

Course NPRG039: Advanced Aspects and New Trends in XML

Lecture 06:

# Native XML Databases – Part 2

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# Outline

- Native XML databases
  - Oracle Berkeley DB XML
  - Timber
  - **Sedna**

# **Sedna**

# Introduction

- **Sedna**

- <http://www.sedna.org/>
- Free native XML database system
  - Open source under Apache License 2.0
  - Implemented in C/C++
  - Drivers for Java, C, PHP, Python, Ruby, Perl, C#, ...
- Platforms
  - Linux, Windows, Mac OS X, FreeBSD, Solaris

# Introduction

- Basic features
  - **XQuery language**
    - SQL connection from XQuery
    - External functions implemented in C
  - Declarative node-level **updates**
  - **Indices** based on B-trees, **full-text** search indices
  - **ACID transactions**
  - Triggers
  - Incremental backup
  - Database security (users, roles, authentication)

# Documents

- Document creation and removal
  - **CREATE DOCUMENT** name
  - **DROP DOCUMENT** name
- Bulk load
  - **LOAD** location name
    - Loads the specified file into a given standalone document
- Document retrieval
  - **doc** (\$name)

# Collections

- **Collections**
  - Documents can be organized into collections
    - However, standalone documents are permitted as well
    - I.e. each document belongs to at most one collection
- Management of collections
  - **CREATE COLLECTION** name
  - **DROP COLLECTION** name
  - **RENAME COLLECTION** old-name **TO** new-name

# Collections

- Document creation and removal
  - **CREATE DOCUMENT** name **IN COLLECTION** col
  - **DROP DOCUMENT** name **IN COLLECTION** col
- Bulk load
  - **LOAD** location name col
- Document retrieval
  - **doc** (\$name, \$col)
    - Returns a given document from the specified collection
  - **fn:collection** (\$col)
    - Returns a sequence of all documents of a given collection

# Updates

- Insert
  - **UPDATE INSERT** source  
**(INTO | PRECEDING | FOLLOWING)** target
    - Inserts zero or more nodes into a designated position
- Delete
  - **UPDATE DELETE** expression
    - Removes target nodes including their descendants

# Updates

- Replace
  - **UPDATE REPLACE** \$var **IN** source  
**WITH** expression
    - Replaces nodes with a new sequence of zero or more nodes
- Rename
  - **UPDATE RENAME** target **ON** name
    - Changes a name of target nodes

# Value Indices

- Index creation
  - **CREATE INDEX** Title  
**ON** path1 **BY** path2 **AS** type
    - title – unique name of the index to be created
    - path1 – absolute path to nodes to be indexed
    - path2 – relative path to keys of such nodes
    - type – atomic type to which keys should be cast
- Index removal
  - **DROP INDEX** title

# Value Indices

- Index usage
  - Existing indices are not exploited automatically!
    - Special functions have to be used instead
  - **index-scan** (\$title, \$value, \$mode)
    - Traverses the given index and returns a sequence of nodes matching the provided atomic value
    - \$title – name of the index to be used
    - \$mode – 'EQ', 'LT', 'GT', 'GE', 'LE'
  - **index-scan-between** (\$title, \$value1, \$value2, \$mode)

# Full-Text Indices

- Index creation
  - **CREATE FULL-TEXT INDEX** title  
**ON** path **TYPE** type  
**WITH OPTIONS** options
    - title – unique name of the index to be created
    - path – absolute path to nodes to be indexed
    - type – how to construct text representations of nodes
      - "xml" – XML representation
      - "string-value" – concatenation of all descendant text nodes
      - "customized-value"
    - options
      - Backend index implementation, stemming language, ...

# Full-Text Indices

- Index removal
  - **DROP FULL-TEXT INDEX** title
- Index usage
  - **ftindex-scan** (\$title, \$query, \$options)
    - Scans the given full-text index and returns a sequence of items which satisfy the query
    - Allowed query constructs:
      - Phrases – e.g. 'word1 word2'
      - Operators – e.g. 'word1 OR word2'
      - Stemming – e.g. 'word~'
      - Contains – e.g. 'element CONTAINS word'

# Metadata

- **Metadata**
  - Accessible as special system documents / collections
    - They can be queried, but not updated
    - Their names start with \$
  - \$documents
    - Document with a list of all documents
  - \$collections
    - Document with a list of all collections
  - \$indexes
    - Document with a list of all indexes
  - ...

# Java API

- **Sessions**

- ```
SednaConnection c =
DatabaseManager.getConnection(
    url, dbname, user, password
);
```

  - Establishes an authenticated connection with the server
    - url – server name including an optional port (default 5050)

# Java API

- **Statements**
  - **SednaStatement** s = c.**createStatement()** ;
    - Creates a new statement object
  - s.**loadDocument**(inputStream, name) ;  
s.**loadDocument**(inputStream, name, col) ;
    - Loads contents of a given standalone / collection document
  - s.**execute**(query) ;
    - Executes a given query statement

# Java API

- Results
  - `SednaSerializedResult r = s.getSerializedResult();`
    - Retrieves the result of the last executed query
  - `r.next();`
    - Fetches the next item from the result
    - Otherwise `null` is returned

# Java API

- **Transactions**
  - `C.begin();`
  - `C.commit();`
  - `C.rollback();`
- **Exceptions**

