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## HTML DOM Node Information (Cont.)

### Get the Value of an Element

The example on the right retrieves the text node value of the second <p> tag.

```
<html>
<body>
  <p>Hello</p>
  <p>World!</p>
  <script type="text/javascript">
    x = document.getElementsByTagName( "p" );
    document.write( x[1].firstChild.nodeValue );
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

### The nodeType Property

The [nodeType](#) property returns the type of node. nodeType is read only. The most important node types are given on the right.

Element type	NodeType
Element	1
Attribute	2
Text	3
Comment	8
Document	9

### Demonstration

The following demonstration shows how the script of HTML and JavaScript is displayed on the Web.

```
<html>
<head>
  <script type="text/javascript">
    function getElements( ) {
      var x = document.getElementsByName( "x" );
      alert( x.length );
    }
  </script>
</head>
<body>
  <input name="x" type="text" size="20" /><br />
  <input name="x" type="text" size="20" /><br />
  <input name="x" type="text" size="20" /><br /><br />
  <input type="button" onclick="getElements( )"
    value="How many elements named 'x'?" />
</body>
</html>
```

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