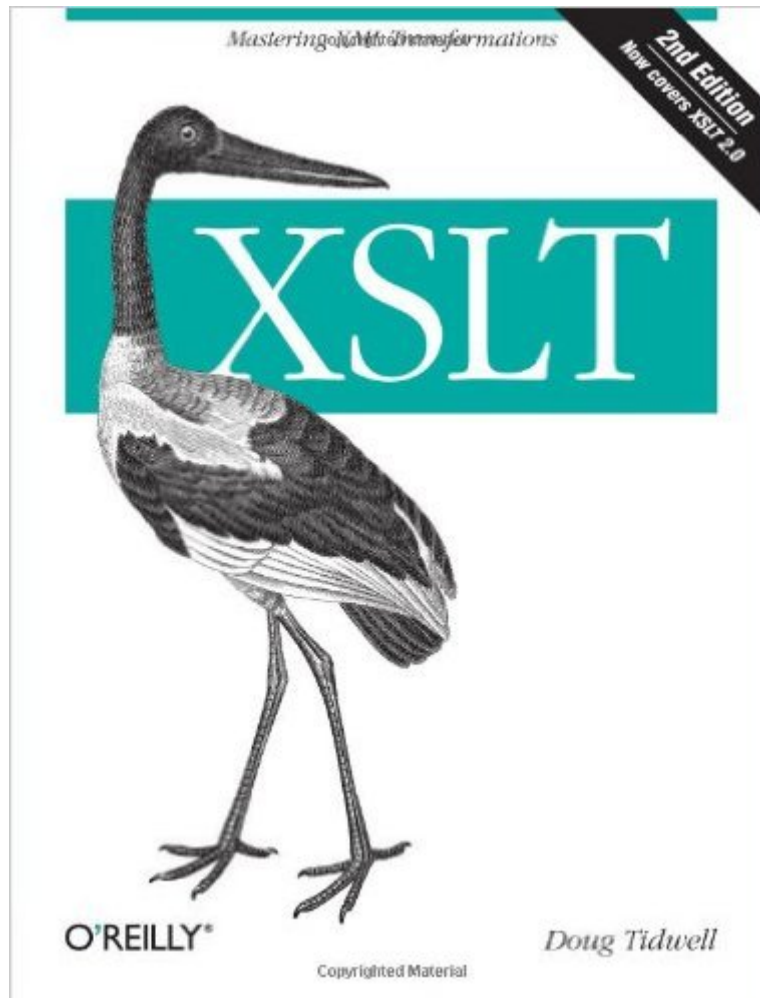


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Synopsis

After years of anticipation and delay, the W3C finally released the XSLT 2.0 standard in January 2007. The revised edition of this classic book offers practical, real-world examples that demonstrate how you can apply XSLT stylesheets to XML data using either the new specification, or the older XSLT 1.0 standard. XSLT is a critical language for converting XML documents into other formats, such as HTML code or a PDF file. With XSLT, you get a thorough understanding of XSLT and XPath and their relationship to other web standards, along with recommendations for a honed toolkit in an open platform-neutral, standards-based environment. This book:

- Covers the XSLT basics, including simple stylesheets and methods for setting up transformation engines
- Walks you through the many parts of XSLT, particularly XSLT's template-based approach to transformations
- Applies both XSLT 1.0 and 2.0 solutions to the same problems, helping you decide which version of XSLT is more appropriate for your project
- Includes profuse examples that complement both the tutorial and the reference material

The new edition of XSLT has been updated thoroughly to explain XSLT 2.0's many dependencies, notably XML Schema and XPath 2.0. Want to find out how the 2.0 specification improves on the old? This book will explain.

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I bought this book last week for a specific problem I need to solve at work. I mostly need this book to understand the syntax. Even though it provides the basic reference to get you started, it leaves out much of the details needed to understand the capabilities and limitations of XSLT. Needless to say

that I still did not get the answer to my question from this book. It's the "Hello World" version. The examples given in this book are hard to read since they don't highlight/bold the code that they're discussing. I am using this book in combination with O'Reilly's XSLT Cookbook. Buy this book if you just need basic reference book on your shelf otherwise look for something more advanced.

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This is one of the best and most complete books on XSLT that there is. It does a great job of covering both version 1 and 2 in the same book without causing confusion if you only need one of them. I don't use XSLT daily by any means, but anytime I do need to use it, I know that any questions that I have will be answered by a few minutes spent with this book.

Though I am fairly proficient with XML, I'm new to XSLT. I needed to learn it, so I've sampled about a dozen XSLT books from my library and on my tablet, but this is the best one for newcomers *or* veterans. The first part of the book is an excellent tutorial on the language, and the rest is reference, but the combination was golden for me. I will be able to use this book for a long time, and I suspect that a lot of other newcomers will appreciate the clear and straightforward explanations of how to use XSLT. No goofy jokes or distractions, just good solid teaching. That does not mean that this book is dry at all. It strikes just the right tone for people looking to learn. It also uses very nice real-world examples of how to use XSLT. This is where I felt the other O'Reilly book, "Learning XSLT," fell short. The examples seemed very specific to one type of use scenario that I just could not for the life of me identify with or translate into anything useful for my purposes. This XSLT book by Doug Tidwell struck a great balance between general use and specific examples. I highly recommend it!

I've been using this book professionally as I have recently had to do some programming in this language, and I found this textbook readable, with a logical development of concepts, and the explanations easy to understand. Highly recommended.

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