Al for XML Development Advantages and Challenges Octavian Nadolu, Syncro Soft octavian_nadolu@oxygenxml.com @OctavianNadolu © 2024 Syncro Soft SRL. All rights reserved





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Agenda

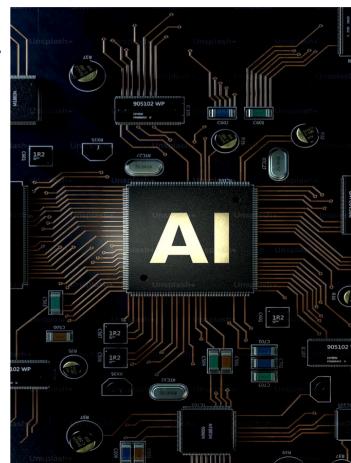
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- How AI Understands XML
- Using AI to Generate XML Content
- Using AI to Add XML Markup
- AI in Developing XSLT, XSD, and Schematron
- Transform XML using AI and XPath Functions
- Advantages and Challenges





What is Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a branch of computer science dealing with the simulation of intelligent behavior in computers.





Artificial Intelligence History

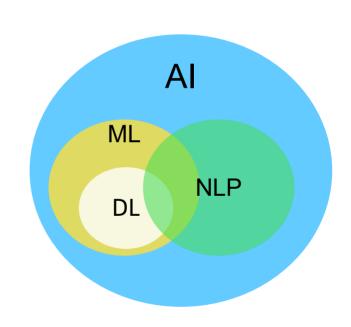
- Al history dates back to ancient times
- In 1950s AI began to take shape researchers began to use computers to try and simulate human intelligence
- Al program by mathematician Alan Turing
- Expert system by Edward Feigenbaum in the 1970s and the emergence of neural networks in the 1980s
- Today, AI is used to automate processes, improve efficiency, and solve complex problems





Al in Natural Language Processing

- Natural language processing (NLP) is a subfield of AI that focuses on enabling machines to understand and generate human language
- Machine learning (ML) involves training algorithms to learn patterns in data
- Deep learning (DL) is a type of machine learning that uses neural networks





Transformers

- A transformer is a deep learning model (neural network)
- Transforms input sequences into output sequences
- The transformer architecture is based on the idea of self-attention
- Introduced in a research paper titled "Attention Is All You Need" in 2017



Large Language Models

- Uses transformer architecture
- Trained on a large corpus of data

Examples:

- ChatGPT (GPT-4 model) developed by OpenAI
- Bard developed by Google
- Bing developed by Microsoft
- Llama Chat developed by Meta
- Claude, Mistral, Hugging Face, Amazon Bedrock



Al Application for Text Processing

Trained language models that are very good at understanding and generating text

- Text Summarization
- Natural Language Processing
- Text Generation
- Machine Translation
- Text Classification



AI and XML

- XML in a format that is both human-readable and machinereadable
- Al can understands XML markup
- Al can generate XML markup
- Al can add XML markup to the content





Using AI to Generate XML Content

- Use AI to generate XML markup
- Create an XML document from a description
- Create XML content based on a schema
- Generate Dita, DocBook, TEI documents





Generate XML Content using Al

Example of prompt that creates a Topic

Generate a new DITA XML topic based on following description:

Technical documentation for a car





Generate XML Content using Al

Example of prompt creates a table

Act as an XML developer, Respond with no additional information, Create a table from the following content:

- Go to Definition Shows the definition for...
- Open Schema Opens the selected schema...
- Edit Attributes Allows you to edit the ...



```
FeatureDescriptionGo to DefinitionShows the definition for...Open SchemaOpens the selected schema...Edit AttributesAllows you to edit the...
```



Using AI to Add XML Markup

- You can use AI to add markup to your content
- XML markup can be added depending on the context
- Correct documents to respect a specific schema





Add XML Markup using Al

Example of prompt that generates an unordered list from a set of phrases

Act as an XML developer. Respond with no additional information, Create a list from the phrases from the paragraph

- Is active/passive voice used in the description?

- Is this written according to the styleguide?
- Does the to pic answers to this "question"?
- Is spelling and grammar correct?

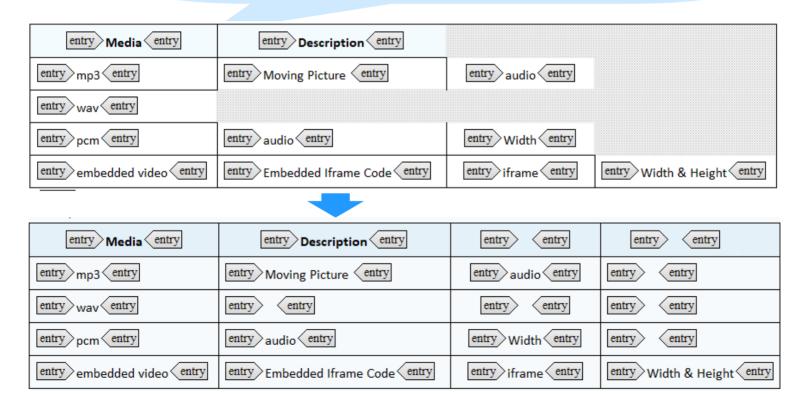


```
    li>ls active/passive voice used in the description?
    li>ls this written according to the styleguide?
    Does the to pic answers to this "question"?
    li>ls spelling and grammar correct?
```



Add XML Markup using Al

Act as an XML developer. Respond with no additional information, Add the missing cells from the table.





Al and XML

- You can generate XML content using AI
- The prompt is very important
- Different AI models can give different results
- The result is not always the same for the same prompt



Prompt for Al

 A prompt represents instructions and context given to a language model to perform a task

"Act as an XML developer. Respond with no additional information. Create a table from the following content: "

- Techniques for creating a prompt:
 - Adapted persona: "Act as an XML developer"
 - Clearly defining the goal or objective: "Create a table from the following content"
 - Refine the result: "Respond with no additional information."
 - Provide specific context (schema): "Create a DITA table ...", "Create a table that respects the following schema"
 - Provide additional information on request:
 - "Function that returns the schema of the document" → schema
 - "Function that returns the location in the document" → XPath location



AI in Developing XSLT, XSD, and Schematron

- Al can be used for developing
- You can use it for example to:
 - Document code
 - Explain code
 - Generate code
 - Find problems
 - Refactor code
 - Start a conversation for a given code





AI and XSL

Generate the documentation for XSLT



Document Code

Create documentation for the code and include it as a comment in the document.

<!-- This XSLT code template matches "timeResolution" in header mode and calls the "listHeader" template with the parameter "Time Resolution". -->



Al and Schematron

Explain the Schematron code

Explain CodeExplain the code in the chat window



In this code snippet, a rule is defined within a pattern to validate the length of an abbreviation denoted by the attribute `@bbb` within an element `BBB`. Here's a breakdown of the code:

- The schema is defined with the namespace `http://purl.oclc.org/dsdl/schematron`.
- A pattern with the id `NumberOfcharactersInAnAbbreviation` is defined.
- Within this pattern, a rule is specified with the context set to `BBB`, which means this rule will be applied to elements named `BBB`.
- Two reports are defined within the rule:
 - The first report checks if the string length of the attribute `@bbb` is less than 2 and provides a corresponding error message.
 - The second report checks if the string length of the attribute `@bbb` is greater than 3 and provides a corresponding error message.



Create Schematron using Al

Generate code

An assert that verifies the number of words to be 10



<sch:assert test="count(tokenize(., '\s+')) = 10">
 There should be exactly 10.</sch:assert>

Generate code

An assert that verifies if there is an email in text





AI and XSD

Generate XSD code

Generate code

A complex type that defines a purchase order

```
<xs:complexType name="PurchaseOrderType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="CustomerName" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="OrderDate" type="xs:date"/>
    <xs:element name="Items" type="ItemsType"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:complexType name="ItemsType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="Item" type="ItemType" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
<xs:complexType name="ItemType">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="ProductName" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="Quantity" type="xs:integer"/>
    <xs:element name="Price" type="xs:decimal"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```





Powerful AI for Development

- Provide document context for the actions
- Provide associated schema or XML
- Provide referred components
- Reuse code when generating new content





Automate Al Actions

- Use the AI engine API to perform complex actions
- Automate the process





Implementation of AI API

Using XSLT functions

- Using extension functions
 - xs:boolean ai:verify-content(xs:string instruction, xs:string content)
 - xs:string ai:transform-content(xs:string instruction, xs:string content)



Functions Built-in Prompt

- A prompt represents instructions and context given to a language model to perform a task
- Functions can provide a specific built-in prompt
 - ai:verify-content(instruction, content)
 "You are a technical writer and you need to verify the following and respond with true or false:" + Is active voice used in the description? + content
 - ai:transform-content(instruction, content)
 "You are a developer and you need perform the following task:" + Rephrase
 to use active voice + content



Al Functions Usage

- Use the AI functions from XSL and XQuery
 - Transform content using AI
 - Create refactoring actions based on AI
- Use the AI functions from Schematron and SQF
 - Verify document content automatically using AI
 - Correct problems in document using AI



Transform content using XSL and Al

Generate the documentation for all templates and functions



Transform content using XSL and Al

```
<xsl:template match="/">
  <html>
    <head><title>Employees</title></head>
    <xsl:element name="table">
       <xsl:attribute name="border">1</xsl:attribute>
       <xsl:attribute name="bgcolor">#336666</xsl:attribute>
         <xsl:attribute name="align">center</xsl:attribute>
         >
           <font face="Arial" size="3">
              <b>Name</b>
            </font>
         <xsl:template match="//p:person">
  <xsl:element name="tr">
    <xsl:attribute name="align">center</xsl:attribute>
    <xsl:element name="td">
       <xsl:attribute name="width">120</xsl:attribute>
       <font face="verdana" size="3">
         <i>>
            <xsl:value-of select="p:name/p:family/text()"/>
            <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
            <xsl:value-of select="p:name/p:given/text()"/>
         </i>
       </font>
    </xsl:element>
```

```
<!--This template styles and displays an "Employees" table with columns for "Name", "Email", and "Link".-->
<xsl:template match="/">
...
```

<!--This XSLT template transforms `p:person` elements into centered HTML table rows ('tr') with columns ('td') for the person's full name, email, and link attributes for subordinates and manager, formatted with Verdana font.--> <xsl:template match="//p:person">



Transform content using XSL and Al

ai:transform-content(instruction, (user, agent,)* content)

```
<!-- Step 1: rephrase in 3 possible ways -->
<sch:let name="user-3variants" value="'Provide 3 variants of rephrasing the given text in strictly less than 75 words.'"/>
<sch:let name="assistant-3Variants" value="ai:transform-content($user-3variants, $currentShortDesc)"/>
<!-- Step 2: get the advantages and disadvantages of each variant -->
<sch:let name="user-compare3varinats" value=""For each of the given text variants, enumerate 3 strong points and 3 weak points
about how it is written ""/>
<sch:let name="assistant-AdvAndDisadv" value="ai:transform-content($user-compare3varinats, $assistant-3Variants)"/>
<!-- Step 3: ask the AI to choose the best variant -->
<sch:let name="system-bestVariant"
  value="Based on the strong points and weak point of the way each text is written, choose the one of them that best summarizes
  the following text and is the best written. Respond with just the best text, nothing else."/>
<sch:let name="assistantBestVariant" value="ai:transform-content($system-bestVariant,")</pre>
  $user-3variants, $assistant-3Variants, $user-compare3varinats, $assistant-AdvAndDisadv,
  $currentShortDesc)"/>
```



Al in XSL and XQuery

- Advantages of using AI with XSL and XQuery
 - Perform refactoring actions
 - Use AI to generate the content
 - Control the content that is sent.
 - Control the content that is modified
 - Automate the process
- Challenges
 - Cost for transformation
 - The response from the AI server in not instant
 - Responses can sometimes be inaccurate



Verify content using Schematron

Example of a rule that checks if the text uses active voice

In the description we should use active voice

shortdesc Short Description: The journey into the world of AI is continued through the exploration of its application in conjunction with Schematron and Schematron Quick Fix (SQF) for content verification and correction. In this webinar, a comprehensive overview of AI will be offered, the potential advantages it brings will be highlighted, and the challenges encountered when utilizing AI for these purposes will be illuminated. Shortdesc



Check the text voice

Rule that verifies if the text voice is active



Correct the text voice

Example fix that reformulates the text to use active voice

Reformulate the text to use active voice

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Correct the text voice

SQF fix that that reformulates the text to use active voice



Check if text should be a list

Example of a rule that checks it the text should be converted to a list

```
The text should be converted to a list.
<body>
  - Is active/passive voice used in the description?
     - Is this written according to the styleguide?
     - Does the to pic answers to this "question"?
     - Is spelling and grammar correct?
</body>
```



Create a list from phrases

Example of fix that generates an unordered list from a set of phrases

Create a list from the phrases from the paragraph

- Is active/passive voice used in the description?
 - Is this written according to the styleguide?
 - Does the to pic answers to this "question"?
 - Is spelling and grammar correct?



```
    Active/passive voice used?
    Written according to styleguide?
    Topic answers question?
    Spelling and grammar correct?
```



Create a list from phrases

SQF fix that creates a list from a set of phrases

```
<sqf:fix id="replace">
  <sqf:description>
     <sqf:title>Create a list from the phrases from the paragraph</sqf:title>
  </sqf:description>
  <sqf:replace match="text()">
     <xsl:value-of select="ai:transform-content(")</pre>
       'Create a Dita unorderd list with an item from each phrase', .)"
       disable-output-escaping="yes"/>
  </sqf:replace>
</sqf:fix>
```



Al and Schematron+SQF

- Advantages of using AI with Schematron and SQF
 - Verify and correct your documents using AI
 - Define the instructions to be sent to the AI engine
 - Control the content that is sent
 - Control the content that is modified
 - Automate the content verification and correction
- Challenges
 - High cost for validation as you type or multiple validations
 - The response from the AI server in not instant
 - Responses can sometimes be inaccurate



Conclusion

- Al constantly growing and improving
- Use AI to generate and mark XML content
- Use AI for Development (in XSL, XSD, Schematron)
- Use XPath functions to automate the process
- Do not expect to do your job, use AI to improve your job







Resources

- https://github.com/f/awesome-chatgpt-prompts
- https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/chat
- Integrated Extension Functions
- http://schematron.com/
- http://schematron-quickfix.github.io/sqf

