

CSIT884 Web Development

Lecture 08 – XSLT

XSLT

- EXtensible Stylesheet Language Transformation (XSLT) is an XML language for transforming XML documents
 - file extension is .xsl
 - used to transform XML file into other file formats, such as HTML
 - describes how the XML elements should be displayed

The content of the stylesheet XSL file looks like the following:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet
  version="1.0"
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  ... xslt code here ...
```

</xsl:stylesheet>

This is an XML data representing exam information for a particular subject:

We would like to transform this XML content into the HTML display

exam.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<exam subject="MATH 2113">
  <title>Abstract Algebra</title>
  <venue>20.G01</venue>
  <date>15/11/2018</date>
  <time>1PM-4PM</time>
  <note>Closed book exam, calculator allowed</note>
</exam>
```

```
exam-with-style.xml
```

These two XML files have almost the same content.

The 2nd one has a reference to a stylesheet. Let's look at them on a browser.

exam.xml

exam-with-style.xml

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On web browser, the two XML files display differently.

This is because the second XML uses a stylesheet.

```
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="style-exam.xsl"?>
```

Let's have a look at the **stylesheet file**

</html>

</xsl:template>

</xsl:stylesheet>

```
Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"</pre>
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
 <xsl:template match="/exam">
                                                                  This is the root element of the XML file
   <html>
     <head>
       <title>XSLT example</title>
     </head>
                                                       <exam subject="MATH 2113">
     <body>
                                                        <title>Abstract Algebra</title>
     </body>
                                                        \langle venue \rangle 20.G01 \langle venue \rangle
   </html>
                                                        <date>15/11/2018</date>
 </xsl:template>
                                                        <time>1PM-4PM</time>
</xsl:stylesheet>
                                                        <note>Closed book exam, calculator allowed</note>
                                                       </exam>
```

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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"</pre>
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
 <xsl:template match="/exam">
   <html>
     <head>
       <title>XSLT example</title>
                                                          This looks like HTML code
     </head>
     <body>
                                                          That's why the XML file is displayed in
                                                          the browser as HTML
     </body>
   </html>
                                                           MATH 2113: Abstract Algebra
 </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
                                                                        20.G01
                                                                15/11/2018, 1PM-4PM
```

```
Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"</pre>
xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
 <xsl:template match="/exam">
   <html>
     <head>
       <title>XSLT example</title>
     </head>
     <body>
     </body>
   </html>
 </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

Let's have a look at this code in more detail

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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<body>
 <div align="center" style="background-color:#f0371930">
  <h1>
   <xsl:value-of select="@subject" />
   <xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
   <xsl:value-of select="title" />
  </h1>
  <font size="6" color="green">
   <xsl:value-of select="venue" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="date" />
   <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
   <xsl:value-of select="time" />
  </font>
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="note" />
 </div>
</body>
```

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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl ...

```
<body>
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   <xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
   <xsl:value-of select="title" />
  </h1>
  <font size="6" color="green"> _
   <xsl:value-of select="venue" />
   <br />
   <xsl:value-of select="date" />
   <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
   <xsl:value-of select="time" />
  </font>
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="note" /</pre>
 </div>
</body>
```

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Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<xsl:value-of select="@subject" />
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<xsl:value-of select="title" />
<xsl:value-of select="venue" />
<xsl:value-of select="date" />
<xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="time" />
<xsl:value-of select="note" />
. . .
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<exam subject="MATH 2113">
 <title>Abstract Algebra</title>
 \langle venue \rangle 20.G01 \langle venue \rangle
 <date>15/11/2018</date>
 <time>1PM-4PM</time>
 <note>Closed book exam, calculator
allowed</note>
</exam>
```

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Get value from attribute



Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
  <xsl:value-of select="@subject" />
                                          <exam subject="MATH 2113">
  <xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
  <xsl:value-of select="title" /> 
                                          -<title>Abstract Algebra</title>
                                           <venue>20.G01
  <xsl:value-of select="venue" />
                                           <date>15/11/2018</date>
  <xsl:value-of select="date" />
                                           <time>1PM-4PM</time>
  <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
                                           <note>Closed book exam, calculator
  <xsl:value-of select="time" />
                                          allowed</note>
  <xsl:value-of select="note" />
                                          </exam>
                                       ↓ Abstract Algebra
                                      20.G01
Get value from element
                                    15/11/2018
                                  1PM-4PM
                                Closed book exam, calculator allowed
```

Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl

```
<xsl:value-of select="@subject" />
<xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="title" />
<xsl:value-of select="venue" />
<xsl:value-of select="date"</pre>
<xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="time"</pre>
<xsl:value-of select="note"</pre>
. . .
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<exam subject="MATH 2113">
 <title>Abstract Algebra</title>
 <venue>20.G01
<date>15/11/2018</date>
 <time>1PM-4PM</time>
 <note>Closed book exam, calculator
allowed</note>
</exam>
```

Write literal text

```
Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl
<body>
 <div align="center" style="background-color:#f0371930">
  <h1>
   <xsMATHLu2113 select="@subject" />
   <xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
   <xAbstract-Afgebract="title" />
  </h1>
  <font size="6" color="green">
   <xsl:v20uG01f select="venue" />
   <br />
   <xsl: 151/11/2018lect="date" />
   <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
   <xsl:valpm_qpmelect="time" />
  </font>
  <br />
  Closed book exam, calculator allowed
 </div>
</body>
```

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```
Stylesheet file: style-exam.xsl
<body>
 <div align="center" style="background-color:#f0371930">
  <h1>
      MATH 2113
     Abstract Algebra
  </h1>
  <font size="6" color="green">
         20.G01
   <br />
         15/11/2018
           1PM-4PM
  </font>
  <br />
   Closed book exam, calculator allowed
 </div>
</body>
```

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Summary

Get attribute value:

```
<xsl:value-of select="@attribute-name" />
```

Get element value:

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

Literal text:

```
<xsl:text>some text here ...</xsl:text>
```

```
transaction0.xml uses stylesheet transaction-style0.xsl
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="transaction-style0.xsl"?>
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
 <person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
 <firstName>John</firstName>
 <lastName>Smith
 <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
 </person>
 <person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
  <firstName>Mary</firstName>
  <lastName>Jane
  <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
 </person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

Have a look at the XML file transaction 0.xml in the browser

24/02/2015

John Smith 0211223344 103 update

Mary Jane 0244556677 -1 add

Have a look at the XML stylesheet transaction-style0.xsl

```
<xsl:template match="/dailyTransaction">
<html>
                                               <dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
                                                 <person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
 <head>
                                                  <firstName>John</firstName>
  <title>XSLT example</title>
                                                  <lastName>Smith
 </head>
                                                  <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
 <body>
                                                 </person>
                                                <person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
                                                  <firstName>Mary</firstName>
 </body>
                                                  <lastName>Jane
</html>
                                                  <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
</xsl:template>
                                                 </person>
. . .
                                                </dailyTransaction>
```

Have a look at the XML stylesheet transaction-style0.xsl

```
. . .
<body>
 <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> <br /><br />
 <xsl:for-each select="person">
  <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
  <br />
  <br />
 </xsl:for-each>
</body>
. . .
```

```
add
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
<person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
  <firstName>John</firstName>
  <lastName>Smith
  <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
</person>
<person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
  <firstName>Mary</firstName>
  <lastName>Jane
  <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
</person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

24/02/2015

0211223344

0244556677

John Smith

103

update

Mary

Jane

-1

Have a look at the XML stylesheet transaction-style0.xsl

```
. . .
<body>
 <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> <br /><br />
 <xsl:for-each select="person"> <</pre>
  <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
  <br />
  <br />
 </xsl:for-each>
</body>
```

. . .

FOR loop

</dailyTransaction>

```
add
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
<person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
  <firstName>John</firstName>
  <lastName>Smith
  <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
</person>
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  <firstName>Mary</firstName>
  <lastName>Jane
  <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
</person>
```

24/02/2015

0211223344

0244556677

John Smith

103

update

Mary

Jane

-1

Have a look at the XML stylesheet transaction-style0.xsl

```
. . .
<body>
 <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> <br /><br />
 <xsl:for-each select="person">
  <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
  <br />
  <br />
 </xsl:for-each>
</body>
. . .
```

```
-1
                                       add
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
<person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
  <firstName>John</firstName>
  <lastName>Smith</lastName>
  <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
</person>
<person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
  <firstName>Mary</firstName>
  <lastName>Jane
  <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
</person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

24/02/2015

0211223344

0244556677

John Smith

103

update

Mary

Jane

Have a look at the XML stylesheet transaction-style0.xsl

```
. . .
<body>
 <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> <br /><br />
 <xsl:for-each select="person">
  <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
  <br />
  <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
  <br />
  <br />
 </xsl:for-each>
</body>
. . .
```

```
-1
                                      add
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
<person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
  <firstName>John</firstName>
  <lastName>Smith
  <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
</person>
<person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
  <firstName>Mary</firstName>
  <lastName>Jane
  <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
</person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

24/02/2015

0211223344

0244556677

John Smith

103

update

Mary

Jane

```
transaction1.xml uses stylesheet transaction-style1.xsl
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="transaction-style1.xsl"?>
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
 <person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
  <firstName>John</firstName>
  <lastName>Smith
  <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
 </person>
 <person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
  <firstName>Mary</firstName>
  <lastName>Jane
  <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
 </person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

```
Have a look at the XML stylesheet transaction-style1.xsl
. . .
<h1>Daily transaction <xsl:value-of select="@date" /> </h1>
<u1>
 <xsl:for-each select="person">
 <1i>>
  <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
  <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
  <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
  <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
  <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
  <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
  <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
  <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
  <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
 </xsl:for-each>
```

. . .

- John Smith, 0211223344, 103, update
- Mary Jane, 0244556677, -1, add

transaction2.xml uses stylesheet transaction-style2.xsl

Version 2 is exactly like version 1 except that we only display staffDbId if it is a positive number.

```
"
<xsl:if test="@staffDbId &gt; 0">
    <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
    <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
</xsl:if>

[F st
```

IF statement

- John Smith, 0211223344, 103, update
- Mary Jane, 0244556677, add

- IF statement will be applied when a specified condition is true.
- Use CHOOSE-WHEN-OTHERWISE statement to express multiple conditional tests.

- John Smith, 0211223344, 103, update
- Mary Jane, 0244556677, add



Conditional statement examples

```
Mark = 49:
mark = 49
Mark not equal to 49:
mark != 49
Student type = 'U':
type = 'U'
Student type not equal to 'U':
type != 'U'
Mark > 35:
mark > 35
Mark >= 85:
mark >= 85
```

```
Mark < 35:
mark &lt; 35
Mark <= 85:
mark &lt; = 85</pre>
```

```
...
<xsl:if test="@staffDbId &gt; 0">
  <xsl:text>, </xsl:text>
  <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
</xsl:if>
...
```

```
Mark NOT equal to 49:
```

```
not(mark = 49)
```

Student type = 'U' or 'P':

```
(type = 'U') or (type = 'P')
```

Mark >= 75 and mark < 85:

(mark > = 75) and (mark < 85)

Now look at transaction3.xml. It uses stylesheet transaction-style3.xsl

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="transaction-style3.xsl"?>
<dailyTransaction date="24/02/2015">
<person staffDbId="103" operation="update">
 <firstName>John</firstName>
 <lastName>Smith
 <mobile>0211223344</mobile>
</person>
<person staffDbId="-1" operation="add">
  <firstName>Mary</firstName>
 <lastName>Jane
  <mobile>0244556677</mobile>
</person>
</dailyTransaction>
```

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

View the source of the xml stylesheet: transaction-style3.xsl

We can see that it displays a table and the data is sorted.

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

Sorted by lastName

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

```
<xsl:for-each select="person">
    <xsl:sort select="@operation"/>
    ...
```

</xsl:for-each>

Sorted by operation

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

```
<xsl:for-each select="person">
    <xsl:sort select="@staffDbId"/>
    ...
```

</xsl:for-each>

Sorted by **staffDbId** as **string** data type

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
John Smith	0211223344	103	update
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove

<xsl:for-each select="person">

<xsl:sort select="@staffDbId" data-type="number"/>

• • •

</xsl:for-each>

Sorted by **staffDbId** as **number** data type

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

Now look at transaction4.xml.

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

Now look at transaction-style4.xsl

```
<xsl:choose>
   <xsl:when test="@operation = 'remove'">
      <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
      </xsl:when>
   <xsl:when test="@operation = 'add'">
      <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
      </xsl:when>
   <xsl:otherwise>
      <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
      </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
```

Now look at transaction5.xml.

```
"
```

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove
John Smith		103	update

Now look at transaction5.xml.

```
<xsl:choose>
                                    Daily transaction 24/02/2015
 <xsl:when test="mobile =</pre>
                                            Mobile
                                      Name

                                          ||0244556677||-1
                                    Mary Jane
                                    |Matt Brown||0441556677||3
 </xsl:when>
                                    John Smith
 <xsl:otherwise>
   <xsl:value-of select="mobile" /> 
 </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
```

Staff Id Operation

103

add

remove

update

Now look at transaction6.xml.

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

New records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add

Updated records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

Removed records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

New records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0234556677	-1	add

Updated records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Jack Patel	0211323344	105	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

Removed records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove
James Williams	0442556677	106	remove

Now look at transaction-style6.xsl.

```
<xsl:for-each select="person[@operation='add']">
<xsl:sort select="lastName"/>
 < t.d >
   <xsl:value-of select="firstName" />
   <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
   <xsl:value-of select="lastName" />
  < t.d >
   <xsl:value-of select="mobile" />
  <t.d>
   <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
  <t.d>
   <xsl:value-of select="@operation" />
  </xsl:for-each>
```

Daily transaction 24/02/2015 New records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add

Updated records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
John Smith	0211223344	103	update

Removed records

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove

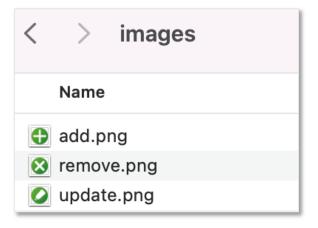
Now look at transaction7.xml.

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	×
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	•
Frank Jones	0234556677	-1	•
Jack Patel	0211323344	105	0
John Smith	0211223344	103	
James Williams	0442556677	106	×

Now look at transaction-style7.xsl.

```
• • •
<td>
   <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
<imq>
       <xsl:attribute name="src">
           <xsl:text>images/</xsl:text>
           <xsl:value-of select="@operation"/>
           <xsl:text>.png</xsl:text>
       </xsl:attribute>
       <xsl:attribute name="width">
           <xsl:text>30px</xsl:text>
       </xsl:attribute>
   </imq>
```



Now look at transaction8.xml.

Daily transaction 24/02/2015

Name	Mobile	Staff Id	Operation
Matt Brown	0441556677	3	remove
Mary Jane	0244556677	-1	add
Frank Jones	0234556677	-1	add
Jack Patel	0211323344	105	update
John Smith	0211223344	103	update
James Williams	0442556677	106	remove

Now look at transaction-style8.xsl.

```
<xsl:choose>
       <xsl:when test="@staffDbId &lt; 0">
           <span style="color:red">
               <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
           </span>
       </xsl:when>
       <xsl:otherwise>
           <span style="color:green">
               <xsl:value-of select="@staffDbId" />
           </span>
       </xsl:otherwise>
   </xsl:choose>
```

Get attribute value:

```
<xsl:value-of select="@attribute-name" />
```

Get element value:

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

Literal text:

<xsl:text>some text here ...

```
FOR loop:
 <xsl:for-each select="element-name">
 </xsl:for-each>
FOR loop with sort:
 <xsl:for-each select="element-name">
   <xsl:sort select="field-to-be-sorted"/>
 </xsl:for-each>
FOR loop with filter:
 <xsl:for-each select="element-name[filter-condition]">
 </xsl:for-each>
```

```
IF statement: (note that there is no IF-ELSE)
<xsl:if test="the-if-condition">
    ...
</xsl:if>
```

CHOOSE-WHEN-OTHERWISE statement:

```
<xsl:choose>
<xsl:when test="condition1">
</xsl:when>
 <xsl:when test="condition2">
</xsl:when>
<xsl:otherwise>
 </xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
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Mark = 49:
mark = 49
Mark not equal to 49:
mark != 49
Student type = 'U':
type = 'U'
Student type not equal to 'U':
type != 'U'
Mark > 35:
mark > 35
Mark >= 85:
mark > = 85
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Mark < 35:
mark < 35
Mark <= 85:
mark <= 85
Mark NOT equal to 49:
not(mark = 49)
Student type = 'U' or 'P':
(type = 'U') or (type = 'P')
Mark >= 75 and mark < 85:
(mark > = 75) and (mark < 85)
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