



COMP4317: XML & Database

Tutorial 10: Xpath & SQL

Week 11

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XML to Database

■ Create tables

```
CREATE TABLE filename_tbl (  
    pre INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,  
    post INTEGER,  
    level INTEGER,  
    tag VARCHAR(256),  
    text VARCHAR(1000)  
);  
CREATE TABLE filename_attr (  
    pre INTEGER REFERENCES filename_tbl (PRE),  
    attr VARCHAR(256),  
    value VARCHAR(1000)  
);
```



XML to Database

- Build the tree with pre,post
 - Start document
 - Insert into stack a document node
`<0,?,0,null,null>`
 - `pre=post=level=0`
 - Start element
 - Make a node `<+pre, ?, ++level, tag, null>`
 - *Add to the parent's children*
 - Push to stack



XML to Database

- Text:
 - Make a node `<+pre, +post, (level+1), null, text>`
 - *Add to the parent's children*
- End element
 - Assign `+post` to node on the stack
 - `level--`
- End document
 - Assign `+post` to the document node

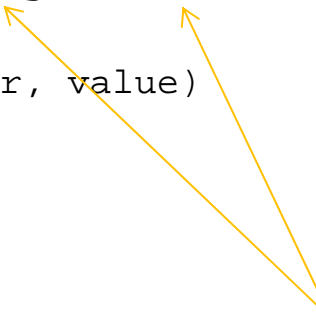


XML to Database

- Generate INSERT statements

```
INSERT INTO filename_tbl (pre, post, level, tag, text)
VALUES (n.pre, n.post, n.level, n.tag, n.text);
```

```
INSERT INTO filename_attr (pre, attr, value)
VALUES (x.pre, x.attr, x.value);
```



- Note:

- NULL value in database is NULL, not "null"

- Remove the tables

```
DROP TABLE filename_tbl;
DROP TABLE filename_attr;
```



XPath to SQL

- First instance of the table r_0 for $pre=0$
- Each tag on XPath
 - A new instance of the table r_i
 - tagname is not "*" $\Rightarrow r_i.tag="tagname"$
 - $r_i.pre > r_{i-1}.pre$ AND $r_i.post < r_{i-1}.post$
- Select the last $r_i.pre$



XPath to SQL

- Ex: `//a//*//c`
- SQL:

```
SELECT DISTINCT r4.pre
FROM table r1, table r2, table r3, table r4
WHERE r1.pre=0
    AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
    AND r3.pre>r2.pre AND r3.post<r2.post AND r3.tag!=" "
    AND r4.pre>r3.pre AND r4.post<r3.post AND r4.tag="c"
ORDER BY r4.pre
```



Children?

- Ex: /a
- SQL

```
SELECT DISTINCT r2.pre
FROM table r1, table r2
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre=r1.pre+1 AND r2.post=r1.post-1
      AND r2.tag="a"
ORDER BY r2.pre
```

Correct if there is only child!





Children?

- Better use "level"
- Ex: //a/b
- SQL:

```
SELECT DISTINCT r3.pre
FROM table r1, table r2, table r3
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND r3.pre>r2.pre AND r3.post<r2.post AND r3.tag="b"
      AND r3.level=r2.level+1
ORDER BY r3.pre
```



Ancestor axis

- x is an ancestor of y : $x.pre < y.pre$ AND $x.post > y.post$
- Ex: `//a/ancestor::b`
- SQL:

```
SELECT DISTINCT r3.pre
FROM table r1, table r2, table r3
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND r3.pre<r2.pre AND r3.post>r2.post AND r3.tag="b"
ORDER BY r3.pre
```



Filters

- Two options:
 - As normal table joint in the main statement
 - As a subquery in the WHERE clause



Filters – Main statement

- Ex: `//a[.//b]`
- SQL:

When there may be many "b" in subtree "a"

```
SELECT DISTINCT r2.pre
FROM table r1, table r2, table r3
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND r3.pre>r2.pre AND r3.post<r2.post AND r3.tag="b"
ORDER BY r2.pre
```



Filters – Main statement

- Ex: `//a[.//b]`
- SQL:

```
SELECT DISTINCT r2.pre
FROM table r1, table r2, table r3
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND r3.pre>r2.pre AND r3.post<r2.post AND r3.tag="b"
ORDER BY r2.pre
```

- How about: `//a[not(.//b)]` ?
 - NOT on assignment 5!



Filters – Subquery

- Ex: `//a[.//b]`
- SQL:

```
SELECT DISTINCT r2.pre
FROM table r1, table r2
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND EXISTS
        (SELECT sr1.pre FROM table sr1
         WHERE sr1.pre>r2.pre AND sr1.post<r2.post
          AND sr1.tag="b" )
ORDER BY r2.pre
```



Filters – Subquery

- Ex: `//a[not(.//b)]`
- SQL:

NOT on assignment 5!

```
SELECT DISTINCT r2.pre
FROM table r1, table r2
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND NOT EXISTS
        (SELECT sr1.pre FROM table sr1
         WHERE sr1.pre>r2.pre AND sr1.post<r2.post
           AND sr1.tag="b" )
ORDER BY r2.pre
```



Filters – Subquery

- Ex: //a[.//b][./c]
- SQL:

...

AND EXISTS

```
(SELECT sr11.pre FROM table sr11
WHERE sr11.pre>r2.pre AND sr11.post<r2.post
AND sr11.tag="b" )
```

AND EXISTS

```
(SELECT sr12.pre FROM table sr12
WHERE sr12.pre>r2.pre AND sr12.post<r2.post
AND sr12.level=r2.level+1 AND sr12.tag="c" )
```




Filters – Subquery

- Ex: //a[//b]

- SQL:

Filters relate to root node

```
SELECT DISTINCT r2.pre
FROM table r1, table r2
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND EXISTS
      (SELECT sr1.pre FROM table sr1
       WHERE sr1.pre>r1.pre AND sr1.post<r1.post
         AND sr1.tag="b" )

ORDER BY r2.pre
```



Filters - Attributes

- Ex: //a[@x='y']
- SQL:

Attribute table

```
SELECT DISTINCT r2.pre
FROM table r1, table r2, table_attr r3,
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND r3.pre=r2.pre AND r3.attr="x"
                        AND r3.value='y'
ORDER BY r2.pre
```



Filters - Attributes

- Ex: //a[@x='y']
- SQL:

Attribute table

```
SELECT DISTINCT r2.pre
FROM table r1, table r2
WHERE r1.pre=0
      AND r2.pre>r1.pre AND r2.post<r1.post AND r2.tag="a"
      AND EXISTS
        (SELECT sr1.pre FROM table_attr sr1
         WHERE sr1.pre=r2.pre AND sr1.attr="x"
           AND sr1.value='y')
ORDER BY r2.pre
```



Assignment 5

- // / with tag, *, text()
- /ancestor::tag OR /ancestor::*
- [./] OR [./] OR [/] OR [//]
 - With tag, *
- Bonus:
 - [@attr=value]