Introduction to Database Systems
CSE 444

Lecture 26: XQuery
XQuery

• Standard for high-level querying of databases containing data in XML form
• Based on Quilt, which is based on XML-QL
• Uses XPath to express more complex queries

• Readings
  – Section 12.2
  – [Nothing about XQuery in old Edition]
FLWR ("Flower") Expressions

FOR ...  
LET...  
WHERE...  
RETURN...  

Zero or more
Zero or more
Zero or one
Exactly one
FOR-WHERE-RETURN

Find all book titles published after 1995:

FOR $x$ IN document("bib.xml")/bib/book
WHERE $x/year/text() > 1995
RETURN $x/title

Result:
<title> abc </title>
<title> def </title>
<title> ghi </title>
FOR-WHERE-RETURN

Equivalently (perhaps more geekish)

```
RETURN $x$
```

And even shorter:

```
```
COERCION

The query:

```
RETURN $x
```

Is rewritten by the system into:

```
RETURN $x
```
• Find all book titles and the year when they were published:

```
FOR $x$ IN document("bib.xml")/ bib/book
RETURN <answer>
    <title>{ $x/title/text() } </title>
    <year>{ $x/year/text() } </year>
</answer>
```

Result:
```
<answer> <title> abc </title> <year> 1995 </year> </answer>
<answer> <title> def </title> <year> 2002 </year> </answer>
<answer> <title> ghk </title> <year> 1980 </year> </answer>
```
FOR-WHERE-RETURN

• Notice the use of “{“ and “}”
• What is the result without them?

```
FOR $x$ IN document("bib.xml")/ bib/book
RETURN <answer>
  <title> $x/title/text() </title>
  <year> $x/year/text() </year>
</answer>
```
FOR-WHERE-RETURN

- Notice the use of "{" and "}"
- What is the result without them?

```
FOR $x IN document("bib.xml")/ bib/book
RETURN <answer>
  <title> $x/title/text() </title>
  <year> $x/year/text() </year>
</answer>
```

```
<answer> <title> $x/title/text() </title> <year> $x/year/text() </year> </answer>
<answer> <title> $x/title/text() </title> <year> $x/year/text() </year> </answer>
<answer> <title> $x/title/text() </title> <year> $x/year/text() </year> </answer>
```
Nesting

For each author of a book by Morgan Kaufmann, list all books he/she published:

```
FOR $b IN document("bib.xml")/bib,
   $a IN $b/book[publisher/text()="Morgan Kaufmann"]/author
RETURN <result>
   { $a,
      FOR $t IN $b/book[author/text()=$a/text()]/title
      RETURN $t
   }
</result>
```

In the RETURN clause comma concatenates XML fragments
Result

<result>
  <author>Jones</author>
  <title>abc</title>
  <title>def</title>
</result>

<result>
  <author>Smith</author>
  <title>ghi</title>
</result>
Aggregates

Find all books with more than 3 authors:

```
FOR $x IN document("bib.xml")/bib/book
WHERE count($x/author)>3
RETURN $x
```

count = a function that counts
avg  = computes the average
sum  = computes the sum
distinct-values = eliminates duplicates
Aggregates

Same thing:

```plaintext
FOR $x$ IN document("bib.xml")/bib/book[count(author)>3]
RETURN $x$
```
Eliminating Duplicates

Print all authors:

FOR $a$ IN distinct-values($b/book/author/text()$)
RETURN <author> { $a$ } </author>

Note: distinct-values applies ONLY to values, NOT elements
The LET Clause

Find books whose price is larger than average:

```
FOR $b in document("bib.xml")/bib
LET $a:=avg($b/book/price/text())
FOR $x in $b/book
WHERE $x/price/text() > $a
RETURN $x
```
Flattening

• Compute a list of (author, title) pairs

Input:
<book>
    <title>Databases</title>
    <author>Widom</author>
    <author>Ullman</author>
</book>

Output:
<answer>
    <title>Databases</title>
    <author>Widom</author>
</answer>
<answer>
    <title>Databases</title>
    <author>Ullman</author>
</answer>

FOR $b$ IN document("bib.xml")/bib/book,
    $x$ IN $b/title/text() ,
    $y$ IN $b/author/text()$
RETURN <answer>
    <title>{ $x } </title>
    <author>{ $y } </author>
</answer>
Re-grouping

- For each author, return all titles of her/his books

```xml
FOR $b$ IN document("bib.xml")/bib,
   $x$ IN $b/book/author/text() 
RETURN
   <answer>
   <author> { $x$ } </author>
   { FOR $y$ IN $b/book[author/text()=$x]/title
   RETURN $y$ }
</answer>
```

Result:
```xml
<answer>
  <author> efg </author>
  <title> abc </title>
  <title> klm </title>
  . . . .
</answer>
```

What about duplicate authors?
Re-grouping

• Same, but eliminate duplicate authors:

```xml
FOR $b$ IN document("bib.xml")/bib
LET $a :=$ distinct-values($b/book/author/text()$)
FOR $x$ IN $a$
RETURN
  <answer>
    <author>$x$</author>
    { FOR $y$ IN $b/book[author/text() = $x$/title
       RETURN $y$ }
  </answer>
```
Re-grouping

• Same thing:

\[
\text{FOR } \$b \text{ IN document("bib.xml")/bib,} \\
\hspace{1cm} \$x \text{ IN distinct-values(}$b$/book/author/text()) \\
\text{RETURN} \\
\hspace{1cm} <\text{answer}> \\
\hspace{2cm} <\text{author}> \$x \text{ </author>} \\
\hspace{2cm} \{ \text{FOR } \$y \text{ IN }$b$/book[author/text()=\$x]/title \\
\hspace{3.5cm} \text{RETURN } \$y \} \\
\hspace{1cm} </\text{answer}> \\
\]
SQL and XQuery Side-by-side

Product(pid, name, maker, price)  Find all product names, prices, sort by price

SQL

```
SELECT x.name, x.price
FROM Product x
ORDER BY x.price
```

XQuery

```
FOR $x in document(“db.xml”)/db/Product/row
ORDER BY $x/price/text()
RETURN <answer>
    { $x/name, $x/price }
</answer>
```
XQuery’s Answer

<answer>
  <name> abc </name>
  <price> 7 </price>
</answer>

<answer>
  <name> def </name>
  <price> 23 </price>
</answer>

Notice: this is NOT a well-formed document!
(WHY ???)
Producing a Well-Formed Answer

<myQuery>
{ FOR $x$ in document("db.xml")/db/Product/row
  ORDER BY $x$/price/text()
  RETURN <answer>
    { $x$/name, $x$/price }
  </answer>
}
</myQuery>
XQuery’s Answer

<myQuery>
  <answer>
    <name> abc </name>
    <price> 7 </price>
  </answer>
  <answer>
    <name> def </name>
    <price> 23 </price>
  </answer>
. . . .
</myQuery>

Now it is well-formed!
SQL and XQuery Side-by-side

Product(pid, name, maker, price)
Company(cid, name, city, revenues)

Find all products made in Seattle

**SQL**
```
SELECT x.name
FROM Product x, Company y
WHERE x.maker=y.cid
  and y.city="Seattle"
```

**XQuery**
```
FOR $r in document("db.xml")/db,
  $x in $r/Product/row,
  $y in $r/Company/row
WHERE
  $x/maker/text()=$y/cid/text()
  and $y/city/text() = "Seattle"
RETURN { $x/name }
```

**Cool XQuery**
```
FOR $y in /db/Company/row[city/text()="Seattle"],
  $x in /db/Product/row[maker/text()=$y/cid/text()]
RETURN { $x/name }
```
<product>
  <row> <pid> 123 </pid> <name> abc </name> <maker> efg </maker> </row> .... </row>
  ...
</product>
SQL and XQuery Side-by-side

For each company with revenues < 1M count the products over $100

```
SELECT y.name, count(*)
FROM Product x, Company y
WHERE x.price > 100 and x.maker=y.cid and y.revenue < 1000000
GROUP BY y.cid, y.name
```

```
FOR $r in document("db.xml")/db,
   $y in $r/Company/row[revenue/text()<1000000]
RETURN
   <proudCompany>
      <companyName>{ $y/name/text() } </companyName>
      <numberOfExpensiveProducts>
         { count($r/Product/row[maker/text()=$y/cid/text()][price/text()>100]) } 
      </numberOfExpensiveProducts>
   </proudCompany>
```
SQL and XQuery Side-by-side

Find companies with at least 30 products, and their average price

```sql
SELECT y.name, avg(x.price)
FROM Product x, Company y
WHERE x.maker=y.cid
GROUP BY y.cid, y.name
HAVING count(*) > 30
```

```xquery
FOR $r in document("db.xml")/db,
   $y in $r/Company/row
LET $p := $r/Product/row[maker/text()=$y/cid/text()]
WHERE count($p) > 30
RETURN
   <theCompany>
      <companyName> { $y/name/text() } </companyName>
      <avgPrice> avg($p/price/text()) </avgPrice>
   </theCompany>
```