

XPath Expressions - Part 4

- XPath functions: Part2 (Demonstrate at http://compendiumdev.co.uk/selenium/basic_web_page.html)
 - Find the first child of 'body' tag - `//body/*[1]`
 - `last()` - Find the last child of 'body' tag - `//body/*[last()]`
 - Find the first 'p' tag - `//p[1]`
 - `last()` - Find the last 'p' tag - `//p[last()]`
 - Find the last but one 'p' tag - `//p[last()-1]`
 - Locate the last but 2 input tag - `(//input)[last()-2]` (Demonstrate at <http://omayo.blogspot.in/>)
 - Find second 'p' tag having class 'sub' - `//p[2][@class='sub']`
 - Find the last 'p' tag having class 'sub' - `//p[last()][@class='sub']`
 - Find the last but one 'p' tag having class 'main' - `//p[last()-1][@class='main']`
 - XPath functions: Part3 (Demonstrate at http://compendiumdev.co.uk/selenium/basic_web_page.html)
 - `position()` - Find the first 'p' tag - `//p[position()=1]`
 - `position()` - Find the second 'p' tag - `//p[position()=2]`
 - `position()` - Find the 8th input tag - `(//input)[position()='8']` (Demonstrate at <http://omayo.blogspot.in/>)
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- XPath AXES: (Demonstrate at <http://omayo.blogspot.in/>)
 - Purpose:
 - If you want to locate an element which doesn't have id/name/class etc., with the help of XPath Axes we can locate such elements not having id/name/class with the help of id/name/class attributes of ancestor/descendant tags.
 - following
 - Purpose: Selects everything in the document after the closing tag of the current node
 - Find all the 'body' tags after the 'head' tag - `//head/following::body`
 - Find all the 'div' tags after `//body/div[1]/div` - `//body/div[1]/div/following::div`
 - Find the first 'div' after `//body/div[1]/div` - `//body/div[1]/div/following::div[1]`
 - Find all the 'input' tags after `//body/div[1]` - `//body/div[1]/following::input`
 - preceding
 - Purpose: Selects all nodes that appear before the current node in the document, except ancestors nodes
 - Find all the 'head' tags before the 'body' tag - `//body/preceding::head`
 - Find all the 'div' tags before `//body/div[4]` - `//body/div[4]/preceding::div`
 - following-sibling
 - Purpose: Selects all siblings after the current node
 - Find all the 'div' tag siblings after `//body/div[1]` - `//body/div[1]/following-sibling::div`
 - Find all the 'p' tag siblings after `//body/p[1]` - `//body/p[1]/following-sibling::p` (Demonstrate at http://compendiumdev.co.uk/selenium/basic_web_page.html)
 - preceding-sibling
 - Purpose: Selects all siblings before the current node
 - Find all the 'div' tag siblings before `//body/div[4]` - `//body/div[4]/preceding-sibling::div`
 - Find all the 'p' tag siblings before `//body/p[2]` - `//body/p[2]/preceding-sibling::p` (Demonstrate at http://compendiumdev.co.uk/selenium/basic_web_page.html)
 - parent
 - Purpose: Selects the parent of the current node
 - Find the parent of 'head' tag - `//head/parent::html`
 - Find the parent of 'body' tag - `//body/parent::html`
 - Find the parent of 'title' tag - `//title/parent::head`
 - Find the parent of first 'div' tag inside 'body' tag i.e. `//div[1]` - `//div[1]/parent::body`
 - child
 - Purpose: Selects all children of the current node
 - Find one of the child tag say 'head' of 'html' tag - `//html/child::head`
 - Find one of the child tag say 'body' of 'html' tag - `//html/child::body`
 - Find one of the child tag say 'title' of 'head' tag - `//head/child::title`
 - Find one of the child tag say first 'div' tag of 'body' tag - `//body/child::div[1]`
 - ancestor
 - Purpose: Selects all ancestors (parent, grandparent, etc.) of the current node
 - Find the ancestor 'html' tag for 'title' tag - `//title/ancestor::html`
 - Find the ancestor 'html' tag for 'head' tag - `//head/ancestor::html`

- Find the ancestor 'html' tag for 'body' tag - `//body/ancestor::html`
 - descendant
 - Purpose: Selects all descendants (children, grandchildren, etc.) of the current node
 - Find the descendant 'title' tag for 'html' tag - `//html/descendant::title`
 - Find the descendant 'head' tag for 'html' tag - `//html/descendant::head`
 - Find the descendant 'body' tag for 'html' tag - `//html/descendant::body`
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- Miscellaneous XPath expressions:
 - `//html/body//p[@class='sub']` (Demonstrate at http://compendiumdev.co.uk/selenium/basic_web_page.html)
 - Working with a Table: (Demonstrate at <http://omayo.blogspot.in/>)
 - Finding the entire table - `//table[@id='table1']`
 - Finding all the rows in the table - `//table[@id='table1']//tr`
 - Finding all the table headings in the table - `//table[@id='table1']//tr//th`
 - Finding all the table data in the table - `//table[@id='table1']//tr//td`
 - Finding all the cells in the table - `//table[@id='table1']//tr//th | //table[@id='table1']//tr//td`
 - Finding the 2nd row and 3rd cloumn - `//table[@id='table1']//tr[2]//td[3]`
 - Finding the table cell having text 'Pune' - `//td[text()='Pune']`
 - Using wild cards in XPath Expressions:
 - `* - //*[@id='radio1']`
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 - `node()` (Demonstrate at http://compendiumdev.co.uk/selenium/basic_web_page.html)
 - Absolute XPath without using `node()` - `/html/body/p[1]`
 - Absolute Xpath after using `node()` - `/node()/node()/p[1]`
 - Absolute Xpath after using `node()` - `/html/node()/p[1]`
 - Relative Xpath without using `node()` - `//body/p[1]`
 - Relative Xpath after using `node()` - `//node()/p[1]`
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