

Get text between A and B?

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I want to read out several strings from an HTML (text) file, like everything between "<h2>" and "</h2>" to create a table-of-contents (also, things other than tags).

I do have a function but it's slow, and sometimes doesn't finish for larger files (600K, not much really!).

Now what would be a nice function to do this job? I suppose some regex with `preg_match_all`?

It should have a parameter telling which occurrence of the string should be used, e.g. the second, third and so on.

Like:

```
function getTextBetween($allText, $textBefore, $textAfter, $offset = 0)
{
    // ?
}
```

Then I could say:

```
$s = getTextBetween("<h2>foo</h2><p>Hello World</p><h2>bar</h2>",
    "<h2>", "</h2>", 1);
echo $s; // ... would be "bar"
```

Any help greatly appreciated!