



XSLT

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“

A transformation in the XSLT language is expressed in the form of a stylesheet ... A transformation expressed in XSLT describes rules for transforming input data into output data.”

— XSL Transformations (XSLT) Version 3.0



In simpler terms, XSLT can translate TEI into HTML for publication on the web.



A XSLT stylesheet

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
  
<xsl:stylesheet  
  xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"  
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"  
  xmlns:tei="http://www.tei-c.org/ns/1.0"  
  exclude-result-prefixes="xs"  
  version="3.0"> ... </xsl:stylesheet>
```



xsl:template match

```
<xsl:template match="tei:body">  
  <html:body>  
    <xsl:apply-templates/>  
  </html:body>  
</xsl:template>
```



xsl:value-of select

`<xsl:value-of select="tei:publisher"/>` in

`<xsl:value-of select="tei:pubPlace"/>` on

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



XSLT functions

```
<xsl:value-of select=
```

```
  "format-date(tei:date,'[MNn] [D01], [Y0001]')"/>
```



Conditional Expressions

```
<xsl:template match="tei:lg">
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  <xsl:if test="@n=1">
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  </xsl:if>
```

```
  <xsl:apply-templates/>
```

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




Limitations of XSL

- Programming in XML is very verbose
- Transformations of TEI to HTML frequently lossy
- Less useful for querying TEI corpora