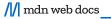
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Node.nodeType



The read-only **nodeType** property of a <u>Node</u> interface is an integer that identifies what the node is. It distinguishes different kind of nodes from each other, such as <u>elements</u>, <u>text</u> and <u>comments</u>.

Value

An integer which specifies the type of the node. Possible values are:

```
Node.ELEMENT_NODE (1)
 An <u>Element</u> node like \leq p \geq or \leq div \geq.
Node.ATTRIBUTE_NODE (2)
 An Attribute of an Element.
Node.TEXT_NODE (3)
 The actual \underline{\mathsf{Text}} inside an \underline{\mathsf{Element}} or \underline{\mathsf{Attr}}.
Node.CDATA SECTION NODE (4)
 A CDATASection, such as <!CDATA[[ ... ]]>
Node.PROCESSING_INSTRUCTION_NODE (7)
 A ProcessingInstruction of an XML document, such as <?xml-stylesheet ... ?>.
Node.COMMENT_NODE (8)
 A Comment node, such as <!-- ... -->.
Node.DOCUMENT_NODE (9)
 A Document node.
Node.DOCUMENT_TYPE_NODE (10)
 A DocumentType node, such as <!DOCTYPE html>.
Node.DOCUMENT_FRAGMENT_NODE (11)
 A <u>DocumentFragment</u> node.
```

The following constants have been deprecated and are not in use anymore: Node.ENTITY_REFERENCE_NODE (5), Node.ENTITY_NODE (6), and Node.NOTATION_NODE (12).

Examples

Different types of nodes

```
document.nodeType === Node.DOCUMENT_NODE; // true
document.doctype.nodeType === Node.DOCUMENT_TYPE_NODE; // true

document.createDocumentFragment().nodeType === Node.DOCUMENT_FRAGMENT_NODE; // true

const p = document.createElement("p");
p.textContent = "Once upon a time...";

p.nodeType === Node.ELEMENT_NODE; // true
p.firstChild.nodeType === Node.TEXT_NODE; // true
```



Comments

This example checks if the first node inside the document element is a comment, and displays a message if not.

```
const node = document.documentElement.firstChild;
if (node.nodeType !== Node.COMMENT_NODE) {
  console.warn("You should comment your code!");
}
```

Specifications

Specification

DOM Standard

ref-for-dom-node-nodetype(1)

Browser compatibility

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	Chrome	Edge	Firefox	Opera	Safari	Chrome Android	Firefox for Android	Opera Android	Safari on iOS
nodeType	Chrome 1	Edge 12	Firefox 1	Opera 7	Safari 1.1	Chrome 18 Android	Firefox 4 for Android	Opera 10.1 Android	Safari 1 on iOS

Tip: you can click/tap on a cell for more information.

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