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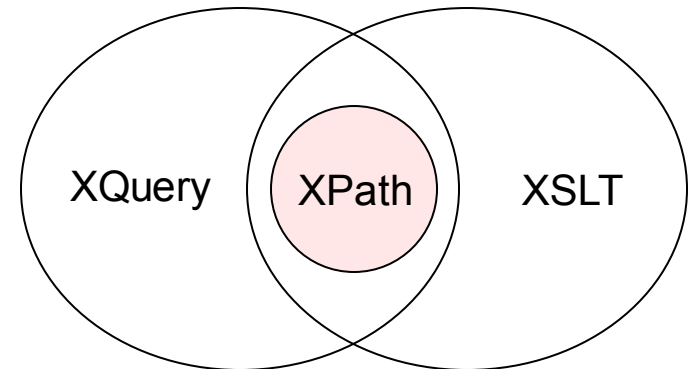
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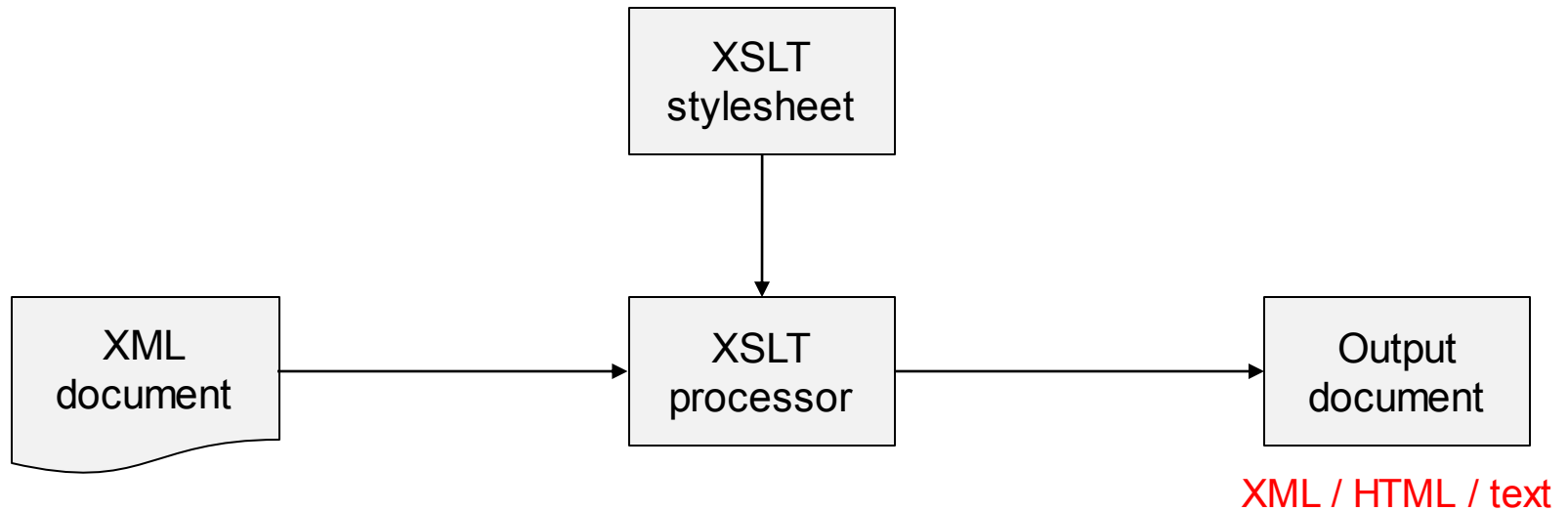
- What is XSLT?
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- XSLT Templates
- Creating Output
- Further Features

What is XSLT?

- **XSL = eXtensible Stylesheet Language**
- XSL = stylesheet language for XML (as CSS for HTML)
- **XSLT = XSL Transformations**
- XSLT is used to transform a source XML document into a target XML/HTML/text document
- XSLT uses XPath for navigation
- XSLT is a W3C standard



How XSLT Works?



- Define a transformation with an XSLT document (which is an XML document)
- Apply this transformation on an input document using an XSLT processor

XSLT at First Glance

```
<courses>
  <course semester="Summer">
    <title> SSD </title>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
    <location> HS8 </location>
  </course>
  <course semester="Winter">
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
    <location> HS8 </location>
  </course>
</courses>
```

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Lectures Overview</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>DBAI Lectures</h1>
    <table>
      <tr><th>Semester</th><th>Title</th>
        <th>Date / Time</th><th>Location</th></tr>
      <tr><td>Summer</td><td>SSD</td>
        <td>Thursday, 09:15</td><td>HS8</td></tr>
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XSLT at First Glance

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    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
    <location> HS8 </location>
  </course>
</courses>
```

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</html>
```


XSLT at First Glance

Basic principle: templates match the input document, and define the output

```
<xsl:template match="courses">
  <html>
    <head>
      <title>Lectures Overview</title></head>
    <body>
      <h1>DBAI Lectures</h1>
      <table>
        <tr><th>Semester</th><th>Title</th>
          <th>Date / Time</th><th>Location</th></tr>
        <xsl:apply-templates select="course"/>
      </table>
    </body>
  </html>
</xsl:template>
```

XSLT at First Glance

Basic principle: templates match the input document, and define the output

```
<xsl:template match="course">
  <tr><td><xsl:value-of select="@semester"/></td>
    <td><xsl:value-of select="title"/></td>
    <td><xsl:value-of select="day"/>, <xsl:value-of select="time"/></td>
    <td><xsl:value-of select="location"/></td>
  </tr>
</xsl:template>
```

XSLT Documents

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
```

```
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"
```

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

```
  <xsl:output version="html"/>
```

```
  <xsl:template match="...">
```

```
    ...
```

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

```
  <xsl:template match="...">
```

```
    ...
```

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

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

XSLT documents

are

XML documents

Up to Now

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XSLT Templates

- A template matches an element node

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

- A template is applied if matches

- Does not match child nodes automatically

```
<xsl:apply-templates select="childnode"/>
```

- Best practice

- Define a template for the root node
- Apply templates for child-elements starting from the root

Template Matching

If a **template matches** an element

- Template is executed
- By default, no templates for the subtree is called, except when explicitly applied (<xsl:apply-templates>)

```
<xsl:template match="person">
```

```
    Hello!!!
```

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

```
<person>
```

```
    <name> Andreas Pieris </name>
```

```
    <email> pieris@dbai.tuwien.ac.at </email>
```

```
</person>
```

Hello!!!

Apply Templates

`<xsl:apply-templates>` applies templates for child elements

```
<xsl:template match="person">
  Hello!!!
  <xsl:apply-templates select="name"/>
</xsl:template>
```

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

```
<person>
  <name> Andreas Pieris </name>
  <email> pieris@dbai.tuwien.ac.at </email>
</person>
```

Hello!!!

Andreas Pieris

Apply Templates

`<xsl:apply-templates>` applies templates for child elements

```
<xsl:template match="person">
```

Hello!!!

```
<xsl:apply-templates select="*" />
```

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

```
<xsl:template match="name">
```

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

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

Hello!!!

Andreas Pieris

pieris@dbai.tuwien.ac.at

```
<person>
```

```
<name> Andreas Pieris </name>
```

```
<email> pieris@dbai.tuwien.ac.at </email>
```

```
</person>
```


Default Templates

- XSLT defines **default templates** that are always present
- Default templates are as follows
 - For root and elements: **apply templates for child elements**
 - For text elements: **copy content to the output**
 - For attributes: **copy value to the output**
- To **override** the behaviour of a default template create a template for an element

Default Templates

`<xsl:apply-templates>` executes templates for child elements

```
<xsl:template match="person">
  Hello!!!
  <xsl:apply-templates select="*" />
</xsl:template>
```

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

```
<person>
  <name> Andreas Pieris </name>
  <email> pieris@dbai.tuwien.ac.at </email>
</person>
```

Hello!!!

Andreas Pieris

pieris@dbai.tuwien.ac.at

Priorities

- **Exactly one** template is executed
- In case of more than one templates, a **priority value** decides which template is executed
- The XPath expression in the match attribute indicates the priority
- More specific XPath expressions have higher priority

Priorities

```
<xsl:template match="person">
  Hello!!!
  <xsl:apply-templates select="*" />
</xsl:template>
```

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

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

Hello!!!
Andreas Pieris
Conflict!!!

```
<person>
  <name> Andreas Pieris </name>
  <email> pieris@dbai.tuwien.ac.at </email>
</person>
```

Priorities

```
<xsl:template match="person">  
    Hello!!!  
    <xsl:apply-templates select="*" />  
</xsl:template>
```

Ambiguous rule match

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

```
<xsl:template match="name">  
    Conflict!!!  
</xsl:template>
```

```
<person>  
    <name> Andreas Pieris </name>  
    <email> pieris@dbai.tuwien.ac.at </email>  
</person>
```

Any Problem?

```
<xsl:template match="person">  
  <xsl:apply-templates select="name"/>  
  <xsl:apply-templates select="email"/>  
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="name">  
  Here it goes this  
  <xsl:value-of select="."/>  
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="email">  
  Here it goes this  
  <xsl:value-of select="."/>  
</xsl:template>
```



same content

Named Templates

```
<xsl:template match="person">  
    <xsl:apply-templates select="name"/>  
    <xsl:apply-templates select="email"/>  
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="name | email">  
    <xsl:call-template name="output"/>  
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template name="output">  
    Here it goes this  
    <xsl:value-of select="."/>  
</xsl:template>
```

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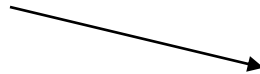
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Creating Output

- `xsl:element`
- `xsl:attribute`
- `xsl:text`
- `xsl:comment`

Creating Output - xsl:element

```
<courses>
  <course>
    <title> SSD </title>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
  <course>
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
</courses>
```



```
<courses>
  <SSD>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </SSD>
  <Databases>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </Databases>
</courses>
```

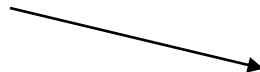
Creating Output - xsl:element

```
<xsl:template match="courses">  
  <courses>  
    <xsl:apply-templates select="course"/>  
  </courses>  
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="course">  
  <xsl:element name="{title/text()}">  
    <day> <xsl:value-of select="day"/> </day>  
    <time> <xsl:value-of select="time"/> </time>  
  </xsl:element>  
</xsl:template>
```

Creating Output - xsl:attribute

```
<courses>
  <course>
    <title> SSD </title>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
  <course>
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
</courses>
```



```
<courses>
  <SSD day="Thursday">
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </SSD>
  <Databases day="Tuesday">
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </Databases>
</courses>
```

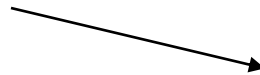
Creating Output - xsl:attribute

```
<xsl:template match="courses">
  <courses>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="course"/>
  </courses>
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="course">
  <xsl:element name="{title/text()}">
    <xsl:attribute name="day">
      <xsl:value-of select="day"/>
    </xsl:attribute>
    <time> <xsl:value-of select="time"/> </time>
  </xsl:element>
</xsl:template>
```

Creating Output - xsl:text

```
<courses>
  <course>
    <title> SSD </title>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
  <course>
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
</courses>
```



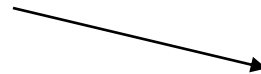
```
<courses>
  <SSD day="Thursday">
    Starts at
    09:15
  </SSD>
  <Databases day="Tuesday">
    Starts at
    09:15
  </Databases>
</courses>
```

Creating Output - xsl:text

```
<xsl:template match="courses">
  <courses>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="course"/>
  </courses>
</xsl:template>
<xsl:template match="course">
  <xsl:element name="{title/text()}">
    <xsl:attribute name="day">
      <xsl:value-of select="day"/>
    </xsl:attribute>
    <xsl:text>
      Starts at
      <xsl:value-of select="time"/>
    </xsl:text>
  </xsl:element>
</xsl:template>
```

Creating Output - xsl:comment

```
<courses>
  <course>
    <title> SSD </title>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
  <course>
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
</courses>
```



```
<courses>
  <!-- Course Description -->
  <SSD day="Thu">
    Starts at 09:15
  </SSD>
  <Databases day="Tue">
    Starts at 09:15
  </Databases>
</courses>
```


Creating Output - xsl:comment

```
<xsl:template match="courses">
  <courses>
    <xsl:comment> Course Description </xsl:comment>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="course"/>
  </courses>
</xsl:template>

<xsl:template match="course">
  <xsl:element name="{title/text()}">
    <xsl:attribute name="day">
      <xsl:value-of select="day"/>
    </xsl:attribute>
    <xsl:text> Starts at <xsl:value-of select="time"/> </xsl:text>
  </xsl:element>
</xsl:template>
```

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Further Features

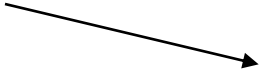
- `xsl:for-each`
- `xsl:sort`
- `xsl:if`
- `xsl:choose`
- `xsl:variable`

Further Features - xsl:for-each

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    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
  <course>
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
</courses>
```

The structure of the course element is **not known**

We only know that the first child of each course element is title



```
<courses>
  <SSD>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </SSD>
  <Databases>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </Databases>
</courses>
```

Further Features - xsl:for-each

```
<xsl:template match="courses">  
  <courses>  
    <xsl:apply-templates select="course"/>  
  </courses>  
</xsl:template>
```

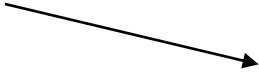
```
<xsl:template match="course">  
  <xsl:element name="{title/text()}">  
    <xsl:for-each select="*[position() > 1]">  
      <xsl:copy-of select="."/>  
    </xsl:for-each>  
  </xsl:element>  
</xsl:template>
```

creates a copy of the selected node

Further Features - xsl:sort

```
<courses>
  <course>
    <title> SSD </title>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
  <course>
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
</courses>
```

Sort by name



```
<courses>
  <Databases>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </Databases>
  <SSD>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </SSD>
</courses>
```

Further Features - xsl:sort

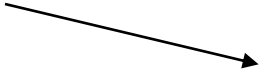
```
<xsl:template match="courses">
  <courses>
    <xsl:for-each select="course">
      <xsl:sort select="title" order="ascending"/>
      <xsl:element name="{title/text()}">
        <xsl:for-each select="*[position() > 1]">
          <xsl:copy-of select="."/>
        </xsl:for-each>
      </xsl:element>
    </xsl:for-each>
  </courses>
</xsl:template>
```

Further Features - xsl:if

```
<courses>
  <course>
    <title> SSD </title>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
  <course>
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
</courses>
```

The structure of the course element is **not known**

The first child of each course element is **not** necessarily title



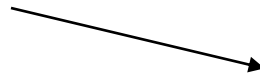
```
<courses>
  <Databases>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </Databases>
  <SSD>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </SSD>
</courses>
```


Further Features - xsl:if

```
<xsl:template match="courses">
  <courses>
    <xsl:for-each select="course">
      <xsl:sort select="title" order="ascending"/>
      <xsl:element name="{title/text()}">
        <xsl:for-each select="*">
          <xsl:if test="local-name() != 'title' ">
            <xsl:copy-of select="."/>
          </xsl:if>
        </xsl:for-each>
      </xsl:element>
    </xsl:for-each>
  </courses>
</xsl:template>
```

Further Features - xsl:choose

```
<courses>
  <course>
    <title> SSD </title>
    <day> Thursday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
  <course>
    <title> Databases </title>
    <day> Tuesday </day>
    <time> 09:15 </time>
  </course>
</courses>
```



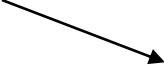
```
<courses>
  <Databases>
    Tuesday, 09:15.
  </Databases>
  <SSD>
    Thursday, 09:15.
  </SSD>
</courses>
```

Further Features - xsl:choose

```
<xsl:template match="courses">
  <courses>
    <xsl:for-each select="course">
      <xsl:sort select="title" order="ascending"/>
      <xsl:element name="{title/text()}">
        <xsl:for-each select="*">
          <xsl:if test="local-name() != 'title' ">
            <xsl:value-of select="."/>
            <xsl:choose>
              <xsl:when test="position() = last()>.</xsl:when>
              <xsl:otherwise>,</xsl:otherwise>
            </xsl:choose>
          </xsl:if>
        </xsl:for-each>
      </xsl:element>
    </xsl:for-each>
  </courses>
</xsl:template>
```

Further Features - xsl:variable

```
<university>
  <courses>
    <course taughtBy="L1">
      <title> SSD </title>
      <day> Thursday </day>
      <time> 09:15 </time>
    </course>
    <course taughtBy="L2">
      <title> Databases </title>
      <day> Tuesday </day>
      <time> 09:15 </time>
    </course>
  </courses>
  <lecturers>
    <lecturer id="L1">Andreas Pieris</lecturer>
    <lecturer id="L2">Reinhard Pichler</lecturer>
  </lecturers>
</university>
```



```
<courses>
  SSD taught by Andreas Pieris
  Databases taught by Reinhard Pichler
</courses>
```

Further Features - xsl:variable

```
<xsl:template match="university">  
  <xsl:apply-templates select="courses"/>  
</xsl:template>  
  
<xsl:template match="courses">  
  <courses>  
    <xsl:apply-templates select="course"/>  
  </courses>  
</xsl:template>
```

Result:

```
<courses>  
  SSD taught by  
  Databases taught by  
</courses>
```

```
<xsl:template match="course">  
  <xsl:value-of select="title"/> taught by <xsl:value-of select="//lecturer[@id = @taughtBy]"/>  
</xsl:template>
```

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Further Features - xsl:variable

```
<xsl:template match="university">  
  <xsl:apply-templates select="courses"/>  
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="courses">  
  <courses>  
    <xsl:apply-templates select="course"/>  
  </courses>  
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="course">  
  <xsl:variable name="var" select="@taughtBy"/>  
  <xsl:value-of select="title"/> taught by <xsl:value-of select="//lecturer[@id = $var]"/>  
</xsl:template>
```

Sum Up

- What is XSLT?
- XSLT at First Glance
- XSLT Templates
- Creating Output
- Further Features



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Examination

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Structure of the Exam

- Schema validation - multiple choice (12 points)
- General multiple choice questions (15 points)
- Exercise (48 points)
 - XML document given
 - Create schema
 - XPath expressions
 - XQuery expressions
 - SAX/DOM
 - XSLT

Grading

- Everybody registered in TISS can attend the exam
- For a positive certificate
 - Total points (exam + exercises) ≥ 50 (out of 100)
 - Exam points ≥ 37.5
- Exercise points are valid only for this semester (the next 4 exams)

Grading

Total 100 points

Points (p)	Grade
$p < 50$ or < 37.5 on exam	5
$50 \leq p \leq 61$	4
$61 < p \leq 74$	3
$74 < p \leq 87$	2
$p > 87$	1

Grading

- A certificate is issued for every exam attempt
- If an exercise was uploaded to TUWEL, then a (negative) certificate will be issued even without an exam attempt

Exam Dates

- Main exam date: **Wednesday, 22nd of June, 18:30 – 20:30**
- Three further dates next semester:
 - **28/10/2016, 15:00 – 17:00**
 - **28/11/2016, 15:00 – 17:00**
 - **10/01/2017, 18:00 – 20:00**
- **Always check in TISS for the dates and times!!!**

Registration / Deregistration

- Registration/Deregistration is available in TISS
- Registration starts ~2 weeks before the exam and ends 2 days before the exam
- Deregistration is possible until the day before the exam
- Lecture Halls:
 - For the first exam we have two lecture halls (FH HS 1 & HS 8)
 - Register for the main exam date (Haupttermin)
 - People will be distributed on the day before the exam
 - Distribution is announced in TISS and please check in which room you have to go

After the Exam

- Announcement of results
 - Example solutions will be uploaded to the web
 - Results are published in TUWEL
 - Approximate time to correct the exams is 4 weeks
- Exam inspection
 - After the results are published or after the holiday (for the exams in January and June)
 - Location and date/time will be announced via TISS