

WOW

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Started 'Python 3.9.5 64-bit' kernel
Python 3.9.5 (v3.9.5:0a7dcdbd13, May 3 2021, 13:17:02)
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Python XML parsing

Using xml.dom

```
[ ]: from xml.dom.minidom import parse, parseString, Node
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[ ]: # opening it
document = parse("sample.xml")
print(document)
```

<xml.dom.minidom.Document object at 0x7fb4502c6640>

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[ ]: # using context manager
with open("sample.xml") as file:
    document = parse(file)
print(document)
```

<xml.dom.minidom.Document object at 0x7fb4902f1c40>

```
[ ]: # parsing it through a string
document = parseString('<?xml version="1.0"?>
<catalog>
  <book id="bk101">
    <author>Gambardella, Matthew</author>
    <title>XML Developer's Guide</title>
    <genre>Computer</genre>
    <price>44.95</price>
    <publish_date>2000-10-01</publish_date>
    <description>An in-depth look at creating applications
with XML.</description>
  </book>
</catalog>')
print(document)
```

<xml.dom.minidom.Document object at 0x7fb4502d5940>

Accessing info from XML

```
[ ]: # It is able to return info such as version and DTD
document = parse("sample.xml")
print(document.version)
print(document.doctype)
print(document.documentElement)
```

1.0

None

<DOM Element: catalog at 0x7fb4502d6dc0>

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[ ]: # However it can't parse elements
document = parse("sample.xml")
print(document.getElementById("bk101"))
print(document.getElementById("bk102"))
```

None

None

Solve this issue by giving all elements an id attribute

```
[ ]: def set_id_attribute(parent, attribute_name="id"):
    if parent.nodeType == Node.ELEMENT_NODE:
        if parent.hasAttribute(attribute_name):
            parent.setIdAttribute(attribute_name)
    for child in parent.childNodes:
        set_id_attribute(child, attribute_name)
```

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[ ]: set_id_attribute(document)
print(document.getElementById("bk101"))
print(document.getElementById("bk102"))
```

<DOM Element: book at 0x7fb4502d3dc0>

<DOM Element: book at 0x7fb4502dd5e0>

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[ ]: document = parse("smiley.svg")
set_id_attribute(document)
print(document.getElementById("smiley"))
print(document.getElementsByTagName("ellipse"))
```

<DOM Element: g at 0x7fb4502ddb80>

[<DOM Element: ellipse at 0x7fb4502ddf70>, <DOM Element: ellipse at 0x7fb4502e8040>]

Bad News

```
[ ]: try:
    print(document.querySelector("#smiley"))
```

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except AttributeError:
    print("does not work")
```

does not work

for stuff like

```
[ ]: document.getElementsByTagNameNS("*", "custom")
```

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[ ]: [<DOM Element: inkscape:custom at 0x7fb4502d3ee0>]
```

```
[ ]: # other stuff here
with open("smiley.svg") as file:
    document = parse(file)
```

Using xml.sax

```
[ ]: import xml.sax

class ParseXML(xml.sax.ContentHandler):

    def __init__(self):
        self.CurrentData = ""
        self.author = ""
        self.title = ""
        self.genre = ""
        self.price = ""
        self.publish_date = ""
        self.description = ""

    def startElement(self, tag, attributes):
        self.CurrentData = tag
        if tag == "book":
            print("-----Book-----")
            book_id = attributes["id"]
            print(f"Id: {book_id}")

    def endElement(self, tag):
        if self.CurrentData == "title":
            print(f"Title: {self.title}")
        elif self.CurrentData == "author":
            print(f"Author: {self.author}")
        elif self.CurrentData == "genre":
            print(f"genre: {self.genre}")
        elif self.CurrentData == "price":
            print(f"price: {self.price}")
        elif self.CurrentData == "publish_date":
            print(f"publish_date: {self.publish_date}")
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        elif self.CurrentData == "description":
            print(f"description: {self.description}")

    def characters(self, content):
        if self.CurrentData == "title":
            self.title = content
        elif self.CurrentData == "author":
            self.author = content
        elif self.CurrentData == "genre":
            self.genre = content
        elif self.CurrentData == "price":
            self.price = content
        elif self.CurrentData == "publish_date":
            self.publish_date = content
        elif self.CurrentData == "description":
            self.description = content

parser = xml.sax.make_parser()
parser.setFeature(xml.sax.handler.feature_namespaces, 0)
parser_object = ParseXML()
parser.setContentHandler(parser_object)
parser.parse("sample.xml")

"""

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-----Book-----

Id: bk101

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Title: XML Developer's Guide

genre: Computer

price: 44.95

publish_date: 2000-10-01

description: An in-depth look at creating applications with XML.

description:

-----Book-----

Id: bk102

Author: Ralls, Kim

Title: Midnight Rain

genre: Fantasy

price: 5.95

publish_date: 2000-12-16

description: A former architect battles corporate zombies, an evil sorceress,
and her own childhood to become queen of the world.

description:

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[ ]: ''
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##### Simplified version
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```
[ ]: import xml.sax

class ParseXML(xml.sax.ContentHandler):

    def __init__(self):
        self.CurrentData = ""

    def startElement(self, tag, attributes):
        self.CurrentData = tag
        if tag == "book":
            print("Book")
            book_id = attributes["id"]
            print(f"Id: {book_id}")

    def endElement(self, tag):
        print(f"{self.CurrentData}: {self.content}")

    def characters(self, content):
        self.content = content

parser = xml.sax.make_parser()
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'''
```

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