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Subject: Re: IDL xpath or similar?

Posted by [Rob\[2\]](#) on Wed, 17 Feb 2010 23:02:40 GMT

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On Feb 17, 11:22 am, Rob <rob.webina...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Is there a built in xpath (or similar) methodology for searching an  
> XML document?. I really don't want to build my own parser, nor  
> attempt ugly string parsing on an XML document such as this  
example:[http://spidr.ngdc.noaa.gov/spidr/servlet/GetMetadata ?param=iono.WI937](http://spidr.ngdc.noaa.gov/spidr/servlet/GetMetadata?param=iono.WI937)  
>  
> Essentially, I just want to extract a few nuggets of information and  
> populate a nested structure whose nodes have the same names as the  
> elements in the original XML; for easy structure navigation.  
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> I'd prefer not to involve the JavaBridge because:  
> 1) I have a simple package that is easy to use and essentially  
> requires no installation procedure and is thus very platform neutral.  
> 2) I tried the JavaBridge in the past (for SOAP, etc) and found that  
> the complexity it's involvement added to the installation process for  
> a package that needed to run on Linux and Windows to be unwieldy and  
> beyond the time I had available. In the end, my users community  
> shrunk.  
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> The package I'm working on is:<https://sourceforge.net/projects/spidr-idl/>  
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> R

I sucked it up and got intimate with IDLffXMLDOMDocument's methods.

Example:

```
o_citeinfo = (oDoc->GetElementsByTagName('citeinfo'))->Item(0)
t_title    = (((o_citeinfo->GetElementsByTagName('title'))-
> Item(0))->GetFirstChild())->GetNodeValue()
```

Thanks Dave.

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