Exercises

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3. XPath with Identities

The purpose of this lab is to

- 1. deepen the skills to write XPath queries
- 2. practice using identities and identity references in XPath.

Open the courses-ID.xml file in Eclipse.¹ Write XPath expressions that return answers to queries below.² The queries train, among other things, the use of IDs and IDREFs.

- 1. Which course has the lowest enrollment? Note: There are some courses without enrollment figures.
- 2. Which courses have at least two instructors?
- 3. Return the titles of the courses taught by Prof. Aiken.
- 4. Who are the co-teachers of Jerry Cain, that is, which people are jointly teaching a course with Jerry Cain?
- 5. Which are the courses taught by Jerry Cain, but not by Mehran Sahami?
- 6. Return the titles of courses taught by instructors from the department of Linguistics.
- 7. Which courses have prerequisite courses that are taught at another department than the course itself?
- 8. Which courses are taught by an instructor who also teaches one of the courses prerequisites?
- 9. Which courses have a lower enrollment than any of their prerequisites?
- 10. Which courses are taught by a lecturer?
- 11. Which instructors (i.e., professors or lecturers) do not have a middle initial?

¹The data are taken, with slight modification of the ID's, from the website of the online course "Introduction to Databases" by Jennifer Widom at http://openclassroom.stanford.edu.

²The queries are original.