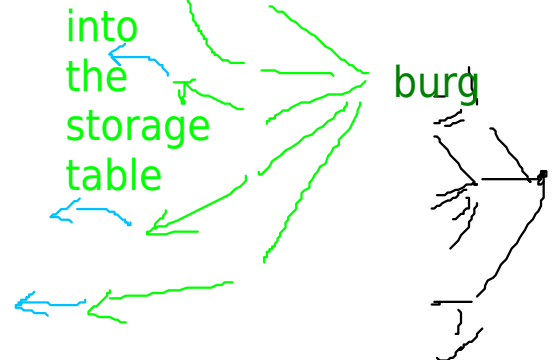


sketch of XML storage (in a relational DB)

nodes			
nodeid=pre	post	(or text) elementname	parentid
21	29	bla	2
24	22	blubb	22 (first child of 21)
25	20	'Berlin'	24
26	21	'Hamburg'	24

consider a query `//bla/blubb/text()[contains(.,'burg')]`

```
select t.elementname
from nodes e1, nodes e2, nodes t
where e1.name = 'bla'
and e2.pre > e1.pre and e2.post < e1.post
and e2.elementname = 'blubb'
and t.parent = e2.pre
and t.elementname like '%burg%'
order by pre
=> output in document order
```



evaluation strategy;

consider there is a fulltext (inverted) index with (frequent) substrings

procedural vs functional "if"

consider a procedural programming language:

```
int x := ....  
string z := null;  
if ( x > 10) then DO //something  
    z:= 'a big number';  
else DO //something  
    z := 'a small number'
```

The same in a functional style

```
let x := .....  
let z := // evaluation of a term  
    // functional evaluation "if"  
    if (x> 10) THEN THE RESULT IS 'a big number';  
    else THE RESULT SHOULD BE 'a small number'
```

....

note: SQL has such a functional CASE statement