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The manual `xml-mkiv` page 22 on `\xmlchainatt` reads:

"returns the value of attribute NAME or empty if no such attribute exists; backtracks till a match is found"

And next on `\xmllastatt` it reads:

"returns the last attribute found (this avoids a lookup)"

The last statement cannot be true because the attribute returned by `\xmlchainatt` is not retrieved with `\xmllastatt`, witness the following example.

root: attribute test = abc — `xmllastatt` = abc

root: chainattribute test = abc — `xmllastatt` = abc

First level child:

node: attribute test = — `xmllastatt` =

node: chainattribute test = abc — `xmllastatt` =