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# Preface

WISE 2007 was held in Nancy, France, during December 3–6, hosted by Nancy University and INRIA Grand-Est. The aim of this conference was to provide an international forum for researchers, professionals, and industrial practitioners to share their knowledge in the rapidly growing area of Web technologies, methodologies and applications. Previous WISE conferences were held in Hong Kong, China (2000), Kyoto, Japan (2001), Singapore (2002), Rome, Italy (2003), Brisbane, Australia (2004), New York, USA (2005), and Wuhan, China (2006).

The call for papers created a large interest. Around 200 paper submissions arrived from 41 different countries (Europe: 40%, Asia: 33%, Pacific: 10%, North America: 7%, South America: 7%, Africa: 2%). The international Program Committee selected 40 full-papers (acceptance rate of 20%) and 18 short papers (acceptance rate of 9%). As a result, the technical track of the WISE 2007 program offered 13 sessions of full-paper presentation including one industrial session and 5 sessions of short papers. The selected papers cover a wide and important variety of issues in Web information systems engineering such as querying; trust; caching and distribution; interfaces; events and information filtering; data extraction; transformation and matching; ontologies; rewriting, routing and personalization; agents and mining; quality of services and management and modelling. A few selected papers from WISE 2007 will be published in a special issue of the *World Wide Web Journal*, by Springer. In addition, \$1000 value was awarded to the authors of the paper selected for the “Yahiko Kambayashi Best Paper.” We thank all authors who submitted their papers and the Program Committee members and external reviewers for their excellent work.

Finally, WISE 2007 included two prestigious keynotes given by Eric Billingsley, eBay research and Lutz Heuser, SAP research, one panel, one preconference tutorial, and six workshops.

We would also like to acknowledge the local organization team, in particular Anne-Lise Charbonnier and François Charoy. We also thank Mohand-Said Hacid and Mathias Weske as Workshop Chairs, Manfred Hauswirth as Panel Chair, Mike Papazoglou as Tutorial Chair, Olivier Perrin, Michael Sheng and Mingjun Xiao as Publicity Chairs, Qing Li, Marek Rusinkiewicz and Yanchun Zhang for the relationship with previous events and the WISE Society, and Ustun Yildiz for his work in the editing proceedings.

We hope that the present proceedings will contain enough food for thought to push the Web towards many exciting innovations for tomorrow’s society.

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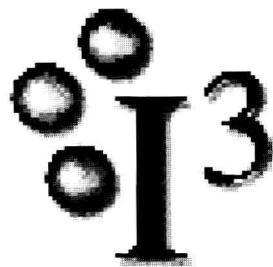
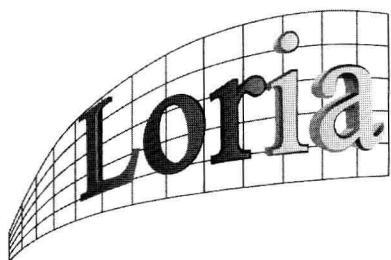
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# On Tree Pattern Query Rewriting Using Views\*

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**Abstract.** We study and present our findings on two closely related problems on XPATH rewriting using views when both the view and the query are tree patterns involving  $/$ ,  $//$  and  $[]$ . First, given view  $V$  and query  $Q$ , is it possible for  $Q$  to have an equivalent rewriting using  $V$  which is the union of two or more tree patterns, but not an equivalent rewriting which is a single pattern? This problem is of both theoretical and practical importance because, if the answer is no, then, to answer a query completely using the views, we should use more efficient methods, such as the PTIME algorithm of [13], to find the equivalent rewriting, rather than try to find the union of all contained rewritings and test its equivalence to  $Q$ . Second, given a set  $\mathcal{V}$  of views, we want to know under what conditions a subset  $\mathcal{V}'$  of the views are redundant in the sense that for *any query*  $Q$ , the contained rewritings of  $Q$  using the views in  $\mathcal{V}'$  are contained in those using the views in  $\mathcal{V} - \mathcal{V}'$ . Solving this problem can help us to, for example, choose the minimum number of views to be cached, or better design the virtual schema in a mediated data integration system, or avoid repeated calculation in query optimization. We provide necessary and sufficient conditions for the second problem, based on answers to the first problem. When the views produce comparable answers, we extend our findings to include the case where the intersection of views, in addition to the individual views, are used in the rewriting.

## 1 Introduction

Query rewriting using views has many applications including data integration, query optimization, and query caching [6]. A view is an existing query whose answer may or may not have been materialized. Given a new query, the problem is to find another query using only the views that will produce correct answers to the original query. Usually two types of rewritings are sought: *equivalent rewritings* and *contained rewritings*. An equivalent rewriting produces all answers

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