
Subject: IDL xpath or similar?

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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=i ono.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.

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.

The package I'm working on is:

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/spidr-idl/>

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