

The drag and drop API

INTRODUCTION

From [the W3C HTML 5.1 specification](#): *"the drag and drop API defines an event-based drag-and-drop mechanism, it does not define exactly what a drag-and-drop operation actually is"*.

We decided to present this API in a section about HTML5 client-side persistence, as it is very often used for dragging and dropping files. However, we will also address drag and drop of elements within an HTML document.

We will start by presenting the API itself, and then we will focus on the particular case of drag and dropping files.

EXTERNAL RESOURCES

- [Article from opera dev channel, lots of demos included](#)
- [Article about drag and drop in HTML5 at html5Rocks.com](#)
- Nice shopping cart demo: http://nettutsplus.s3.amazonaws.com/64_html5dragdrop/demo/index.html