

The

CSSToXSLFO

User Guide

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INTRODUCTION

1

`CSSTOXSLFO` is a tool which converts an `XML` document, combined with a `CSS2` style sheet, into an `XSL-FO` file. It has some special provisions for `XHTML`, which is also an `XML` vocabulary. The tool implements a reasonable subset of `CSS2`. It also adds a few extensions for handling page-related issues properly. Note that the tool is not a general-purpose printing tool for any kind of `HTML` pages you can find on the Internet.

The goal of `CSSTOXSLFO` is to provide a rather easy interface to fine printing environments that use `XSL-FO` as their input. It is a compromise between the simplicity of style sheet expression and the quality of the result. `XSL-FO` is quite difficult. Writing style sheets that produce it are mostly written in `XSLT`, which is not straightforward to everyone either. `CSS` on the other hand is rather simple and yet it is powerful. In fact it combines element selection and formatting specification in one easy-to-learn syntax. The cost is that a lot of interesting `XSL-FO` features are not available.

An area where the tool can be a plus is the programmatic generation of reports within applications. The variety in style for reports is not that great. The offered feature set of `CSSTOXSLFO` can be sufficient. Having report programmers learn `XSL-FO` and `XSLT` is not always an option, while many know `CSS` and `XHTML` well enough to be productive with it.

Another use-case for `CSSTOXSLFO` is writing documents in `XML`. One can put work in a style sheet once and reuse that through the mark-up paradigm, in which content and formatting are separated. The formatting features should be sufficient to produce day-to-day documents in a typical business environment. Such documents don't tend to be very complicated, with respect to layout that is.

IN PRACTICE

2.1 SPECIFYING STYLE SHEETS

The most general way of specifying a style sheet for a document with `CSSTOXSLFO` is the proposal in section 2.2 of [CSS2]. It consists of a processing instruction, which precedes the document, looking like this:

```
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/css" href="style.css"?>
```

For `XHTML` there are a few additional options. You can use the `link` element to link a style sheet (only persistent style sheets) to the document or you can embed it with the `style` element. The `style` attribute is also available as specified in [XHTML].

2.2 RUNNING IT

There are five packages you can run from the command-line: one that produces plain `XSL-FO`, one that returns the output of `XEP`, a product from RenderX (<http://www.renderx.com>), another that returns the output of `XSLFormatter`, a product from Antenna House (<http://www.antennahouse.com>), yet another that returns the output of `Xinc`, a product from Lunasil LTD (<http://www.lunasil.com>) and finally, one that runs `FOP` (<http://xml.apache.org/fop/>). The last one comes with a filter that removes a few properties, which are not supported by `FOP`. This makes `FOP` complain less. You need `JDK1.3` or higher to run them. For 1.3 you should create a classpath with a namespace-aware `XML` parser and an `XSLT` processor. The command-lines look as follows for plain `CSSTOXSLFO`:

```
> java -jar css2xslfo.jar url_or_filename <options>
```

For `XEP3`:

```
> java -Dcom.renderx.xep.ROOT=<XEP location> -jar css2xep.jar  
url_or_filename <options>
```

For `XEP4`:

```
> java -Dcom.renderx.xep.CONFIG=<XEP location>/xep.xml  
-jar <XEP location>/lib/css2xep.jar url_or_filename  
<options>
```

For `XSLFormatter`:

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```
> set dynamic library path to <XSLFormatter location>/lib
> set environment variable AH_FONT_CONFIGFILE to
  <XSLFormatter location>/etc/font-config.xml
> java -jar <XSLFormatter location>/lib/css2xsl.jar
  url_or_filename <options>
```

For Xinc:

```
> java -jar css2xinc.jar url_or_filename <options>
```

For FOP:

```
> java -jar css2fop.jar url_or_filename <options>
```

Additional system properties and/or environment variables can be set. Please consult the product-specific documentation for this.

In order for `css2xep.jar` to work, you should place it in the `<XEP location>/lib` directory and create a link to or a copy of your `XEP JAR` file with the name “`xep.jar`”. Since `XEP 4` the link or copy are no longer needed, because the `XEP JAR` file has the expected name. For `css2xsl.jar` to work, you should place it in `<XSLFormatter location>/lib`. The `css2fop.jar` file needs to be next to `fop.jar`, which should be next to the packages it uses. This normally is in the `FOP lib` directory. The `css2xinc.jar` should be in the `XINC lib` directory.

`CSSTOXSLFO` uses the `XSLT-processor` that comes with the `JDK1.4`, which is Xalan from Apache. For better performance you can prepend Xalan 2.6.0+ or Saxon 8.3+ to your boot classpath as follows (assuming `/usr/local` as the installation directory of Xalan):

```
> java -Xbootclasspath/p:/usr/local/xalan-j_2_6_0/bin/xalan.jar
  -jar css2xslfo.jar url_or_filename <options>
```

You can also use `JDK1.5`, which comes with a faster `XSLT` processor.

For `XEP` there is a special note. You have to specify another `XSLT` processor, because `XEP` uses Saxon 6.5.x, with which it doesn't work. You can either prepend another `XSLT` processor to the boot classpath or you can simply copy `saxon8.jar` in the `XEP lib` directory.

2.2.1 Common Options

The following options are common to all three variants. The document to be processed can be specified with a `URL` or filename. If it is omitted, `stdin` will be read.

`-baseurl <URL>`

Change the base `URL` of the input document. By default it is the `URL` of the document itself.

`-c <URL or filename>`

Specify a catalog in the format defined by `SGML Open Technical Resolution TR9401:1997`. Only the “`PUBLIC`” and “`SYSTEM`” keywords are supported.

- h
Display the command-line syntax.
 - p <comma-separated list of URLs or filenames>
A list of pre-processing XSLT style sheets that are executed on the input document, in the specified order, before anything else.
 - uacss <URL or filename>
Use another User Agent style sheet than the one built-in for XHTML. Note that the latter will only be active for documents which are in the XHTML namespace (<http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml>).
 - v
Turn on XML validation of the input document.
- parameter=value
Specify User Agent parameters. Equivalent CSS constructs precede these.

2.2.2 *Options Specific To css2xslfo.jar*

- debug
Produces a number of intermediary files representing the different processing steps.
- fo <filename>
The XSL-FO output file. If it is omitted stdout will be written instead.

2.2.3 *Options Specific To css2xep.jar*

One the following options should be specified.

- pdf <filename>
The PDF output file.
- ps <filename>
The PostScript output file.

2.2.4 *Options Specific To css2xsl.jar*

- pdf <filename>
The PDF output file. This option is mandatory.

2.2.5 *Options Specific To css2fop.jar*

- fc <filename>
An user configuration file.
- pdf <filename>
The PDF output file.
- ps <filename>
The PostScript output file.
- q
Makes FOP silent.

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`-svg <filename>`

The `svg` output file.

2.2.6 *User Agent Parameters*

The User Agent parameters are common to all three packages. They have no effect if there are `@page` rules in the style sheet, except for the “rule-thickness” parameter. Furthermore, equivalent `css` constructs, when present in the style sheet, always precede.

`column-count`

The number of columns on a page. The default is “1”.

`country`

The country code. The default is “GB”.

`font-size`

The point size of the font. The default for paper sizes “a5” and “b5” is “10pt”.

For all other paper sizes the default is “11pt”. See also the “paper-size” parameter.

`html-header-mark`

An `HTML` element can be passed here. Its contents will be used as the running header. By default there is no mark.

`language`

The language code. The default is “en”.

`odd-even-hift`

The amount by which the page contents is shifted in the inline progression direction when the paper mode is “twosided”. The default is “10mm”. See also the “paper-mode” parameter.

`orientation`

The allowed values are “portrait”, which is the default, and “landscape”.

`paper-margin-bottom`

The bottom margin of a page. The default is “0mm”.

`paper-margin-left`

The left margin of a page. The default is “25mm”.

`paper-margin-right`

The right margin of a page. The default is “25mm”.

`paper-margin-top`

The top margin of a page. The default is “10mm”.

`paper-mode`

The allowed values are “onesided”, which is the default, and “twosided”.

`paper-size`

The allowed values are “a4”, which is the default, “a5”, “b5”, “executive”, “letter” and “legal”.

`rule-thickness`

The default thickness for rules when there was no `css` specification for it. The default is “0.2pt”.

`writing-mode`

The `XSL-FO` writing mode. The default is “lr-tb”. Other possible values are “rl-tb”, “tb-rl”, “lr”, “rl” and “tb”. See also [XSL-FO].

2.3 BUILDING CSSTOXMLFO

The tool comes with an `ANT` file. The default target only builds the `css2xmlfo.jar` file. Then there are also the `xep`, `xsl`, `xinc` and `fop` targets, which produce `css2xep.jar`, `css2xsl.jar`, `css2xinc.jar` and `css2fop.jar` respectively.

COMPLIANCE WITH CSS2

3.1 SPECIFICATIONS

<i>Section</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
4.1 Syntax	yes	Thanks to Flute.
4.2 Rules for handling parsing errors	partial	Unknown properties will end up in the XSL-FO file and cause errors in a XSL-FO processor.
4.3 Values	yes	Thanks to Flute.
4.4 CSS document representation	yes	Thanks to Flute.
5 Selectors	partial	All sections but 5.11.2, 5.11.3 and 5.12.2.
6 Assigning property values, Cascading and Inheritance	yes	
7 Media types	yes	By design, only types <code>all</code> and <code>print</code> are supported.
8 Box model	yes	
9.1.1 The viewport	no	
9.1.2 Containing blocks	yes	
9.2.1 Block-level elements and block boxes	partial	Compact and run-in boxes are not supported.
9.2.2 Inline-level elements and inline boxes	partial	Compact and run-in boxes and inline tables are not supported.
9.2.3 Compact boxes	no	
9.2.4 Run-in boxes	no	
9.2.5 The 'display' property	partial	See property table.

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<i>Section</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
9.3 Positioning schemes	yes	
9.4 Normal flow	yes	
9.5 Floats	yes	
9.6 Absolute positioning	yes	
9.7 Relationships between 'display', 'position', and 'float'	yes	
9.9 Layered presentation	yes	
9.10 Text direction: the 'direction' and 'unicode-bidi' properties	yes	
10 Visual formatting model details	partial	See the property table for the height property.
11 Visual effects	yes	
12.1 The :before and :after pseudo-elements	yes	
12.2 The 'content' property	yes	
12.3 Interaction of :before and :after with 'compact' and 'run-in' elements	no	
12.4 Quotation marks	yes	
12.5 Automatic counters and numbering	yes	
12.6.1 Markers: the 'marker-offset' property	yes	
12.6.2 Lists: the 'list-style-type', 'list-style-image', 'list-style-position', and 'list-style' properties	partial	The list-style-image and list-style-position properties are not supported. See also the property table.
13.2.1 Page margins	yes	
13.2.2 Page size: the 'size' property	yes	

<i>Section</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
13.2.3 Crop marks: the 'marks' property	no	
13.2.4 Left, right, and first pages	yes	
13.2.5 Content outside the page box	yes	
13.3 Page breaks	partial	Named pages are only supported for block-level and table elements, which are not inside of a table and have an ancestor with the <code>region</code> property set to <code>body</code> .
13.4 Cascading in the page context	yes	
14 Colors and Backgrounds	yes	
15 Fonts	partial	@font-face and descriptors are not supported.
16 Text	yes	
17 Tables	partial	Inline tables are not supported. Anonymous table objects are only supported for missing table groups and missing table cells in a row, on the condition that there are table column elements. Audio rendering is not supported.
18 User interface	no	
19 Aural style sheets	no	

3.2 PROPERTIES

<i>Property</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
azimuth	no	
background	yes	
background-attachment	yes	

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<i>Property</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
background-color	yes	
background-image	yes	
background-position	yes	
background-repeat	yes	
border	yes	
border-bottom	yes	
border-bottom-color	yes	
border-bottom-style	yes	
border-bottom-width	yes	
border-collapse	partial	Not for inline-table.
border-color	yes	
border-left	yes	
border-left-color	yes	
border-left-style	yes	
border-left-width	yes	
border-right	yes	
border-right-color	yes	
border-right-style	yes	
border-right-width	yes	
border-spacing	partial	Not for inline-table.
border-style	yes	
border-top	yes	
border-top-color	yes	
border-top-style	yes	
border-top-width	yes	

<i>Property</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
borded-width	yes	
bottom	yes	
caption-side	yes	
clear	yes	
clip	yes	
color	yes	
content	yes	
counter-increment	yes	
counter-reset	yes	
cue	no	
cue-after	no	
cue-before	no	
cursor	no	
direction	yes	
display	partial	The values <code>run-in</code> , <code>compact</code> and <code>inline-table</code> are not supported. The <code>marker</code> value is supported with the limitation that the value <code>auto</code> for the <code>width</code> property is not. Markers also don't work with floats.
elevation	no	
empty-cells	yes	
float	yes	
fonts	yes	
font-family	yes	
font-size	yes	
font-size-adjust	yes	

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<i>Property</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
font-stretch	yes	
font-style	yes	
font-variant	yes	
font-weight	yes	
height	partial	A percentage value for the height of a block, which is in another block with an explicit height, will be treated as <code>auto</code> . This stems from the fact that in this case a block has to be split in a <code>fo:block-container</code> and a nested <code>fo:block</code> , because there are properties that don't apply to both of them. The inner original block will therefore have a parent without an explicit height specification. The latter has moved to the surrounding <code>fo:block-container</code> .
left	yes	
letter-spacing	yes	
line-height	yes	
list-style	partial	See individual properties.
list-style-image	no	
list-style-position	no	
list-style-type	partial	Only the values <code>disc</code> , <code>circle</code> , <code>square</code> , <code>decimal</code> , <code>lower-roman</code> , <code>upper-roman</code> , <code>lower-alpha</code> , <code>lower-latin</code> , <code>upper-alpha</code> , <code>upper-latin</code> and <code>none</code> are supported. The additional glyphs defined in [CSS3L] are also supported. Those are <code>box</code> , <code>check</code> , <code>diamond</code> and <code>hyphen</code> .
margin	yes	

<i>Property</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
margin-bottom	yes	
margin-left	yes	
margin-right	yes	
margin-top	yes	
marker-offset	yes	
marks	no	
max-height	yes	
max-width	yes	
min-height	yes	
min-width	yes	
orphans	yes	
outline	no	
outline-color	no	
outline-style	no	
outline-width	no	
overflow	yes	
padding	yes	
padding-bottom	yes	
padding-left	yes	
padding-right	yes	
padding-top	yes	
page	partial	Only for block-level and table elements, which are not inside of a table and have an ancestor with the <code>region</code> property set to <code>body</code> .
page-break-after	yes	

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<i>Property</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
page-break-before	yes	
page-break-inside	yes	
pause	no	
pause-after	no	
pause-before	no	
pitch	no	
play-during	no	
play-range	no	
position	yes	
quotes	yes	
richness	no	
right	yes	
size	yes	
speak	no	
speak-header	no	
speak-numeral	no	
speak-punctuation	no	
speech-rate	no	
stress	no	
table-layout	yes	
text-align	yes	
text-decoration	yes	
text-indent	yes	
text-transform	yes	
top	yes	

<i>Property</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Remarks and restrictions</i>
unicode-bidi	yes	
vertical-align	yes	
visibility	yes	
voice-family	no	
volume	no	
white-space	yes	
widows	yes	
width	yes	
word-spacing	yes	
z-index	yes	

EXTENSIONS

The extension features of the tool mostly pertain to page-oriented aspects. Care has been taken to not introduce new syntax. There are, however, a number of new properties. Those are normally safely ignored by browsers. In the case where there would be an impact on the layout produced by browsers, the properties can be confined to the “print” medium through `@media` rules.

4.1 PAGE REGIONS

This extension introduces XSL-FO-compatible page regions. Regions can be defined by placing a `region` property on an element. The allowed values are `bottom`, `left`, `right`, `top` and `body`. At least one element with the `region` property set to `body` should be present in the document.¹ Page sequences are only generated for the content of such an element. The regions other than the body region must be the first direct children of the body region. Otherwise they are ignored. In the case of HTML, for example, this means that they should come at the beginning of the `body` element.

On top of that, either the `width` property, for left and right regions, or the `height` property, for top and bottom regions, should be defined. They will determine the dimensions of the page regions. The default value for `width` is “20mm”. For `height` it is “10mm”.

The extension property `precedence` is also available for the top and bottom regions. Its value can be `true` or `false`, the latter being the initial value. The property says whether the width of the top or bottom region is equal to that of the page reference area or if they give way to the left and right regions.

The regions work together with the `@page` rules, i.e. it is possible to specify different regions, which correspond to the different page types in the style sheet. This can be achieved by also specifying the `page` property, which is a standard CSS2 property. Consider the following example:

```
div.bottom-left, div.bottom-right { display: none; }

@media print
{
  div.bottom-left
  {
    height: 15mm;
    page: left;
    region: bottom;
    text-align: left;
  }
}
```

¹ The HTML User Agent style sheet sets this property to the `body` element.

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```
    }  
  
    div.bottom-right  
    {  
        height: 15mm;  
        page: right;  
        region: bottom;  
        text-align: right;  
    }  
  
    span.page:before { content: counter(page); }  
}
```

This says that on left pages the bottom region is left-aligned, while on right pages it is right-aligned. The `span` element is used in the following region definitions:

```
<div class="bottom-left">  
  <p>&nbsp;</p>  
  <div><span class="page" /></div>  
</div>  
  
<div class="bottom-right">  
  <p>&nbsp;</p>  
  <div><span class="page" /></div>  
</div>
```

The `page` property bears a kind of inheritance mechanism. For any page the regions with the most specific page property will be selected. A region without a page property is the least specific. A named page is more specific and the values `left` and `right` are yet more specific. After this comes the new pseudo page `blank`, which is for blank pages that are generated because of page positioning constraints such as `left` and `right`. The first page of a chapter, for example, is sometimes forced to be a right page. This can produce an extra blank page for the previous chapter. In fact, this maps directly to the XSL-FO blank pages. There are special values, which are even more specific, such as `first-right`, `blank-left`, `left-<page-name>`, etc. If, for example, there is no bottom region for `first-right`, but there is one for `first`, the latter will be selected if the first page happens to be on the right. See section “*page*” for the precise precedence rules.

In order for the top, bottom, left and right region elements not to interfere with the normal flow it is best to set their display type to `none`.

4.2 PAGE NUMBERING

The two special counters `page` and `pages` in this tool are taken over from the CSS3 Paged Media Module (see also [CSS3P]). The `page` can be used just like any other counter, except that it is confined to the regions. The following example shows a document with a preface and a body. Each resets the page count. The preface has a lower Roman numbering style, while the body uses the decimal style. If the body page didn't reset the counter, numbering would continue from the preface, but with a change of style.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
  "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <head>
    <title></title>
    <style type="text/css">
@page preface
{
  counter-reset: page;
  margin: 10%;
}

@page body
{
  counter-reset: page;
  margin: 10%;
}

div.bottom-preface
{
  display: none;
  page: preface;
  region: bottom;
}

div.bottom-body
{
  display: none;
  page: body;
  region: bottom;
}

div.bottom-preface > span.page:before
{
  content: counter(page, lower-roman);
}

div.bottom-body > span.page:before
{
  content: counter(page, decimal);
}

div.preface { page: preface; }
div.body { page: body; }
</style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="bottom-preface"><span class="page"/></div>
  <div class="bottom-body"><span class="page"/></div>
  <div class="preface">
    <p>Text.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="body">
    <p>Text.</p>

```

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```
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```

4.3 PAGE REFERENCES

You sometimes want to write phrases like “The diagram on page 19 ...”. The `CSSTOXSLFO` tool provides this functionality through the `page-ref` function, which can be used in the `content` property. Its only parameter is the name of an attribute that contains the ID of another element. The function call will be replaced with the number of the page that element is on.

In `XHTML` it is a bit more complicated to achieve the desired result, because there aren't many extension attributes available for it. The following fragment shows how it can be done:

```

...
<span class="page-ref"><span class="img1"/></span>
```

The accompanying style sheet rule would then be:

```
span.page-ref > span:before { content: page-ref(class); }
```

4.4 LEADERS

It is possible to use `XSL-FO` leaders through the display type `leader`. The properties defined in section 7.21 of `[XSL-FO]` (“Leader and Rule Properties”) can be used in a `CSS` style sheet, with the exception that the `leader-length` property cannot have a length range as a value. If you want to create table of contents lines or something similar, you also need the `XSL-FO` property `text-align-last`, described in section 7.15.10 of `[XSL-FO]`. The following example shows how a table of contents line could be made in `XHTML`.

```
<div class="toc">
  <a href="#chapter1">Title of Chapter 1</a>
  <span class="leader"/>
  <span class="page-ref"><span class="chapter1"/></span>
</div>
```

The piece of style sheet that goes with it is:

```
div.toc
{
  text-align-last: justify;
}

span.leader
{
  display: leader;
  leader-pattern: dots;
```

```

    leader-pattern-width: 5pt;
  }

span.page-ref > span:before
{
  content: page-ref(class);
}

```

4.5 NAMED STRINGS

Named strings, as described in [CSS3G], are supported in CSS TO XSLFO. This consists of the `string-set` property, with which contents can be captured, and the `string()` function. The latter can occur in the value of the `content` property. The `string-set` property accepts values which are similar to those of the `content` property. There is an additional keyword `contents`, which is replaced with the string value of the element carrying the `string-set` property.

The following is a simple XHTML example of how you can create a running header that refers to the current chapter.

```

<body>
  <div class="top">
    <span class="mark"/>
  </div>
  ...
  <h1>Chapter Title</h1>
  ...
</body>

```

Here is the bit of style sheet that does it:

```

div.top
{
  region: top;
  display: none;
}

div.top > span.mark:before { content: string(mark); }

h1 { string-set: mark contents; }

```

4.6 HYPHENATION

Text can be hyphenated through the `hyphenate` property, which is inherited. The possible values are `true` and `false`. Hyphenation is turned off by default.

4.7 FOOTNOTES

It is possible to produce footnotes using the `footnote-reference` and `footnote-body` display types. The former is displayed in the flow, while the latter goes to the footnote area at the bottom of the page. When a footnote body occurs it must

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be immediately preceded by a footnote reference, otherwise it is treated as if the display were none. Not even a space should separate them. A footnote reference can also occur on its own.

The contents of both the footnote reference and body is free. Both display types exist to give you complete control over the contents and style. Usually some footnote counter is used, as shown in the example below. There is an extra counter style `footnote`, which produces symbols, such as an asterisk, dagger, etc.

```
h1 { counter-reset: footnote; }

span.footnote-body
{
  display: footnote-body;
  font-size: 0.83em;
}

span.footnote-body:before
{
  content: counter(footnote);
  padding-right: 1em;
}

span.footnote-reference
{
  display: footnote-reference;
}

span.footnote-reference:before
{
  counter-increment: footnote;
  content: counter(footnote);
  font-size: 0.83em;
  vertical-align: super;
}
```

In the document a footnote would then look like this:

```
<p>Paragraph text.<span class="footnote-reference"/><span
class="footnote-body">Footnote text.</span></p>
```

4.8 ORIENTATION

You can rotate text with the `orientation` property. This works only for block-level elements. The possible values are 0, 90, 180, 270, -90, -180, -270. They represent the degrees in the counter-clockwise direction. The initial value is 0.

4.9 LIST STYLE TYPES

The glyphs for the `list-style-type` property, as defined in [CSS3L], are implemented.

4.10 MULTICOLUMN

With the properties `column-count`, which must be strictly positive, and `column-gap`, which is a length, a multi-column layout can be specified for a page. Both properties are allowed in an `@page` rule. As a consequence, if you want to switch between column modes, you have to switch pages as well.

With the `column-span` property a blocks and tables, that are not themselves inside of another table, can be made to span all the columns of a multi-column page. The allowed values for the property are `all` and `none`.

4.11 CHANGE BARS

The change bar properties introduced in [XSL-FO11] are available for `:before` and `:after` pseudo elements. For the latter, only the `change-bar-class` property is relevant. The following is a simple example:

```
p.changed:before
{
  change-bar-class: changed;
  change-bar-style: solid; /* initial value is none */
  change-bar-width: 0.2pt;
}

p.changed:after { change-bar-class: changed; }
```

Note that this feature only works for XEP4 at the moment.

4.12 LINKS

The `link` property can have the name of an attribute as its value. The value of that attribute will be used as the target URL or internal target ID for the generated link. Likewise, the value of the `anchor` property can be the name of an attribute, the value of which will become the target ID. This way an internal link destination can be created. For example:

```
a[href] { link: href; }
a[name] { anchor: name; }
```

4.13 GRAPHICS

An external graphic can be included in a document through the display type `graphic`. The XSL-FO properties `content-height`, `content-width`, `content-type`, `scaling` and `scaling-method` are supported. Their definition is in [XSL-FO]. The property `src` is interpreted differently. Its value should be the name of an attribute that has a URI for a value. For the XHTML element `img`, for example, the User Agent style sheet contains the following:

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```
img
{
  content-height: scale-to-fit;
  content-width: scale-to-fit;
  display: graphic;
  scaling: uniform;
  src: src;
}
```

4.14 PROPERTY SPECIFICATIONS

4.14.1 *anchor*

Value: <identifier>
Initial: none
Applies to: block-level and inline-level elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

<identifier>

The name of an attribute the value of which is the target ID.

4.14.2 *change-bar-class*

Value: <name>
Initial: none, value required
Applies to: before and after pseudo elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

<name>

An NCName, as defined in [NAMES], to allow pairing of before and after elements, which don't have to belong to the same element. This way a change bar context is created.

4.14.3 *change-bar-color*

Value: <color>
Initial: the value of the `color` property
Applies to: before pseudo elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

<color>

Specifies the color of the change bar.

4.14.4 *change-bar-offset*

<i>Value:</i>	<length>
<i>Initial:</i>	6pt
<i>Applies to:</i>	before pseudo elements
<i>Inherited:</i>	no
<i>Percentages:</i>	N/A
<i>Media:</i>	print

<length>

Gives the distance from the edge of the column area containing the text that is marked as changed to the center of the generated change bar. A positive distance is directed away from the column region and into the margin regardless of the `change-bar-placement` property. Relative lengths (i.e., percentage values and lengths with units of “em”) are not permitted for the value of this property.

4.14.5 *change-bar-placement*

<i>Value:</i>	left right inside outside alternate
<i>Initial:</i>	start
<i>Applies to:</i>	before pseudo elements
<i>Inherited:</i>	no
<i>Percentages:</i>	N/A
<i>Media:</i>	print

alternate

When there are exactly two columns, the change bar will be offset from the left edge of all column one areas and the right edge of all column two areas; when there are any other number of columns, this value is equivalent to “outside”.

inside

If the page binding edge is on the left-edge, the change bar will be offset from the left edge of all column areas. If the binding is the right-edge, the change bar will be offset from the right edge of all column areas. If the page binding edge is on neither the left-edge nor right-edge, the change bar will be offset from the left edge of all column areas.

left

The change bar will be offset from the left edge of all column areas.

outside

If the page binding edge is on the left-edge, the change bar will be offset from the right edge of all column areas. If the binding is the right-edge, the change bar will be offset from the left edge of all column areas. If the page binding edge is on neither the left-edge nor right-edge, the change bar will be offset from the right edge of all column areas.

right

The change bar will be offset from the right edge of all column areas.

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4.14.6 *change-bar-style*

Value: <border-style>
Initial: none
Applies to: before pseudo elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

4.14.7 *change-bar-width*

Value: <border-width>
Initial: medium
Applies to: before pseudo elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

<border-width>

Relative lengths (i.e., percentage values and lengths with units of “em”) are not permitted for the value of this property.

4.14.8 *column-count*

Value: <integer>
Initial: 1
Applies to: the page context
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

<integer>

The value must be larger than or equal to 1.

4.14.9 *column-gap*

Value: <length> | <percentage>
Initial: 12.opt
Applies to: the page context
Inherited: no
Percentages: refer to the width of the body region
Media: print

<length>

This is an unsigned length, If a negative value has been specified a value of opt will be used.

<percentage>

The value is a percentage of the width of the body region.

4.14.10 *column-span*

Value: none | all

Initial: none

Applies to: block elements which are not in table elements

Inherited: no

Percentages: N/A

Media: print

all

This element spans all columns of a multi-column region.

none

This element does not span multiple columns of a multi-column region.

4.14.11 *content-height*

Value: auto | scale-to-fit | <length> | <percentage>

Initial: auto

Applies to: graphic elements

Inherited: no

Percentages: intrinsic height

Media: print

auto

The content-height should be the intrinsic content-height.

scale-to-fit

A size of the content-height equal to the height of the viewport. This implies a certain scaling factor to be applied onto the content.

<length>

An absolute size for the content-height. This implies a certain scaling factor to be applied onto the content.

<percentage>

A percentage representing a scaling factor applied to the intrinsic height.

4.14.12 *content-type*

Value: auto | <string>

Initial: auto

Applies to: graphic elements

Inherited: no

Percentages: intrinsic height

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auto

No identification of the content-type. The User Agent may determine it by “sniffing” or by other means.

<string>

A specification of the content-type in terms of a mime-type, which has the form “content-type:” followed by a mime content-type, e.g., content-type="content-type:xml/svg".

4.14.13 *content-width*

Value: auto | scale-to-fit | <length> | <percentage>

Initial: auto

Applies to: graphic elements

Inherited: no

Percentages: intrinsic width

Media: print

auto

The content-width should be the intrinsic content-width.

scale-to-fit

A size of the content-width equal to the width of the viewport. This implies a certain scaling factor to be applied onto the content.

<length>

An absolute size for the content-width. This implies a certain scaling factor to be applied onto the content.

<percentage>

A percentage representing a scaling factor applied to the intrinsic width.

4.14.14 *display*

This section specifies additional values for the property.

Value: footnote-body | footnote-reference | graphic | leader

Initial: inline

Applies to: all elements

Inherited: no

Percentages: N/A

Media: print

footnote-body

The contents of the element goes to the footnote area. The element must be immediately preceded by an element of type `footnote-reference`, otherwise it is treated as if its display type were `none`. Not even a space is allowed between both elements.

footnote-reference

This is an inline variant. Its contents is displayed in the flow. It can occur without a following `footnote-body` element.

graphic

This display type is used to include external graphics.

leader

This display type is used to produce XSL-FO leaders.

4.14.15 *hyphenate*

Value: false | true

Initial: false

Applies to: block-level and inline-level elements

Inherited: yes

Percentages: N/A

Media: print

false

Hyphenation is not active for the text in this element.

true

Hyphenation is active for the text in this element.

4.14.16 *leader-alignment*

Value: none | reference-area | page

Initial: none

Applies to: leader elements

Inherited: yes

Percentages: N/A

Media: print

none

Leader-pattern has no special alignment.

page

Leader-pattern is aligned as if it began on the current page's left-edge.

reference-area

Leader-pattern is aligned as if it began on the current reference-area's content-rectangle left-edge.

Specifies whether leader elements having identical content and property values shall have their patterns aligned with each other, with respect to their common reference-area or page. For leader elements where the `leader-pattern` property is specified as `dots` or as `use-content`, this property will be honored. If the leader elements is aligned, the left-edge of each cycle of the repeated pattern will be placed on the left-edge of the next cycle in the appropriate pattern-alignment grid.

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4.14.17 *leader-pattern*

<i>Value:</i>	space rule dots use-content
<i>Initial:</i>	space
<i>Applies to:</i>	leader elements
<i>Inherited:</i>	yes
<i>Percentages:</i>	N/A
<i>Media:</i>	print

dots

Leader is to be filled with a repeating sequence of dots. The choice of dot character is dependent on the user agent.

rule

Leader is to be filled with a rule. If this choice is selected, the `rule-thickness` and `rule-style` properties are used to set the leader's style.

space

Leader is to be filled with blank space.

use-content

Leader is to be filled with a repeating pattern as specified by the children of the leader element.

4.14.18 *leader-pattern-width*

<i>Value:</i>	use-font-metrics <length> <percentage>
<i>Initial:</i>	use-font-metrics
<i>Applies to:</i>	leader elements
<i>Inherited:</i>	yes
<i>Percentages:</i>	refer to the width of the content-rectangle of the parent area.
<i>Media:</i>	print

use-font-metrics

Use the width of the leader-pattern as determined from its font metrics.

<length>

Sets the length for leader-pattern-repeating. The leader will have an inline-space inserted after each pattern cycle to account for any difference between the width of the pattern as determined by the font metrics and the width specified in this property. If the length specified is less than the value that would be determined via the `use-font-metrics` choice, the value of this property is computed as if `use-font-metrics` choice had been specified.

<percentage>

Sets the length for leader-pattern-repeating to a percentage of the width of the content-rectangle of the parent area.

For leader elements where the `leader-pattern` property is specified as `dots` or as `use-content`, this property will be honored.

4.14.19 *leader-length*

Value: <length> | <percentage>
Initial: 12.opt
Applies to: leader elements
Inherited: yes
Percentages: refer to the width of the content-rectangle of the parent area.
Media: print

<length>

Sets the length of a leader element.

<percentage>

Sets the length of a leader element to a percentage of the width of the content-rectangle of the parent area.

4.14.20 *link*

Value: <identifier>
Initial: none
Applies to: block-level and inline-level elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

<identifier>

The name of an attribute the value of which is either a target ID or a URI.

4.14.21 *list-style-type*

This section specifies additional glyph values for the property.

Value: box | check | diamond | hyphen
Initial: disc
Applies to: elements with “display: list-item”
Inherited: yes
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

box

A hollow square.

check

A check mark.

diamond

A filled diamond.

hyphen

A hyphen bullet.

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4.14.22 *orientation*

Value: 0 | 90 | 180 | 270 | -90 | -180 | -270
Initial: 0
Applies to: block elements
Inherited: yes
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

- 0
The material in this element is not rotated.
- 90
The material in this element is rotated 90 degrees counter-clockwise with respect to the containing block element.
- 180
The material in this element is rotated 180 degrees counter-clockwise with respect to the containing block element.
- 270
The material in this element is rotated 270 degrees counter-clockwise with respect to the containing block element.
- 90
The material in this element is rotated 90 degrees clockwise with respect to the containing block element.
- 180
The material in this element is rotated 180 degrees clockwise with respect to the containing block element.
- 270
The material in this element is rotated 270 degrees clockwise with respect to the containing block element.

4.14.23 *page*

This section specifies the property in the context of static regions. It defines the pages to which the static region applies. If more than one static region of the same kind (left, right, top or bottom) applies to a page, the most specific is selected, i.e. the one for which the most conditions are fulfilled. Each property value expresses a number of conditions.

Value: auto | first | left | right | blank | first-left | first-right | blank-left | blank-right | first-*<identifier>* | left-*<identifier>* | right-*<identifier>* | blank-*<identifier>* | first-left-*<identifier>* | first-right-*<identifier>* | blank-left-*<identifier>* | blank-right-*<identifier>* | *<identifier>*
Initial: auto
Applies to: static regions
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A

Media: print

auto

Applies to any page.

blank

Applies if the page is a blank page. Blank pages can be generated, for example, when page breaks are forced to left or right pages.

blank-left

Applies if the page is a blank and a left page.

blank-right

Applies if the page is a blank and a right page.

blank-<identifier>

Applies if the page is a blank and a named page, with the name set to the specified identifier.

blank-left-<identifier>

Applies if the page is a blank, left and named page, with the name set to the specified identifier.

blank-right-<identifier>

Applies if the page is a blank, right and named page, with the name set to the specified identifier.

first

Applies if the page is a first page.

first-left

Applies if the page is a first and a left page.

first-right

Applies if the page is a first and a right page.

first-<identifier>

Applies if the page is a first and a named page, with the name set to the specified identifier. When the document switches to a named page sequence, using the `page` property in the regular way, the first page of that sequence is a first page.

first-left-<identifier>

Applies if the page is a first, left and named page, with the name set to the specified identifier.

first-right-<identifier>

Applies if the page is a first, right and named page, with the name set to the specified identifier.

left

Applies if the page is a left page.

left-<identifier>

Applies if the page is a left and a named page, with the name set to the specified identifier.

right

Applies if the page is a right page.

right-<identifier>

Applies if the page is a right and a named page, with the name set to the specified identifier.

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<identifier

Applies if the page is a named page, with the name set to the specified identifier.

4.14.24 *precedence*

Value: false | true
Initial: false
Applies to: static top and bottom regions
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

false

The width of the region is reduced by the incursions of the left and right regions.

true

The height of the left and right regions is reduced by the incursions of this region.

4.14.25 *region*

Value: body | left | right | top | bottom | none
Initial: none
Applies to: all elements, but see prose
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

body

There should be one element with this value for the property. For the contents of this element the page sequences will be generated.

bottom

This element becomes the bottom static region. The pages for which this is the case can be limited through the `page` property.

left

This element becomes the left static region.

none

The element is not a region.

right

This element becomes the right static region.

top

This element becomes the top static region.

The static region elements should be the first child elements of the body region. In other words, they should precede all elements which are not static regions, otherwise their `region` property is ignored.

4.14.26 *rule-style*

This property applies only if the `leader-pattern` property is specified as `rule`.

Value: none | dotted | dashed | solid | double | groove | ridge
Initial: solid
Applies to: leader elements
Inherited: yes
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

dashed

The rule is a series of short line segments.

dotted

The rule is a series of dots.

double

The rule is two solid lines. The sum of the two lines and the space between them equals the value of the `rule-thickness` property.

groove

The rule looks as though it were carved into the canvas. (Top/left half of the rule's thickness is the color specified; the other half is white.)

none

No rule, forces `rule-thickness` to 0.

ridge

The opposite of “groove”, the rule looks as though it were coming out of the canvas. (Bottom/right half of the rule's thickness is the color specified; the other half is white.)

solid

The rule is a single line segment.

4.14.27 *rule-stickness*

This property applies only if the `leader-pattern` property is specified as `rule`.

Value: <length>
Initial: 1.opt
Applies to: leader elements
Inherited: yes
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

<length>

The rule-thickness is always perpendicular to its length-axis. The rule is thickened equally above and below the line's alignment position.

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4.14.28 *scaling*

Value: uniform | non-uniform
Initial: uniform
Applies to: graphic elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: intrinsic width
Media: print

non-uniform

Scaling need not preserve the intrinsic aspect ratio.

uniform

Scaling should preserve the intrinsic aspect ratio.

4.14.29 *scaling-method*

Value: auto | integer-pixels | resample-any-method
Initial: auto
Applies to: graphic elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: intrinsic width
Media: print

auto

The User Agent is free to choose either resampling, integer scaling, or any other scaling method.

integer-pixels

The User Agent should scale the image such that each pixel in the original image is scaled to the nearest integer number of device-pixels that yields an image less-than-or-equal-to the image size derived from the content-height, content-width, and scaling properties.

resample-any-method

The User Agent should resample the supplied image to provide an image that fills the size derived from the content-height, content-width, and scaling properties. The user agent may use any sampling method.

4.14.30 *src*

Value: <identifier>
Initial: none, value required
Applies to: graphic elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

<identifier>

The name of an attribute the value of which is a URI.

4.14.31 *string-set*

Value: none | <identifier> contents | <identifier> <content>
Initial: none
Applies to: all elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

none

No named string is set.

<identifier> contents

The string named by the identifier is set to the textual contents of the element.

<identifier> <content>

The string named by the identifier is set to the result of the evaluation of the expression in <content>. The syntax for the expression is the same as that for the `content` property.

4.14.32 *text-align-last*

Value: <identifier>
Initial: relative
Applies to: block elements
Inherited: no
Percentages: N/A
Media: print

center

Specifies that the contents is to be centered horizontally.

inside

If the page binding edge is on the left-edge, the alignment will be left. If the binding is on the right-edge, the alignment will be right. If neither, use left alignment.

justify

Specifies that the contents is to be expanded to fill the available width.

left

Specifies that the contents is to be aligned on the left-edge.

outside

If the page binding edge is on the left-edge, the alignment will be right. If the binding is on the right-edge, the alignment will be left. If neither, use right alignment.

relative

If `text-align` is `justify`, then the alignment of the last line, and of any line ending in U+000A, will be left. If `text-align` is not `justify`, `text-align-last` will use the value of `text-align`.

right

Specifies that the contents is to be aligned on the right-edge.

4.15 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIFICATIONS

4.15.1 *The :blank Pseudo-class*

The `:blank` pseudo-class is available to specify properties in the page context for blank pages. Those can be generated, for example, when pages are forced to start at the left or right.

4.15.2 *The page And pages Counters*

The `page` counter represents the current page number, while the `pages` counter represents the total number of pages in the document. Both can be used in static regions only. The `page` counter may be reset in the page context.

4.15.3 *The page-ref Function*

The `page-ref` function can be used in the `content` property. Its only parameter is the name of an attribute that contains the `ID` of another element. The function call will be replaced with the number of the page that element is on.

4.15.4 *The string Function*

The `string` function produces the string that was saved with a `string-set` property. Its argument is the name used in a `string-set` property. If a named string is set more than once on a page, the first occurrence will be returned by the `string` function.

4.15.5 *The footnote Counter Style*

This counter style produces symbols in the following order: *, †, ‡, §, ||, ¶, #, **, ††, ‡‡, §§. If the counter value is larger than the number of symbols in the preceding list, the * symbol is generated.

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EMBEDDING IN AN APPLICATION

5.1 API SPECIFICATION

5.1.1 *be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter*

This class extends `org.xml.sax.helpers.XMLFilterImpl`. The source of the `SAX` events that are sent through the filter must be namespace aware. If it is an `XML` parser this option must be turned on.

Constructors

```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter  
(  
    java.net.URL baseUrl,  
    java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet,  
    java.util.Map userAgentParameters,  
    XMLReader parent,  
    boolean debug  
) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

`baseUrl`

The `baseUrl` is used to resolve relative `URLS`. This includes references to style sheets as well as other resources. Because of the latter the resulting `XSL-FO` document is not relocatable. The relative `URLS` in the input document are transformed into absolute ones using the `baseUrl`. This copes with the case where the input document is an anonymous stream that refers to style sheets in a relative way. The set of style sheets is then relocatable through the `baseUrl`.

If `baseUrl` is `null` no resolution of relative `URLS` will be done.

`userAgentStyleSheet`

The default style sheet for the filter. It is used in the way described in section 6.4 of [CSS2]. If the parameter is `null`, a default style sheet for `HTML` is used.

`userAgentParameters`

These are defined in section “*User Agent Parameters*”.

`parent`

The parent filter. It must not be `null`.

`debug`

If `debug` is `true` a number of debug files are dumped. They show the results of the internal processing steps.

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```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter  
(  
    java.net.URL baseUrl,  
    java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet,  
    java.util.Map userAgentParameters,  
    XMLReader parent  
) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter with debug set to false.

```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter  
(  
    java.net.URL baseUrl,  
    java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet,  
    XMLReader parent  
) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter with an empty `userAgentParameters` map and debug set to false.

```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter  
(  
    java.net.URL baseUrl,  
    XMLReader parent  
) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter with `userAgentStyleSheet` set to null, an empty `userAgentParameters` map and debug set to false.

```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter  
(  
    XMLReader parent  
) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter with `baseUrl` and `userAgentStyleSheet` set to null, an empty `userAgentParameters` map and debug set to false.

```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter  
(  
    java.net.URL baseUrl,  
    java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet,  
    java.util.Map userAgentParameters,  
    boolean debug  
) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter without a parent.


```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter  
(  
    java.net.URL baseUrl,  
    java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet,  
    java.util.Map userAgentParameters  
) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter without a parent and debug set to false.

```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter  
(  
    java.net.URL baseUrl,  
    java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet  
) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter without a parent, an empty `userAgentParameters` map and debug set to false.

```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter(java.net.URL baseUrl) throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter without a parent, `userAgentStyleSheet` set to null, an empty `userAgentParameters` map and debug set to false.

```
public CSSToXSLFOFilter() throws CSSToXSLFOException
```

Constructs the filter without a parent, `baseUrl` and `userAgentStyleSheet` set to null, an empty `userAgentParameters` map and debug set to false.

Methods

```
public java.net.URL getBaseUrl()
```

Returns the base URL of the filter. It is either set in a constructor or with the `setBaseUrl` method.

```
public java.util.Map getParameters()
```

Returns the User Agent parameters of the filter. They are either set in a constructor or with the `setUserAgentStyleSheet` method.

```
public java.net.URL getUserAgentStyleSheet()
```

Returns the User Agent style sheet of the filter. It is either set in a constructor or with the `setUserAgentStyleSheet` method.

```
public void setBaseUrl(java.net.URL baseUrl)
```

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Sets the base URL of the filter. The base URL is used to resolve relative URLs in the input document. See also `baseUrl`.

```
public void setParameters(java.util.Map parameters)
```

Sets the User Agent parameters of the filter. See also `userAgentParameters`.

```
public void setUserAgentStyleSheet(java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet)
```

Sets the User Agent style sheet of the filter. See also `userAgentStyleSheet`.

5.1.2 be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOException

This class extends `java.lang.Exception`.

Constructors

```
public CSSToXSLFOException(java.lang.Exception e)
```

This is just a wrapper around `e`.

```
public CSSToXSLFOException(java.lang.String message)
```

The parameter will be returned by the method `getMessage`.

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This class contains a few convenience methods with which an XML filter set-up can be avoided, because they do it for you.

Methods

```
public static void convert  
(  
    java.io.InputStream in,  
    java.io.OutputStream out,  
    java.net.URL baseUrl,  
    java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet,  
    java.net.URL catalog,  
    java.util.Map userAgentParameters,  
    java.net.URL[] preprocessors,  
    boolean validate,  
    boolean debug  
) throws java.io.IOException, CSSToXSLFOException
```

in

The input document. It must not be `null`.

`out`

The output document. It must not be `null`.

`baseUrl`

See `baseUrl`.

`userAgentStyleSheet`

See `userAgentStyleSheet`.

`catalog`

The catalog used to resolve entities during XML parsing. It must have the format defined by SGML Open Technical Resolution TR9401:1997. Only the “PUBLIC” and “SYSTEM” keywords are supported. It may be `null`.

`userAgentParameters`

See `userAgentParameters`.

`preprocessors`

An array of XSLT style sheets. The input goes through them in the specified order and before the `CSSToXSLFOFilter`.

`validate`

Turns on validation during XML parsing of the input document.

`debug`

See `debug`.

public static void convert

```
(  
    java.io.InputStream in,  
    java.io.OutputStream out,  
    java.net.URL userAgentStyleSheet  
) throws java.io.IOException, CSSToXSLFOException
```

Calls the first variant of `convert` with `baseUrl`, `catalog` and `preprocessors` set to `null`, `validate` and `debug` set to `false` and an empty `userAgentParameters` map.

public static void convert

```
(  
    java.io.InputStream in,  
    java.io.OutputStream out  
) throws java.io.IOException, CSSToXSLFOException
```

Calls the first variant of `convert` with `baseUrl`, `userAgentStyleSheet`, `catalog` and `preprocessors` set to `null`, `validate` and `debug` set to `false` and an empty `userAgentParameters` map.

5.2 EXAMPLES

Since `CSSToXSLFOFilter` is derived from `org.xml.sax.helpers.XMLFilterImpl`, it implements all SAX event interfaces, as well as `org.xml.sax.XMLFilter`. As a consequence, the filter can occur in input and output filter chains.

5.2.1 *Example 1*

The most straight-forward scenario is an application that reads the input document from a file and that writes an XSL-FO document into another file. For this we need an XML parser that can produce SAX events. The parser implements the `org.xml.sax.XMLReader` interface, so we can make it the parent of `CSSToXSLFOFilter`.

In order to create a parser, we first have to set up the parser factory and make it namespace-aware. This happens at the lines 6 through 8. The filter can now be created with the input document as the base URL (in case any relative URLs need to be resolved) and an XML parser as its parent. This is done at the lines 9 through 14.

We now have to prepare the output part. We use an XSLT transformer without a style sheet to copy the SAX events to the output. The transformer must be in a form that accepts SAX events. This is why a `javax.xml.transform.sax.TransformerHandler` is created at lines 15 through 19. It implements the `org.xml.sax.ContentHandler` interface. By giving it the output file as a result (lines 20 through 26), the SAX events are transformed in the XML syntax.

The input and output parts can now be connected by setting the content handler of the filter to the transformer handler (line 27). The whole chain is then activated by calling the `parse` method, passing it the input document in the form of a file. The filter will pass this call onto the parser, which is its parent. The parser starts producing SAX events that go through the filter and into the transformer handler.

```
1 public class Example1
2 {
3     public static void
4     main(String[] args) throws Exception
5     {
6         javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory factory =
7             javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory.newInstance();
8
9         factory.setNamespaceAware(true);
10
11         be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter filter =
12             new be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter
13             (
14                 new java.io.File(args[0]).toURL(), // base URL.
15                 factory.newSAXParser().getXMLReader()
16             );
17
18         javax.xml.transform.sax.TransformerHandler handler =
19             (
20                 (javax.xml.transform.sax.SAXTransformerFactory)
21                 javax.xml.transform.TransformerFactory.newInstance()
22                 ).newTransformerHandler();
23
24         handler.setResult
25         (
26             new javax.xml.transform.stream.StreamResult
27             (
28                 new java.io.File(args[1])
29             )
30         );
31     }
32 }
```

```
26     );
27     filter.setContentHandler(handler);
28     filter.parse
29     (
30         new org.xml.sax.InputSource
31         (
32             new java.io.FileInputStream(args[0])
33         )
34     );
35 }
36 }
```

5.2.2 Example 2

A variation of the previous example is to perform the transformation of the SAX events coming out of the filter to XML syntax in another way. In the previous example the parser had the control flow and the transformer acted as a handler of SAX events. We can also give the control flow to a transformer that reads the input and copies it to the output, because we don't give it any style sheet. We need to create a `javax.xml.transform.Transformer`. It is done at lines 15 through 17. The actual transformation is launched at lines 18 through 32. For this to work, we have to wrap our filter in a `javax.xml.transform.sax.SAXSource`. For the transformer it is as if it is going to call an XML parser.

```
1 public class Example2
2 {
3     public static void
4     main(String[] args) throws Exception
5     {
6         javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory factory =
7             javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory.newInstance();
8
9         factory.setNamespaceAware(true);
10
11         be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter filter =
12         new be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter
13         (
14             new java.io.File(args[0]).toURL(), // base URL.
15             factory.newSAXParser().getXMLReader()
16         );
17
18         javax.xml.transform.Transformer transformer =
19         javax.xml.transform.TransformerFactory.newInstance().
20         newTransformer();
21
22         transformer.transform
23         (
24             new javax.xml.transform.sax.SAXSource
25             (
26                 filter, // Acts as the XMLReader.
27                 new org.xml.sax.InputSource
```

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```
24     (
25         new java.io.FileInputStream(args[0])
26     )
27 ),
28     new javax.xml.transform.stream.StreamResult
29     (
30         new java.io.File(args[1])
31     )
32 );
33 }
34 }
```

5.2.3 *Example 3*

This example shows how a pre-processing step can be added to the filter chain. The input document is transformed by the pre-processor and the resulting SAX events go through the conversion filter. The pre-processor is created at lines 9 through 13. This one does nothing, i.e. it lets the events go through unmodified. In reality you would replace it with a class of your own.

The pre-processor instead of the filter is now initialised with the XML parser as its parent. The pre-processor will become the parent of the filter, as shown at line 18. When the parse method is called, the filter passes the call onto the pre-processor, which in turn passes it onto the parser. The SAX events produced by the parser will then flow through the pre-processor, which in turn forwards them, possibly modified, to the filter.

```
1 public class Example3
2 {
3     public static void
4     main(String[] args) throws Exception
5     {
6         javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory factory =
7             javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory.newInstance();
8
9         factory.setNamespaceAware(true);
10
11         org.xml.sax.helpers.XMLFilterImpl myPreprocessor =
12             new org.xml.sax.helpers.XMLFilterImpl
13             (
14                 factory.newSAXParser().getXMLReader()
15             );
16
17         be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter filter =
18             new be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter
19             (
20                 new java.io.File(args[0]).toURL(), // base URL.
21                 myPreprocessor
22             );
23
24         javax.xml.transform.sax.TransformerHandler handler =
25             (
26                 (javax.xml.transform.sax.SAXTransformerFactory)
27                 javax.xml.transform.TransformerFactory.newInstance()
28             )
29             .newTransformer(handler);
30
31         handler.setSource(new java.io.FileInputStream(args[0]));
32         handler.setResult(new java.io.FileOutputStream(args[1]));
33         handler.transform();
34     }
35 }
```

```
24     ).newTransformerHandler();

25     handler.setResult
26     (
27         new javax.xml.transform.stream.StreamResult
28         (
29             new java.io.File(args[1])
30         )
31     );

32     filter.setContentHandler(handler);

33     filter.parse
34     (
35         new org.xml.sax.InputSource
36         (
37             new java.io.FileInputStream(args[0])
38         )
39     );
40 }
41 }
```

5.2.4 Example 4

The previous example can be modified in such a way that the pre-processor is an XSLT style sheet. From this style sheet a `org.xml.sax.XMLFilter` must be made, because it will sit between the XML parser and the filter. This is shown at lines 9 through 19. The transformer factory is re-used afterwards to create also the output handler.

```
1 public class Example4
2 {
3     public static void
4     main(String[] args) throws Exception
5     {
6         javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory factory =
7             javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory.newInstance();

8         factory.setNamespaceAware(true);

9         javax.xml.transform.sax.SAXTransformerFactory trFactory =
10            (javax.xml.transform.sax.SAXTransformerFactory)
11            javax.xml.transform.TransformerFactory.newInstance();

12         org.xml.sax.XMLFilter myPreprocessor =
13            trFactory.newXMLFilter
14            (
15                new javax.xml.transform.stream.StreamSource
16                (
17                    new java.io.File(args[2])
18                )
19            );

20         myPreprocessor.setParent
21         (
```

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```
22     factory.newSAXParser().getXMLReader()
23     );

24     be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter filter =
25         new be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter
26         (
27             new java.io.File(args[0]).toURL(), // base URL.
28             myPreprocessor
29         );

30     javax.xml.transform.sax.TransformerHandler handler =
31         trFactory.newTransformerHandler();

32     handler.setResult
33     (
34         new javax.xml.transform.stream.StreamResult
35         (
36             new java.io.File(args[1])
37         )
38     );

39     filter.setContentHandler(handler);

40     filter.parse
41     (
42         new org.xml.sax.InputSource
43         (
44             new java.io.FileInputStream(args[0])
45         )
46     );
47 }
48 }
```

5.2.5 Example 5

In all previous examples we have been parsing an input document. In some applications, however, the data might come from somewhere else. It is possible, for example, to synthesize the XML from data that resides in the database. In such a scenario our filter no longer has a parent but becomes the SAX event handler of some system method, `generateReport` in this example.¹ This system method has the control flow. It fetches the data and generates the SAX events. In the case the generated XML stream is not suitable for CSS conversion, a pre-processor may be specified as the parent of the filter.

```
1 public class Example5
2 {
3     public static void
4     main(String[] args) throws Exception
5     {
6         be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter filter =
```

¹ Note that a real system method would probably need more than just the filter to do its work. It would therefore have more parameters.


```
7     new be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter();

8     javax.xml.transform.sax.TransformerHandler handler =
9     (
10        (javax.xml.transform.sax.SAXTransformerFactory)
11        javax.xml.transform.TransformerFactory.newInstance()
12        ).newTransformerHandler();

13    handler.setResult
14    (
15        new javax.xml.transform.stream.StreamResult
16        (
17            new java.io.File(args[0])
18        )
19    );

20    filter.setContentHandler(handler);
21    generateReport(filter);
22 }

23 private static void
24 generateReport(org.xml.sax.ContentHandler handler)
25 {
26 }
27 }
```

5.2.6 Example 6

It may be the case that you want to synthesize the XML stream in a system method, which needs the control flow, but that the interface of your XSL-FO formatter is such that it also needs the control flow. In other words, the formatter is not available in the form of a SAX event handler, but has some method that must be called to perform the actual formatting. At lines 21 through 31 there a hypothetical example of such a formatter.

To solve this control flow conflict you can create an adapter that implements the `org.xml.sax.XMLReader` interface. Instead of actually parsing some XML you let both `parse` methods call your system method. The parameters the latter needs are passed through the constructor of the adapter. When the formatter now calls the `parse` method it really ends up calling the system method, which synthesizes the SAX events.

```
1 public class Example6
2 {
3     public static void
4     main(String[] args) throws Exception
5     {
6         be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter filter =
7         new be.re.css.CSSToXSLFOFilter
8         (
9             new MyReportGenerator(new Object())
10        );
11        MyXSLFOFormatter myFormatter = new MyXSLFOFormatter();
12
13        myFormatter.format
```

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```
13     (
14         new javax.xml.transform.sax.SAXSource(filter, null),
15         new java.io.FileOutputStream(args[0]));
16     }

17     private static void
18     generateReport(Object context)
19     {
20     }

21     public static class MyXSLFOFormatter
22     {
23         public void
24         format
25         (
26             javax.xml.transform.Source source,
27             java.io.OutputStream out
28         )
29         {
30         }
31     }

32     public static class MyReportGenerator
33         extends org.xml.sax.helpers.XMLFilterImpl
34     {
35         private Object context;

36         public
37         MyReportGenerator(Object context)
38         {
39             this.context = context;
40         }

41         public void
42         parse(org.xml.sax.InputSource input)
43             throws org.xml.sax.SAXException, java.io.IOException
44         {
45             generateReport(context);
46         }

47         public void
48         parse(String systemId)
49             throws org.xml.sax.SAXException, java.io.IOException
50         {
51             generateReport(context);
52         }
53     }
54 }
```

SOME TECHNIQUES

A few practical cases of formatting constructs, which are either more advanced or not yet very common, are described in this chapter. Gradually, new cases will be added. The chapter is some sort of “how to” section in the user guide. The examples use `XHTML` as the input document language.

6.1 CUSTOMISING LIST LABELS WITH MARKERS

The generation of the labels of an itemised list is somewhat fixed. It depends on the value of the `list-style-type` property.¹ Sometimes, however, more control is required over how the labels look like. This can be achieved through markers.

Basically, you have to specify a `:before` pseudo element with the display type `marker` in your style sheet for those elements you have given the display type `list-item`. Strictly speaking that display type is not needed, but if you are about to convert your existing lists, those elements would have that display type.

In the pseudo element you have control over the formatting of the label. The only exception is that the `width` property must be fixed. The tool doesn't support the automatic calculation of the required width. If your style sheet doesn't specify a width, a default value will be used. In order to not depend on this value, it is best to specify one.

The following example is an ordered list with a nested ordered list in the second item. We are going to change the numbering as well as the alignment of the labels.

```
<ol>
  <li>Item 1</li>
  <li>Item 2
    <ol>
      <li>Subitem 1</li>
      <li>Subitem 2</li>
      <li>Subitem 3</li>
    </ol>
  </li>
  <li>Item 3</li>
</ol>
```

In the style sheet we say that the `:before` pseudo element of any `li` under a `ol`, no matter the level, is a marker. In there, we increment the counter that is reset for each level of `ol`. We also display it with the `lower-roman` counter style instead of the default style (`decimal`). This style will show the effect of the right alignment of

¹ The `list-style-image` and `list-style-position` properties are not supported by this tool.

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the text inside the label. The `marker-offset` property provides for a bit of space between the label and the list item body.

The `width` property deserves special attention. First of all it defines the width of the labels. Since markers shouldn't influence the positioning of the element they are attached to, the labels would stick out to the left by the amount of the value of the `width` property. In order to compensate this, we have to add a `margin-left` with the same value to the list item itself.

```
ol { counter-reset: list-counter; }

ol li { margin-left: 2em; }

ol li:before
{
  content: counter(list-counter, lower-roman) ".";
  counter-increment: list-counter;
  display: marker;
  marker-offset: 0.5em;
  text-align: right;
  width: 2em;
}
```

The rendered result would like this:

- i. Item 1
- ii. Item 2
 - i. Subitem 1
 - ii. Subitem 2
 - iii. Subitem 3
- iii. Item 3

6.2 MAKING SECTION NUMBERS “STICK OUT”

Sometimes the text of the section titles must be aligned with the rest of the material, at the left side for example. As consequence, if the titles also have section numbers, those will stick out at the left side of the title, into the margin, just like the title of the current section. This can be obtained by specifying a `:before` pseudo element for the section titles with the `display` type `marker`. Because markers shouldn't influence the positioning of their associated element, the marker content is prepended. This is the piece of style sheet you would need:

```
h2:before
{
  display: marker;
  marker-offset: 0.5em;
  padding-right: 0pt;
  text-align: right;
```

```

    width: 3em;
}

```

6.3 THIS GUIDE'S PAGE SET-UP

The page set-up of this guide is rather advanced and is therefore an interesting practical case. The difficulty lies in specifying the static regions if there are many kinds of pages and if for each of those the static regions are different. i.e. very specific.

In order to avoid an explosion of CSS property specifications for all those regions, we can work in a sort of multidimensional way. This is possible through the combination of two things. First, we have the CSS cascading mechanism, which allows us to centralise common property specifications. Second, we can make use of the fact that the `class` attribute is a space-separated list of names. Because of this, an element can belong to several classes. These are the static regions of this guide:

```

<div class="first top"/>
<div class="title first bottom"/>
<div class="title first top"/>
<div class="copy-right first bottom"/>
<div class="copy-right first top"/>
<div class="left bottom"><span/></div>
<div class="right bottom"><span/></div>
<div class="left top"><span/></div>
<div class="right top"><span/></div>
<div class="front left bottom"><span/></div>
<div class="front right bottom"><span/></div>
<div class="blank bottom"/>
<div class="blank top"/>

```

Neither of them has a lot of content. It is all generated using the `span` element as a hook. For the empty `div` elements no content will be generated. You can see that all regions belong to more than one class. The more classes they belong to, the more specific is the set of pages they apply to. This is one dimension. The other is whether the static region is a top or bottom region.

The first region, for example, is a bottom region that applies only to the first page of the named page sequence called "title". This is expressed in the style sheet as follows:

```

div.title.first
{
    page: first-title;
}

```

The rule applies if `class` is "title" *and* "first". This is more specific than the following page assignment which also occurs in the style sheet:

```

div.first
{
    page: first;
}

```

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Another example is the pair of bottom regions for left and right pages. They apply for left and right pages, no matter the page sequence. For the “front” page sequence, however, there is a more specific version. Making it more specific is done by the two page assignments in the following style sheet part. The style of the bottom region of the front part is a bit different. It display the page numbers in lower Roman. The complete style is obtained by cascading all the rules for the class “bottom”. The first two rules define the style for all bottom regions and the last one overrides the counter style.

```
div.bottom
{
  height: 3em;
  padding-top: 2em;
  region: bottom;
}

div.bottom > span:before
{
  content: counter(page);
}

div.front.left
{
  page: left-front;
}

div.front.right
{
  page: right-front;
}

div.front.bottom > span:before
{
  content: counter(page, lower-roman);
}
```

For blank pages we want no static regions at all, at least not visually. The presence of the top and bottom regions is defined generally through the `div.top` and `div.bottom` rules. As a consequence, no matter the page sequence, those static regions are always generated. All we have to do now is making sure they don't contain anything. This is done by the two empty regions with the `class` attribute set to “blank top” and “blank bottom” respectively. Those regions are assigned to blank pages with the following style sheet part:

```
div.blank
{
  page: blank;
}
```

There is one more special construct left to discuss: the absence of static top regions on the first page of a chapter. As with blank pages they are not really absent. They are merely made empty. It is in fact the first region with the classes “first” and “top”. This

region is assigned to the `first` pseudo page. All chapters are however in the named page sequence “main”. If we do nothing only the first page of the first chapter will have an empty top region. We therefore should toggle the `page` property without adding extra pages. This can be achieved by inserting an empty `div` element between the chapters with the class “separator”. The page assignment for that class is “separator”. This named page is not used for anything else. Since the element is empty the generated page sequence will not contribute anything. The same trick has been used to reset the page counter for the main part of the document.

6.4 A TWO-COLUMN ARTICLE

Many articles and papers are formatted in two column mode. The title, abstract, authors, etc. are usually displayed across the two columns. With two extension properties it is possible to do this. The `column-count` should be set to “2” in the page context. The title material can be wrapped in a block element for which the `column-span` property is set to “all”.

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While the tool works for any XML vocabulary it does a number of things for XHTML specifically. Other vocabularies may be supported in the same way at some later stage. The items are the following:

- Non-CSS presentational hints are translated to the corresponding CSS rules, as prescribed in section 6.4.4 of [CSS2];
- The lang attribute is honored;
- Hyperlinks are recognized and translated in XSL-FO links;
- The link element can be used to specify external style sheets;
- Style sheets can be embedded with the style element;
- The style attribute is honored;
- The img element is interpreted and processed;
- The html-header-mark user agent parameter is available;
- Named pages work for descendants of the body element;
- There is a user agent style sheet for XHTML that cascades against the one in appendix A of [CSS2].

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```
@import "xhtml.css";

@media print
{
  a[href]
  {
    color: blue;
    link: href;
    text-decoration: none;
  }

  a[name]
  {
    anchor: name;
  }

  blockquote, dl, ol, p, ul
  {
    margin: 0.83em 0;
  }

  blockquote
  {
    margin-left: 3em;
    margin-right: 3em;
  }

  body
  {
    font-family: serif;
    padding: 0;
    region: body;
  }

  body:lang(da)
  {
    quotes: "\00BB" "\00AB";
  }

  body:lang(de-DE), body:lang(de-AT)
  {
    quotes: "\201E" "\201C" "\201A" "\2018"
  }

  body, body:lang(en), body:lang(es)
  {
```

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```
    quotes: "\201C" "\201D" "\2018" "\2019";
}

body:lang(fr)
{
    quotes: "\00AB " " \00BB" "\2039 " " \203A";
}

body:lang(it)
{
    quotes: "\00AB " " \00BB";
}

body:lang(nl)
{
    quotes: "\201D" "\201D" "\2019" "\2019";
}

body:lang(no), bodylang:(pt), body:lang(de-CH)
{
    quotes: "\00AB" "\00BB" "\2039" "\203A"
}

body:lang(sv)
{
    quotes: "\00BB" "\00BB";
}

caption
{
    margin: 0.5em 0;
}

dt
{
    page-break-after: avoid;
}

h1
{
    font-size: 1.6em;
    margin-bottom: 0.7em;
    margin-top: 1.4em;
}

h2
{
    font-size: 1.3em;
    margin-bottom: 0.6em;
    margin-top: 1.2em;
}

h3
{
    font-size: 1.1em;
```

```
}  
  
h3, h4  
{  
  margin-bottom: 0.5em;  
  margin-top: 1em;  
}  
  
h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6  
{  
  hyphenate: false;  
}  
  
hr  
{  
  border: 0.1pt solid;  
}  
  
img  
{  
  content-height: scale-to-fit;  
  content-width: scale-to-fit;  
  display: graphic;  
  scaling: uniform;  
  src: src;  
}  
  
li  
{  
  margin-bottom: 0.8em;  
  margin-top: 0.8em;  
}  
  
li p, li blockquote, li dl, li ol, li ul  
{  
  margin-bottom: 0.5em;  
  margin-top: 0.5em;  
}  
  
li li  
{  
  margin-bottom: 0.5em;  
  margin-top: 0.5em;  
}  
  
li li p, li li blockquote, li li dl, li li ol, li li ul  
{  
  margin-bottom: 0.3em;  
  margin-top: 0.3em;  
}  
  
li li li  
{  
  margin-bottom: 0.4em;  
  margin-top: 0.4em;  
}
```

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```
    }

    li li li p, li li li blockquote, li li li dl, li li li ol, li li li ul
    {
        margin-bottom: 0.3em;
        margin-top: 0.3em;
    }

    li, p
    {
        text-align: justify;
    }

    pre
    {
        font-size: 0.85em;
    }

    ul
    {
        list-style-type: disc;
    }

    ol li ul, ul li ul
    {
        list-style-type: circle;
    }

    ol li ol li ul, ol li ul li ul, ul li ol li ul, ul li ul li ul
    {
        list-style-type: square;
    }

    q:after
    {
        content: close-quote;
    }

    q:before
    {
        content: open-quote;
    }

    script
    {
        display: none;
    }

    span.section-number
    {
        padding-right: 1em;
    }
}
```

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