

xmlReader & xmlWriter

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- ☑ Brief review of SimpleXML/DOM/SAX
- ☑ Introduction of xmlReader
- ☑ Introduction of xmlWriter

DOM

- ✓ Full W3C compatible DOM support
- ✓ Fast XPath support
- ✓ Validation support
- ✓ Fast/direct access to any piece of you XML data
- ✓ No problems with namespaces
- ✓ Good PHP mapping

- ✗ Needs to build full DOM tree before you can use it
- ✗ Memory intensive

SimpleXMLElement

- ✓ Natural object relation from xml to php
 - ✓ Object value Content
 - ✓ Properties Elements
 - ✓ ArrayAccess Attributes
- ✓ XPath support
- ✓ Can easily switch from DOM to SimpleXML
- ✓ Iterator based

- ✗ Problems with handling namespaces
- ✗ Builds full dom tree prior to map it to php objects
- ✗ No support for validation

SAX

- ✓ Fast event based parsing
- ✓ No overhead whatsoever

- ✗ Programmer has to do everything himself
- ✗ No XPath support
- ✗ No validation
- ✗ Push parser tells you exactly how to parse data

xmlReader

- ✓ Fast and flexible event based parsing
- ✓ Pull parser operates like you use it
- ✓ Validation support (DTD, XSD, RNG)
- ✓ Can load defaults from definition (DTD)
- ✓ Direct access to all attributes of an element
- ✓ C# XmlTextReader API
- ✓ Allows to generate DOM tree from current element

- ✓ No XPath support
- ✓ XSD Support limited in libxml2

SimpleXMLIterator

- ☑ SPL makes SimpleXML recursion aware
 - ☑ Use `simplexml_load_(file|string)` with 2nd param
 - ☑ Or `SimpleXMLIterator` direct by constructor

```

<?php
                                flags      is url
                                [1]      0      true);
$xml = new SimpleXMLIterator($argv[1], 0, true);

foreach(new RecursiveIteratorIterator($xml) as $e)
{
    if (isset($e['href']))
    {
        echo $e['href'] . "\n";
    }
}
?>
    
```



Strip href with xmlReader

- ☑ Create a reader and read everything

```
$reader = new XMLReader();  
if ($reader->open($argv[1])) {  
    while ($reader->read()) {  
        if ($reader->nodeType == XMLReader::ELEMENT &&  
            $reader->hasAttributes)  
        {  
            $href = $reader->getAttribute('href');  
            if (isset($href))  
            {  
                echo $href . "\n";  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}  
$reader->close();
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Strip href with xmlReader

- ☑ Create a reader and read everything
- ☑ Check for attributes on all elements
- ☑ Check for the specific attribute we're interested in

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            }
        }
    }
}
$reader->close();
    
```

Up to 5.1.2 xmlReader returns an empty string for non existing attributes

ArrayAccess

- ☑ You may overload xmlReader

```
class MyXMLReader extends XMLReader
    implements ArrayAccess
{
    function offsetSet($ofs, $value) {
        throw new Exception('Cannot set attributes');
    }

    function offsetUnset($ofs) {
        throw new Exception('Cannot unset attributes');
    }

    // ...
}
```

ArrayAccess



Testing whether an attribute exists

```
function offsetExists($ofs) {
    $result = false;
    if ($this->hasAttributes
        || $this->nodeType == self::ATTRIBUTE) {
        $n = $this->nodeType == self::ATTRIBUTE
            ? $this->name : NULL;
        for ($p = $this->attributeCount; $p; ) {
            $this->moveToAttributeNo(--$p);
            if ($this->name == $ofs) {
                $result = true;
            }
        }
        if (isset($n)) {
            $this->moveToAttribute($n);
        } else {
            $this->moveToElement();
        }
    }
    return $result;
}
```

ArrayAccess



Reading an attribute by name

```
function offsetGet($ofs) {
    $result = NULL;
    if ($this->hasAttributes
        || $this->nodeType == self::ATTRIBUTE) {
        $n = $this->nodeType == self::ATTRIBUTE
            ? $this->name : NULL;
        for ($p = $this->attributeCount; $p; ) {
            $this->moveToAttributeNo(--$p);
            if ($this->name == $ofs) {
                $result = $this->value;
            }
        }
        if (isset($n)) {
            $this->moveToAttribute($n);
        } else {
            $this->moveToElement();
        }
    }
    return $result;
}
// MyXMLReader
```

Strip href with xmlReader

- ☑ Change to use the overloaded class

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            }
        }
    }
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```

What can be read

- `read()` method and `nodeType` property
 - Elements `ELEMENT`
 - Element closing `END_ELEMENT`
 - Processing instruction `PI`
 - Comment `COMMENT`
 - Text/Content `TEXT`
 - CDATA `CDATA`
 - Entity `ENTITY`
 - End entity `END_ENTITY`
 - Whitespace `SIGNIFICANT_WHITESPACE`
 - Attribute `ATTRIBUTE`
 - Nothing as in end of data `NONE = 0`

Parser configuration

☑ You can control how parsing operates

- ☑ Loading a DTD LOADDTD
- ☑ Using default attribute values DEFAULTATTRS
- ☑ Validating against a DTD VALIDATE
- ☑ Whether entities are substituted SUBST_ENTITIES

```
$reader = new XMLReader();
$reader->open($file);
$reader->setParserProperty(XMLReader::LOADDTD, TRUE);
$reader->setParserProperty(XMLReader::VALIDATE, TRUE);
```

☑ You can verify parsing operation

```
$reader->getParserProperty(XMLReader::LOADDTD);
```

RelaxNG validation

- ☑ Before reading data you can validate against RNG

```
$reader = new XMLReader();  
$reader->open($file);  
if ($reader->setRelaxNGSchema($relaxngfile)) {  
    while ($reader->read());  
}  
if ($reader->isValid()) {  
    print "File is ok\n";  
} else {  
    print "File could not be validated: \n";  
    print libxml_error_get_errors();  
}  
$reader->close();
```

Helpful properties

- Some helping readonly properties
 - Node type `$r->nodeType`
 - Name of the node `$r->name`
 - Local name `$r->localName`
 - Prefix `$r->prefix`
 - Namespace URI `$r->namespaceURI`
 - Base URI `$r->baseURI`
 - Whether element is empty `$r->isEmptyElement`
 - Value of text node `$r->value`
 - Does element have attributes `$r->hasAttributes`
 - Number of attributes `$r->attributeCount`
 - Is attribute value the default `$r->isDefault`
 - Depth of element `$r->depth`



Basic functions

- ☑ Is the reader in a valid state `$r->isValid()`
- ☑ Move forward to next node `$r->next()`
- ☑ Move from attribute to element `$r->moveToElement()`
- ☑ Expand current node to DOM `$r->expand()`

The following both read up to the next node named 'book':

```
while($reader->isValid() && $reader->name != 'book') {
    $reader->next();
}
```

```
while($reader->read() && $reader->name != 'book') ;
```

Attribute functions

- ☑ Attribute traversal
 - ☑ `moveToFirstAttribute()`
 - ☑ `moveToNextAttribute()`
 - ☑ `moveToAttribute(string name)`
 - ☑ `moveToAttributeNo(int index)`
 - ☑ `moveToAttributeNs(string name, string namespaceURI)`

- ☑ Attribute access
 - ☑ `getAttribute(string name)`
 - ☑ `getAttributeNo(int index)`
 - ☑ `getAttributeNs(string name, string namespaceURI)`

Some XML data

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<books>
<book title='Eragon (Inheritance, Book 1)'
      date='August 26, 2003'
      publisher='1'
      pages='544' >
  <author id='1' />
</book>
<book title='Eldest (Inheritance, Book 2)'
      date='August 23, 2005'
      publisher='1'
      pages='704' >
  <author id='1' />
</book>
<author id='1' name='Christopher Paolini' />
<publisher id='1' name='Knopf Books for young readers' />
</books>
```

Simply accessing all data

- ☑ Using SimpleXML any data is directly accessible

```
<html >
<head><ti tl e>Books</ti tl e></head>
<body>
<dl >
<?php
$x = simpl exml _l oad _fi l e($_GET[' xml ' ]);
foreach($x->book as $book) {
    echo "<dt>" . $book[' ti tle ' ] . "</dt>\n";
    $i d = $book->author[' i d ' ];
    $a = $x->xpath(' /books/author[@i d="" . $i d . ' ' ' ]/text() ' );
    echo "<dd>Author: " . $a[0] . "</dd>\n";
}
?>
</dl >
</body>
</html >
```

Some other XML data

- ☑ Using a DTD/Layout that suits a streaming parser

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<books>
<author id='1' name='Christopher Paolini' />
<publisher id='1' name='Knopf Books for young readers' />
<book date='August 26, 2003'
      publisher='1'
      pages='544'
      author id='1' >Eragon (Inheritance, Book 1)
</book>
<book date='August 23, 2005'
      publisher='1'
      pages='704' >
      author id='1' >Eldest (Inheritance, Book 2)
</book>
</books>
```


Reading xml data



Provide the page structure, create & open a reader

```
<html >
<head><ti tl e>Books</ti tl e></head>
<body>
<dl ><?php
$author = array(); $publ i sher = array();
$reader = new Xml Reader();
$reader->open($argv[1]);
whi l e($reader->read()) {
    i f ($reader->nodeType == XMLReader::: ELEMENT) {
        swi tch($reader->name) {
            case ' author':  read_ author($reader); break;
            case ' book':    read_ book($reader); break;
        }
    }
}
?></dl >
</body>
</html >
```

Reading xml data

☑ Read until end of xml data

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<body>
<dl ><?php
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$reader->open($argv[1]);
whi l e($reader->read()) {
    i f ($reader->nodeType == XMLReader::: ELEMENT) {
        swi tch($reader->name) {
            case ' author':  read_ author($reader); break;
            case ' book':    read_ book($reader); break;
        }
    }
}
?></dl >
</body>
</html >
```

Reading xml data



For each element of interest use dedicated handler

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<body>
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$reader = new Xml Reader();
$reader->open($argv[1]);
whi l e($reader->read()) {
    i f ($reader->nodeType == XMLReader::: ELEMENT) {
        swi tch($reader->name) {
            case ' author' :   read_author($reader); break;
            case ' book' :     read_book($reader); break;
        }
    }
}
?></dl >
</body>
</html >
```

Reading xml data

- ☑ Store author information in a global array
 - ☑ If the element has some content (it is not empty)
 - ☑ Use text node as author info
 - ☑ Before using the text node read the id attribute

```
function read_author($reader)
{
    global $author;

    if (!$reader->isEmptyElement) {
        $id = $reader->getAttribute('id');
        $reader->read();
        $author[$id] = $reader->value;
    }
}
```

Reading xml data

- ☑ For all books handle its attributes and sub nodes
 - ☑ Lookup the author in the global array
 - ☑ Access all text nodes

```
function read_book($reader)
{
    global $author;

    $id = $reader->getAttribute('author');
    echo "<dt>" . get_text($reader) . "</dt>\n";
    echo "<dd>Author: " . $author[$id] . "</dd>\n";
}
```

Reading xml data

- ☑ Reading only the text nodes, concatenating them
 - ☑ Store the current depth
 - ☑ Read until end of element at stored depth
 - ☑ If node is a text node append its value

```
function get_text($reader)
{
    $t = '';
    $l = $reader->depth;
    while($reader->read() && ($reader->depth > $l
    || $reader->nodeType != XMLReader::END_ELEMENT)) {
        if ($reader->nodeType == XMLReader::TEXT) {
            $t .= $reader->value;
        }
    }
    return trim($t);
}
```

xmlWriter

- ☑ xmlWriter is used for easy creation of XML data
 - ☑ Automatically cares for escaping
 - ☑ Can directly write to a stream or memory
 - ☑ Allows to control indentation
 - ☑ Checks validity and ends any open tag on close

xmlWriter

☑ Providing some data

```
$author = array(1 => 'Christopher Paolini');
$publisher = array(
    1=>array('name' => 'Knopf Books for young readers'));
$books = array(
    array('date' => 'August 26, 2003',
        'publisher' => '1',
        'pages' => '544',
        'author' => '1',
        'title' => 'Eragon (Inheritance, Book 1)'),
    array('date' => 'August 23, 2005',
        'publisher' => '1',
        'pages' => '704',
        'author' => '1',
        'title' => 'Eldest (Inheritance, Book 2)'),
    );
```


Initial steps

- ☑ Creating, Opening, Indent control, Document start

```
$writer = new XMLWriter();  
//$w->openURI ($filename);  
$writer->openMemory();  
$writer->setIndent(true);  
$writer->setIndentString('  ');  
$writer->startDocument('1.0', 'UTF-8');
```

- ☑ Creating the root element

```
$writer->startElement('books');
```

Writing data

- ✓ Creating an element
- ✓ Adding attributes
- ✓ Closing the element

```
foreach($publisher as $id => $name)
{
    $writer->startElement('publisher');
    $writer->writeAttribute('id', $id);
    $writer->writeAttribute('name', $name);
    $writer->endElement();
}
```

Writing some data

- ☑ Create the root element
- ☑ Create more elements
 - ☑ Add attributes
 - ☑ Add content

```
foreach($author as $id => $name) {  
    $writer->startElement('author');  
    $writer->writeAttribute('id', $id);  
    $writer->text($name);  
    $writer->endElement();  
}
```

Writing more data

☑ Writing more data

```
foreach($books as $book)
{
    $writer->startElement('book');
    foreach($book as $attr => $val)
    {
        if ($attr != 'title') {
            $writer->writeAttribute($attr, $val);
        }
    }
    $writer->text($book['title']);
    $writer->endElement();
}
```

Closing down

- ☑ Closing the document and writing the xml file

```
$writer->endDocument();
```

```
echo $writer->outputMemory();
```

```
// $writer->flush();
```

THANK YOU



This Presentation

<http://somabo.de/talks/>



PHP Manual

<http://php.net/xmlreader>



Libxml2

<http://xmlsoft.org>

