CS193X: Web Programming Fundamentals

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Today's schedule

Today

- Finish up gift example
- Case study: Tic-Tac-Toe
- DOM revisited
- Browser extensions

Announcements

- Victoria's Office Hours from 2:30 to 4pm

Forgot last time: List operations

Method	Description
`list.push(`***element***`)`	Add ***element*** to back
`list.unshift(`***element***`)`	Add ***element*** to front

Method	Description
`list.pop()`	Remove from back
`list.shift()`	Remove from front

Method	Description
`list.indexOf(`***element)***	Returns numeric index for ***element*** or -1 if none found

Forgot last time: `splice`

Add/remove element at index: `splice`

`list.splice(`***startIndex***`,` ***deleteCount***`,` ***item1***`,` ***item2***`, ...)`

Remove one element at index 3:

```
list.splice(3, 1);
```

Add ***element*** at index 2:

```
list.splice(2, 0, element);
```

Back to events, etc...

Example: Present

Click for a present:

See the CodePen - much more exciting!

```
function openPresent() {
  const image = document.querySelector('img');
  image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQUOxe7KlG/giphy.gif';
}

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image.addEventListener('click', openPresent);
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CodePen

Event.target

An Event element is passed to the listener as a parameter:

```
function openPresent(event) {
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}

const image = document.querySelector('img');
image.addEventListener('click', openPresent);
```

The event's target property is a reference to the object that dispatched the event, in this case the <img>'s Element to which we added the listener.

Example: Present

Click for a present:

It would be nice to change the text after the present is "opened"...

Some properties of `Element` objects

Property	Description
`id`	The value of the id attribute of the element, as a string
`innerHTML`	The raw HTML between the starting and ending tags of an element, as a string
`textContent`	The text content of a node and its descendants. (This property is inherited from Node)
`classList`	An object containing the classes applied to the element

Maybe we can adjust the
`textContent`!
CodePen

```
function openPresent(event) {
  const image = event.target;
  image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQUOxe7KlG/giphy.gif';

  const title = document.querySelector('h1');
  title.textContent = 'Hooray!';

  image.removeEventListener('click', openPresent);
}

const image = document.querySelector('img');
image.addEventListener('click', openPresent);
```

We can select the h1 element then set its `textContent` to change what is displayed in the h1. (CodePen)

Another approach: Changing the elements

Add elements via DOM

We can create elements dynamically and add them to the web page via `createElement` and `appendChild`:

```
document.createElement(tag string)
element.appendChild(element);
```

Technically you can also add elements to the webpage via `innerHTML`, but it poses a security risk.

```
// Try not to use innerHTML like this:
element.innerHTML = '<h1>Hooray!</h1>';
```

Remove elements via DOM

We can also call remove elements from the DOM by calling the `remove`() method on the DOM object:

```
element.remove();
```

And actually setting the `innerHTML` of an element to an **empty string** is a fine way of removing all children from a parent node:

```
// This is fine and poses no security risk.
element.innerHTML = '';
```

```
function openPresent(event) {
  const newHeader = document.createElement('h1');
  newHeader.textContent = 'Hooray!';
  const newImage = document.createElement('img');
  newImage.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQUOxe7KlG/giphy.gif';

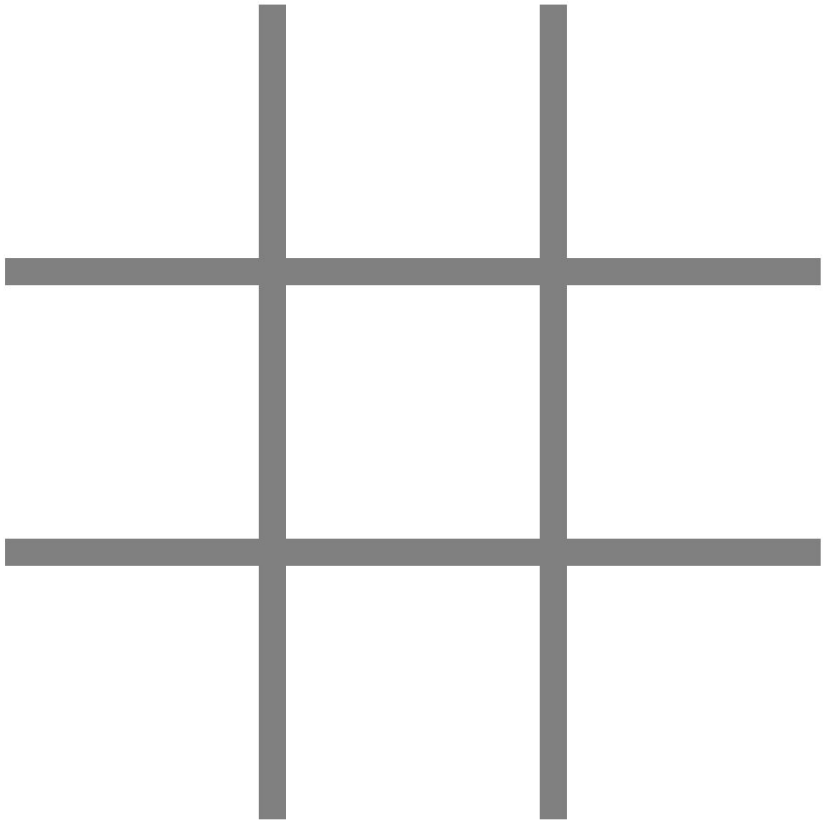
  const container = document.querySelector('#container');
  container.innerHTML = '';
  container.appendChild(newHeader);
  container.appendChild(newImage);
}

const image = document.querySelector('img');
image.addEventListener('click', openPresent);
```

CodePen

Example: Tic Tac Toe

Let's try to implement a game of Tic-Tac-Toe.



Tic Tac Toe plan

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CodePen starter code

Empty square -> X

First we need to make all `div` children of `#grid` clickable… how do we do that?

```
<body>
  <h1>Tic-Tac-Toe</h1>
  <div id="grid">
    <div></div>
    <div></div>
    <div></div>

    <div></div>
    <div></div>
    <div></div>

    <div></div>
    <div></div>
    <div></div>
  </div>
</body>
```

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    <div></div>
    <div></div>
  </div>
</body>
```

```
function changeToX(event) {
  // ...
}

const boxes = document.querySelectorAll('#grid div');
for (const box of boxes) {
  box.addEventListener('click', changeToX);
}
```

In changeToX, we need to add an <img> tag into the clicked element…

How do we do that?

Empty square -> X

```
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    <div></div>
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    <div></div>

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    <div></div>
    <div></div>

    <div></div>
    <div></div>
    <div></div>
  </div>
</body>
```

```
function changeToX(event) {
  const container = event.target;
  const image = document.createElement('img');
  image.src = X_IMAGE_URL;
  container.appendChild(image);
  container.removeEventListener('click', changeToX);
}
```

Step 1 Complete: CodePen

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Aside: Random in JS

Inconveniently, JavaScript only has one* random generator: `Math.random()`

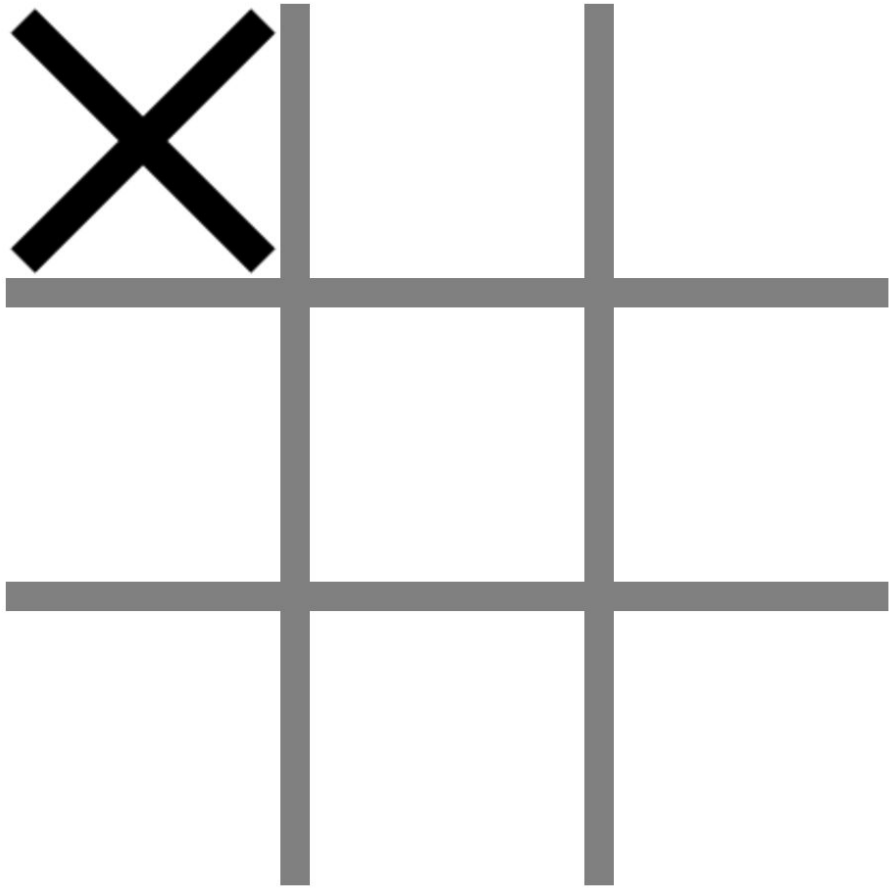
- `Math.random()` returns a random floating point number between [0, 1) (0 inclusive, 1 exclusive)

To get a random number from 0 inclusive to `max` exclusive:

```
Math.floor(Math.random() * max);
```

(Intuition: It's like a random percentage of max…
so if max is 5, then [0, 0.2) maps to 0, [0.2, 0.4) maps to 1, [0.4, 0.6) maps to 2, [0.6, 0.8) maps to 3, [0.8, 1) maps to 4)

*aside from crypto libraries



How do we figure out an empty space?

Empty space: DOM approach

Maybe something like:

- For each `#grid div`
  - See if it has an `img` child

Note that `querySelector` can also be used on an element, not just `document`:

```
const sectionElement = document.querySelector('section');
// All h1s that are children of sectionElement:
const headers = sectionElement.querySelector('h1');
```

```
function computerChooseO() {
  const allBoxes  = document.querySelectorAll('#grid div');
  const freeBoxes = [];
  for (const box of allBoxes) {
    let imageChild = box.querySelector('img');
    if (!imageChild) {
      freeBoxes.push(box);
    }
  }
  const index = Math.floor(Math.random() * freeBoxes.length);
  const freeSpace = freeBoxes[index];
  const image = document.createElement('img');
  image.src = O_IMAGE_URL;
  freeSpace.appendChild(image);
}
```

Anything wrong with this approach?
(CodePen)

Don't query UI for state

We're querying the UI state to understand the game state.

This is not a great software engineering technique:

- Couples your "view" and your "model"
- Can lead to hard-to-find bugs:
  - What if we later decide to display X's and O's using background-image instead of an `<img>` tag?
- Code is also a little hard to read
  - What do "`img`" tags have to do with a free space?

Better to keep track of state separately from UI!

Better(?) approach: Global Variable

We can instead store the game state in a global variable:

```
const freeBoxes = [];
const boxes = document.querySelectorAll('#grid div');
for (const box of boxes) {
  box.addEventListener('click', changeToX);
  freeBoxes.push(box);
}
```

`freeBoxes` is our array that contains the available boxes

Better(?) approach: Global Variable

```
function changeToX(event) {
  const container = event.target;
  const image = document.createElement('img');
  image.src = X_IMAGE_URL;
  container.appendChild(image);
  container.removeEventListener('click', changeToX);

  // Also remove |container| from |freeBoxes|
  const indexToRemove = freeBoxes.indexOf(container);
  freeBoxes.splice(indexToRemove, 1);
  computerChooseO();
}
```

Then we update the `freeBoxes` state when we add an X...

Better(?) approach: Global Variable

```
function computerChooseO() {
  const allBoxes  = document.querySelectorAll('#grid div');
  const index = Math.floor(Math.random() * freeBoxes.length);
  const freeSpace = freeBoxes[index];
  // Remove the chosen box from freeBoxes.
  freeBoxes.splice(index, 1);
  const image = document.createElement('img');
  image.src = O_IMAGE_URL;
  freeSpace.appendChild(image);
}
```

...And when the computer add an O. (CodePen)

Is that really better?!

What's wrong with that solution?

- Aren't we still coupling UI with state?
  - We are storing references to UI elements in `freeBoxes`...
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(We'll deal with these problems next week)

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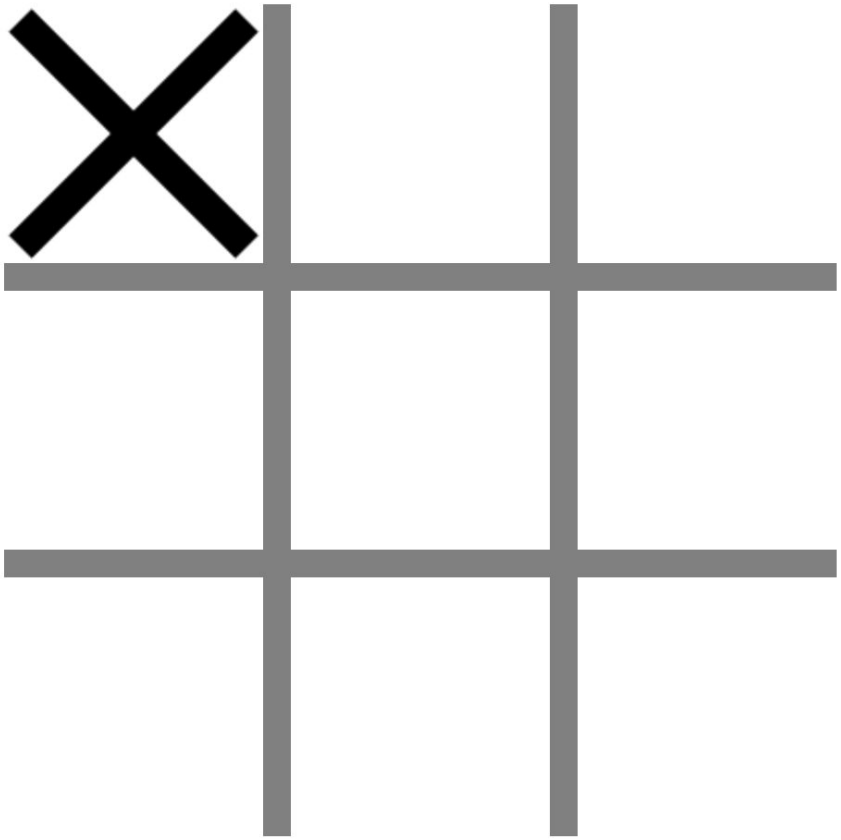
Distinguishing boxes

```
function changeToX(event) {
  const container = event.target;
```



The same event handler is called for each element.

How do we distinguish between elements?

Terrible idea: 9 event handlers

```
<body>
  <h1>Tic-Tac-Toe</h1>
  <div id="grid">
    <div id="one"></div>
    <div id="two"></div>
    <div id="three"></div>

    <div id="four"></div>
    <div id="five"></div>
    <div id="six"></div>

    <div id="seven"></div>
    <div id="eight"></div>
    <div id="nine"></div>
  </div>
</body>
```

```
function changeToXRow1Column1(event) {
  //...
}
function changeToXRow1Column2(event) {
  //...
}
function changeToXRow1Column3(event) {
  //...
}
```

```
const first = document.querySelector('#one');
first.addEventListener('click', changeToXRow1Column1);
const second = document.querySelector('#two');
second.addEventListener('click', changeToXRow1Column2);
```

Uniquely identifying items

```
<body>
  <h1>Tic-Tac-Toe</h1>
  <div id="grid">
    <div id="one"></div>
    <div id="two"></div>
    <div id="three"></div>

    <div id="four"></div>
    <div id="five"></div>
    <div id="six"></div>

    <div id="seven"></div>
    <div id="eight"></div>
    <div id="nine"></div>
  </div>
</body>
```

But this idea of uniquely identifying squares is a good one!

Solution

```
const freeBoxes = [];
// Map of box number -> 'x' or 'o'
const takenBoxes = {};
const boxes = document.querySelectorAll('#grid div');
for (const box of boxes) {
  box.addEventListener('click', changeToX);
  freeBoxes.push(box);
}
```

Add another state variable, `takenBoxes`, that maps box number to who owns the box

```
function changeToX(event) {
  assignSpace(event.target, 'x');
```

```
function computerChooseO() {
  const allBoxes  = document.querySelectorAll('#grid di
  const index = Math.floor(Math.random() * freeBoxes.le
  const freeSpace = freeBoxes[index];

  assignSpace(freeSpace, 'o');
```

```
function assignSpace(space, owner) {
  const image = document.createElement('img');
  image.src = owner === 'x' ? X_IMAGE_URL : O_IMAGE_URL;
  space.appendChild(image);

  takenBoxes[space.id] = owner;
  const indexToRemove = freeBoxes.indexOf(space);
  freeBoxes.splice(indexToRemove, 1);
  space.removeEventListener('click', changeToX);
}
```

Update `takenBoxes` with the owner each time a space is assigned.

```
// Returns 'x', 'o', or null for no winner yet.
function getWinner() {
  // Check rows
  let rowResult = checkBoxes('one', 'two', 'three') ||
      checkBoxes('four', 'five', 'six') ||
      checkBoxes('seven', 'eight', 'nine');

  // Check columns
  let colResult = checkBoxes('one', 'four', 'seven') ||
      checkBoxes('two', 'five', 'eight') ||
      checkBoxes('three', 'six', 'nine');

  // Check diagonal
  let diagonalResult = checkBoxes('one', 'five', 'nine') ||
      checkBoxes('three', 'five', 'seven');
  return rowResult || colResult || diagonalResult;
}
```

```
function checkBoxes(one, two, three) {
  if (takenBoxes[one] !== undefined &&
      takenBoxes[one] === takenBoxes[two] &&
      takenBoxes[two] === takenBoxes[three]) {
    return takenBoxes[one];
  }
  return null;
}
```

Find winner by checking rows, columns and diagonal spaces

(CodePen)

Attach "data" to divs?

```
<body>
  <h1>Tic-Tac-Toe</h1>
  <div id="grid">
    <div id="one"></div>
    <div id="two"></div>
    <div id="three"></div>

    <div id="four"></div>
    <div id="five"></div>
    <div id="six"></div>

    <div id="seven"></div>
    <div id="eight"></div>
    <div id="nine"></div>
  </div>
</body>
```

Wouldn't it be nicer if we could operate on numbers instead of string ids?

But we can't have numeric IDs…

Is there some way to attach additional "data" to an element?

Data attributes

You can assign special data-* attributes to HTML elements to give associate additional data with the element.

`data-`***your-name***`="`***Your Value***`"`

```
<article
  id="electriccars"
  data-columns="3"
  data-index-number="12314"
  data-parent="cars">
...
</article>
```

Data attributes in JavaScript

You can access your custom-defined data attributes via the `dataset` object on the DOM object:

```
var article = document.getElementById('electriccars');

article.dataset.columns // "3"
article.dataset.indexNumber // "12314"
article.dataset.parent // "cars"
```

- Dash-separated words turn to camel case, e.g. `data-index-number` in HTML is `dataset.indexNumber` in JS
- **Aside:** Data attributes are returned as strings, but you can cast them to `Number` via `parseInt`

Data attributes in CSS

You can also style data attributes in CSS:

`[data-`***variable-name***`]` or
`[data-`***variable-name***`='`***value***`']` or
element`[data-`***variable-name***`]` etc

```
article[data-columns='3'] {
  width: 400px;
}
article[data-columns='4'] {
  width: 600px;
}
```

```
<body>
  <h1>Tic-Tac-Toe</h1>
  <div id="grid">
    <div data-index="0"></div>
    <div data-index="1"></div>
    <div data-index="2"></div>

    <div data-index="3"></div>
    <div data-index="4"></div>
    <div data-index="5"></div>

    <div data-index="6"></div>
    <div data-index="7"></div>
    <div data-index="8"></div>
  </div>
  <div id="results"></div>
</body>
```

[Final Solution CodePen]

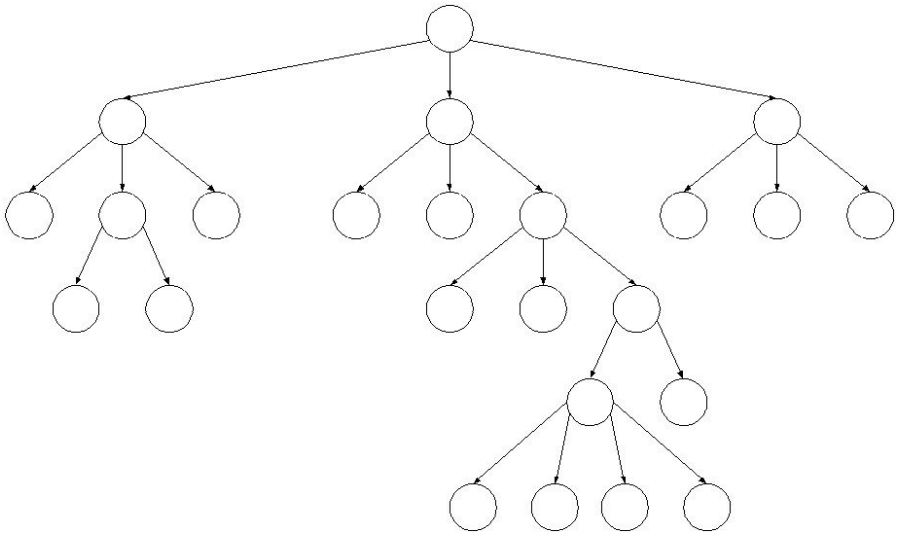
```
const index = parseInt(space.dataset.index);
takenBoxes[index] = owner;
```

Understanding the DOM

DOM Nodes

If the DOM is a tree composed of Nodes…

Q: Does that mean a Node in the DOM has child pointers like the trees we learned about in 106B?



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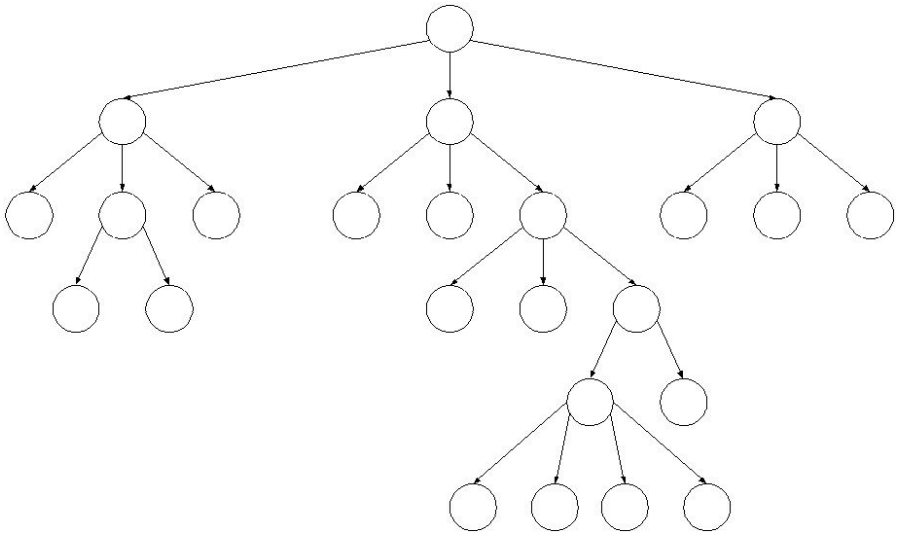

Node properties

Property	Description
textContent	The text content of a node and its descendants. (This property is writeable)
childNodes	An array of this node's children (empty if a leaf)
parentNode	A reference to this node's parent Node

```
<body>
    <h1>My favorites</h1>
    <section>
        <p>Strawberries</p>
        <p>Chocolate</p>
    </section>
</body>
```

What's the **parentNode** of **<section>**?

parentNode

```
> section = document.querySelector('section');
<· ▶<section>…</section>
> section.parentNode
<· ▶<body>…</body>
```

```
<body>
    <h1>My favorites</h1>
    <section>
        <p>Strawberries</p>
        <p>Chocolate</p>
    </section>
</body>
```

The **parentNode** of **<section>** is **<body>**.

What are the **childNodes** of **<section>**?

childNodes

```
> section = document.querySelector('section');
<- ▶<section>…</section>
> section.childNodes
<- ▶[text, p, text, p, text]
> section.childNodes.length
<- 5
```

???

```
<body>
    <h1>My favorites</h1>
    <section>
        <p>Strawberries</p>
        <p>Chocolate</p>
    </section>
</body>
```

Why does `section` have 5 children, not 2?!

TextNode

In addition to `Element` nodes, the DOM also contains `Text` nodes. All text present in the HTML, **including whitespace**, is contained in a text node:

```
<body>
    <h1>My favorites</h1>
    <section>
        <p>Strawberries</p>
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    </section>
</body>
```

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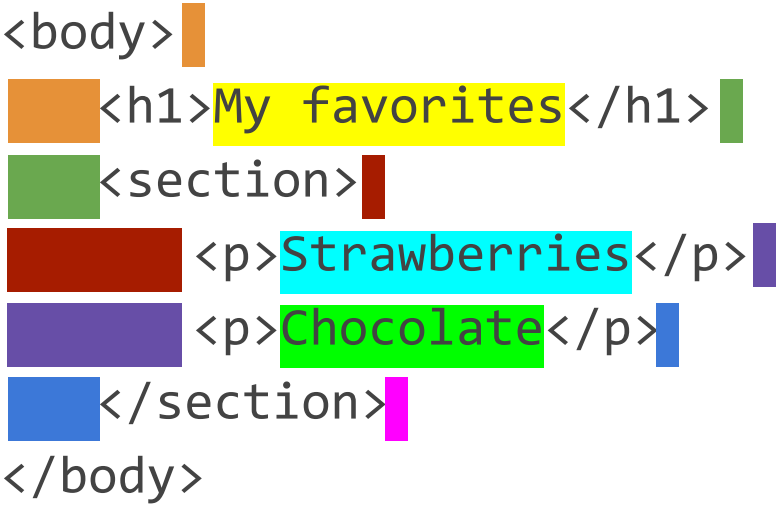

DOM and Text nodes

The DOM is composed of `Node`s, and there are several subtypes of `Node`.

- `Element`: HTML (or SVG) elements in the DOM
- `Text`: Text content in the DOM, including whitespace
  - `Text` nodes cannot contain children (are always leafs)
- `Comment`: HTML comments
- (more)

The type of a node is stored in the `nodeType` property

Traversing the DOM

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A: Recursively walk the DOM tree:

```
function walkTree(root, level) {
  if (root.nodeType == Node.TEXT_NODE) {
    console.log(level + 'text:' + root.textContent);
  } else {
    console.log(level + root.nodeName);
  }
  for (const child of root.childNodes) {
    walkTree(child, level + "    ");
  }
}
walkTree(document.querySelector('html'), "");
```

What's the point?

- If we have document.querySelector that lets us get elements in the DOM…
- And if we can change the HTML as necessary to add classes/ids/elements/etc to select the right things…

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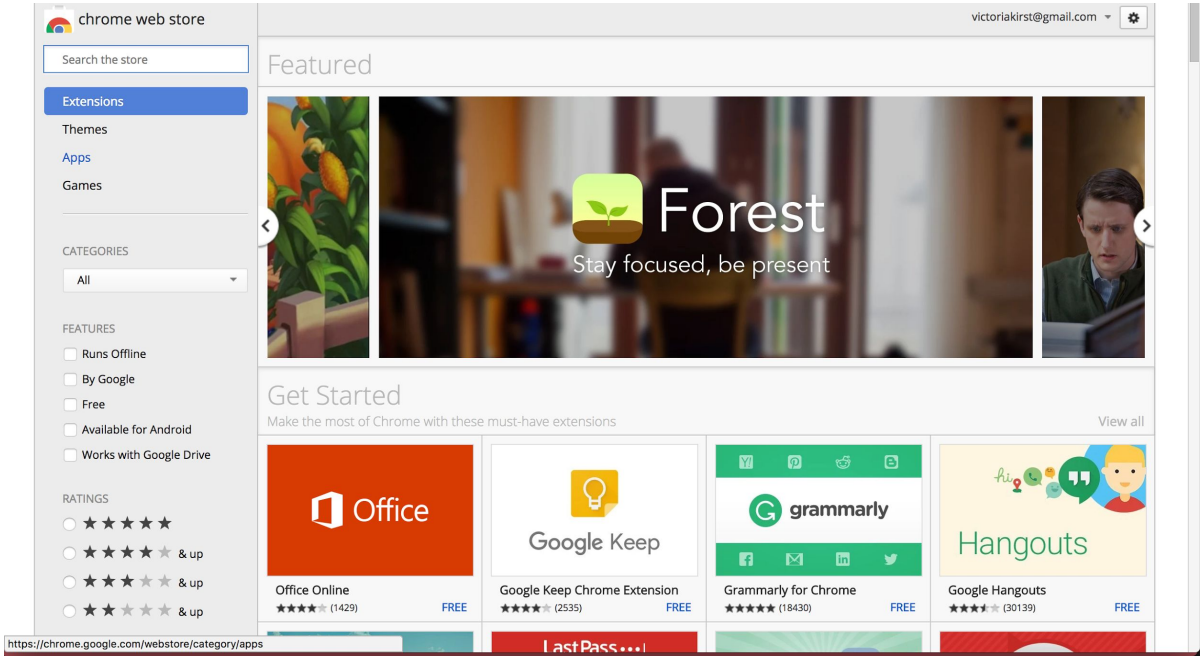
Q: When would we ever want to traverse the DOM?

A: Pretty much only in browser extensions

(i.e. manipulating someone else's page)

Browser extensions

- Add-on that extends the functionality of the browser
- A piece of JavaScript that is injected into the webpage before or after it has loaded



More next time!