

Exercices in XQuery

Querying DBLP Data

DBLP¹ is an online bibliographical database for computer science containing around 1 million references. Its content is publically available in XML format². Since this content is more than 400 MB a small excerpt of this data will be used for this exercise.

The DBLP collection follows the BibTeX format and contains the following types of references: article, inproceedings, proceedings, book, incollection, phdthesis, mastersthesis, 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 the not all fields are allowed in all reference types; please refer to the DTD file for this information.

Define in XQuery the following set of queries. For each query the output format is specified.

- (1) Give the types of publications in the file.

```
<publications>
  <type>article</type>
  <type>book</type>
  <type>incollection</type>
  <type>inproceedings</type>
  <type>mastersthesis</type>
  <type>phdthesis</type>
  <type>proceedings</type>
</publications>
```

- (2) Give the number of publications of each type.

```
<publications>
  <reference type="article">
    <number>263</number>
  </reference>
  <reference type="book">
    <number>9</number>
  </reference>
  ...
</publications>
```

- (3) Give the list of authors' names.

```
<authors>
  <name>A. A. Majid</name>
  <name>A. B. M. Shawkat Ali</name>
  <name>A. Bernoussi</name>
  ...
</authors>
```

¹<http://www.informatik.uni-trier.de/~ley/db/>

²<http://dblp.uni-trier.de/xml/>

(4) Give the number of authors.

```
<nb_authors>1478</nb_authors>
```

(5) Give the names of authors who are also editors.

```
<authors_editors>
  <name>Ana Paiva</name>
  <name>Chris George</name>
  <name>Du Zhang</name>
  <name>Ed Dawson</name>
  ...
</authors_editors>
```

(6) Give the number of publications by author.

```
<author>
  <name>Ahmed Sameh</name>
  <number>3</number>
</author>
...
```

(7) Give the authors ordered by the number of publications, in descending order.

```
<author>
  <name>Christoph Meinel</name>
  <number>47</number>
</author>

<author>
  <name>Dieter Baum</name>
  <number>21</number>
</author>
...
```

(8) Give the author(s) having the highest number of publications.

```
<prolific_authors>
  <author>
    <name>Morshed U. Chowdhury</name>
    <number>5</number>
  </author>
</prolific_authors>
```

(9) Give for each author the number of publication types.

```
<author>
  <name>Mazeyar E. Makoui</name>
  <pubtypes>1</pubtypes>
</author>
...
```

(10) Give for each author the total number of publications and the number of publications by type.

```
<author>
  <name>A. B. M. Shawkat Ali</name>
  <total>3</total>
  <pubtype type="inproceedings">
    <number>3</number>
  </pubtype>
</author>
```

```

<author>
  <name>A. Bernoussi</name>
  <total>1</total>
  <pubtype type="article">
    <number>1</number>
  </pubtype>
</author>
...

```

- (11) Give the list of proceedings that have at least one editor that is also author of at least one article in the proceedings.

```

<proc_editor_author>
  <title>Proceedings of the International (...)</title>
  <title>Advanced Data Mining and Applications, (...)</title>
  <title>Proceedings of the 5th International (...)</title>
</proc_editor_author>

```

- (12) Give for each author the number of co-authors and the number of joint publications with each of them.

```

<authors_coauthors>
  <author>
    <name>A. B. M. Shawkat Ali</name>
    <coauthors number="4">
      <coauthor>
        <name>M. Delowar Hossain</name>
        <nb_joint_pubs>1</nb_joint_pubs>
      </coauthor>
      ...
    </coauthors>
  </author>
  ...
</authors_coauthors>

```

- (13) For each proceedings give its title and the titles of articles appearing in it.

```

<proceedings>
  <proc_title>6th Annual IEEE/ACIS International Conference (...)</proc_title>
  <title>Understanding Consumer Search Activity and Online (...)</title>
  <title>Approximate Element Computational Time for Domain (...)</title>
  <title>Towards a Table Driven XML QoS Aware Transmission Framework.</title>
  ...
</proceedings>

```

- (14) Define a function that pretty-print the references of type article in HTML format.

```

<html>
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8"/>
    <title>DBLP Articles</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h2>DBLP Articles</h2>
    <p>P. Berthon, C. B. Williams. Stages of e-democracy: (...)</p>
    ...
  </body>
</html>

```

- (15) Give the distance of author “Lizhu Zhou” with respect to other authors. Two authors that write together a publication have distance 0. If an author a write a publication with author b and if author b write a publication with author c , then a is at distance 1 from c if a and c have not published together.

```
<distance name="Lizhu Zhou">
  <author name="Dengfeng Zhang" distance="2"/>
  <author name="Zhiquan Wang" distance="2"/>
  <author name="Shousong Hu" distance="2"/>
  <author name="Dianhong Wang" distance="1"/>
  <author name="Zihua Cai" distance="1"/>
  <author name="Xuesong Yan" distance="1"/>
  <author name="Hang Guo" distance="0"/>
  <author name="Liangxiao Jiang" distance="0"/>
</distance>
```

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Answers

- (1) Give the types of publications in the file.

```
<publications>
  {
    for $type in distinct-values(/dblp/*/name())
    order by $type
    return
      <type>{$type}</type>
  }
</publications>
```

- (2) Give the number of publications of each type.

```
<publications>
  {
    for $type in distinct-values(/dblp/*/name())
    let $number := count(/dblp/*[name()=$type])
    order by $type
    return
      element reference
      {
        attribute type {$type},
        <number>{$number}</number>
      }
  }
</publications>
```

- (3) Give the list of authors' names.

```
<authors>
  {
    for $author in distinct-values(/dblp//author)
    order by $author
    return
      <name>{$author}</name>
  }
</authors>
```

- (4) Give the number of authors.

```
let $nb_authors := count(distinct-values(/dblp//author))
return
  <nb_authors>{$nb_authors}</nb_authors>
```

- (5) Give the names of authors who are also editors.

```
<authors_editors>
  {
    for $author in distinct-values(/dblp//author)
    where exists (/dblp//editor[.=$author])
    order by $author
    return
      <name>{$author}</name>
  }
</authors_editors>
```

- (6) Give the number of publications by author.

```
for $author in distinct-values(/dblp//author)
let $number := count(/dblp/*[author=$author])
order by $author
return
element author
{
  <name>{$author}</name>,
  <number>{$number}</number>
}
```

- (7) Give the authors ordered by the number of publications, in descending order.

```
let $result := (
  for $author in distinct-values(/dblp//author)
  let $number := count(/dblp/*[author=$author])
  return
  element author
  {
    <name>{$author}</name>,
    <number>{$number}</number>
  }
)
for $i in $result
order by $i/number(number) descending
return
  $i
```

- (8) Give the author(s) having the highest number of publications.

```
<prolific_authors>
{
  let $result := (
    for $author in distinct-values(/dblp//author)
    let $number := count(/dblp/*[author=$author])
    return
    element author
    {
      <name>{$author}</name>,
      <number>{$number}</number>
    }
  )
  let $max := max($result//number)
  for $i in $result[number=$max]
  return $i
}
</prolific_authors>
```

- (9) Give for each author the number of publication types.

```
for $author in distinct-values(/dblp//author)
let $refs := /dblp/*[author=$author]
let $number := count(distinct-values($refs/name()))
order by number($number) descending
return
element author
{
  <name>{$author}</name>,</div>


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```

```

    <pubtypes>{$number}</pubtypes>
  }

```

- (10) Give for each author the total number of publications and the number of publications by type.

```

let $pubtypes := distinct-values(/dblp/*/name())
for $author in distinct-values(/dblp//author)
let $total := count(/dblp/*[author=$author])
order by $author
return
element author
  {
    <name>{$author}</name>,
    <total>{$total}</total>,
    for $type in $pubtypes
    let $number := count(/dblp/*[name()=$type and author=$author])
    where $number > 0
    order by $type
    return
      element pubtype
        {
          attribute type {$type},
          <number>{$number}</number>
        }
  }

```

- (11) Give the list of proceedings that have at least one editor that is also author of at least one article in the proceedings.

```

<proc_editor_author>
  {
    for $proc in /dblp/proceedings
    where some $editor in $proc/editor satisfies
    exists (/dblp/inproceedings[crossref=$proc/@key]/author[. = $editor])
    return
      $proc/title
  }
</proc_editor_author>

```

- (12) Give for each author the number of co-authors and the number of joint publications with each of them.

```

<authors_coauthors>
  {
    for $author in distinct-values(/dblp//author)
    let $refs := /dblp/*[author=$author]
    let $coauthors := distinct-values($refs/author[. ne $author])
    order by $author
    return
    element author
      {
        <name>{$author}</name>,
        element coauthors
          {
            attribute number {count($coauthors)},
            for $coauthor in distinct-values($coauthors)
            let $count := count($refs[author=$coauthor])

```

```

    order by $coauthor
  return
    element coauthor
      {
        <name>{$coauthor}</name>,
        <nb_joint_pubs>{$count}</nb_joint_pubs>
      }
    }
  }
}
</authors_coauthors>

```

- (13) For each proceedings give its title and the titles of articles appearing in it.

```

for $proc in doc('dblp_exc1.xml')/dblp/proceedings
let $inproc := doc('dblp_exc1.xml')/dblp/inproceedings[crossref=$proc/@key]
return
(
  <proceedings>
  {
    <proc_title>{data($proc/title)}</proc_title>,
    for $i in $inproc
      return $i/title
  }
  </proceedings>
)

```

- (14) Define a function that pretty-print the references of type article in HTML format.

```

declare function local:format-article(
  $article as element(article)?)
as element()?
{
  let $authors :=
    if (not(empty($article/author))) then
      concat(string-join($article/author, " "), ". ")
    else
      if (count($article/editor)>1) then
        concat(string-join($article/editor, " "), ", editors. ")
      else
        concat(string-join($article/editor, " "), ", editor. ")
  return
  <p>
  {
    concat($authors,$article/title," ",$article/journal," ",$article/volume,
      if (not(empty($article/number))) then concat("(", $article/number, "): ") else "",
      if (not(empty($article/pages))) then concat($article/pages, " ") else " ",
      $article/year, ".")
  }
  </p>
};
let $result := (
  for $article in /dblp/article
  return
    local:format-article($article)
)
return

```



```
(
<html>
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8"/>
    <title>DBLP Articles</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h2>DBLP Articles</h2>
    {$result}
  </body>
</html>
)
```

(15) Give the distance of author “Lizhu Zhou” with respect to other authors.

```
declare function local:distinct-authors(
  $authors as element(*)
  as element(*)
{
  for $i in distinct-values($authors/@name)
  return ($authors[@name=$i])[1]
};
declare function local:distance(
  $authors as element(*), $sofar as element(*)
  as element(*)
{
  let $result := (
    for $author in $authors
    let $refs := /dblp/*[author=$author/@name]
    let $coauthors := distinct-values($refs/author[. ne $author])
    let $one_step := (
      for $coauthor in $coauthors
      where not(exists($sofar[@name=$coauthor]))
      return
        element author {
          attribute name {$coauthor},
          attribute distance {$author/@distance+1}
        }
    )
    return local:distance($one_step, ($sofar,$one_step))
  )
  return ($authors, local:distinct-authors($result) )
};

let $author := "Lizhu Zhou"
let $author_elem := element author { attribute name {$author}, attribute distance {-1} }
let $distance := local:distance(($author_elem),($author_elem))
let $distance := remove($distance,1)
return
element distance {
  attribute name {$author},
  $distance
}
```

Another version of the recursive function

```

declare function local:distance(
  $authors as element(*), $sofar as element(*)
  as element(*)
{
  let $one_step := local:distinct-authors(
    for $author in $authors
    let $refs := /dblp/*[author=$author/@name]
    let $coauthors := distinct-values($refs/author[. ne $author])
    return
      for $coauthor in $coauthors
      where not(exists($sofar[@name=$coauthor]))
      return
        element author {
          attribute name {$coauthor},
          attribute distance {$author/@distance+1}
        }
  )
  return
    if (count($one_step)>0) then
      ($authors, local:distance($one_step, ($sofar,$one_step)) )
    else $authors
};

```