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Universal Parsing Agent (UPA)

About the UPA User Guide

The Universal Parsing Agent (UPA) processes text documents, extracts information, and stores that information in XML markup files for further use by other software products. This provides users with more time for analysis by automating document processing. UPA can process formatted and semi-formatted documents once the processing templates have been defined by the user.

Purpose of the User Guide

The Universal Parsing Agent (UPA) User Guide provides background for UPA operating procedures. This guide explains the basic procedures for creating templates and using the system.

Scope

Use this guide to learn the basic techniques for working with UPA.

Audience

The primary audience for this guide is the general user of UPA. Database and system administrators and managers are the secondary audience.

Prerequisites

Users should have a working knowledge of Windows-based personal computers and a current version of an internet browser: Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Firefox, Opera, or Netscape. Familiarity with regular PERL expressions is necessary if you want to create custom parsing logic. Those performing software maintenance and troubleshooting should also be comfortable working with computer system software and related hardware.

How to Use This Guide

Use this guide to learn how to work with UPA.

Read the Overview for an introduction to UPA and its functions.

Read **Starting UPA** to learn how to start the application, log in, and select a project database, and **Exiting UPA** to learn how to save your work and exit the application.

Read **Creating Input Templates** to learn how to build templates used for later document processing and transfer.

Read **Assigning or Removing Templates** to learn how to select and assign a template to a document database. The template will then be used to process all documents in the database.

Read **Selecting Input Documents** to learn how to select documents for viewing, correction, or for use in building templates for processing.

Read **Working with the Wait Bin** to learn how to use UPA to create XML marked-up documents.

Read the **Pattern Definition Reference** for a quick reference guide to PERL regular expressions.

Notation Conventions

Throughout this guide, capitalized text is used to emphasize names of software and menu items in the software. The following notation conventions mark certain important points or procedures in this Guide.

Menu Item	indicates the names of menu items, buttons, and fields.
<i>Tips:</i>	application usage tips.
Note:	additional helpful details about a procedure.
Caution:	indicates that data might be lost.

Results

After reading this document, you will be able to:

- Create and modify templates
- Construct document parsing logic
- Assign templates to directories
- Process documents
- Review, correct, and complete processed documents

Related Information

The following book is recommended for users needing complete information on constructing PERL regular expressions.

Programming Perl Third Edition, Larry Wall, Tom Christiansen, and Jon Orwant, 2000, O'Reilly & Associates, Inc. This book provides complete instructions on programming in Perl, including in-depth information on the use of regular expressions for pattern matching.

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Overview

UPA parses information contained within chosen text files using templates developed by analysts based on their current needs. Many files can be automatically processed at one time and the results presented to the analyst. Alternatively, single files can be processed as well on a case-by-case basis as designated by the analyst. These templates can be reused and new ones created for later or immediate use.

- UPA provides systematic document preparation for the efficient ingest of data into data analysis tools. By systematizing the process a common ground is established for the analysis of future documents.
- Other tools treat each document as a whole, UPA improves the quality of data going into an analytical system by breaking documents into meaningful components that can be dynamically defined on an as-needed basis.
- UPA can be applied to both structured and unstructured data.

A Typical Scenario

Analysts have access to a file repository and can select directories or individual files that they would like processed to see if they contain particular information. From their file resource they select the directories or individual files. These are then placed in the Input Bin for later batch mode processing. Once processed the results are placed in one of three repositories within UPA so analysts can browse the results.

Wait Bin: View files that matched required items in a template. The analyst can

- Manually revise these patterns to become part of a new template or
- Designate the file as complete.

Incomplete Bin: Lists all files where no direct matches were found in any available templates. You can view these files and modify or create new templates to reprocess any failed files. You can test the modified template by running the parser on the single document.

Complete Bin: Lists files that have been successfully parsed with the template that was used to parse them. You can view both the processed files and the related template.

Analysts can also create templates using existing templates or by starting with a blank template. A set of parser tools are provided to assist the analyst in defining patterns or expressions that will look for specific information contained in a file. The parser patterns that you create are saved as a template. It is this template that is used to parse files.

While defining patterns, analysts do so in the context of how they traditionally structure a document. Analysts typically define a header area, the main message area, and the footer area of a document. Within each of these main areas they can define searches for specific information items or content.

Analysts have the ability to create and save draft templates to work on and finalize later. They can also create statistical data about the files being processed. This information tells the analyst how many files have been parsed in the various categories. In the future, this feature could begin to aggregate information to enable analysts to view trends on user-specified data.

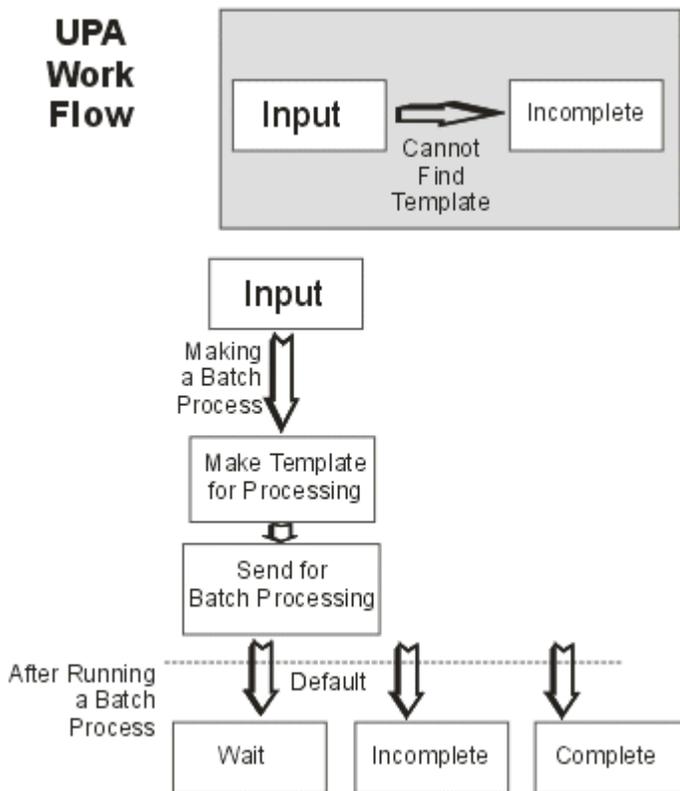


Figure 1. UPA Work Flow Diagram

Starting UPA

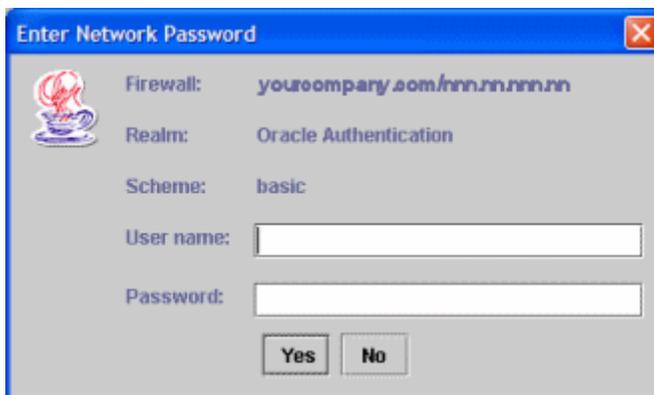
All activities are started from the UPA main window.

To start UPA, perform the following steps.

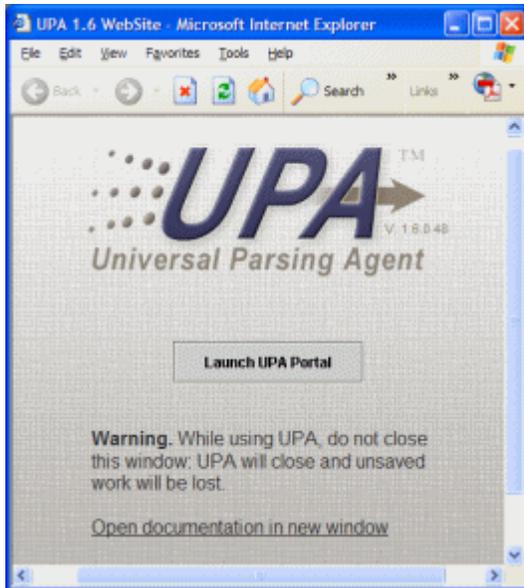
1. Start a browser such as Microsoft Internet Explorer or Mozilla.
2. If this is the first time you have used UPA, from the browser File menu select Open. Browse to the file, UPAClient.html, select the file, and click Open .
Or if UPA has been set up for you, from your browser Favorites list, select UPA.
The Oracle authentication window will display.



3. Enter your user name and password and click Ok. The Enter Network Password window will display.

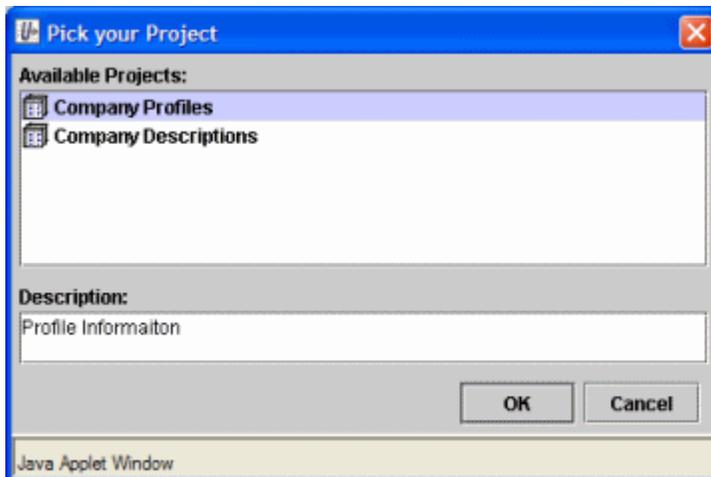


4. Enter your user name and password and click Yes.
The UPA Website window will display in your browser.

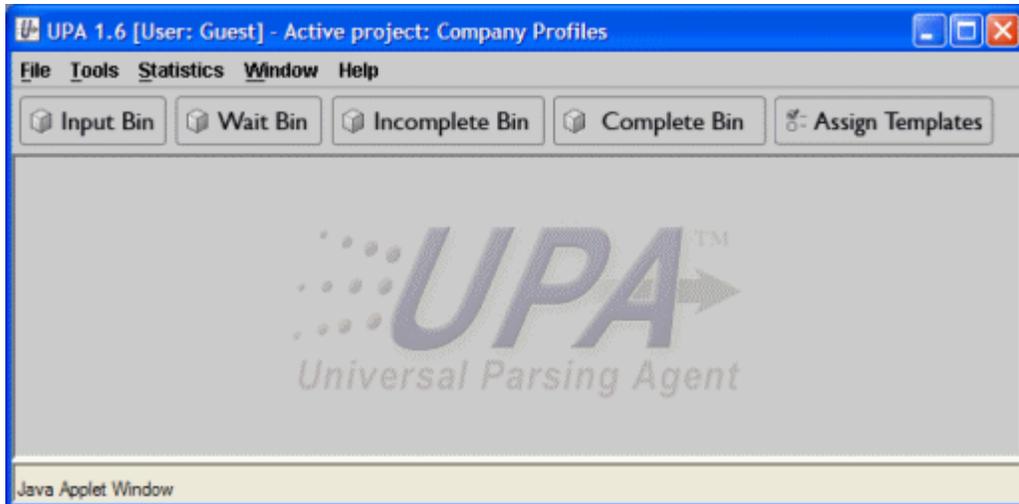


Caution: Do not close your browser window while working with UPA. Closing your browser will close UPA as well and all your unsaved work will be lost. UPA is a web-based application and needs your browser to run.

5. From the UPA Website window, click Launch UPA Portal. The Pick Your Project window will display.



6. Select a project from the Available Projects list and click Ok. The UPA Active Database window will display.



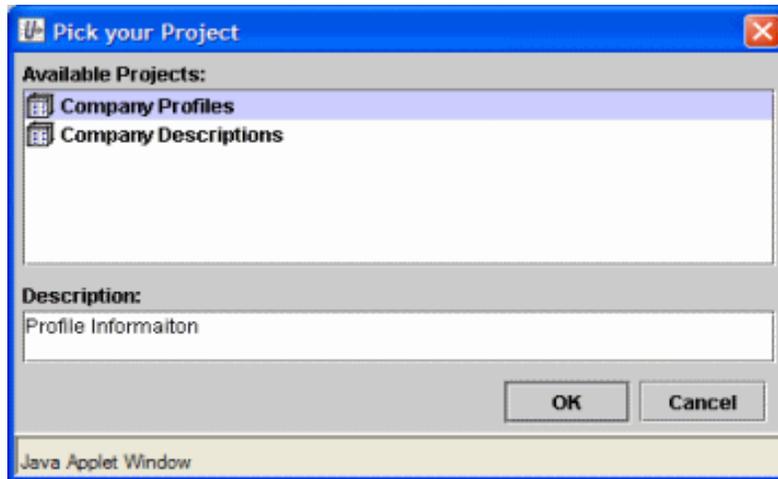
This is the UPA main window and toolbar. From the main window you can perform the following activities.

- Create Input templates
- Modify Input templates
- Check and edit documents in the Wait Bin
- View results in the Complete Bin
- Assign templates to be used in document processing

Selecting a Project

Once you have started UPA, you can select another project at any time. Projects consist of an Oracle database containing documents and the templates used to process them. To select a new project

1. From the UPA main window File menu, pick Select Project. The Pick Your Project window will display.

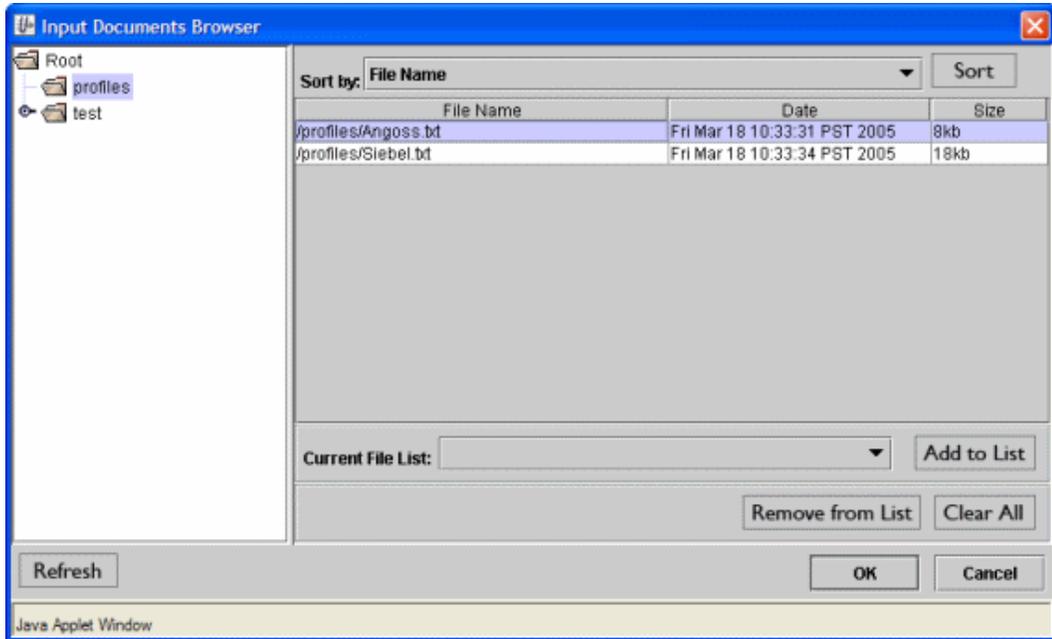


2. From the Available Projects list, select a project. Project descriptions display in the Description area. Click Ok. The UPA main window title bar will display the name of your selected project database. You can now work with templates or documents in the various bins.

Selecting Input Documents

To select one or more documents to work with, perform the following procedures.

1. From the UPA main window, click on Input Bin . The Input Documents Browser will display.

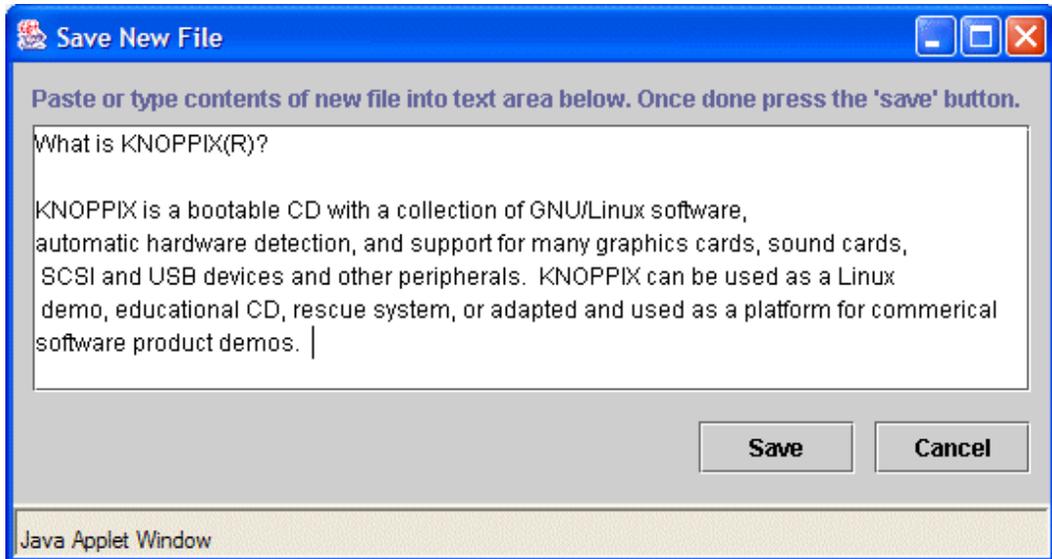


2. From the left hand side of the Documents Browser, open a folder and select one or more documents from the bin.
 - Tips:
 - You can select multiple documents by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking on all the documents you want in the bin.
 - You can add documents to the list by double-clicking on a file.
 - You can open documents in other directories by using the directory folders on the left side of the Document Browser window.
3. Click Add to List. The selected documents will be placed in the Current File List.
4. To see the documents on the list, click the drop-down button on the Current File List.
5. To remove a document from the list, select the file from the drop-down menu and click Remove from List.
6. To remove all the selected documents from the list, click Clear All.
7. To begin working with your selected documents, click OK.

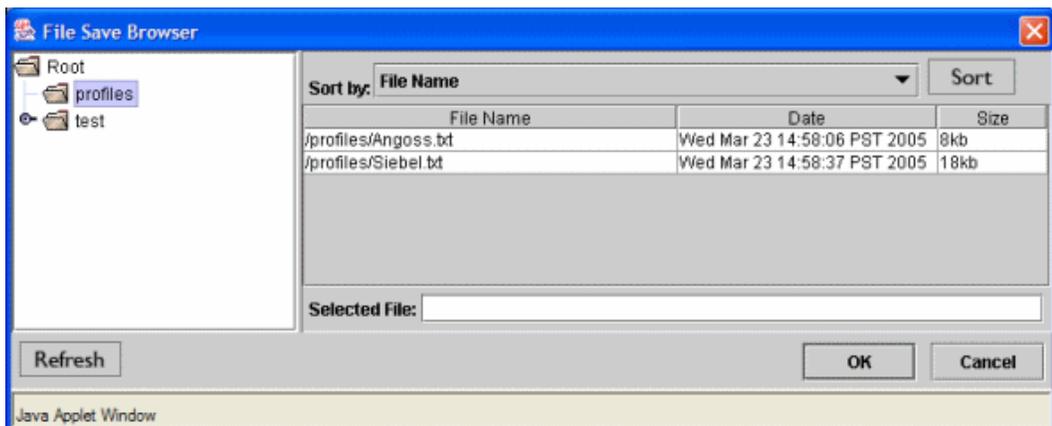
Pasting a New Document

Sometimes you may want to add a new document for processing to those already in your database. To add a document

1. From the UPA main window File menu, select Paste New Document. The Save New File window will display.



2. Enter the contents of the new document in the window by cutting and pasting from the original document. Click Save. The File Save Browser window will display.



3. Navigate to the directory where you want to save the document.

4. Enter the file name in the Selected File field and click Ok to save the document.

New documents will be processed with other documents in the directory, using the assigned template.

Pattern Definition Reference

Patterns are defined by "expressions;" sets of characters that enable the UPA software to seek and find similar patterns in text documents. UPA uses PERL regular expressions when you create the Pattern Definitions used by templates.

Expression Name	Use this Code	ASCII Character Definition
Whitespace	\s	[\t\n\r\f]
Non-whitespace	\S	[^\t\n\r\f]
Word character	\w	[a-zA-Z_0-9]
Non-word characters (to exclude words from your search but include such characters as # or @)	\W	[^a-zA-Z_0-9]
Digit	\d	[0-9]
Non-digits (to exclude digits from your search)	\D	[^0-9]
backspace within character sets	\b	

What it Does	Use this Code
Match at least n but not more than m times, for example: {2,5} would find matches at least 2 times but not more than 5.	{n,m}
Match at least n times, for example {3,} would find at least 3 matches and maybe more.	{n,}
Match at exactly n times, for example {2} would find exactly 2 matches.	{n}
Match 0 or more times.	*
Match 1 or more times.	+
Match 0 or 1 time.	?

What it Does	Use this Code
precise match - matches any single character from a set inside brackets	[...]
group items to find (object selection)- use the parentheses to group items in a search so they will be found and kept together	()
wildcard - matches any single character including whitespace	.
logical or - this character OR that character	
logical not - not this character - null token matching the beginning of a set of characters or line	^
null token matching the end of a set of characters or line	\$
null token matching a word boundary (\w on one side and \W on the other)	\b

Author:\s(.*)\n	This example pattern will search for the phrase "Author:" and will save into the database anything after the word to the end of the line. The UPA application will not save either the word 'Author' or the semicolon after the word 'Author' to the database. Only the pattern inside the parentheses will be saved.
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Template and Document Icons

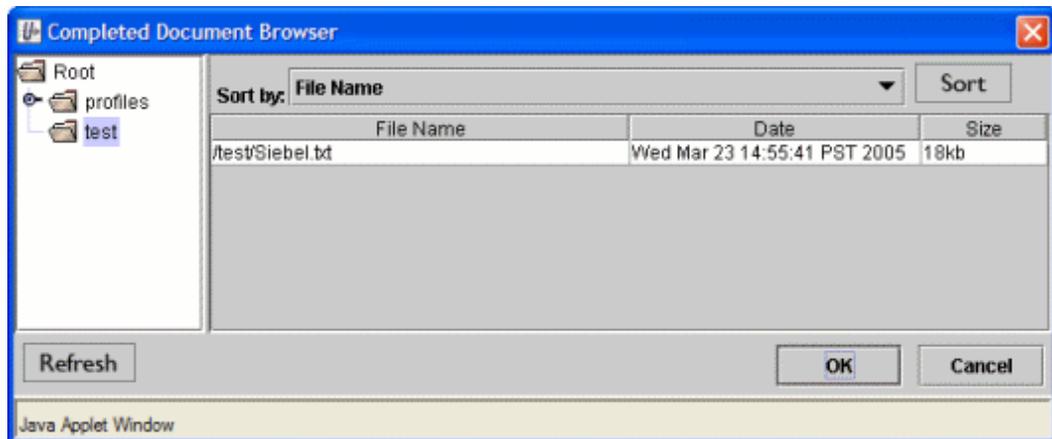
The right hand side of the UPA main window displays a listing of items contained in the template and related documents. These icons will change depending upon which Bin you are working in.

Icon	What It Means
	Parser steps have been assigned to this template item. The number of steps defined displays inside the icon.
	No parser steps have yet been assigned to this item.
	XML data has been entered by hand for this item.
	XML data was parsed and saved for this item.
	XML data was parsed and saved for this item, but it does not meet all criteria specified. Please verify and correct if necessary.
	XML data was not parsed or found for this item.

Viewing Completed Documents

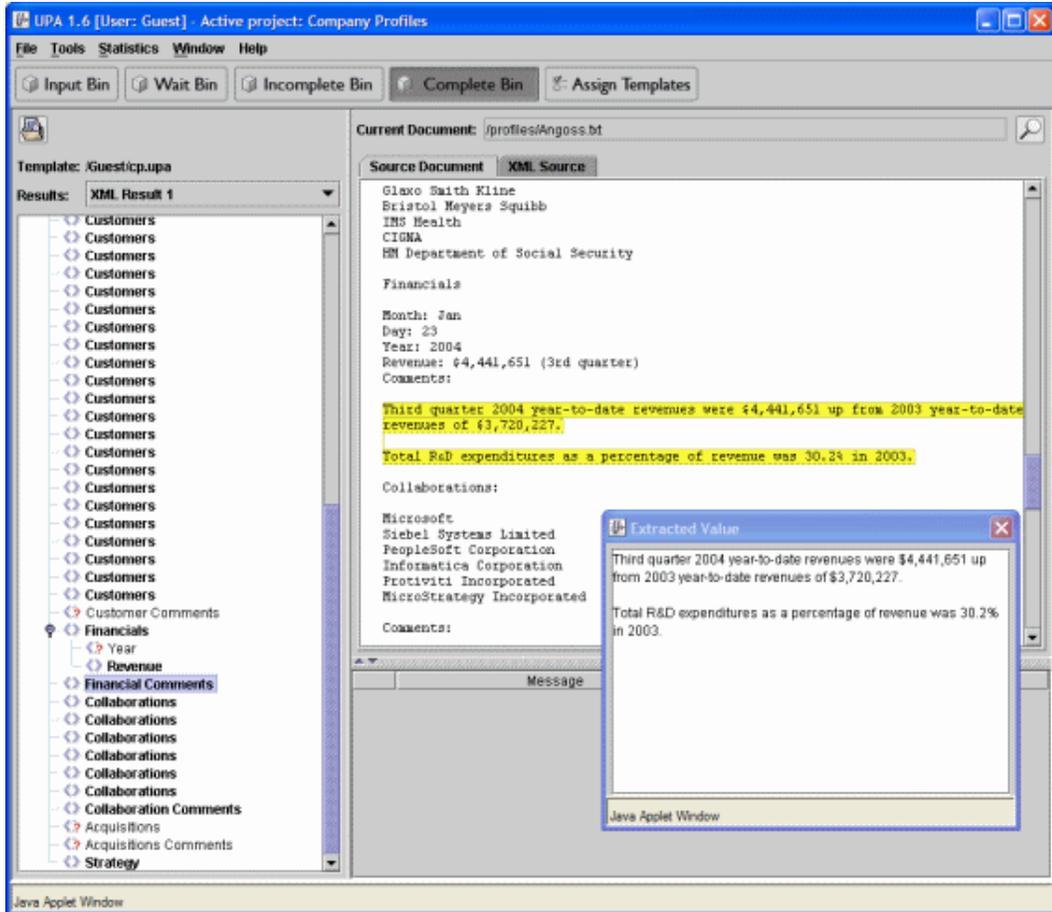
Documents that have successfully completed processing will be moved to the Complete Bin. You can view completed documents, which consist of the source text, XML source (marked-up XML created by the parser), the extracted value, and the parsing diagram for each part of the template. To view a completed document

1. From the UPA main window, click on Complete Bin . The Complete Documents Browser will display.



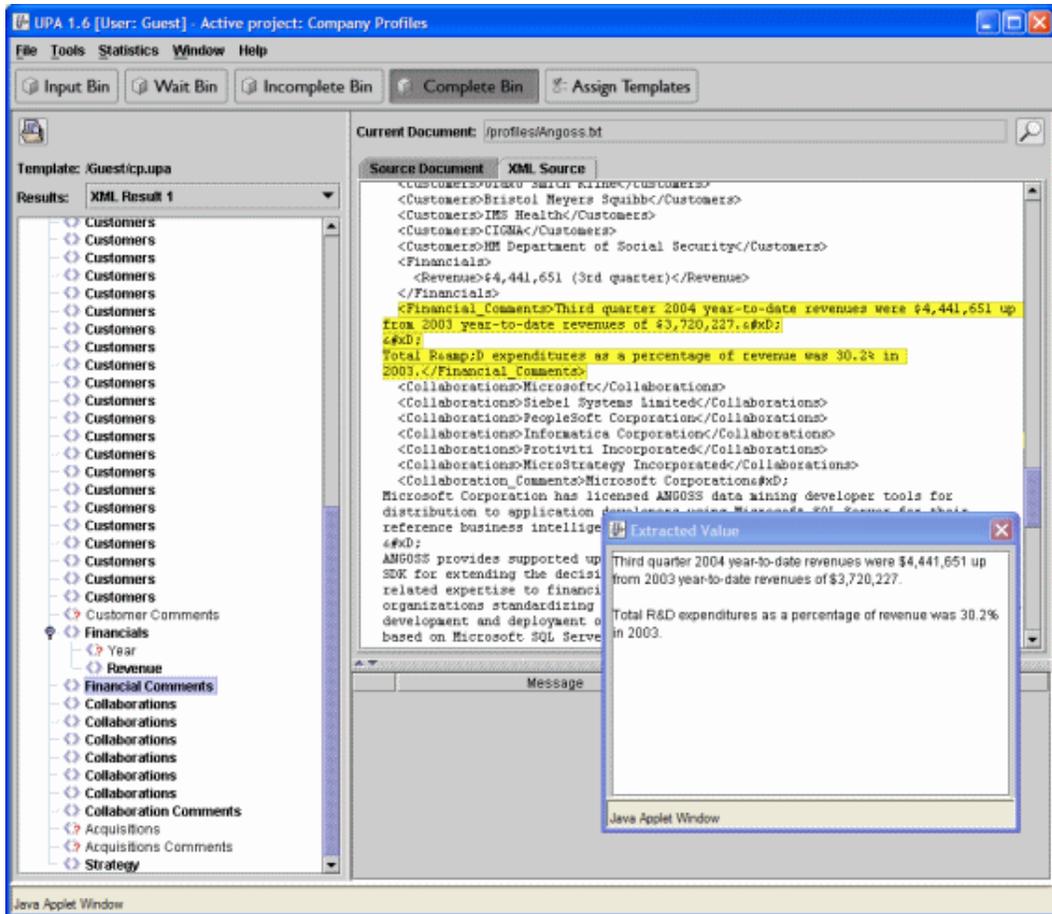
2. From the left hand side of the Documents Browser, open a folder and select a document from the bin. You can open documents in other directories by using the directory folders on the left side of the Document Browser window.

- To view your selected document, click OK. The document will display in the UPA main window. The initial view will be of the Source Document tab, which displays the original source text of the parsed document.



- To view the document XML output, click the XML Source tab. The XML file created from the source text will display.

XML Source



5. Clicking on the fields in the Results panel will display the XML extracted data in the Extracted Value window.

Note: You can not change the source text document or the XML Source.

Exiting UPA

When you are finished working, close the UPA application. You do not need to have UPA running on your PC for batch processing to take place. To exit and close UPA, perform the following procedure.

1. Before you exit UPA, remember to save any of the work you want to keep by selecting Save from the File menu or by clicking Save .
2. To exit the UPA main window, from the File menu, select Quit. The UPA main window will close. Your browser window will display the UPA WebSite.
3. You can now exit the UPA WebSite window in your browser by closing the browser window. A message similar to the following will display:

Are you sure you want to navigate away from this page?

4. Click Ok. The UPA WebSite window will close.

Creating Input Templates

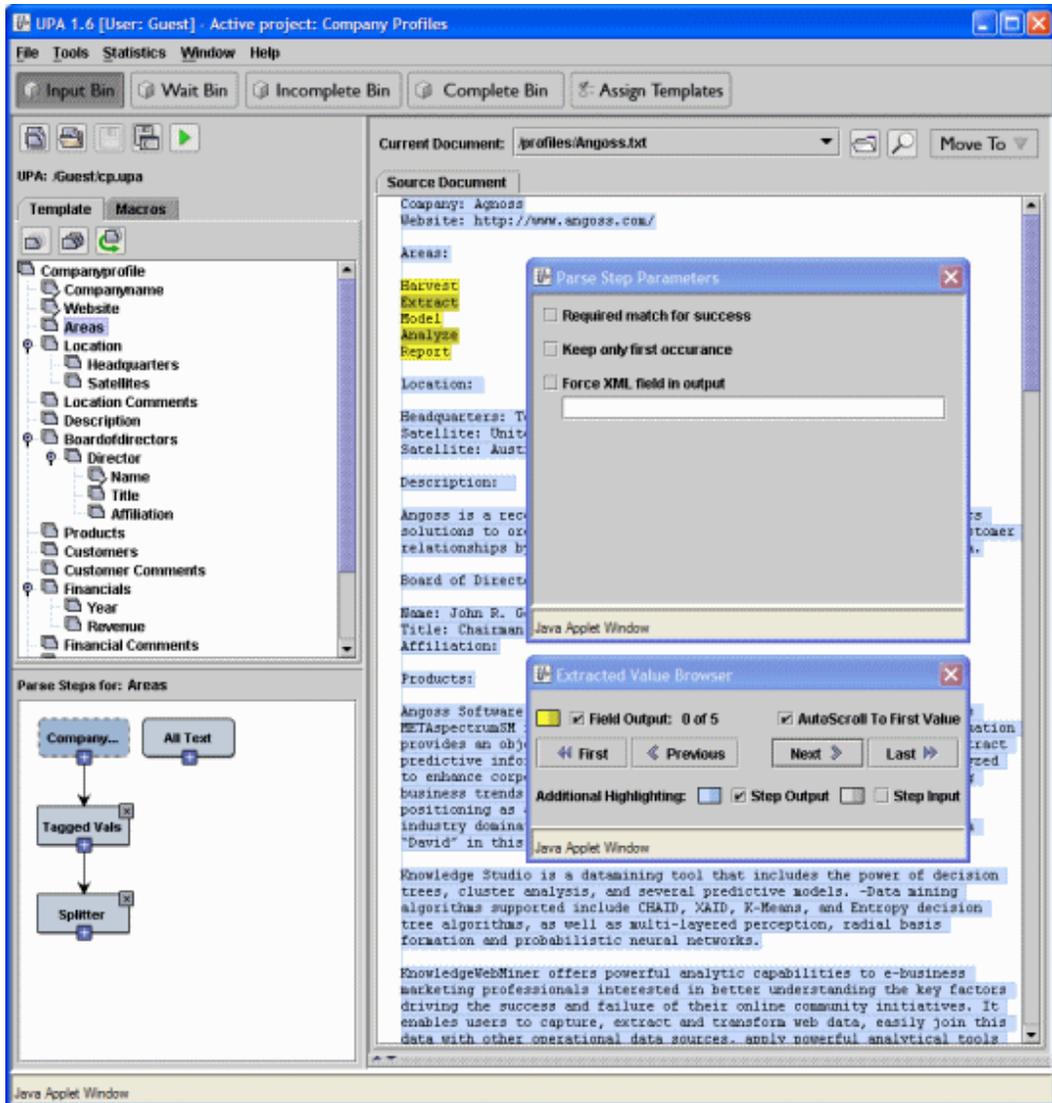
The main task you will perform from the Input Bin is to create templates used by UPA for document input processing. This task can consist of several parts:

- Creating a New Template
 - Multi-Step Parsing
 - Generating a Template Automatically
- Modifying an Existing Template

Creating a New Template

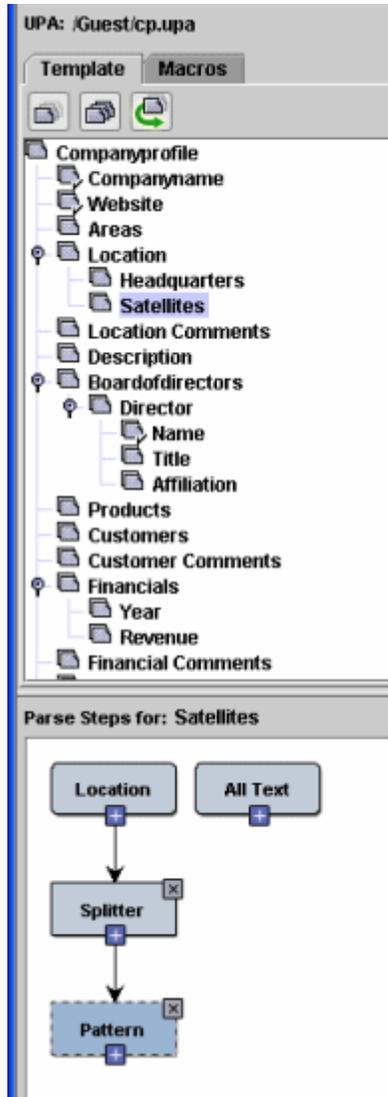
To create a new template, you will need to define the parsing patterns which will be part of the template. These patterns will be used later during batch document processing. Templates are created using typical text documents from your database as a guide to the patterns you will build. To create a template for document processing, start UPA from your internet browser and perform the following procedure.

1. Select and open a text document. The UPA Input Bin template builder will display, along with a source document. The UPA Template Builder will display a new template.

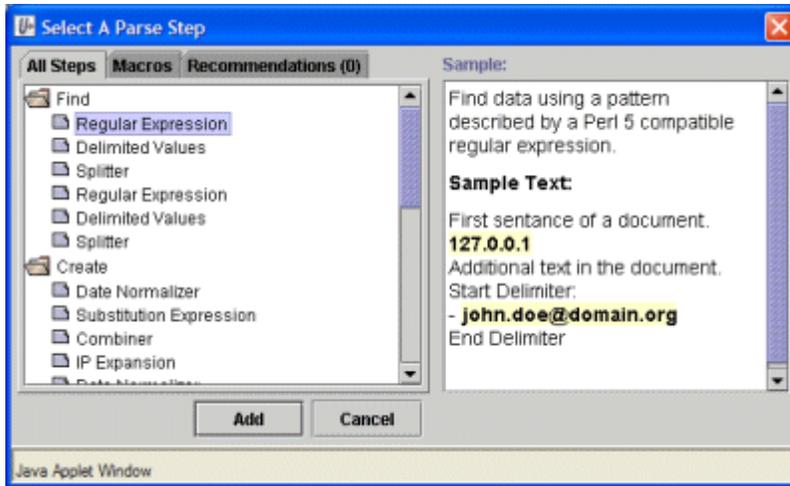


2. You can work with the default template that initially displays or you can create an entirely new template by clicking New Template . If you want to open another existing template, click the Open Template button .

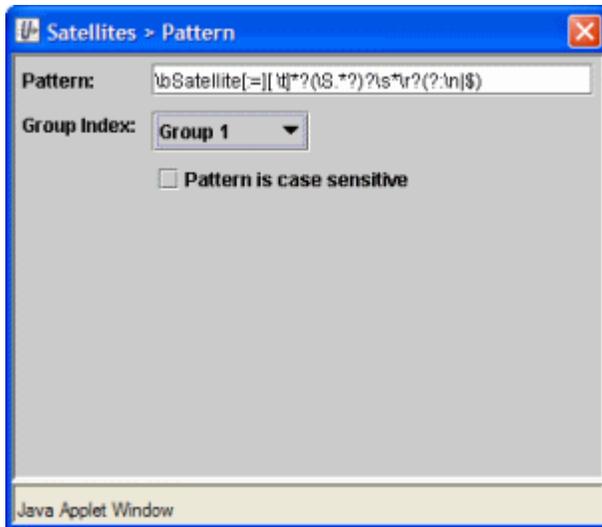
Note: The status of items in the list of template parser elements is indicated by template icons beside each element.
3. Select an item from the list of template parser elements. The parse steps, if any, will display in the Parse Steps for: [parse step name] area. If no parse steps have been defined, the default parse steps will display.



4. To define a parse step, click on the plus  on the parse step box. The Select a Parse Step window will display.



5. Select the type of parse step you want to add from the list. As you click on a type of step, an example of the type of parsing output will display in the Sample column. Click Add. The type of pattern you selected will display in the Parse Step pattern window.

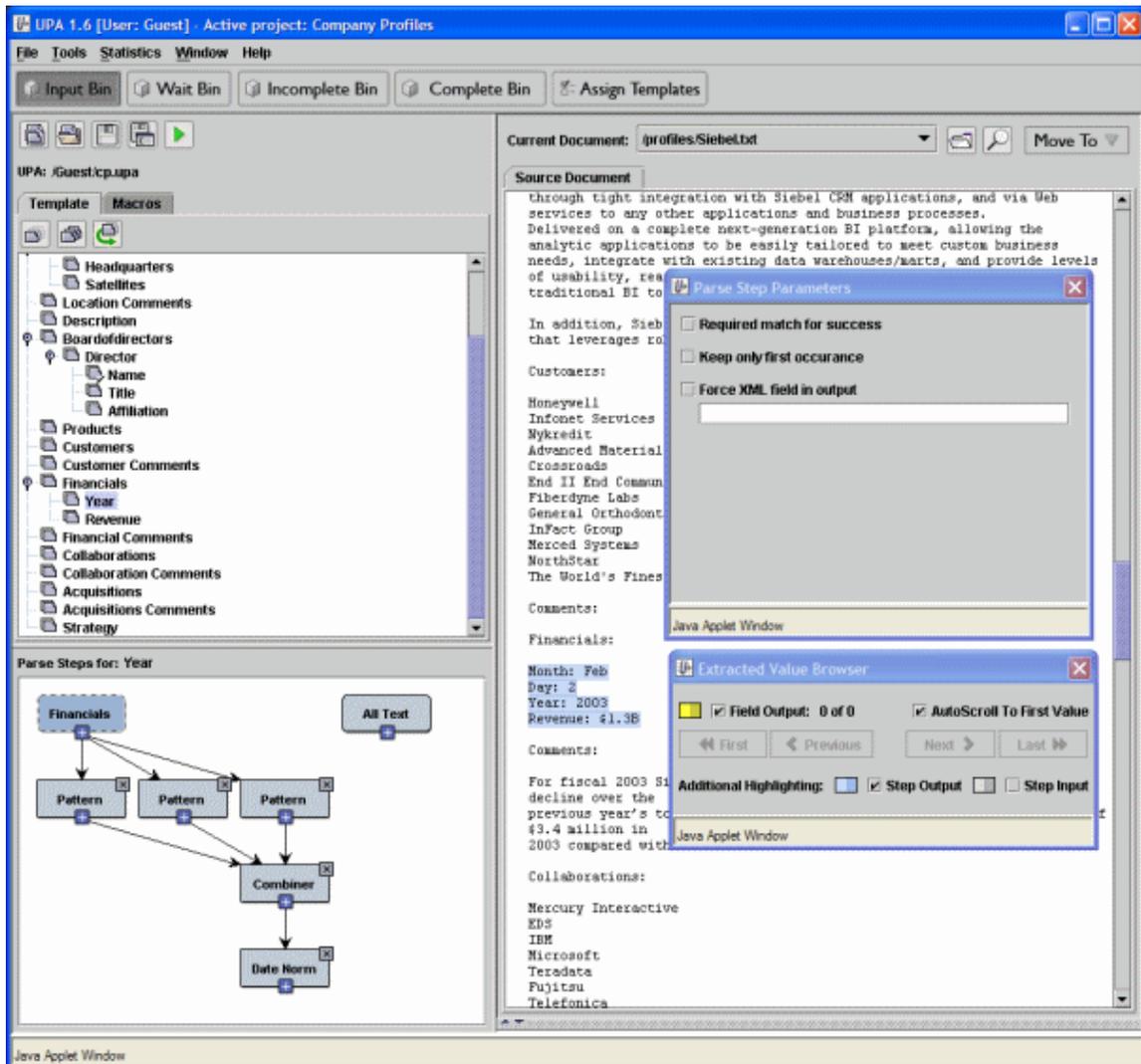


- Note that these windows will display different options and parameters depending upon the type of parse step you selected earlier.
6. Add any elements to the parser pattern, customizing it to find the parts of the document you want to save after processing. You can use a combination of PERL regular expressions, words, numbers, or symbols. Once you add a pattern to the selected parser element, it will highlight in bold in the list of template parser elements.
 7. Click Save Template  to save your template.

Multi-Step Parsing

For some results, you will want to create a multi-step parser pattern. A multi-step pattern consists of a series of parser steps, the output of one step flowing into another step for further processing. This enables you to not only find information in a document, but to process it into a different and perhaps more useful format.

For example, you can create a step to find a date and time in a document, and then create a step to 'normalize' the date/time into a format you prefer, such as day, month, year, hours, seconds, minutes.



In the example above, you can see the final derived date output and the saved multiple steps required, as well as splits, or branches in the process.

Multi-step Tutorial

To create a multi-step process

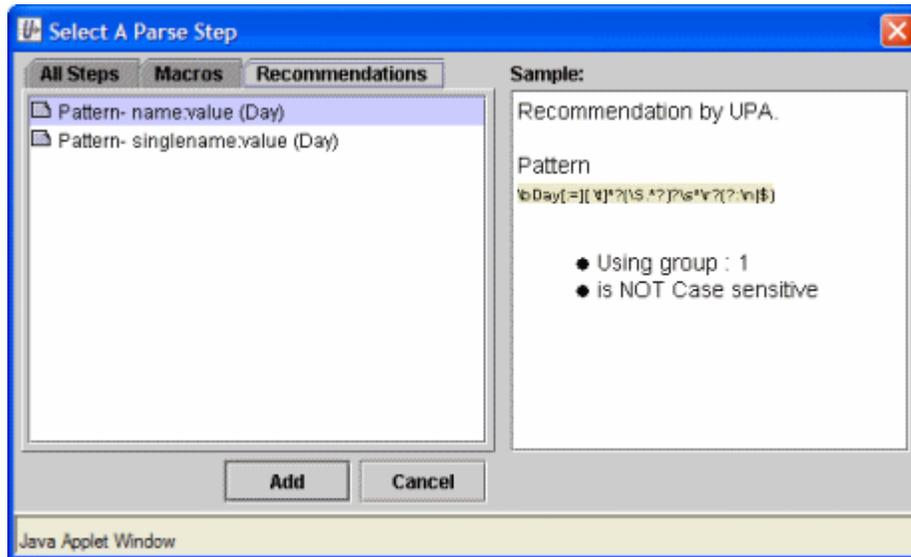
1. Select a template or create a new template.
2. Open a document.
3. From the list of template components, select the template component you want to customize.



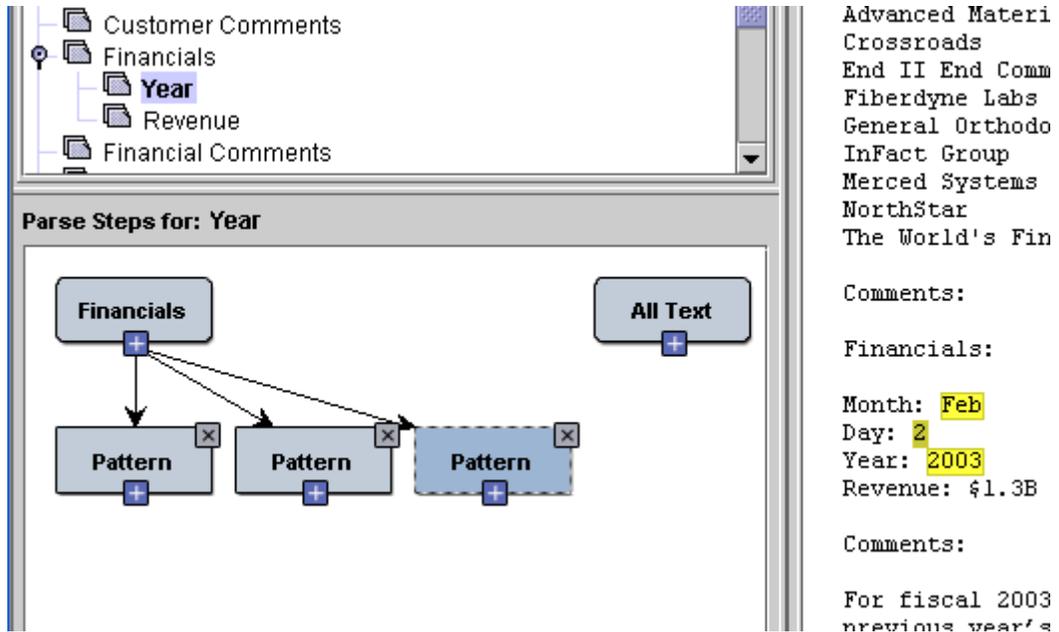
The component will highlight and the default Parse Step boxes will display.



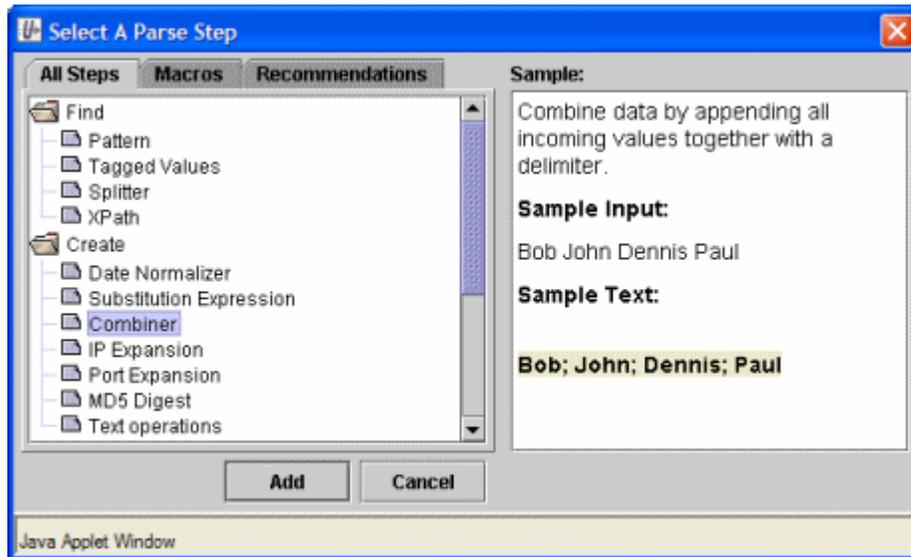
4. In the document, highlight the month (February in this example) with the cursor. The Select a Parse Step Window will display a set of options.



5. Click the Add button. The new parser pattern box will be added to the Parse Steps list.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5, adding a pattern for the day and the year. The Parse Steps list will now show three patterns, each containing a separate date element.



7. On the first Parse Step Pattern box, click the plus . The Select a Parse Step window will display.



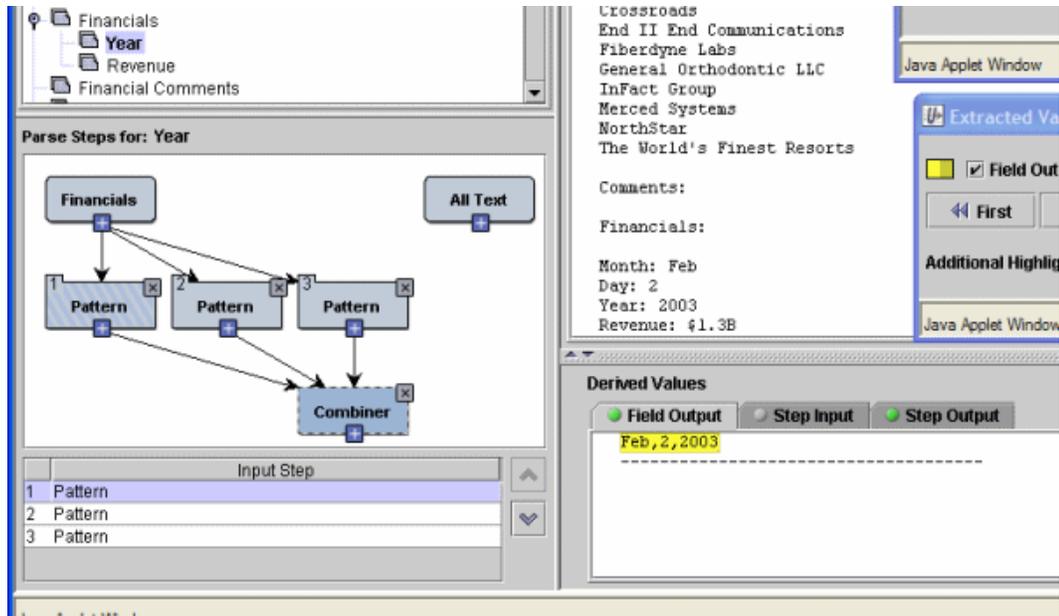
8. For this example, select Combiner from the list of Parse Steps. Combiner examples will display in the Sample area on the right.
9. Click Add. The Combiner box will display in the Parse Steps list.

The screenshot shows the UPA interface. On the left, a tree view shows 'Customer Comments' expanded to 'Financials', which is further expanded to 'Year'. Below this, the 'Parse Steps for: Year' diagram shows a flow from 'Financials' to three 'Pattern' boxes, and then to a 'Combiner' box. An 'All Text' box is also present. On the right, a list of company names is shown: Crossroads, End II End Comm, Fiberdyne Labs, General Orthodc, InFact Group, Merced Systems, NorthStar, and The World's Fir. Below the list, the text 'Comments: Financials: Month: Feb, Day: 2, Year: 2003, Revenue: \$1.3B' is displayed, followed by another 'Comments:' section with the text 'For fiscal 2003 previous year's 2003 compared w' and 'Collaborations:'.

10. Click in the second Pattern box and drag a join line from the Pattern box to the Combiner box.

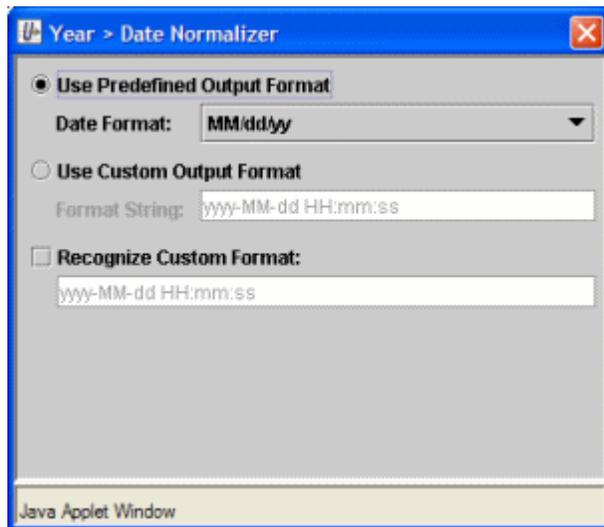
This screenshot shows the same 'Parse Steps for: Year' diagram as the previous one, but with a new join line. A line is drawn from the bottom of the second 'Pattern' box to the top of the 'Combiner' box. The 'Combiner' box is highlighted in green.

11. Click in the third Pattern box and drag a join line from the Pattern box to the Combiner box.

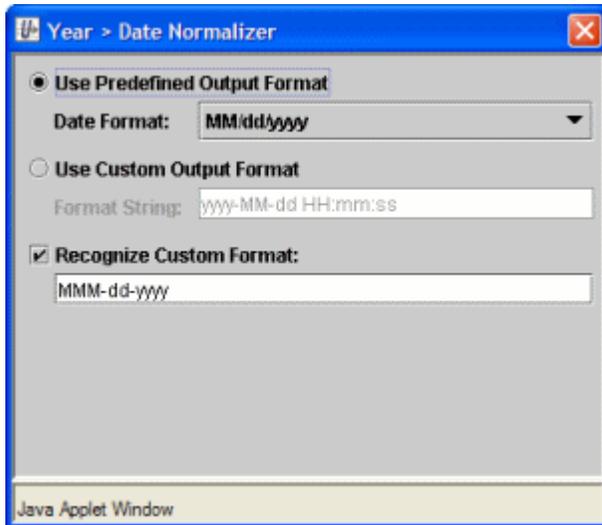


The three elements of the date patterns will now be joined in the Combiner box. You can view the Field Output in the Derived Values panel. The order of the defined patterns display in the Input Step panel. You can change the order of the patterns by using the up and down arrows on the side of the panel.

12. On the Combiner box click the plus . The Select a Parse Step window will display.
13. From the Select a Parse Step window, select Field Date Normalizer and click Add.
14. The Date Normalizer box will be added to the parse steps. The output from the Combiner will now flow into the Date Normalizer. While the Date Normalizer box is selected, the Date Normalizer window will display the options available.



- Click the Recognize Custom Format box and enter the format in which you want the combined date to display. For this example, enter MMM-dd-yyyy.



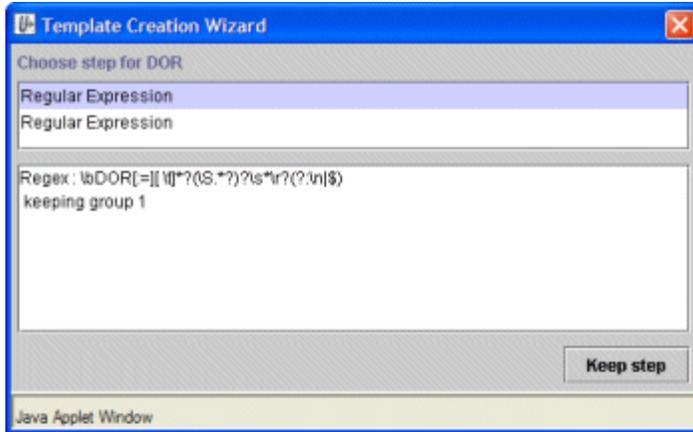
These results will be saved in the XML output file when the parser processes all documents in the Input Bin.

- Click Save Template  to save your additions to the template.

Generating a Template Automatically

UPA provides a tool which will generate a basic template for you, given structured input. To generate a template automatically

- Select and open a text document. The UPA Input Bin template builder will display, along with a source document.
Or, click the Create a New Template button . The UPA Template Builder will display a new template.
- On the Template tab toolbar, click the Automatically Recommend Steps button . The Template Creation Wizard window will display.
- Click Begin Processing. The Template Wizard will begin stepping through the source document.



4. When the wizard finds a spot that could be parsed with more than one possible expression, it will pause and display the possible parsing expressions you could use.
5. Click on each expression in the list. The full expression offered by the wizard will display in the bottom field.
6. Select one of the expressions and click Keep Step. The wizard will continue to go through the document.
7. Continue to select between expressions as necessary. The wizard will display the Completed window.
8. Click Done to exit the Template Creation Wizard.
9. The newly defined elements of the template will highlight in bold in the Template area of the Input Bin window.
10. Finish the template by adding parse steps to any other template elements not defined by the wizard.
11. Click Save Template  or Save Template As  to save your template.

Parse Steps Reference

To process your documents, you must first build a parser sequence into the template. A parser sequence can be made up of the following elements.

- Find
- Create
- Filter
- Validate
- Decision

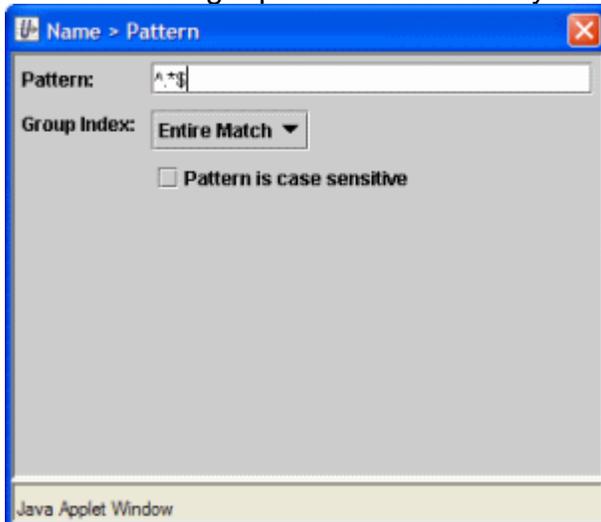
Each element performs a set task. Elements can be combined in many ways to find very specific patterns of information.

Find

Find uses regular Perl expressions to seek out and tag parts of a document that have set components as a consistent part of their structure.

Pattern

Find data using a pattern described by a Perl 5 regular expression.



- Pattern - A regular expression string which describes the pattern of text you are searching for.
- Group Index - a pattern can have parentheses in it, each parenthetical pair defines a group. The group index is the specific group you would like the parser to keep.

Check the Pattern is Case Sensitive box if you need the pattern to be case sensitive. For example if you are searching for “Cat”, the system will not select “cat”.

Pattern Example

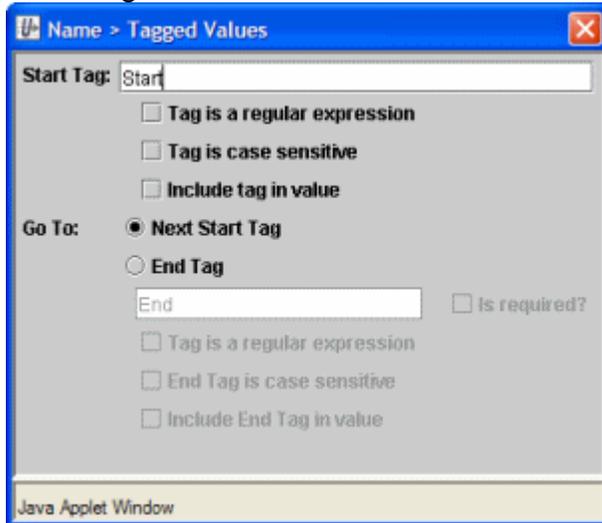
`\bDOCCLASS[:=][\ \t]*?(\\S.*?)?\\s*\\r?(?:\\n|$)`

The above example pattern will match the string "DOCCLASS" followed by a : or = character, plus 1 or more spaces or tabs. The parentheses are around the value. The value ends at the end of the line.

Parentheses are referenced by "group numbers", counting from the inside of the parentheses. Exception parentheses of the form (?:) are considered non-grouping parentheses and do not count toward the "group numbers".

Tagged Values

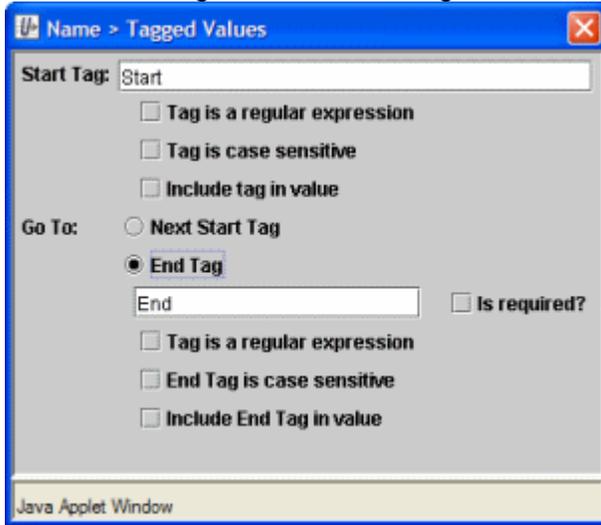
Define a word or phrase of text (a string of characters) to serve as a 'tag' which the parser will use as a marker. During processing the parser will select text within the markers you have defined. To set up tagged values you must define a Start Tag and a Go To.



Start Tag - a string which describes the beginning of the text block you are searching for. A start tag can be any one of the following.

- Tag is Regular Expression - the start tag will be interpreted as a regular Perl expression.
- Tag is Case Sensitive – check to indicate the start tag is case sensitive. For example if you are searching for “Cat”, the system will not select “cat”.
- Include Tag in Value – check to include the start tag in the extracted text.

Go To - select one of two options for describing the end of a tagged value, the Next Start Tag and the End Tag.



- Next Start Tag - each time a start tag is found it marks the end of a tagged value and the beginning of the next.
- End Tag - the string which describes the ending of the text block you are searching for.

You can also refine your selection by checking one of the following options.

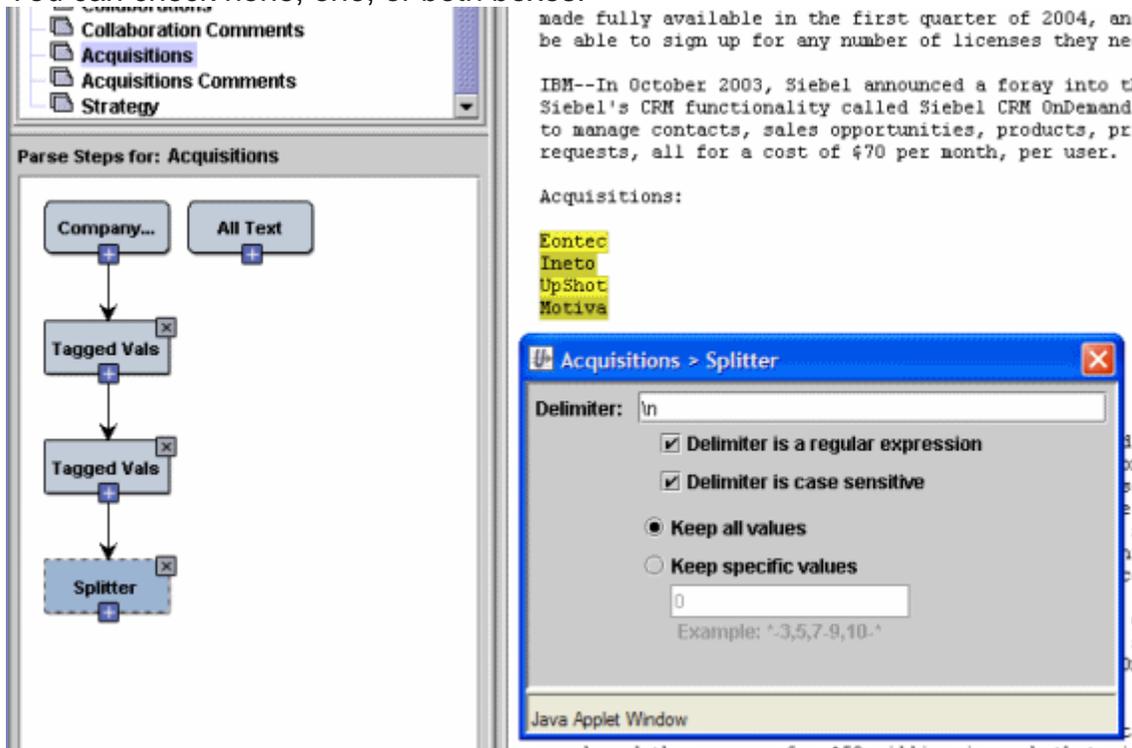
- Check the Is Required? box if an end tag must be found in order to extract the tagged value. If you leave the box unchecked, the text will be extracted up until the next start tag or end tag.
- Check the Tag is Regular Expression to have the end tag interpreted as a regular expression.
- Check End Tag is Case Sensitive to indicate the end tag is case sensitive. For example if you are searching for “Cat”, the system will not select “cat”.
- Check Include End Tag in Value to have the end tag included in the extracted text.

Splitter

Use the Splitter to split data into separate elements based on a delimiter you define. A delimiter is the set of characters in between each of the values you wish to extract. A delimiter can be one character, like a comma or colon, or it can be a word, set of words, or mixture of characters. To define a splitter, type the delimiter characters in the Delimiter field.

- Check the Delimiter is a Regular Expression box if the delimiter will be interpreted as a regular expression.
- Check the Delimiter is Case Sensitive box if you need the delimiter to be case sensitive.

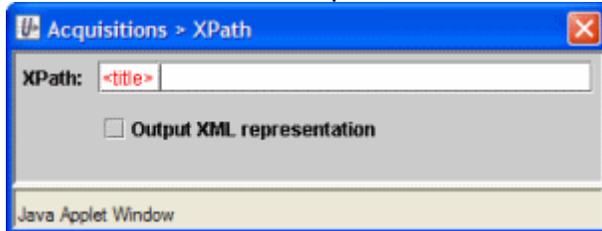
You can check none, one, or both boxes.



- Select Keep All Values to indicate all the values split out of the incoming value are output values. This means all values will be kept and passed on to the next step in the parser, or kept in the XML output file.
- Select Keep Specific Values to keep only the values specified as output values. You can specify numbers, ranges, open-ended ranges, and any combinations of the three.

XPath

Use xpath to find and collect parts of a document tagged with XML embedded in the data. To use this option, the document data must contain valid XML tags.



Check Output XML Representation to have the data output marked up with XML tags. If you do not, each value from the collected XML elements becomes output.

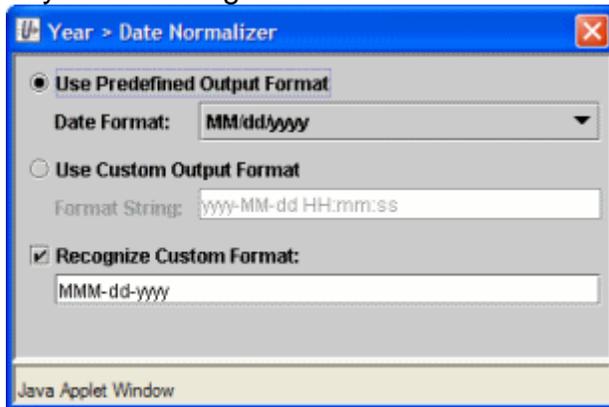
More information on XPath can be found here:
<http://www.w3schools.com/xpath/default.asp>

Create

Create enables you to create parser elements that turn data found in documents into other forms more useful for further processing. Use the Create elements to standardize dates, substitute one form of data for another, combine pieces of data, and expand some data.

Date Normalizer

Use the Date Normalizer to save dates found in documents to a standard format of your choosing.



- To use a standard date format, select Use Predefined Output Format. After you select the option, choose a date from the Date Format drop-down list of predefined date output formats.
- Select Use Custom Output Format to define a specific date output format. After you select this, fill in the Format String field with the date and time pattern you want.

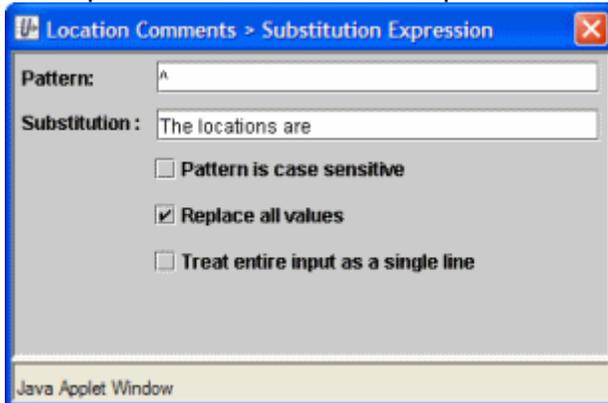
Check Recognize Custom Format to have your custom date and time pattern recognized by the parser in addition to the predefined formats.

Letter	Date or Time Component	Presentation	Examples
G	Era designator	Text	AD
Y	Year	Year	1996; 96
M	Month in the year	Month	July; Jul; 07
w	Week in the year	Number	27
W	Week in the month	Number	2
D	Day in the year	Number	189
d	Day in the month	Number	10
F	Day of the week in month	Number	2
E	Day in the week	Text	Tuesday; Tue
a	Am/Pm marker	Text	PM
H	Hour in the day (0-23)	Number	0

k	Hour in the day (1-24)	Number	24
K	Hour in the Am/Pm (0-11)	Number	0
h	Hour in the Am/Pm (1-12)	Number	12
m	Minute in the hour	Number	30
s	Second in the minute	Number	55
S	Millisecond	Number	978
z	Time zone	General time zone	Pacific Standard Time; PST; GMT-08:00
Z	Time zone	RFC 822 time zone	-0800

Substitution Expression

Use Substitute Expression to define a Perl regular expression which the parser will replace with a substitute expression.



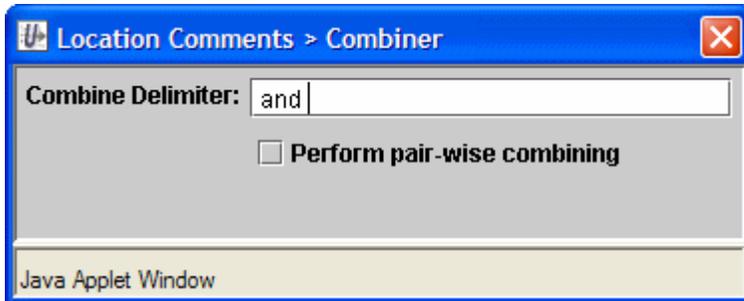
Pattern - a pattern described by a Perl 5 regular expression which describes the pattern of text you are searching for.

Substitution - the characters comprising the replacement text.

- Check Pattern is Case Sensitive to indicate the pattern you want to replace is case sensitive. For example if you are searching for “Cat”, the system will not select “cat”.
- Check Replace All Values if you want all matches of the pattern to be replaced with the substitution string, otherwise just the first match the parser finds will be replaced.
- Check Treat Entire Input As a Single Line to replace text that may wrap to more than one line in a document.

Combiner

Enables you to combine data by adding the collected data together and separating the data chunks with a delimiter such as 'and' or a comma.



To create a combiner, enter the delimiter in the Combine Delimiter field. The delimiter is the string that is inserted between the incoming values.

Check Perform Pair-wise Combining to combine values from 1 branch (one set of items) with the same indexed value of the other branch (second set of items). For example:

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                Branch 1 Branch 2
                -----
values-> "Fred" "George" "Smith" "Jones"
results-> "Fred Smith", "George Jones"
    
```

IP Expansion

Use IP Expansion to expand partial IP addresses of the form 127.0.0.x to a list of individual values in the format 127.0.0.0, 127.0.0.1 ... 127.0.0.255 and addresses in the form 127.0.x.x to a list in the format 127.0.0.0, 127.0.0.1 ... 127.0.255.255.

Note: expansion is only supported for the last 2 octets of an IP address.

Port Expansion

Use Port Expansion to expand the range of common port numbers 25-30 into the individual values 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

MD5 Digest

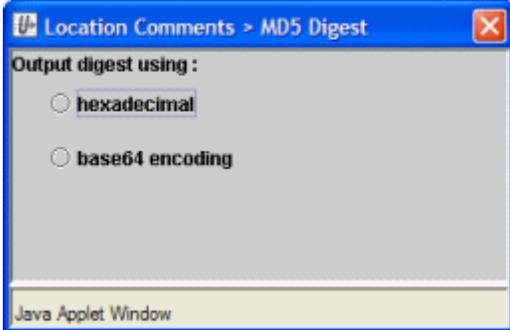
You can use MD5 as a convenient way to generate a 'unique' string/key.

Message Digest number 9 (MD5) is an algorithm which will generate a 128-bit cryptographic message digest value (also known as a hash or checksum). This hash is generated from the input of a document or file. The hash is used as a digital 'fingerprint' to verify the contents of the document have not been changed.

If the file is modified, the checksum changes, signalling the file has been altered from the original version.

For example you can use MD5 to generate a unique key for a document before putting it into a database.

For further information see: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MD5>.

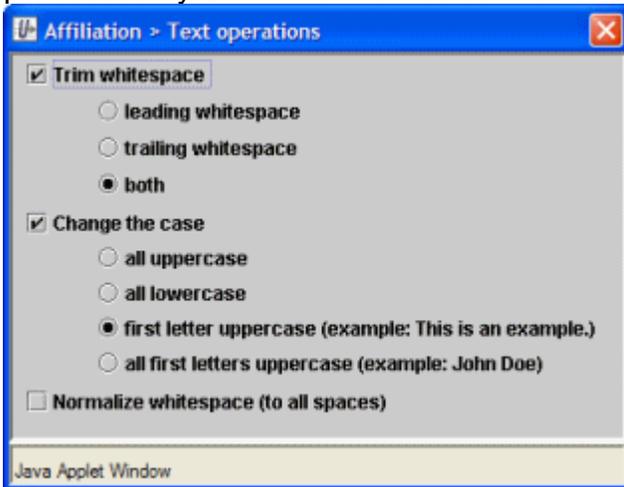


To generate an MD5 digest, select from the following output digest options:

- Hexadecimal - output the format using hexadecimal characters.
- Base64 encoding - create output using a base64 encoding.

Text Operations

You can perform certain common actions on text (strings) in the documents processed by UPA. You can select from the following options.



- Trim whitespace - Whitespace is considered : tab, carriage return, newlines, spaces, and formfeed characters.
 - Leading whitespace -- remove whitespace characters from the beginning of the string of characters:
" Fred " becomes "Fred "
 - Trailing whitespace -- remove whitespace characters from the end of the string of characters:
" Fred " becomes " Fred"
 - Both -- remove whitespace at both ends of the string of characters:
" Fred " becomes "Fred"
- Change the case

- All uppercase - change "Fred" to "FRED".
 - All lowercase - change "Fred" to "fred".
 - First letter uppercase - change "the cow is brown" to "The cow is brown".
 - All first letters uppercase - change "the cow us brown" to "The Cow Is Brown".
- Normalize whitespaces - replace any sequence of whitespace characters with a single space. This is useful when you need to store content with newlines removed or for searching purposes.
For example :
" The brown cow said,
"How now brown cow!"
The fox smiled".
would result in: " The brown cow said, "How now brown cow!" The fox smiled."

Country Codes

This parse step enables you to convert from a country name to a two letter country code. This step uses the server resource file country_codes.xml.

Filter

The filter options enable you to filter out certain selected items from your data.

Unique Value Filter

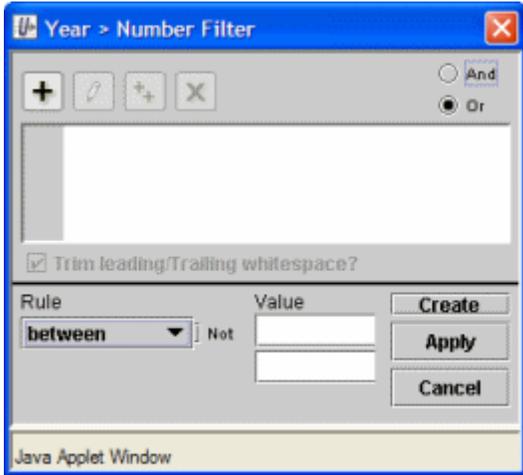
Use the unique value filter to remove duplicates of values in your documents. You can select from the following options.



- Case sensitive - check this option to create a case sensitive filter. For example, "Fred" will not equal "FRED".
- Compress whitespace during compare - when this option is checked, "The brown cow" will be considered a duplicate of "The brown cow".
- Time leading/trailing whitespace - when this option is checked, " Fred " will be considered a duplicate of "Fred".

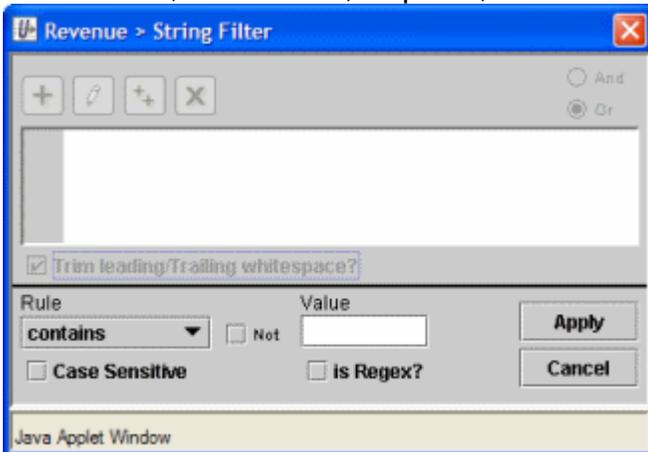
Number Filter

Use the number filter to remove values based on numeric rules such as "is a number" and "between values".



String Filter

Use the string filter to remove values based on string rules such as "contains", "starts with", "ends with", "equals", and "is at least length".



Validate

You can have the parser validate any items it finds. For example, if all results must begin with a capital letter, the parser will flag the result if it begins with a lower case letter. It will then place the document in either the Wait or Incomplete Bin depending upon the rules you set up for document processing.

Number Validator

The parser will perform a check based on numeric rules such as "is a number" or "between values"

String Validator

The parser will perform a check based on string rules such as "contains", "starts with", "ends with", "equals", and "is at least length".

Decision

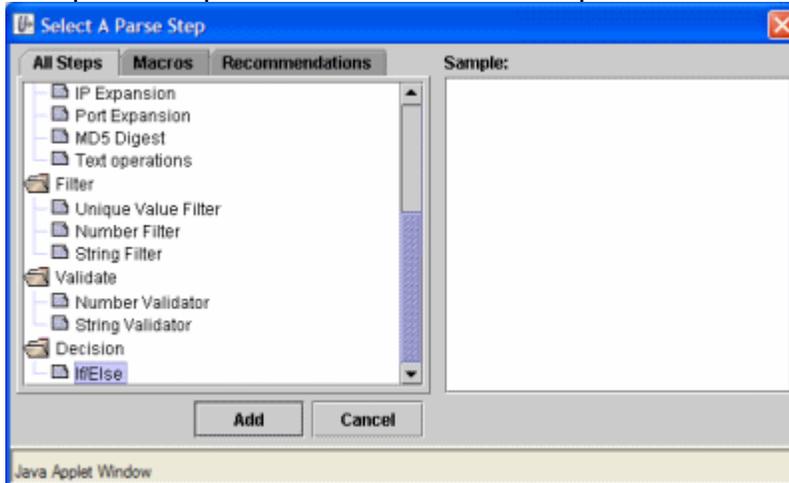
You can build decisions into the parser template by adding an If/Else parser step. Creating an If/Else decision enables you to build a decision point into the template.

For example, if you want to perform a special action on the name Patricia, and no special action on other names, you can set up an If/Else to handle that split in parser actions. Once the parser finds the name Patricia, it will perform one set of actions, while all other names will take a different route and will have a different action performed on them.

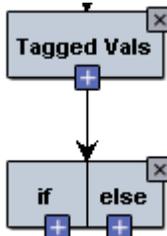
Decision If/Else

To add an If/Else step perform the following procedure.

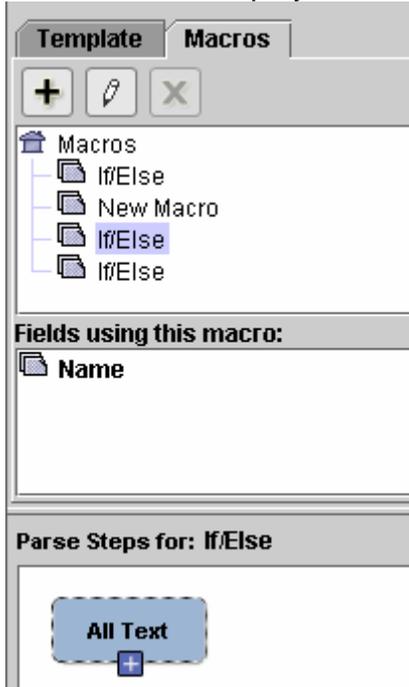
1. Under the parse step where you want the if/else, click the plus to add a new parse step. The Select A Parse Step window will display.



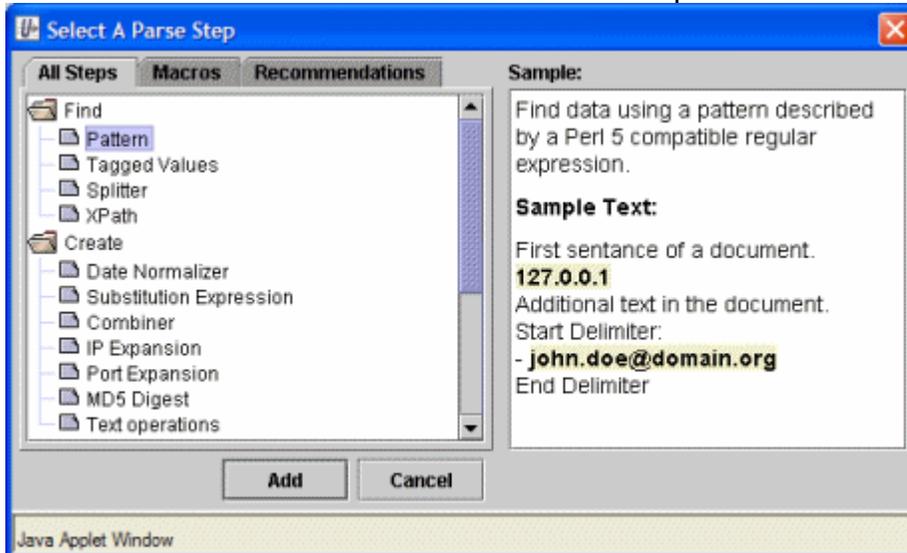
2. From the All Steps tab select If/Else and click Add. The If/Else box will be added to the parse steps under the prior parse step.



- To set the conditions for the if/else, double-click on the step box. The macro tab will display. This is normal for setting up an if/else process.

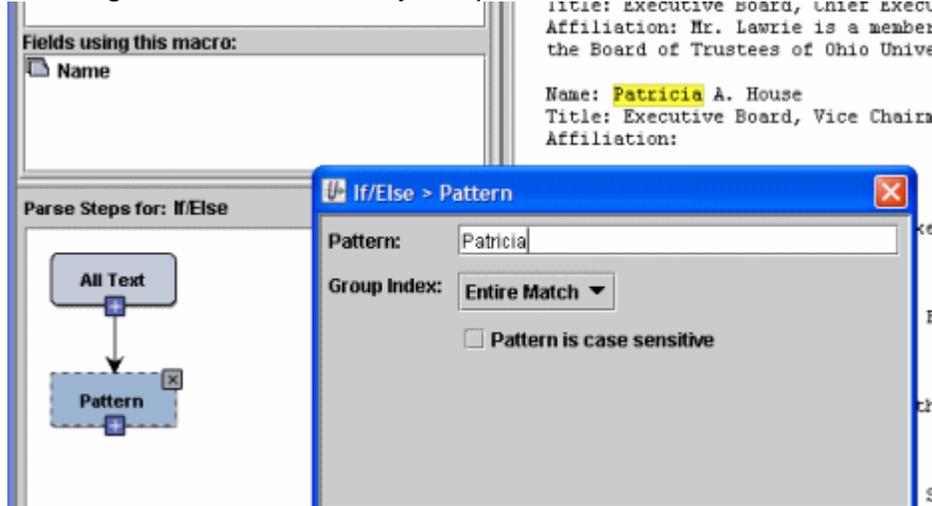


- Click the plus symbol on the parse step box to select the parser conditions for the 'If' side of the statement. In this example, we would click the plus under the All Text box. The Select A Parse Step window will display.

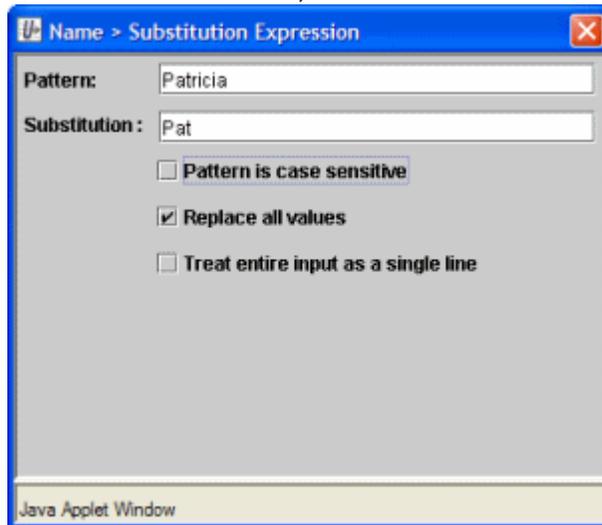


- Select a parse step and click Add. In our example, the Pattern parse step is selected.

- Define the true condition for the if/else. In our example, if the word pattern or string 'Patricia' is found by the parser, the condition is true.

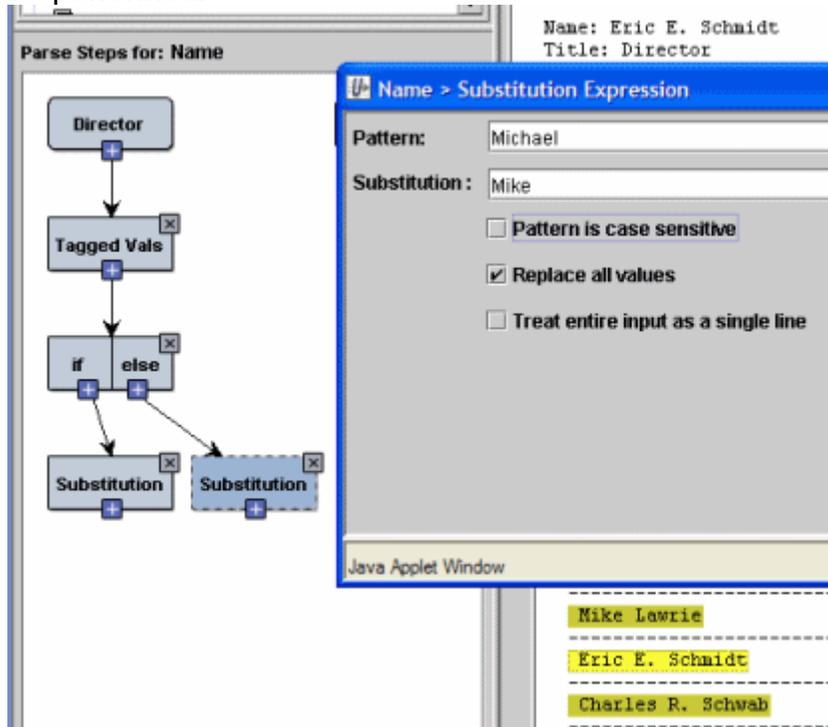


- Click the Template tab and return to the Parse Steps list. Now that you have set up the condition you want, you can set up the operations you want the parser to perform once a match is either found or not found.
- Click the plus under the if box, select and define the parse step. This step will be performed if the condition is true. In our example, if Patricia is found in a document, the name Pat will be substituted for Patricia.



- Click the plus under the else box, select and define the parse step. This step will be performed if the condition is false. In our example, if any string other than Patricia is found in a document, the alternative action will

be performed.



A further example would be setting up an if/else decision similar to the following.

Beginning with the starting values: "The quick brown dog" and "The slow blue snail", you can set up the if/else decision to act on the patterns.

If the Pattern --> brown, change to black
 Else perform the Else Step if the Pattern -->blue|red|yellow, change to white

As the parser moves through these steps it will perform either one substitution (changing brown to black) or another substitution (changing (blue|red|yellow) to white).

Results "The quick black dog" and "The slow white snail".

Loading a Template

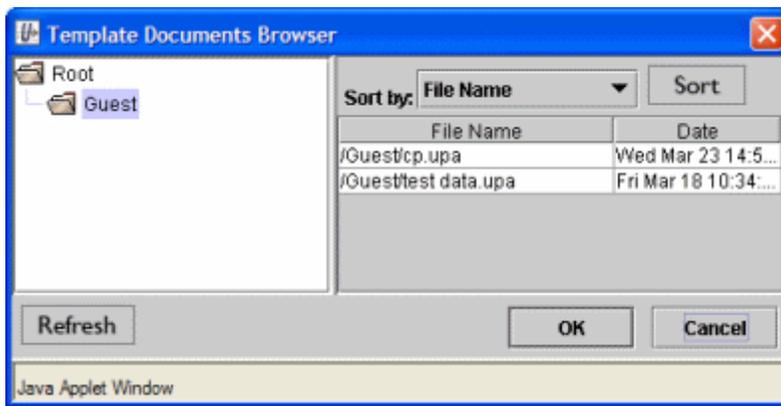
Once you have started UPA, you can load another template at any time.

Templates are the heart of UPA, enabling the software to parse a document into useful data chunks. To load a template

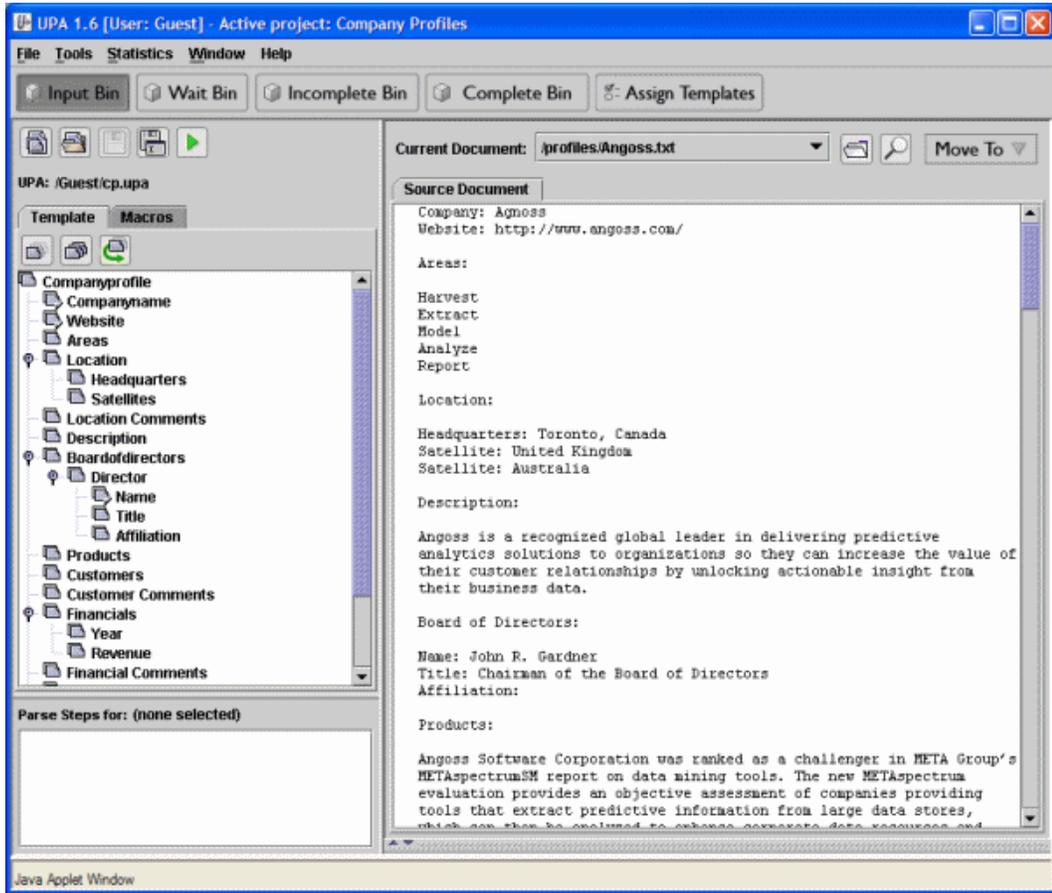
1. From the UPA main window File menu, select Load Template.

Or click Open Template .

The Template Document Browser window will display.



2. You can expand and navigate UPA directories displayed on the right side of the Templates Document Browser. Select a sub-directory to display the list of stored templates.
3. Select a template from the list and click Ok. The template will display in the UPA main window.



Input and Incomplete Bin Toolbars

The UPA Input Bin uses three toolbars to help you perform template building tasks. These toolbars are

- Input Bin Main Toolbar
- Template Tab Toolbar
- Macros Tab Toolbar

Input and Incomplete Bin Main Toolbar

Button	What it Does
	Create a new template.
	Opens an existing template.
	Save the current template and any changes.
	Save the current template to a new file name.
	Parse the open document with the current template.
	Revise the document list, add or delete documents in the list.
	Find a word, phrase, or item in the current open document.

Template Tab Toolbar

Button	What it Does
	Hide or Show selected fields in your template.
	Toggle any hidden fields.
	Automatically recommend template parsing steps.

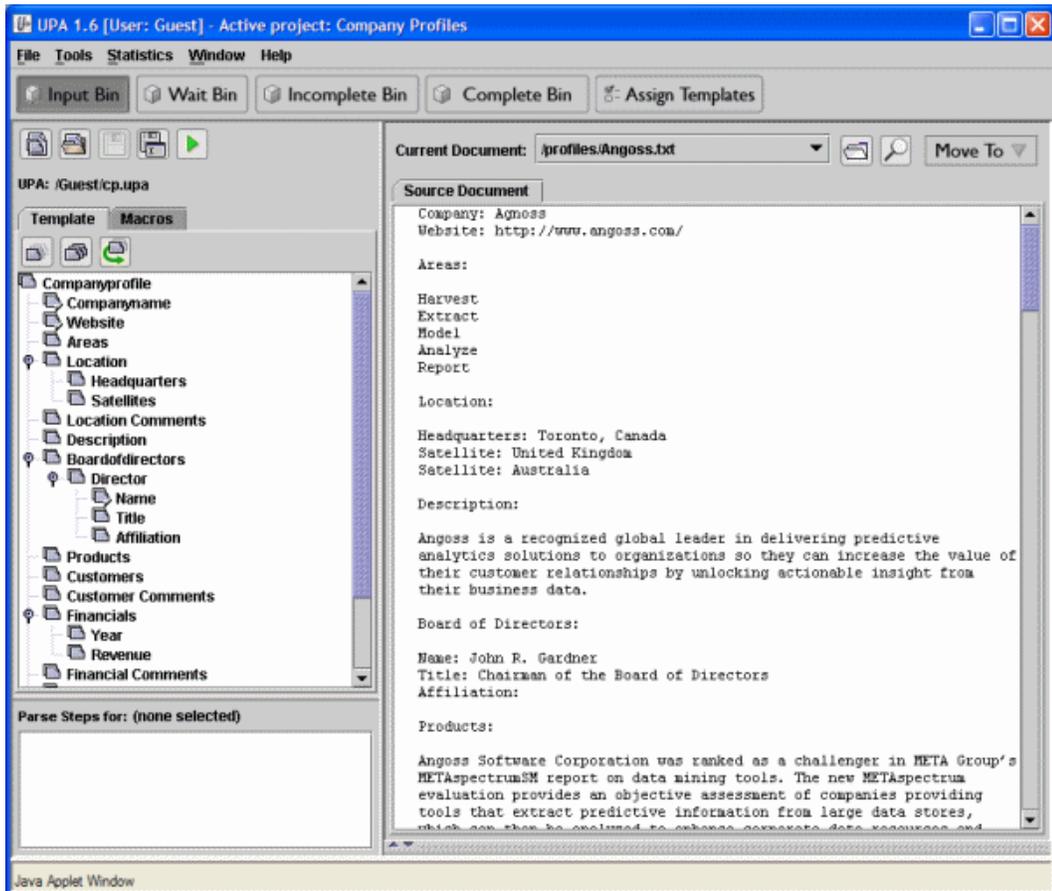
Macros Tab Toolbar

Button	What it Does
	Add a new macro to your template.
	Rename a selected macro.
	Delete the selected macro.

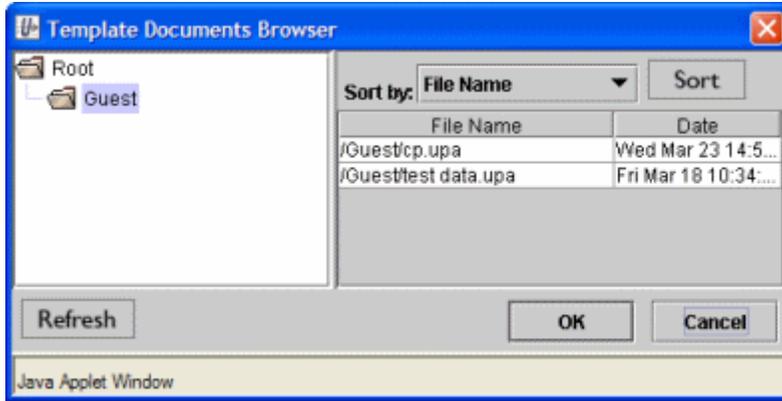
Modifying Input Templates

To modify an existing template, you will need to open a previously created template, modify the parsing patterns and save the template. To modify a template for document processing, start UPA from your internet browser and perform the following procedure.

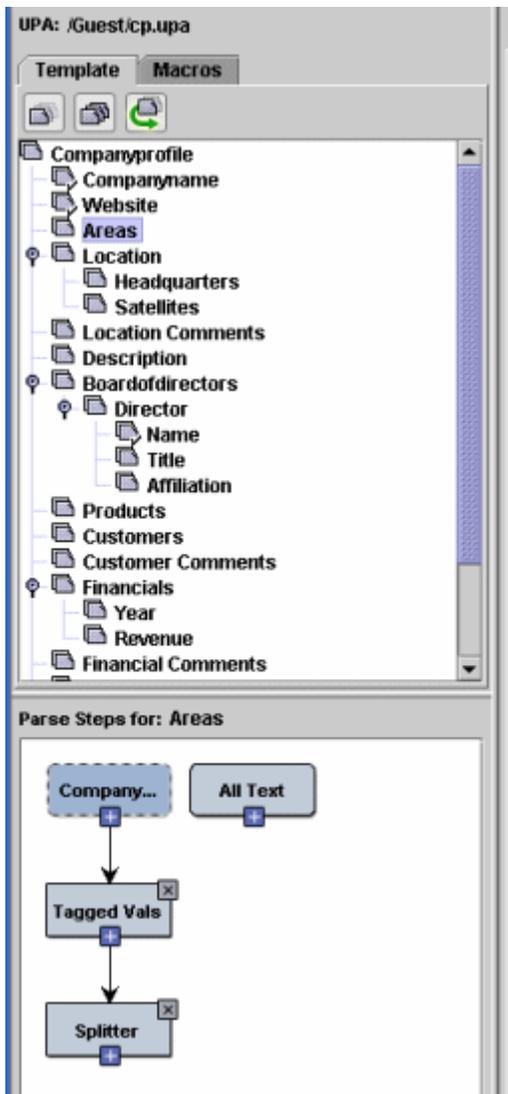
1. Select and open a text document. The UPA Input Bin template builder will display, along with a source document. The UPA Template Builder will initially display a new template.



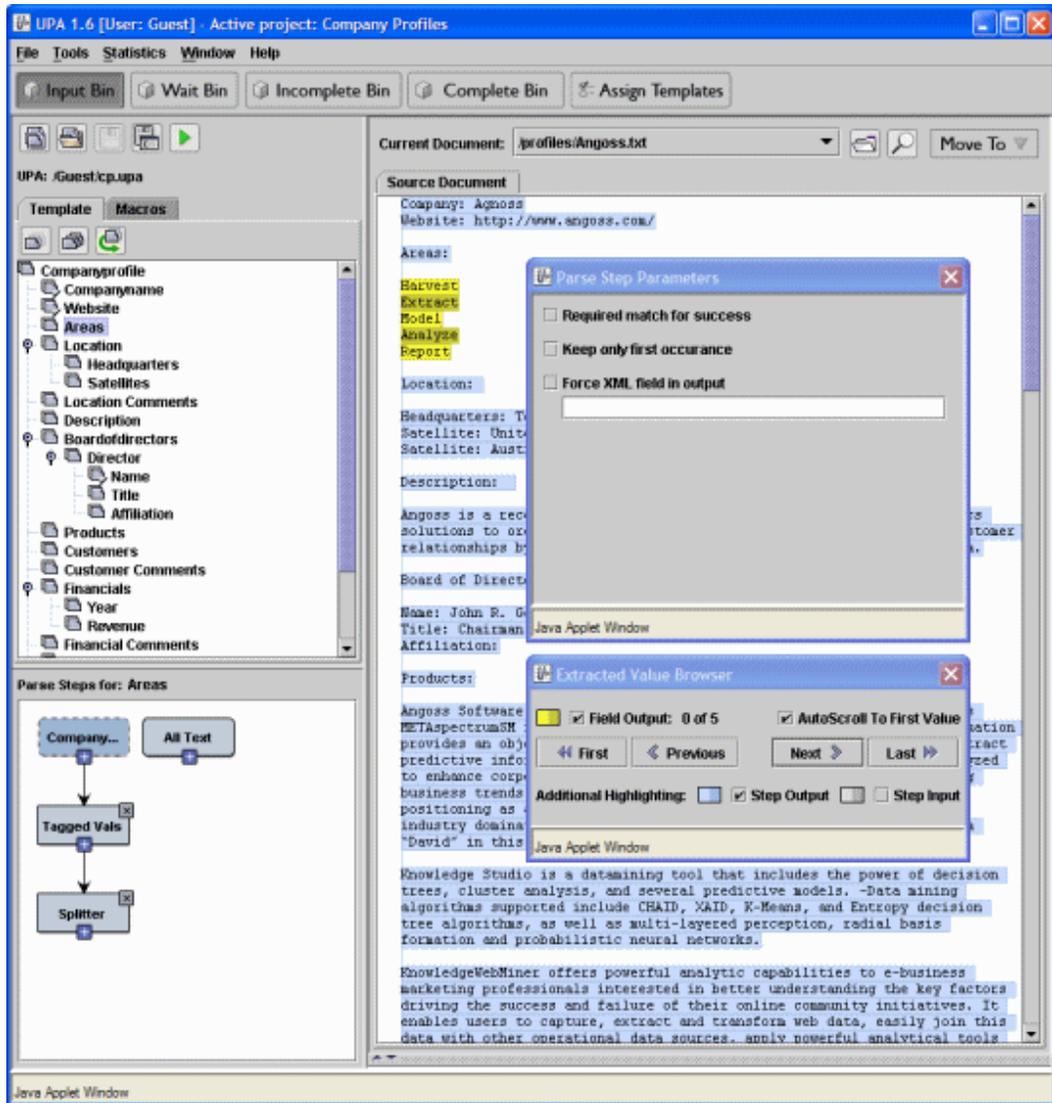
2. To modify an existing template, click Open Template . The Template Documents Browser will display.



3. Select the template you want to modify from the list and click Ok. The template parser elements will display in the Template tab.



4. Select an item from the list of template parser elements. The parse steps, if any, will display in the Parse Steps for: [parse step name] area. If no parse steps have been defined, the default parse steps will display.



5. Modify the parse steps. For basic instructions on working with parse steps, see Creating New Templates and Multi-Step Parsing.
6. Use the Template Toolbar buttons to work with the template. You can

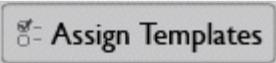
-  Save the modified template
-  Save the modified template to a new file name
-  Open another template to modify
-  Create a new template

-  Test the template by parsing the current document.
7. After modifying the template, click Save or Save As to keep your work. To discard your changes, open a template without saving your current changes.

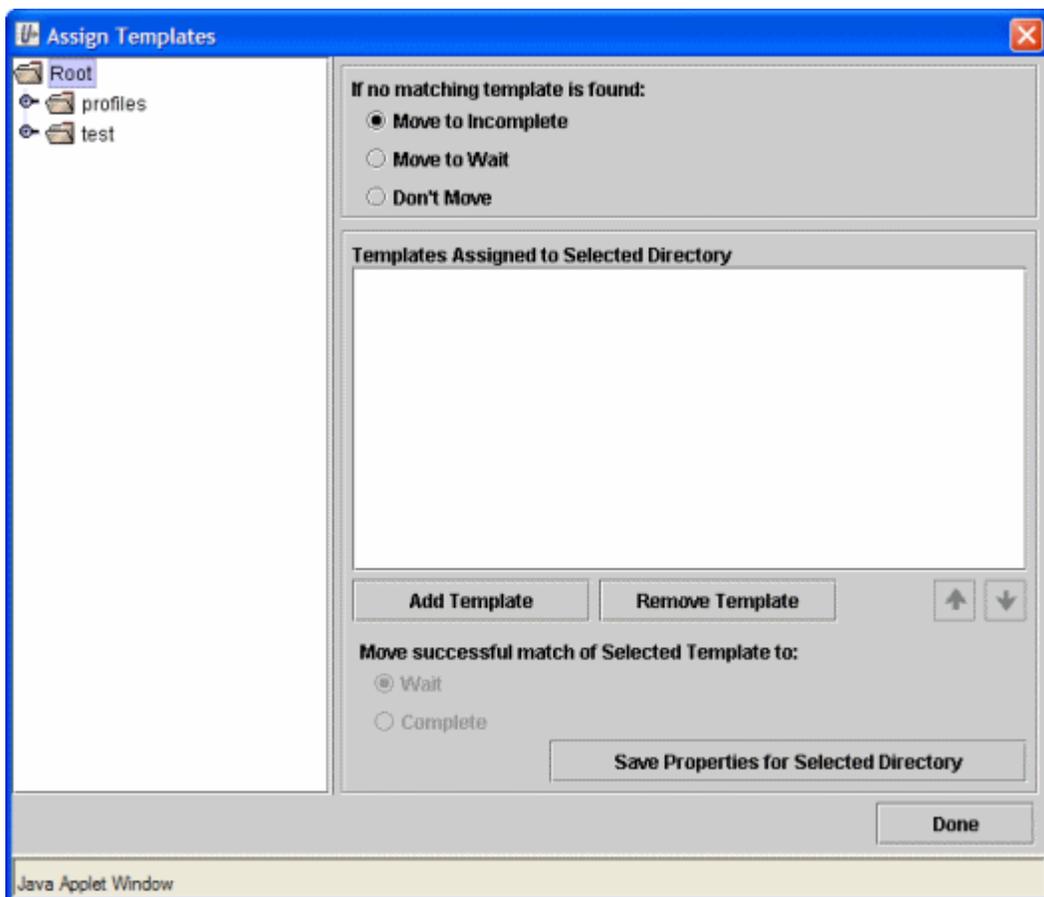
Assigning or Removing Templates

When new templates are created, they need to be assigned to the Input Bin document directory. Once a template is assigned to Input, it will be used for the batch processing of any document in the directory. To assign a template, start UPA. From the UPA main window, perform the following procedure.

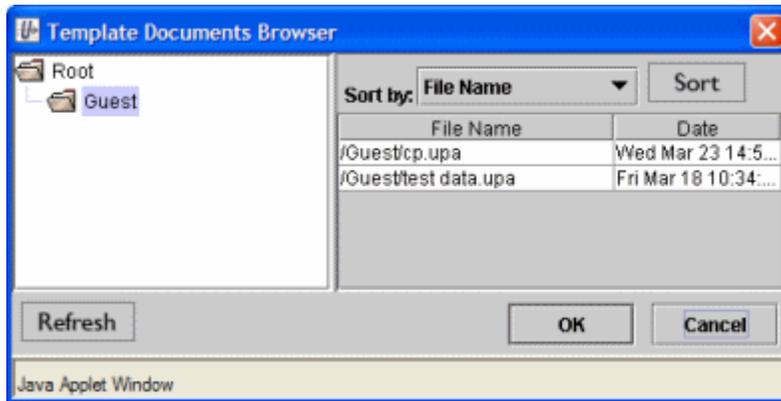
1. From the UPA main window File menu, select Assign Templates.

Or click Assign Templates  on the UPA main window toolbar.

The Assign Template(s) window will display.



2. Select and open a directory by clicking on it. Any templates already assigned to a directory will display in the Templates Assigned to Selected Directory window.
3. Add a template to a directory by clicking Add Template. The Template Documents Browser window will display.



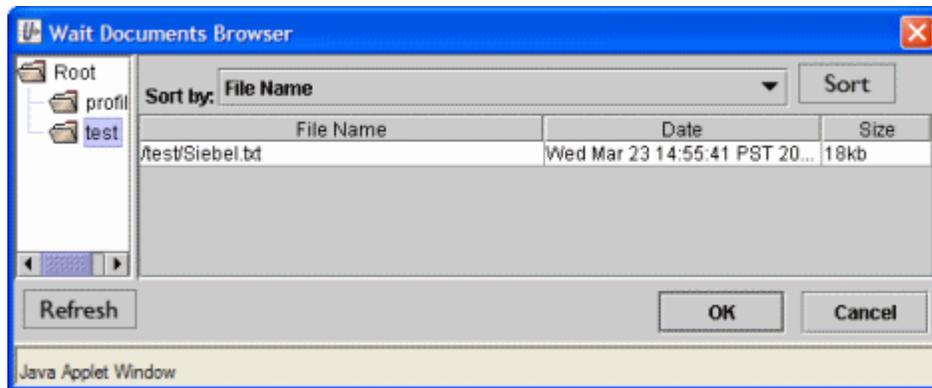
4. Browse the directories by clicking on them. Any template files in the selected directory will display in the file list.
5. Select a file from the file list by clicking on it.
6. Click Ok. The selected template file will be added to the Templates Assigned to Selected Directory area of the Assign Templates window.
7. In the Assign Templates window, use the up and down arrows to change the order of templates in the list. The UPA parser will process documents using the first template in the list, then the second, and so on.
8. To remove an old template from the list, select the template and click Remove Template.
9. Click Save Properties for Selected Directory
 to save the added template file to the selected directory.

Selecting Wait and Incomplete Documents

Documents requiring further work are stored in the Wait and Incomplete bins. Wait Bin documents have been processed and are waiting for user approval, while Incomplete Bin documents have been processed, but did not complete the processing successfully. Wait Bin documents do not necessarily need any hand correction by you, but you can review the document and enter additions and corrections if needed. Incomplete Bin documents require some level of correction by you before they can be processed successfully and moved to the Complete Bin.

Selecting Wait Bin Documents

1. From the UPA main window, click on Wait Bin . The Wait Documents Browser will display.



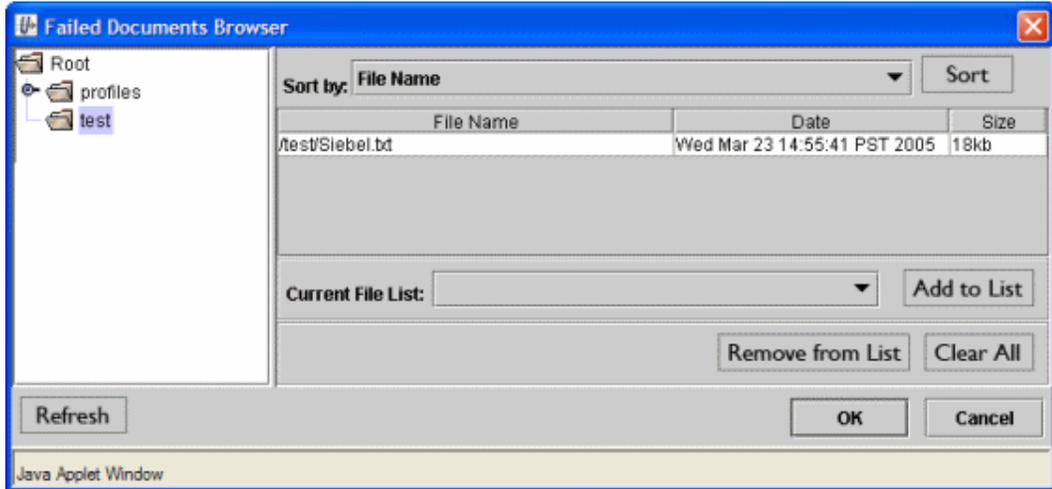
2. From the left hand side of the Documents Browser, open a folder and select a document from the bin.

Tips:

- You can select only one document at a time.
 - You can open a document by double-clicking on a file name.
 - You can open documents in other directories by using the directory folders on the left side of the Document Browser window.
3. Click OK. The selected document will display in the Current Document work area.

Selecting Incomplete Bin Documents

1. From the UPA main window, click on Incomplete Bin .
The Failed Documents Browser will display.



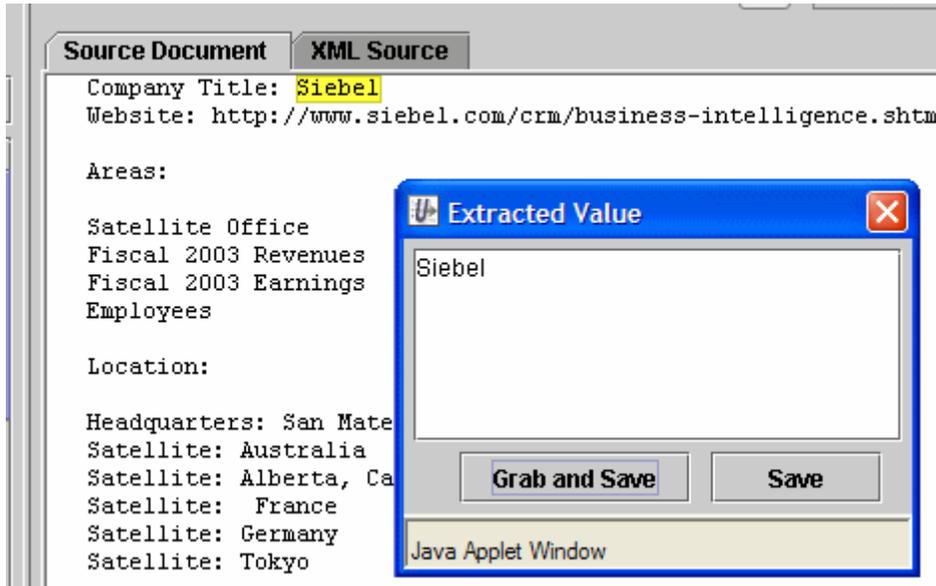
2. From the left hand side of the Documents Browser, open a folder and select one or more documents from the bin.

Tips:

 - You can select multiple documents by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking on all the documents you want in the bin.
 - You can add documents to the list by double-clicking on a file.
 - You can open documents in other directories by using the directory folders on the left side of the Document Browser window.
3. Click Add to List. The selected documents will be placed in the Current File List.
4. To see the documents on the list, click the drop-down button on the Current File List.
5. To remove a document from the list, select the file from the drop-down menu and click Remove from List.
6. To remove all the selected documents from the list, click Clear All.
7. To begin working with your selected documents, click OK.

Extracted Value

While viewing the Wait Bin and Complete Bin documents, the Extracted Value windows will display the XML extracted data for each item parsed by UPA.



In the Complete Bin you can only view the XML extracted data, while in the Wait Bin you can use the Extracted Value window to add data from the document to the XML data.

When working with the document in the Wait Bin, you can use the Save Extracted Value window to update the currently selected field in the XML Result tree. In this way you can add data that may be missing. To update the data

1. Select a field from the XML Result tree.
2. Enter the data you want for that field in the Extracted Value dialog and click Save.



- Or
3. Select text from the document and click Grab and Save. The selected text will be added to the selected field's XML result.

Working with the Wait and Incomplete Bin

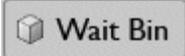
UPA enables you to work with documents at various stages of processing. All documents that complete the initial parser processing are moved to the Wait Bin along with the generated XML markup files. Documents that do not process successfully are moved to the Incomplete Bin.

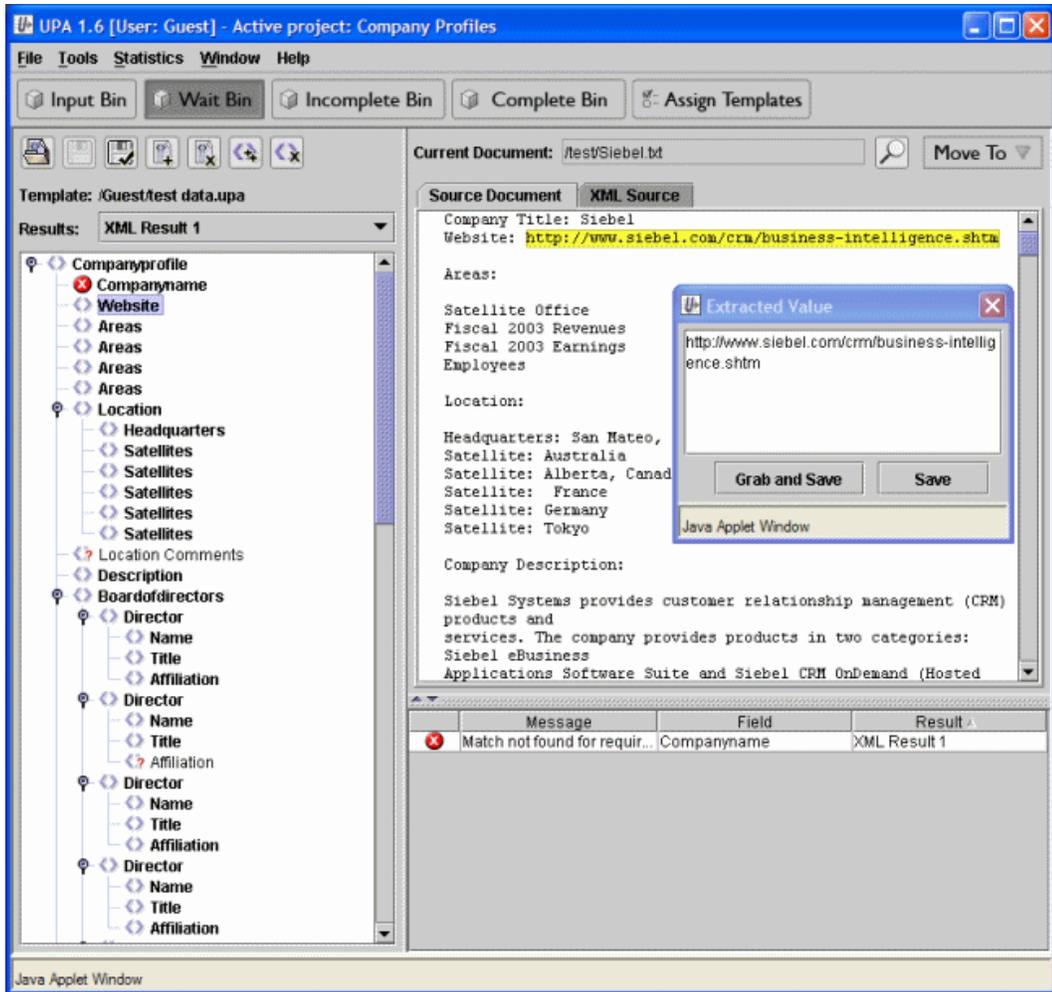
Working with the Wait Bin

Once the documents are in the Wait Bin, you can perform the following tasks:

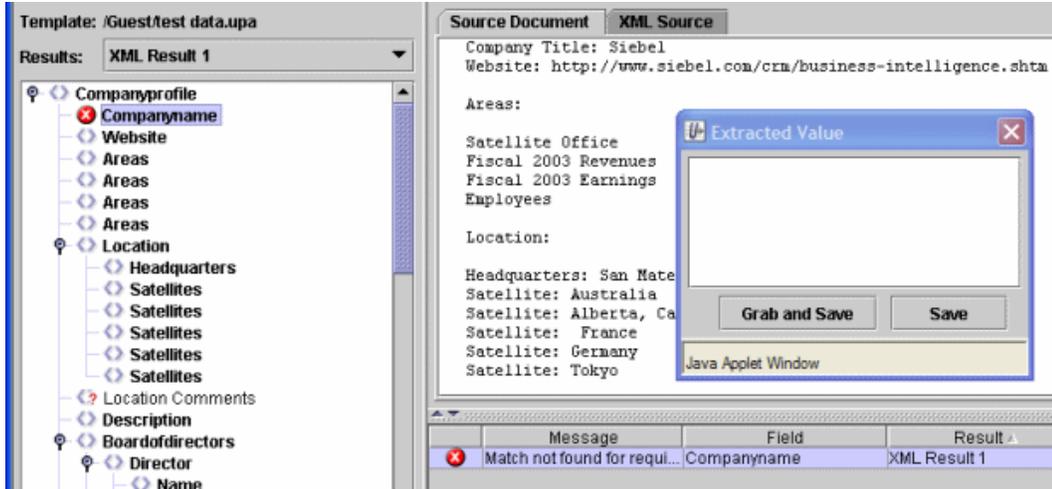
- Open a Wait Bin document
- Check and correct the XML for each field
- Save the XML to the database
- Move the document back to the Input Bin
- Move the document to the Incomplete Bin for further work
- Move the document and associated XML to the Complete Bin.

To work with documents that have been processed and are now in the Wait Bin, perform the following procedure.

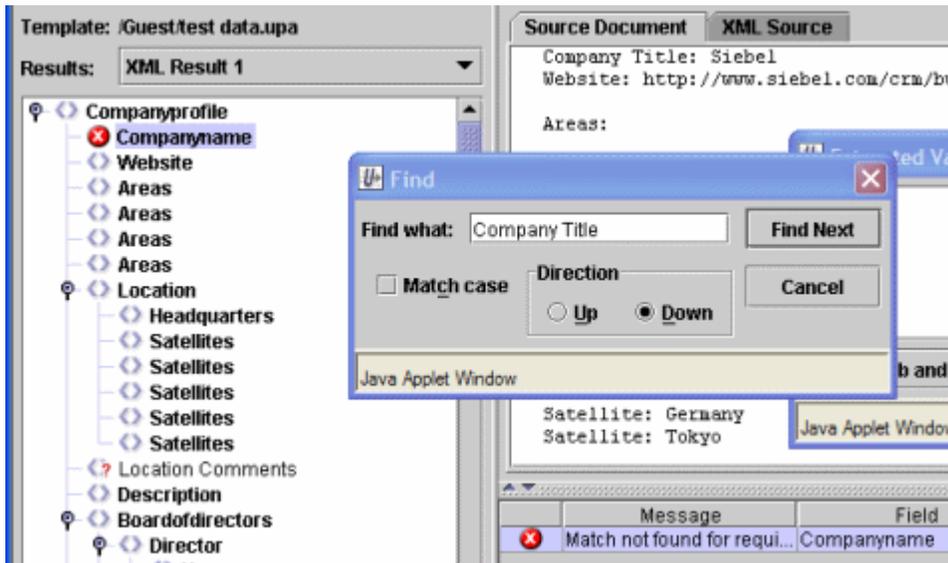
1. From the UPA main window, click on Wait Bin  , and select a document from the Wait Documents Browser. The selected document will display in the Current Document area. The initial view will be of the document Source Text tab.



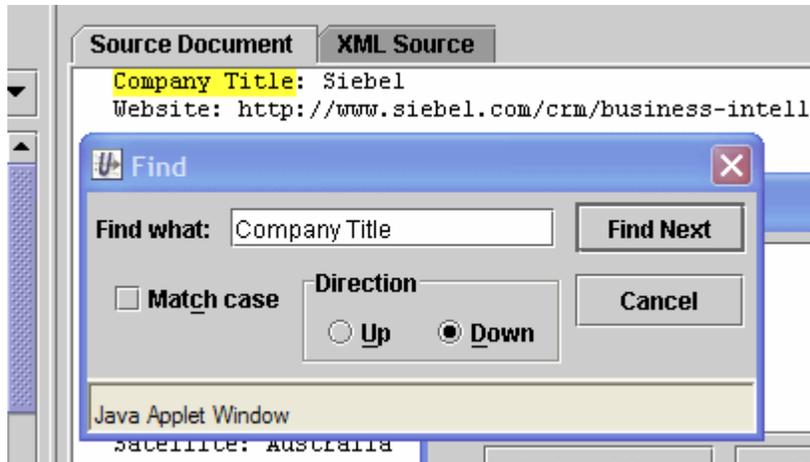
2. The icons in the Results list will reflect the status of the parsed data for each field. The data problem icon  indicates that while data was found and saved by the parser, it did not necessarily meet all the criteria defined in the template. Check the XML fields by clicking on the field in the Results list and confirm that the information stored by UPA in XML format is correct. The XML fields will display in the Extracted Value window, and a message will display in the Message area.



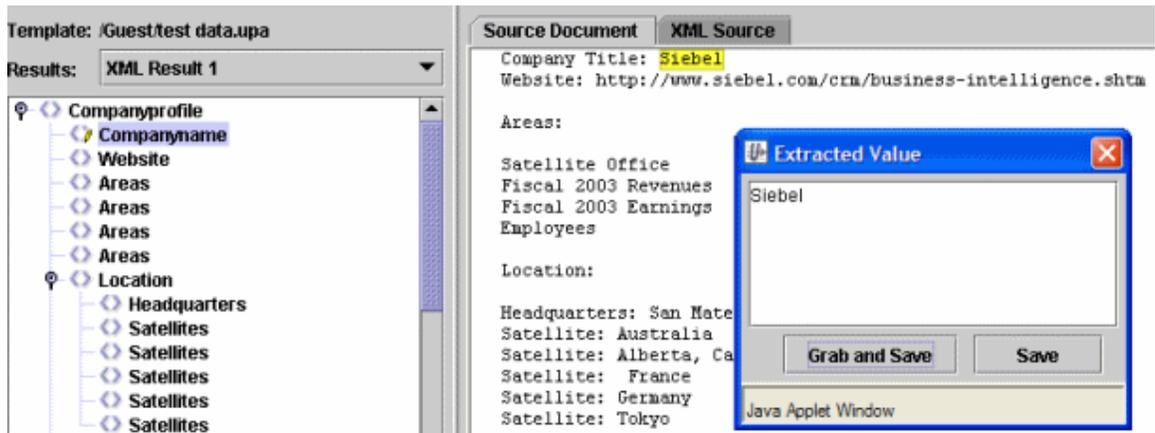
3. If the stored XML result value is wrong or missing you can correct the XML if necessary. To correct the XML
 - A. Select an XML field from the Results list. The Extracted Value window will either be blank, or will show the value you want to correct.
 - B. To find a value in the XML window, click Find In Document . The Find window will display.



- C. Enter a word or any other value you want to search for and click Find Next. Any occurrences of the word or phrase will display in highlights.



- D. In the Extracted Value window, type in the value you want in the selected field and click Save.
- E. Or select the missing value from the document by highlighting it with the mouse, and click Grab Value in the Extracted Value window. Your entries will display when you select the field from the Results list. The results field will highlight in bold and a hand-entered icon  will indicate you corrected the entry for that field.



4. Once you have reviewed the XML fields, you can save the document to one of two areas:
 - Input Bin - for reprocessing, perhaps with a different template
 - Incomplete Bin - for further correction or for creation of a new template
 - Complete Bin - no further work required, XML and document stored to the database archive.
5. To move the document back to the Input area, select Input Bin from the Move To drop-down list.



6. To move the document to the Incomplete area, select Incomplete Bin from the Move Document To drop-down list.
7. To move the document to the Complete area, click Save XML Results to Complete .

As you work on the document, the icons displayed in the template area on the right hand side of the UPA main window will change.

Wait Bin Toolbar

The Wait Bin toolbar displays the following buttons which you will use to work with the document:

Button	What it Does
	Opens an existing file in the Wait Bin.
	Save the current XML results and any changes to the template.
	Save the XML results to the Complete Bin.
	Create a new XML result document.
	Remove an XML result document.
	Duplicate the selected XML field.
	Remove the selected XML field.
	Find a word, phrase, or characters in the document.

Working with the Incomplete Bin

UPA enables you to work with documents at various stages of processing. All documents that complete the initial parser processing are moved to the Wait Bin or Complete Bin along with the generated XML markup files. Documents that do not process successfully are moved to the Incomplete Bin.

Note: Failed documents are typically placed in the Incomplete Bin, but you can set an option in the Assign Template window that will put failed documents in the Wait Bin.

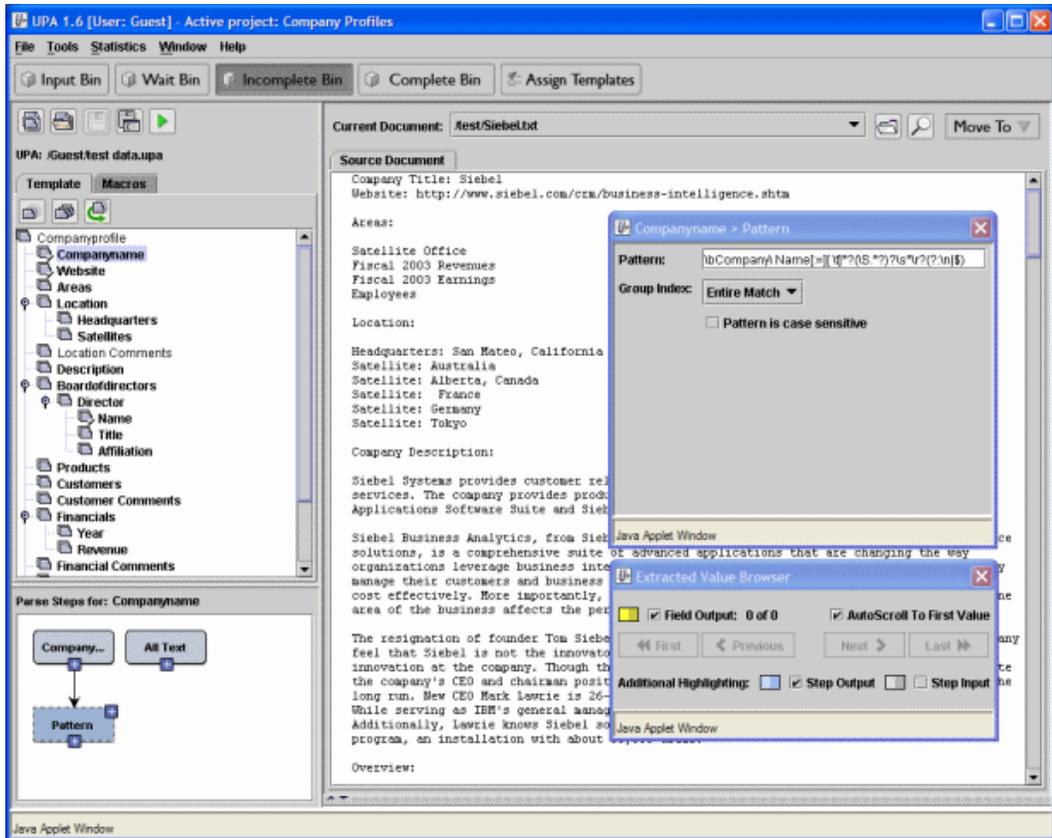
The Incomplete Bin contains all files where no direct matches were found in any available templates. You can view these files and modify or create new templates to reprocess any failed files.

Once the documents are in the Incomplete Bin, you can perform the following tasks:

- Open Incomplete Bin documents.
- Update the template to work with the failed documents.
- Create a new template to work with the failed documents.
- Move the document back to the Input Bin for processing with new or updated templates.
- Parse the document with the new or updated template.
- Move the parsed document to the Wait Bin for further work on the XML.

To work with documents that have failed to complete processing and are now in the Incomplete Bin, perform the following procedure.

1. From the UPA main window, click on Incomplete Bin , and select a document from the Failed Documents Browser. The selected document will display in the Source Document area. The defined elements of the template will display under the Template tab.



2. Edit and adjust the template fields by following the same procedures you use to create Input templates.
3. Click Save Template As  to save the template to a new file name. Click Save  to save your changes to the current template and overwrite the old version.
4. To test the updated template, click Parse Current File . The UPA parser will use the template to parse the currently open failed document. A message will display confirming parser success or failure.
5. When the parser completes successfully, you will be given the options to move it to either the Input, Wait, or Complete Bins.



6. Select one of the options and click Move. If you do not want to move the parsed document right now, click Cancel.
7. Once you have an updated template, move the document back to the Input area for reprocessing by selecting Input Bin from the Move To drop-down list.



If you have already parsed the document successfully and did not elect to move it right after parsing, move the document to the Wait Bin by selecting it from the Move Document To drop-down list.

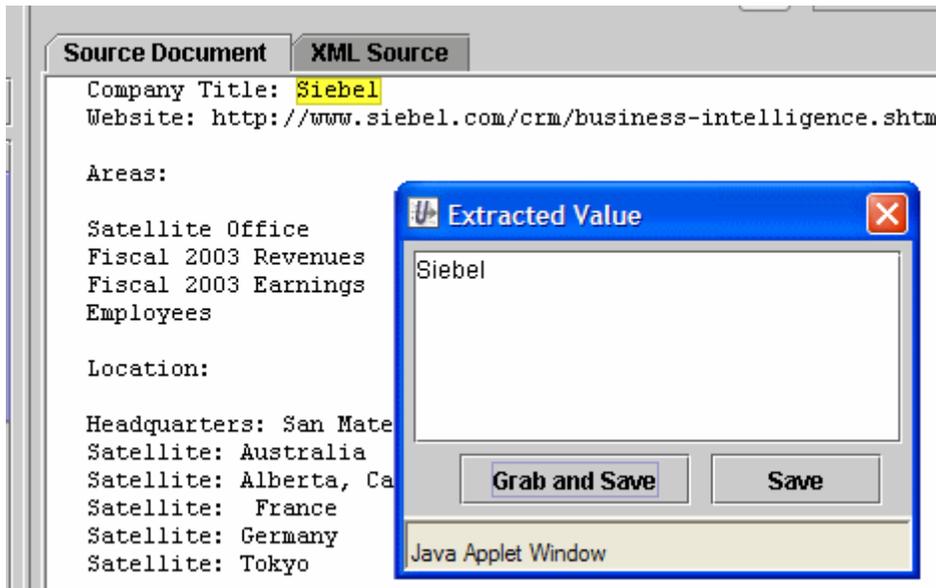
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Incomplete Bin Toolbar

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In the Complete Bin you can only view the XML extracted data, while in the Wait Bin you can use the Extracted Value window to add data from the document to the XML data.

When working with the document in the Wait Bin, you can use the Save Extracted Value window to update the currently selected field in the XML Result tree. In this way you can add data that may be missing. To update the data

1. Select a field from the XML Result tree.
2. Enter the data you want for that field in the Extracted Value dialog and click Save.



Or

3. Select text from the document and click Grab and Save. The selected text will be added to the selected field's XML result.

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