

Week 2: JS + DOM + Web Audio

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Quick roadmap: review → DOM as objects → sliders/events → Web Audio basics → mixin

Review from Week 1

- `let, const`
- `console.log`
- `AudioContext`
- `OscillatorNode`
- `GainNode`

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Quick refresh so terms are top-of-mind.

Everything is an object

- Objects have **properties**
- Objects have **methods**

```
const obj = { x: 5, y: 10 };  
console.log(obj.x);           // property  
console.log(Object.keys(obj)); // method
```

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Anchor the mental model: we "get/set properties" and "call methods."

Variables

- Variables store objects (numbers, strings, AudioNodes...)
- `const` = cannot reassign
- `let` = can reassign

Variables allow us to keep track of and work with object.

```
const course = "CPM";
```

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Keep it simpleâ€” name, store, reuse.

Arithmetic Operators

Op.	Meaning	Code	Result
+	Addition	2 + 3	$2 + 3 = 5$
-	Subtraction	7 - 4	$7 - 4 = 3$
*	Multiplication	6 * 2	$6 \times 2 = 12$
/	Division	10 / 4	$\frac{10}{4} = 2.5$
%	Remainder	10 % 4	$10 \bmod 4 = 2$

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Tie operators to pitch math (ratios & octaves).

Arithmetic

- Operators: `+ - * / % **`
- Useful for numbers, pitches, timing

```
const base = 220;  
const fifth = base * (3/2); // 330  
const octave = base * 2;  
// 440  
console.log(fifth, octave);
```

What is the DOM?

- DOM = **Document Object Model**
- Browser turns HTML into a **tree of objects**
- `document` is our entry point into that tree
- Just like Web Audio nodes, it is an **object**
 - Properties (e.g. `document.body`)

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Stress that document is just another object we can use.

The DOM

```
// global Document object, root of the DOM
document;

// some things we can do with it:
document.getElementById("freq");           // method
document.body.style.backgroundColor = "pink"; // property
document.body.innerText = "Hello, Audio";   // property
```


HTML Tag Anatomy

```
<p>Hello</p>
```

- Opening tag: `<p>`
- Closing tag: `</p>`
- Content: `Hello`

Each tag becomes an **object** in the DOM with properties (like `.innerText`) and methods.

Hello

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Link syntax to the idea that tags become JS-accessible objects.

HTML Tag Anatomy

```
<input id="freq" type="range" min="100" max="1000" value="440">
```

- **Attributes:** extra settings inside a tag, e.g. `id="freq"`, `type="range"`, `min="100"`, etc.
- **Self-closing tags:** don't wrap content, e.g. `<input ... >`

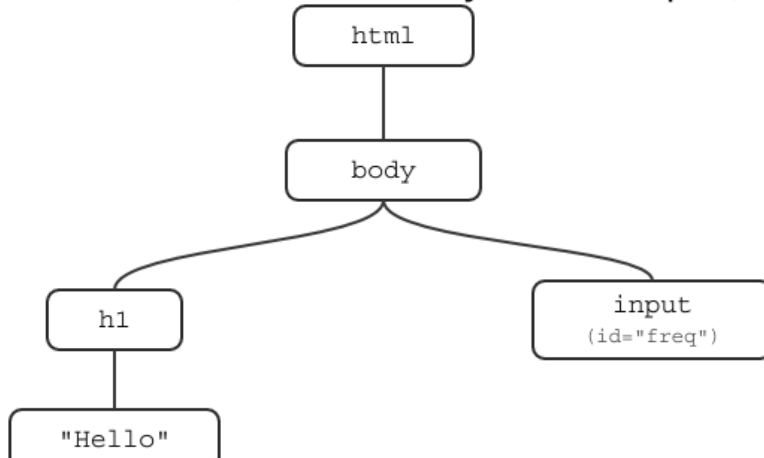
Each tag becomes an **object** in the DOM with properties (like `.value`) and methods.



DOM Tree Example

```
<html>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello</h1>
    <input id="freq" type="range" />
  </body>
</html>
```

DOM Tree (html → body → h1 / input)



Hello



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Show structure → objects; pair static diagram with a tiny live DOM.

DOM: Accessing Elements

- JavaScript needs a way to **find** elements in the DOM tree
- The `document` object gives us methods to do that
- `document.querySelector("CSS selector")`
 - Takes a **CSS-style selector string** (like `#id`, `.class`, `tagname`)
 - Returns the **first matching element object**
 - We will primarily use the `#id` method

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Emphasize "grab → store → then use properties and methods."

DOM: Accessing Elements

- To work with an element, first **grab it**
- Store it in a variable (just like `osc` or `gain`)

```
<input id="freq" type="range" min="100" max="1000" value="440">

<script>
  const slider = document.querySelector("#freq"); // grab object by id
  console.log(slider); // prints the <input> element
</script>
```

Open the console and take a look

DOM: Getting values

- `.value` gives the current slider position

```
<input id="freq" type="range" min="100" max="1000" value="440">

<script>
  const slider = document.querySelector("#freq");
  console.log(slider.value);           // "440" (string)
</script>
```

Open the console and take a look

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Input `.value` is a string; convert when you need math.

DOM: Converting values

```
console.log(typeof slider.value);           // "string"  
console.log(typeof Number(slider.value));  // "number"
```

Open the console and take a look

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Point out type differences explicitly to avoid silent bugs.

DOM: Events

- Objects can "listen" for events
 - like input changes, button clicks, mouse hover, ...
- Add with `.addEventListener("input", ...)`

```
<input id="gain" type="range" min="0" max="1" step="0.01" value="0.2">

<script>
  const gainSlider = document.querySelector("#gain");

  gainSlider.addEventListener("input", () => {
    console.log("gain is now", Number(gainSlider.value));
  });
</script>
```

Open the console and take a look

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Basic UI loopâ€” read input, update text, repeat on events.

DOM: Events + Live Feedback

```
<input id="gain" type="range" min="0" max="1" step="0.01" value="0.2">
<span id="gainDisplay">0.2</span>

<script>
const gainSlider = document.querySelector("#gain");
const gainDisplay = document.querySelector("#gainDisplay");

gainDisplay.textContent = gainSlider.value;

gainSlider.addEventListener("input", () => {
  gainDisplay.textContent = gainSlider.value;
});
</script>
```

(We'll explain `() => {}` syntax next week)

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Basic UI loopâ€ read input, update text, repeat on events.

Web Audio: Simple Tone

```
<button id="start">Play</button>
<script>
  const ctx = new AudioContext();
  const osc = new OscillatorNode(ctx);
  const gain = new GainNode(ctx);
  gain.gain.value = 0.2;
  osc.connect(gain);
  gain.connect(ctx.destination);

  const startButton = document.querySelector("#start");
  startButton.addEventListener("click", () => {
    ctx.resume();
    osc.start();
  });
</script>
```

Properties vs Methods

```
osc.type = "triangle";           // property
osc.frequency.value = 165;       // property
gain.gain.value = 0.2;           // property

osc.connect(gain);                // method
gain.connect(ctx.destination);   // method
osc.start();                      // method
```

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Contrast properties (data you set) vs methods (actions you call).

Slider controls frequency

```
<input id="freq" type="range" min="100" max="1000" value="440">

<p><script>
  const ctx = new AudioContext();      // create AudioContext
  ctx.suspend();                       // prevent auto start</p>
<pre><code class="undefined">const osc = new OscillatorNode(ctx); // oscillator
const gain = new GainNode(ctx);        // gain node
gain.gain.value = 0.2;                 // set gain

osc.connect(gain);                    // connect osc -&gt; gain
gain.connect(ctx.destination);        // connect gain -&gt; speakers
osc.start();                          // start oscillator

const slider = document.querySelector('&quot;#freq&quot;'); // get slider element
slider.addEventListener('&quot;input&quot;', () => {
  ctx.resume();                       // resume context on input
  osc.frequency.value = Number(slider.value); // update osc frequency
  document.querySelector('&quot;#freqDisplay&quot;').textContent = slider.value; // update display
});</code></pre>

</script>
```

Slider controls gain

```
<input id="gain" type="range" min="0" max="1" step="0.01" value="0.2">

<script>
  const ctx = new AudioContext();           // create AudioContext
  ctx.suspend();                             // prevent auto start

  const osc = new OscillatorNode(ctx);      // oscillator
  const gain = new GainNode(ctx);           // gain node
  gain.gain.value = 0.2;                     // set initial gain

  osc.connect(gain);                         // connect osc &rarr; gain
  gain.connect(ctx.destination);            // connect gain &rarr; speakers
  osc.start();                              // start oscillator

  const slider = document.querySelector("#gain"); // get slider element
  slider.addEventListener("input", () => {
    // update gain value
  });
```

Mixing Nodes

- Many sources can connect to the same destination

```
const ctx = new AudioContext();
const master = new GainNode(ctx, );
master.gain.value = 0.125 // ~ -18 dBFS
master.connect(ctx.destination);

const osc1 = new OscillatorNode(ctx, { frequency: 110 });
const osc2 = new OscillatorNode(ctx, { frequency: 330 });
const osc3 = new OscillatorNode(ctx, { frequency: 513.33333 });

osc1.connect(master);
osc2.connect(master);
osc3.connect(master);

document.querySelector("button").addEventListener("click", () => {
  ctx.resume();
  // ...
});
```

Adding a Master Gain Slider

```
<button>Start</button>
<input id="masterGain" type="range" min="0" max="1" step="0.01" value="0">
<label id="gainDisplay" for="masterGain">0.0</label>
<script>
  const ctx = new AudioContext();
  const master = new GainNode(ctx, );
  master.gain.value = 0.0
  master.connect(ctx.destination);

  const osc1 = new OscillatorNode(ctx, { frequency: 110 });
  const osc2 = new OscillatorNode(ctx, { frequency: 330 });
  const osc3 = new OscillatorNode(ctx, { frequency: 513.33333 });

  osc1.connect(master);
  osc2.connect(master);
  osc3.connect(master);
</script>
```

Wrap Up

- **JavaScript:** variables (`let`, `const`), arithmetic, `console.log`
- **DOM:** tree of objects, tags → objects, access with `document.querySelector`
- **Events:** sliders give values, `.value` is a property, update in real time
- **Web Audio:** `OscillatorNode`, `GainNode`, `.frequency.value`, `.gain.value`
- **Mixing:** multiple oscillators into one master gain
- **Big idea:** Everything is an object → properties & methods