

# Klausur “Semistructured Data and XML”

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**Working Time: planned 90 Minutes, then extended to 150 Min  
(carried out as a computer-based ILIAS exam)**

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**Setting:** on the E-exam-computers, ILIAS was running, Notepad++ as editor, and also saxon (with the aliases saxonValid, saxonXQ, and saxonXSL defined as in the course) were installed.

In this exam basically all paper-based aids are allowed. For the exam, it was recommended to have the printed slides, and a condensed self-prepared “cheat sheet” (preparation of a cheat sheet is a very effective way to work through the materials). Mobile phones must be turned off.

Answers might be given in English or German (most answers are program code anyway). In the text, the german translation is sometimes given in parentheses.

Give *all* answers via the ILIAS system.

Like in a “paper exam”, also solutions that do maybe not work (or do not work completely) can be delivered and will be graded with appropriately partial points.

For **passing** the exam, **50** points are sufficient.

	Max. Punkte	Schätzung für “4”
Aufgabe 1 (XML)	20	15
Aufgabe 2 (DTD)	15	10
Aufgabe 3 (XPath (a) )	2	2
Aufgabe 4 (Appl.-semantic validation of query result)	2	2
Aufgabe 5 (XPath/XQuery (b) )	4	3
Aufgabe 6 (XPath/XQuery (c) )	6	4
Aufgabe 7 (XPath/XQuery (d) )	5	2
Aufgabe 8 (XPath/XQuery (e) )	5	3
Aufgabe 9 (XPath/XQuery (f) )	10	4
Aufgabe 10 (XPath/XQuery (g) )	10	4
Aufgabe 11 (XSLT )	15	4
Aufgabe 12 (Miscellaneous (a) )	2	2
Aufgabe 13 (Miscellaneous (b) )	4	2
Summe	100	57

**Note:**

## Project: Housing Cooperative (german: Wohnungsgenossenschaft)

All exercises are based on a common “project”: the database of a housing cooperative that owns houses with rental apartments in cities all over Germany.

1. Assume that cities are uniquely identified by their name. Also, every street name exists at most once in every city.
2. For each building that is owned by the cooperative, the address (city, street, house number) is stored. It is also stored how many apartments are in the building (assume that always all apartments in the building are owned by the cooperative).
  - The building *Hauptstraße 100* in *Göttingen* consists of 80 apartments.
  - The building *Rheinstraße 53* in *Köln* consists of 100 apartments.
3. Every apartment has a (unique) number in its building. For each apartment, the number of rooms, the size (in square meters) and the current monthly rent (=Kaltmiete) is stored.
  - The apartment with the number 42 of the building *Hauptstraße 100* in *Göttingen* has three rooms, 82 m<sup>2</sup>, for 850 EUR per month.
  - The apartment with the number 43 of the same building has two rooms, 50 m<sup>2</sup>, for 550 EUR per month.
  - The apartment with the number 17 of the building *Rheinstraße 53* in *Köln* has three rooms, 95 m<sup>2</sup>, for 1300 EUR per month.
4. For being entitled to rent an apartment in a cooperative, persons must buy a share and become *members* of the cooperative. For every person, the name, the (unique) membership code (recall that XML IDs must start with a letter), the birthdate, and the birth place (city name, country) are stored.
  - John Doe is born on February 28th, 1995 in Boston, USA.
  - Markus Meier is born on July 10th, 1980 in Göttingen, Germany.
  - Liese Müller is born on October 1st, 1950 in Köln, Germany.
  - Jan Jansen is born on August 10th, 1985 in Stockholm, Sweden.
5. For every individual rental agreement (=Mietvertrag) the name of the tenant (=Mietter) is stored (assume that the agreement is always made with a single person), together with the starting date, and the contact address where the tenant lived when the contract was signed.

Contracts always begin with the first day of a month, and end with the last day of a month.

Additionally, it is stored whether the contract is terminated or announced to be terminated, and for which date (=gekündigt; in Germany, a rental contract must be announced to be terminated three months in advance – e.g. today you could announce to terminate the contract for your apartment for November 30th, 2020).

  - *John Doe* lives in the apartment nr. 42 of the building *Hauptstrasse 100* in *Göttingen* since April 1st, 2018. The contract is not announced to be terminated.

- *Markus Meier* lives in the apartment nr. 43 of the building *Hauptstrasse 100* in *Göttingen* since August 1st, 2011. He already announced to terminate the contract for October 31st, 2020.
  - *Liese Müller* lives in the apartment nr. 17 of the building *Rheinstrasse 53* in *Köln* since March 1st, 1990. She announced to terminate the contract for August 31st, 2020.
6. When a new contract is signed, the (at this point current) address of the tenant and the starting date of the contract is stored.
- The above-mentioned *Markus Meier* has signed a contract for the apartment nr. 17 of the building *Rheinstrasse 53* in *Köln*, beginning October 1st, 2020.
  - *Jan Jansen*, who currently lives at the address *Hafenstrasse 10, Hamburg* (this apartment is not owned by the cooperative), signed a contract for the apartment nr. 43 of the building *Hauptstrasse 100* in *Göttingen* from December 1st, 2020 on.
7. If a tenant moves somewhere else (not necessarily to an apartment of the cooperative), the new address is stored (e.g., to send the final cost bills).
- The future address of *Liese Müller* is *Mühlengasse 24, Mühlhausen* in a building that does not belong to the cooperative.
8. Data about older contracts is kept in the database, it is *not* deleted.

### **Exercise 1 (XML [20 Points])**

Design an XML structure (use the frame given in file `exam.xml`) and fill it with some sample data (e.g. with some of the example data given in the text).

(Information about handling dates in XML can be found in the course's slides around Slide 300.)

Copy-and-paste the XML from the file `exam.xml` afterwards (at the end of the exam, because it will be extended in later exercises) here:

**Lösung**

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE coop SYSTEM "exam.dtd">
<coop>
  <city name="Göttingen">
    <building street="Hauptstrasse" nr="100" apartments="80">
      <apartment nr="42" rooms="3" size="82" rent="850">
        <contract person="m1005" from="2018-04-01">
          <beforeAddr city="Hintertupfing" addr="Lange Gasse 123"/>
        </contract>
      </apartment>
      <apartment nr="43" rooms="2" size="50" rent="550">
        <contract person="m1313" from="2011-08-01" until="2020-10-31">
          <beforeAddr city="Göttingen" addr="Groner Str 9a"/>
          <afterAddr city="Köln" addr="Rheinstrasse 53"/>
        </contract>
        <contract person="m1010" from="2020-12-01">
          <beforeAddr city="Hamburg" addr="Hafenstrasse 10"/>
        </contract>
      </apartment>
      <apartment nr="48" rooms="3" size="110" rent="950"> <!-- xq1 and xq5-->
    </apartment>
  </building>
</city>
<city name="Köln">
  <building street="Rheinstrasse" nr="53" apartments="100">
    <apartment nr="17" rooms="3" size="95" rent="1300">
      <contract person="m1213" from="1990-03-01" until="2020-08-31">
        <beforeAddr city="somewhere" addr="somestreet"/>
        <afterAddr city="Mühlhausen" addr="Mühlengasse 24"/>
      </contract>
      <contract person="m1313" from="2020-10-01">
        <beforeAddr city="Göttingen" addr="Hauptstrasse 100"/>
      </contract>
    </apartment>
  </building>
</city>
<person id="m1005" name="John Doe" birthday="1995-02-28"
  birthplace="Boston" country="USA"/>
<person id="m1313" name="Markus Meier" birthday="1980-07-10"
  birthplace="Göttingen" country="D"/>
<person id="m1213" name="Liese Müller" birthday="1950-10-01"
  birthplace="Köln" country="D"/>
<person id="m1010" name="Jan Jansen" birthday="1985-08-10"
  birthplace="Stockholm" country="S"/>
</coop>

```

## Exercise 2 (DTD [15 Points])

Develop the DTD for your document developed in Exercise 1, use the file exam.dtd. Use the saxon call

```
saxonValid.bat -s:exam.xml
```

for validating it.

Copy-and-paste the DTD from the file `exam.dtd` afterwards here:

## Lösung

```
<!ELEMENT coop (city*, person*)>
<!ELEMENT city (building*)>
  <!ATTLIST city name CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT building (apartment*)>
  <!ATTLIST building street CDATA #REQUIRED
                 nr CDATA #REQUIRED
                 apartments CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT apartment (contract*)>
  <!ATTLIST apartment nr CDATA #REQUIRED
                     rooms CDATA #REQUIRED
                     size CDATA #REQUIRED
                     rent CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT contract (beforeAddr, afterAddr?)>
  <!ATTLIST contract person IDREF #REQUIRED
                   from CDATA #REQUIRED
                   until CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT beforeAddr EMPTY>
  <!ATTLIST beforeAddr city CDATA #REQUIRED
                   addr CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT afterAddr EMPTY>
  <!ATTLIST afterAddr city CDATA #REQUIRED
                   addr CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT person EMPTY>
  <!ATTLIST person id ID #REQUIRED
                 name CDATA #REQUIRED
                 birthday CDATA #REQUIRED
                 birthplace CDATA #REQUIRED
                 country CDATA #REQUIRED>
  <!-- name contains spaces, cannot be used as ID
       membership IDs must not be numeric, begin with a letter -->
```

### Exercise 3 (XPath (a) [2 Points])

Use your `exam.xml` XML file as a basis for solving this and the following exercises.

None of the results should contain duplicates.

Give an XPath query or an XQuery query that returns the names of all cities where the cooperative owns at least one apartment that consists of *exactly three* rooms.

Write the XPath query string in the file `query1.xq` and call it with

```
saxonXQ.bat -s:exam.xml query1.xq
```

Copy-and-paste the query from `query1.xq` afterwards here:

## Lösung

```
(: in my design where the buildings are nested in their cities, there is
no problem with duplicates - but care for .// :)

//city[.//apartment[@rooms=3]]/@name/string()

(: in other XML designs, it may be like
distinct-values(//building[apartment[@rooms=4]]/id(@city)/name)  :)
```

#### Exercise 4 (Appl.-semantic validation of query result [2 Points])

Add additional sample data to your XML designed in Exercise 1 to test that your result does not return duplicates in case that there are multiple such apartments in a city.

Paste your *result* of evaluating the query from Exercise 3 (XPath (a)) here:

**Lösung** XML: just add another 3-room-apartment in the Göttingen-Hauptstrasse building. result: should return the city where the mock apartment has been added only once.

#### Exercise 5 (XPath/XQuery (b) [4 Points])

Give an XPath query or an XQuery query that returns the names of all persons who have *currently* rented an apartment that consists of exactly three rooms and costs less than 900 EUR.

(note: the current date can be obtained by the XPath function `current-date()`.)

Copy-and-paste the query from `query2.xq` afterwards here:

#### Lösung

```
(: distinct-values is again necessary, since a person on the move may
currently have two contracts :)
distinct-values(//apartment[@rooms = 3 and @rent < 900]/contract
  [@from <= current-date() and not (@until < current-date())]
  /id(@person)/@name)

distinct-values(//apartment[@rooms = 3 and @rent < 900]/contract
  [@from <= current-date() and
   (not(@until) or (@until >= current-date()))]
  /id(@person)/@name)

(: alternative for second-last line:

(: note: explicit casting number(@rent) is not necessary because 900 is
parsed as a numeric constant.
note: saxon does not need a declaration of the xs:
namespace as it is predefined.
:)
```

#### Exercise 6 (XPath/XQuery (c) [6 Points])

Give an XPath query or an XQuery query which, for every city, yields the total earnings of the cooperative in October 2020. The results should be of the format

```
<city name="..." total="..."/>
```

Copy-and-paste the query from query3.xq afterwards here:

### Lösung

```
for $c in //city
return
  <city name="{string($c/@name)}"
    total="{sum($c//apartment
      [contract[@from <= "2020-10-01" and
        (not(@until) or @until > "2020-10-01")]]/@rent)}"/>
```

### Exercise 7 (XPath/XQuery (d) [5 Points])

Give an XPath query or an XQuery query that yields the names of all persons who ever rented an apartment of the cooperative, but never rented an apartment of the cooperative in Köln.

Copy-and-paste the query from query4.xq afterwards here:

### Lösung

```
//person[not (./@id = //city[@name="Köln"]//apartment/contract/@person)]
/@name/string()
```

```
for $p in //person
where every $c in //contract[@person = $p/@id]
  satisfies $c/ancestor::city/@name != 'Köln'
return $p/@name/string()
```

Note

that the comparison `contract[id(@person) = $p]` would apply `string-comparison(!)` to empty(!) elements which always evaluates to "true". Then, one must use `contract[id(@person) is $p]`. There is also a –slightly awkward– solution that uses XQuery's –slightly awkward– grouping semantics:

```
for $c in //contract
group by $pid := $c/@person      (: group-by always groups by string values! :)
where every $contract in $c      (: $c now is the GROUP of all contracts of that person :)
  satisfies $contract/ancestor::city/@name != 'Köln'
return id($pid)/@name/string()
```

### Exercise 8 (XPath/XQuery (e) [5 Points])

Give an XQuery query or an XPath query that returns the names of all cities such that in *every* building owned by the cooperative in this city there is at least one apartment that has at least 100 square meters.

Copy-and-paste the query from query5.xq afterwards here:

### Lösung

```
for $c in //city
where every $b in $c/building
  satisfies $b/apartment[@size >= 100]
return $c/@name/string()

//city[not (building[not (apartment[@size >= 100]]))]/@name/string()
```



### Exercise 9 (XPath/XQuery (f) [10 Points])

Give an XQuery query that returns information about all persons who moved (or will move) from one apartment *directly* to another (both owned by the cooperative), and the second apartment is more expensive than the one before (use the *current rent* for time-independent comparison of “expensiveness” of apartments).

The results should be of the format

```
<person name="..." rent1="..." rent2="..."/>
```

Copy-and-paste the query from query6.xq afterwards here:

### Lösung

```
for $c1 in //contract,
    $c2 in //contract[@person=$c1/@person]
let $c2Addr := concat($c2/../../@street," ",$c2/../../@nr)
where $c1/afterAddr/@city = $c2/../../@name
    and $c1/afterAddr/@addr = $c2Addr
    and number($c1/../../@rent) < number($c2/../../@rent)
return
<person name="{ $c1/@person}" rent1="{ $c1/../../@rent}" rent2="{ $c2/../../@rent}"/>
```

Another possibility is to use the termination date and the starting date of subsequent contracts (usually, there is one or two months overlap, or “move overnight”)

```
for $c1 in //contract,
    $c2 in //contract[@person=$c1/@person]
let $c2Addr := concat($c2/../../@street," ",$c2/../../@nr),
    $overlap := days-from-duration(xs:date($c1/@until) - xs:date($c2/@from))
where $overlap < 100 and $overlap > -3
    and number($c1/../../@rent) < number($c2/../../@rent)
return
<person name="{ $c1/@person}" rent1="{ $c1/../../@rent}" rent2="{ $c2/../../@rent}"/>
```

### Exercise 10 (XPath/XQuery (g) [10 Points])

Give an XQuery query or an XSLT stylesheet that, for each city “A”, gives a list of all cities “B” such that *some* person moved (or will move) *directly* from an apartment in city “A” to an apartment in “B”, and both of the apartments belong to the cooperative. for each such city “A”, the result should be of the form

```
<result city="name-of-city-A">
  name-of-city-B1 ... name-of-city-Bn
</result>
```

(no duplicate B’s, in any order, with arbitrary whitespaces)

Copy-and-paste the query from query7.xq afterwards here:

### Lösung

```

for $c in //city
return <result>
  { $c/@name,
    let $followingcities :=
      for $addr in $c//contract/afterAddr
      let $aftercity := //city[@name = $addr/@city]
      where $aftercity//building[concat(@street," ",@nr) = $addr/@addr]
      return $aftercity/@name
    return distinct-values($followingcities)
  }
</result>

```

### Exercise 11 (XSLT [15 Points])

Extend the given XSL stylesheet frame `exam.xsl` to an XSLT stylesheet that for each person returns the name in an `h3`-element, followed by an HTML list that chronologically lists all apartments (by address) that the person had rented from the cooperative. (an HTML list consists of an `ul`-element with nested `li`-elements; omit the surrounding HTML stuff, don't care too much for formatting)

Use the following call to execute it:

```
saxonXSL.bat -s:exam.xml exam.xsl
```

Copy-and-paste the XSLT stylesheet from `exam.xsl` afterwards here:

**Lösung**

```

<xsl:stylesheet xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  version="2.0">

  <xsl:template match="coop">
    <html> <body>
      <xsl:apply-templates select="person"/>
    </body> </html>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="person">
    <h3>
      <xsl:value-of select="@name"/>
    </h3>
    <ul>
      <xsl:apply-templates select="//contract[@person=current()/@id]">
        <xsl:sort select="@from" data-type="text"/>
        <!-- text comparison is OK for dates as written in their
              standard XML "string" syntax -->
      </xsl:apply-templates>
    </ul>
  </xsl:template>

  <xsl:template match="contract">
    <li>
      <xsl:value-of select="../../../../@name"/>:
      <xsl:value-of select="../../../../@street"/> -
      <xsl:value-of select="../../../../@nr"/>
    </li>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>

```

### Exercise 12 (Miscellaneous (a) [2 Points])

Describe (short and concisely) what ID and IDREF in XML, and primary keys and foreign keys in relational databases both are used for:

#### Lösung

- ID/primary key: identification of a data item (element, tuple),
- IDREF/foreign key: reference to such an identifier.

### Exercise 13 (Miscellaneous (b) [4 Points])

Describe **two** aspects in which the ID/IDREF mechanism in the XML world differs from the primary key/foreign key concept in relational databases:

**Lösung** There are many structural, “small” syntactical, and usage aspects:

- Primary keys are local to a table, IDs are global to the document (e.g., in relational Mondial, “AG”, “C” and “NAM” are both country codes and abbreviations of organizations)

As a consequence of this, and by the design of the relational model, foreign key references represent a certain relationship between two classes/tables, while IDREFs attributes cannot be specified in the DTD to point to elements of a certain type (e.g., to could prevent a country/@capital attribute to the id of a lake). XML Schema allows to specify constraints in the style of foreign key.

- Primary keys may be composite (e.g., City(name, country, province)), IDs are atomic.
- Primary keys may contain whitespaces, IDs must be whitespace-free (but, by this, a single IDREF can contain multiple targets).
- IDREFs can be dereferenced in the query language (graph navigation using the id() function), PKs/FKs must be handled via joins (relational model).
- XML model together with IDREFS's multivalued id(string1\*) navigation functionality: 1:n and n:m relationships can be expressed easily, while in the relational model this requires an additional relationship table.
- XML IDs must start with a letter. Primary keys may be numeric.  
Note that numeric values for ID attributes would be problematic since e.g. the number 1000 can be written as "1000" and as "10E3"

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The following frames can be used:

- Frame for XML file exam.xml:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE put-name-here SYSTEM "exam.dtd">
  to be extended here
```

- Frame for XML stylesheet exam.xsl:

```
<xsl:stylesheet xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform"
  version="2.0">
  to be extended here
</xsl:stylesheet>
```