



Developing Sindhi Text Corpus using XML Tags

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Abstract

Sindhi language being one of the oldest languages of the world, has still very limited use in digital age due to lack of digital contents. The use of corpus for each language has been extremely important in facilitating the natural language processing of its script. This research work addresses the issue of building corpus for Sindhi Language using XML based Tagging. The tree based XML tag structure is designed to develop Sindhi Corpus that has two main nodes namely metadata and Sindhi Document which contains the main text. The Corpus developed contains a detailed metadata tags to represent Sindh language, documenting each relevant component of the corpus. The final corpa would be further used in various Natural language applications for Sindh language.

Keywords: Corpus, Sindhi, Sindhi Corpus, Natural Language Processing, XML

1. Introduction

Sindhi language is a widely spoken language based on Arabic script with similar cursive ligatures and written from right-to-left consisting of 52 characters [1] [2]. Sindhi language is considered as the second most popularly written and spoken language, after Urdu, in Pakistan. Even though Sindhi is an old language with vast amount of literature and written resources. However, there are very insufficient computational material and digital coprus available for Sindhi Language to create efficient NLP applications.

Natural Language Processing applications always require a huge collection of Corpus data for the language. A corpus is simply collection of large amount of structure and unstructured text for a language. The well-defined structural format is created to store and categorize the text in large datasets, allowing the computational processing and application development. This structured datasets facilitates the statistical analysis and grammatical validation of the script, along with other applications of NLP [3] [4].

Corpus are considered as one of the key prerequisites for and obligatory component for developing any Natural Language Processing applications such as, Spell checkers[2][5], Machine Learnings, Speech-to-Text, Text-to-Speech, OCR, Translation, Transliteration, etc. [6]. Due to this, there is huge need for developing a Sindhi language corpus which is also publicly available for everyone to use.

XML has always been a key technique for designing a structure for developing Corpa of various languages

[7] [8] [9] [10]. XML is a very flexible language due to its tag-based structure, which allows the developer to easily extract the required and desired information from the structured XML document. Developing Sindhi corpus in XML would enable rule-based tagging's, and structured designing of Corpa, allowing an easier reusability of the corpus along with broader dissemination to various NLP applications.

Since Corpus is extremely essential for any language for NLP application, a huge amount of work from various aspects has been done to develop corpus for various different languages. Primarily, a project named EMILLE was developed consisting of multilingual corpora for South Asian languages [10]. Similarly, Urdu corpus was developed containing 18 million words by the Center for Research in Urdu Language Processing (CRULP) [11]. CRULP has also developed and released Online Urdu Dictionary (OUD) containing 120,000 records of Urdu corpus with 80,000 words dictionary words [9]. Whereas, Bank of English Corpus was developed to help the dictionaries [8]. On the other hand, Hindi Corpus was designed by IIT Bombay to facilitate the NLP development of the language [13] along with EMILLE corpus [12].

2. XML Structure for Sindhi Corpus

In NLP application development, XML tag-based structured format has been widely used to create structured

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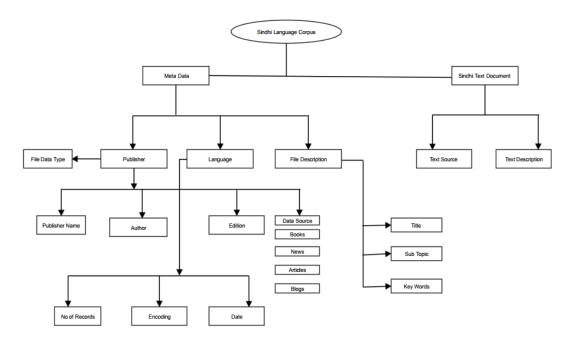


Figure 1: Proposed Model with Hypothesis relation

documents for processing and developing regional language applications [14]. For this purpose, XML has been used with custom tag to structure Sindhi text in a formalized Corpus for various NLP applications. The tags for Sindhi Corpus based on XML have been segregated into two main sections consisting of Metadata tags and Sindhi Text Document tags. Each is then further divided to contain more detailed information in its sub-tags.

$A. \ \ Sindhi \ Corpus \ Structure$

The XML based Sindhi Corpus structure has been divided into two main sections at the top-most level with 'Metadata' tag containing tags related to the original source information related to the actual text and document. The 'Sindhi Text Document' tag is second top-most tag containing the actual text from the source document. The full hierarchy of the XML tag structure for Sindhi Corpus is illustrated in Figure 1. Each Sindhi Corpa document will be stored with respect to this structure within XML tags.

B. Meta Data Header of Sindhi Corpus

Metadata is defined as the data about the data. Therefore, this main tag contains specific detail information related to the source document. This main section contains attributes such as "Title" of the document, "Sub Title" of Sindhi document, if any, "Topic" being discussed in the Sindhi document, "Sub Topic", "Book", "Author", "Edition", etc. The detailed sub-tag structure of the meta data section is shown in Figure 1. The 'Sindhi Text Document' tag contains the source raw text information which is extracted from various sources including websites, newpapers, books, articles,

etc. This tag contains further two sub tags that describe the text description of the source text and the actual text file under "Text Description" and "Text Document" respectively.

3. Sindhi Corpus Representations

There are two main custom tags defined after <sndhiLangCrps> as <sndMetaData> </sndMetaData> and <sndTextDoc> </sndTextDoc>, and the operator (+) shows that both custom tags have also child tags as define operator (+) in Figure 2.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sndhiLangCrps>
    + <sndMetaData>
    + <sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 2: Super tags of <sndhiLangCrps> SLC(Sindhi Language Corpus

Figure 3 shows the main Sindhi Language Corpus Tag that contains to top-most sub tags Sindh Meta Data nd Sindh Text Document tags.

```
-<sndhiLangCrps>
+<sndMetaData> </sndMetaData>
+<sndTxtDoc> </sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 3: Root and elements tags of sndhiLangCrps

A. Portion of SndMetaData

The tag of XML <sndMetaData> "Sindhi Meta Data" is the part of Sindhi corpus in data file which shows that the Sindhi data about its own data, it has child tags which also contains further information about the Sindhi document.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sndhiLangCrps>
- <sndMetaData>
       + <pblsher>
+ <lang>
+ <fileDesc>
     </sndMetaData>
   + <sndTxtDoc
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 4: Elements and child tags of SndMetaData at SndhiLangCrps

this figure 5 the elements tags <sndMetaData> </sndMetaData> has been defined as <pblsher> </pblsher>, <lang> </lang> and <fileDesc> </fileDesc> and they have also sub child as per operator defines.

```
<? xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sndhiLangCrps>
<sndMetaData>
     <pblsher>
       روزانا كاوش سنذي <pblsherName>
<pblsherName>اخبار
       <athor>زیب سندی<athor>
       <edition/>روزانا سنڌي اخبار<edition>
       <dataSrc>
         </dataSrc>
      </pblsher>
    <lang>
       </noRds>تِيهِ اخبارون<<noRds>
       <encoding>utf-8</encoding>
       <date>18-04-2017</date>
  </lang>
   <fileDesc>
       <title>كالم<title>
       نورين لغاري واقعو، سندَ كي چا ڪرڻ <sbTopic>
<sbTopic>کبی؟
       <keyWords>
                                   لغاري
                                             تورين
</keyWords>سندَ
  </fileDesc>
</sndMetaData>
   <sndTxtDoc>
                    </sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 5: Sindhi XML Corpus with MetaData

Figure 6 shows another example of Publisher tags data for Sindhi Document. In this figure, the child tags of <pblsher> </pblsher> has been defined as <pblsherName> </pblsherName>, <athor> </athor> and <edition> </edition> custom tags. Accurate data also filled in that custom tags for the building of SLC, while the other tags are here in silent mod they have discussed in other figure and the operator (-)

shows that specific tag is displayed with own child and no more child is hide.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sndhiLangCrps>
    <sndMetaData>
          <pblsher>
              <pblsherName>روزانا كاوش سنڌي اخبار</pblsherName>
               <athor>محمد إدريس راجيوت<athor>
(athor>محمد إدريس راجيوت<edition>
(edition>روزاتا سنڌي اخبار
            + <dataSrc>
          </pblsher>
        + <lang>
       + <fileDesc>
     </sndMetaData>
      <sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 6: Data in publisher tag

The XML tag <sndMetaData> has three elements tags named as <pblsher> Publisher, <lang> Language and <fileDesc> File Description.

```
<sndhiLangCrps
   -<sndMetaData>
       <pblsher
         +<pblsherName> </pblsherName>
        +<athor> </athor> +<edition> </ edition>

</sndMetaData>
+<sndTxtDoc> </sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 7: Elements and child tags of pblsher in SndMetaData at SndhiLangCrps

The publisher tag <pblsher> contains the information of publications, with describes its child elements as <pblsherName> "Publisher Name", <athor> "Author", <edition> "Edition". The tag <pblsherName> shows the name of publisher, the tag <athor> tells the name of author while the tag <edition> describes the edition of publications.

```
-<sndhiLangCrps>
  -<sndMetaData>
     -<pblsher>
     +<pblsherName>
   </pblsherName>
     +<athor>
                </athor>
     <edition>
        +<dataSrc> </dataSrc>
        +<books> </books>
        +<news> </news>
        +<articles> </articles>
        +<blogs> </blogs>
      </edition>
     </pblsher>
   </sndMetaData>
  +<sndTxtDoc> </sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 8: Elements and child tags of pblsher with its child's elements edition in SndMetaData at SndhiLangCrps

The tag <pblsher> publisher is the child tag of Sindhi Meta Data <sndMetaData> while the tag <edition> Edition is the child tag of <pblsher> and <edition> tag has its child as <dataSrc> "Data Source", <books> "Books", <news> "News", <articles> "Articles", <blogs> "Blogs". These all are the sources of information which provide the complete data to edition and edition makes the complete to the publisher tag.

```
-<sndhiLangCrps>
-<sndMetaData>
+<pblsher> </pblsher>
-<lang>
+<noRds> </ noRds>
+<encoding> </encoding>
+<data> </data>
</lang>
<fileDesc> </ fileDesc>
</sndMetaData>
+<sndTxtDoc>
-<sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 9: Elements and child tags of Lang in Snd-MetaData at SndhiLangCrps

The Language tag <lang> is the element tag of <sndMetaData> which has child tags like tag <noRds> "Number of Records", <encoding> "Encoding", <data> "Data".

```
-<sndhiLangCrps>
-<sndMetaData>
+<pblsher> </pblsher>
+<lang> </lang>
-<fileDesc>
+<tittle> </title>
+<subtopic> </subtopic>
+<keywords> </fileDesc>
</sndMetaData>
+<sndTxtDoc> </sndTxtDoc>
-<sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 10: Elements and child tags of fileDesc in SndMetaData at SndhiLangCrps

Figure 11: child tags of <lang> </lang> Figure 11 uses the child tags of <lang> </lang> tags as

<noRds> </noRds>, <encoding> </encoding> and <date> </date>. That tags have filled by accurate data while other tags are here silent to show the role of that tags in corpus linguistics.

File Description <fileDesc> is the element tag of <sndMetaData> tag consists of child tags as <title> "Title", <subtopic> "Sub Topic", <keywords> "Key Words".

```
-<sndhiLangCrps>
+<sndMetaData> </sndMetaData>
-<sndTxtDoc>
+<txtSrc> </txtSrc>
+<txtDesc></txtDesc>
</sndTxtDoc>
</sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 12: Elements and child tags of SndTxtDoc at SndhiLangCrps

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
- <sndhiLangCrps>
- <sndMetaData>
+ <pblset</p>
+ <lang>
- <fileDesc>
<ti><title>>
<sbTopic>>پنجب واتگر سنڌ پنهنجي پاڻي انتظان کي ڪاهن بيتر ڪندو /keyWords>
</fileDesc>
</sndMetaData>
+ <sndTxtDoc>
</sndMataData>
+ <sndTxtDoc>
</sndMataData>
</sndHataData>
</sndHataData>
</sndHataData>

</sndHataData>
</sndHataData>
</sndHataData>
</sndHataData>
</sndHataData>
</sndHataData>
</sndHataData>
```

Figure 13: Element tags of <fileDesc> </fileDesc>

Figure 13 shows the sub tags of custom tag of <fileDesc> </fileDesc> as <title> </title>, <sbTopic> </sbTopic> and <keyWords> </keyWords>. All tags have assigned their own data.

B. Portion of Sindhi Text Document

The tag of XML <sndTxtDoc> "Sindhi Text Document" is the part of Sindhi corpus in data file, it has also child tags as <txtSrc> "Text Source", <txtDesc> "Text Description".

4. Sample Sindhi Corpus Document

The final Sindhi documents are initially created manually by extracting information form articles and saving them in XML tags as discussed [15]. A GUI form was designed that allowed the creating of XML document for Sindhi text as shown in Figure 14. Each entry was saved as an XML file as per rules and patterns discussed above.

Sindhi Language Corpus	
Publisher Name	روزانا كارش سنكي اعبار
Author	محمد إدريس راجيوت
Edition	روزانا سنڌي اعبار
Book Name	
Newspaper	روزانا کاوش
Blogs	http://www.thekawish.com/be
File Type	htm
Encoding	utf-8
Date	04/17/2017
Topic Or Main Heading	ڪائر
Sub Topic	ي يائي انتظامن کي ڪڏهن بهتر ڪنو؟
Key Words	سنڌ، يائي انظام
Actual Text Source	كاوش سنذي الهبار
Article	ینجاب وارن نری گیئت سپنی بیراجن جی گجائش وکائی آمی. عالمی بینک جی سیکار سان بیراح جی بحالی واری رکا چی قیمت اتحال 20 ارب ربیا آمی، بر سرزمین نی اچا کو که شروع نه تی سگییر آمی، جو کیس کررن و آمی. ترکی وارو حکم بیسکان کی کثر ویر آمی، بر اتیه، تم بیر 2-6 انهی، جو
	Text Description
	الگریزن چی ایش کان اگی پنجاب و سنڌ و خو بیزاح نه هو و اییشی دریامه مان الحضور آئی (امان میشی منظری رادر نه هو و اییشی دریامه مان الحضور آئی (امان می ایشی الحضور آمی منظری الحضور الحضو

Figure 14: GUI form for creating XML document of Sindhi corpus

```
<? xml version ="1.0" ?>
<sndhiLangCrps>
-<sndMetaData>
      -<pblsher>
              <pblsherName>Sindhi Text Book
       Board Jamshoro </pbisherName>
              <athor> Allah Bux Talpur, Sukhyo
              Khan Channa, Abdul Rehman Siyal,
              Dr.Abdul Majeed
                                     Memon,
              Haji Inayat-u-llah Zangejo </athor>
              <edition>Second </edition>
                     <dataSrc> Secondary School
              Text Book</dataSrc>
                     <books> Sindhi Text Book
              </books>
                     يرنٽنگ يريس ڪراچي ۾  <news>
              </news>چېبو
                     هن ڪتاب جا سڀ حق ۽ <articles>
                     واسطا سند تبكست بك بورد
                     جامئورو وت محفوظ آهن
                     </articles>
                     <br/>
<br/>
<br/>
Sindhi Language
              Authority</blogs>
       </pblsher>
       -<lang>
       < noRds />اث ئېيە سىق <noRds>
       <encoding> utf-8 </encoding>
       <date> April -2012 </date>
       </lang>
     -<fileDesc>
              <title>> سنڌي اڻون ڪتاب<title>
              <subtopic>فهرست <subtopic>
              حەد، نعت،سىق<keywords>
</keywords>
     </fileDesc>
     </sndMetaData>
-<sndTxtDoc>
       < txtSrc /> سنڌي اٺون ڪتاب <txtSrc>
       سىق يهربون <txtDesc>
       جو نَون اللَّاه هيڪڙو واءي ٻي وسار،
       ئن ۾ ننڌُ ننوار سدا سيُرين.
       </txtDesc >
</sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 15: Sample Sindhi XML document

The final version of each XML document of Sindhi corpus contain all the relevant information that could easily be read and processed for any NLP task as shown in Figure 15 to Figure 18.

```
2xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sndhiLangCrps>
           <sndMetaData>
                     <pblsher>
                                روزانا كاوش سندى <pblsherName>
<pblsherName>اخبار
                                <athor>بزاهده دُبِنُو<athor>
                                <edition>بروزانا سندًى اخبار<edition>
                                           <books></books>
                                           حnewsروزانا كاوش دnews
                                           حarticle/بحسكر كالمحوarticle
          <br/><br/>blogs>http://www.thekawish.com/beta/epaper-
details.php?details=2018/July/12-07-2018/Page4/P4-5.jpg</blogs>
                                           <fileType>jpg</fileType>
                                </dataSrc>
                                </pblsher>
                     <lang>
                                <noRds>بُبِهِ أخبارُ ون<noRds>
                                <encoding>utf-8</encoding>
                                <date>07-12-2018</date>
                     \langle lang \rangle
                     <fileDesc>
                                <title>خtitle>خtitle>
                                ها ثُوكي البِكسِّن عوام جي <sbTopic>
<sbTopic/جمالت تبديل كندى؟
                                البكشن، حوkevWords>
دkeyWords/جعوام،حالت
                     </fileDesc>
          </sndMetaData>
           <sndTxtDoc>
                     <txtSrc>ایکاوش سندی اخبار <txtSrc>
                     هن وقت سندَ ۾ جِونڊن جا منظر آهسَدي دTxtDesc>
أهستي واضح بُينٌ لَكِا أهن. اكبي ماثهن سُايد أن قسم جي صور تحال أميدوارن
لاءِ بيدا ن ڪئي هجي، جهڙي هنن ڇونڊن ۾ نظر اڇي رهي آهي. ماڻهو هن
ِپِيرِي پانھون کنجيون ويٺا آهن، رڳو اُمِيدوار جي اڇڻ جي دير آهي
جينئن أهي يُهجِن ٿا ت وٽ يڪڙ جو ماحول بيدا ٿي وڃي ٿو ۽ ماڻهن ڀار ان
أُمِيْدُوارَن كَانَّ سُخَتَ يُجِاتًا كِا وَجِن نَّا مِثْهَن جِي آهُرِي سَختَ يُجِاتِّي جهرٌو
ماحول اڳ ڪڏهن بر نظر ن ايو
</txtDesc>
</sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 16: Sindhi XML Document 2

```
≤7xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
  <sndhiLangCrps>
  <sndMetaData>
     <pblsher>
         cpblsherName> بصند تُوكستُ بك بور بـ جامسُورو cpblsherName>
           سيال، باكتر عبدالمجيد ميمڻ، حاجي عنايتُلاه زنگيجو  <athor>
          <author> اللاه بخس تالير ، سُكيوخان جنا ، عبدالرحمٰن
       <edition>بيو<edition>
       <dataSrc>
       دەbooks/كئيكست بك سيكيندري اسكول دbooks-
       <news></news>
       <article></article>
       cblogs></plogs>
       <fileType>simple text</fileType>
       </dataSrc>
     <lang>
        </noRds> اث بُرِهِ سبق<<noRds>
       <encoding>utf-8</encoding>
       <date>2012/ابريل date>
   </larg>
   <fileDesc>
     حtitle> سبق خtitle>
     <sbTopic>> سنڌي انب جي مختصر تاريخ <sbTopic>
     <keyWords>مسندّي ادب، سندّي تاريخ <keyWords>
  </fileDesc>
</sndMetaData>
<sndTxtDoc>
 <txtSrc>ابه سندَي انون كتاب<txtSrc>
  ايڪٽيهون سبق <txtDesc>
سنڌي بولي ننڍي کنڊجي تمام قديم ۽ شاهو ڪار ٻولي آهي. موءن جي دڙي کان
 وڻي سنڌي ٻوليءَ جي لکت واري صورت ملي ٿي.712ع ۾ جڏهن عرين سنڌ
   فتح كئي. ان كان يوءِ 883ع داري قرأن ياك جو سندي زبان ۾ پهريون
                             يرجمو ثيو
  </txtDesc>
</sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
```

Figure 17: Sample Sindhi XML Document 3

```
<sndMetaData>
       <pblsher>
          <pblsherName/حروزانا كاوش سندي اخبار <pblsherName>
              <athor>>محمد إدريس راجيوت<athor>
              <edition/حروزانا سنذي اخبار <edition>
                    <dataSrc>
                       <books></books>
                              دوnewsروزانا كاوش دnews
                              حarticls>سكر كالمحarticls>
          <br/><blogs>http://www.thekawish.com/beta//images/2017/April/17-
04-2017/Page4/P4-2.htm</blogs>
          <fileType>htm</fileType>
              </dataSrc>
          </pblsher>
                    <lang>
                               دnoRds>ئېيھ اخبار ون<noRds>
                               <encoding>utf-8</encoding>
                               <date>17-04-2017</date>
                    <fileDesc>
                              <title>ڪالم<title>
                              ينجاب وانگر سندَ ينهنجي ياثي <sbTopic>
     <sbTopic/مانتظامن کی کڈھن بھنر د
                               <keyWords>مسندً، باثّى انظام<keyWords>
                    </fileDesc>
          </sndMetaData>
          <sndTxtDoc>
                    <txtSrc>/تحکاوش سنڌي اخبار <txtSrc>
                    انگريزن جي اچڻ کان اڳ پنجاب ۽ سنڌ ۾ TxtDesc>
ڪو بيراج نه هو ۽ آبيائسي درياهه مان نڪرندڙ اُئل واهن تي ٽيندي "هئي. اُٽل
واهن ۾ ڀاڻي خاطري وارو نه هوندو آهي، جڏهن ٻوڏ اچي ٽي ته اٿل واهن ۾
ياڻي اڇي ٿو ڀر جڏهن ٻوڏ لھي وڃي ٽي ته اُئال واهه به وهڻ بند ٽي ويندا آهن."
ينجَّاب ۽ سنڌ ۾ آبيائسي ٽي سڱهڻ بابُّت آنگريزن سوڇيو ۽ نتيجو آهو ڪڍيو ته
مِيسَائين واهن ۾ خاطري يعني يقيني طور ڀاڻي نه هلندو، ٽيسٽائين خاطري وارا
فصل نه ئي سگهندا ۽ اهُو نَدُهُن ئي ممڪن ئي سگهندو، جدُهن هر وقت دُرياهه
جي سطح ڪنٽرول ٽيندي ۽ اها بيراج ٺاهڻ سان ئي ڪنٽرول ٽي سگهندي.
تجرباتي بنياد تي ننڍن درياهن تي بيراج ٺاهڻ جو رئيو ويو. پهريون بيراج
راوي درياهه ئي 1859ع ۾ ماڏويور نالي ٺاهيو ويو، بيا ڪيئرا بيراج معاون
درياهن کي ٺاهيا ويا ۽ سنڌو درياهه کي پهريون بيراج سکر وٽ 1932ع ۾ ٺاهيو
ويو. هاڻي سندُو درياهه ئي 6 بيراج أهن، ئي سندَ ۾ ۽ ئي ڀنجاب ۾ ۽ معلون دريا
هن ئي ڀنجاب ۾ 10 بيراج آهن. اهي بيراج ڪافي ڀراڻا آهن، جن کي بحالي جي
    ضرورت أهي. اڇو ته ڀيٽ ڪريون ته ڀنجاب وارا پنهنجي بيراجن جي بحا
لاءِ ڇا ڪري ڇڪا آهن، ڇا ڪن ٿا، ۽ اسان سنڌ وارا اُنهن جي پيٿ ۾ ڪٿي
"بينا أهيون؟ ينجاب جا سندُو درياهه تي تي بيراج أهن جناح، حِسّما ۽ نونساً
</txtDesc>
</sndTxtDoc>
</sndhiLangCrps>
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Figure 18: Sample Sindhi XML Document 4

Conclusion and Future 5. Work

The use of corpus in Natural Language Processing is extremely essential and important. The Sindhi Language Corpus is designed using XML tags to facilitate the processing of Sindhi text for various NLP tasks. XML tags have been designed to provide maximum data facilitation and a long term usability of Sindhi Corpus. The tab structure is segregated into two main sections containing metadata and main source full document. The metadata is crucial part of any document, and so Sindhi corpus metadata also contains many sub tags to cater for all possible information of any document. The use of XML for Sindhi corpus has been very fruitful and has provided a platform to work on more processing of Sindhi Text.

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