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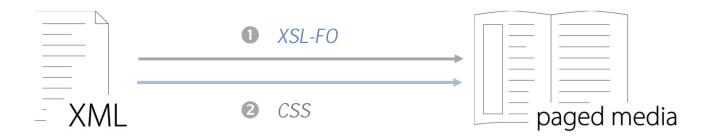
# Formatting print layouts with CSS 3

Faculty of **Media** 

## **Digital Publishing**



- XML is the basis for media independent content management and cross-media publishing
- XML-based print layouts can be effectively created automatically by XSL-FO (0)



 Since 1998, with Paged Media, CSS includes a concept for formatting XML-based print layouts

## **Objectives of Research**

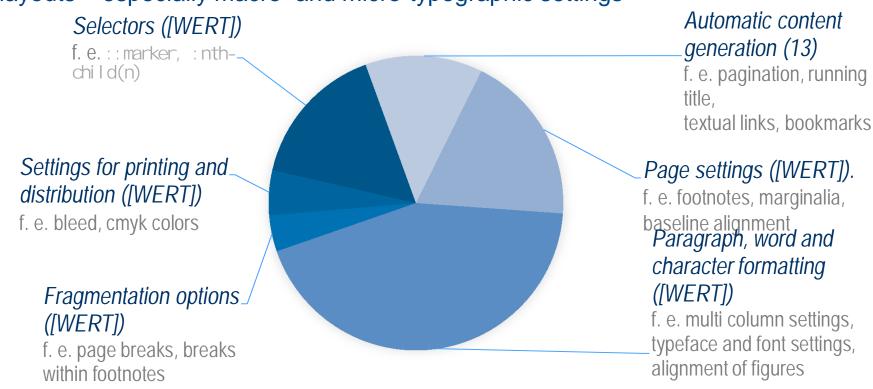


- Analyze new ways to format print layout with CSS 3
- Create a reference stylesheet to test the applicability of CSS 3 for the formatting of print layouts
- Review suitability of CSS 3 regarding the formatting of print layouts

## **CSS 3 – New Features**



 Compared to CSS 2.1, CSS 3 includes various new features to format print layouts – especially macro- and micro-typographic settings





# Results: Paragraph, word and character formatting

@font-face

font-stretch

font-variant-ligature

font-vari ant-caps

font-variant-numeric

font-variant-alterna

font-feature-setting:

text-align-last

text-justify

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OTF: styleset #1

Zwei Boxkämpfer jagen Eva quer durch Sylt. Zwei Boxkämpfer jagen Eva quer durch Sylt.

OTF: ligatures

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OTF: numeric fraction I/2 I/4 3/4 I/2 I/4 3/4 I/2 I/4 3/4 I/2 I/4 3/4

OTF: ordinal numbers  $a2 + b2 \neq c3 - a2 - d0$ ; 1st  $a^2 + b^2 \neq c^3 - a^2 - d^\circ$ ; 1<sup>st</sup>

OTF: old style figures  $\pi$ =3.14159265359  $\pi$ =3.14159265359

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OTF: old style figures  $\pi$ =3.14159265359  $\pi$ =3.14159265359



# Results: Paragraph, word and character formatting

Rendering based on Prince (1)

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Rendering based on

Antenna House (2)

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OTF: styleset #1

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OTF: ligatures fb ff fh fi fj fk fl ft ffi ffl fft st set fb ff fh fi fj fk fl ft ffi ffl fft st set

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## **Results: Footnotes**

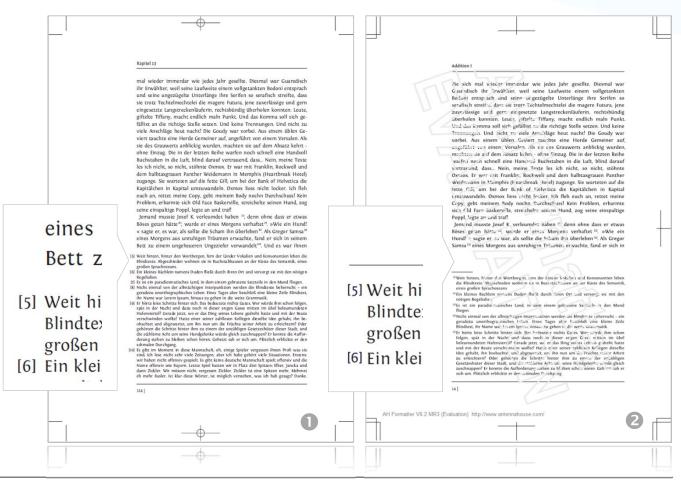


#### Rendering based on Prince (1)

- + styling of footnote element and footnote call
- styling of footnote counters using @counter-style
- position of footnote markers always outside of print area
- predefined settings for footnote area (no customizing possible)

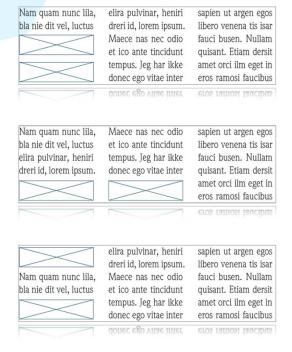
#### Rendering based on Antenna House (2)

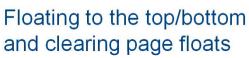
- + styling of footnote element and footnote call
- styling of footnote counters using @counter-style
- + full support of footnote markers' styling
- -/+ customizable footnote area (partially)

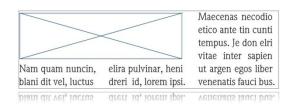


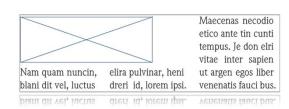
## **Results: Macro-typography**





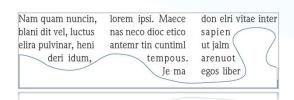








# Spanning float elements across columns



## Wrapping around float elements

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Have float elements flow inside and outside of a page

## Conclusion



- CSS 3 includes a wide range of new rules, properties and values as well as selectors to format print layouts
- The applicability of these new features depends on the rendering software as well as on the kind of layout to be designed

Generated content	Fragmentation options	
Page settings	Settings for printing and distribution	
Paragraph, word and character formatting	Selectors	at all
■ supported ■ partially supported or workarounds	□ not supported	

## Conclusion



- Currently, CSS 3 can already be used to generate works of fiction with a very simple semantic structure, but it is not yet suited for the production of complex non-fiction and text books.
- CSS is being developed continuously and therefore evolving dynamically. Thus, the potential of CSS regarding the formatting of print layouts is expected to grow in the future.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION questions, discussion, suggestions, ...

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