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## Creating Web Applications

### Lecture 7 – Document Object Model (DOM)

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# Assignment 2 out now!

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# Unit of Study Outline

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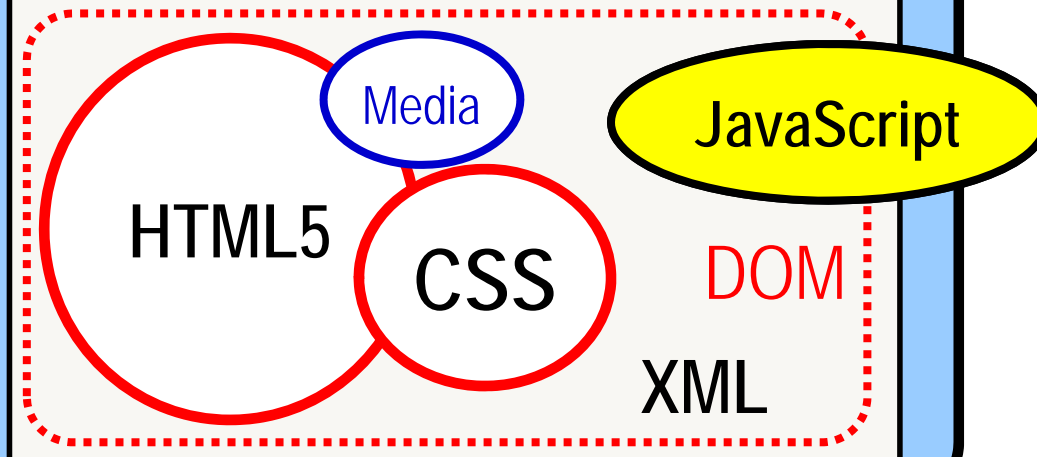
**Internet Technologies:** TCP/IP, URLs, URIs, DNS, MIME, SSL

**Web Technologies:** HTTP, HTTPS, Web Architectural Principles

**Client Side Technologies:**

*Web Applications, Markup Languages*

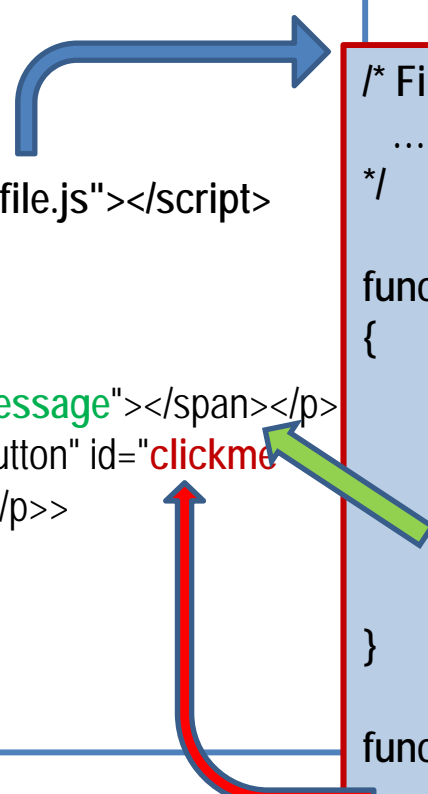
Web Documents



# Previously – Linking JavaScript to HTML

## HTML - *content*

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  ...
  <script src="my_jsfile.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
  ...
  <p><span id="mymessage"></span></p>
  <p><button type="button" id="clickme">
    Click Me!</button></p>>
  ...
</body>
</html>
```



## JavaScript - *behaviour*

```
/* Filename: my_jsfile.js
...
*/

function doSomething()
{
  var myString, outputMessage; //declare local variables
  myString = prompt("Enter the string", "The string");
  alert("Your output: " + myString);
  outputMessage = document.getElementById("mymessage");
  outputMessage.textContent="Your output: " + myString;
}

function init() {
  var clickme = document.getElementById("clickme");
  clickme.onclick = doSomething;
}

window.onload = init;
```



# Previously – Form Validation

- Regular Expressions
- Input data validation using JavaScript

## Demo

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled 'Firefox' with a tab labeled 'Form Data Validation'. The page is titled 'Cat Show Registration Page'. It contains the following form elements:

- Owner's Name:
- Email:
- Cat Information Details section:
  - Cat's Name:
  - Breed:
  - Date of Birth:
  - Sex section:
    - Male: ☐
    - Female: ☐
- Competition Categories section:
  - Select which categories your would like your cat entered
  - Best of Breed (adult): ☐
  - Best of Breed (kitten): ☐



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# Predefined Objects - Browser Objects



- Window

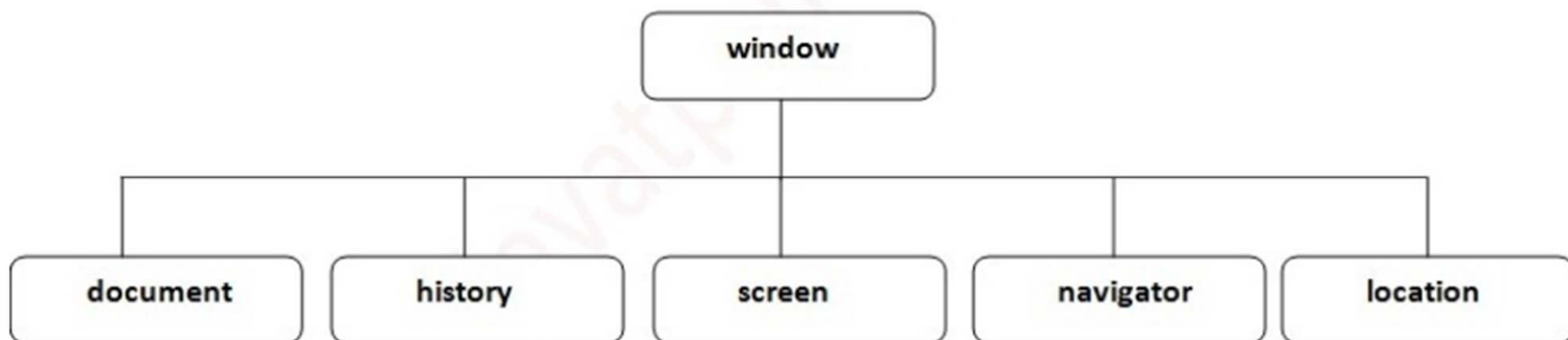
- document
- Navigator
- Screen
- History
- Location

## Examples

```
window.alert("Hello");  
var ans=confirm("Are you sure?")
```

**document** is the main object of the window object.

*This will be discussed in detail later*



<https://www.javatpoint.com/browser-object-model>





# Window Object – Properties

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- The **window** object is at the top of the hierarchy, and so its properties and methods may be used without explicitly referring to the “window” object.  
eg. `document` is same as `window.document`
- Represents an open window in a browser. Created automatically by the browser
- **Properties:**
  - `document` - returns a reference to the document contained in the window
  - `location` - gets/sets the location, or current URL, of the window object
  - `history` - returns a reference to the history object, an array of visited URLs
  - `name` - gets/sets the window's name
  - `navigator` - returns a reference to the navigator object
  - `defaultStatus` - gets/sets the message in the status bar
  - `status` - sets or returns the text in the statusbar of a window
  - `self` - identifies the current window being referenced
  - `parent` - returns the parent window of the current window

**Note:** This is **not** a complete list of properties! For more information see:  
[https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Document\\_Object\\_Model](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Document_Object_Model)



# Window Object – Methods

- **Methods** *(this is **not** a complete list of methods)*

`alert(text)` - pops up an alert box with ok button  
`confirm(text)` - pops up a box with 'OK' or 'Cancel'  
`prompt(text, def)` - retrieves a line of text from the user  
`open(url, _blank)` - URL is loaded into a new window

Other options: `_parent`, `_self`

`close()` - closes a window  
`focus()` - gives focus to a window  
`blur()` - removes focus from a window

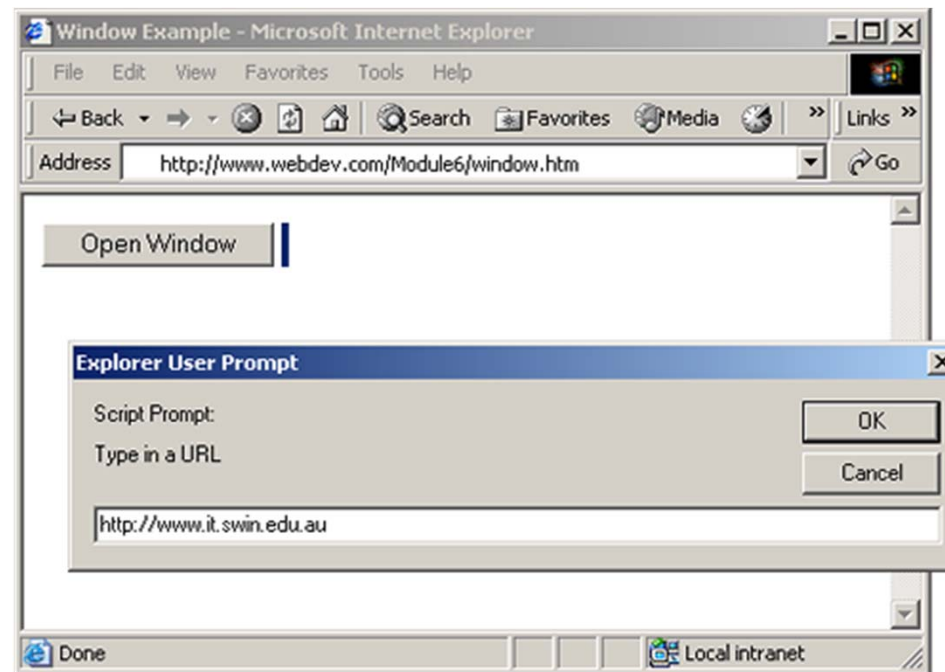
- **Window HTML Event Handling**

`onload` - occurs when the page has completed the loading process.  
`onunload` - occurs just before the document is cleared from the browser window. Usually used for background statistical purposes etc.



# Window Object – Example

```
function newWindow() {  
    theUrl = prompt("Type in a URL",  
                    window.location);  
    window.open(theUrl);  
}
```





# Navigator Object

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- The **navigator** object does not fall within the normal Browser window object hierarchy.  
(It relates to the 'environment' in which the window sits)
- Contains information about the browser
- The **navigator** object *may* be used to gather information about the **client platform**. eg. if it has GPS
- The **navigator** object *was* often used to identify **browser dependent** features that a script may need to use.

```
if (navigator.appName == "Netscape") {  
    // insert code here for Netscape  
} else {  
    // insert code here for other  
    // browsers  
}
```

*Now best to use other DOM methods*

<http://www.w3.org/TR/html5/webappapis.html#the-navigator-object>



# Navigator Object – Properties/Methods

## Properties

<code>appName</code>	The coded name of the browser
<code>appVersion</code>	The name of the browser
<code>language</code>	The version of the browser
<code>mimeType[ ]</code>	The language supported by the browser
<code>platform</code>	An array of the MIME types recognised
<code>plugins[ ]</code>	The platform the browser is running on
	An array of the plugins installed

Many of these properties are superseded. See HTML5 spec., device guides.

<http://www.w3.org/TR/html5/webappapis.html#the-navigator-object>

## Methods

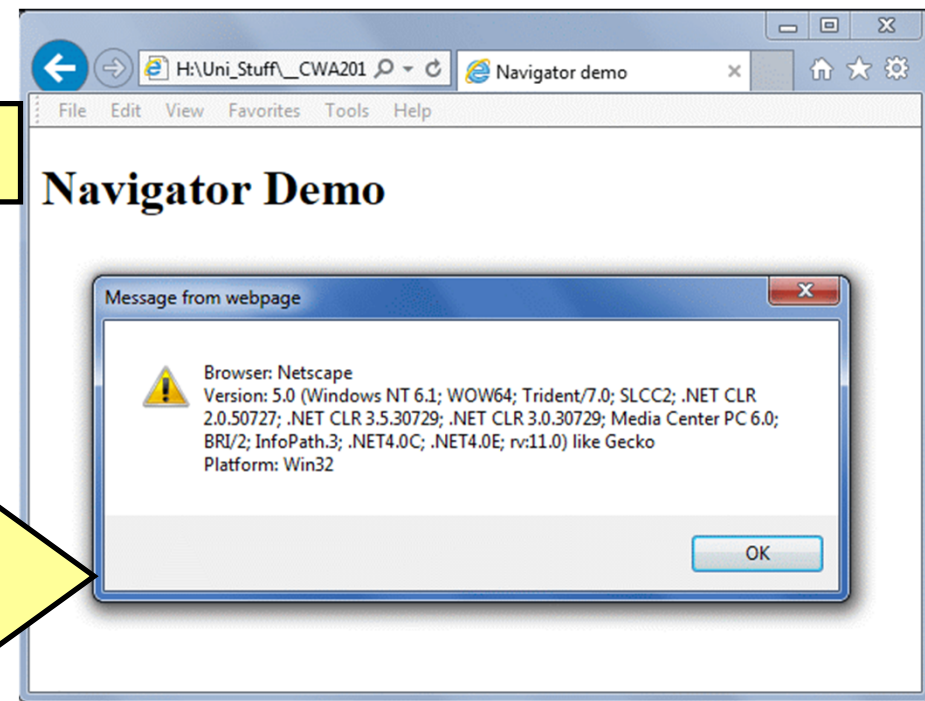
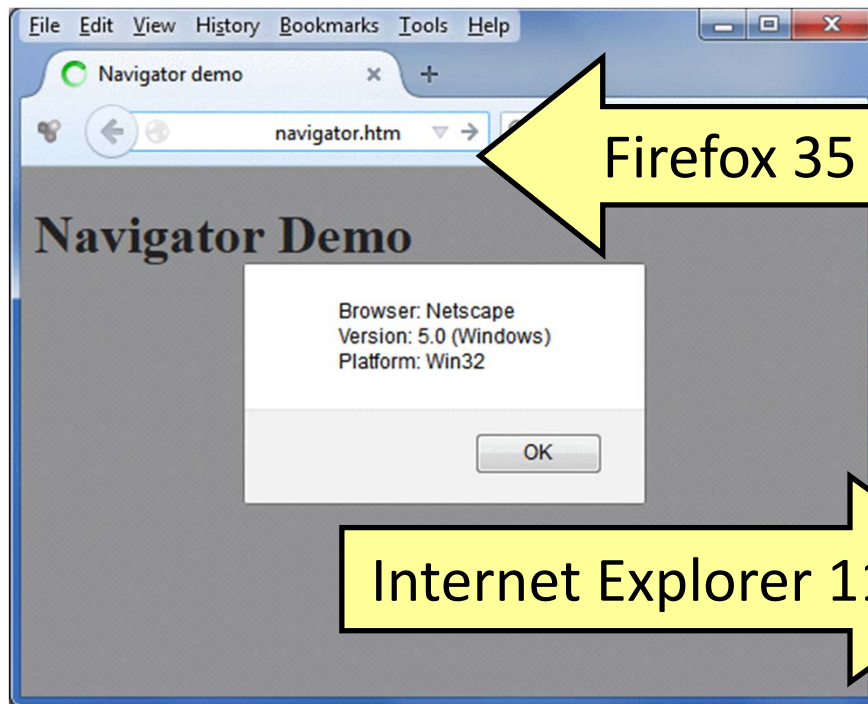
<code>javaEnabled( )</code>	Returns true if the browser supports Java applets
<code>preferences( )</code>	Checks or sets user preferences

**Note:** *Properties and Methods may differ between browsers.*



# Navigator Object – Example

```
function showInfo() {  
    var msg="Browser: " + navigator.appName + "\n";  
    msg += "Version: " + navigator.appVersion + "\n";  
    msg += "Platform: " + navigator.platform + "\n";  
    alert(msg);  
}
```





# Other Browser Objects

## history

.back(),  
.forward(),  
.go(n)

Avoid using these.  
Changing them can  
confuse users.

## location

contains  
information about  
the current URL

.href,  
.host, (Sets or returns the hostname and port  
number of a *URL*)  
• pathname,  
.protocol,  
.search,  
.reload([*force*]),  
.replace(URL)

Useful for redirection,  
and for determining  
current webpage, so  
scripts can enhance  
menus by highlighting  
the current page.



# Other Browser Objects

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## Screen

- contains information about the visitor's screen

Property	Description
<a href="#">availHeight</a>	Returns the height of the screen (excluding the Windows Taskbar)
<a href="#">availWidth</a>	Returns the width of the screen (excluding the Windows Taskbar)
<a href="#">colorDepth</a>	Returns the bit depth of the color palette for displaying images
<a href="#">height</a>	Returns the total height of the screen
<a href="#">pixelDepth</a>	Returns the color resolution (in bits per pixel) of the screen
<a href="#">width</a>	Returns the total width of the screen

[https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/obj\\_screen.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/obj_screen.asp)





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# Document Object Model (DOM)

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- a platform and language neutral interface to allow programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure and style of a document [W3C] <http://www.w3.org/DOM/>
- treats an HTML, XHTML, or XML document as a tree structure

*Note: The DOM Core applies to any XML, and any HTML that complies with XML.*



# DOM

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- DOM is not part of core JavaScript, but JavaScript uses the DOM to interact with the Web browser. This technique is referred to as **DOM manipulation**
- DOM uses JavaScript's Core Objects *such as Array, Boolean, Date, Math, Number, RegExp, String, ...*
- Current standard is DOM Level 3, 2004. Standard is relatively stable.  
<http://www.w3.org/DOM/DOMTR>



# DOM Levels

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- The W3C has developed DOM “levels” to represent the different features that may be supported
  - DOM Level 0: The earlier “*vendor specific* intermediate” DOMs
  - DOM Level 1: HTML & XML document tree structures, including HTML specific elements and node add / move / delete.
  - DOM Level 2: XML namespaces, styles, views, and events
  - **DOM Level 3:** Divided into specific modular sections
  - **DOM Level 4:** Aims at supporting multimedia, and removing things that haven’t been implemented  
**2014**  
<http://www.w3.org/DOM/DOMTR>

***How well are the Core and HTML DOMs implemented in browsers?***

<http://quirksmode.org/dom/core/>  
[http://quirksmode.org/dom/w3c\\_html.html](http://quirksmode.org/dom/w3c_html.html)



# DOM Support

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- As with HTML5, different browser provide various levels of support for DOM.
- W3C DOM Level 1 (rec. Oct 1998) and DOM Level 2 (rec. Nov 2000) are now largely supported by recent browsers.
- See what DOM your browser supports  
<http://www.w3.org/2003/02/06-dom-support.html>
- See the DOM compatibility tests  
<http://www.quirksmode.org/compatibility.html>

# Document Object – Example

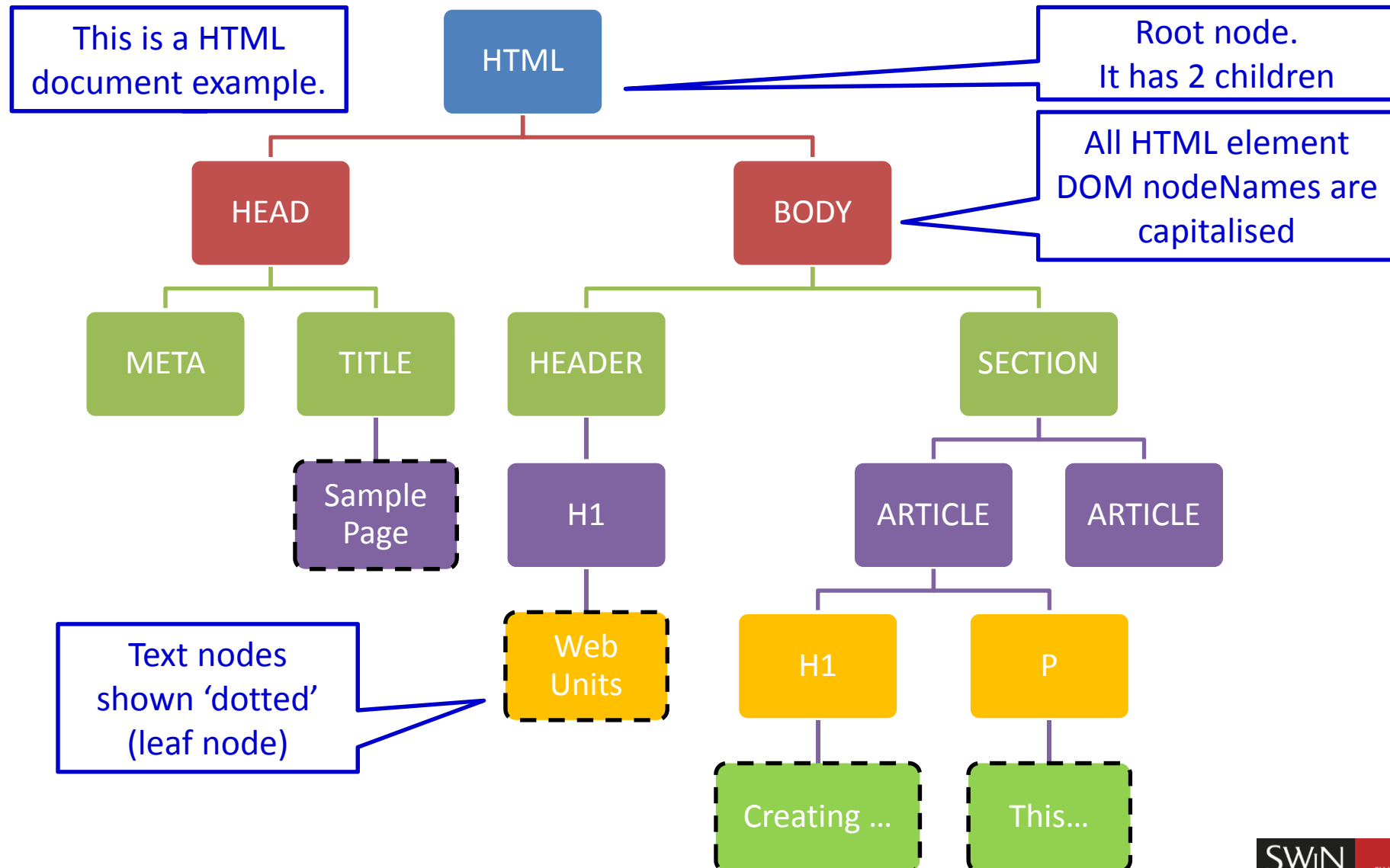
- A **document** is represented as a tree of nodes
- The first node is referred to as the **root node**
- Each node can have **children**
- A node with no children is referred to as **leaf node**

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <title>Sample Page</title>
</head>
<body>
  <header>
    <h1 id="pgHead">Web Units</h1>
  </header>
  <section>
    <article>
      <h1>Creating Web Apps</h1>
      <p>This unit covers ... </p>
    </article>
    <article>
    </article>
  </section>
</body>
</html>
```

This example is a  
HTML document.  
But this applies to  
any XML document.



# Document Object – Tree Structure





# Document Object

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## Where are the objects?

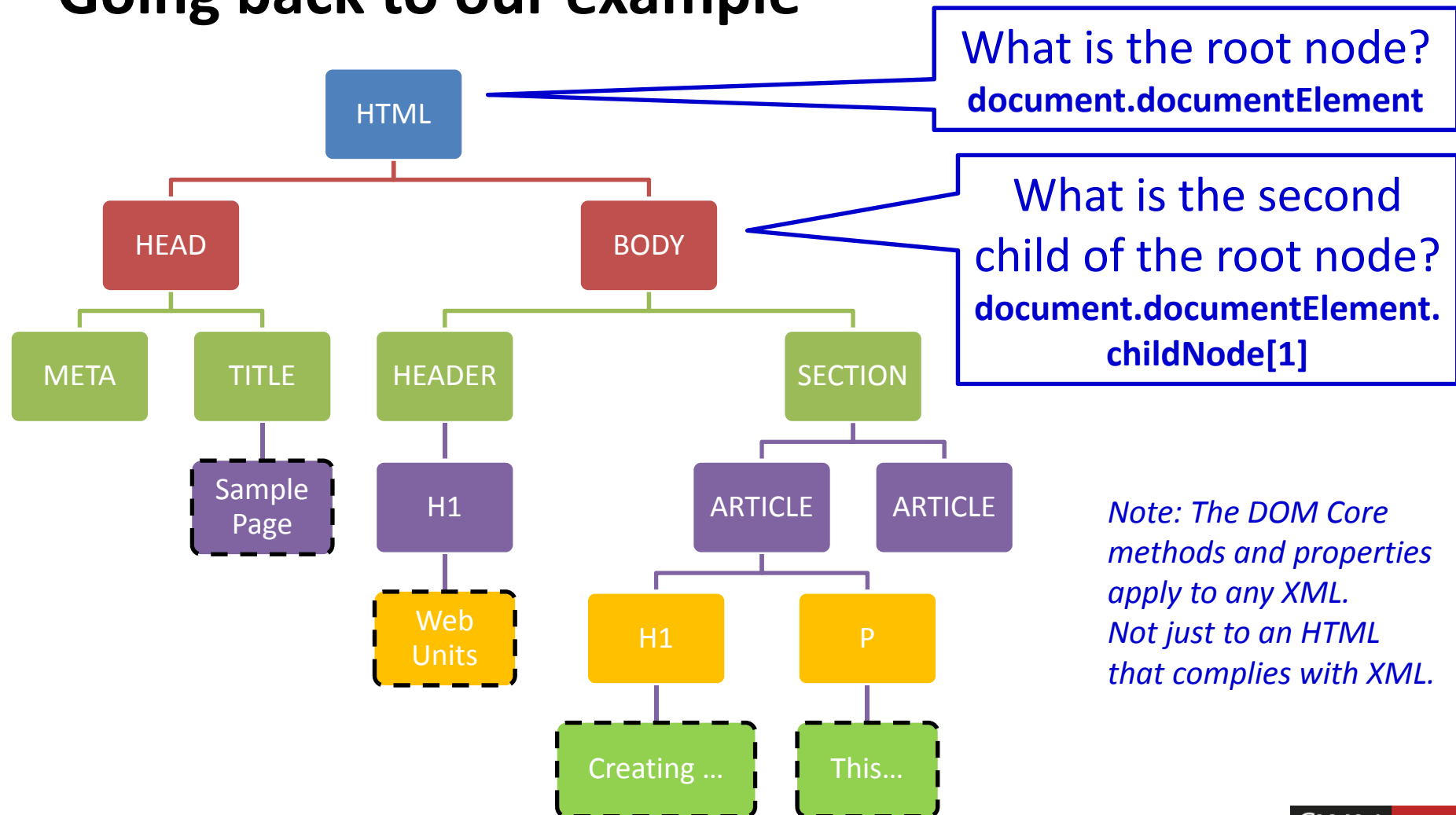
- The entire HTML page is made up of **objects**
- Using the tree representation, each node is an **object**.
- In our example, we have 16 nodes or 16 objects
- We can use the **DOM Core** properties and methods to find out about these nodes





# Document Object – Tree Structure

## Going back to our example



# Document Object – Property/Method



- Some useful document properties and methods

**document.**

Pre-defined object

documentElement

Referring to the root

getElementById( )

getElementsByTagName( )

getElementsByTagName( )

createElement( )

createTextNode( )

createAttribute( )



# From our demo ....

```
function isCategorySelected(){
```

```
...
```

```
var categories =
```

```
    document.getElementById("categories").getElementsByTagName("input");
```

```
var labels =
```

```
    document.getElementById("categories").getElementsByTagName("label");
```

```
var label = "";
```

```
var catList = "";
```

```
for (i=0; i<categories.length; i++){
```

```
    selected = selected || categories[i].checked;
```

//for each category element

//see if it is checked

```
    label = labels[i].firstChild.textContent;
```

//get its label

```
    catList = catList + label + "\n";
```

text node content

```
}
```

```
...
```

```
}
```

```
<fieldset id="categories">
  <legend>Competition Categories</legend>
  <p>Select which categories your would like your cat entered</p>
  <p><label for="bestbreed">Best of Breed (adult)</label>
    <input type="checkbox" id="bestbreed" name="categories[]" value="best"/>
  </p>
  <p><label for="kit">Best of Breed (kitten)</label>
    <input type="checkbox" id="kit" name="categories[]" value="kitten"/>
  </p>
```



# Document Object – as Node

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- Use document property and method to obtain as node

```
node2 = document.getElementById( "pgHead" );
```

- What are some properties of a node?

node2.nodeName

String type

node2.nodeValue

String type

node2.nodeType

Number type



# Document Object – as Node

- The **nodeName** property
  - specifies the name of a node
  - is *read-only*
  - of an **element** node is the same as the element name
  - of an **attribute** node is the attribute name
  - of a **text** node is always #text
  - of the **document** node is always #document

For HTML, nodeName always contains the *uppercase* element name of an HTML element.

```
<p id="myP">Click the button to get the node name of this element.</p>
```

```
document.getElementById("myP").nodeName;
```

Will give a 'P'



# Document Object – as Node

- The **nodeValue** property
  - specifies the value of a node.
  - for **element** nodes is undefined
  - for **text** nodes is the text itself
  - for **attribute** nodes is the attribute value
  - can be changed

```
<p id="myP">Click the button to get the node name of this element.</p>
```

```
Var node = document.getElementById("myP").childNodes[0];  
node.nodeValue
```



# Document Object – as Node

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- The **nodeType** property returns the type of node.
  - nodeType is *read only*.
- The most important node types are:

Element Type	NodeType
Element	1
Attribute	2
Text	3
Comment	8
Document	9



# Document Object – as Node

- More examples:

```
<div id="myDIV">This is a div element.</div>  
<button onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>
```

```
<script>  
function myFunction() {  
    var x = document.getElementById("myDIV").firstChild;  
    var txt1 = "The node name: " + x.nodeName ;  
    var txt2 = "The node value: " + x.nodeValue ;  
    var txt3 = "The node type: " + x.nodeType;  
}  
</script>
```

The node name: #text  
The node value: This is a  
div element.  
The node type: 3





# Document Object – as Node

## Other node properties

`theNode.`

`nodeType`

`parentNode`

**`firstChild`**

`lastChild`

`previousSibling`

`nextSibling`

`children[]`      *// contain only element nodes*

`childNodes[]`    *// contain all nodes, including text nodes  
and comment nodes*

`theNode`, shown here is just a sample  
object defined from the DOM

```
theNode = document.documentElement;  
or  
theNode = document.getElementById( "pgHead" );
```

[ref demo example](#)

For example, `myNode.nodeType`



# Document Object – as Node

- Create a node

```
<div id="div1">  
  <p id="p1">This is a paragraph.</p>  
  <p id="p2">This is another paragraph.</p>  
</div>
```

```
<script>  
  var para = document.createElement("p");  
  var node = document.createTextNode("This is new.");  
  para.appendChild(node);  
  
  var element = document.getElementById("div1");  
  var child = document.getElementById("p1");  
  element.insertBefore(para, child);  
</script>
```

Output:  
This is new.  
This is a paragraph.  
This is another paragraph.



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# Document Object – as Element

Element is one of node types

Element properties

`objElement.`

`id`

`className`

`tagName`

`getElementsByTagName( )`

`getAttribute( )`

`setAttribute( )`

`removeAttribute( )`

`objElement`, shown here is just a sample object defined from the DOM

```
objElement = document.documentElement;
```

or

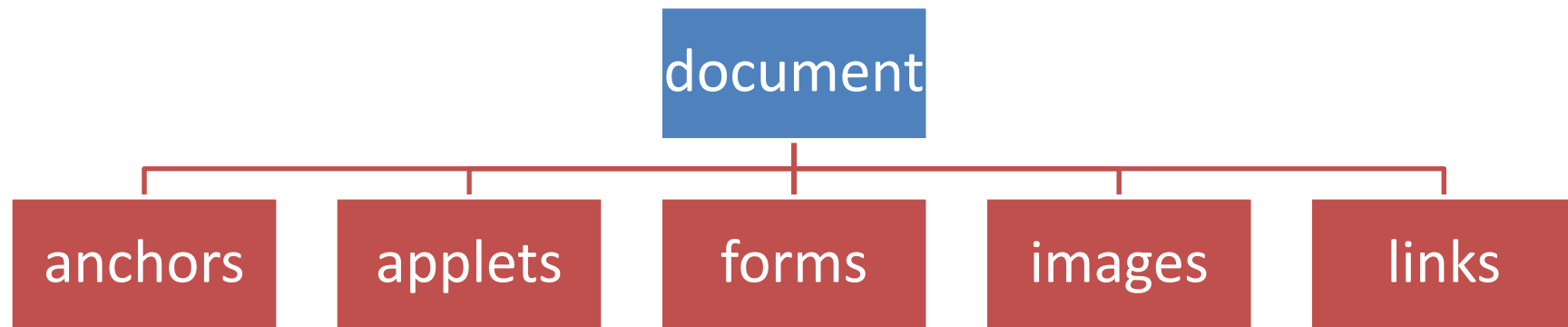
```
objElement =  
    document.getElementById( "pgHead" );
```

For example, `myElement.tagName`

# Predefined Objects - Document Object



## HTML document object and its array objects



- These are collections of specific objects, e.g. forms is a collection of form objects.

Note array names  
(collections) are often  
expressed in plural form



# From our demo ....

```
//register onblur events for all the input elements
function registerInputsOnBlur(){
    var inputElements =
        document.getElementById("regForm")
        .getElementsByTagName("input");
    for (var i = 0; i < inputElements.length; i++){
        inputElements[i].onblur = validateInputOnBlur;
    }
}
function validateInputOnBlur(){
    var objectLostFocus_id = this.id;
    var isOk = false;
    switch (objectLostFocus_id){
        case "owner":
```

...

The keyword "this" refers to the object which fire (trigger) the checkdata function (method). You can use if statement to check the "id" value and perform corresponding tests



# Document Object – as Element

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- The following HTML elements have additional properties:
  - Links `<a ...>...</a>`
  - Forms `<form ...>...</form>`
  - Select / Option elements `<select ...>... </select>`
  - Input (text, radio, checkbox, password, hidden, submit) `<input ... />`
  - Textarea `<textarea... >... </textarea>`
  - Images `<img ... />`



# Document Object - Anchor Element

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## Anchor Element `<a ></a>`

`objElement.`

`href`

`rel`

`target`

For example, `myAnchor.href`





# Document Object - Form Element

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## Form Element `<form ...>...</form>`

`objElement.`

`elements[ ]`

`length`

`action`

`method`

`enctype`

`target`

`submit( )`

`reset( )`

An array of all the elements in the form

For example, `myForm.length`



# Document Object - Select Element

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## Select Element `<select ...>...</select>`

`objElement.`

- `type`
- `selectedIndex`
- `value`
- `length`  
Returns the number of `<option>` elements in a drop-down list
- `form`
- `options[ ]`
- `disabled`
- `multiple`
- `name`
- `size`  
Sets the size of a drop-down list
- `add( )`
- `remove( ) ...`

For example, `mySelect.value`



# Document Object - Option Element

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**Option Element** `<option ...>...</option>`

`objElement.`

`Form` (Returns a reference to the form that contains the option)

`text` (Sets or returns the text of an option)

`disabled`

`selected` (Sets the selected state of an option)

`value, ...`

For example, `myOption.text`



# Document Object - Input Element

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**Input Element** `<input ... />`

`objElement.`

`form`

`readOnly`

`checked`

`value`

`disabled`

`select()`

`name`

`click(), ...`

For example, `myInput.checked`

# Document Object - Textarea Element

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**Text Area Element** `<textarea ...>...</textarea>`

`objElement.`

`form`

`disabled`

`name`

`readOnly`

`value`

`select( ), ...`

For example, `myTextArea.value`



# Document Object - Image Element

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**Image Element** `<img ... />`

`objElement.`

`name`

`src`

`alt ...`

For example, `myImage.src`



# Document Object - Examples

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- Get all images from the body element

```
var imgElements =  
    document.getElementsByTagName( "img" );
```

Will return a collection/array.  
Use a **plural** object name to  
indicate multiple elements



# Document Object - Examples

- Get the element with **id="intro"**

```
var introElement =
```

Use a **singular**  
object name to  
indicate 1 element

```
document.getElementById( "intro" );
```

- Get all **<p>** elements that are descendants of the element with **id="main"**

```
var mainParagraphElements =
```

```
document.getElementById( "main" )
```

```
.getElementsByTagName( "p" );
```

Will return a collection/array.  
Use a **plural** object name to  
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# Document Object (Style)

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From our [demo](#) ....

```
function chkOwnerName () {  
    //check owner name valid  
    var owner = document.getElementById("owner").value;  
    ...  
    //highlight the textbox if not valid  
    if (!nameOk){  
        document.getElementById("owner").style.borderColor = "red";  
    }  
    return nameOk;  
}
```

???? *border-color* ????



# Document Object (Style)

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- **Style** properties are typically hyphenated words, **but this does not work in JavaScript**, so CSS style properties are joined together using 'camelCase' notation. e.g.

**some-css-property** becomes

**someCssProperty**



# Document Object (Class and Style)

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- **class** is often used to associate style with elements. If we change the class in JavaScript, the browser changes the associated presentation

```
objElement.className = "styleRule2";
```

- Usually element **attribute names** are directly matched to DOM property names.

For example the **href** attribute

```
<a href="page1.htm" class="button">
```

is mapped to `objElement.href`

- But the **class** attribute is mapped to `objElement.className`

**NOT ".class"** as "class" is  
a **reserved word** in JavaScript



# Document Object (Class and Style)

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- **objElement.style.**
  - background
  - backgroundAttachment
  - backgroundColor
  - backgroundImage
  - backgroundPosition
  - backgroundPositionX
  - backgroundPositionY
  - backgroundRepeat
  - border
  - borderCollapse
  - borderColor
  - borderSpacing
  - borderSpacing
  - borderStyle
  - border[side]
  - border[side]Color
  - border[side]Style
  - border[side]Width

For example,

`objElement.style.display`



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# Content and JavaScript

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**JavaScript can enrich user experiences  
by changing content and providing:**

- slideshows,
- **cycling images,**
- ‘drag and drop’ interfaces,
- re-sorting / re-displaying page information,
- hiding /showing page information,
- ... and lots more ...*



# Cycling Images - Example

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Given the following HTML page segment,  
*take note of the **IDs***

```
<article>
  <h3>Cycling an image</h3>
  <!-- html5 figure and figcaption elements
        could have been used instead -->
  <p>
    
  </p>
  <p id="picText"></p>
</article>
```





# Cycling Images - Example (continued)

## Using the JavaScript template:

```
function cycleImage() {  
    var figImg =  
        document.getElementById( "picImage" );  
    var figCap =  
        document.getElementById( "picText" );  
    /* more code here */  
}  
function init() {  
    cycleImage(); }  
  
window.onload = init;
```

image ID

image text ID

Cycle function is called on page load event

This is fixed



# Cycling Images - Example (continued)

```
var currentImg = 0;           // set start position as global
function cycleImage() {
    var theImages = new Array("img1.jpg", "img2.jpg", "img3.jpg");
    var theTexts   = new Array("text1", "text2", "text3");
    var numImgs = theImages.length;
    var figImg = document.getElementById("picImage");
    var figCap = document.getElementById("picText");
    if(document.images) {     //returns a collection of all <img> elements
        currentImg++;
        if (currentImg == numImgs) {
            currentImg = 0;    // reset start position
        }
        figImg.src = theImages[currentImg];
        figCap.textContent = theTexts[currentImg];
        setTimeout("cycleImage()", 1000);
    }
}
```

**setTimeout()** is a pre-defined browser window function

**cycleImage()** function calls itself in a time sequence, changing **figImg.src** every 1000 milliseconds



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# Web Storage

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## Web storage

- allows HTML5 web pages to store data ***locally within the browser***
- is a separate specification <http://www.w3.org/TR/webstorage/>
- stores data in key/value pairs
- is more secure and faster compared to cookies (*data is not included as part of the HTTP header*)
- can only be used to access data by the webpage that created it
- allows the storage of a *large amounts* of data (*at least 5mb per origin depending on browser*)
- can only be accessed by client scripts



# Web Storage (continued)

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## Two objects for storing data

- **localStorage**
  - stores data with no expiration, even when the browser is closed
- **sessionStorage**
  - Stores data for one session, defined by the lifetime of the current window.
  - Data is lost when the browser tab is closed



# Web Storage (continued)

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## Can check if Web Storage is supported

```
if (typeof (Storage) !== "undefined" ) {  
    // localStorage and  
    sessionStorage supported  
  
} else {  
    // No web storage supported.  
}
```



# Web Storage (continued)

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## Setting and reading **sessionStorage**

Store value on browser only for the session

```
sessionStorage.setItem( 'key' , 'value' );
```

### **Examples**

```
sessionStorage.uname = document.getElementById("username").value;
```

or

```
sessionStorage.setItem("uname","username");
```

Retrieve value for the session

```
var a = sessionStorage.getItem( 'key' );
```

### **Examples**

```
var a = sessionStorage.uname;
```

or

```
var a =sessionStorage.getItem("uname");
```



# Web Storage (continued)

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## Setting and reading **localStorage**

### Store value on the browser

```
localStorage.setItem( 'key' , 'value' );
```

**or**

```
localStorage.key = 'value' ;
```

### Retrieve value, even after re-opening browser

```
var a = localStorage.getItem( 'key' );
```

**or**

```
var a = localStorage.key;
```





# Cookies

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- A Cookie is a variable that contains ***a small piece of information*** that can be passed by a **web server** to the client **browser**.
- This variable is ***stored in the client machine*** through the browser.
- The browser may chose not to accept a cookie
- A Cookie:
  - is stored as plain text record (maximum of 4Kb)
  - can be accessed by client and sent back with **HTTP Request** to **web server**
- **Reference:**  
<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/DOM/document.cookie>



# Cookies (continued)

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The text record consists of the following variable-length fields:

- **name=***value* pair used to set cookies
- **domain=***hostName* is the domain name where the cookie can be used.
- **path=***directoryPath* is the path to the directory where the cookie can be used.

This is usually the path to the web page that set the cookie. Webpages from a different directory can access the cookie if left blank.



# Cookies (continued)

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... Cookie text record continued

- **expires=stringDate** is the date when the cookie will expire. If blank, the cookie will expire when browser is closed.
- **secure** is use to restrict the retrieval of the cookie from a secure server. If left blank, no such restriction exists.

# Examples of cookie

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Name

PCID

Content

15024206654786497151447

Domain

.11street.my

Path

/

Send for

Any kind of connection

Accessible to script

No (HttpOnly)

Created

Friday, 11 August 2017 at 11:04:11

Expires

Wednesday, 29 August 2085 at 14:18:18



# Cookies – Checking

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## Can check if Cookies are enabled

```
if(navigator.cookieEnabled) {  
    // cookies enabled  
  
}else {  
    // cookies disabled  
}
```



# Cookies – Setting

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## Syntax to manage cookies

```
document.cookie = "field=value";
```

Document object

Setting field values

### Note:

Cookie *values* may not include semicolons, commas, or whitespace, use the JavaScript `escape()` and `unescape()` functions to encode and decode the value respectively



# Cookies – Setting (continued)

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## Setting a cookie record with no expiration:

```
document.cookie =  
  "lname=Smith;fname=Jack; "
```

## Setting a cookie record with expiration (session)

```
now = new Date();  
document.cookie =  
  "lname=Smith;fname=Jack; expires="  
+ now.toUTCString()  
+ " ;domain=.swinburne.edu.au;  
  path=/ ;secure; "
```



# Cookies – Setting (continued)

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**Wrong way, there are 6 Cookie records here**

```
document.cookie = "lname=Smith;" ;  
document.cookie = "fname=Jack;" ;  
document.cookie = "expires=" +  
    now.toUTCString() + ";"  
document.cookie =  
    "domain=.swinburne.edu.au;"  
document.cookie = "path=/" ;  
document.cookie = "secure;"
```





# Cookies – Deleting

## Setting expiration date (deleting a cookie)

```
expireDate = new Date();  
expireDate.setTime(expireDate.getTime()  
+ 3600000*24* _____);
```

Replace with – to delete cookies

Replace with number of days

```
document.cookie = "key=value;expires=" +  
    expireDate.toUTCString() + ";"
```



# Cookies – Reading

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```
// Get all the cookies pairs
var allCookies = document.cookie;
// Split each pair as an element in an array
cookieArray = allCookies.split(';');
// Access each pair as an element
for(var i=0; i<cookieArray.length; i++){
    // split each element into name and value
    name = cookieArray[i].split('=')[0];
    value = cookieArray[i].split('=')[1];
    alert("Key is " + name +
          " and value is " + value);
}
```



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## Creating Web Applications

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- Introduction to Server-Side Processing (PHP)

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