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Present

Markus (scribe), Per, James, Matt, Christian E, Kenny

Regrets

Boris

IRC Channel

IRC Address: irc.a11y.org (irc://irc.a11y.org)

Channel: #zedai

Previous Telcon
Action Items

New

Brought Along

Agenda/Minutes

Issue 153

- Issue in tracker (http://code.google.com/p/zednext/issues/detail?id=153)
- Change proposal

Questions from Boris:

- Why create a new namespace for a single element/attribute? Are you thinking that other elements would eventually be added to the alt: namespace?
- In the proposal, am I reading it correctly that note and annotation elements are now syntactically identical? If so, should they perhaps be combined (so note type could be "footnote", "endnote", or "annotation")? If I move a note from the bottom of the page to the side, it seems odd to need to change the element name.

- Same question for noteref and annoref, which are pretty much identical in function.

- What's the argument for allowing the connection between note and noteref to go in either direction, rather than just saying e.g. noteref must always point to note?

Overall I like the proposal, I think it makes things much simpler and clearer.

Reply from Matt:

Adding the description element to a separate namespace is to keep it and its connector attribute out of the core (i.e., that it represents something that wasn't part of the original source), as they are only intended for republisher descriptions. It was expected that the element would be open to misuse if it were a general "description" element. By moving into the alt namespace, part of the idea is also that people will have to take some time to figure out why it's not generally available.

And we only need the one element and attribute, so adding others that we can't identify a specific need for now would add bloat (but we could add more if people had other requirements that
would fit in the namespace). The idea that the namespace could be used for similar elements and attributes is correct.

Regarding note/annotation, they are very close, for sure. The note element would not include the @type or @by attributes, however. There might be ways of using co-constraints to layer the information depending on the type, but I'm not sure if this is layering too much information into a single element.

One of the ideas here was that using two elements would be more user-friendly, as the note element would only be for footnotes and endnotes (pretty widely understood concepts). Joining those notes with the complexity of republisher identification and other requirements of general annotations was going too minimalist on elements without a lot of payoff in comprehension.

And regarding the references, keeping or dropping makes the most sense depending on how we resolve the elements. Not to open the doors too wide, but you could also argue that @ref itself could server to link them, but then it would wind up getting layered heavily with extra semantic information to make identification of the referenced item useful (so perhaps best to forget about it).

But back to the issue you raised, not all notes have a referent in the text. You may have a section of endnotes that refer to page or line numbers, for example. We could use @ref (as an example) to on the line or page element to link forward to the note, but that could get very messy. And the thought of @ref on a page element makes my skin crawl! ;)

Other items to include fixes for in next update to public draft

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Timeline for next draft publish

Next call

Henceforth, not every week but on announcement.


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