

**NAME**

Element – an <element>

**API****new ( name, prefix )**

Create a new Element node with name “name” and prefix “prefix”. The name be “prefix:local” if prefix is defined. I know that sounds weird, but it works ;–)

**getName**

Returns the name (including “prefix:” if defined) of this element.

**getLocalName**

Returns just the local part of the name (the bit after “prefix:”).

**getChildNodes**

Returns the children of this element. In list context returns a list. In scalar context returns an array ref.

**getChildNode ( pos )**

Returns the child at position pos.

**appendChild ( childnode )**

Appends the child node to the list of current child nodes.

**removeChild ( childnode )**

Removes the supplied child node from the list of current child nodes.

**getAttribute ( name )**

Returns the attribute node with key name.

**getAttributes / getAttributeNodes**

Returns the attribute nodes. In list context returns a list. In scalar context returns an array ref.

**appendAttribute ( attrib\_node )**

Appends the attribute node to the list of attributes (XML::XPath stores attributes in order).

**getNamespace ( prefix )**

Returns the namespace node by the given prefix

**getNamespaces / getNamespaceNodes**

Returns the namespace nodes. In list context returns a list. In scalar context returns an array ref.

**appendNamespace ( ns\_node )**

Appends the namespace node to the list of namespaces.

**getPrefix**

Returns the prefix of this element

**getExpandedName**

Returns the expanded name of this element (not yet implemented right).

**string\_value**

For elements, the string\_value is the concatenation of all string\_values of all text-descendants of the element node in document order.

**toString ( [ norecurse ] )**

Output (and all children) the node to a string. Doesn't process children if the norecurse option is a true value.