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Introduction

This programmers manual describes Mini–XML version 2.0, a small XML parsing library that you can use to read and write XML and XML–like data files in your application without requiring large non–standard libraries. Mini–XML only requires an ANSI C compatible compiler (GCC works, as do most vendors' ANSI C compilers) and a "make" program.

Mini–XML provides the following functionality:

- Reading of UTF-8 and UTF-16 encoded XML files and strings.
- Writing of UTF-8 encoded XML files and strings.
- Data is stored in a linked–list tree structure, preserving the XML data hierarchy.
- Supports arbitrary element names, attributes, and attribute values with no preset limits, just available memory.
- Supports integer, real, opaque ("cdata"), and text data types in "leaf" nodes.
- Functions for creating and managing trees of data.
- "Find" and "walk" functions for easily locating and navigating trees of data.

Mini-XML doesn't do validation or other types of processing on the data based upon schema files or other sources of definition information, nor does it support character entities other than those required by the XML specification.

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Legal Stuff

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History

Mini-XML was initially developed for the <u>Gimp-Print</u> project to replace the rather large and unwieldy libxml2 library with something substantially smaller and easier-to-use. It all began one morning in June of 2003 when Robert posted the following sentence to the developer's list:

It's bad enough that we require libxml2, but rolling our own XML parser is a bit more than we can handle.

I then replied with:

Given the limited scope of what you use in XML, it should be trivial to code a mini–XML API in a few hundred lines of code.

I took my own challenge and coded furiously for two days to produced the initial public release of Mini–XML, total lines of code: 696. Robert promptly integrated Mini–XML into Gimp–Print and removed libxml2.

Thanks to lots of feedback and support from various developers, Mini–XML has evolved since then to provide a more complete XML implementation and now stands at a whopping 2,240 lines of code, compared to 96,335 lines of code for libxml2 version 2.6.9. Aside from Gimp–Print, Mini–XML is used for the following projects/software applications:

- Common UNIX Printing System
- CUPS Driver Development Kit
- ESP Print Pro
- ZynAddSubFX

Please email me (mxml @ easysw . com) if you would like your project added or removed from this list, or if you have any comments/quotes you would like me to publish about your experiences with Mini-XML.

2 Legal Stuff

Organization of This Document

This manual is organized into the following chapters and appendices:

- Chapter 1, "Building, Installing, and Packaging Mini–XML", provides compilation, installation, and packaging instructions for Mini–XML.
- Chapter 2, "Getting Started with Mini–XML", shows how to use the Mini–XML library in your programs.
- Chapter 3, "More Mini–XML Programming Techniques", shows additional ways to use the Mini–XML library.
- Chapter 4, "<u>Using the mxmldoc Utility</u>", describes how to use the mxmldoc (1) program to generate software documentation.
- Appendix A, "GNU Library General Public License", provides the terms and conditions for using and distributing Mini–XML.
- Appendix B, "Release Notes", lists the changes in each release of Mini-XML.
- Appendix C, "<u>Library Reference</u>", contains a complete reference for Mini–XML, generated by mxmldoc.

Notation Conventions

Various font and syntax conventions are used in this guide. Examples and their meanings and uses are explained below:

Example	Description
<pre>lpstat lpstat(1)</pre>	The names of commands; the first mention of a command or function in a chapter is followed by a manual page section number.
/var /usr/share/cups/data/testprint.ps	File and directory names.
Request ID is Printer-123	Screen output.
lp -d printer filename ENTER	Literal user input; special keys like ENTER are in ALL CAPS.
12.3	Numbers in the text are written using the period (.) to indicate the decimal point.

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout this manual:

Gb Gigabytes, or 1073741824 bytes

kb

Kilobytes, or 1024 bytes

Mb

Megabytes, or 1048576 bytes

UTF-8, UTF-16

Unicode Transformation Format, 8-bit or 16-bit

W3C

World Wide Web Consortium

XML

Extensible Markup Language

Other References

The Unicode Standard, Version 4.0, Addison-Wesley, ISBN 0-321-18578-1
The definition of the Unicode character set which is used for XML.

Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Third Edition)

The XML specification from the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

4 Abbreviations

1 - Building, Installing, and Packaging Mini-XML

This chapter describes how to build, install, and package Mini-XML on your system.

Compiling Mini-XML

Mini–XML comes with an autoconf–based configure script; just type the following command to get things going:

```
./configure ENTER
```

The default install prefix is /usr/local, which can be overridden using the --prefix option:

```
./configure --prefix=/foo ENTER
```

Other configure options can be found using the **--help** option:

```
./configure --help ENTER
```

Once you have configured the software, use the make (1) program to do the build and run the test program to verify that things are working, as follows:

make ENTER

Installing Mini-XML

Use the make command with the **install** target to install Mini-XML in the configured directories:

make install ENTER

Creating Mini-XML Packages

Mini-XML includes two files that can be used to create binary packages. The first file is *mxml.spec* which is used by the rpmbuild(8) software to create Red Hat Package Manager ("RPM") packages which are commonly used on Linux. Since rpmbuild wants to compile the software on its own, you can provide it with the Mini-XML tar file to build the package:

rpmbuild -ta mxml-version.tar.gz ENTER

The second file is mxml.list which is used by the epm (1) program to create software packages in a variety of formats. The epm program is available from the following URL:

http://www.easysw.com/epm/

Use the make command with the **epm** target to create portable and native packages for your system:

make epm ENTER

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The packages are stored in a subdirectory named *dist* for your convenience. The portable packages utilize scripts and tar files to install the software on the target system; this is especially useful when installing on systems with different Linux distributions. Use the *mxml.install* script to install the software and *mxml.remove* script to remove the software.

The native packages will be in the local OS's native format: RPM for Red Hat Linux, DPKG for Debian Linux, PKG for Solaris, and so forth. Use the corresponding commands to install the native packages.

2 - Getting Started with Mini-XML

This chapter describes how to write programs that use Mini-XML to access data in an XML file.

The Basics

Mini-XML provides a single header file which you include:

```
#include <mxml.h>
```

The Mini–XML library is included with your program using the **-lmxml** option:

```
gcc -o myprogram myprogram.c -lmxml ENTER
```

If you have the pkg-config (1) software installed, you can use it to determine the proper compiler and linker options for your installation:

```
pkg-config --cflags mxml ENTER
pkg-config --libs mxml ENTER
```

Nodes

Every piece of information in an XML file (elements, text, numbers) is stored in memory in "nodes". Nodes are defined by the <a href="mailto:mxml_node_t structure. The type member defines the node type (element, integer, opaque, real, or text) which determines which value you want to look at in the value union.

New nodes can be created using the mxmlNewInteger(), mxmlNewReal(), and mxmlNewText() functions. Only elements can have child nodes, and the top node must be an element, usually "?xml".

Each node has pointers for the node above (parent), below (child), to the left (prev), and to the right (next) of the current node. If you have an XML file like the following:

the node tree returned by mxmlLoadFile() would look like the following in memory:

where "-" is a pointer to the next node and "I" is a pointer to the first child node.

Once you are done with the XML data, use the $\underline{\mathtt{mxmlDelete}}$ function to recursively free the memory that is used for a particular node or the entire tree:

```
mxmlDelete(tree);
```

Loading and Saving XML Files

You load an XML file using the mxmlloadFile() function:

```
FILE *fp;
mxml node t *tree;

fp = fopen("filename.xml", "r");
tree = mxmlLoadFile(NULL, fp, MXML_NO_CALLBACK);
fclose(fp);
```

The third argument specifies a callback function which returns the value type of the immediate children for a new element node: MXML_INTEGER, MXML_OPAQUE, MXML_REAL, or MXML_TEXT. This function is

called *after* the element and its attributes have been read, so you can look at the element name, attributes, and attribute values to determine the proper value type to return. The default value type is MXML_TEXT if no callback is used.

Similarly, you save an XML file using the mxmlSaveFile() function:

```
FILE *fp;
mxml node t *tree;

fp = fopen("filename.xml", "w");
mxmlSaveFile(tree, fp, MXML_NO_CALLBACK);
fclose(fp);
```

Callback functions for saving are used to optionally insert whitespace before and after elements in the node tree. Your function will be called up to four times for each element node with a pointer to the node and a "where" value of MXML_WS_BEFORE_OPEN, MXML_WS_AFTER_OPEN, MXML_WS_BEFORE_CLOSE, or MXML_WS_AFTER_CLOSE. The callback function should return NULL if no whitespace should be added and the string to insert (spaces, tabs, carriage returns, and newlines) otherwise.

The <u>mxmlLoadString()</u>, <u>mxmlSaveAllocString()</u>, and <u>mxmlSaveString()</u> functions load XML node trees from and save XML node trees to strings:

```
char buffer[8192];
char *ptr;
mxml node t *tree;
...
tree = mxmlLoadString(NULL, buffer, MXML_NO_CALLBACK);
...
mxmlSaveString(tree, buffer, sizeof(buffer), MXML_NO_CALLBACK);
...
ptr = mxmlSaveAllocString(tree, MXML_NO_CALLBACK);
```

Finding and Iterating Nodes

The mxmlWalkPrev () and mxmlWalkNext () functions can be used to iterate through the XML node tree:

```
mxml node t *node = mxmlWalkPrev(current, tree, MXML_DESCEND);
mxml node t *node = mxmlWalkNext(current, tree, MXML_DESCEND);
```

In addition, you can find a named element/node using the mxmlFindElement () function:

The name, attr, and value arguments can be passed as NULL to act as wildcards, e.g.:

```
/* Find the first "a" element */
node = mxmlFindElement (tree, tree, "a", NULL, NULL, MXML_DESCEND);
/* Find the first "a" element with "href" attribute */
```

You can also iterate with the same function:

```
mxml node t *node;

for (node = mxmlFindElement(tree, tree, "name", NULL, NULL, MXML_DESCEND);
    node != NULL;
    node = mxmlFindElement(node, tree, "name", NULL, NULL, MXML_DESCEND))
{
    ... do something ...
}
```

The MXML_DESCEND argument can actually be one of three constants:

- MXML_NO_DESCEND means to not to look at any child nodes in the element hierarchy, just look at siblings at the same level or parent nodes until the top node or top—of—tree is reached. The previous node from "group" would be the "node" element to the left, while the next node from "group" would be the "node" element to the right.
- MXML_DESCEND_FIRST means that it is OK to descend to the first child of a node, but not to descend further when searching. You'll normally use this when iterating through direct children of a parent node, e.g. all of the "node" elements under the "?xml" parent node in the example above. This mode is only applicable to the search function; the walk functions treat this as MXML_DESCEND since every call is a first time.
- MXML_DESCEND means to keep descending until you hit the bottom of the tree. The previous node
 from "group" would be the "val3" node and the next node would be the first node element under
 "group". If you were to walk from the root node "?xml" to the end of the tree with
 mxmlWalkNext(), the order would be:

```
?xml
data
node
val1
node
val2
node
val3
group
node
val4
node
val5
node
val6
node
val7
node
```

val8 node val9

If you started at "val9" and walked using mxmlWalkPrev(), the order would be reversed, ending at "?xml".

3 – More Mini–XML Programming Techniques

This chapter shows additional ways to use the Mini-XML library in your programs.

Load Callbacks

Save Callbacks

Changing Node Values

Formatted Text

Indexing

4 - Using the mxmldoc Utility

This chapter describes how to use the mxmldoc(1) utility that comes with Mini–XML to automatically generate documentation for your programs.

The Basics

The mxmldoc utility scans C and C++ source and header files and produces an XML file describing the library interface and an XHTML file providing a human–readable reference to the code. Each source and header file must conform to some simple code commenting conventions so that mxmldoc can extract the necessary descriptive text.

The mxmldoc command requires the name of an XML file to store the code information; this file is created and updated as necessary. The XML file is optionally followed by a list of source files to scan. After scanning any source files on the command-line, mxmldoc writes XHTML documentation to the standard output, which can be redirected to the file using the **>filename** syntax:

```
mxmldoc myfile.xml >myfile.html ENTER
mxmldoc myfile.xml file1.c file2.cxx file3.h >myfile.html ENTER
```

If no source files are provided on the command–line, the current contents of the XML file are converted to XHTML.

Code Documentation Conventions

As noted previously, source code must be commented properly for mxmldoc to generate correct documentation for the code. Single line comments can use the C++ // comment sequence, however all multi-line comments must use the C /* ... */ comment sequence.

Functions and Methods

All implementations of functions and methods must begin with a comment header describing what the function does, the possible input limits (if any), and the possible output values (if any), and any special information needed, as follows:

Return/output values are indicated using an "O" prefix, input values are indicated using the "I" prefix, and values that are both input and output use the "IO" prefix for the corresponding in–line comment.

Variables and Class/Structure/Union Members

Each variable or member must be declared on a separate line and must be immediately followed by a comment describing the variable or member, as follows:

Types

Each type must have a comment block immediately before the typedef, as follows:

```
/*
 * This type is for foobar options.
 */
typedef int this_type_t;
```

Classes, Structures, and Unions

Each class, structure, and union must have a comment block immediately before the definition, and each member must be documented in accordance with the function and variable documentation requirements, as follows:

Enumerations

Each enumeration must have a comment block immediately before the definition describing what the enumeration is for, and each enumeration value must have a comment immediately after the value, as follows:

```
/*
 * Enumeration of media trays.
 */
enum this_enum_e
{
   THIS_TRAY, /* This tray */
   THAT_TRAY /* That tray */
};
```

XML Schema

Listing 4–1 shows the XML schema file *mxmldoc.xsd* which is included with Mini–XML. This schema file can be used to convert the XML files produced by mxmldoc into other formats.

```
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
 <xsd:annotation>
   <xsd:documentation xml:lang="en">
     Mini-XML 2.0 documentation schema for mxmldoc output.
     Copyright 2003-2004 by Michael Sweet.
     This program is free software; you can redistribute it and/or
     modify it under the terms of the GNU Library General Public
     License as published by the Free Software Foundation; either
     version 2, or (at your option) any later version.
     This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful,
     but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of
     MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the
     GNU General Public License for more details.
   </xsd:documentation>
 </xsd:annotation>
 <!-- basic element definitions -->
 <xsd:element name="argument" type="argumentType"/>
 <xsd:element name="class" type="classType"/>
 <xsd:element name="constant" type="constantType"/>
 <xsd:element name="description" type="xsd:string"/>
 <xsd:element name="enumeration" type="enumerationType"/>
 <xsd:element name="function" type="functionType"/>
 <xsd:element name="mxmldoc" type="mxmldocType"/>
 <xsd:element name="namespace" type="namespaceType"/>
 <xsd:element name="returnvalue" type="returnvalueType"/>
 <xsd:element name="seealso" type="identifierList"/>
 <xsd:element name="struct" type="structType"/>
 <xsd:element name="typedef" type="typedefType"/>
 <xsd:element name="type" type="xsd:string"/>
 <xsd:element name="union" type="unionType"/>
 <xsd:element name="variable" type="variableType"/>
 <!-- descriptions of complex elements -->
 <xsd:complexType name="argumentType">
   <xsd:sequence>
     <xsd:element ref="type" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
     <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
   </xsd:sequence>
   <xsd:attribute name="default" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
   <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
   <xsd:attribute name="direction" type="direction" use="optional" default="I"/>
 </xsd:complexType>
 <xsd:complexType name="classType">
   <xsd:sequence>
     <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
     <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xsd:element ref="class"/>
```

Listing 4-1, XML Schema File "mxmldoc.xsd"

```
<xsd:element ref="enumeration"/>
      <xsd:element ref="function"/>
     <xsd:element ref="struct"/>
     <xsd:element ref="typedef"/>
     <xsd:element ref="union"/>
     <xsd:element ref="variable"/>
    </xsd:choice>
 </xsd:sequence>
 <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
  <xsd:attribute name="parent" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="constantType">
 <xsd:sequence>
   <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
 </xsd:sequence>
 <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="enumerationType">
 <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:element ref="constant" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
 </xsd:sequence>
 <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="functionType">
 <xsd:sequence>
   <xsd:element ref="returnvalue" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
   <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:element ref="argument" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    <xsd:element ref="seealso" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
 </xsd:sequence>
 <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
  <xsd:attribute name="scope" type="scope" use="optional"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="mxmldocType">
 <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
   <xsd:element ref="class"/>
   <xsd:element ref="enumeration"/>
   <xsd:element ref="function"/>
   <xsd:element ref="namespace"/>
   <xsd:element ref="struct"/>
   <xsd:element ref="typedef"/>
    <xsd:element ref="union"/>
    <xsd:element ref="variable"/>
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="namespaceType">
 <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
     <xsd:element ref="class"/>
     <xsd:element ref="enumeration"/>
     <xsd:element ref="function"/>
```

Listing 4-1, XML Schema File "mxmldoc.xsd" (con't)

```
<xsd:element ref="struct"/>
     <xsd:element ref="typedef"/>
     <xsd:element ref="union"/>
     <xsd:element ref="variable"/>
    </xsd:choice>
  </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="returnvalueType">
 <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="type" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
 </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="structType">
 <xsd:sequence>
   <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
   <xsd:choice minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
     <xsd:element ref="variable"/>
     <xsd:element ref="function"/>
    </xsd:choice>
  </xsd:sequence>
 <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="typedefType">
 <xsd:sequence>
   <xsd:element ref="type" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
 </xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="unionType">
 <xsd:sequence>
   <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
   <xsd:element ref="variable" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
 </xsd:sequence>
 <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="variableType">
 <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element ref="type" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <xsd:element ref="description" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
 <xsd:attribute name="name" type="identifier" use="required"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<!-- data types -->
<xsd:simpleType name="direction">
 <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
   <xsd:enumeration value="I"/>
   <xsd:enumeration value="0"/>
    <xsd:enumeration value="IO"/>
 </xsd:restriction>
```

Listing 4-1, XML Schema File "mxmldoc.xsd" (con't)

```
</xsd:simpleType>
 <xsd:simpleType name="identifier">
   <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
     <xsd:pattern value="[a-zA-Z_(.]([a-zA-Z_(.,)* 0-9])*"/>
   </xsd:restriction>
 </xsd:simpleType>
 <xsd:simpleType name="identifierList">
   <xsd:list itemType="identifier"/>
  </xsd:simpleType>
 <xsd:simpleType name="scope">
   <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
     <xsd:enumeration value=""/>
     <xsd:enumeration value="private"/>
     <xsd:enumeration value="protected"/>
     <xsd:enumeration value="public"/>
   </xsd:restriction>
 </xsd:simpleType>
</xsd:schema>
```

Listing 4-1, XML Schema File "mxmldoc.xsd" (con't)

A - GNU Library General Public License

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[This is the first released version of the library GPL. It is numbered 2 because it goes with version 2 of the ordinary GPL.]

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Changes in Mini-XML 2.0

- New programmers manual.
- Added UTF-16 support (input only; all output is UTF-8)
- Added index functions to build a searchable index of XML nodes.
- Added character entity callback interface to support additional character entities beyond those defined in the XHTML specification.
- Added support for XHTML character entities.
- The mxmldoc utility now produces XML output which conforms to an updated XML schema, described in the file "doc/mxmldoc.xsd".
- Changed the whitespace callback interface to return strings instead of a single character, allowing for greater control over the formatting of XML files written using Mini–XML. THIS CHANGE WILL REQUIRE CHANGES TO YOUR 1.x CODE IF YOU USE WHITESPACE CALLBACKS.
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- The mxmldoc utility is now capable of documenting C++ classes, functions, and structures, and correctly handles C++ comments.
- Added new modular tests for mxmldoc.
- Updated the mxmldoc output to be more compatible with embedding in manuals produced with HTMLDOC.

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• The makefile incorrectly included a "/" separator between the destination path and install path. This caused problems when building and installing with MingW.

Changes in Mini-XML 1.3

- Fixes for mxmldoc.
- Added support for reading standard HTML entity names.
- mxmlLoadString/File() did not decode character entities in element names, attribute names, or attribute values.
- mxmlLoadString/File() would crash when loading non– conformant XML data under an existing parent (top) node.
- Fixed several bugs in the mxmldoc utility.
- Added new error callback function to catch a variety of errors and log them to someplace other than stderr
- The mxmlElementSetAttr() function now allows for NULL attribute values.
- The load and save functions now properly handle quoted element and attribute name strings properly, e.g. for !DOCTYPE declarations.

Changes in Mini-XML 1.2

- Added new "set" methods to set the value of a node.
- Added new formatted text methods mxmlNewTextf() and mxmlSetTextf() to create/set a text node value using printf-style formats.
- Added new standard callbacks for use with the mxmlLoad functions.
- Updated the HTML documentation to include examples of the walk and load function output.
- Added —with/without—ansi configure option to control the strdup() function check.
- Added —with/without—snprintf configure option to control the snprintf() and vsnprintf() function checks.

Changes in Mini-XML 1.1.2

- The mxml(3) man page wasn't updated for the string functions.
- mxmlSaveString() returned the wrong number of characters.
- mxml add char() updated the buffer pointer in the wrong place.

Changes in Mini-XML 1.1.1

- The private mxml_add_ch() function did not update the start-of-buffer pointer which could cause a crash when using mxmlSaveString().
- The private mxml_write_ws() function called putc() instead of using the proper callback which could cause a crash when using mxmlSaveString().
- Added a mxmlSaveAllocString() convenience function for saving an XML node tree to an allocated string.

Changes in Mini-XML 1.1

• The mxmlLoadFile() function now uses dynamically allocated string buffers for element names, attribute names, and attribute values. Previously they were capped at 16383, 255, and 255 bytes, respectively.

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- Added a new mxmlLoadString() function for loading an XML node tree from a string.
- Added a new mxmlSaveString() function for saving an XML node tree to a string.
- Add emulation of strdup() if the local platform does not provide the function.

Changes in Mini-XML 1.0

- The mxmldoc program now handles function arguments, structures, unions, enumerations, classes, and typedefs properly.
- Documentation provided via mxmldoc and more in-line comments in the code.
- Added man pages and packaging files.

Changes in Mini-XML 0.93

- New mxmldoc example program that is also used to create and update code documentation using XML and produce HTML reference pages.
- Added mxmlAdd() and mxmlRemove() functions to add and remove nodes from a tree. This provides more flexibility over where the nodes are inserted and allows nodes to be moved within the tree as needed.
- mxmlLoadFile() now correctly handles comments.
- mxmlLoadFile() now supports the required "gt", "quot", and "nbsp" character entities.
- mxmlSaveFile() now uses newlines as whitespace when valid to do so.
- mxmlFindElement() now also takes attribute name and attribute value string arguments to limit the search to specific elements with attributes and/or values.

NULL pointers can be used as "wildcards".

- Added uninstall target to makefile, and auto-reconfig if Makefile.in or configure.in are changed.
- mxmlFindElement(), mxmlWalkNext(), and mxmlWalkPrev() now all provide "descend" arguments to control whether they descend into child nodes in the tree.
- Fixed some whitespace issues in mxmlLoadFile().
- Fixed Unicode output and whitespace issues in mxmlSaveFile().
- mxmlSaveFile() now supports a whitespace callback to provide more human–readable XML output under program control.

Changes in Mini-XML 0.92

• mxmlSaveFile() didn't return a value on success.

Changes in Mini-XML 0.91

• mxmlWalkNext() would go into an infinite loop.

Changes in Mini-XML 0.9

• Initial public release.

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Description

The XML node type.

Values

Name	Description
MXML_ELEMENT	XML element with attributes
MXML_INTEGER	Integer value
MXML_OPAQUE	Opaque string
MXML_REAL	Real value
MXML_TEXT	Text fragment

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mxmlAdd()

Description

Add a node to a tree. Adds the specified node to the parent. If the child argument is not NULL, puts the new node before or after the specified child depending on the value of the where argument. If the child argument is NULL, puts the new node at the beginning of the child list (MXML_ADD_BEFORE) or at the end of the child list (MXML_ADD_AFTER). The constant MXML_ADD_TO_PARENT can be used to specify a NULL child pointer.

Syntax

```
void
mxmlAdd(
    mxml node t * parent,
    int where,
    mxml node t * child,
    mxml node t * node);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
parent	Parent node
where	Where to add, MXML_ADD_BEFORE or MXML_ADD_AFTER
child	Child node for where or MXML_ADD_TO_PARENT
node	Node to add

Returns

Nothing.

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mxmlDelete()

Description

Delete a node and all of its children. If the specified node has a parent, this function first removes the node from its parent using the mxmlRemove() function.

Syntax

```
void
mxmlDelete(
     mxml node t * node);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to delete

Returns

Nothing.

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mxmlElementGetAttr()

Description

Get an attribute. This function returns NULL if the node is not an element or the named attribute does not exist.

Syntax

```
const char *
mxmlElementGetAttr(
    mxml node t * node,
    const char * name);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Element node
name	Name of attribute

Returns

Attribute value or NULL

mxmlElementSetAttr()

Description

Set an attribute. If the named attribute already exists, the value of the attribute is replaced by the new string value. The string value is copied into the element node. This function does nothing if the node is not an element.

Syntax

```
void
mxmlElementSetAttr(
    mxml node t * node,
    const char * name,
    const char * value);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Element node
name	Name of attribute
value	Attribute value

Returns

Nothing.

mxmlEntityAddCallback()

Description

Add a callback to convert entities to Unicode.

Syntax

```
void
mxmlEntityAddCallback(
    int (*cb) (const char *name));
```

Arguments

Name	Description
(*cb)(const char *name)	Callback function to add

Returns

Nothing.

mxmlEntityGetName()

Description

Get the name that corresponds to the character value. If val does not need to be represented by a named entity, NULL is returned.

Syntax

```
const char *
mxmlEntityGetName(
   int val);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
val	Character value

Returns

Entity name or NULL

mxmlEntityGetValue()

Description

Get the character corresponding to a named entity. The entity name can also be a numeric constant. -1 is returned if the name is not known.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlEntityGetValue(
    const char * name);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
name	Entity name

Returns

Character value or -1 on error

mxmlEntityRemoveCallback()

Description

Remove a callback.

Syntax

```
void
mxmlEntityRemoveCallback(
    int (*cb)(const char *name));
```

Arguments

Name	Description
(*cb) (const char *name)	Callback function to remove

Returns

Nothing.

mxmlFindElement()

Description

Find the named element. The search is constrained by the name, attribute name, and value; any NULL names or values are treated as wildcards, so different kinds of searches can be implemented by looking for all elements of a given name or all elements with a specific attribute. The descend argument determines whether the search descends into child nodes; normally you will use MXML_DESCEND_FIRST for the initial search and MXML_NO_DESCEND to find additional direct descendents of the node. The top node argument constrains the search to a particular node's children.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlFindElement(
    mxml node t * node,
    mxml node t * top,
    const char * name,
    const char * attr,
    const char * value,
    int descend);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Current node
top	Top node
name	Element name or NULL for any
attr	Attribute name, or NULL for none
value	Attribute value, or NULL for any
descend	Descend into tree – MXML_DESCEND, MXML_NO_DESCEND, or MXML_DESCEND_FIRST

Returns

Element node or NULL

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mxmlIndexDelete()

Description

Delete an index.

Syntax

```
void
mxmlIndexDelete(
    mxml index t * ind);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
ind	Index to delete

Returns

Nothing.

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mxmlIndexEnum()

Description

Return the next node in the index. Nodes are returned in the sorted order of the index.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlIndexEnum(
    mxml index t * ind);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
ind	Index to enumerate

Returns

Next node or NULL if there is none

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mxmllndexFind()

Description

Find the next matching node. You should call mxmlIndexReset() prior to using this function for the first time with a particular set of "element" and "value" strings. Passing NULL for both "element" and "value" is equivalent to calling mxmlIndexEnum().

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlIndexFind(
    mxml index t * ind,
    const char * element,
    const char * value);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
ind	Index to search
element	Element name to find, if any
value	Attribute value, if any

Returns

Node or NULL if none found

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mxmlIndexNew()

Description

Create a new index. The index will contain all nodes that contain the named element and/or attribute. If both "element" and "attr" are NULL, then the index will contain a sorted list of the elements in the node tree. Nodes are sorted by element name and optionally by attribute value if the "attr" argument is not NULL.

Syntax

```
mxml index t *
mxmlIndexNew(
    mxml node t * node,
    const char * element,
    const char * attr);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	XML node tree
element	Element to index or NULL for all
attr	Attribute to index or NULL for none

Returns

New index

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mxmlIndexReset()

Description

Reset the enumeration/find pointer in the index and return the first node in the index. This function should be called prior to using mxmlIndexEnum() or mxmlIndexFind() for the first time.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlIndexReset(
    mxml index t * ind);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
ind	Index to reset

Returns

First node or NULL if there is none

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mxmlLoadFile()

Description

Load a file into an XML node tree. The nodes in the specified file are added to the specified top node. If no top node is provided, the XML file MUST be well–formed with a single parent node like <?xml> for the entire file. The callback function returns the value type that should be used for child nodes. If MXML_NO_CALLBACK is specified then all child nodes will be either MXML_ELEMENT or MXML_TEXT nodes. The constants MXML_INTEGER_CALLBACK, MXML_OPAQUE_CALLBACK, MXML_REAL_CALLBACK, and MXML_TEXT_CALLBACK are defined for loading child nodes of the specified type.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlLoadFile(
    mxml node t * top,
    FILE * fp,
    mxml type t (*cb) (mxml_node_t *node));
```

Arguments

Name	Description
top	Top node
fp	File to read from
(*cb) (mxml_node_t *node)	Callback function or MXML_NO_CALLBACK

Returns

First node or NULL if the file could not be read.

mxmlLoadFile() 53

mxmlLoadString()

Description

Load a string into an XML node tree. The nodes in the specified string are added to the specified top node. If no top node is provided, the XML string MUST be well-formed with a single parent node like <?xml> for the entire string. The callback function returns the value type that should be used for child nodes. If MXML_NO_CALLBACK is specified then all child nodes will be either MXML_ELEMENT or MXML_TEXT nodes. The constants MXML_INTEGER_CALLBACK, MXML_OPAQUE_CALLBACK, MXML_REAL_CALLBACK, and MXML_TEXT_CALLBACK are defined for loading child nodes of the specified type.

Syntax

```
mxml_node t *
mxmlLoadString(
    mxml_node t * top,
    const char * s,
    mxml_type_t (*cb)(mxml_node_t *node));
```

Arguments

Name	Description
top	Top node
S	String to load
(*cb) (mxml_node_t *node)	Callback function or MXML_NO_CALLBACK

Returns

First node or NULL if the string has errors.

54 mxmlLoadString()

mxmlNewElement()

Description

Create a new element node. The new element node is added to the end of the specified parent's child list. The constant MXML_NO_PARENT can be used to specify that the new element node has no parent.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlNewElement(
    mxml node t * parent,
    const char * name);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
parent	Parent node or MXML_NO_PARENT
name	Name of element

Returns

New node

mxmlNewElement() 55

mxmlNewInteger()

Description

Create a new integer node. The new integer node is added to the end of the specified parent's child list. The constant MXML_NO_PARENT can be used to specify that the new integer node has no parent.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlNewInteger(
    mxml node t * parent,
    int integer);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
parent	Parent node or MXML_NO_PARENT
integer	Integer value

Returns

New node

56 mxmlNewInteger()

mxmlNewOpaque()

Description

Create a new opaque string. The new opaque node is added to the end of the specified parent's child list. The constant MXML_NO_PARENT can be used to specify that the new opaque node has no parent. The opaque string must be nul-terminated and is copied into the new node.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlNewOpaque(
    mxml node t * parent,
    const char * opaque);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
parent	Parent node or MXML_NO_PARENT
opaque	Opaque string

Returns

New node

mxmlNewOpaque() 57

mxmlNewReal()

Description

Create a new real number node. The new real number node is added to the end of the specified parent's child list. The constant MXML_NO_PARENT can be used to specify that the new real number node has no parent.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlNewReal(
    mxml node t * parent,
    double real);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
parent	Parent node or MXML_NO_PARENT
real	Real number value

Returns

New node

58 mxmlNewReal()

mxmlNewText()

Description

Create a new text fragment node. The new text node is added to the end of the specified parent's child list. The constant MXML_NO_PARENT can be used to specify that the new text node has no parent. The whitespace parameter is used to specify whether leading whitespace is present before the node. The text string must be nul-terminated and is copied into the new node.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlNewText(
    mxml node t * parent,
    int whitespace,
    const char * string);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
parent	Parent node or MXML_NO_PARENT
whitespace	1 = leading whitespace, $0 = $ no whitespace
string	String

Returns

New node

mxmlNewText() 59

mxmlNewTextf()

Description

Create a new formatted text fragment node. The new text node is added to the end of the specified parent's child list. The constant MXML_NO_PARENT can be used to specify that the new text node has no parent. The whitespace parameter is used to specify whether leading whitespace is present before the node. The format string must be nul-terminated and is formatted into the new node.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlNewTextf(
    mxml node t * parent,
    int whitespace,
    const char * format,
    ...);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
parent	Parent node or MXML_NO_PARENT
whitespace	1 = leading whitespace, 0 = no whitespace
format	Printf-style frmat string
	Additional args as needed

Returns

New node

60 mxmlNewTextf()

mxmlRemove()

Description

Remove a node from its parent. Does not free memory used by the node – use mxmlDelete() for that. This function does nothing if the node has no parent.

Syntax

```
void
mxmlRemove(
    mxml node t * node);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to remove

Returns

Nothing.

mxmlRemove() 61

mxmlSaveAllocString()

Description

Save an XML node tree to an allocated string. This function returns a pointer to a string containing the textual representation of the XML node tree. The string should be freed using the free() function when you are done with it. NULL is returned if the node would produce an empty string or if the string cannot be allocated.

Syntax

```
char *
mxmlSaveAllocString(
    mxml node t * node,
    const char * (*cb) (mxml_node_t *node, int ws));
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to write
(*cb) (mxml_node_t *node, int ws)	Whitespace callback or MXML_NO_CALLBACK

Returns

Allocated string or NULL

mxmlSaveFile()

Description

Save an XML tree to a file. The callback argument specifies a function that returns a whitespace character or nul (0) before and after each element. If MXML_NO_CALLBACK is specified, whitespace will only be added before MXML_TEXT nodes with leading whitespace and before attribute names inside opening element tags.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlSaveFile(
    mxml node t * node,
    FILE * fp,
    const char * (*cb) (mxml_node_t *node, int ws));
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to write
fp	File to write to
(*cb) (mxml_node_t *node, int ws)	Whitespace callback or MXML_NO_CALLBACK

Returns

0 on success, -1 on error.

mxmlSaveFile() 63

mxmlSaveString()

Description

Save an XML node tree to a string. This function returns the total number of bytes that would be required for the string but only copies (bufsize -1) characters into the specified buffer.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlSaveString(
    mxml node t * node,
    char * buffer,
    int bufsize,
    const char * (*cb) (mxml_node_t *node, int ws));
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to write
buffer	String buffer
bufsize	Size of string buffer
(*cb) (mxml_node_t *node, int ws)	Whitespace callback or MXML_NO_CALLBACK

Returns

Size of string

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mxmlSetElement()

Description

Set the name of an element node. The node is not changed if it is not an element node.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlSetElement(
    mxml node t * node,
    const char * name);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to set
name	New name string

Returns

0 on success, -1 on failure

mxmlSetElement() 65

mxmlSetErrorCallback()

Description

Set the error message callback.

Syntax

```
void
mxmlSetErrorCallback(
    void (*cb)(const char *));
```

Arguments

Name	Description
(*cb) (const char *)	Error callback function

Returns

Nothing.

mxmlSetInteger()

Description

Set the value of an integer node. The node is not changed if it is not an integer node.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlSetInteger(
    mxml node t * node,
    int integer);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to set
integer	Integer value

Returns

0 on success, -1 on failure

mxmlSetInteger() 67

mxmlSetOpaque()

Description

Set the value of an opaque node. The node is not changed if it is not an opaque node.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlSetOpaque(
    mxml node t * node,
    const char * opaque);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to set
opaque	Opaque string

Returns

0 on success, -1 on failure

68 mxmlSetOpaque()

mxmlSetReal()

Description

Set the value of a real number node. The node is not changed if it is not a real number node.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlSetReal(
    mxml node t * node,
    double real);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to set
real	Real number value

Returns

0 on success, -1 on failure

mxmlSetReal() 69

mxmlSetText()

Description

Set the value of a text node. The node is not changed if it is not a text node.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlSetText(
    mxml node t * node,
    int whitespace,
    const char * string);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to set
whitespace	1 = leading whitespace, $0 = $ no whitespace
string	String

Returns

0 on success, -1 on failure

70 mxmlSetText()

mxmlSetTextf()

Description

Set the value of a text node to a formatted string. The node is not changed if it is not a text node.

Syntax

```
int
mxmlSetTextf(
    mxml node t * node,
    int whitespace,
    const char * format,
    ...);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Node to set
whitespace	1 = leading whitespace, $0 = $ no whitespace
format	Printf-style format string
	Additional arguments as needed

Returns

0 on success, -1 on failure

mxmlSetTextf() 71

mxmlWalkNext()

Description

Walk to the next logical node in the tree. The descend argument controls whether the first child is considered to be the next node. The top node argument constrains the walk to the node's children.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlWalkNext(
    mxml node t * node,
    mxml node t * top,
    int descend);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Current node
top	Top node
descend	Descend into tree – MXML_DESCEND, MXML_NO_DESCEND, or MXML_DESCEND_FIRST

Returns

Next node or NULL

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mxmlWalkPrev()

Description

Walk to the previous logical node in the tree. The descend argument controls whether the previous node's last child is considered to be the previous node. The top node argument constrains the walk to the node's children.

Syntax

```
mxml node t *
mxmlWalkPrev(
    mxml node t * node,
    mxml node t * top,
    int descend);
```

Arguments

Name	Description
node	Current node
top	Top node
descend	Descend into tree – MXML_DESCEND, MXML_NO_DESCEND, or MXML_DESCEND_FIRST

Returns

Previous node or NULL

mxmlWalkPrev() 73

Structures

- mxml attr s
- mxml index s
- mxml node s
- mxml text s
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mxml_attr_s

Description

An XML element attribute value.

Definition

```
struct mxml_attr_s
{
   char * name;
   char * value;
};
```

Members

Name	Description
name	Attribute name
value	Attribute value

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mxml_index_s

Description

An XML node index.

Definition

```
struct mxml_index_s
{
  int alloc_nodes;
  char * attr;
  int cur_node;
  mxml node t ** nodes;
  int num_nodes;
};
```

Members

Name	Description
alloc_nodes	Allocated nodes in index
attr	Attribute used for indexing or NULL
cur_node	Current node
nodes	Node array
num_nodes	Number of nodes in index

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mxml_node_s

Description

An XML node.

Definition

```
struct mxml_node_s
{
   struct mxml node s * child;
   struct mxml node s * last_child;
   struct mxml node s * next;
   struct mxml node s * parent;
   struct mxml node s * prev;
   mxml type t type;
   mxml value t value;
}:
```

Members

Name	Description
child	First child node
last_child	Last child node
next	Next node under same parent
parent	Parent node
prev	Previous node under same parent
type	Node type
value	Node value

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mxml_text_s

Description

An XML text value.

Definition

```
struct mxml_text_s
{
   char * string;
   int whitespace;
}.
```

Members

Name	Description
string	Fragment string
whitespace	Leading whitespace?

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mxml_value_s

Description

An XML element value.

Definition

```
struct mxml_value_s
{
    mxml attr t * attrs;
    char * name;
    int num_attrs;
};
```

Members

Name	Description
attrs	Attributes
name	Name of element
num_attrs	Number of attributes

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Types

- mxml attr t
- mxml element t
- \bullet mxml index t
- mxml node t
- mxml text t
- mxml type t
- mxml value t

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mxml_attr_t

Description

An XML element attribute value.

Definition

typedef struct $\underline{\mathtt{mxml}}$ $\underline{\mathtt{attr}}$ $\underline{\mathtt{s}}$ \mathtt{mxml} _ $\underline{\mathtt{attr}}$ _ $\underline{\mathtt{t}}$;

 $mxml_attr_t$

mxml_element_t

Description

An XML element value.

Definition

typedef struct $\underline{\mathtt{mxml}}$ value $\underline{\mathtt{s}}$ \mathtt{mxml} _element_t;

mxml_index_t

Description

An XML node index.

Definition

 $\verb|typedef| struct <u>mxml index s mxml_index_t; | \\$ </u>

mxml_index_t

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$mxml_node_t$

Description

An XML node.

Definition

typedef struct mxml node s mxml_node_t;

mxml_text_t

Description

An XML text value.

Definition

 $\texttt{typedef struct} \ \underline{\texttt{mxml text s}} \ \mathtt{mxml_text_t};$

mxml_text_t

mxml_type_t

Description

The XML node type.

Definition

typedef enum mxml type e mxml_type_t;

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mxml_value_t

Description

An XML node value.

Definition

typedef union $\underline{mxml\ value\ u}\ mxml_value_t;$

mxml_value_t

Unions

• <u>mxml value u</u>

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mxml_value_u

Description

An XML node value.

Definition

```
union mxml_value_u
{
    mxml element t element;
    int integer;
    char * opaque;
    double real;
    mxml text t text;
};
```

Members

Name	Description
element	Element
integer	Integer number
opaque	Opaque string
real	Real number
text	Text fragment

mxml_value_u

Variables

• <u>num callbacks</u>

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num_callbacks

Definition

static int num_callbacks = 1;

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