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Why are there so many array-like objects in the DOM?

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#TIL the reason the DOM has so many "array-like objects" that aren't functional arrays... is because in Javascript 1.0, there were no arrays.

Explanation:

- ECMAScript 1 does have arrays, but it corresponds to JavaScript 1.3. JavaScript version numbers apply to the JavaScript engines implemented by Netscape/Mozilla. The cross-engine way of referring to the capabilities of the language are thus ECMAScript versions.
- Arrays were indeed added after JavaScript 1, as [this page](#) shows, which lists the additions for version 1.1.

More information on array-like objects and arrays:

- [JavaScript quirk 8: array-like objects](#)
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