
Exchanger XML Editor - Transformations

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XSLT and XSLFO Transformations

Execute Simple XSLT

Use the menu item **Transform->Execute Simple XSLT** to when you want to perform an XSLT transformation but aren't worried about setting input parameters or output file specifications. Simply choose the input file, stylesheet and processor and the output of the transformation will be displayed in a new window in the editor.

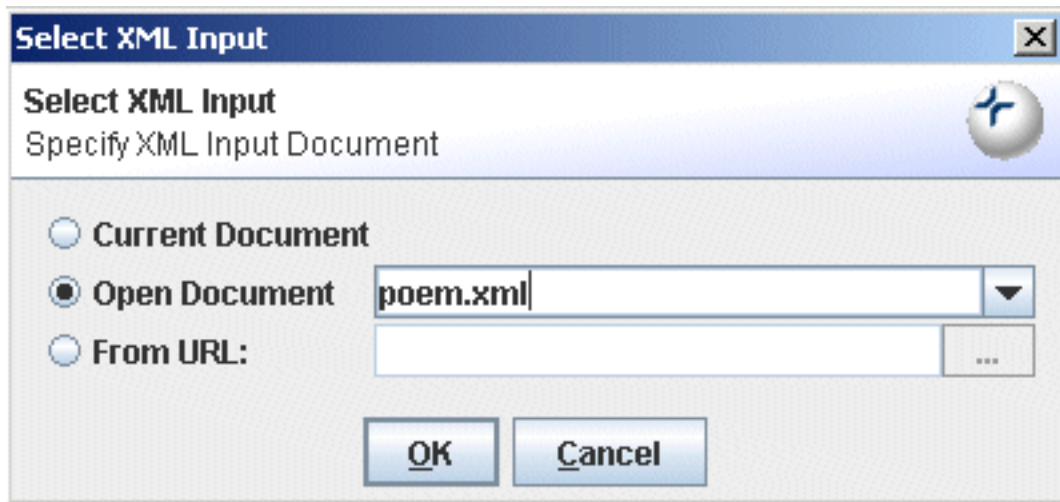


Figure 1. Execute Simple XSLT - XML file

When setting the input file for the transformation, you can choose between the current file (if it is XML), or any files that are open in the editor, or any arbitrary file.

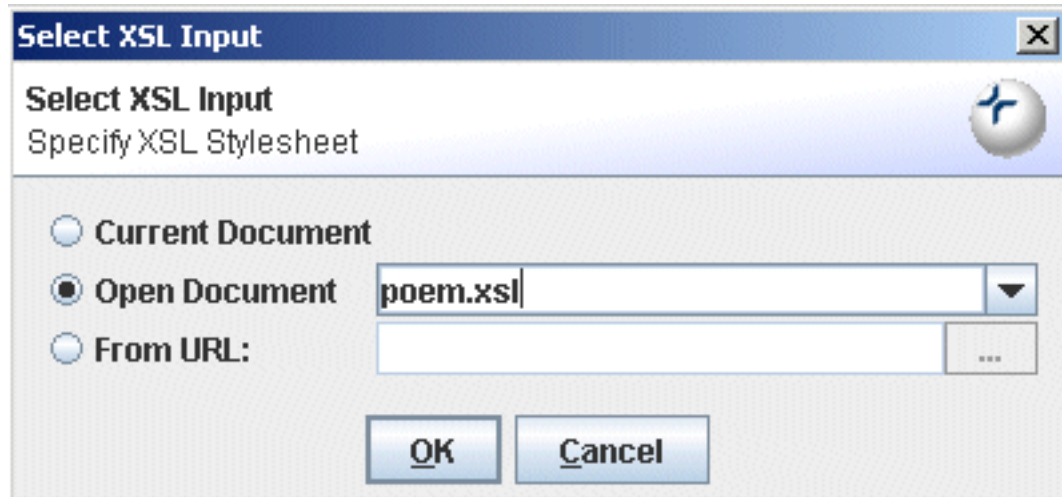


Figure 2. Execute Simple XSLT - XSLT file

When setting the stylesheet file for the transformation, you can choose between the current file (if it is an XSL stylesheet), or any files that are open in the editor, or any arbitrary file.

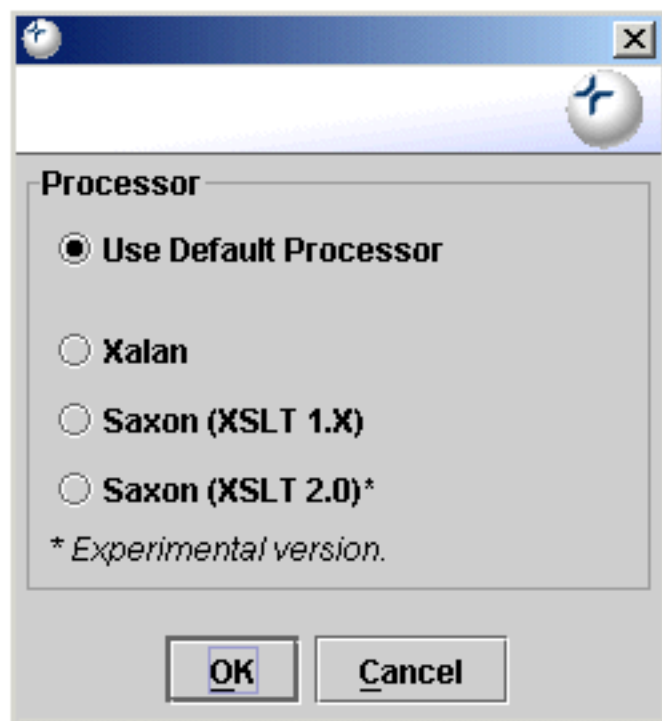


Figure 3. Execute Simple XSLT - Processor

You can also explicitly set the XSLT processor to use, or use the default processor as specified in the Preferences.

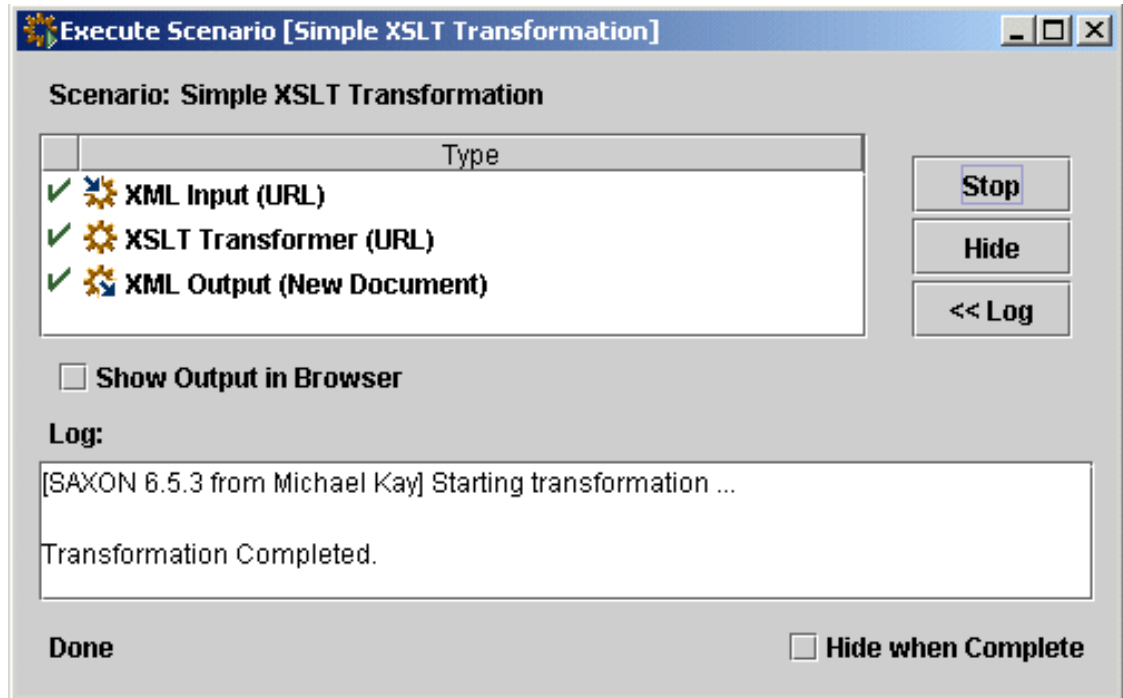


Figure 4. Execute Simple XSLT - Status

The status of the transformation is displayed in a dialog, along with any messages that may have been generated. The generated output is automatically opened in a new window in the Editor. If you want to control the output destination, use the **Execute Advanced XSLT** function or create a Scenario.

To rerun a simple XSLT transformation without rekeying the settings, select **Transform->Execute Previous->Execute Previous XSLT**. For even quicker access, create a keyboard shortcut for this action in the **Keys** tab in the **File->Preferences** dialog.

Execute Advanced XSLT

Use the menu item Transform->Execute Advanced XSLT when you want to perform an XSLT transformation and need to set input parameters and control the output destination.

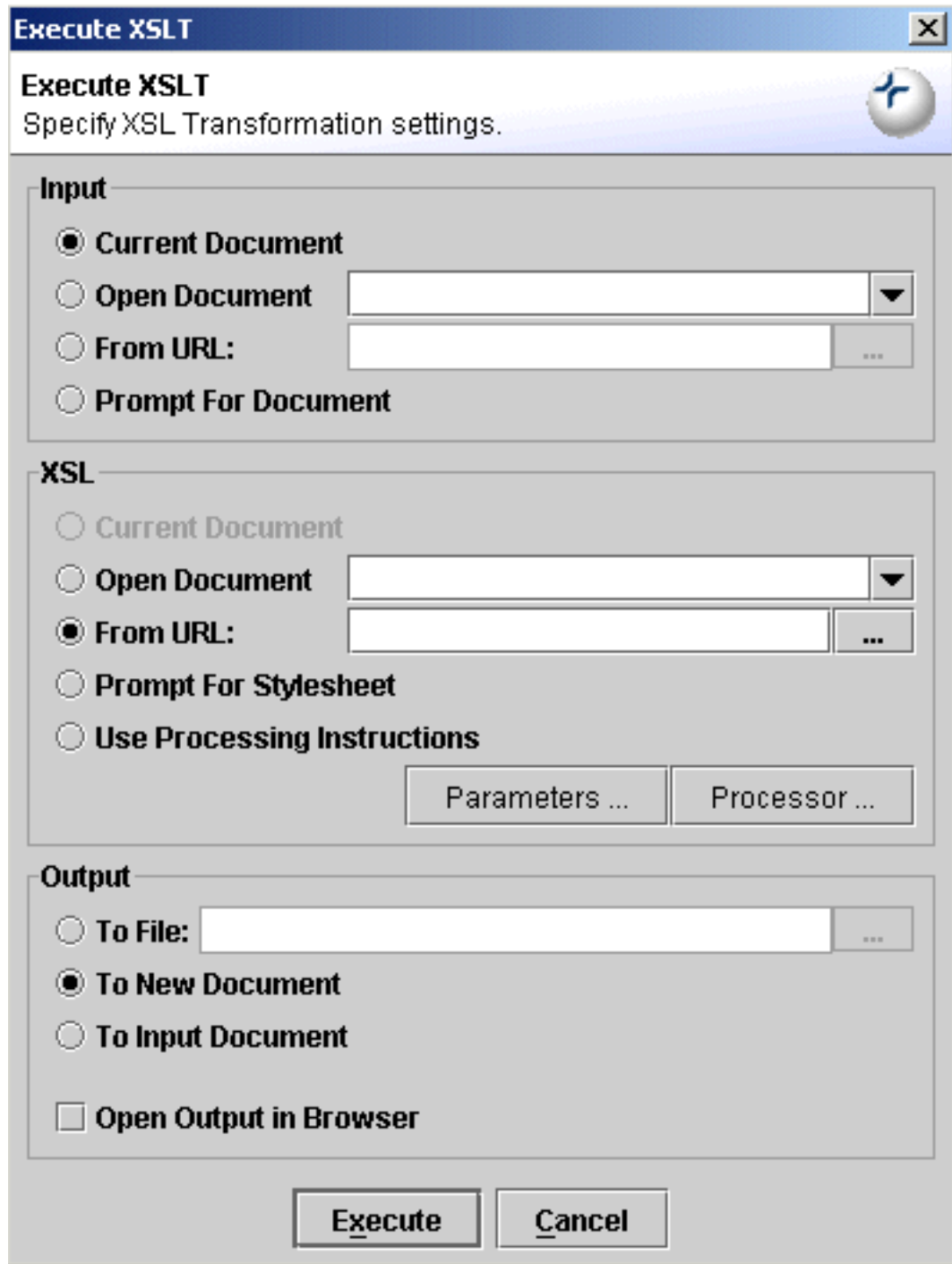


Figure 5. Execute Advanced XSLT

The input file can be chosen from the currently open document, any other open document or any arbitrary file. Alternatively, the input file can be chosen at execution time by selecting **Prompt for Document** in the XML section of the dialog.

The stylesheet can be chosen from the currently open document, any other open document or any arbitrary file. Alternatively, a Processing Instruction in the input file can be used to specify the stylesheet, or it can be chosen at execution time by selecting **Prompt for Stylesheet** in the XSL section of the dialog.

To explicitly set the XSLT processor for the transformation, press the **Processor...** button in the XSL section of the dialog otherwise the default processor as specified in the Preferences will be used.

To set input parameters for the transformation, press the **Parameters...** button in the XSL section of the dialog.

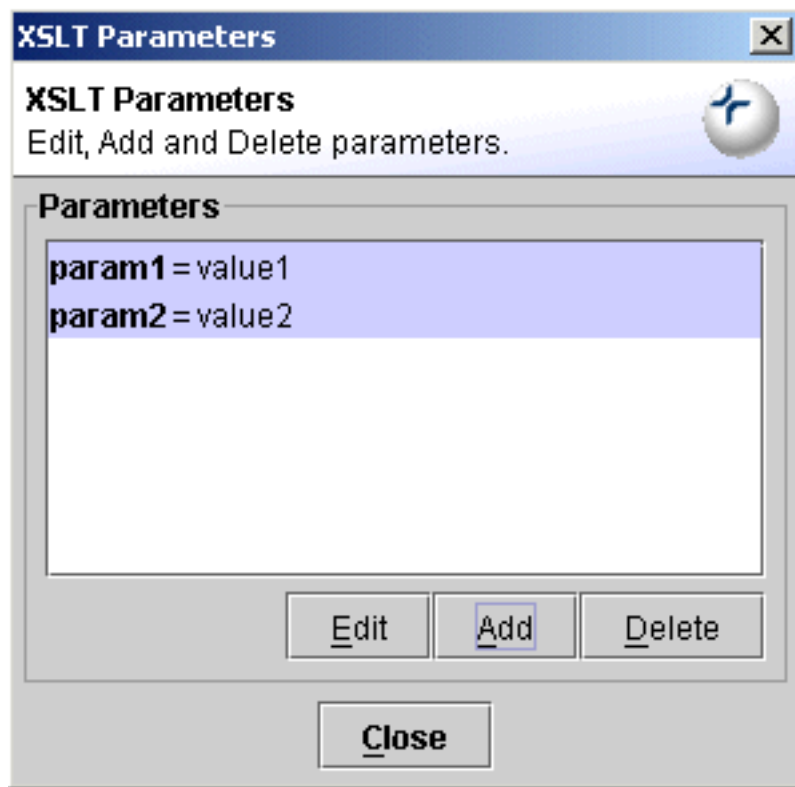


Figure 6. Execute Advanced XSLT - Setting Input Parameters

The output can be automatically opened in the editor or redirected to file. It can also be used to replace the current input file, for example, when a transformation reformats the input file. The transformation output can also be automatically opened in a browser window, irrespective of which output option has been taken.

When the input, style and output setting have been completed, press the **Execute** button to run the transformation. The status of the transformation execution is displayed in a dialog, along with any messages that may have been generated. It is possible to set a preference to immediately dismiss the dialog at the end of processing on the Views tab in the **File->Preferences dialog**.

To rerun an advanced XSLT transformation without rekeying the settings, select **Transform->Execute**

Previous->Execute Previous XSLT. For even quicker access, create a keyboard shortcut for this action in the **Keys** tab in the **File->Preferences** dialog.

Execute FO

If the active document is an XSLFO file, **Transform->Execute FO** will prompt for an input XML file. If the active document is an XML file, then **Transform->Execute FO** will prompt for an XSLFO file. The output of the transformation can be sent to a built-in (SVG) viewer or saved to file in a number of different formats including PDF, PostScript, Text and SVG.

To rerun an XSLFO transformation without rekeying the settings, select **Transform->Execute Previous->Execute Previous FO**. For even quicker access, create a keyboard shortcut for this action in the **Keys** tab in the **File->Preferences** dialog.

TIFF and PNG

To support the use of TIFF and PNG files in XSLFO transformations, you will need to download the relevant libraries from Sun. (See <http://java.sun.com/products/jimi/> and <http://java.sun.com/products/java-media/jai/>). Use the System tab in the **File->Preferences dialog** to add the Jars and Zips to Exchanger and install any required native libraries.

Transformation Scenarios

It is possible to manage XSLT and XSLFO transformations from within Exchanger. Scenarios allow the user to easily perform complex transformations including choosing the XSLT processor, setting input parameters and specifying XSLFO output. Scenarios can also be used to store information including breakpoints between debugging sessions.

Importing an existing scenario

Open the project **UBL XSLFO** and in the folder named **input** open the file `OfficeOrder.xml`. Select **Transform->Manage Scenarios**, click the **Import** button and choose the file `projects/UBL XSLFO/scenario/UBL to SVG.scenario` to import a new transformation scenario. To view the details of the imported scenario, highlight it in the **Manage Scenarios** list and click **Edit** (or alternatively just double-click it in the list).

Scenario Properties [X]

"UBL to SVG" Scenario Properties [Globe Icon]

Specify the Scenario settings.

Description

Name:

XML

From URL: ...

Current Selected Document

Prompt For Document

XSL

Use XSL Stylesheet

From URL: ...

Current Selected Document

Prompt For Stylesheet

Use Processing Instructions

Output

Use FO Processor


To Internal Viewer

Prompt For File

To File: ...

PDF PS TXT SVG

Figure 7. Scenario Properties

To test the transformation, select **Transform->Execute Scenario** (or press the **Execute Scenario** button ) and choose the this scenario from the list. The result - an SVG rendition of the input purchase order OfficeOrder.xml - should be displayed in a popup window. Close the popup window when finished.

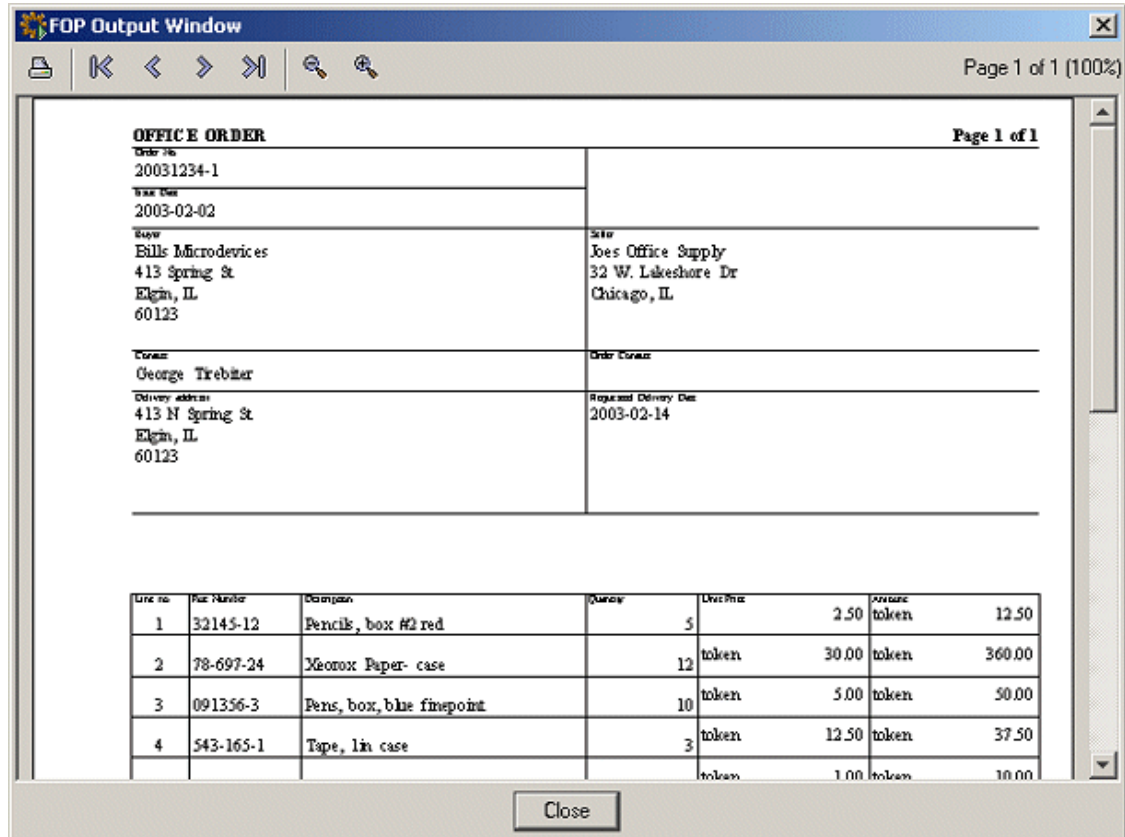


Figure 8. UBL SVG

If you would like to view the input UBL document as HTML, import the scenario **UBL to FO** and the scenario **FO to HTML** and execute each one in turn.

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Order No. 20031234-1	
Issue Date 2003-02-02	
Buyer Bills Microdevices 413 Spring St Elgin, IL 60123	Seller Joes Office Supply 32 W. Lakeshore Dr Chicago, IL
Contact George Tirebiter	Order Contact
Delivery address: 413 N Spring St Elgin, IL 60123	Requested Delivery Date 2003-02-14

Line no.	Part Number	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
1	32145-12	Pencils, box #2 red	5	2.50	token 12.50
2	78-697-24	Xeorox Paper- case	12	token 30.00	token 360.00
3	091356-3	Pens, box, blue finpoint	10	token 5.00	token 50.00
4	543-165-1	Tape, 1in case	3	token 12.50	token 37.50
5	984567-12	Staples, wire, box	10	token 1.00	token 10.00
6	091344-5	Pens, box red felt tip	5	token 5.00	token 22.50
7	21457-3	Mousepad, blue	12	token 0.50	token 6.00
Total					USD 498.50

Order_Office.xml Revision: 1.1 Date: 2004.05.31 09:10:13 <http://www.CraieSoftware.com/files/res-ubl.html>

Figure 9. UBL HTML

Scenario Execution Dialog

The Scenario Execution Dialog displays information about the progress of transformations and scenarios and also provide a mechanism for halting long-running processes. It is possible to set a preference to immediately dismiss the dialog at the end of processing on the Views tab in the **File->Preferences dialog**.

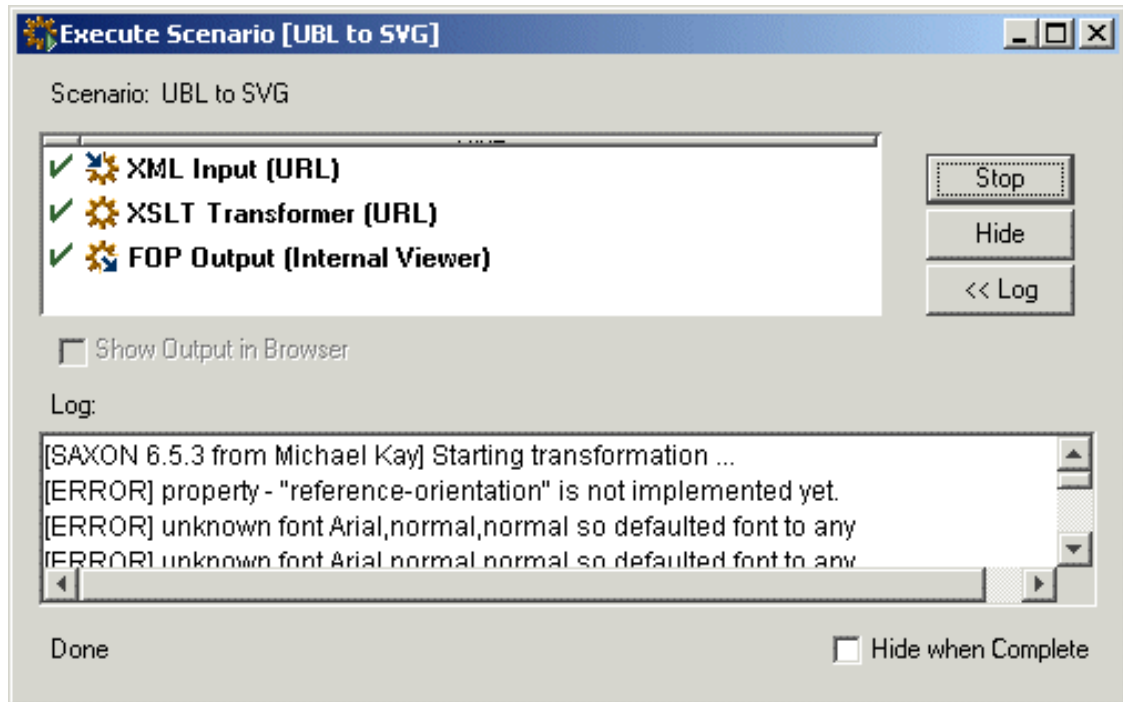


Figure 10. Scenario Execution Dialog

Creating a new scenario

It is also possible to create a scenario by hand. Select **Transform->Manage Scenarios** and click **New** to create a new transformation scenario.

In the Scenario Properties dialog, enter a scenario Name, for example, as "UBL to PDF" and set the XML **From URL** to `projects/UBL_XSLFO/input/OfficeOrder.xml` Choose **Use XSL Stylesheet** and set the XSL Location as `projects/UBL_XSLFO/style/OfficeOrder.xsl`

In the Output section of the Scenario Properties dialog, click the "Use FO Processor" tick box and choose output **To File** in `projects/UBL_XSLFO/output/OfficeOrder.pdf` and set the format to **PDF**.

Click on **OK** at the bottom of the Scenario Properties dialog to save this scenario. To test the transformation, select **Transform->Execute Scenario** and choose the desired scenario from the list. The result - a PDF rendition of the input purchase order `OfficeOrder.xml` will be created in the output location.

To modify or delete scenarios, click on **Transform->Manage Scenarios** and choose the desired scenario from the list. Scenarios can also be exported for sharing using the **Export** button on the Manage Scenarios dialog.

Macros in Transformations

Three macros are supported to improve the reusability of transformations and scenarios. **\${file}** substitutes the input filename, **\${ext}** is the input file extension and **\${path}** is the file path of the input file. For example, if the input file is `c:/doc/test.htm` then **\${path}** is `c:/doc` while **\${file}** is `test` and **\${ext}** is `.htm`. Use the macros to control the output destination of a transformation scenario.