

NPRG036, A7B36XML: **XML Technologies**

Practical Class 6:

XQuery

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Expressions

- XQuery expressions
 - **XPath** path expressions
 - Computed and direct **constructors**
 - **FLWOR** expressions
 - **Conditional expressions**
 - Universal and existential **quantifiers**

Constructors

- **Direct constructors**

```
<element>  
  <element attribute="value">  
    text  
    { nested XQuery expression }  
  </element>  
  <!-- comment -->  
  <?target data?>  
</element>
```

Constructors

- **Computed constructors**

- `document { content }`
- `element name { content }`
- `attribute name { value }`
- `text { text }`
- `comment { text }`
- `processing-instruction { target } { content }`

FLWOR Expressions

- FLWOR clauses
 - (ForClause | LetClause)+ WhereClause? OrderByClause? ReturnClause
 - **FOR** clause: items selection
 - **LET** clause: auxiliary assignments
 - **WHERE** clause: filtering conditions
 - **ORDER BY** clause: result ordering
 - **RETURN** clause: result construction

FLWOR Expressions

- General FLWOR pattern
 - **for** `$item` **in** *sequence*, ...
 - **let** `$variable` **:=** *expression*, ...
 - **where** *condition*
 - **order by** *criterion*, ...
 - **return** *result*

Other Constructs

- **Conditional expressions**

- **if** (*condition*) **then expression else expression**

- **Quantified expressions**

- Existential quantifier

- **some** *\$item in sequence satisfies condition*

- Universal quantifier

- **every** *\$item in sequence satisfies condition*

Comparisons

- **Value comparison**
 - eq, ne, lt, le, ge, gt
- **General comparison**
 - =, !=, <, <=, >=, >
- **Node comparison**
 - is, <<, >>