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Course Outcome 4: Apply JavaScript features such as DOM manipulation, event handling, and callback mechanisms to build responsive client-side applications.

Experiment 07: Program based on Document Object Model to change the background color of the web page automatically after every 5 seconds.

Problem Statement:

Create a webpage that uses the Document Object Model (DOM) to access and modify the background color of the page. The background color should automatically change to a new color after every 5 seconds without requiring any user action.

Solution:

1. Document Object Model (DOM)

- The **DOM** is a **programming interface** for HTML and XML documents.
- It represents the page as a **tree structure** of nodes, where each element (like <body>, <div>, <h1>) is a node that can be **accessed and modified** using JavaScript.

Example:

document.body.style.backgroundColor = "blue";

• Here, document.body refers to the <body> element in the DOM, and .style.backgroundColor modifies its CSS property directly.

2. DOM Manipulation

- Using JavaScript, we can dynamically **modify the style, content, or structure** of a webpage without reloading it.
- For this problem, we manipulate the backgroundColor property of the body.
- DOM manipulation allows web pages to be **interactive and dynamic**, unlike static HTML.

3. JavaScript Timer Functions

• JavaScript provides **timing events** to execute code at intervals:



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- o setTimeout(function, delay) \rightarrow runs code **once** after a delay.
- o setInterval(function, delay) \rightarrow runs code **repeatedly** after every delay interval.

In our case:

setInterval(changeBackgroundColor, 5000);

• executes the changeBackgroundColor() function every **5000 milliseconds** = **5 seconds**.

4. CSS Object Model (CSSOM) Integration

- When we use document.body.style.backgroundColor, we are working with the CSSOM (CSS Object Model).
- The CSSOM provides a way for JavaScript to interact with CSS rules.
- By using the style property, JavaScript **overrides CSS rules** dynamically, giving us real-time control over the page's appearance.

5. Randomization vs. Predefined Colors

There are two approaches to color changes:

1. **Predefined Array of Colors** (like in the code earlier) → predictable, controlled cycle.

Random Colors using Math.random() → unpredictable and dynamic. Example:

```
function getRandomColor() {
let r = Math.floor(Math.random() * 256);
let g = Math.floor(Math.random() * 256);
let b = Math.floor(Math.random() * 256);
return `rgb(${r}, ${g}, ${b})`;
```



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6. Event Loop & Asynchronous Execution

- JavaScript is **single-threaded**, meaning it executes one task at a time.
- When we use setInterval(), the function is scheduled in the **event queue** and executed asynchronously without blocking the main thread.
- This ensures that the color keeps changing every 5 seconds while the page remains responsive.

7. Practical Applications

The same concept of **timed DOM updates** can be used in:

- Slideshows / Carousels (changing images automatically).
- Real-time dashboards (updating stock prices, weather info).
- Games (animations, score updates).
- Attention grabbers (flashing backgrounds, alerts).