

Web Data Integration

Data Exchange Formats

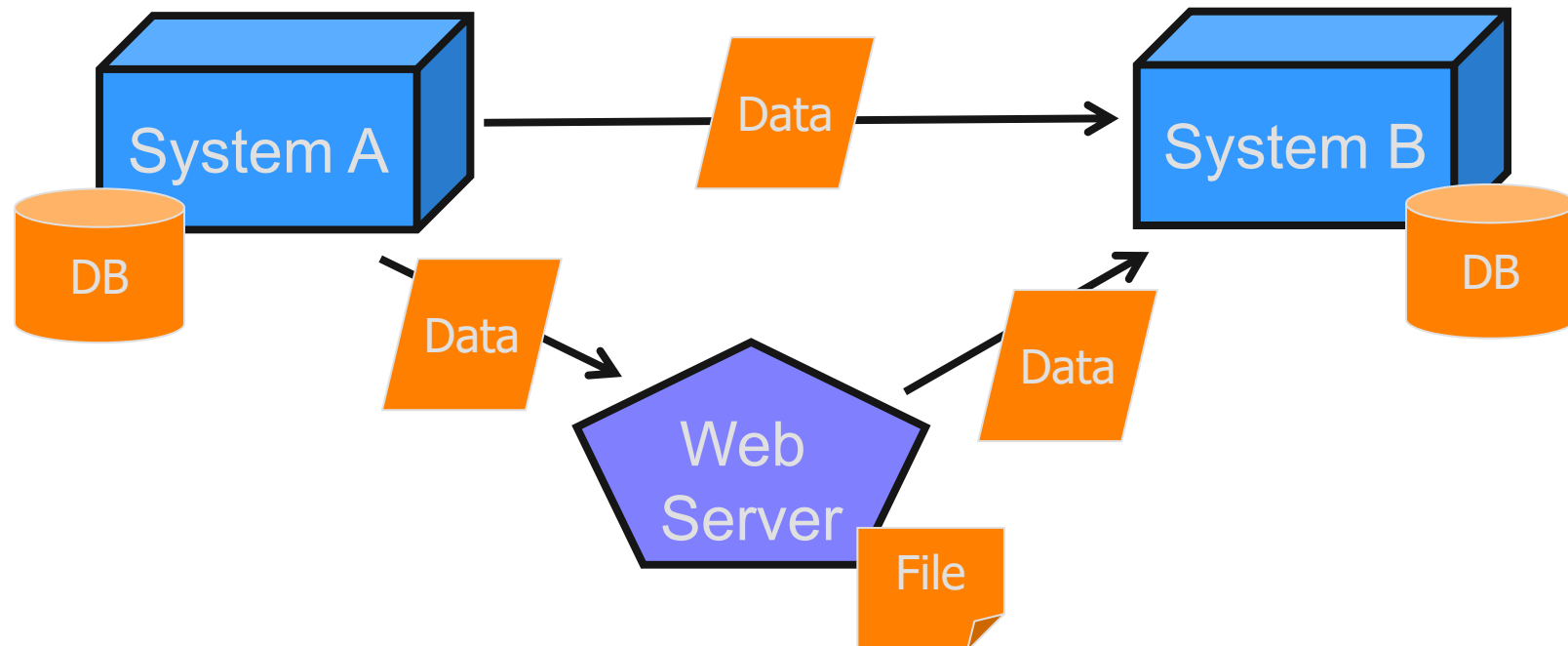
- Part 1 -



Data Exchange

Data Exchange: Transfer of data from one system to another.

Data Exchange Format: Format used to represent the transferred data.



Web Data is heterogeneous with respect to the employed

1. **Data Exchange Format** (Technical Heterogeneity)
2. **Character Encoding** (Syntactical Heterogeneity)



1. Data Exchange Formats - Part I

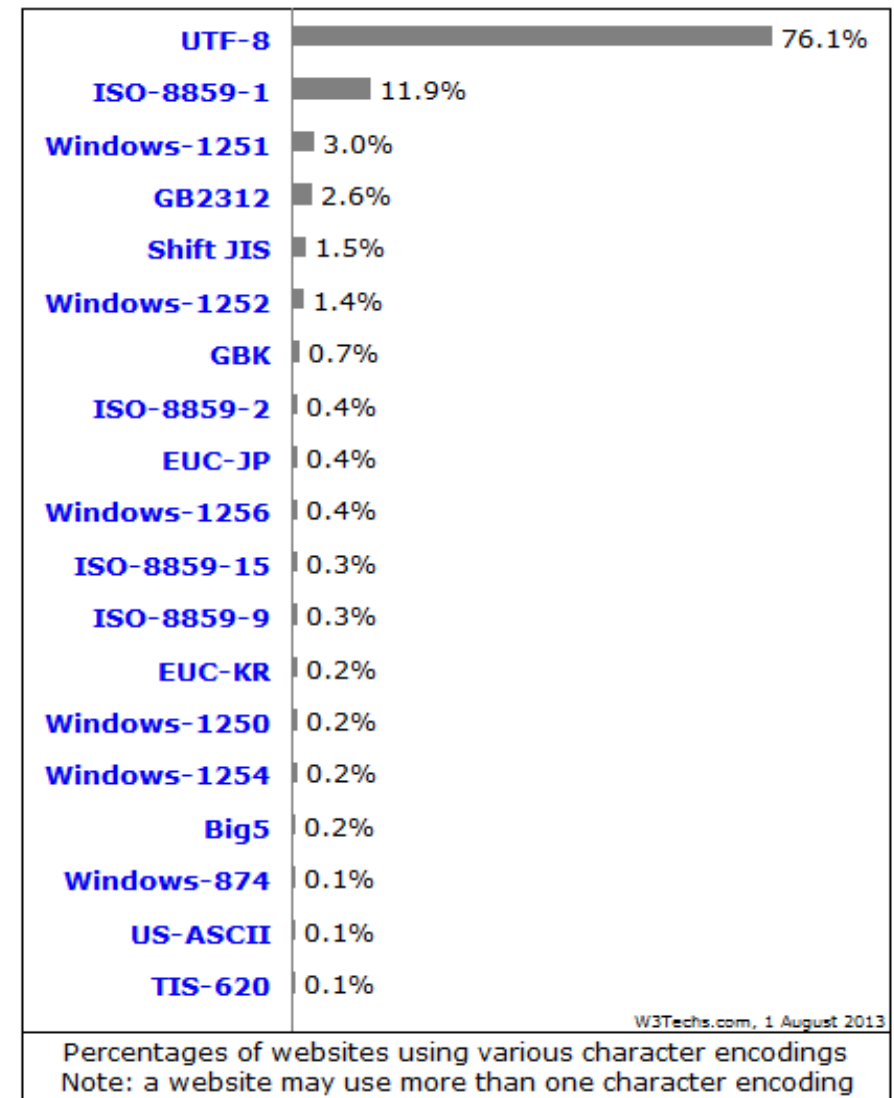
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1. JSON
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Character Encoding

- Every character is represented as a bit sequence, e.g., “A” = 0100 0001
- Character encoding: mapping of “real” characters to bit sequences
- A common problem in data integration:



http://w3techs.com/technologies/overview/character_encoding/all

<http://geekandpoke.typepad.com/geekandpoke/2011/08/coders-love-unicode.html>

Character Encoding: ASCII, ISO 8859

- ASCII („American Standard Code for Information Interchange“) ISO 646 (1963), 127 characters (= 7 bits), 95 printable:

! " # \$ % & ' () * + , - . / 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?

@ A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z [\] ^ _

` a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z { | } ~

The word "ASCII" is written in a bold, blue, pixelated font.

- Extension to 8 Bits: ISO 8859-1 to -16 (1998)
 - Covers characters of European languages
 - Well-known: 8859-1 (Latin-1)
 - Including: Ä, Ö, Ü, ß, Ç, É, é, ...
- But the Web speaks more languages...

Character Encoding: Unicode

ISO 10646

- First version 1991 (Europe, Middle East, India)
- 17 code pages of 16 bit
- covers even the most exotic languages

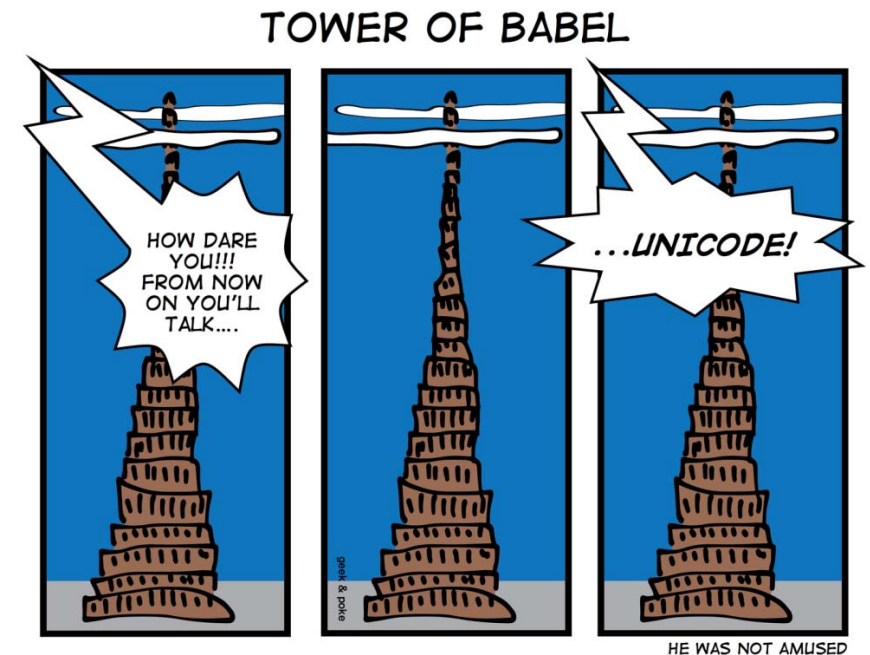


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X C R S T Y

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وللحبّ علامات يتفقوها الف
فأولها رادمان النظر، والعبي
سائرهما، والمعبرة لضمائرها
بر لا يطرف، يتنقل بتنقل
ن مال، كالحرباء مع الشمس



<http://geek-and-poke.com/geekandpoke/2013/8/29/when-it-all-began>

Character Encoding: Unicode

00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F
50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	5A	5B	5C	5D	5E	5F
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	6A	6B	6C	6D	6E	6F
70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	7A	7B	7C	7D	7E	7F
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	8A	8B	8C	8D	8E	8F
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	9A	9B	9C	9D	9E	9F
A0	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF
B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	BA	BB	BC	BD	BE	BF
C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	CA	CB	CC	CD	CE	CF
D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	DA	DB	DC	DD	DE	DF
E0	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	EA	EB	EC	ED	EE	EF
F0	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	FA	FB	FC	FD	FE	FF

Latin scripts and symbols

Linguistic scripts

Other European scripts

African scripts

Middle Eastern and Southwest Asian scripts

Central Asian scripts

South Asian scripts

Southeast Asian scripts

East Asian scripts

Unified CJK Han

American scripts

Symbols

Diacritics

UTF-16 surrogates and private use

Miscellaneous characters

Unallocated code points

Source: Wikimedia Commons

Character Encoding: UTF-8

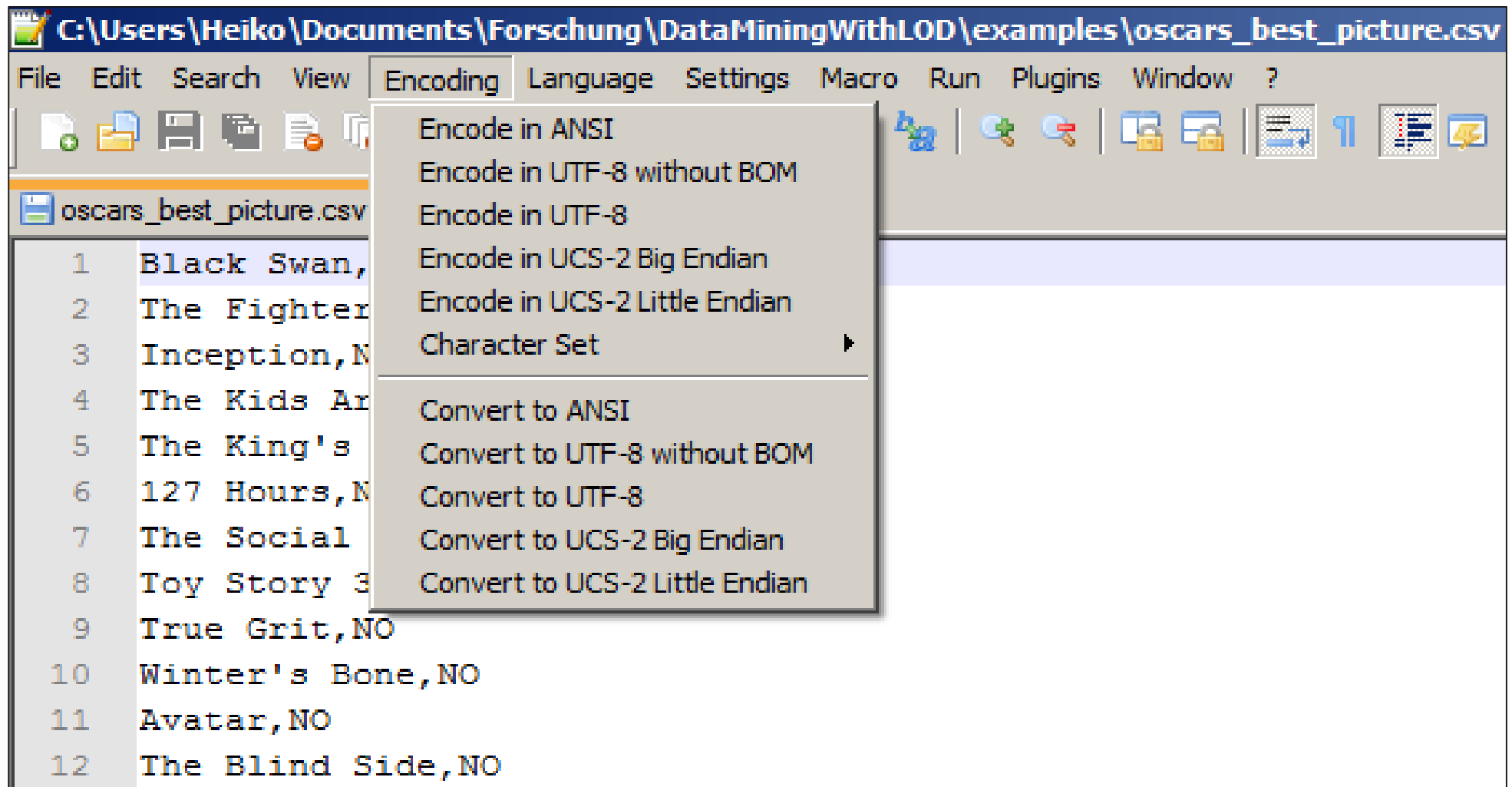
- UTF-8: Variable length encoding for Unicode
- Recommended character encoding for the Web
- Rationale:
 - Common characters only get one byte
 - Less common ones are encoded in 2-6 bytes
 - Fast transmission of files over the internet!

Bits of code point	First code point	Last code point	Bytes in sequence	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6
7	U+0000	U+007F	1	0xxxxxxx					
11	U+0080	U+07FF	2	110xxxxx	10xxxxxx				
16	U+0800	U+FFFF	3	1110xxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx			
21	U+10000	U+1FFFFF	4	11110xxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx		
26	U+200000	U+3FFFFFFF	5	111110xx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	
31	U+4000000	U+7FFFFFFF	6	1111110x	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx

Source: Wikipedia

Handling Character Encoding

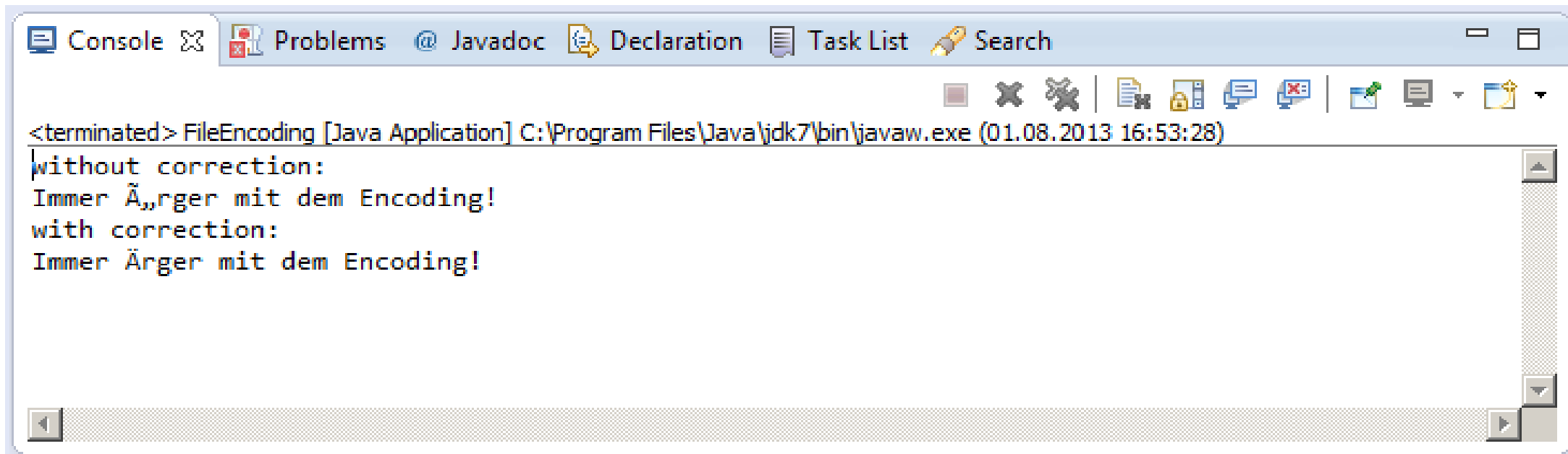
Editors such as Notepad++ support encoding conversion



Handling Character Encoding in Java

FileInputStreams allow you to specify the character encoding.

```
BufferedReader BR2 = new BufferedReader(  
    new InputStreamReader(  
        new FileInputStream("data/encoding_utf8.txt"), "UTF8"));  
while(BR2.ready())  
    System.out.println(BR2.readLine());
```



2. Comma Separated Values (CSV)

- Data model: **Table**
 - used for data exported from RDBMs and spreadsheet applications
 - quite widely used on the Web and on data portals like datahub.io
 - the first line is often used for headers (attribute names)
- Example:
 firstname, lastname, matriculation, birthday
 thomas, meyer, 3298742, 15.07.1988
 lisa, müller, 43287342, 21.06.1989
- Advantage: Data representation with minimal overhead
- Disadvantages
 - Restricted to tabular data
 - Hard to read for humans when tables get wider
 - Not standardized, no support for data types



Comma Separated Values (CSV) - Variations

- Field Separators
 - Comma, Semicolon
 - Tab, ...
- Quotation marks
 - for marking strings
- Header included
 - nor not
- Dealing with the variations
 - configuration
 - automatic detection
 - Standardized metadata: W3C Tabular Data and Metadata on the Web

Textimport

Importieren

Zeichensatz: Unicode (UTF-8)

Sprache: Standard - Englisch (USA)

Ab Zeile: 1

Trennoptionen

☐ Feste Breite ☒ Getrennt

☐ Tabulator ☒ Komma ☐ Semikolon ☐ Leerzeichen ☐ Andere

☐ Feldtrenner zusammenfassen Texttrenner: [v]

Weitere Optionen

☐ Werte in Hochkomma als Text ☐ Erweiterte Zahlenerkennung

Feldbefehle

Spaltentyp: [v]

	Standard	Standard
1	Country	Consumption
2	Italia	6.9
3	Sverige	7.3
4	Malta	7.7
5	Greece	8.2
6	Kypros	8.4
7	Nederland	9.4

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Processing CSV Files in Java



- Apache Commons CSV
- provides simple API for iterating over CSV files
- <http://commons.apache.org/proper/commons-csv/>
- Example:

```
Reader in = new FileReader("data/data.csv");
Iterable<CSVRecord> parser = CSVFormat.EXCEL.parse(in);
for (CSVRecord record : parser) {
    if(record.getRecordNumber()>1) {
        String firstname = record.get(0);
        String lastname  = record.get(1);
        ...
    }
}
```



skip header line

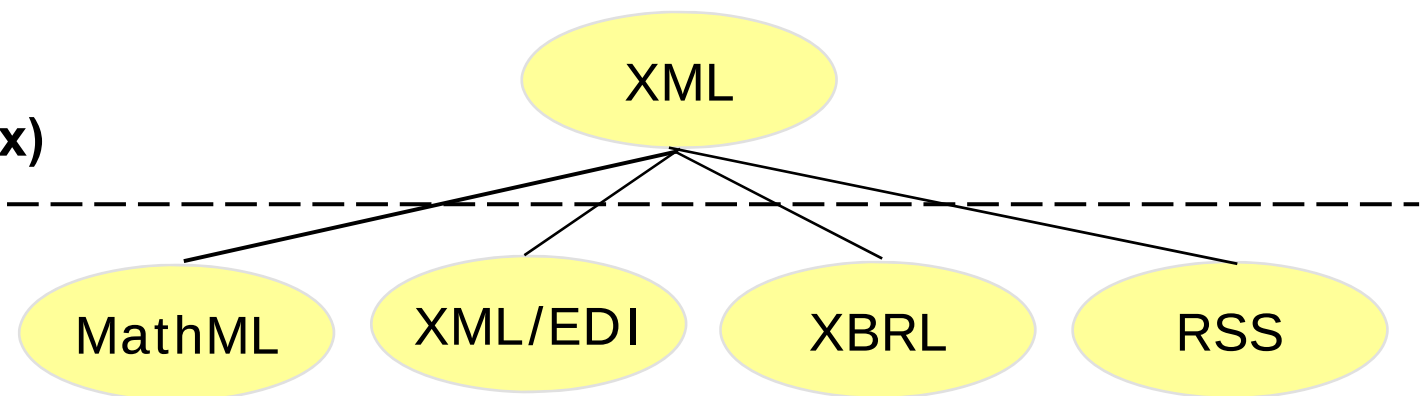
3. XML - eXtensible Markup Language

- Standardized by W3C in 1998
- Widely used format for data exchange in the Web and enterprise contexts
- Data model: **Tree**
- Meta language
 - defines standard syntax
 - allows the definition of specific languages (XML applications)



Meta Language (syntax)

XML Application



3.1 XML – Basic Concepts and Syntax

1. Elements

- Enclosed by pairs of tags:
 <physician> ... </physician>
- Empty elements:
 <young />

2. Attributes

<physician id="D125436">

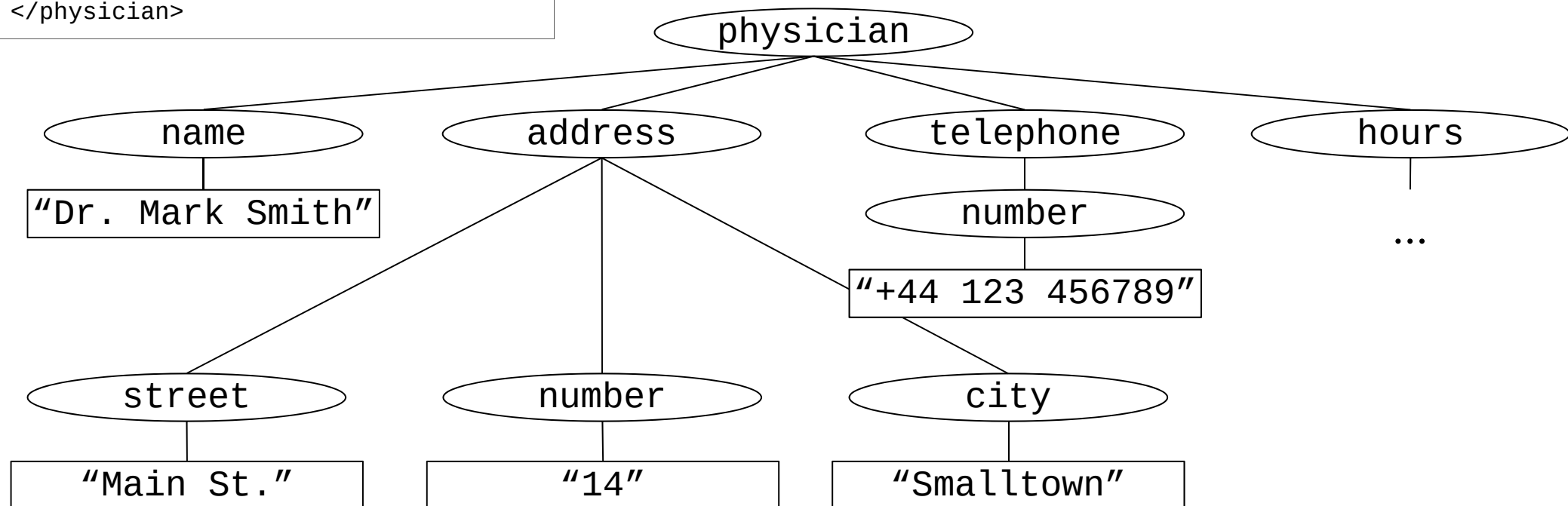
3. Hierarchy

- exactly one root element!
- ```
<physician>
 <address> ... </address>
 <telephone> ... </ telephone>
</physician>
```

```
<physician id="D125436">
 <name>Dr. Mark Smith</name>
 <address>
 <street>Main St.</street>
 <number>14</number>
 <city>Smalltown</city>
 </address>
 <telephone>
 <number>+44 123 456789</number>
 </telephone>
 <hours>
 <monday>9-11 am</monday>
 <tuesday>9-11 am</tuesday>
 ...
 </hours>
</physician>
```

# XML as a Tree

```
<physician>
 <name>Dr. Mark Smith</name>
 <address>
 <street>Main St.</street>
 <number>14</number>
 <city>Smalltown</city>
 </address>
 <telephone>
 <number>+44 123 456789</number>
 </telephone>
 <hours>
 ...
 </hours>
</physician>
```



# HTML versus XML

- HTML: Aimed at displaying information to humans
  - Mixes structure, content, and presentation
- XML: Aimed at data exchange
  - Separates structure, content, and presentation

```
<html>
...
 Dr. Mark Smith
 <i>Physician</i>
 Main St. 14
 Smalltown
...
</html>
```

```
<physician>
 <name>Dr. Mark Smith</name>
 <address>
 <street>Main St.</street>
 <number>14</number>
 <city>Smalltown</city>
 </address>
 <telephone>
 <number>+44 123 456789</number>
 </telephone>
</physician>
```

# Overall Structure of an XML Document

CD2.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE CD SYSTEM "CD.dtd">
<!-- Description of a CD -->
<CD ArticleNo="2">
 <Artist>Moby</Artist>
 <Album>Play</Album>
 <ReleaseDate>
 03.06.2000
 </ReleaseDate>
 <Label>Mute (EDEL)</Label>
 <Format>CD</Format>
</CD>
```

Prolog  
(required)

Document Type  
Definition  
(optional)

Comments  
(optional)

Root Element  
(required)

Additional  
Elements  
(optional)

# Well-formed XML Documents

Document that complies to the syntax requirements of XML

1. Closing tag for each opening tag
2. Proper nesting of tags
3. Only one attribute with a specific name, ...

## Well-formed

```
<physician id="D1254" >
 <name>Dr. Mark Smith</name>
 <address>
 <street>Main St.</street>
 <number>14</number>
 <city>Smalltown</city>
 </address>
 <telephone>
 <number>+44 123 456789</number>
 </telephone>
 <hours>
 <monday>9-11 am</monday>
 <tuesday>9-11 am</tuesday>
 ...
 </hours>
</physician>
```

## Not well-formed

```
<physician id="D1254" id="US43759">
 <name>Dr. Mark Smith</name>
 <address>
 <street>Main St.</street>
 <number>14</number>
 <city>Smalltown</city>
 <telephone>
 <number>+44 123 456789</number>
 </address>
 </telephone>
 <hours>
 <monday>9-11 am
 <tuesday>9-11 am</tuesday>
 ...
 </hours>
</physician>
```



# Sometimes, we need more than trees ...

```
<student>
 <name>Stefanie Müller</name>
 <course>
 <title>Web Data Integration</title>
 </course>
 <course>
 ...
 </course>
</student>
<student>
 <name>Franz Maier</name>
 <course>
 <title>Web Data Integration</title>
 </course>
 ...

```

If we organize the XML by students,  
we have to replicate courses

```
<course>
 <title>Web Data Integration</title>
 <student>
 <name>Stefanie Müller</name>
 </student>
 <student>
 <name>Franz Maier</name>
 </student>
 ...
</course>
<course>
 <title>Data Mining</title>
 <student>
 <name>Stefanie Müller</name>
 </student>
 ...

```

If we organize the XML by courses,  
we have to replicate students

# XML References

- Trees are limited when it comes to **n:m relations**
- Problem: data duplication
  - consistency
  - storage
  - transmission volume
- Solution: IDs and references

```
<student id="stud01">
 <name>Stefanie Müller</name>
</student>
<student id="stud02">
 <name>Franz Maier</name>
</student>
<course>
 <title>Data Integration</title>
 <lecturer>
 <name>Christian Bizer>
 </lecturer>
 <attendedBy ref="stud01">
 <attendedBy ref="stud02">
</course>
```

# The XML Standards Family

- **XML**: Meta language for defining markup languages; provides standard syntax
- **DTD**: Language for defining the structure of XML documents; XML applications
- **XML Schema**: More expressive language for defining the structure of XML documents, includes data types
- **Namespaces**: Mechanism for distinguishing between elements from different schemata
- **XPath**: Language for selecting parts of an XML document
- **XQuery**: Query language; more flexible than XPath; similar to SQL
- **XSLT**: Template language for transforming XML documents; uses XPath
- **DOM, SAX**: Standardized programming interfaces for accessing XML documents from within different programming languages
- **XPointer**: XML application for defining hyperlinks between elements in different XML documents; combines URLs and Xpath

## 3.2 Document Type Definition (DTD)



- Defines valid content structure of an XML document
  - allowed elements, attributes, child elements, optional elements
  - allowed order of elements
- DTDs can be used to validate an XML document from the Web before it is further processed.
- XML documents are called “valid” if they are
  - well-formed (syntactically correct)
  - and suit a DTD
- DTD is part of the W3C XML Specification

# Referring from a Document to its DTD

## physician.dtd

```
<!ELEMENT physician (
 name,
 address*,
 telephone?,
 fax?,
 hours)>

<!ELEMENT address (
 street,
 number,
 city)>

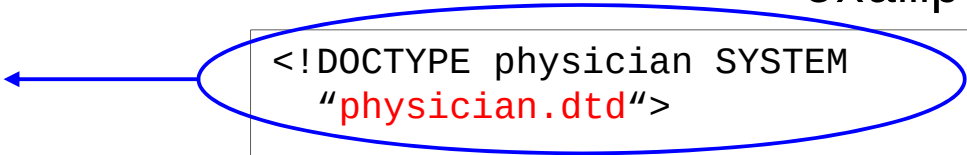
<!ELEMENT street (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT number (#PCDATA)>

 ...
]>
```

## examp.xml

```
<!DOCTYPE physician SYSTEM
 "physician.dtd">

<physician>
 <name>Dr. Mark Smith</name>
 <address>
 <street>Main St.</street>
 <number>14</number>
 <city>Smalltown</city>
 </address>
 <telephone>
 <number>+44 123 456789</number>
 </telephone>
 <hours>
 <monday>9-11 am</monday>
 <tuesday>9-11 am</tuesday>
 ...
 </hours>
</physician>
```



# Document Type Definition (DTD)

## 1. Defining child elements and their order

- ```
<!ELEMENT address(street,nr,addline*,zip,city,state?) >
```
- ? marks optional, * marks repeatable elements, + means at least once
 - #PCDATA: Parsed character data that may include further elements.
 - #CDATA: Character data that is not parsed.
 - alternative elements

```
<!ELEMENT TextIncBold ((#PCDATA | B)*)>
```

2. Defining attributes

```
<!ATTLIST person number ID #REQUIRED  
                  title CDATA #IMPLIED  
                  supervisor IDREF #IMPLIED>
```

- #REQUIRED = value necessary
- #IMPLIED = no value necessary
- ID and IDREF are used to define references

Example: A Complete DTD

CD.dtd

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!-- Document Type Definition: CD-Example -->

<!ELEMENT CD (Artist, Album,
               ReleaseDate, Label, Format)>
<!ATTLIST CD ArticleNo CDATA #REQUIRED>

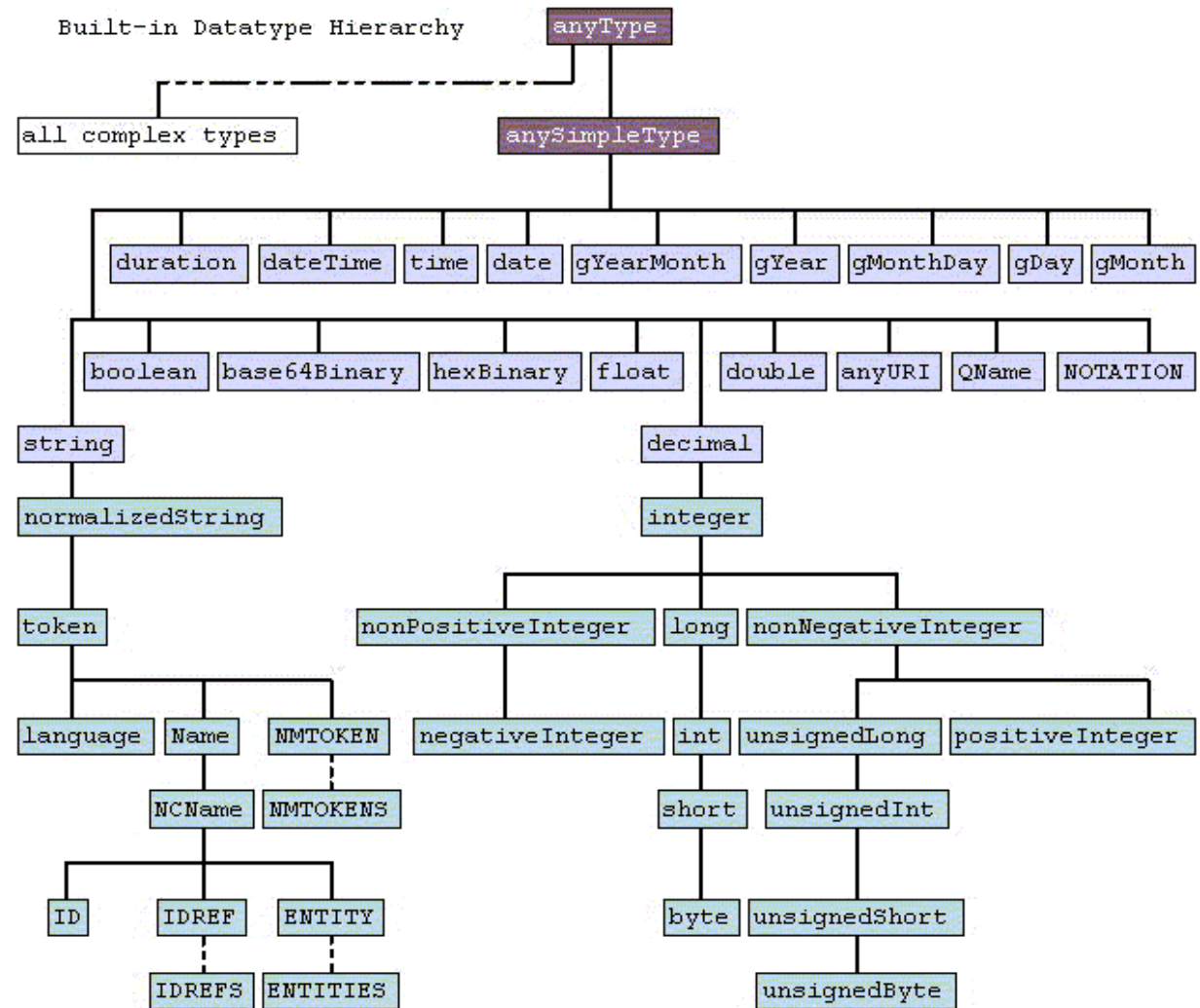
<!ELEMENT ReleaseDate (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT Format (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT Artist (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT Label (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT Album (#PCDATA)>
```



- More flexible than DTDs
 - minimum and maximum number of elements
 - data types (numbers, dates, ...)
 - support for namespaces
 - modular schemas are possible
- Standardized by W3C (2004)
- XML Schema documents are XML documents themselves
 - unlike DTDs
 - but more verbose syntax

XML Schema Data Types

- Simple types are built in
- Complex types can be defined by the user
- XML schema data types are also used by RDF



XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes Second Edition
<http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-2/>

3.3 XML Namespaces

- Problem: Elements with the **same name but different meaning (homonyms)** may occur in different schemata.
- How can we distinguish such elements?

```
<physician>
  <name>Dr. Mark Smith</name>
  <address>
    <street>Main St.</street>
    <number>14</number>
    <city>Smalltown</city>
  </address>
  <telephone>
    <number>+44 123 456789</number>
  </telephone>
  <hours>
    <monday>9-11 am</monday>
    <tuesday>9-11 am</tuesday>
    ...
  </hours>
</physician>
```

XML Namespaces

Mechanism for distinguishing between elements from different schemata by naming them with **URIs**.

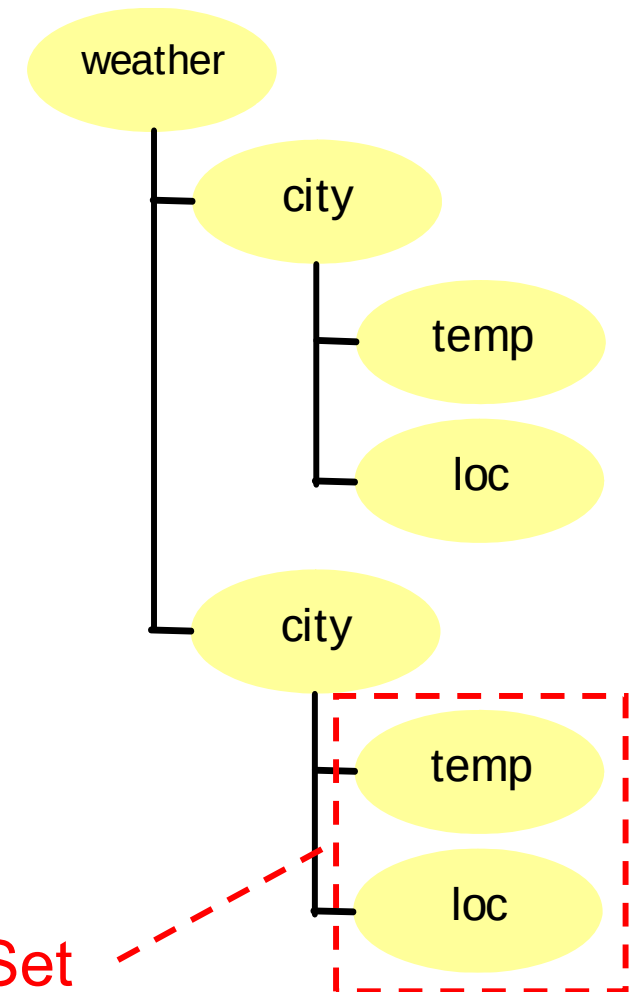
- Shorthand notation with prefix for **qualified names (QNames)**: `prefix:name`
- Default namespaces are possible

```
<physician xmlns      = "http://www.med.com/physician/"
           xmlns:addr = "http://www.med.com/addr/">
  <name>Dr. Mark Smith</name>
  <addr:address>
    <addr:street>Main St.</addr:street>
    <addr:number>14</addr:number>
    <addr:city>Smalltown</addr:city>
  </addr:address>
  <telephone>
    <number>+44 123 456789</number>
  </telephone>
  <hours>
    <monday>9-11 am</monday>
    <tuesday>9-11 am</tuesday>
    ...
  </hours>
</physician>
```

3.4 XPath

Language for selecting sets of nodes from an XML document.

- W3C standard since 1999 (Version 2.0: 2010)
- Used by
 - XSLT
 - XPointer
 - XML Databases
 - Java JAXP API
- Result of a XPath expression: Node Set
- Tutorial: <http://www.w3schools.com/XPath/>

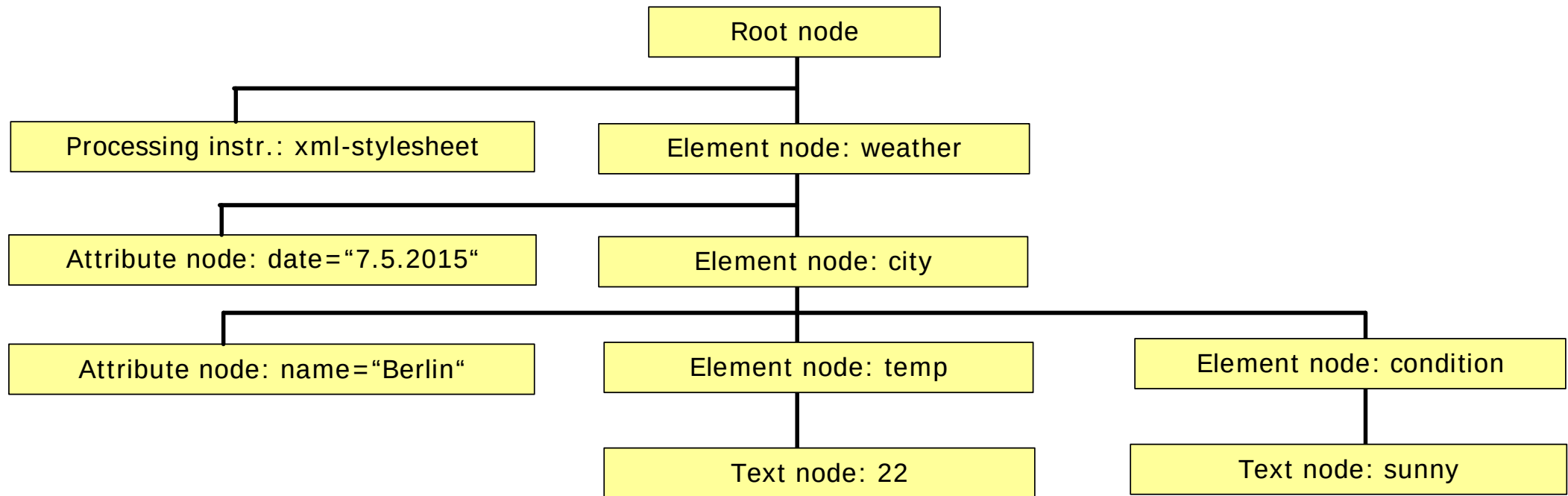


Selected Node Set

XPath Node Types

Node Type	Explanation
Root node	Abstract root of XML tree Note: This node lies one level above the root XML element and is used to access processing instructions
Processing instruction node	Processing instructions are for instance references to style sheets. All lines that start with <? And end with ?>
Element node	Each element of the document (Start-Tag ... End-Tag)
Attribute node	Each attribute of an element (e.g. date = "5/1/2017")
Text node	Largest possible connected character sequence. Example: The element <word>Chris</word> contains two text nodes: „C“ and „hris“

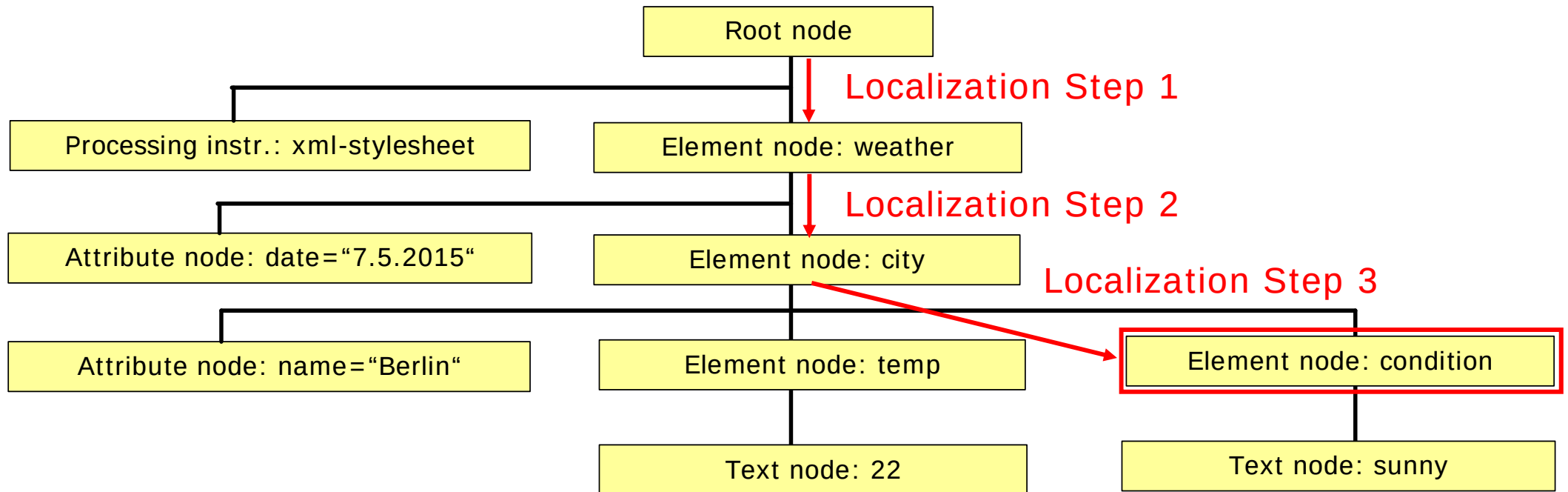
Example: XPath Node Types



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/css" href="weather.css"?>
<weather date="7.5.2015">
  <city name="Berlin">
    <temp>22</temp>
    <condition>sunny</condition>
  </city>
</weather >
```

Selecting Node Sets with XPath

- Nodes are addressed using **localization paths**.
- Each path consists of a series of **localization steps**, similar to addressing files in the file system.
- Example: **/weather/city/condition**

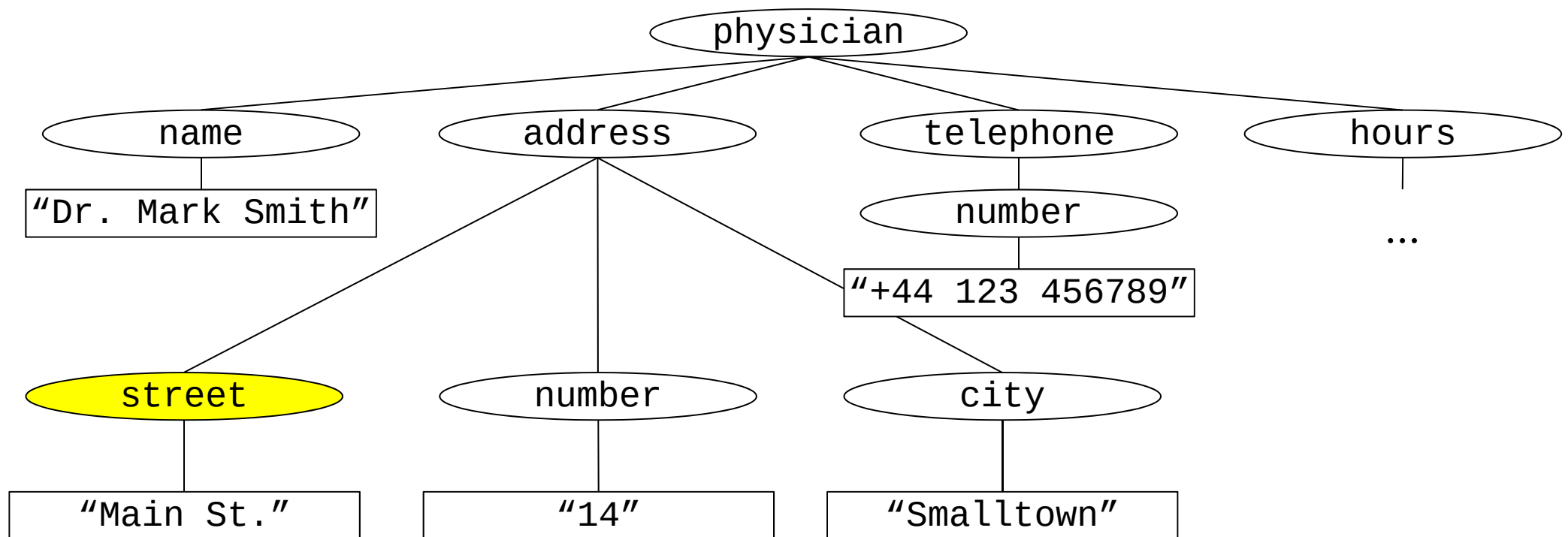


XPath Operators

Example	Explanation
weather	Element nodes are addressed using their name
@date	Attribute nodes are addressed using @name (Result: date = "7.5.2012")
temp/text()	Text nodes are addressed using /text() (Result: 22)
/	Selection of the root node
//temp	Selection of all temp-nodes, no matter on which level(s) of the document (Result: temp)
city/* city/@* city/*[2]	The /* operator selects all child element nodes The /@* operator selects all child attribute nodes (Result1: temp, condition; Result2: name = "Berlin"; Result3: condition)
city/node()	Selection of all child nodes independent of their type. (Result: temp, condition, name = "Berlin")
//city/..	Using .. it is possible to address the parent elements of an element (Result: weather).
//temp //condition	The and operator allows several localization paths to be applied in parallel

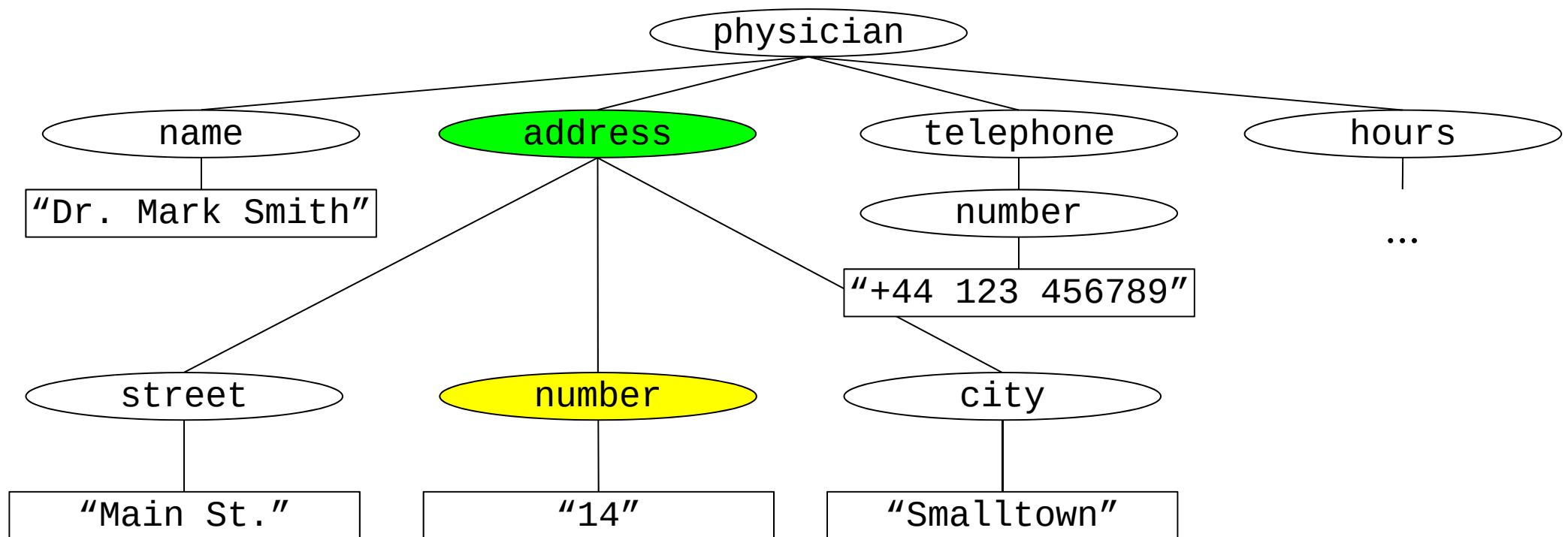
XPath Example 1: Localization starts at Root Node

- Example: `/physician/address/street`
- First `/` stands for root node



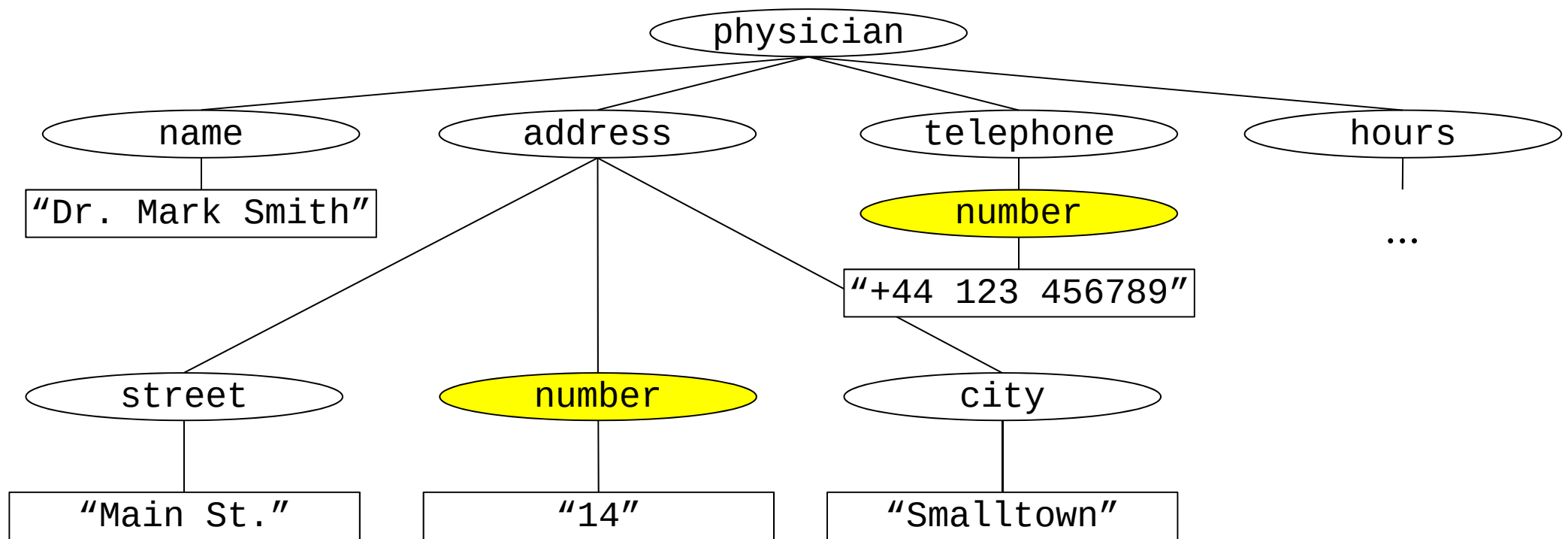
XPath Example 2: Localization starts at Context Node

- Example: number
- No / before first element: Start from context node (marked green)
- Context node exists for instance in XSLT



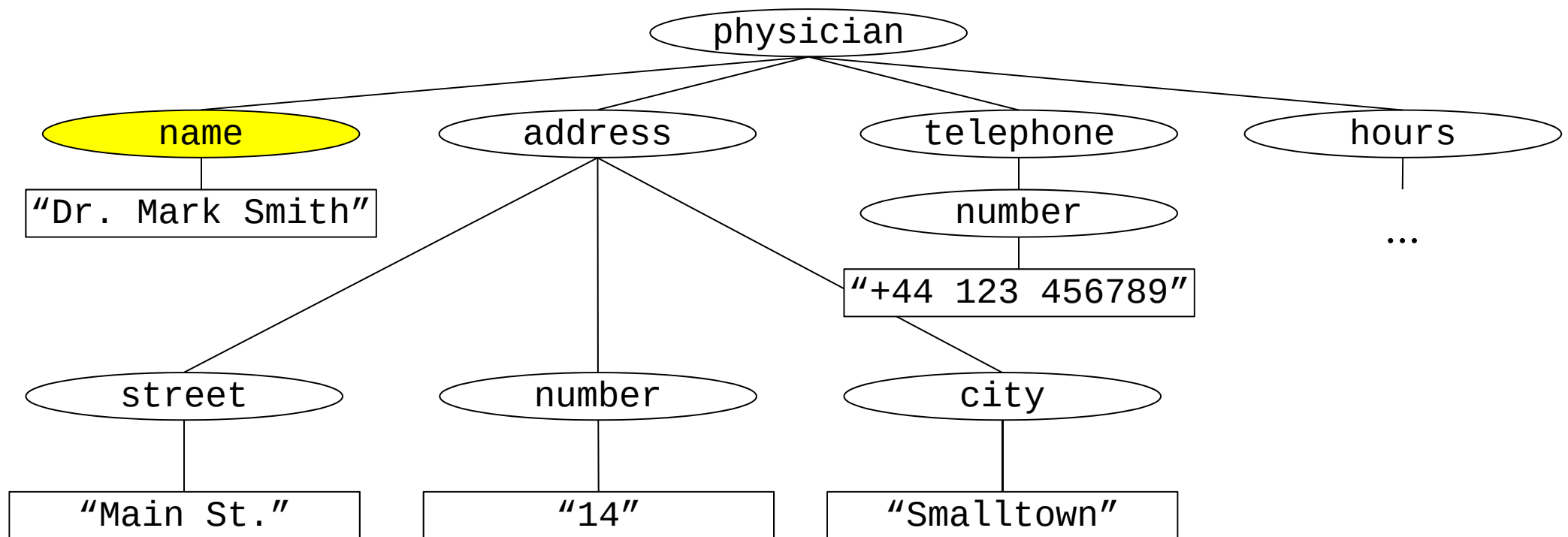
XPath Example 3: Select all Child Element Nodes

- Example: `/physician/*/number`
- Asterisk (*) can be any element



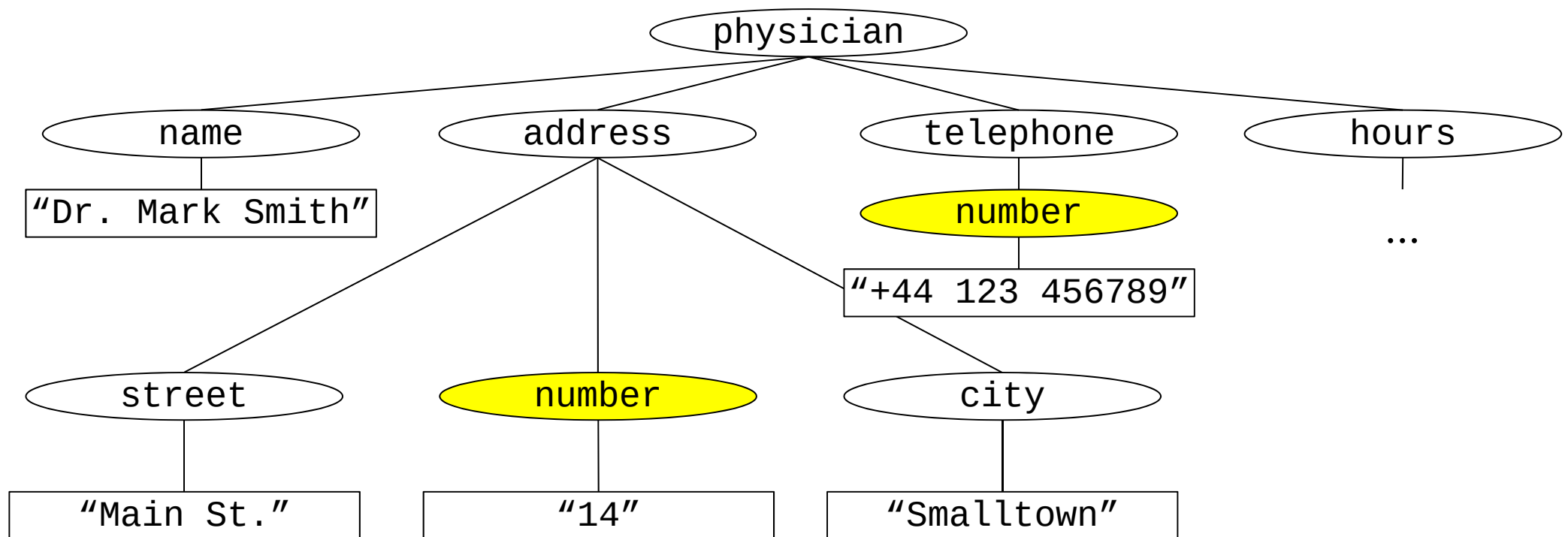
XPath Example 3: Using the Order of Elements

- Example: `/physician/*[1]`
- `*[1]` returns the first descendant with whatever name
- Note: The tree is ordered!



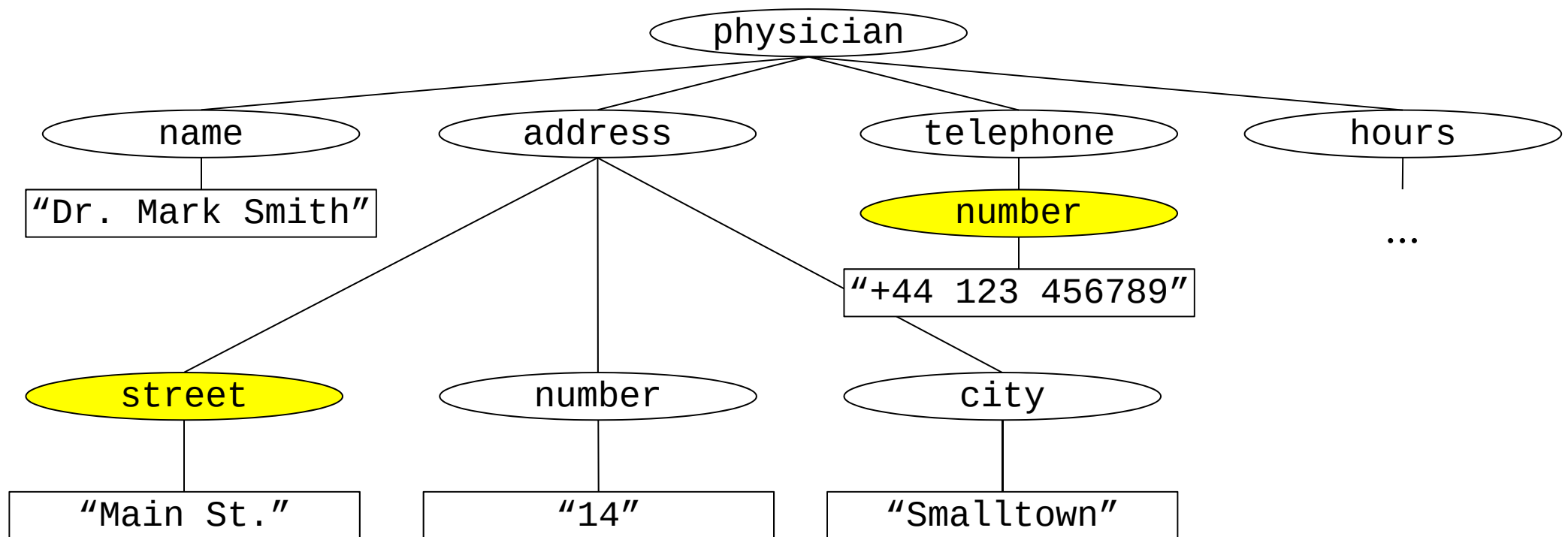
XPath Example 4: Selecting on different Depths

- Example: `/physician//number`
- `//` stands for an arbitrary line of descendants
- Selected elements can be on different depths in the tree

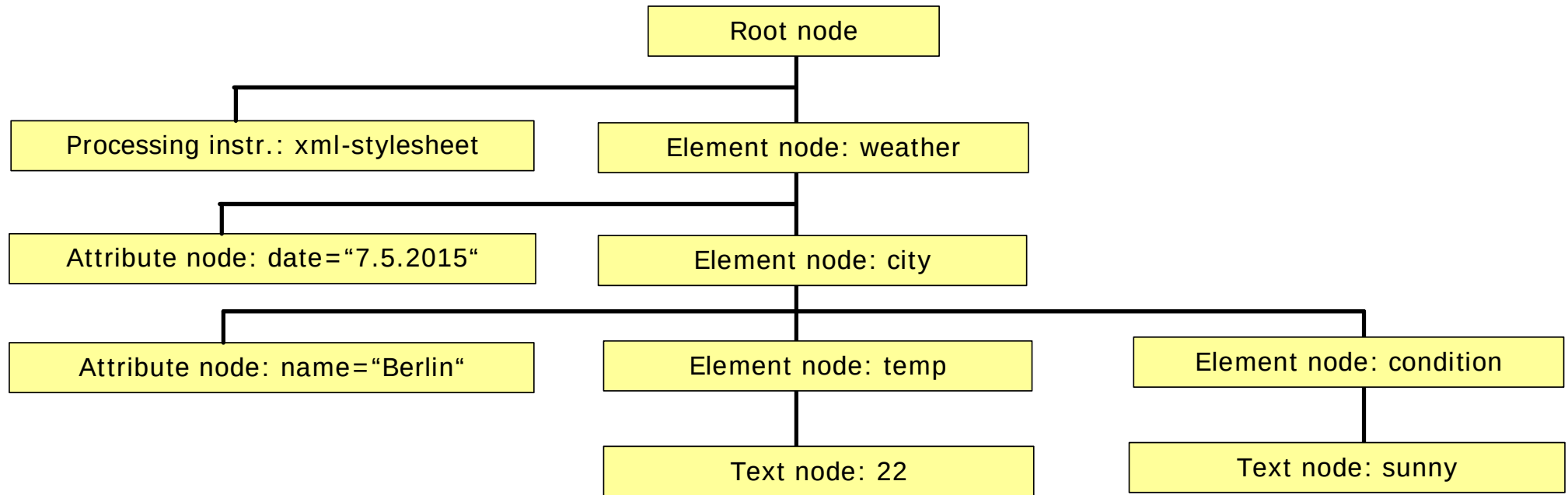


XPath Example 5: Moving Upwards in the Tree

- Example: `/physician//number/../*[1]`
- `..` goes up one level



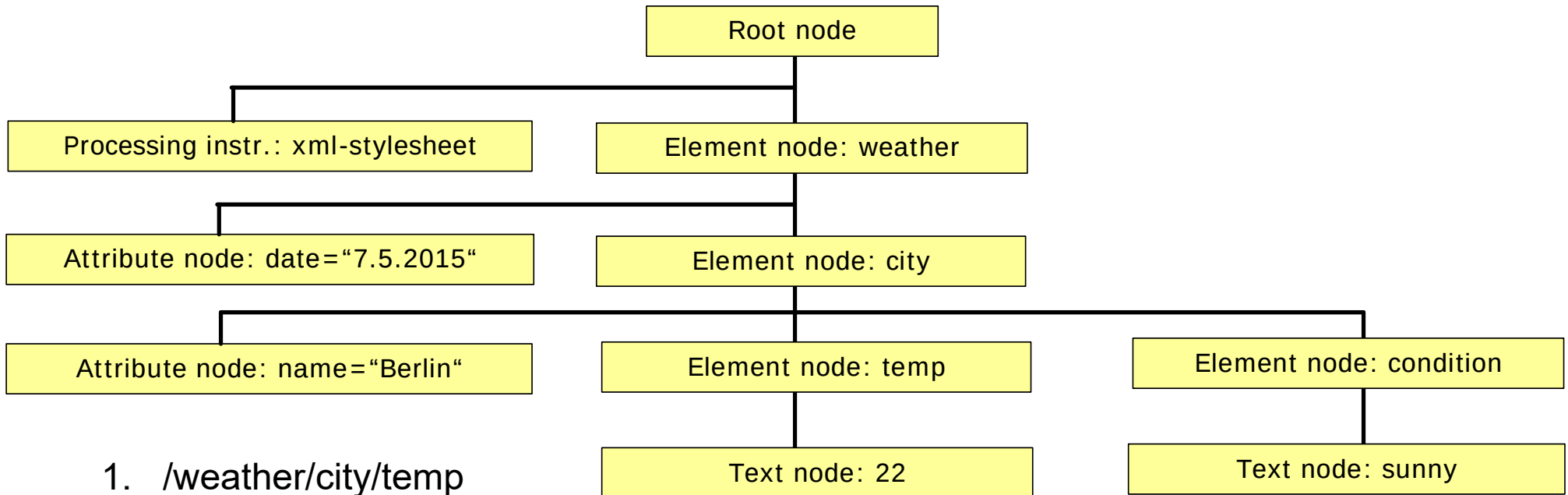
Exercise 1: XPath



Which nodes sets are selected by the following Xpath expressions?

1. `/weather/city/temp`
2. `/weather/city/@name`
3. `/weather/city/*`
4. `//condition/text()`
5. `//condition/../../@date`
6. `//@date | /weather/city/@name`

Solution 1: XPath



1. `/weather/city/temp`
 - Element node: temp
2. `/weather/city/@name`
 - Attribute node: name = "Berlin"
3. `/weather/city/*`
 - Element node: temp, condition
4. `//condition/text()`
 - Text node: sunny
5. `//condition/../../@date`
 - Attribute node: date = "7.5.2015"
6. `//@date | /weather/city/@name`
 - Attribute node: date = "7.5.2015" und name = "Berlin"

Predicates

- Predicates allow you to further restrict the selection
- Predicates are expressed using []

Predicate	Explanation
city[2]	Select second city child element according to order
city[@name = "Berlin"]	Select only city elements which have a name attribute with the value Berlin
city[@name != "Berlin"]	Select only city elements which not have a name attribute with the value Berlin
temp[text()>22]	Select only temp elements with a value exceeding 22
temp [text()>22 and text()<30]	Select only temp elements with a values between 22 and 30

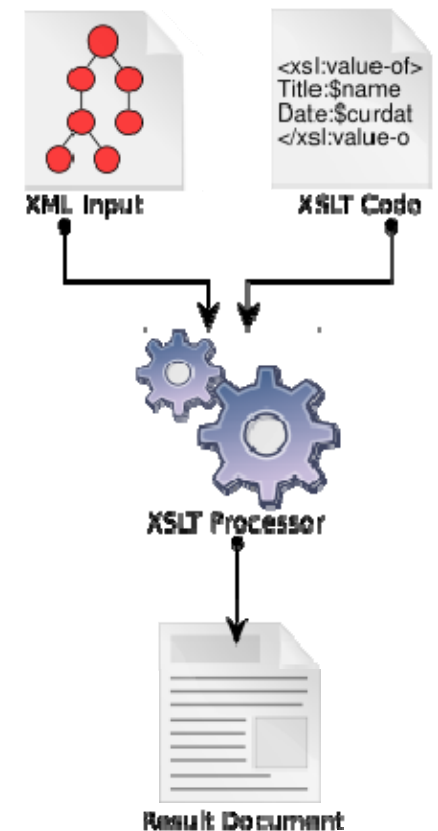
- /weather/city[@name = "Berlin"]/temp/text() Result: 22
- /weather/city[1]/temp/text() Result: 22

3.5 eXtensible Stylesheet Language Transformation (XSLT)

Template language for transforming XML documents.



- Widely used in data integration for translating between different XML formats
- Basic idea:
 1. Pick values out of XML documents using XPath
 2. build new documents from them using templates
 - other XML files
 - HTML files
 - text files, ...
- XSLT is a Turing complete language
 - Tutorial: <http://www.w3schools.com/xsl/default.asp>
- MapForce can generate XSLT from correspondences



XSLT Templates

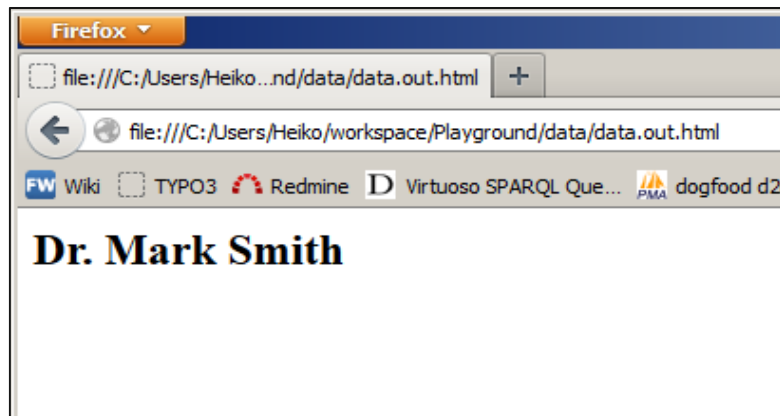
- XSLT: Template

```
<xsl:template match="/physician">
  <html>
    <body>
      <h2><xsl:value-of select="name"/></h2>
    </body>
  </html>
</xsl:template>
```

The match attribute is used to associate a template with an XML element.

xsl:value-of is used to extract a value from the XML document and fill it into the template.

- Output:



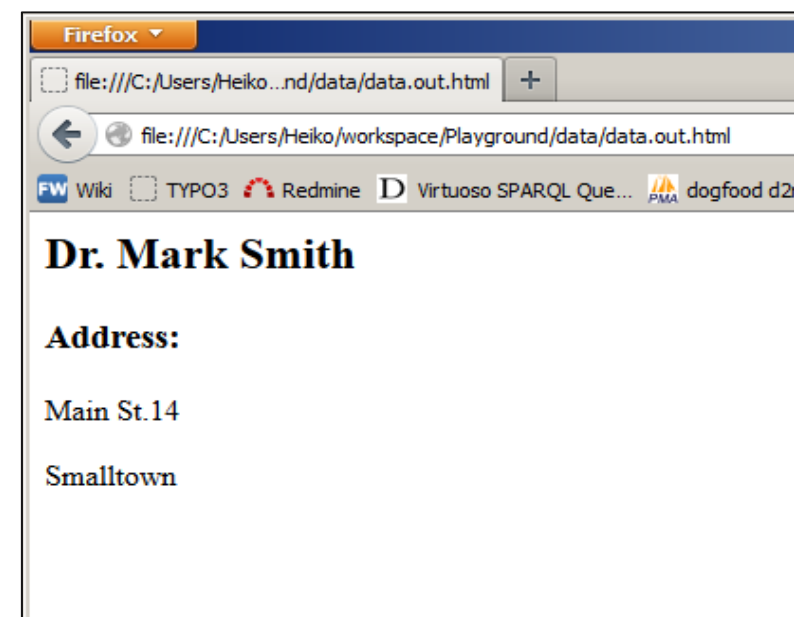
Nesting XSLT Templates

- Templates can be nested with `xsl:apply-templates`

```
<xsl:template match="/physician">
  <html>
    <body>
      <h2><xsl:value-of select="name"/></h2>
      <xsl:apply-templates select="address"/>
    </body>
  </html>
</xsl:template>
```

```
<xsl:template match="address">
  <h3>Address:</h3>
  <p><xsl:value-of select="street"/>
    <xsl:value-of select="number"/></p>
  <p><xsl:value-of select="city"/></p>
</xsl:template>
```

- Output



Alternative: Looping through all Child Elements

```
<xsl:template match="/">
  <html><body><h2>My CD Collection</h2>
  <table border="1">
    <tr bgcolor="#9acd32"><th>Title</th><th>Artist</th></tr>
    <xsl:for-each select="catalog/cd">
      <xsl:sort select="artist"/>
      <tr>
        <td><xsl:value-of select="title"/></td>
        <td><xsl:value-of select="artist"/></td>
      </tr>
    </xsl:for-each>
  </table>
</body></html>
</xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

xsl:for-each loop

Sort elements in loop
by artist name

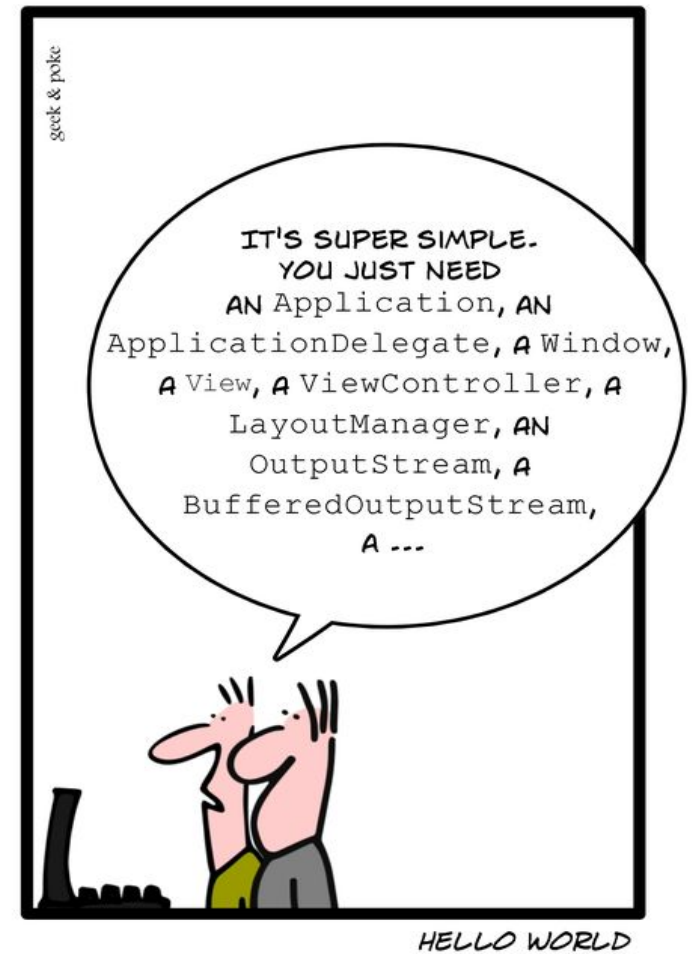
Source: <http://www.w3schools.com/>

3.6 XML in Java

- JAXP: Java API for XML Processing
- Provides for:
 - parsing and validating XML documents
 - DOM interface for accessing nodes using Xpath
 - transforming documents with XSLT
- Included since Java 1.4
- Tutorial:
<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/jaxp/>

<http://geekandpoke.typepad.com/geekandpoke/2010/06/hello-world.html>

SIMPLY EXPLAINED



Example: Validating against a DTD in Java

- As simple as that:

```
DocumentBuilderFactory factory =  
    DocumentBuilderFactory.newInstance();  
factory.setValidating(true);  
DocumentBuilder builder = factory.newDocumentBuilder();  
Document doc = builder.parse("data/data.xml");
```

- What happens:

```
Error: URI=file:///.../data.xml Line=21:  
The content of element type "physician" must match  
"(name,address*,telephone?,fax,hours)".
```

Example: Using XPath with Java

- Loading an XML document:

```
DocumentBuilderFactory factory =  
    DocumentBuilderFactory.newInstance();  
DocumentBuilder builder = factory.newDocumentBuilder();  
Document doc = builder.parse("data/data.xml");
```

- Defining an XPath Expression:

```
XPathFactory xPathFactory = XPathFactory.newInstance();  
XPath xpath = xPathFactory.newXPath();  
XPathExpression expr = xpath.compile("/physician/name");
```

- Using an XPath Expression:

```
String name = expr.evaluate(doc);  
System.out.println(name);
```


References and Experimentation

- Books

- Harold & Means: XML in a Nutshell. O'Reilly

- Tutorials

- Character encoding: <http://www.cs.tut.fi/~jkorpela/chars.html>
- XML: <http://zvon.org/comp/m/tutorial.html>
- XML Schema: <http://www.w3schools.com/schema/>
- XPath: <http://www.w3schools.com/XPath/>
- XSLT: <http://www.w3schools.com/xsl/default.asp>
- JAXP: <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/jaxp/>

- Tools

- Altova XMLSpy: Powerful XML Editor supporting a wide range of XML technologies: <http://www.altova.com/xmlspy.html>
- XTrans: Simple Tools for experimenting with XML, DTDs, XSLT: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/xtrans/>

