

Et tu, XML?

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Prologue

Friends, romans, computer scientists, lend me your ears!
I come to bury the relational database, not to praise it.
The evil that standards committees do lives after them ;
the good is oft interred with their core dumps ;
so let it be with relations. The noble XML
hath told you that relations were ambitious.
Here under leave of XML and the W3C —
for XML is an honourable standard ;
so are they all, all honourable standards —
come I to speak at relations funeral.
Relations were my friend, faithful and just to me.
But XML says relations were ambitious,
and XML is an honourable standard.
Relations hath brought many captives home to Rome
whose ransom did the coffers of Oracle, IBM, and Microsoft fill.
Did this in relations seem ambitious?
Yet XML says relations were ambitious,
and XML is an honourable standard.

Shakespeare in XML

<SPEECH>

<SPEAKER>ANTONY</SPEAKER>

<LINE>Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;</LINE>

<LINE>I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.</LINE>

<LINE>The evil that men do lives after them;</LINE>

<LINE>The good is oft interred with their bones;</LINE>

<LINE>So let it be with Caesar. The noble Brutus</LINE>

<LINE>Hath told you Caesar was ambitious:</LINE>

<LINE>Here, under leave of Brutus and the rest--</LINE>

<LINE>For Brutus is an honourable man;</LINE>

<LINE>So are they all, all honourable men--</LINE>

<LINE>Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.</LINE>

<LINE>He was my friend, faithful and just to me:</LINE>

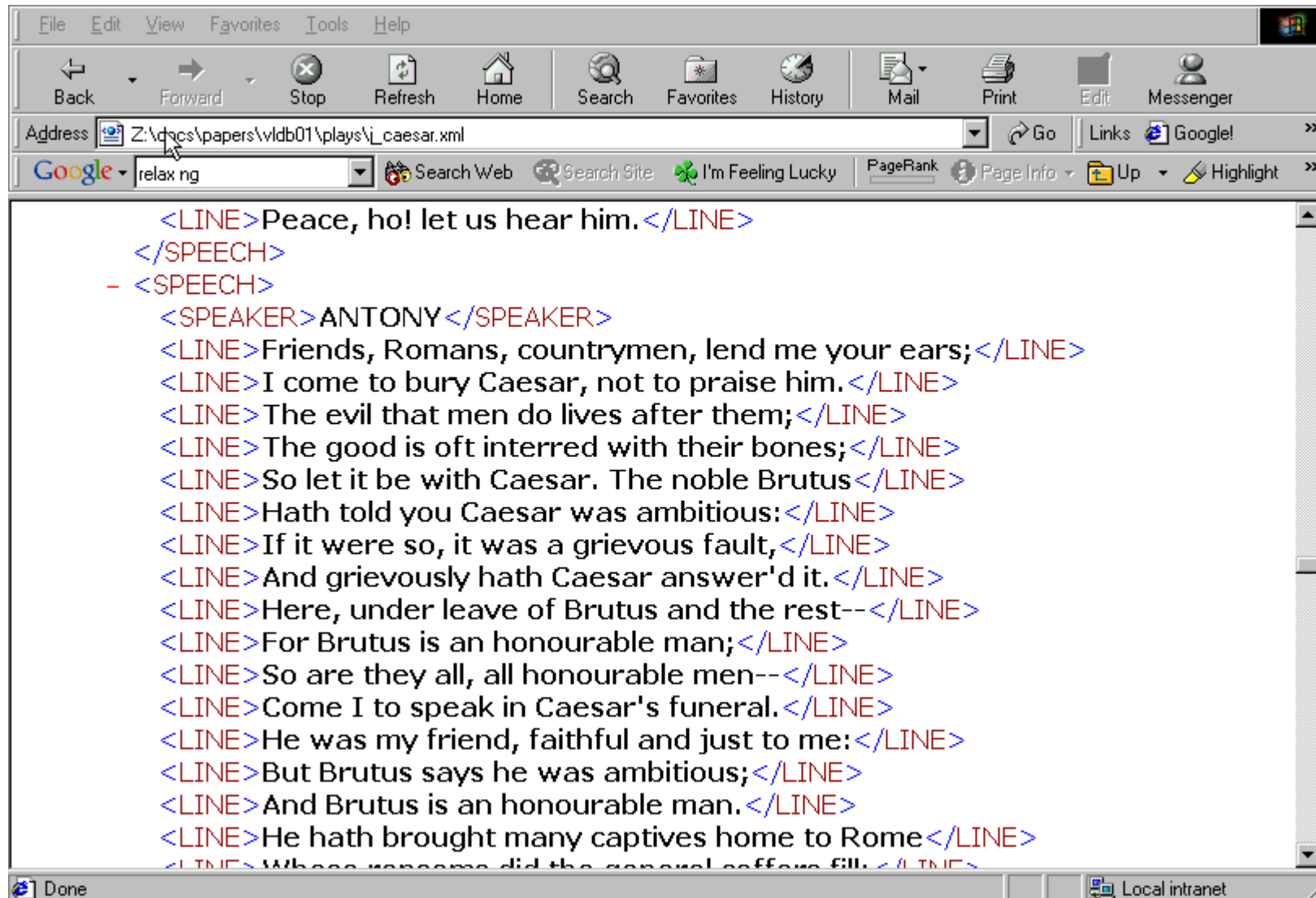
<LINE>But Brutus says he was ambitious;</LINE>

<LINE>And Brutus is an honourable man.</LINE>

...

</SPEECH>

Shakespeare in XML on the web



Shakespeare in Lisp

(SPEECH

(SPEAKER "ANTONY")

(LINE "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;")

(LINE "I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.")

(LINE "The evil that men do lives after them;")

(LINE "The good is oft interred with their bones;")

(LINE "So let it be with Caesar. The noble Brutus")

(LINE "Hath told you Caesar was ambitious:")

(LINE "Here, under leave of Brutus and the rest--")

(LINE "For Brutus is an honourable man;")

(LINE "So are they all, all honourable men--")

(LINE "Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.")

(LINE "He was my friend, faithful and just to me:")

(LINE "But Brutus says he was ambitious;")

(LINE "And Brutus is an honourable man.")

...

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Part I

Some XML applications

The Four Webs

- Computers
- Voice
- Wireless
- Television

The Four Webs

- Computers — xHTML
- Voice — Voice XML
- Wireless — WAP/WML
- Television — bHTML

Voice XML

V o i c e e X t e n s i b l e M a r k u p L a n g u a g e → (VoiceXML)



VoiceXML
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The Business of VoiceXML



The July/August issue of *Speech Technology* magazine offers an insightful look at VoiceXML as told through interviews conducted with various VoiceXML Forum members. The article, entitled "The Business Side of VoiceXML: Faster Time to Market is Only Part of the Story", covers topics including:

NEWS

1 August 2001
VoiceXML Forum membership grows to 537 member companies-- including 4 Sponsor Members, 59 Promoter Members

ebXML



The screenshot shows the ebXML website homepage. At the top left is the ebXML logo, which features a globe with the letters 'ebXML' overlaid. To the right of the logo is a banner with the text 'ENABLING A GLOBAL ELECTRONIC MARKET'. Below the banner is a yellow navigation bar with links: ABOUT | INDUSTRY SUPPORT | NEWS | SPECS | REPORTS | REFERENCE | WHITE PAPERS | TECHNICAL WORK. On the left side, there is a blue sidebar menu with sections: 'ebXML' (containing links for About, Industry Support, News and Articles, FAQ, Contacts, Logo, Presentations, Resources, and Initiative Archive), 'SPECS/DOCUMENTS' (containing links for Specifications, Technical Reports, Reference Materials, and White Papers), and 'TECHNICAL WORK' (containing links for Overview, Business Process, Core Components, Collaboration Protocol, Messaging, Registry / Repository, and Implementation). The main content area is divided into three columns. The first column is titled 'ebXML NEWS' and contains three news items: '[01 August 2001] OpenTravel Alliance Endorses ebXML', '[30 July 2001] UN/CEFACT Forms e-Business Transition Ad hoc Working Group', and '[21 June 2001] OASIS Forms ebXML Technical Committees'. The second column is titled 'INDUSTRY SUPPORT' and contains three bullet points: 'Open Applications Group to incorporate ebXML into 182 mature Business Object Documents', 'Korea Institute for Electronic Commerce (KIEC) Opens Prototype ebXML Registry & Repository', and 'Covisint Supports ebXML Technology Findings'. The third column is titled 'JOINTLY SPONSORED BY' and features the logos for UN/CEFACT and OASIS. Below the logos is a section for 'ebXML-DEV MAIL LIST' with a description: 'Join this open forum to exchange ideas on implementing ebXML.' and two buttons: 'Subscribe >>' and 'View Archives >>'. At the bottom right, there is a link: 'Book excerpt: ebXML: The...'

UDDI

The screenshot shows the UDDI.org website interface. At the top, the logo "uddi.org" is displayed next to the tagline "Universal Description, Discovery and Integration of Business for the Web." Navigation buttons for "Register", "Already registered", and "Find" are visible. A sidebar on the left lists various sections: About UDDI, Community, Forums, Specifications, White papers, Best practices, Solutions, FAQs, News, Events, and Contact us. The main content area features a "Technical highlights" section with a grid of icons. Below this, a text block states "The following PDFs are available for download:" followed by a list of seven PDF specifications with their respective sizes.

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Technical highlights

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- [Version 1.0 Data Structure Specification \(193 KB\)](#)
- [Executive White Paper \(30 KB\)](#)

XML Schema Recommendation



XML Schema Part 1: Structures

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XQuery Working Draft



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Part II

An introduction to XQuery

Influences

Languages that influence XQuery include:

SQL

OQL, O₂

Nested Relational Algebra, Kleisli

Xduce

XML-QL, Yatl, Lorel

XPath, XQL, XSLT

XML Schema, TRex, Relax

Quilt

Part III

Data model

Some XML data

```
<BOOKS>
```

```
  <BOOK YEAR="1999 2003">
```

```
    <AUTHOR>Abiteboul</AUTHOR>
```

```
    <AUTHOR>Buneman</AUTHOR>
```

```
    <AUTHOR>Suciu</AUTHOR>
```

```
    <TITLE>Data on the Web</TITLE>
```

```
    <REVIEW>A truly <EM>fine</EM> book.</REVIEW>
```

```
  </BOOK>
```

```
  <BOOK YEAR="2002">
```

```
    <AUTHOR>Buneman</AUTHOR>
```

```
    <TITLE>XML in Scotland</TITLE>
```

```
    <REVIEW><EM>Truly the <EM>best</EM> ever!</EM></REVIEW>
```

```
  </BOOK>
```

```
</BOOKS>
```

Data model

XML

```
<BOOK YEAR="1999 2003">
  <AUTHOR>Abiteboul</AUTHOR>
  <AUTHOR>Buneman</AUTHOR>
  <AUTHOR>Suciu</AUTHOR>
  <TITLE>Data on the Web</TITLE>
  <REVIEW>A truly <EM>fine</EM> book.</REVIEW>
</BOOK>
```

XQuery

```
element BOOK {
  attribute YEAR { 1999, 2003 },
  element AUTHOR { "Abiteboul" },
  element AUTHOR { "Buneman" },
  element AUTHOR { "Suciu" },
  element TITLE { "Data on the Web" },
  element REVIEW { "A truly", element EM { "fine" }, "book." }
}
```

Part IV

Types

DTD (Document Type Definition)

```
<!ELEMENT BOOKS (BOOK*)>  
<!ELEMENT BOOK (AUTHOR+, TITLE, REVIEW?)>  
<!ATTLIST BOOK YEAR CDATA #OPTIONAL>  
<!ELEMENT AUTHOR (#PCDATA)>  
<!ELEMENT TITLE (#PCDATA)>  
<!ENTITY % INLINE "( #PCDATA | EM )*">  
<!ELEMENT REVIEW %INLINE;>  
<!ELEMENT EM %INLINE;>
```

Schema

```
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xsd:element name="BOOKS">
    <xsd:complexType>
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="BOOK"
          minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:complexType>
  </xsd:element>
```

Schema, continued

```
<xsd:element name="BOOK">
  <xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:element name="AUTHOR" type="xsd:string"
        minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <xsd:element name="TITLE" type="xsd:string"/>
      <xsd:element name="REVIEW" type="INLINE"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:attribute name="YEAR" type="NONEMPTY-INTEGER-LIST"
        use="optional"/>
    </xsd:complexType>
  </xsd:element>
```


Schema, continued²

```
<xsd:complexType name="INLINE" mixed="true">
  <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
    <xsd:element name="EM" type="INLINE"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:simpleType name="INTEGER-LIST">
  <xsd:list itemType="xsd:integer"/>
</xsd:simpleType>
<xsd:simpleType name="NONEMPTY-INTEGER-LIST">
  <xsd:restriction base="INTEGER-LIST">
    <xsd:minLength value="1"/>
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>
</xsd:schema>
```

XQuery types

```
define element BOOKS { BOOK* }
define element BOOK { YEAR?, AUTHOR+, TITLE, REVIEW }
define attribute YEAR { integer+ }
define element AUTHOR { string }
define element TITLE { string }
define group INLINE { ( string | EM )* }
define element REVIEW { INLINE }
define element EM { INLINE }
```

XQuery types

There is vigorous debate over whether XQuery should use any type notation other than Schema!

Every XQuery type is a group

```
define attribute YEAR { integer+ }  
define element AUTHOR { string }
```

=

```
define group YEAR {  
  attribute YEAR { integer+ }  
}  
define group AUTHOR {  
  element AUTHOR { string }  
}
```

Nesting XQuery types

```
define element BOOKS { BOOK* }
define element BOOK {
  attribute YEAR { integer+ } ?,
  element AUTHOR { string } +,
  element TITLE { string },
  element REVIEW { INLINE } ?
}
define group INLINE {
  ( string | element EM { INLINE } ) *
}
```

Data integration — DTD

```
<!ELEMENT AMAZON-CATALOGUE (AMAZON-BOOK*)>
```

```
<!ELEMENT AMAZON-BOOK (TITLE,AUTHOR+,PRICE,ISBN)>
```

```
<!ELEMENT FATBRAIN-CATALOGUE (FATBRAIN-BOOK*)>
```

```
<!ELEMENT FATBRAIN-BOOK (AUTHOR+,TITLE,ISBN,PRICE)>
```

Data integration — Schema

```
<xsd:element name="AMAZON-CATALOGUE">
  <xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:element name="BOOK"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xsd:complexType>
          <xsd:sequence>
            <xsd:element ref="TITLE"/>
            <xsd:element ref="AUTHOR"
              minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <xsd:element ref="PRICE"/>
            <xsd:element ref="ISBN"/>
          </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:complexType>
      </xsd:element>
    </xsd:sequence>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
```

Data integration — Schema, continued

```
<xsd:element name="FATBRAIN-CATALOGUE">
  <xsd:complexType>
    <xsd:sequence>
      <xsd:element name="BOOK"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xsd:complexType>
          <xsd:sequence>
            <xsd:element ref="AUTHOR"
              minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <xsd:element ref="TITLE"/>
            <xsd:element ref="ISBN"/>
            <xsd:element ref="PRICE"/>
          </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:complexType>
      </xsd:element>
    </xsd:sequence>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:element>
```


Data integration — XQuery

```
define group AMAZON-BOOK {  
  element BOOK { TITLE,AUTHOR+,PRICE,ISBN }  
}  
define group FATBRAIN-BOOK {  
  element BOOK { AUTHOR+,TITLE,ISBN,PRICE }  
}  
define element CATALOGUE { AMAZON-BOOK*,FATBRAIN-BOOK* }
```

Like “DTD with Specialization”.

Violates Schema “consistent element restriction”.

Tree grammars and tree automata

	deterministic	non-deterministic
top-down		
bottom-up		

Tree grammars and tree automata

	deterministic	non-deterministic
top-down	Class 1	Class 2
bottom-up	Class 2	Class 2

Tree grammars and tree automata

	deterministic	non-deterministic
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Tree grammar **Class 0**: DTD

Tree automata **Class 1**: Schema

Tree automata **Class 2**: XQuery, XDuCE, Relax

Class 0 < **Class 1** < **Class 2**

Class 0 and **Class 2** have good closure properties.

Class 1 does not.

Wildcard types

Wildcard types model unstructured data

```
define group AnySimpleType {
  string | integer | ...
}

define group AnyAttribute {
  attribute * { AnySimpleType* }
}

define group AnyElement {
  element * { AnyItem* }
}

define group AnyItem {
  AnySimpleType | AnyAttribute | AnyElement
}

define group AnyType {
  AnyItem*
}
```

Part V

XQuery expressions

Projection and construction

Return title and authors of all books

```
for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK return  
  <BOOK>{ $book/TITLE, $book/AUTHOR }</BOOK>
```

⇒

```
<BOOK>  
  <TITLE>Data on the Web</TITLE>  
  <AUTHOR>Abiteboul</AUTHOR>  
  <AUTHOR>Buneman</AUTHOR>  
  <AUTHOR>Suciu</AUTHOR>  
</BOOK>  
<BOOK>  
  <TITLE>XML in Scotland</TITLE>  
  <AUTHOR>Buneman</AUTHOR>  
</BOOK>
```

Projection and construction

Return title and authors of all books

```
for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK return
  <BOOK>{ $book/TITLE, $book/AUTHOR }</BOOK>
```

∈

```
element BOOK {
  element TITLE { string },
  element AUTHOR { string }+
}*
```


Selection and existential

Return year and title of all books published before 2000

```
for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK
where $book/@YEAR < 2000
return
  <BOOK>{ $book/@YEAR, $book/TITLE }</BOOK>
```

⇒

```
<BOOK YEAR="1999 2003">
  <TITLE>Data on the Web</TITLE>
</BOOK>
```

∈

```
element BOOK {
  attribute YEAR { integer+ },
  element TITLE { string }
}*
```

An equivalent formulation

Return year and title of all books published before 2000

```
for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK
where $book/@YEAR < 2000
return
  <BOOK>{ $book/@YEAR, $book/TITLE }</BOOK>
```

=

```
for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK return
  if $book/@YEAR < 2000 then
    element BOOK { $book/@YEAR, $book/TITLE }
  else
    ()
```

```
$book/@YEAR < 2000
```

=

```
some $year in $book/@YEAR satisfying $year < 2000
```

Selection and projection with XPath

Return title of all books written before 2000

```
/BOOKS/BOOK[@YEAR < 2000]/TITLE
```

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```
<TITLE>Data on the Web</TITLE>
```

∈

```
element TITLE { string } *
```

An equivalent formulation

Return title of all books written before 2000

```
/BOOKS/BOOK[@YEAR < 2000]/TITLE
```

=

```
for $root in / return
  for $books in $root/BOOKS return
    for $book in $books/BOOK return
      where $book/@YEAR < 2000 return
        $book/TITLE
```

Getting the number wrong

Return book with title "Data on the Web"

```
/BOOK/BOOK[TITLE = "Data on the Web"]
```

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```
BOOK*
```

How do we exploit keys and relative keys?

Getting the number right

Return book with title "Data on the Web"

```
treat as BOOK? (  
  /BOOK/BOOK[TITLE = "Data on the Web"]  
)
```

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BOOK?

Nesting

Return titles for each author

```
let $books := /BOOKS/BOOK
for $author IN distinct($books/AUTHOR) return
  <AUTHOR NAME={ $author }>{
    $books/BOOK[AUTHOR = $author]/TITLE
  }</AUTHOR>
```

⇒

```
<AUTHOR NAME="Abiteboul">
  <TITLE>Data on the Web</TITLE>
</AUTHOR>
<AUTHOR NAME="Buneman">
  <TITLE>Data on the Web</TITLE>
  <TITLE>XML in Scotland</TITLE>
</AUTHOR>
<AUTHOR NAME="Suciu">
  <TITLE>Data on the Web</TITLE>
</AUTHOR>
```

Nesting

Return titles for each author

```
let $books := /BOOKS/BOOK
for $author IN distinct($books/AUTHOR) return
  <AUTHOR NAME={ $author }>{
    $books/BOOK[AUTHOR = $author]/TITLE
  }</AUTHOR>
```

∈

```
element AUTHOR {
  attribute NAME { string },
  element TITLE { string }*
}
```


Nesting, getting the number right

Return titles for each author

```
define element TITLE { string }
let $books := /BOOKS/BOOK
for $author IN distinct($books/AUTHOR) return
  <AUTHOR NAME={ $author }>{
    treat at TITLE+ (
      $books/BOOK[AUTHOR = $author]/TITLE
    )
  }</AUTHOR>
```

€

```
element AUTHOR {
  attribute NAME { string },
  element TITLE { string }+
}
```

Join

Titles of all books that cost more at Amazon than at Fatbrain

```
let $amazon := document("http://www.amazon.com/books.xml"),
    $fatbrain := document("http://www.fatbrain.com/books.xml")
for $amazon_book IN $amazon/BOOKS/BOOK,
    $fatbrain_book IN $fatbrain/BOOKS/BOOK
where $amazon_book/ISBN = $fatbrain_book/ISBN
    and $amazon_book/PRICE > $fatbrain_book/PRICE
return $amazon_book/TITLE
```

Unordered

Titles of all books that cost more at Amazon than at Fatbrain,
in any convenient order

```
unordered(  
  let $amazon := document("http://www.amazon.com/books.xml"),  
      $fatbrain := document("http://www.fatbrain.com/books.xml")  
  for $amazon_book IN $amazon/BOOKS/BOOK,  
      $fatbrain_book IN $fatbrain/BOOKS/BOOK  
  where $amazon_book/ISBN = $fatbrain_book/ISBN  
      and $amazon_book/PRICE > $fatbrain_book/PRICE  
  return $amazon_book/TITLE  
)
```

An error

Return title and ISBN of each book

```
for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK return  
  <ANSWER>{ $book/TITLE, $book/ISBN }</ANSWER>
```

∈

```
element ANSWER { TITLE }*
```

Finding an error by assertion

Return title and ISBN of each book

```
define element ANSWER {
  element TITLE { string },
  element ISBN { string }
}
for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK return
  assert as ANSWER (
    <ANSWER>{ $book/TITLE, $book/ISBN }</ANSWER>
  )
```

Assertions might be added automatically when there is a global element declaration and no conflicting local declarations.

Finding an error by omission

Return title and ISBN of each book

```
define element BOOKS { BOOK* }
define element BOOK { AUTHOR+, TITLE }
define element AUTHOR { string }
define element TITLE { string }
for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK return
  <ANSWER>{ $book/TITLE, $book/ISBN }</ANSWER>
```

Note $\$book/ISBN \in ()$.

Idea: Report an error when $e \in ()$ and $e \neq ()$.

Wildcards, computed names

Turn all attributes into elements, and vice versa

```
define function swizzle (AnyElement $x) returns AnyElement {
  element {name($x)} {
    for $a in $x/@* return element {name($a)} {$a/data()},
    for $e in $x/* return attribute {name($e)} {$e/data()}
  }
}
swizzle(<TEST A="a" B="b">
  <C>c</C>
  <D>d</D>
</TEST>)
```

⇒

```
<TEST C="c" D="D">
  <A>a</A>
  <B>b</B>
</TEST>
```

Typing can lose information

Return all Amazon and Fatbrain books by Buneman

```
define element CATALOGUE { AMAZON-BOOK*,FATBRAIN-BOOK* }  
for $book in /CATALOGUE/BOOK  
where $book/AUTHOR = "Buneman" return  
    $book
```

∈

```
( AMAZON-BOOK | FATBRAIN-BOOK )*
```


Part VI

Syntax

Templates

Convert book listings to HTML format

```
<HTML><H1>My favorite books</H1>
  <UL>{
    for $book in /BOOKS/BOOK return
      <LI>
        <EM>{ $book/TITLE/data() }</EM>,
        { $book/@YEAR/data() [position()=last()] }.
      </LI>
    }</UL>
</HTML>
```

⇒

```
<HTML><H1>My favorite books</H1>
  <UL>
    <LI><EM>Data on the Web</EM>, 2003.</LI>
    <LI><EM>XML in Scotland</EM>, 2002.</LI>
  </UL>
</HTML>
```

XQueryX

A query in XQuery:

```
FOR $b in document("bib.xml")//book
WHERE $b/publisher = "Morgan Kaufmann" AND $b/year = "1998"
RETURN
    $b/title
```

The equivalent in XQueryX:

```
<q:query xmlns:q="http://www.w3.org/2001/06/xqueryx">
  <q:flwr>
    <q:forAssignment variable="$b">
      <q:step axis="SLASHSLASH">
        <q:function name="document">
          <q:constant datatype="CHARSTRING">bib.xml</q:constant>
        </q:function>
        <q:identifier>book</q:identifier>
      </q:step>
    </q:forAssignment>
```

XQueryX, continued

```
<q:where>
  <q:function name="AND">
    <q:function name="EQUALS">
      <q:step axis="CHILD">
        <q:variable>$b</q:variable>
        <q:identifier>publisher</q:identifier>
      </q:step>
      <q:constant datatype="CHARSTRING">Morgan Kaufmann</q:constant>
    </q:function>
    <q:function name="EQUALS">
      <q:step axis="CHILD">
        <q:variable>$b</q:variable>
        <q:identifier>year</q:identifier>
      </q:step>
      <q:constant datatype="CHARSTRING">1998</q:constant>
    </q:function>
  </q:function>
</q:where>
```

XQueryX, continued²

```
<q:return>
  <q:step axis="CHILD">
    <q:variable>$b</q:variable>
    <q:identifier>title</q:identifier>
  </q:step>
</q:return>
</q:flwr>
</q:query>
```

Part VII

Typing rules

Types

unit type	u	$::=$	string	string
			integer	integer
			attribute $a \{ t \}$	attribute
			attribute $* \{ t \}$	any attribute
			element $a \{ t \}$	element
			element $* \{ t \}$	any element
type	t	$::=$	u	unit type
			$()$	empty sequence
			t, t	sequence
			$t t$	choice
			$t?$	optional
			$t+$	one or more
			$t*$	zero or more
			x	type reference

Documents

string $s ::=$ "" , "a" , "b" , ... , "aa" , ...

integer $i ::=$... , -1 , 0 , 1 , ...

document $d ::=$ s

| i

| attribute $a \{ d \}$

| element $a \{ d \}$

| ()

| d , d

string

integer

attribute

element

empty sequence

sequence

Type of a document — $d \in t$

$$\frac{}{s \in \text{string}}$$

(string)

$$\frac{}{i \in \text{integer}}$$

(integer)

$$\frac{d \in t}{\text{element } a \{ d \} \in \text{element } a \{ t \}}$$

(element)

$$\frac{d \in t}{\text{element } a \{ d \} \in \text{element } * \{ t \}}$$

(any element)

$$\frac{d \in t}{\text{attribute } a \{ d \} \in \text{element } a \{ t \}}$$

(attribute)

$$\frac{d \in t}{\text{attribute } a \{ d \} \in \text{element } * \{ t \}}$$

(any attribute)

$$\frac{d \in t \quad \text{define group } x \{ t \}}{d \in x}$$

(group)

Type of a document, continued

$$\frac{}{() \in ()}$$

(empty)

$$\frac{d_1 \in t_1 \quad d_2 \in t_2}{d_1, d_2 \in t_1, t_2}$$

(sequence)

$$\frac{d_1 \in t_1}{d_1 \in t_1 \mid t_2}$$

(choice 1)

$$\frac{d_2 \in t_2}{d_2 \in t_1 \mid t_2}$$

(choice 2)

$$\frac{d \in t+?}{d \in t^*}$$

(star)

$$\frac{d \in t, t^*}{d \in t^+}$$

(plus)

$$\frac{d \in () \mid t}{d \in t?}$$

(option)

Subtyping and type equivalence

Definition. Write $t_1 \subseteq t_2$ iff for all d , if $d \in t_1$ then $d \in t_2$.

Definition. Write $t_1 = t_2$ iff $t_1 \subseteq t_2$ and $t_2 \subseteq t_1$.

Examples

$$t \subseteq t? \subseteq t^*$$

$$t \subseteq t+ \subseteq t^*$$

$$t_1 \subseteq t_1 \mid t_2$$

$$t, () = t = (), t$$

$$t_1, (t_2 \mid t_3) = (t_1, t_2) \mid (t_1, t_3)$$

$$\text{element } a \{ t_1 \mid t_2 \} = \text{element } a \{ t_1 \} \mid \text{element } a \{ t_2 \}$$

Can decide whether $t_1 \subseteq t_2$ using tree automata.

Type of an expression — $E \vdash e \in t$

environment $E ::= \$v_1 \in t_1, \dots, \$v_n \in t_n$

$$\frac{E \text{ contains } \$v \in t}{E \vdash \$v \in t} \quad \text{(variable)}$$

$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 \in t_1 \quad E, \$v \in t_1 \vdash e_2 \in t_2}{E \vdash \text{let } \$v := e_1 \text{ return } e_2 \in t_2} \quad \text{(let)}$$

$$\frac{}{E \vdash () \in ()} \quad \text{(empty)}$$

$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 \in t_1 \quad E \vdash e_2 \in t_2}{E \vdash e_1, e_2 \in t_1, t_2} \quad \text{(sequence)}$$

$$\frac{E \vdash e \in t_1 \quad t_1 \cap t_2 \neq \emptyset}{E \vdash \text{treat as } t_2 (e) \in t_2} \quad \text{(treat as)}$$

$$\frac{E \vdash e \in t_1 \quad t_1 \subseteq t_2}{E \vdash \text{assert as } t_2 (e) \in t_2} \quad \text{(assert as)}$$

Quantifiers

quantifier $q ::=$

- $()$ exactly zero
- $-$ exactly one
- $?$ zero or one
- $+$ one or more
- $*$ zero or more

$t \cdot () = ()$
 $t \cdot - = t$
 $t \cdot ? = t?$
 $t \cdot + = t+$
 $t \cdot * = t*$

,	()	-	?	+	*
()	()	-	?	+	*
-	-	+	+	+	+
?	?	+	*	+	*
+	+	+	+	+	+
*	*	+	*	+	*

	()	-	?	+	*
()	()	?	?	*	*
-	?	-	?	+	*
?	?	?	?	*	*
+	*	+	*	+	*
*	*	*	*	*	*

.	()	-	?	+	*
()	()	()	()	()	()
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?	()	?	?	*	*
+	()	+	*	+	*
*	()	*	*	*	*

\leq	()	-	?	+	*
()	\leq		\leq		\leq
-		\leq	\leq	\leq	\leq
?			\leq		\leq
+				\leq	\leq
*					\leq

Typing for loops

Return all Amazon and Fatbrain books by Buneman

```
define element CATALOGUE { AMAZON-BOOK*,FATBRAIN-BOOK* }  
for $book in /CATALOGUE/BOOK  
where $book/AUTHOR = "Buneman" return  
  $book
```

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(AMAZON-BOOK | FATBRAIN-BOOK)*

$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 \in t_1 \quad E, \$x \in P(t_1) \vdash e_2 \in t_2}{E \vdash \text{for } \$x \text{ in } e_1 \text{ return } e_2 \in t_2 \cdot Q(t_1)} \quad (\text{for})$$

$P(\text{AMAZON-BOOK*}, \text{FATBRAIN-BOOK*}) = \text{AMAZON-BOOK} \mid \text{FATBRAIN-BOOK}$

$Q(\text{AMAZON-BOOK*}, \text{FATBRAIN-BOOK*}) = *$

Prime types

unit type	u	$::=$	string	string
			integer	integer
			attribute $a \{ t \}$	attribute
			attribute $* \{ t \}$	any attribute
			element $a \{ t \}$	element
			element $* \{ t \}$	any element
prime type	p	$::=$	u	unit type
			$p \mid p$	choice

Factoring

$P'(u)$	$=$	$\{u\}$	$Q(u)$	$=$	$-$
$P'()$	$=$	$\{\}$	$Q()$	$=$	$()$
$P'(t_1, t_2)$	$=$	$P'(t_1) \cup P'(t_2)$	$Q(t_1, t_2)$	$=$	$Q(t_1), Q(t_2)$
$P'(t_1 t_2)$	$=$	$P'(t_1) \cup P'(t_2)$	$Q(t_1 t_2)$	$=$	$Q(t_1) Q(t_2)$
$P'(t?)$	$=$	$P'(t)$	$Q(t?)$	$=$	$Q(t) \cdot ?$
$P'(t+)$	$=$	$P'(t)$	$Q(t+)$	$=$	$Q(t) \cdot +$
$P'(t*)$	$=$	$P'(t)$	$Q(t*)$	$=$	$Q(t) \cdot *$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(t) &= () && \text{if } P'(t) = \{\} \\
 &= u_1 | \dots | u_n && \text{if } P'(t) = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Factoring theorem. For every type t , prime type p , and quantifier q , we have $t \subseteq p \cdot q$ iff $P(t) \subseteq p?$ and $Q(t) \leq q$.

Corollary. For every type t , we have $t \subseteq P(t) \cdot Q(t)$.

Uses of factoring

$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 \in t_1 \quad E, \$x \in P(t_1) \vdash e_2 \in t_2}{E \vdash \text{for } \$x \text{ in } e_1 \text{ return } e_2 \in t_2 \cdot Q(t_1)} \quad (\text{for})$$

$$\frac{E \vdash e \in t}{E \vdash \text{unordered}(e) \in P(t) \cdot Q(t)} \quad (\text{unordered})$$

$$\frac{E \vdash e \in t}{E \vdash \text{distinct}(e) \in P(t) \cdot Q(t)} \quad (\text{distinct})$$

$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 \in \text{integer} \cdot q_1 \quad q_1 \leq ? \quad E \vdash e_2 \in \text{integer} \cdot q_2 \quad q_2 \leq ?}{E \vdash e_1 + e_2 \in \text{integer} \cdot q_1 \cdot q_2} \quad (\text{arithmetic})$$

Part VIII

Conclusions

XML Schema formalism



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XML Schema formalism

6 Validation

6.1 Content validation

We write $d \text{ in } g$ if forest d matches group g .

EMPTY:

 $\varepsilon \text{ in } e$

SEQUENCE:

 $d_1 \text{ in } g_1 \quad d_2 \text{ in } g_2$

 $d_1, d_2 \text{ in } g_1, g_2$

CHOICE 1:

 $d \text{ in } g_1$

 $d \text{ in } g_1 \mid g_2$

CHOICE 2:

 $d \text{ in } g_2$

 $d \text{ in } g_1 \mid g_2$

Relax



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§ 6.2. Patterns

The axioms and inference rules for patterns use the following notation:

p
ranges over patterns (elements matching the pattern production)

$cx \mid\!-\! \alpha, m \rightsquigarrow p$
asserts that with respect to context cx , the attributes α and the sequence of elements and strings m matches the pattern p

6.2.1. choice pattern

The semantics of the `choice` pattern are as follows:

$$\text{(choice 1)} \quad \frac{cx \mid\!-\! \alpha, m \rightsquigarrow p_1}{cx \mid\!-\! \alpha, m \rightsquigarrow \langle \text{choice} \rangle p_1 p_2 \langle / \text{choice} \rangle}$$

$$\text{(choice 2)} \quad \frac{cx \mid\!-\! \alpha, m \rightsquigarrow p_2}{cx \mid\!-\! \alpha, m \rightsquigarrow \langle \text{choice} \rangle p_1 p_2 \langle / \text{choice} \rangle}$$

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Query in english:

Q1: List books published by Addison-Wesley after 1991, including their year and title.

Query text:

```
<bib>
  ( FOR $b IN $bib/book
    WHERE $b/publisher/data(.) = "Addison-Wesley"
      AND $b/@year/data(.) > 1991
    RETURN
      <book year=( $b/@year/data(.) )>
        ( $b/title )
      </book> )
</bib>
```

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Some research topics

How to trade-off accuracy for simplicity in types?

How to exploit keys and relative keys?

How to integrate keys and relative keys into types?

How to handle graphs?

How to handle fixpoints as in Datalog?

How to integrate with OO view of data?

Links

My XML page

<http://www.research.avayalabs.com/~wadler/xml/>

W3C XML Query page

<http://www.w3.org/XML/Query.html>

XML Query demonstrations

Galax - AT&T, Lucent, and Avaya

<http://www-db.research.bell-labs.com/galax/>

Quip - Software AG

<http://www.softwareag.com/developer/quip/>

XQuery demo - Microsoft

<http://131.107.228.20/xquerydemo/>

Conclusions

There is nothing to XML
There is everything to XML

Industry resists formal methods
Industry welcomes formal methods

The best thing you can do is work on standards
The worst thing you can do is work on standards

You need XML
XML needs you

Epilogue

Beware the ides of March!