Getting Rid of `OMOBJ`?

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`<OMOBJ>` considered dispensable

- There is always a unique child of `<OMOBJ>`.

  (Attribute the information to the unique child)

- Example:

old	new

`<OMOBJ id="bla">`
    `<OMA>`
        `...`
    `</OMA>`
`</OMOBJ>`
	`<OMA id="bla">`
	        `...`
	    `</OMA>.`

  no information lost.

- With Namespaces, we do not need a "container object"

  (`xmlns` suffices in XML)

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`<OMOBJ>` considered harmful!

- Consider the following hypothetical JSP code fragment

```
<c:set name="a"><OMOBJ><OMV name="A"/></OMOBJ></c:set>
<c:set name="b"><OMOBJ><OMV name="B"/></OMOBJ></c:set>

Let <inlineequation><c:out name="a"/></inlineequation> and
    <inlineequation><c:out name="b"/></inlineequation> be ...

We compute
<equation><OMOBJ><OMA><OMS cd="arith1" name="plus"/>
                 <c:out name="a"/><c:out name="b"/>
</OMA></OMOBJ></equation>
```

- `a` and `b` are variables containing OM Objects; occurring both at top-level and inside elements.

- Problem: what to do with `<OMOBJ>`

- generally, `<OMOBJ>` always gets into the way   (solvable but annoying)

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Concrete Proposal

- Ernesto asks to remove `<OMBOJ>`

```
<OMA>
  <OMS cd="arith1" name="plus"/>
  <OMV name="A"/>
  <OMV name="B"/>
</OMA>
```

- Alternative: allow `OMOBJ` everywhere

```
<OMOBJ>
  <OMA>
    <OMS cd="arith1" name="plus"/>
    <OMOBJ><OMV name="A"/></OMOBJ>
    <OMOBJ><OMV name="B"/></OMOBJ>
  </OMA>
</OMOBJ>
```

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