XML and Databases
XSLT Stylesheets and Transforms

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Lecture 11

Outline

XML: data publication

One source, multiple views

From a single XML file, we want to generate:

- an HTML webpage, to publish the data on the web
- a WML webpage, for mobile devices
- a CSV file, to easily import into a database/spreadsheet
- a PDF file for printing
- another XML file, with different tag names or layout

One solution: XSLT
XSLT stylesheet: *set of rules* to transform the XML input file

- Version 1.0 introduced in 1999
- Version 2.0 introduced recently

Our goal today

We use the `bib.xml` sample file :

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<bib>
    <book year="1994">
        <title>TCP/IP Illustrated</title>
        <author><last>Stevens</last><first>W.</first></author>
        <publisher>Addison-Wesley</publisher>
        <price>65.95</price>
    </book>
...
```

and publish it as an HTML web page using an XSLT 1.0 stylesheet!

How to apply an XSLT stylesheet

1. use an external tool

   ```
   xsltproc mystyle.xsl myfile.xml > output.html
   ```

2. Embed the stylesheet and use a web browser (e.g. `firefox`)

   ```
   <?xml version="1.0" ?>
   <?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="mystyle.xsl"?>
   <bib>
     <book year="1994">
     ...
   ```

3. Embed the stylesheet and use an web server (e.g. `tomcat`) to publish the page (*à la* PHP)

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
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        <author><last>Stevens</last><first>W.</first></author>
        <publisher>Addison-Wesley</publisher>
        <price>65.95</price>
    </book>

    <book year="1992">
        <title>Advanced Programming in the Unix environment</title>
        <author><last>Stevens</last><first>W.</first></author>
        <publisher>Addison-Wesley</publisher>
        <price>65.95</price>
    </book>

    <book year="2000">
        <title>Data on the Web</title>
        <author><last>Abiteboul</last><first>Serge</first></author>
        <author><last>Buneman</last><first>Peter</first></author>
        <author><last>Suciu</last><first>Dan</first></author>
        <publisher>Morgan Kaufmann Publishers</publisher>
        <price>39.95</price>
    </book>

    <book year="1999">
        <title>The Economics of Technology and Content for Digital TV</title>
        <editor>
               <last>Gerbarg</last><first>Darcy</first>
                <affiliation>CITI</affiliation>
        </editor>
            <publisher>Kluwer Academic Publishers</publisher>
        <price>129.95</price>
    </book>

</bib>
```

```
<!ELEMENT bib  (book* )>
<!ELEMENT book  (title,  (author+ | editor+ ), publisher, price )>
<!ATTLIST book  year CDATA  #REQUIRED >
<!ELEMENT author  (last, first )>
<!ELEMENT editor  (last, first, affiliation )>
<!ELEMENT title  (#PCDATA )>
<!ELEMENT last  (#PCDATA )>
<!ELEMENT first  (#PCDATA )>
<!ELEMENT affiliation  (#PCDATA )>
<!ELEMENT publisher  (#PCDATA )>
<!ELEMENT price  (#PCDATA )>
```

All the examples are on the CS4317 webpage.

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XSLT, the programming language

XSLT is a programming language *written in XML*: an XSLT stylesheet is a *valid* XML file.

XSLT relies on *templates*: set of rules that can be *applied* on particular parts of the input document.

The *"particular parts"* are selected by XPath queries

Let's dive in!

Simple stylesheet

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"
        xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
  <xsl:template match="/">
  <html>
      <body>
        <h1>Bibliography</h1>
      </body>
  </html>
  </xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

Output


file:///home/kim/lecture11/bib.xml
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Bibliography

Two templates

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"
       xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">
<xsl:template match="/">
  <html>
      <body>
        <h1>Bibliography</h1>
          <xsl:apply-templates select="bib/*" />
      </body>
  </html>
</xsl:template>
<xsl:template match="book" >
  <h2><xsl:value-of select="title/text()"/></h2>
</xsl:template>
</xsl:stylesheet>
```

Output

Bibliography

TCP/IP Illustrated

Advanced Programming in the Unix environment

Data on the Web

The Economics of Technology and Content for Digital TV

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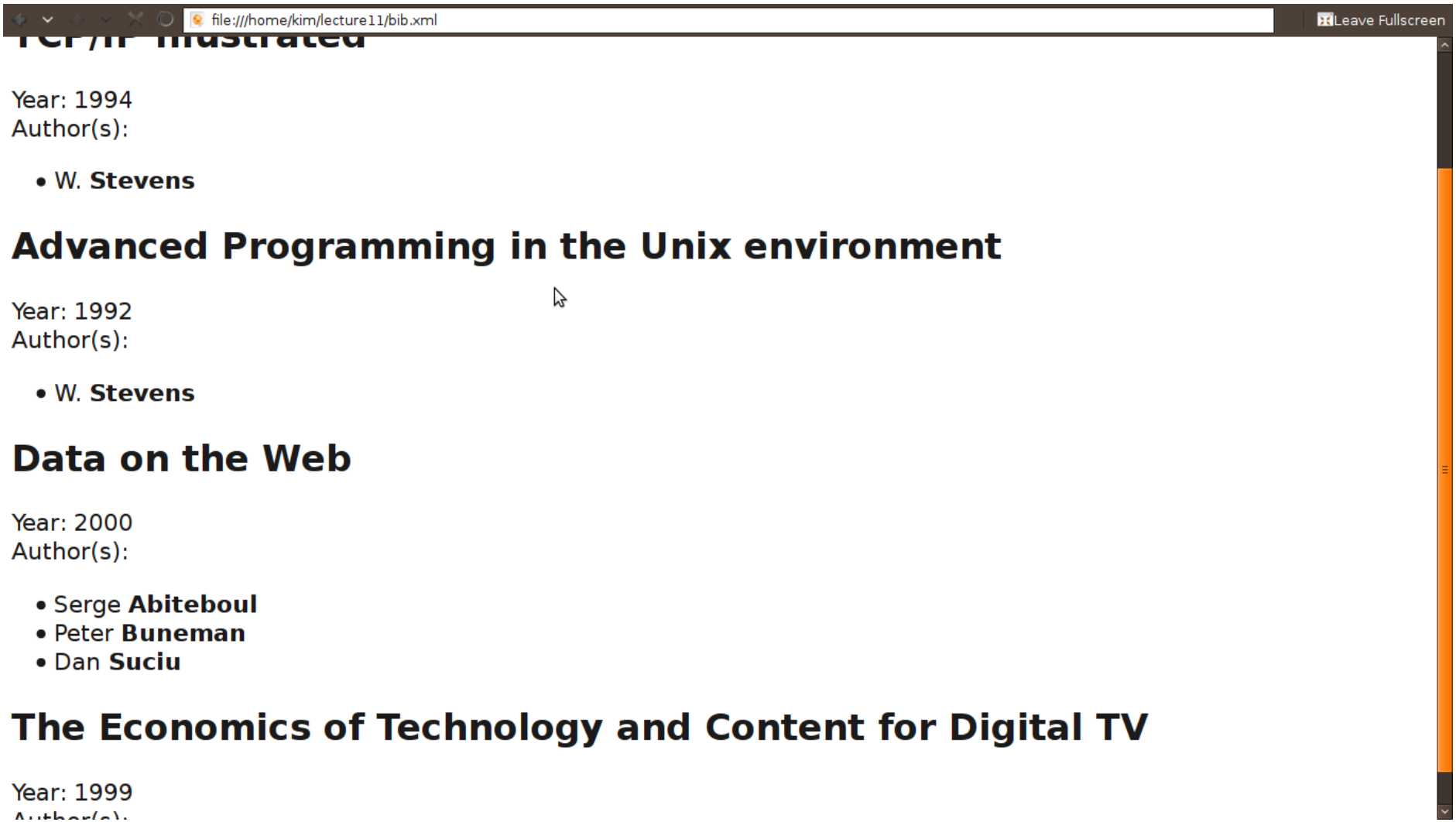
A complex book template

```
<xsl:template match="book" >
  <h2><xsl:value-of select="title/text()"/></h2>
  <p>
    Year: <xsl:value-of select="@year" /><br/>
    Author(s):
  <ul><xsl:apply-templates select="author" />
  </ul>
</p>
</xsl:template>
<xsl:template match="author" >
  <li><xsl:value-of select="first" />
    <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
    <b><xsl:value-of select="last"/></b>
  </li>
</xsl:template>
```

Output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Author(s):
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Peter Buneman
Dan Suciu
The Economics of Technology and Content for Digital TV
Year: 1999

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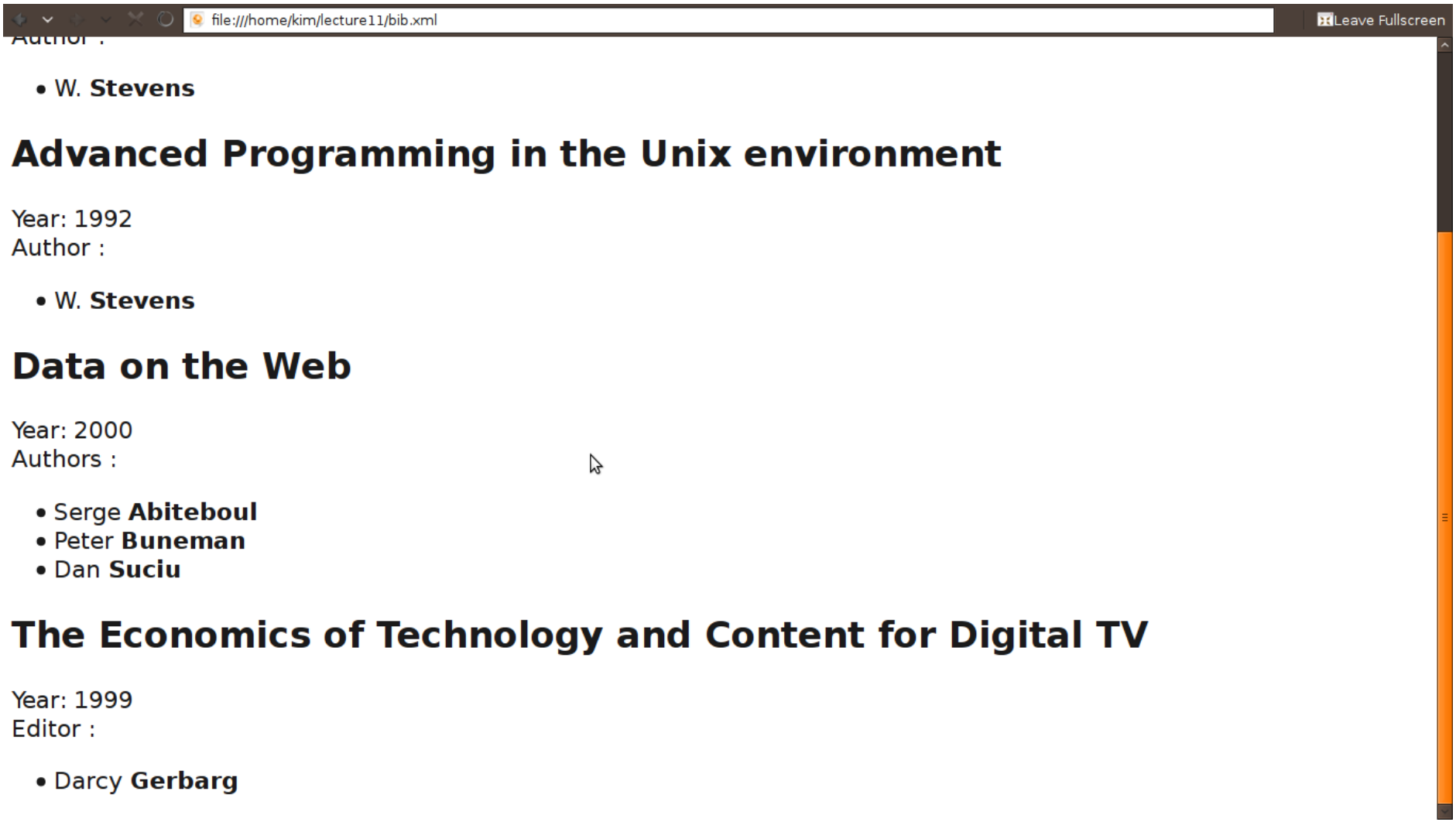
Add the list of editors

```
<xsl:template match="book" >
  <h2><xsl:value-of select="title/text()"/></h2>
  <p>
    Year: <xsl:value-of select="@year" /><br/>
    <xsl:if test="author">Author</xsl:if>
    <xsl:if test="editor">Editor</xsl:if>
    <xsl:if test="(author|editor)[2]">s</xsl:if>
    :
  <ul><xsl:apply-templates select="author|editor" />
  </ul>
</p>
</xsl:template>
<xsl:template match="author|editor">
  <li><xsl:value-of select="first" />
    <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
    <b><xsl:value-of select="last"/></b>
  </li>
</xsl:template>
```

Output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• Peter Buneman
• Dan Suciu
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Editor :
• Darcy Gerbarg

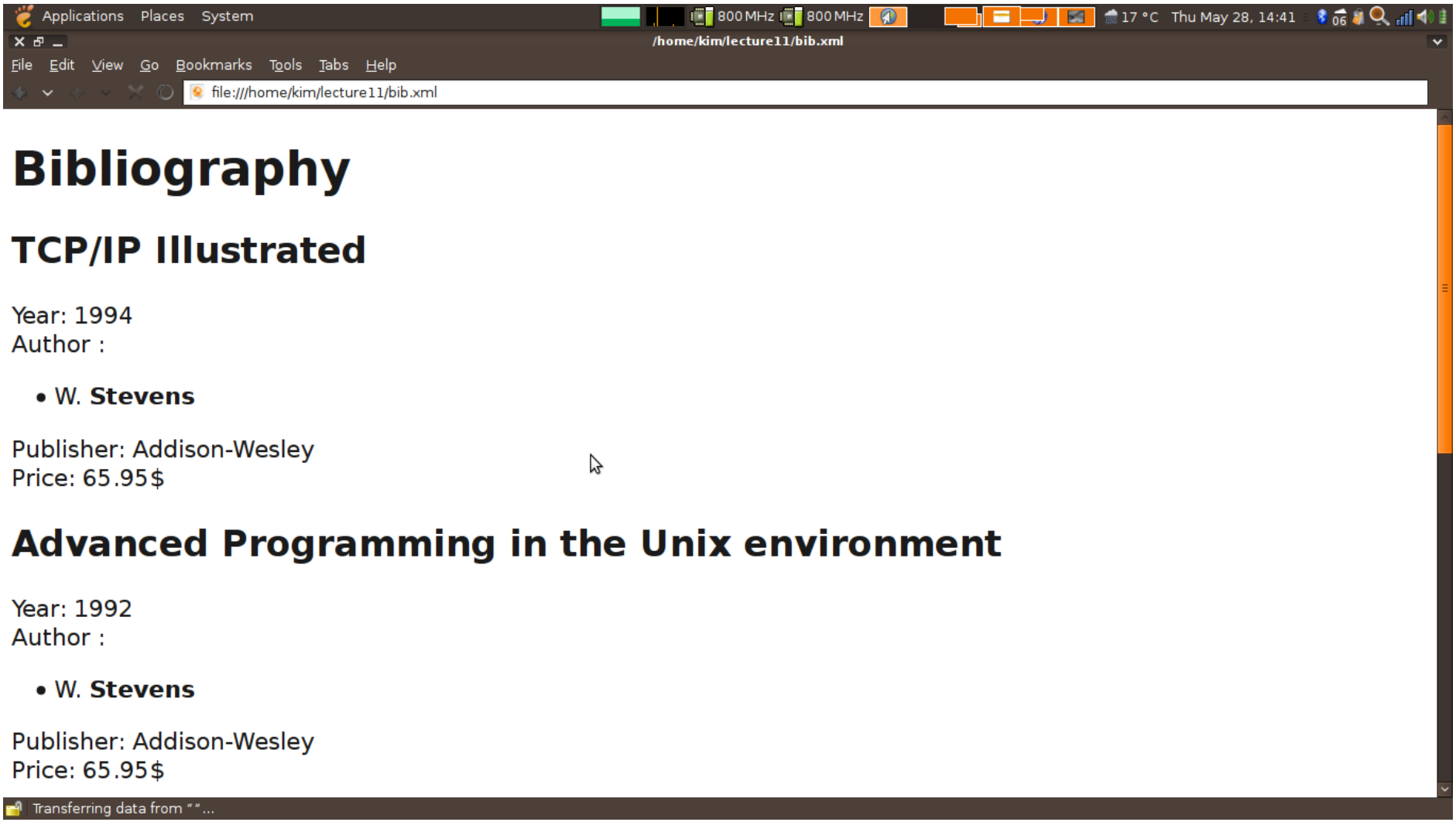
Another form of conditional

```
Year: <xsl:value-of select="@year" /><br/>
<xsl:choose>
 <xsl:when test="author">Author</xsl:when>
 <xsl:otherwise>Editor</xsl:otherwise>
</xsl:choose>
<xsl:if test="(author|editor)[2]">s</xsl:if>
```

Another form of conditional

```
<xsl:template match="book" >
  <h2><xsl:value-of select="title/text()"/></h2>
  <p>
    Year: <xsl:value-of select="@year" /><br/>
    <xsl:choose>
      <xsl:when test="author">Author</xsl:when>
      <xsl:otherwise>Editor</xsl:otherwise>
    </xsl:choose>
    <xsl:if test="(author|editor)[2]">s</xsl:if>
    :
  <ul><xsl:apply-templates select="author|editor" />
  </ul>
Publisher: <xsl:value-of select="publisher"/><br/>
  Price: <xsl:value-of select="price"/>
</p>
</xsl:template>
```

Output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for-each statement

```
  <h1>List of co-authors</h1>
  <xsl:for-each
         select="//author[(. != ../preceding-sibling::*/author)
         or (. = ../preceding-sibling::*/author)]">

      <xsl:variable name="currentauthor" select="string(self::*)"/>
      <xsl:call-template name="displayname">
  <xsl:with-param name="myelement" select="self::*"/>
  </xsl:call-template> :
<xsl:for-each
         select="//author[ . = $currentauthor ]/preceding-sibling::a

<xsl:call-template name="displayname">
  <xsl:with-param name="myelement" select="self::*"/>
</xsl:call-template><xsl:text> </xsl:text>
</xsl:for-each><br/>
    </xsl:for-each>
```

Named templates

```
<xsl:template name="displayname">
  <xsl:param name="myelement" select="." />
  <xsl:value-of select="$myelement/first" />
  <xsl:text> </xsl:text>
  <b><xsl:value-of select="$myelement/last"/></b>
</xsl:template>
```

Output


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Leave Fullscreen
Year: 2000
Authors :
• Serge Abiteboul
• Peter Buneman
• Dan Suciu
Publisher: Morgan Kaufmann Publishers
Price: 39.95$
The Economics of Technology and Content for Digital TV
Year: 1999
Editor :
• Darcy Gerbarg
Publisher: Kluwer Academic Publishers
Price: 129.95$
List of co-authors
W. Stevens :
Serge Abiteboul : Peter Buneman Dan Suciu
Peter Buneman : Serge Abiteboul Dan Suciu
Dan Suciu : Serge Abiteboul Peter Buneman

Sorting alphabetically

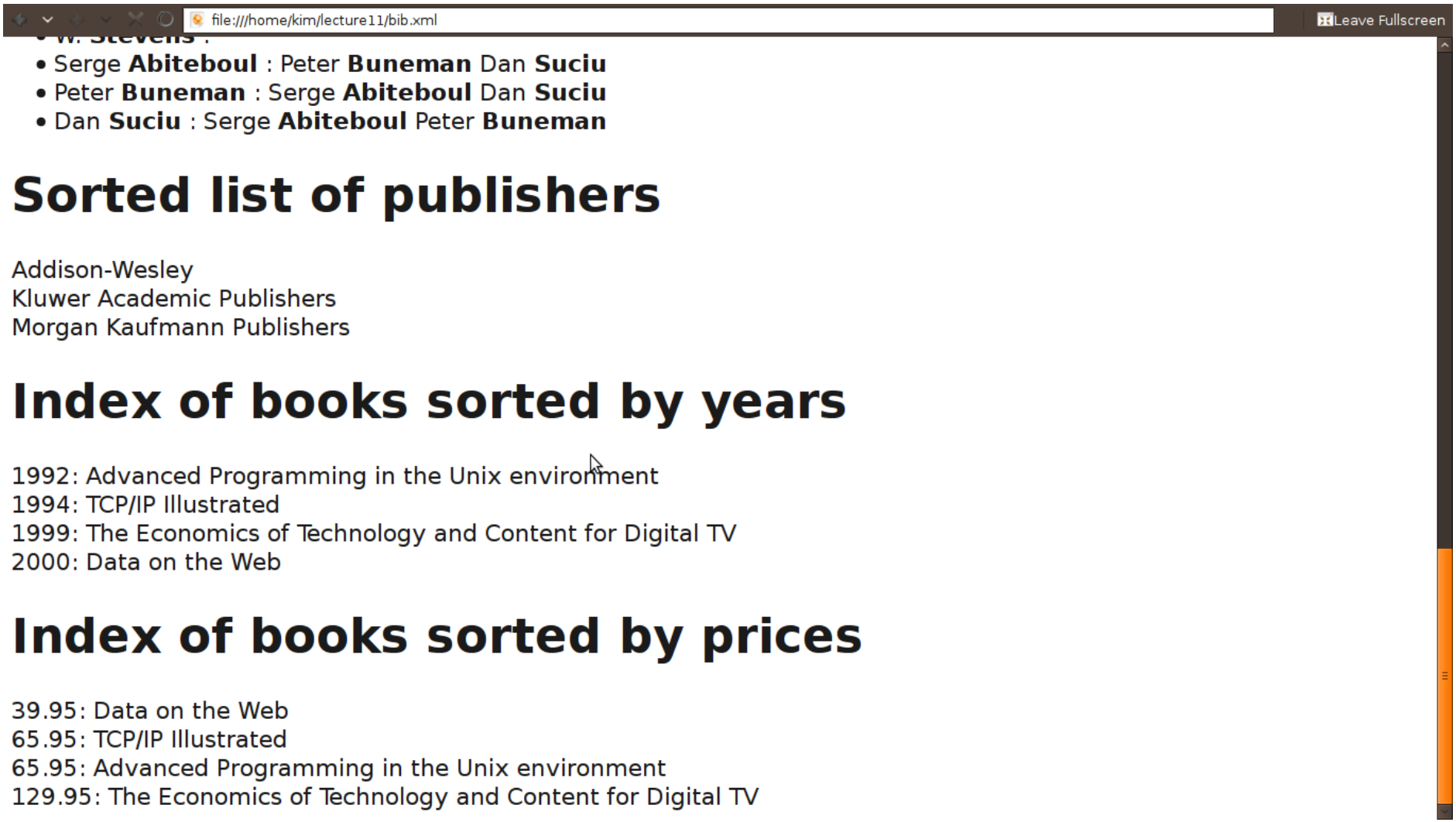
```
<h1>Sorted list of publishers</h1>
<xsl:for-each
          select="//publisher[(. != ../preceding-sibling::*/publi
 or (. = ../preceding-sibling::*/publisher)]">
  <xsl:sort select="."/>
  <xsl:value-of select="."/> <br/>
</xsl:for-each>
```

Sorting numerically

```
<h1>Index of books sorted by years</h1>
<xsl:for-each select="//book">
  <xsl:sort select="@year"/>
  <xsl:value-of select="@year"/><xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="title" />
<br/>
</xsl:for-each>
```

```
<h1>Index of books sorted by prices</h1>
<xsl:for-each select="//book">
  <xsl:sort select="price" data-type="number"/>
  <xsl:value-of select="price"/><xsl:text>: </xsl:text>
<xsl:value-of select="title" />
<br/>
</xsl:for-each>
```

Output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65.95: Advanced Programming in the Unix environment
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Priorites

```
<xsl:template match="/">
  <html>
  <body>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="//*" />
  </body>
  </html>
</xsl:template>

<xsl:template match="book" >
  Book template for <xsl:value-of select="name()"/> <br/>
</xsl:template>
<xsl:template match="*" >
  Star template for <xsl:value-of select="name()"/> <br/>
</xsl:template>
```

Output


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Star template for bib
Book template for book
Star template for title
Star template for author
Star template for last
Star template for first
Star template for publisher
Star template for price
Book template for book
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Star template for author
Star template for last
Star template for first
Star template for publisher
Star template for price
Book template for book
Star template for title
Star template for author
Star template for last
Star template for first
Star template for author
Star template for last
Star template for first
Star template for author
Star template for last
Star template for first
Star template for publisher

```
<xsl:template match="/">
  <html>
  <body>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="//*" />
  </body>
  </html>
</xsl:template>

<xsl:template match="book" priority="-1">
  Book template for <xsl:value-of select="name()"/> <br/>
</xsl:template>
<xsl:template match="*" >
  Star template for <xsl:value-of select="name()"/> <br/>
</xsl:template>
```

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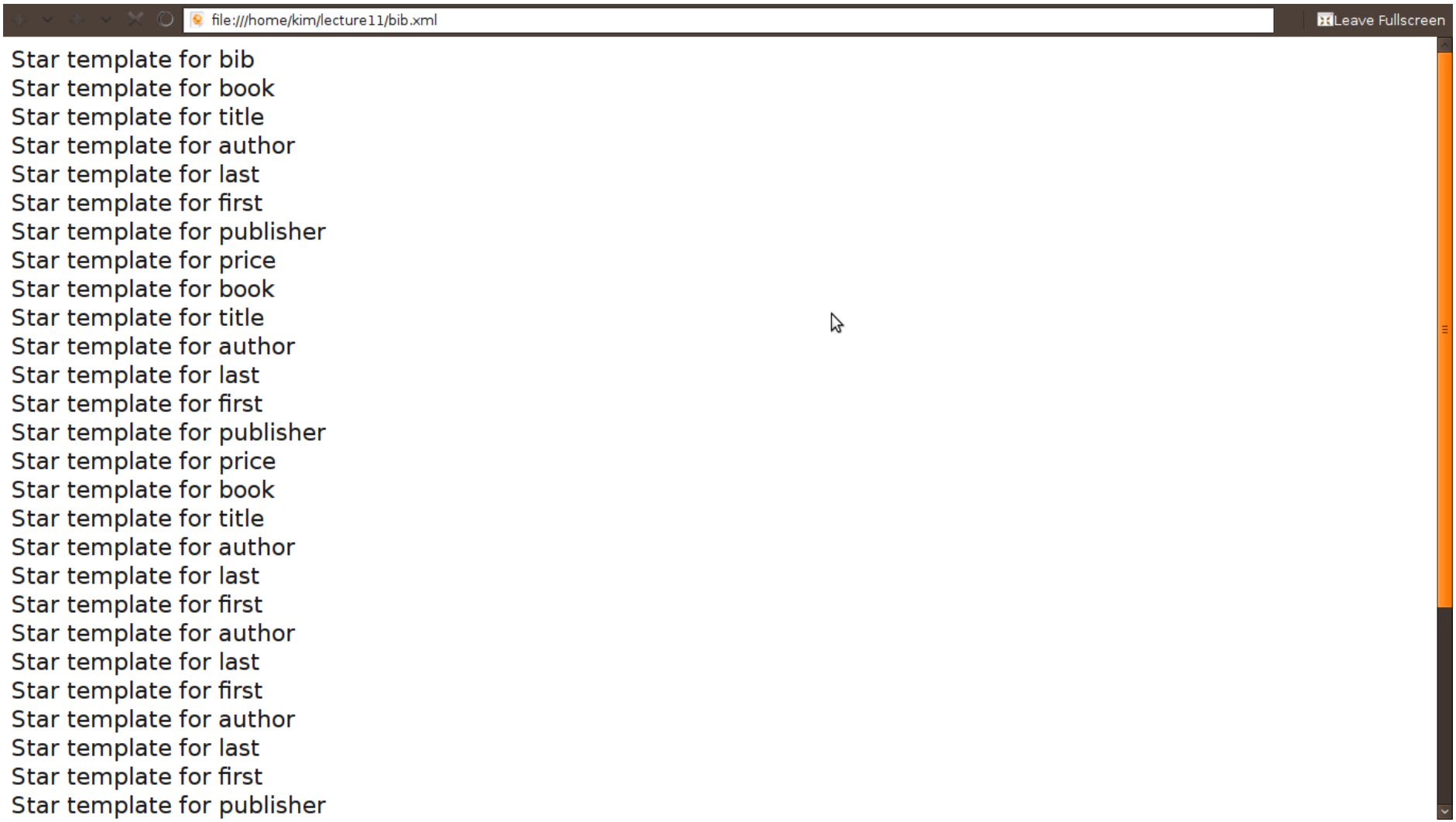
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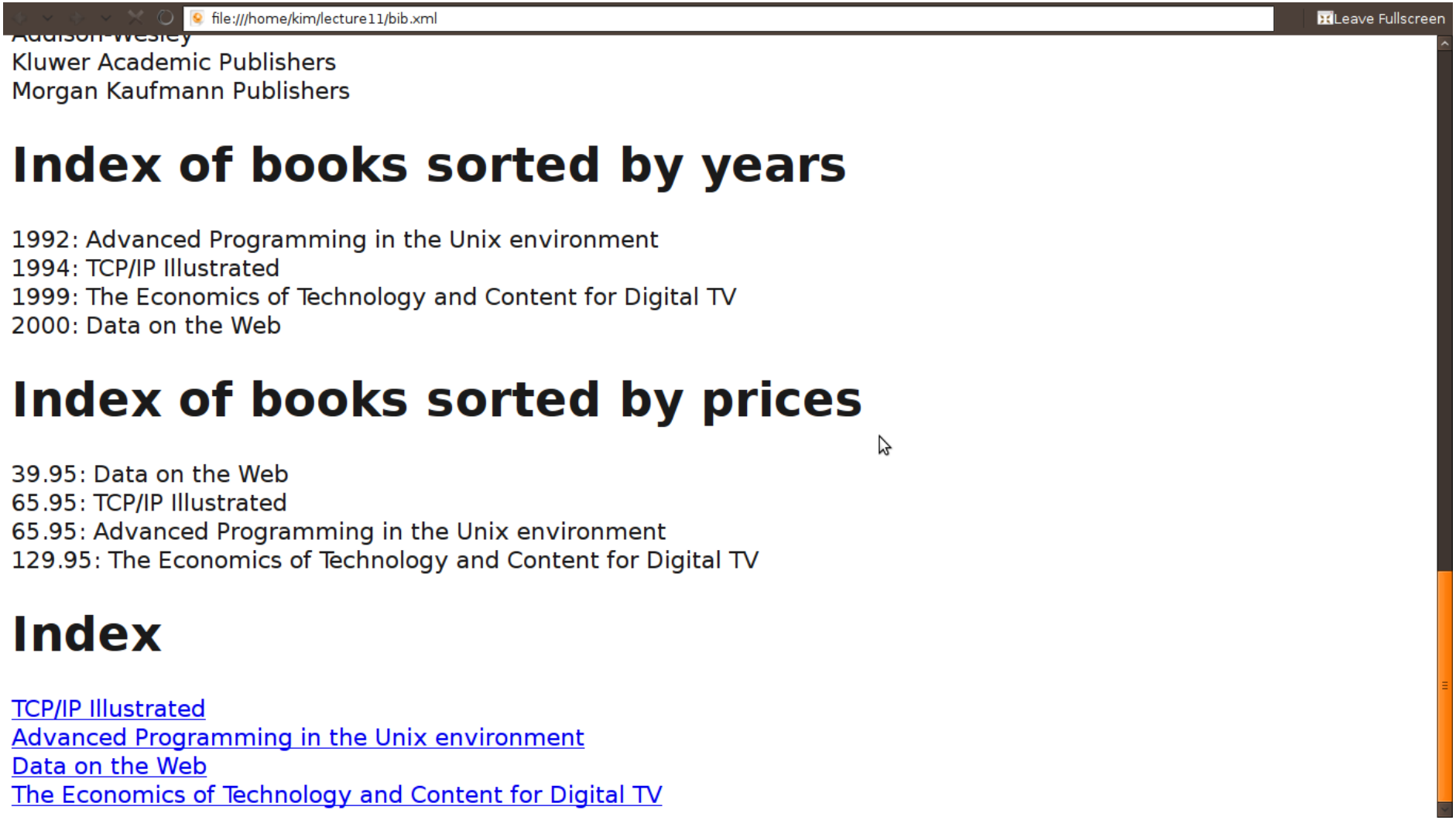
Star template for author
Star template for last
Star template for first
Star template for publisher

Modes

```
    <h1>Index</h1>
    <xsl:apply-templates select="//book" mode="lastone" />
...
<xsl:template match="book" mode="lastone">
  <a href="concat('#id_',generate-id(.))">
  <xsl:value-of select="title"/></a><br/>
</xsl:template>

<xsl:template match="book" >
  <h2><a name="concat('id_',generate-id(.))">
  <xsl:value-of select="title"/></a></h2>
  <p>
    Year: <xsl:value-of select="@year" /><br/>
    <xsl:choose>
...
```

Output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