Beyond TEI

Digital Editions with XPath & XSLT for the Web & in 上K

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Overview

1. The workshop

- 2. Annotating with XML markup
- 3. Text Encoding Initiative

The workshop

Goals

- 1. get to know XPath & XSLT (and learn how to use it)
- 2. understand the role of XML/TEI, XPath and XSLT in Digital Editing
- 3. be able to use XSLT to generate HTML and LTFX output from TEI
- 4. Two days isn't enough for you to master XSLT!

Schedule

- Day 1, morning XML, TEI and Digital Editing → repetition of the basics, making sure we're all on the same page, understanding why we're even learning XSLT.
- Day 1, afternoon Navigating XML documents using XPath, introduction to HTML (& Bootstrap) and 땀돈X (& reledmac)
 - Day 2 Transforming XML documents into HTML & Łack output formats using XSLT

Single point of entry for all workshop-related

materials: 上下X Ninja blogpost & Github

Repository ('additional resources' directory)

Introductions

Please introduce yourselves!

- Name, pronouns, field/topic of study
- 2. Why did you come to this workshop?
- Previous experience with Digital Humanities (DH) or editing?

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Annotating with XML markup

TEI, now what?

Why are we doing this workshop? The motivation from our abstract:

- [...] the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) for XML has become the gold standard for scholarly editions of texts.
- ...

Goals for the next session

- 1. wait, what was...
 - × XML?
 - X TEI?
 - ★ How do I use the TEI for digital editing?

XML: eXtensible Markup Language

- W3Schools Tutorial
- paradigm of the separation of form and content
- XML is a metalanguage



- · RSS, SOAP, XAML
- · MathML, GraphML
- XHTMI
- · RDF
- · KMI
- Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG)

66 Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a markup language and file format for storing, transmitting, and reconstructing arbitrary data. It defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format that is both human-readable and machine-readable. (Wikipedia) **99**

XML rules

XML can be checked for **validity** (validation if it complies with a standard) and **well-formedness** (following the rules of XML) → will only be parsed if well-formed. Thus: Heed thy error messages!

There are rules on how elements can be named (you can look them up if relevant or will get informed by an error message).

<key>value</key> . XML as a
key value notation

Rules

- · Hierarchical nesting below the root
- exactly one root element, i.e. one out-most russion doll
- · start and end tag
- · tag names are case-sensitive (!)
- empty elements allowed (& can be shortened)

Minimal example

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<root>
  <element attribute="value">
        content
  </element>
  <!-- comment -->
</root>
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```

XML rules i

you can include document models (optional) DTD, XML Schema, RelaxNG, Schematron

 entities
 'protected' characters because they have a meta meaning in XML

 like:
 81t;

 >
 >

 &
 &

XML family and vocabularies

XML structured description of data
XPath navigating xml documents

XML Schema strict data model
XSL Extensible Stylesheet Language
XSLT XSL-Transformations, i.e.
transforming XML documents
XSL-FO formatted output (e.g. print)
XQuery query language for XML databases
and more

- (X)HTML Hypertext Markup Language
- EAD Encoded Archival Description
- · TEI Text Encoding Initiative
- · CEI Charters Encoding Initiative
- MEI Music Encoding Initiative
- LIDO Lightweight Information Describing Objects (describing museum or collection objects)
- · SVG Scalable Vector Graphics
- KML Keyhole Markup Language (Geographie)
- · MathML
- · CML Chemical Markup Language,

Text Encoding Initiative

TEI Primer

Text Encoding Initiative



XML-Standard, i.e. convention on how to use XML so that resulting data will be interoperable between different projects. (founded in 1987, consortium since 2000)

(TEI) is a text-centric community of practice in the academic field of digital humanities, operating continuously since the 1980s. The community currently runs a mailing list, meetings and conference series, and maintains the TEI technical standard, a journal, a wiki, a GitHub repository and a toolchain. (Wikipedia)

TEI minimal example

Resources

- · Learn TEL
- · Teach Yourself
- P5 = 5. Proposal
- · MEI for music
- · CEI for charters
- · http://www.tei-c.org/

TEI Header

fileDesc = bibliographical description of the contents of the document **encodingDesc** = connection of electronic document to source (i.e. transcription rules, etc.)

profileDesc = decribes all non-bibliogaphical aspects of the text (i.e. creation, languages)

revisionDesc = tracks changes in the digital document

Using TEI i

Gentle Intro to XML

TEI Core

- · div (division)
- p (paragraph)
- · head (heading)
- · lb (linebreak)
- pb (page break / beginning)
- · hi (highlight)
- · l(line)
- · lg (line group)
- · list

- · item
- listBibl
- · bibl (bibliographical information)

Attributes

- · @n (label)
- · @type (typing)
- xml:id (unique identifier)
- xml:lang (language)
- · @rend (rendering)
- @ana (interpretation)

Using TEI ii

```
<foreign xml:lang="en">word</foreign>
<term type="homonym"/>
<date when="2009-04-27"/>
<time when="12:00:00"/>
<name type="person"/>
<persName n="Caesar" xml:id="#44BC">Caesaris</persName>
<!-- or -->
<persName key="ID.01.208"/>
<person/>
<emph/> <hi rend="italic">italic text</hi>
<seg/> <abbr type="acronym"/>
<placeName xml:id="#Whitby">Abbey</placeName>
```

Using TEI iii

Name spaces

identified via URI

TEI is organized in modules

Acts of speech (reference) if speaker name is mentioned, otherwise TEIs 'said':

Letters in TEI (reference)

Names, Dates, Places

Named Entities & Indirekte reference

TEI 13: Names, Dates, People, Places

- persName for personal names, <rs> for referring string when mentioned indirectly ('he', 'the woman', etc.) →@key or @ref to specify who it is (reference).
- · forename
- · surname
- · roleName (z.B. 'king')
- **genName** ('the Younger')
- · addName
- nameLink ('von').

```
<name role="writer" type="person"
ref="http://d-nb.info/gnd/118540238">
Goethe</name>
<person>
   <addName type="Former">Murray</addName>
   <forename>Wilhelmina</forename>
   <addName type="nickname">Mina</addName>
</person>
```

Metadata in the TEI Header i

```
<teiHeader>
 <fileDesc>
 <titleStmt>
  <title>
<!-- title of the resource -->
  </title>
 </titleStmt>
 <publicationStmt>
  >
<!-- Information about distribution of the resource -->
  </publicationStmt>
 <sourceDesc>
   >
<!-- Information about source from which the resource derives -->
  </sourceDesc>
</fileDesc>
</teiHeader>
```

Metadata in the TEI Header ii

The title and author in the *<titleStmt>* isn't the bibliographic data from the source! It describes the digital document and its authors or editors.

If you want to desribe your source documents, you need elements like <sourceDesc>

```
<sourceDesc>
<bibl>
  <title level="a">The Interesting story of the Children in the Wood</title>. I
<author>Victor E Neuberg</author>, <title>The Penny Histories</title>.
<publisher>OUP</publisher>
  <date>1968</date>. </bibl>
</sourceDesc>
```

```
<sourceDesc>
Born digital: no previous source exists.
</sourceDesc>
```

Metadata in the TEI Header iii

```
<teiHeader>
 <fileDesc>
  <titleStmt>
   <title>Thomas Paine: Common sense, a
       machine-readable transcript</title>
   <respStmt>
    <resp>compiled bv</resp>
    <name>Jon K Adams</name>
   </respStmt>
  </titleStmt>
  <publicationStmt>
   <distributor>Oxford Text Archive</distributor>
  </publicationStmt>
  <sourceDesc>
   <br/><bibl>The complete writings of Thomas Paine, collected and edited
       by Phillip S. Foner (New York, Citadel Press, 1945)</bibl>
  </sourceDesc>
 </fileDesc>
</teiHeader>
```

<msDesc>

```
<msDesc>
<msIdentifier>
 <settlement>Oxford</settlement>
 <repository>Bodleian Library</repository>
 <idno type="Bod">MS Poet. Rawl. D. 169.</idno>
</msIdentifier>
<msContents>
 <msTtem>
  <author>Geoffrey Chaucer</author>
  <title>The Canterbury Tales</title>
 </msTtem>
</msContents>
<physDesc>
 <objectDesc>
  A parchment codex of 136 folios, measuring approx
      28 by 19 inches, and containing 24 guires.
  The pages are margined and ruled throughout.
  Four hands have been identified in the manuscript: the first 44
       folios being written in two cursive anglicana scripts, while the
      remainder is for the most part in a mixed secretary hand.
 </objectDesc>
</physDesc>
</msDesc>
```

<titlePage>

To describe a title page (e.g. early modern print copperplates, etc.), use <titlePage>:

```
<titlePage>
 <docTitle>
  <titlePart type="main">THOMAS OF Reading.</titlePart>
  <titlePart type="alt">OR, The sixe worthy yeomen of the West.</titlePart>
 </docTitle>
<docEdition>Now the fourth time corrected and enlarged</docEdition>
 <br/>
<br/>
bvline>Bv T.D.</byline>
 <figure>
  <head>TP</head>
  Thou shalt labor till thou returne to duste
  <figDesc>Printers Ornament used by TP</figDesc>
 </figure>
 <docImprint>Printed at <name type="place">London</name> for <name>T.P.</name>
 <date>1612.</date>
 </docImprint>
</titlePage>
```

<front>

You might also need *<front>* (front matter): contains any prefatory matter (headers, abstracts, title page, prefaces, dedications, etc.) found at the start of a document, before the main body.

TEI practice!

Fill out the teiHeader or msDesc.

Use websearch ('tei msDesc') to learn how to use new elements (overview plus examples view).