

# Using XQuery to Escape XML

```
declare namespace output = "http://www.w3.org/2010/xslt-xquery-serialization";
declare option output:indent "yes";

let $xml := <thing x="y"><other/></thing>
return (
  element pre {
    attribute class {"language-xml"},
    element code {
      serialize($xml)
    }
  }
)
```

## Results

```
<pre class="language-xml">
  <code>&lt;thing x="y"&gt;&lt;other/&gt;&lt;/thing&gt;</code>
</pre>
```

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