

xmLegesEditor

an opensource visual XML editor for supporting Legal National standards

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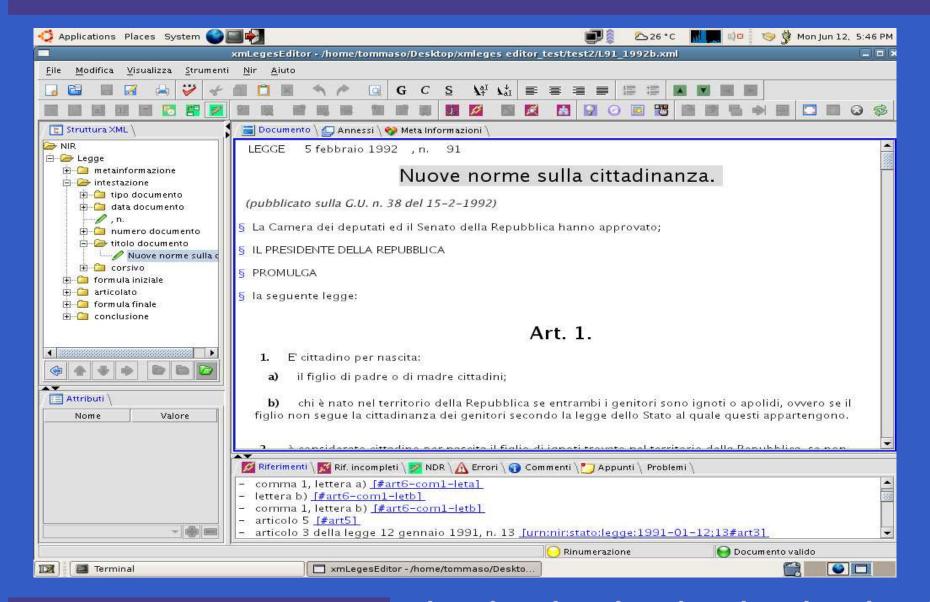


Main Features

- xmLegesEditor developed at ITTIG/CNR
- xmLegesEditor is a *specific editor for legislative documents* based on NIR standards (DTD/Schema and URN);
- Entirely written in Java using opensource standard libraries
- Platform independent: runs on Windows and Linux platforms
- Native XML editor (directly works on and produces XML documents compliant to NIR-DTD)
- Latest version supports NIR-DTD 2.1
- Customizable to different DTDs
- Currently under experimentation at Italian Senate and Chamber of Deputies
- Recently inserted in the "reuse catalog", managed by CNIPA, of softwares for Public Administrations
- born on the experience of NIREditor prototype version



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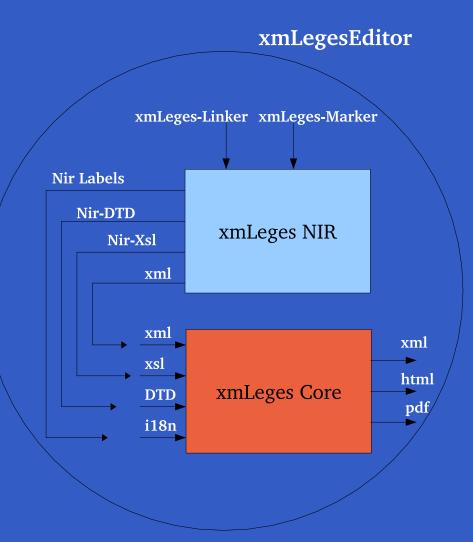
xmLeges Family

xmLegesEditor aims to be a complete environment integrating different software modules

- xmLeges-Linker: extracts references in normative texts and describes them according to the corresponding URNs (integrated in xmLegesEditor 2.0)
- xmLeges-Marker: converts to XML-NIR format a preexisting normative text (integrated in xmLegesEditor 2.0)
- xmLeges-Classifier classifies normative texts portions according to the provisions model defined in NIR standard
- xmLeges-Extractor: developed jointly with ILC/CNR extracts provision arguments according to the provisions model defined in NIR standard



xmLegesEditor Architecture 1/3



xmLegesEditor is developed on a *compo*nent based architecture where each component provides a specific service:

DocumentManager

Partitions

xmLeges-NIR: References

MetaData

NIR-Elements
...

a *new* Editor can be obtained by composing such services



xmLegesEditor Architecture 2/3

xmLegesCore:

a generic and application independent Visual XML editor

Validity management

rules driven: only valid operations are allowed by contextually querying the loaded DTD parsed in a FSA ⇒ only valid documents can be produced (a priori validation)

Document views

a number of panels filtering different views of the document can be added and customized by applying an xsl stylesheet

Internazionalization

all the interfaces of the application can be translated and customized by redefining a single file of labels



xmLegesEditor Architecture 3/3

xmLeges NIR:

NIR specific layer

Legacy Content

handles legacy content through *xmLeges-Marker*

New Documents

insertion and management of new partitions ("comma", "articolo", etc.), notes, annexes

NIR-Elements

contextual and assisted management of NIR Elements, automatic numbering of divisions, friendly NIR-Urn management

Export

Export in output format *Html, Pdf*, with customized stylesheets



xmLegesEditor Project

The choice of **open-source software** is particularly suited for a project involving different subjects sharing a **common open-standard**<u>different subjects involved at different levels with specific needs:</u>

- Parliament
- Public Authorities
- Regional Assemblies
- Research Institutes

can share a common platform on which to develop specific functions and integrate external modules. The whole project benefits of different contributions.

Soon available:

a project homepage dedicated to users and developers for: project management, documentation, acces to source code, submission of contributions. For the moment the latest distribution (in Italian) is available at

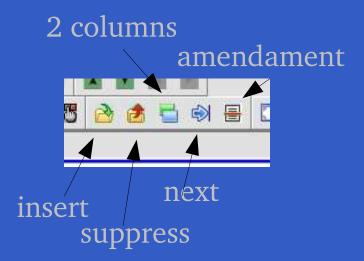
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xmLegesEditor Recent Developments

Extension to Parliamentary Acts

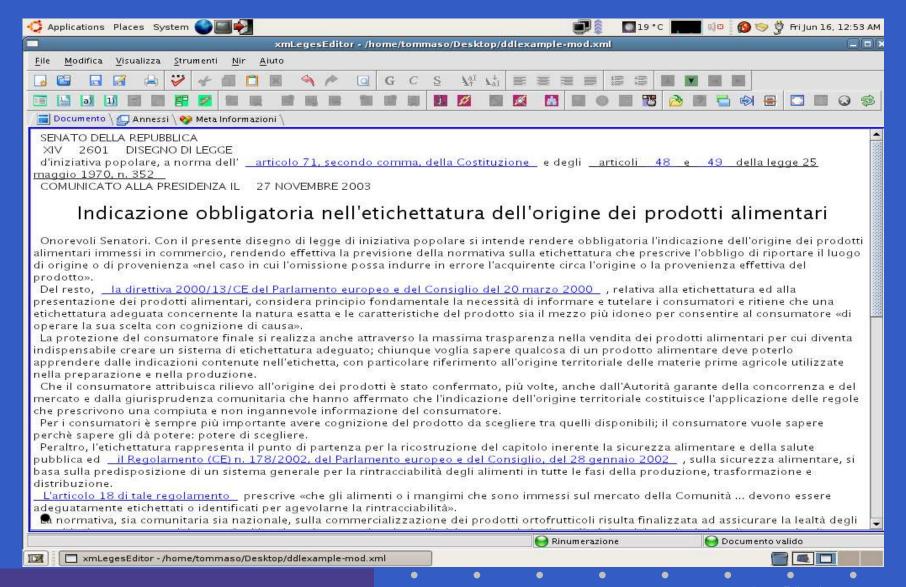
- experimented on a prototype DTD (DTD-DL)
- ongoing study of Italian Senate and Chamber of Deputies bills lifecycle and requirements for textual and partition modification markup ⇒ new DTD or Nir-DTD extension to bills
- extension of xmLegesMarker for parsing formal structure of bills into DTD-DL XML
- a dedicated toolbar in *xmLegesEditor* for bills lifecycle management



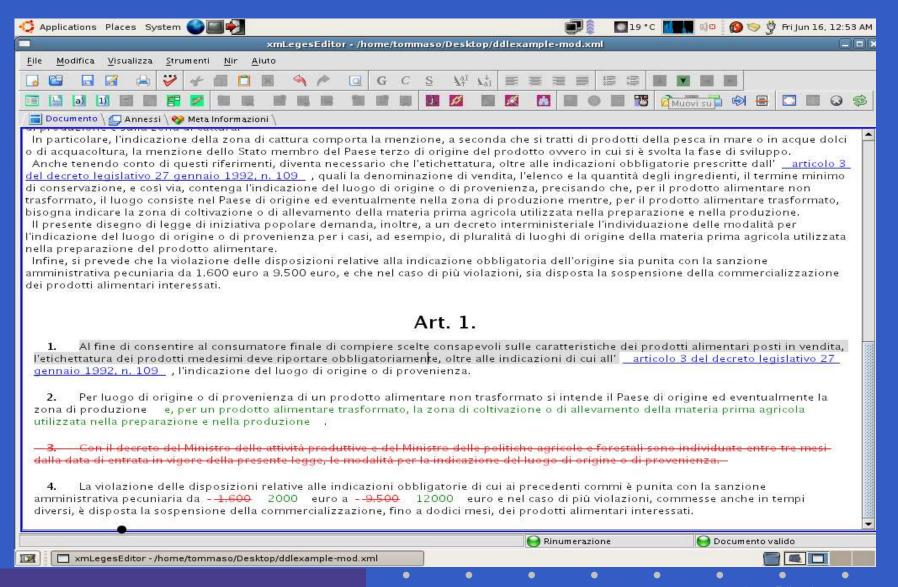




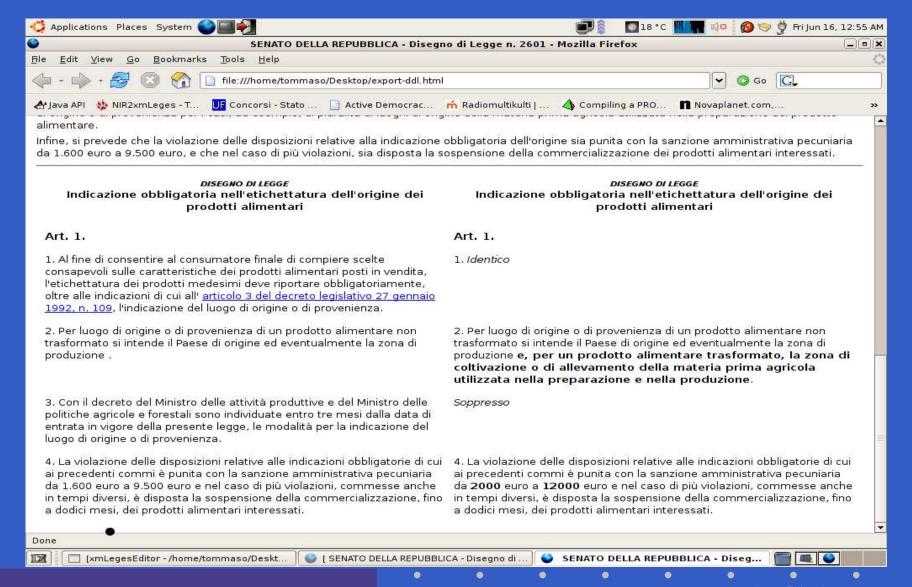




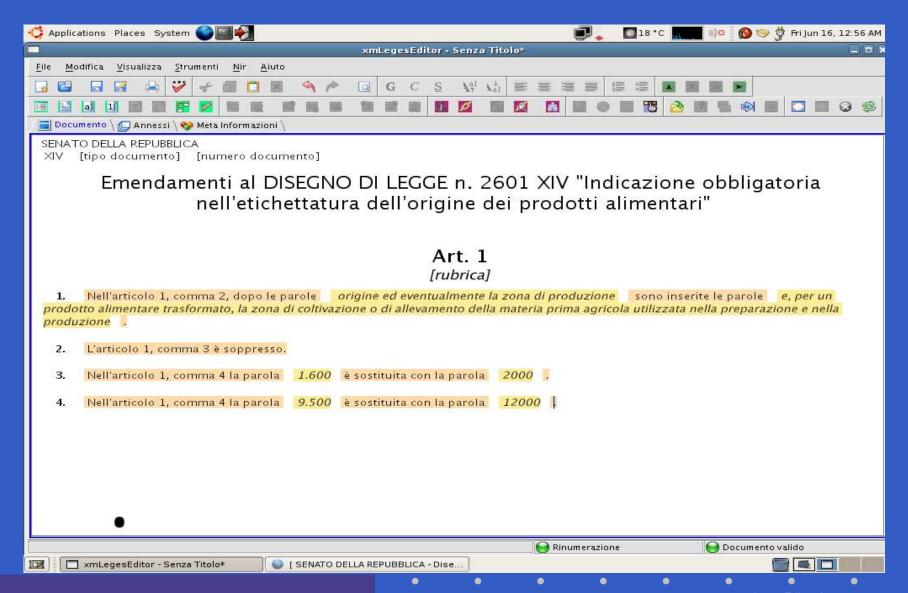














Conclusions and Future work

- xmLegesEditor can be a starting point for adding new facilities to NIR standards support and for developing other National Standards drafting tools
- provide functions for fully support Parliamentary works.
- integrate existing modules and new functions for managing the semantic profile of the norm
- extend support to XML-Schema through the development of a SchemaRulesManager
- setup of a collaborative framework for managing the open project