

# XML as a tool to enrich charter metadata

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IN THE MONASTERIUM-PORTAL

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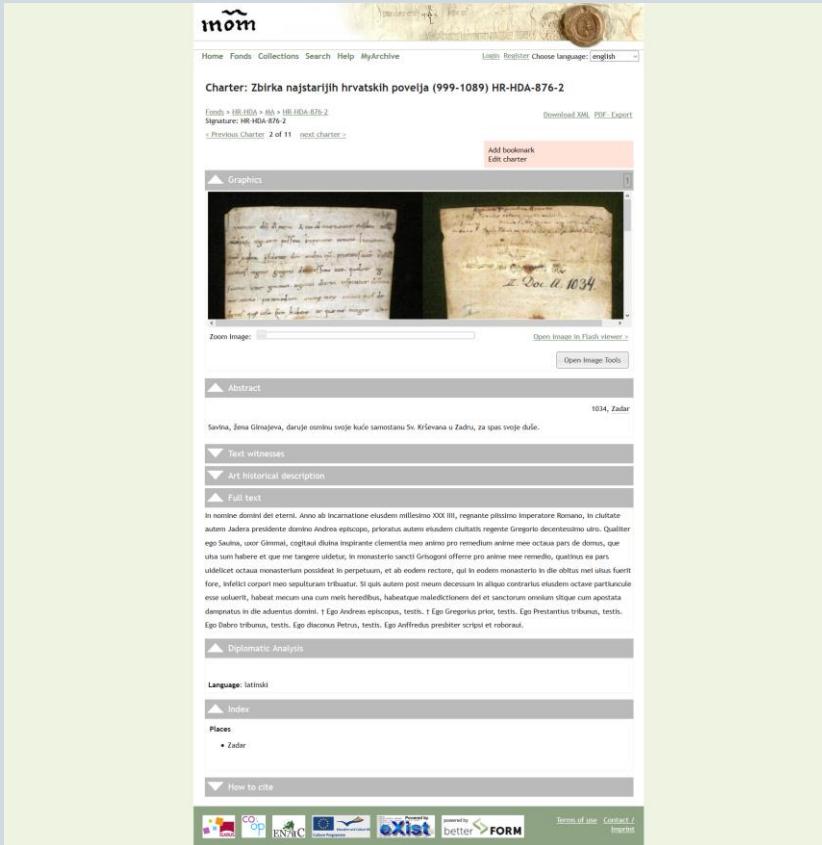
# Monasterium.net

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## OVERVIEW



# Database for medieval and early modern charters



Launched  
around 2002

169 Archives

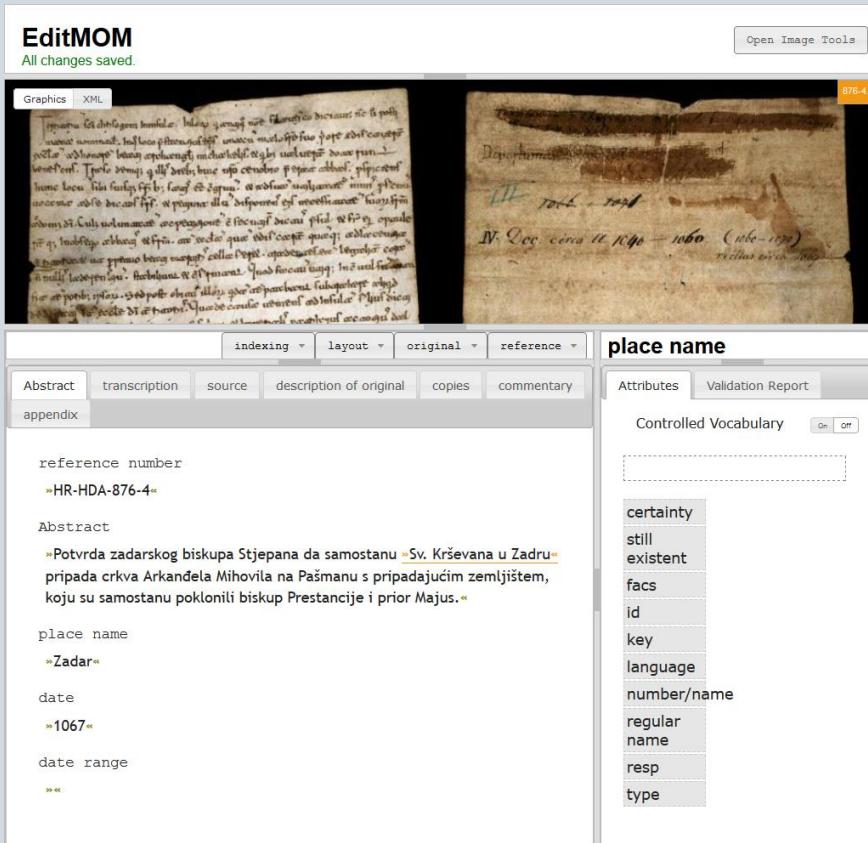
1.952 Fonds

182 collections

624.926 charters

842.963 images

# Collaborative working environment



Online document editor

Detailed diplomatic metadata

User created collections

User created documents

Automatically save changes

Moderated publication

# Technology stack

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Apache web server



eXist-db – XML Database



AJAX based frontend

# XML

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MAIN DATA FORMAT IN MONASTERIUM.NET



# Reminder: XML

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Short for “Extensible Markup Language”

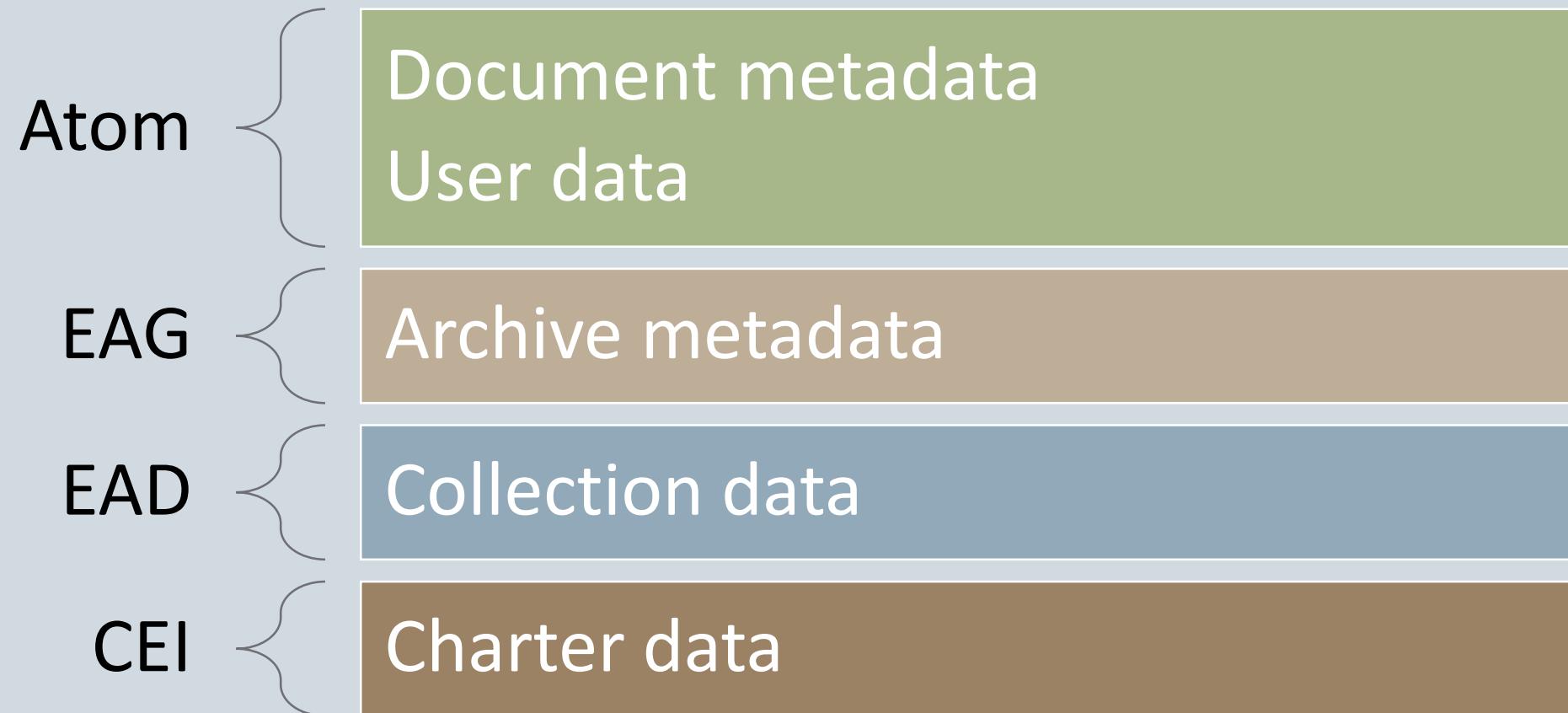
Mainly aimed at documents (as opposed to relational/table structures or graphs)

Strict rules for well-formedness

Possibility to specify allowed data using different schema languages (DTD, XML-Schema, Relax NG)

Widely used (XHTML, SVG, Atom, Open Office, EAD, TEI, ...)

# XML in MOM-CA

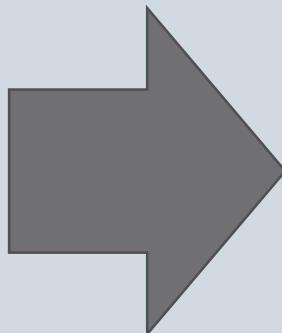


# CEI

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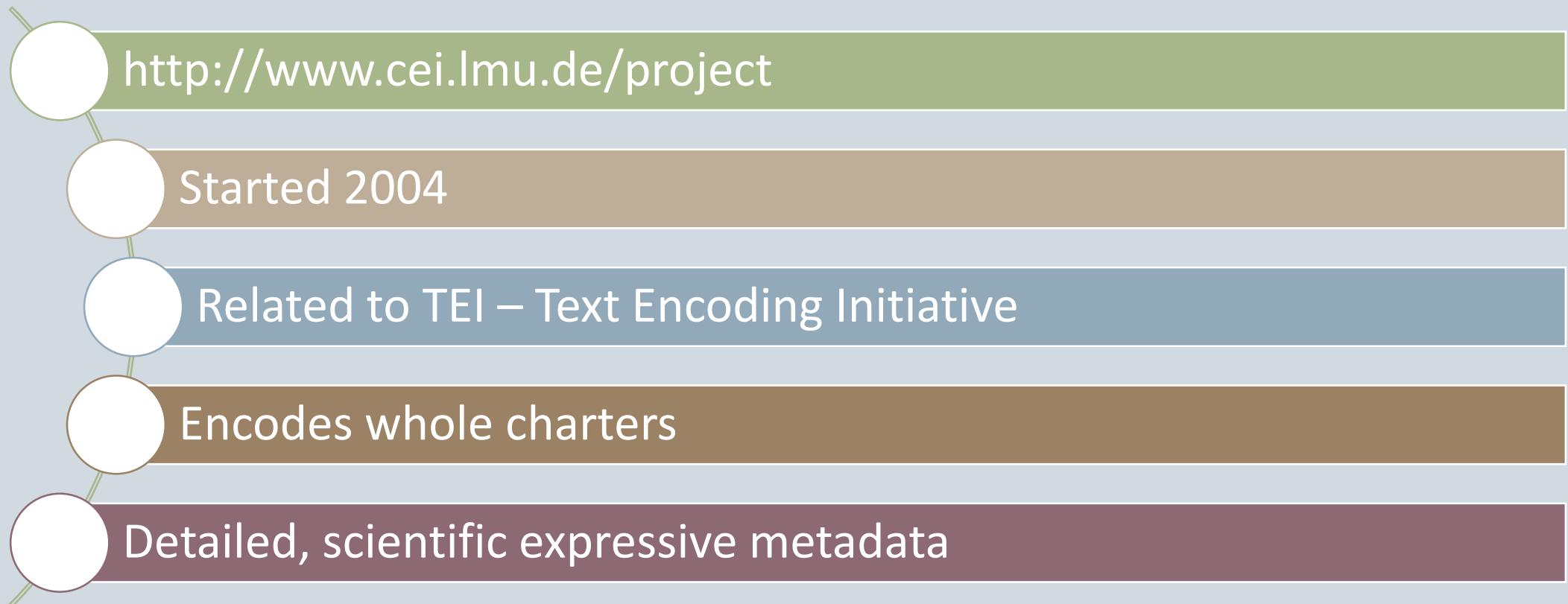
THE CHARTERS' ENCODING INITIATIVE

# Charters are documents

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code interface. The main pane displays an XML document titled "result\_fond\_462.xml". The code describes a historical artifact, specifically a charter (fond) from 1454. Key elements include the source description (ZE 39), the issuer (Ladislav V.), the place (Praha), the date (1454 VII 13), and the archival identifier (1120 - Archiv hlavného mesta SR Bratislav). The XML uses the CEI (Creative Archives and Users' Network) schema. The status bar at the bottom indicates the file is an XML document with 53 lines of code.

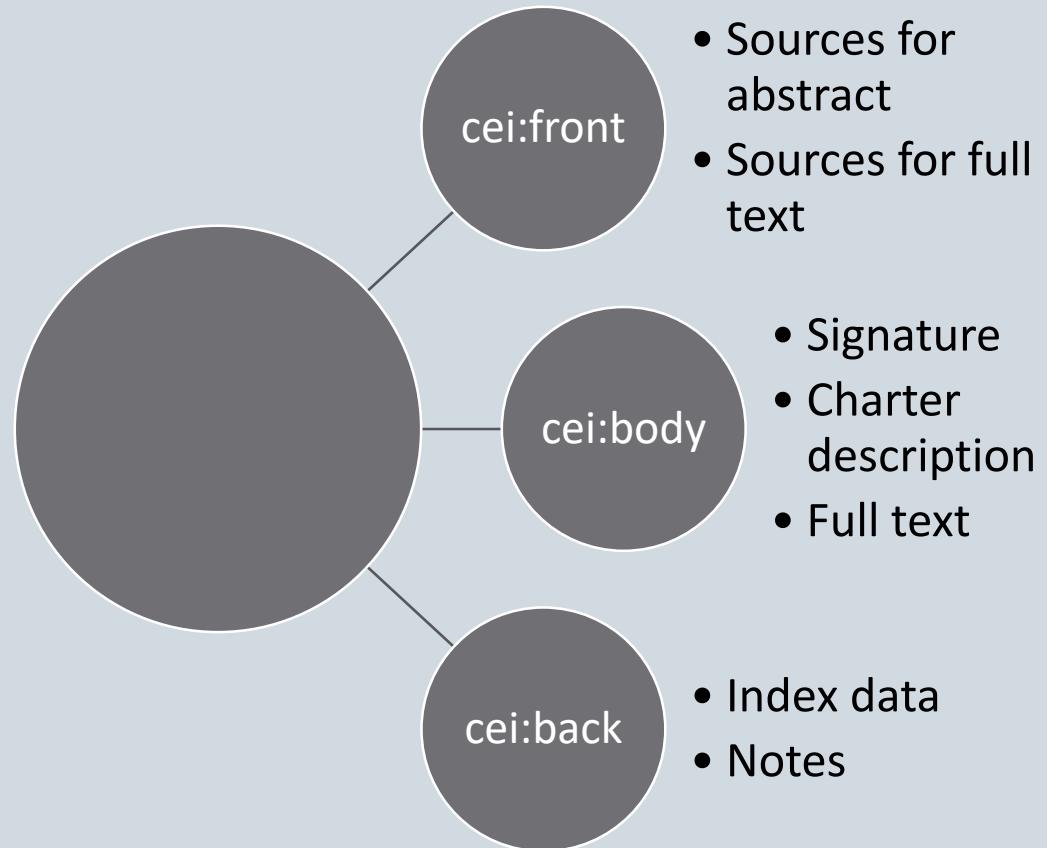
# Overview

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# Basic building blocks

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# Main content elements

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cei:idno – Signature

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cei:abstract – Charter abstract

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cei:issued – Date and location of the charter issuing

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cei:archIdentifier – Identifier of the containing archive

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cei:auth – Charter authentication (seals, notarial marks)

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cei:physicalDesc – Material, size, physical condition

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cei:figure – Name and description of linked digital images

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cei:diplomaticAnalysis – Diplomatic description; analysis; notes regarding the charter

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cei:tenor – The full text with diplomatic mark up (formulary, persons, places, et al.)

# CEI in MOM-CA

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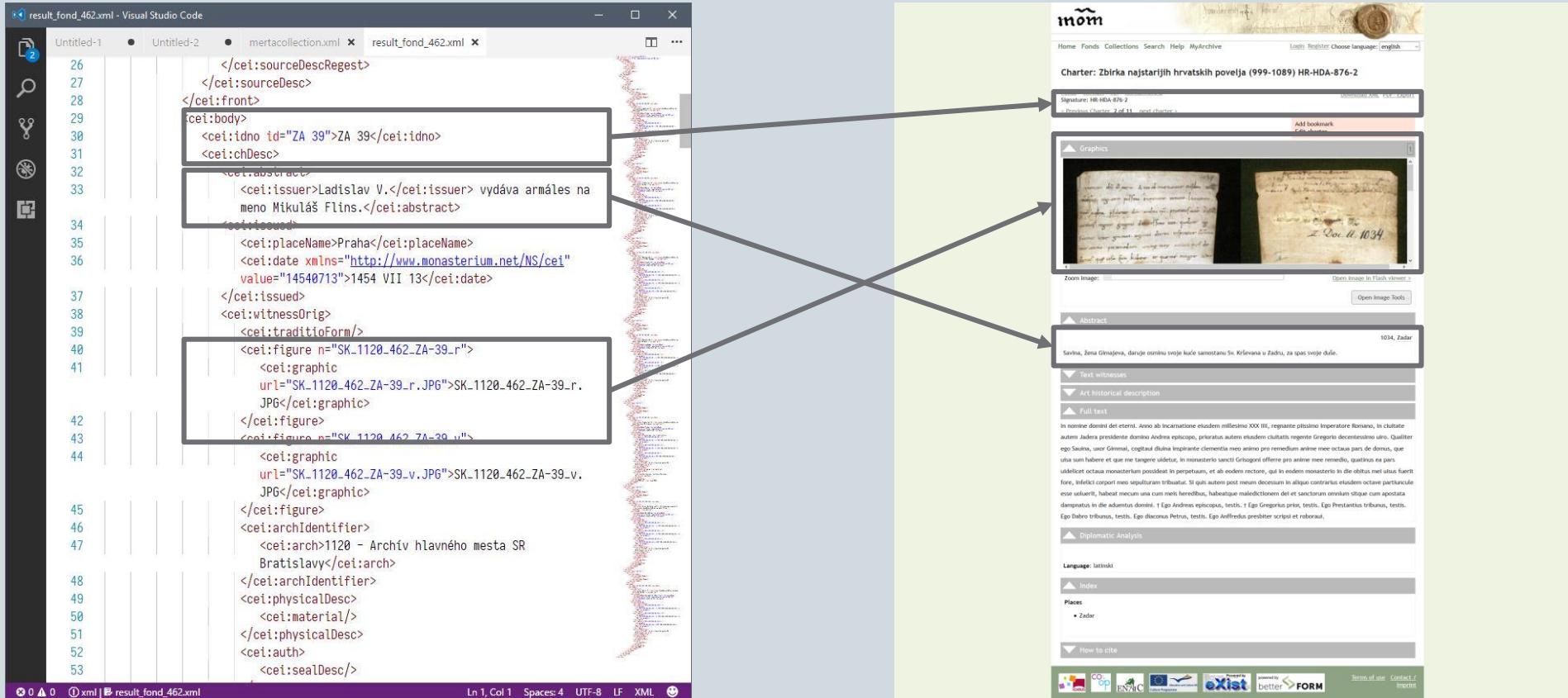
VARIOUS USES

# Input

The screenshot displays three main windows illustrating the workflow for digitizing and cataloging medieval manuscripts:

- Left Window (EditMOM):** Shows a photograph of a medieval manuscript page with handwritten text in two columns. A green box highlights the date "IV. Oct. circa 1100 - 1060. (Cote - 1120)". Below the image are tabs for "indexing", "layout", "original", "reference", "Abstract", "transcription", "source", "description of original", "copies", "commentary", and "appendix". A "place name" section is open, showing a "Controlled Vocabulary" dropdown menu with options like "certainly", "shin", "existent", "facis", "id", "key", "language", "number/name", "regular name", "resp", and "type". A "reference number" field contains "HR-HDA-876-4". A "description of original" field contains the text: "»Potvrda zadarskog biskupa Stjepana da samostanu -Sv. Krševana u Zadru- pripada crkva Arkanđela Mihovila na Pašmanu s pripadajućim zemljишtem, koju su samostanu poklonili biskup Prestancije i prior Majus.«". A "date" field contains "1067" and a "date range" field contains "1067-1068".
- Middle Window (Image Tools):** A small window titled "Open Image Tools" showing a thumbnail of the manuscript image.
- Right Window (Visual Studio Code):** An XML editor showing the generated XML code for the manuscript entry. The XML uses the CEI (Cathedral Edition Interoperability) schema. Key elements include:
  - `<cei:sourceDescRegest>`
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  - `<cei:front>`
  - `<cei:body>`
  - `<cei:idno id="ZA_39">ZA 39</cei:idno>`
  - `<cei:chBest>`
  - `<cei:abstract>` containing the issuer information: "Ladislav V. <cei:issuer> vydáva armáles na meno Mikuláš Flins.</cei:abstract>"
  - `<cei:issued>` containing the place: "Praha</cei:placeName>"
  - `<cei:date xmlns="http://www.monasterium.net/NS/cei" value="14540713">1454 VII 13</cei:date>`
  - `<cei:witness0rig>`
  - `<cei:traditioForm>`
  - `<cei:figure n="SK_1120_462_ZA-39_r">` with graphic URL: "SK\_1120\_462\_ZA-39\_r.JPG"
  - `<cei:figure n="SK_1120_462_ZA-39_v">` with graphic URL: "SK\_1120\_462\_ZA-39\_v.JPG"
  - `<cei:archIdentifier>` containing the archivist's name: "Bratislav</cei:arch>"
  - `<cei:physicalDesc>` with material information: "<cei:material/>"
  - `<cei:auth>` and `<cei:sealDesc>`

# Output



# Searching

The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code window with an XML file named `result_fond_462.xml`. The code includes sections for source description, front, body, and figure details. Two specific sections are highlighted with black boxes:

- `<cei:abstract>` containing text about a charter issued by Ladislav V.
- `<cei:figure n="SK_1120_462_ZA-39_r">` and `<cei:figure n="SK_1120_462_ZA-39_v">` both pointing to images of the same document page.

To the right of the code editor is a search interface with the following filters applied:

- sort:** by date
- categories:** checked: witnessOrig (10), archival identification, Abstract (13) (checked)
- filter:** Only hits with images (unchecked)
- Fonds:** checked: CoPec (10)
- collections:** checked: BISANU (3), MedDocBulgEmp (10)

The search results list three charters:

- Charter: 1192-02-sic1\_loan\_Kaliman**  
Medieval Documents of the Second Bulgarian Empire (collection)  
**Date:** 2 February 1192  
... his left hand. On reverse, a portrait of St. Demetrios, patron of the Asen Family. Ioan Asen II Mount Athos, Archives of Zograf Monastery. Parchment. Forgery from the 16th or 17th century. мълвата във ...  
**Images: 0**  
**Full text: no**  
[View Charter in context](#)  
[Browse in search results](#)  
[PDF- Export](#)
- Charter: 1220-01-xx\_Alexis\_Slav\_A**  
Medieval Documents of the Second Bulgarian Empire (collection)  
**Date:** January 1220  
... Melnik and guarantees its independence. Melnik January 1220 Mention of seal in text. Alexis Slav ? Mount Athos, Archives of Vatoped Monastery, B § 1 Paper. 370 x 283 mm Copy. ins. Copy, maybe 14th century (B in ...  
**Images: 1**  
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# Thank you

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