

What Are DOM Attributes?

The attributes are special words used inside the start tag of an HTML element to control the tag's ehavior or provide additional information about the tag.

JavaScript provides several methods for adding, removing, or changing an HTML element's attribute. In the following sections we will learn about these methods in detail.

Get the Attribute Value of an Element

The getAttribute() method is used to get the current value of an element's attribute.

If the specified attribute does not exist on the element, it will return null. Here's an example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>Document</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello from Mars!</h1>
    <span class="text-desc" id="main-paragraph">
      Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit. Tempore, quos
      eveniet.
    </span>
    <span class="text-desc">
      Quisquam veritatis, quam velit quos eligendi perferendis fugiat eveniet
    </span>
    <span id="without-style">
      sapiente ratione assumenda iste repudiandae quidem dicta aliquid.
      Voluptatibus, error?
    </span>
```

<script>

Output

```
el: ▶<span class="text-desc" id="main-paragraph">...</span>
elClassName: text-desc
el: ▶<span id="without-style">...</span>
withoutStyleElClassName: null
```

Setting an Element's Attribute Value

The setAttribute() method is used to set the attribute of the specified element.

If the attribute already exists on the element, the value is updated. Otherwise, a new attribute is added with the specified name and value. The JavaScript code in the following example will add a class and a disabled attribute to the button element.

```
let btn = document.getElementById('myBtn');

// Setting new attributes

btn.setAttribute('class', 'click-btn');

btn.setAttribute('disabled', '');

</script>
</body>
```

Output

```
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btn: <button type="button" id="myBtn" class="click-btn" disabled=""></button>
```

Removing an Element's Attribute Value

The removeAttribute() method is used to remove an attribute from the specified element.

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