



TCS tcs: Tata Consultancy Services trash compactor script

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What are we talking about today?

- A program that creates sample documents by sampling documents
- Garbage In, Garbage Out
- So build a trash compactor script
- Compress a coal mine into a diamond

Reasons for creating samples

- Document analysis
 - Vocabulary redesign
 - Conversion design
 - Storage design
 - Editorial system design
 - Transformation
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- Coordination between parties
= agreed interface

Approaches to creating samples

- Craft
 - Artful, thoughtful, manual
 - Painfully labor-intensive
- Mad Libs
 - Random and disconnected from reality
 - Hard for humans to comprehend and use
- Curation
 - Thoughtful choice of real data from larger set
 - XML is like war: long stretches of boredom punctuated by moments of awkwardness

Goals

- “Complete” results
- Plausible results
- Efficient on large corpora
- Good defaults
- Single dial
- Ease over perfection
- Use, or perhaps better, intuit schema

Algorithm

- Annotate with signatures

`<em tcs:signature="para em">cat`

`<em tcs:signature="para em">dog`

- Mark unique elements

`<em tcs:mark="keep">cat`

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- Mark wrapping elements

- Mark required children, desired inlines

- Prune unneeded elements

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    <p>Fifth <em>paragraph</em>.</p>  
                                </section></doc>
```

Example

```
<doc><title>Document Title</title>  
  <p>First <em rend='bold'>paragraph</em>.</p>  
  <section><title>Section One</title>  
    <p>Second paragraph.</p></section>  
  <section><title>Section Three</title>  
    <p>Fifth <em>paragraph</em>.</p>  
  </section></doc>
```

Parameters

- Signature components
 - Ancestor count
 - Preceding-sibling count
 - Self ?
 - Attributes ?
 - Child count
- Repetition count
- Start / middle / end word counts
- Show deletions, signatures, marks

Unimplemented parameters

- Collapse parallel structures
- Single dial
- Target length
- Schema information
- Text abbreviation method

Code

<transform

xmlns='http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform'

version='2.0'

xmlns:tcs='mailto:charlie.hamu@tcs.com'>

<template match='comment() | processing-instruction()' mode='#all'>

<copy />

</template>

Passes

```
<template match='/ '>
  <variable name='signed'>
    <apply-templates select='node()' mode='sign' />
  </variable>
  <variable name='marked'>
    <apply-templates select='$signed' mode='mark' />
  </variable>
  <variable name='wrapped'>
    <apply-templates select='$marked' mode='wrap' />
  </variable>
  <variable name='needed'>
    <apply-templates select='$wrapped' mode='need' />
  </variable>
  <variable name='wanted'>
    <apply-templates select='$needed' mode='want' />
  </variable>
  <apply-templates select='$wanted' mode='prune' />
</template>
```

Sign

```
<template match='*' mode='sign'>
  <copy>
    <attribute name='tcs:signature'
      select='ancestor::*[1]/name(),
        preceding-sibling::*[0]/name(),
        self::name(),
        attribute::*[0]/name(),
        child::*[0]/name()' />
    <copy-of select='@*' />
    <apply-templates select='node()' mode='sign' />
  </copy>
</template>
```

Mark

```
<template match='*' mode='mark'>
  <copy>
    <if test='not(preceding::*
                        [@tcs:signature
                        = current()/@tcs:signature])'>
      <attribute name='tcs:keep' />
    </if>
    <copy-of select='@*' />
    <apply-templates select='node()' mode='mark' />
  </copy>
</template>
```

Wrap

```
<template match='*' mode='wrap'>
  <copy>
    <if test='not(@tcs:keep)
      and *//@tcs:keep'>
      <attribute name='tcs:keep' />
    </if>
    <copy-of select='@*' />
    <apply-templates select='node()' mode='wrap' />
  </copy>
</template>
```

Need

```
<template match='*' mode='need'>
  <copy>
    <if test='not(@tcs:keep)
      and ../@tcs:keep
      and not(preceding-sibling::*[name()
        eq current()/name()])
      and not(//*[name() eq current()/../name()
        and not(*[name() eq current()/name()])])'>
      <attribute name='tcs:keep' />
    </if>
    <copy-of select='@*' />
    <apply-templates select='node()' mode='need' />
  </copy>
</template>
```

Want

```
<template match='*' mode='want'>
  <copy>
    <if test='not(@tcs:keep)
      and ../@tcs:keep
      and text()[normalize-space() ne ""]
      and ../text()[normalize-space() ne ""]'>
      <attribute name='tcs:keep' />
    </if>
    <copy-of select='@*' />
    <apply-templates select='node()' mode='want' />
  </copy>
</template>
```

Prune

```
<template match='*' mode='prune'>  
  <if test='@tcs:keep'>  
    <copy>  
      <copy-of select='@* except @tcs:*' />  
      <apply-templates select='node()' mode='prune' />  
    </copy>  
  </if>  
</template>
```

```
<template match='text()' mode='prune'>  
  <value-of select='replace(., "\. \s.+", "...", "s")' />  
</template>
```

Done

`</transform>`

Discussion

- Other potentially useful parameters?
- Efficient way to mark first signatures?
- Efficient text trimming? Or even bother?
- Efficient Frankenstein? Or even bother?
- Good way to choose the best, not the first?
- Suggested way to read or intuit schema?
- Is this reducible to a single XPath?
- Better done with XQuery?
- How will XSLT 3.0 change this?