

XML Technologies

DOM, SAX

SAX (1/2) – Overview

- Event based model
- An event:
 - Begin/end of the document
 - Begin/end of the element
 - String data
 - □ ...
- The parser raises a sequence of events based on the document order
 - It is not possible to jump to an arbitrary place or go back

SAX (2/2) - Overview

- Begin/end of the document
 - startDocument()
 - endDocument()
- Begin/end of an element
 - startElement(String uri, String localName,

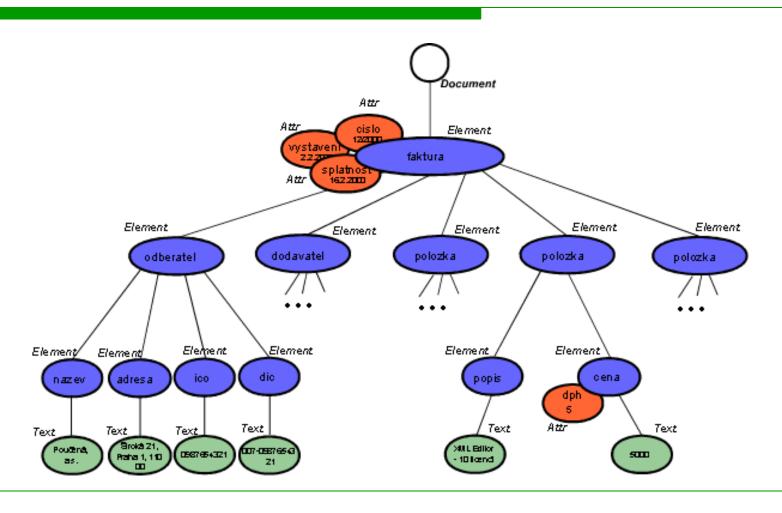
String qName, Attributes atts)

- endElement(String uri, String localName, String qName)
- String data
 - characters(char[] ch, int start, int length)
- Array Attributes atts
 - atts.getQName(i); atts.getValue(i);
 - Returns attribute's name and value

DOM (1/4) - Overview

- Object model
- Every logical part of the XML document is represented as an object
 - Element, attribute, text, ...
- The objects form a tree
- The whole XML document is (typically) loaded into memory

DOM Example



DOM (2/4) – Interface Node

- Represents a common node in XML document
- It is further specialized into interfaces representing particular node types
 - Document, element, attribute, ...
- getAttributes()
- getChildNodes()
- getFirstChild()
- getNodeName()
- appendChild()
- removeChild(Node oldChild)

DOM (3/4) – Interface Document

- Represents the whole document
- getDocumentElement()
- getElementByld(String elementId)
- getElementByTagName(String tagname)
- createAttribute(String name)
- createElement(String tagName)

DOM (4/4)

- Other interfaces Element, Attr, Text, ...
- Google: "java dom api"

Other programming languages

- □ C#:
 - DOM: XmlDocument http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/azsy1tw2%28v=vs.100%29.aspx
 - DOM: XDocument (Linq to XML) http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/system.xml.ling.xdocument.aspx
 - SAX: XmlReader: http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc189056%28v=vs.95%29.aspx
 - Differences between SAX parser & XmlReader: http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/sbw89de7.aspx
- □ C++:
 - DOM: http://xerces.apache.org/xerces-c/
 - DOM: http://rapidxml.sourceforge.net/
 - SAX: http://xerces.apache.org/xerces-c/
- Python:
 - DOM: https://docs.python.org/2/library/xml.dom.html
 - SAX: https://docs.python.org/2/library/xml.sax.html