" xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
      <xsl:template match="/">
 5 🛱
        <html>
 6 🖹
           <head>
             <title>example</title>
          </head>
9
           <body>
10
             <xsl:value-of select='translate("</pre>
11
             ----","bok","ook") !/>
12
             <br/>
             <xsl:value-of select="concat('AWARD WINNING', 'BOOK DETAILS')"/>
13
             <xsl:apply-templates select="//Book"/>
14
15
          </body>
16
        </html>
17
      </xsl:template>
      <xsl:template match="Book">
18
        <xsl:if test="contains(Title, 'Pattern')">
19
           <DIV>
20
21
             <B>
22
               <xsl:value-of select="Title"/>
23
             </B>
24
             by
25
26
               <xsl:value-of select="Author"/>
27
             </I>
28
             costs
29
             <xsl:value-of select="Price"/>
30
31
           </DIV>
32
        </xsl:if>
33
      </xsl:template>
     </xsl:stylesheet>
```



String Functions 5-5

Output

-----Books-----

AWARD WINNINGBOOK DETAILS

The Weather Pattern by Weather Man costs 100.00.

Weaving Patterns by Weaver costs 150.00.

Speech Pattern by *Speaker* costs 15.00.



Result Tree Fragments

- A portion of an XML document that is not a complete node or set of nodes.
- The only allowed operation in a result tree fragment is on a string.
- The operation on the string may involve first converting the string to a number or a boolean.
- Result tree fragment is an additional data type other than four basic XPath data types, such as, string, number, boolean, node-set.
- A result tree fragment represents a fragment of the result tree.
- It is not permitted to use the /, //, and [] XPath operators on Result tree fragments.



<u>Lesson 3 – Working with different Styles</u>

In this last lesson, **Working with different Styles**, you will learn to:

- Explain how to switch between styles.
- Describe how to transform XML documents into HTML using XSLT.

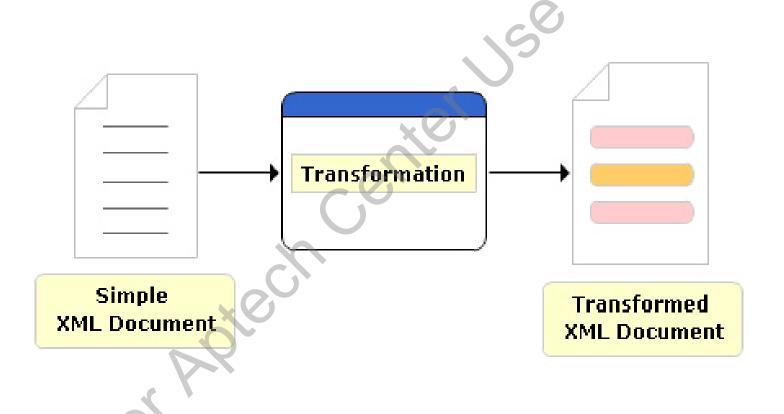


Transformation of XML Document 1-2

- Transformation is one of the most important and useful techniques for working with XML.
- XML can be transformed by changing its structure, its markup, and perhaps its content into another form.
- The most common reason to transform XML is to extend the reach of a document into new areas by converting it into a presentational format.
- Uses of transformation:
 - Formatting a document to create a high-quality presentational format.
 - Changing one XML vocabulary to another.
 - Extracting specific pieces of information and formatting them in another way.
 - Changing an instance of XML into text.
 - Reformatting or generating content.



Transformation of XML Document 2-2



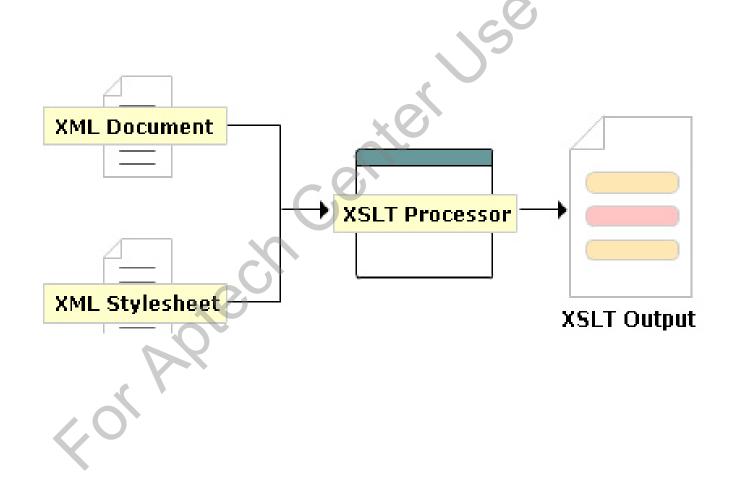


Transformation using XSLT Processor 1-2

- Takes two inputs:
 - An XSLT stylesheet to govern the transformation process.
 - An input document called the source tree.
- The output is called the result tree.
- The XSLT engine begins by reading in the XSLT stylesheet and caching it as a look-up table.
- XPath locates the parts of XML document such as Element nodes, Attribute nodes and Text nodes.
- For each node the XSLT processes, it will look in the table for the best matching rule to apply.
- Starting from the root node, the XSLT engine finds rules, executes them, and continues until there are no more nodes in its context node set to work with.
- At that point, processing is complete and the XSLT engine outputs the result document.



Transformation using XSLT Processor 2-2





Transforming XML using XSLT 1-2

Step 1

Creates a normal XML document.

Code Snippet

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

Step 2

Add the following lines.

Code Snippet

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<xsl:stylesheet xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform" version="1.0" >
    ...
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

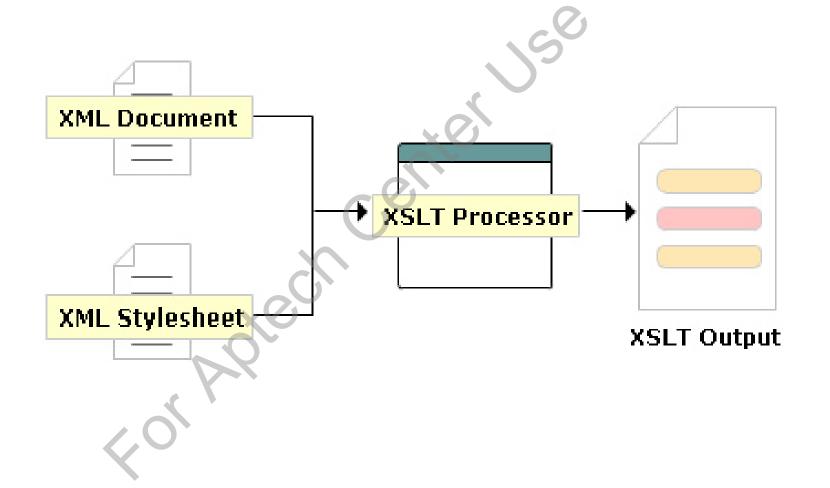
Step 3

- Set it up to produce HTML-compatible output.
- The <xsl:output> tag should be used with either "text" or "html" to output anything besides well-formed XML.
- The default value is "xml".

Code Snippet



Transforming XML using XSLT 2-2



Transforming XML using XSLT Example 1-2

Example code of transforming XML documents into HTML using XSLT processor

Code Snippet

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
    <?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="ProductInfo.xsl"?>
 4 □ < Company>
      <Pre>roduct>
         <Pre><Pre>roduct ID>S002</Pre>duct ID>
         <Name>Steel</Name>
         <Price>1000/tonne</Price>
         <Boiling Point Units="Kelvin">20.28</Boiling Point>
10
         <Melting Point Units="Kelvin">13.81</Melting Point>
11
12
       </Product>
13
      <Pre>roduct>
14 -
         <Pre><Pre>roduct_ID>S004</Pre>duct_ID>
15
         <Name>Iron</Name>
16
         <Price>5000/tonne</Price>
17
18
         <Boiling Point Units="Kelvin">34.216</Boiling Point>
         <Melting Point Units="Kelvin">23.81</Melting Point>
19
       </Product>
20
21
    </Company>
```

where,

Company: The root Company element contains Product child elements.

Units: Attribute specifies the units for products melting point and boiling point.

Transforming XML using XSLT Example 2-2

Stylesheet

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
  □<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0" xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
      <xsl:template match="Company">
        <html>
           <xsl:apply-templates/>
        </html>
      </xsl:template>
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      <xsl:template match="Product";</pre>
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        < P>
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           <xsl:apply-templates/>
        </P>
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      </xsl:template>
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     </xsl:stylesheet>
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```

Output

S002Steel1000/tonne20.2813.81

S004Iron5000/tonne34.21623.81



Summary 1-2

XPath

- Notation for retrieving information from a document.
- Provides a common syntax for features shared by Extensible Stylesheet Language Transformations (XSLT) and XQuery.
- Have seven types of node as Root, Element, Attribute, Text, Comment, Processing instruction and Namespace.
- Used in the creation of the patterns.

XPath Expressions and Functions

- The four types of expressions in XPath are
 - Node-sets.
 - Booleans.
 - Numbers.
 - Strings.



Summary 2-2

XPath Expressions and Functions (contd...)

- Functions defined for XPath are Accessor, AnyURI, Node, Error and Trace, Sequence, Context, Boolean, Duration/Date/Time, String, QName and Numeric.
- A Result tree fragment is a portion of an XML document that is not a complete node or set of nodes.

Working with different styles

- Transformation is one of the most important and useful techniques for working with XML.
- To transform XML is to change its structure, its markup, and perhaps its content into another form.
- Transformation can be carried out using an XSLT processor also.