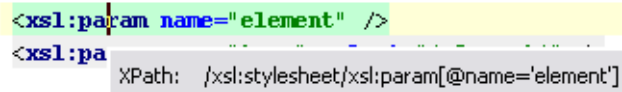


XPath Expression Generation

This action computes a unique XPath expression that matches the currently selected node in the document. The action is available from the View-Menu (**Unique Path**) and the Editor-Context Menu (**Show Unique XPath**). The action is only enabled when the caret is placed on an element that a useful expression can be generated for.



```
<xsl:param name="element" />
<xsl:pa
XPath: /xsl:stylesheet/xsl:param[@name='element']
```

The generated expression in the pop-up can be selected and copied into the clipboard for further use.

If a simple XPath expression like `/root/something/else` doesn't produce a unique result, the action has two strategies to make it unique:

- If the non-unique node is an element, the action looks for attributes with the name 'id', 'name' and attributes that are of ID-type, as defined by the document's DTD or XML Schema.

Example: `/root/something[@id="foo"]/else`

- For nodes other than elements (comments, processing instructions), or if the above rule doesn't produce a unique result, the index of the node inside its parent is appended.

Example: `/root/something/else[2]`