Print and Page Layout ppl Community Group
XSLT Extensions

The XSLT extension functions from the Print and Page Layout Community Group @ W3C (see `https://www.w3.org/community/ppl/wiki/XSLTExtensions`) allow you to run your XSL-FO formatter within your XSLT transform, and do it as often as you like, to get an area tree and make decisions based on formatted areas to do things like:

* Adjust the start-indent of a `fo:list-block` based on the length of the longest `fo:list-item-label`; or

* Size this text to be 61.54541015625pt so it fits this box.

XSLT and XSL-FO Processors

The extension is available for Java and DotNet and uses either the Apache FOP XSL formatter or Antenna House AHF formatter to produce the area trees.

The single Java jar file covers four combinations of XSLT processor and XSL-FO formatter:

* Saxon 9.5 and FOP
* Saxon 9.5 and Antenna House
* Xalan and FOP
* Xalan and Antenna House

The DotNet version supports:

* DotNet 4.0 and FOP
* DotNet 4.0 and Antenna House

API

The PPL CG provides `ppl:area-tree()` for running the formatter and getting the area tree plus a selection of convenience functions to help hide both the details of the area tree and the differences between the area trees of different XSL-FO formatters.

`ppl:area-tree($fo-tree as node()) as document-node()`

Runs the XSL-FO formatter on $fo-tree to get an area tree.

`ppl:block-by-id($area-tree as document-node(), $id as string) as element()?`

Returns the block area with ID $id.

`ppl:block-bpd($block as element()) as xs:double`

Returns the block-progression-dimension of $block in points.

`ppl:block-bpd($block as element()) as xs:double`

Returns the inline-progression-dimension of $block in points.

`ppl:block-available-ipd($block as element()) as xs:double`

Returns the difference, in points, between the inline-progression-dimension of $block and the inline-progression-dimension of its ancestor reference area.

`ppl:is-first($block as element()) as xs:boolean`

Returns the value of the `is-first` trait.

`ppl:is-last($block as element()) as xs:boolean`

Returns the value of the `is-last` trait.

`ppl:sum-lengths-to-inches($lengths as xs:string*) as xs:double`

Returns the length, in inches, of the sum of a sequence of lengths represented as strings, e.g., "6pt", etc.

`ppl:sum-lengths-to-pt($lengths as xs:string*) as xs:double`

Returns the length, in points (1/72 of an inch), of the sum of a sequence of lengths represented as strings, e.g., "6pt", etc.

`bogus` — Not a function, just an illustration of how, by using the extension functions to find the formatted size of the function definition, the `fo:list-item-body` moves down only for long function definitions.

XML

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XSLT

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