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Session 7 – LINQ: Querying XML Data

DBLP is an online bibliographical database for computer science containing around 1 million references. Its content is publically available in XML format (http://dblp.uni-trier.de/xml/).

Since this content is more than 1.2 Gb, only a small excerpt of this data will be used for this exercice. The DBLP collection follows the BibTeX format and contains the following types of references: article, inproceedings, proceedings, book, incollection, phdthesis, masters-thesis, and www. The fields describing the above types of references are the following: author, editor, title, booktitle, pages, year, address, journal, volume, number, month, url, ee, cdrom, cite, publisher, note, crossref, isbn, series, school, and chapter. Notice that not all fields are allowed in all reference types; please refer to the DTD file for this information.

Write the LINQ code for the following queries:

- 1. The types of publications in the file
- 2. The number of publications of each types
- 3. The list of author names
- 4. The number of authors
- 5. The list of author names that are also editors
- 6. The number of publications by author
- 7. The authors ordered by the number of publications, in descending order
- 8. The author(s) having the highest number of publications
- 9. Give for each author the number of publication types
- $10.\,$ Give for each author the total number of publications and the number of publications by type
- 11. The list of proceedings that have at least one editor that is also author of at least one article in the proceedings
- 12. Give for each author the number of co-authors and the number of joint publications with each of them
- 13. For each proceedings give its title and the titles of articles appearing in it

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var xml = XElement.Load (@"C:\Users\...\dblp-small.xml");
var publications = xml.Elements();
var q1 = (
    from p in publications
    select p.Name
    ).Distinct();
var q2 =
    from p in publications
    group p by p.Name into type
    select new { Type = type.Key, Count = type.Count() };
var authors = (
    from a in publications.Elements("author")
    select a.Value.ToString()
    ).Distinct();
var q3 = authors;
var q4 = q3.Count();
var editors = (
    from e in publications.Elements("editor")
    select e.Value.ToString()
    ).Distinct();
var q5 = authors.Intersect(editors);
var author_pubs =
    from a in authors
    select new { Name = a,
                 Pubs = (
                     from p in publications
                     where (
                         from a2 in p.Elements("author")
                         select a2.Value
                         ).Contains(a)
                     select p)
                };
var author_pubcount =
    from ap in author_pubs
    select new {
       Name = ap.Name,
        NbPubs = ap.Pubs.Count()
    };
var q6 = author_pubcount;
var q7 =
    from apc in author_pubcount
    orderby apc.NbPubs descending
    select apc;
var q8 =
    from apc in author_pubcount
    where apc.NbPubs == (
                        from ap2 in author_pubcount
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select ap2.NbPubs
                         ).Max()
    select apc;
var q9 =
    from ap in author_pubs
    select new {
        Name = ap.Name,
        PubTypeCount = ( from p in ap.Pubs
                          select p.Name
                         ).Distinct().Count()
                 };
var q10 =
    from ap in author_pubs
    select new {
        Name = ap.Name,
        Count = ap.Pubs.Count(),
        Breakdown = (
            from p in ap. Pubs
            group p by p.Name into g
            select new {
                Type = g.Key,
Count = g.Count()
            )
        } ;
var q11 =
    from p in publications
    where (
        from editor in p.Elements("editor")
        where (
            from p2 in publications
            where (
                from a in p2.Elements("author")
                select a.Value
                 ).Contains(editor.Value)
                & &
                p2.Attribute("crossref") == p.Attribute("key")
            select p2).Any()
        select editor
    ).Any()
    select p;
var q12 =
    from ap in author_publications
    select new {
        Name = ap.Name,
        CoAuthors = (from coauthor in
                         (from p in ap.Pubs
                          from a in p.Elements("author")
                          where a.Value != ap.Name
                          select a.Value
                         ).Distinct()
                      select new {
                         CoAuthorName = coauthor,
                         Count = (
                             from pub in ap.Pubs
                             where (
                                 from a in pub.Elements("author")
                                 select a.Value
                                  ).Contains(coauthor)
                             select pub
                          ).Count()
```