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# **HTML DOM Node Information**

The nodeName, nodeValue, and nodeType properties contain information about nodes.

# **Node Properties**

In the HTML DOM, each node is an object. Objects have methods and properties that can be accessed and manipulated by JavaScript. Three important node properties are

- nodeName,
- nodeValue, and
- <u>nodeType</u>.

### The nodeName Property

The <u>nodeName</u> property specifies the name of a node.

- nodeName is read-only.
- nodeName of an element node is the same as the tag name.
- nodeName of an attribute node is the attribute name.
- nodeName of a text node is always #text.
- nodeName of the document node is always #document.

Note that nodeName always contains the uppercase tag name of an HTML element.

## The nodeValue Property

The <u>nodeValue</u> property specifies the value of a node.

nodeValue for element nodes is undefined.

- nodeValue for text nodes is the text itself.
- nodeValue for attribute nodes is the attribute value.

#### **Demonstration**

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

```
Display the HTML
                                                                Reset
<html>
 <body>
  <a href="http://www.nba.com/">NBA</a>
  <script type="text/javascript">
   var para = document.getElementById( "nba" );
var anchor = para.getElementsByTagName( "a" );
   document.write( anchor[0].firstChild.nodeName + "<br</pre>
/>");
   document.write( anchor[0].firstChild.nodeValue + "<br</pre>
/>");
   document.write( anchor[0].firstChild.nodeType );
  </script>
 </body>
</html>
```

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