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JS: JavaScript For Web Development

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What will be covered

- What is the Document Object Model (DOM)
- Accessing DOM elements
- Traversing DOM
- Manipulation DOM
- JS Events
- JS Data Validation
- Libraries and Frameworks
- Best Practices and Tips

• What is the DOM?

- The Document Object Model is what allows web pages to render, respond to user events, and change.
- The Document Object Model (DOM) is an **interface** that allows programs and scripts to **dynamically access** and **update** the content, structure, and style of a document.
- When a web page is **loaded**, the **browser creates** a Document Object Model (DOM) of the page.

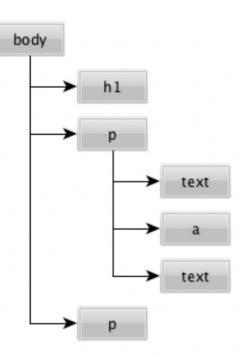
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What is the DOM?

```
<body>
                                   body
  <h1>Hello</h1>
  >
    Check out my
                                                    text
    <a href="/page">Page!</a>
    It's the best page out there
  text
  Come back soon!
</body>
```

HTML Code to **DOM** Representation

- The **DOM** represents the web page as a logical tree where each branch of the tree ends in a node and each node contains objects.
- The **topmost** node is the **Document node**, followed by the **root** element node, and then the **child nodes** representing other elements and text nodes.
 - Each node can have 0 or 1 parent.
 - Each node can have 0 to many siblings/children nodes.



- **DOM** Nodes:
 - Are JavaScript objects.
 - Have Attributes that are JavaScript properties.
 - They represent elements, attributes, and text in the HTML document.
- **DOM Attributes** define how the Node **looks** and **responds** to User **activity.**
- **DOM methods** allow programmatic access to the tree. With them, you can change the document's structure, style, and/or content.

- The **document object** is the important connection between the DOM and JavaScript code.
- It Provides methods for navigating and manipulating the DOM.
- What can we do with document object?
 - Can **add**, **modify**, or **remove nodes** on the DOM, which will add, modify, or remove the corresponding element on the page.
 - Can **add**, **modify**, or **remove** the **attributes** of these nodes to change the attributes of an element.
 - Can add, modify, or remove existing events in the page.

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- We can **access elements** in the DOM by **searching the DOM** for HTML elements that match **certain criteria**.
- The most used methods for accessing elements are:
- document.getElementsByTagName('nameOfTag')
 - **2** document.getElementsByName('valueOfAttributeName ')
- **3** o document.getElementsByClassName("valueOfAttributeClass");
- document.getElementById(''valueOfAttributeId')
- **5** document.querySelector('cssSelector')
- 6 o document.querySelectorAll('cssSelector')
- These methods help select the element we want to manipulate.

• Let's see how this works. Given the following HTML code:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>...</head>
 <body>
    <h1 class='title'>CCSW 321 Students Club</h1>
   <form>
       <label>Student Name:</label>
       <input type='text' name='stdname' />
       <input type='submit'/>
        </form>
                                             CCSW 321 Students Club
  </body>
</html>
                                             Name:
                                                             Submit
```

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```
let result = document.getElementsByTagName('p');
```

result = will return a collection of all tags found in the DOM tree. The returned value will always be a collection even if one exists in the page.

To access the first element, we use the index zero **result[0]**.

```
let result = document.getElementsByName('stdname');
```

- result = will return a nodeList of all HTML elements with attribute 'name' and value 'stdname'.
- To access the first element, we use the index zero **result[0]**.

```
let result = document.getElementsByClassName('msg');
```

- result = will return a collection of all elements with attribute 'class' and value 'title'.
- To access the first element, we use the index zero result[0].

```
let result = document.getElementById('msg');
```

- result = will return a single node, the first element with the attribute 'id' and value 'msg'.
- Unlike previous methods, this one returns a single node.

```
let result = document.querySelector('#msg');
```

- result = will return a single node, the first element that with attribute id and value "msg".
- querySelector is a powerful method. You can use your knowledge of CSS Selectors to find any element in the DOM.
 - querySelector(".title") = will select the first element with class name 'title'.
 - querySelector("p") = will select the first element.
 - querySelector("input[name='stdname']") = will select the first <input> with attribute 'name' and value 'stdname'.

```
let result = document.querySelectorAll('input');
```

- **result** = will return a NodeList of all existing <input> elements.
- querySelectorAll works in similar manner as querySelector but returns all elements matching criteria instead of the first element only.

```
document.querySelector("#msg")
    document.querySelector("p")
    document.querySelector("label")
    <label>Student Name:</label>
  document.querySelector("input[name='stdname']")
    <input type="text" name="stdname">
  document.guerySelectorAll("input")

    NodeList(2) [input, input]

  document.querySelectorAll("input")[0]
    <input type="text" name="stdname">
  document.guerySelectorAll("input")[1]
    <input type="submit">
```

HTMLColelction and NodeList

- Most of the DOM selector methods will return a **collection of Nodes**, which is an object called **HTMLCollection** or **NodeList**.
- The **NodeList** and **HTMLCollection** are objects, **not arrays**, which means they do not have access to the usual array properties or methods.
- In most cases, you do not need to convert HTMLCollection or NodeList into an array, but in case you did, then to convert them into arrays, use the following:

```
Let result = Array.from(document.getElementsByTagName('input'))
```

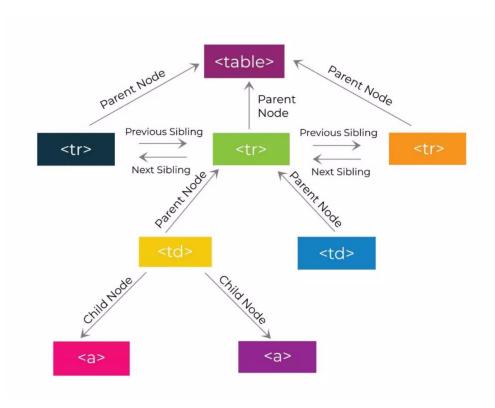
Now **result** is an Array with access to array properties and methods.

- Traversing the DOM tree means navigating through the hierarchy of nodes in the Document Object Model (DOM) tree.
- In the DOM tree, each element is represented as a node, and each node has a **specific relationship** to other nodes in the tree. The relationship between nodes can be categorized as **parent**, **child**, **sibling**, **ancestor**, or **descendant**.
- By using DOM traversal, developers can access and manipulate elements that may be hidden or difficult to access using other methods.

• Traversing the DOM tree involves selecting an initial node and then moving to other nodes based on their relationship to the initial node. This can be done using DOM traversal methods:



- 2 ° childNodes[i]
- **3**∘ firstChild
- **Y** lastChild
- 5 · previous Sibling
- 6 o nextSibling



Let's see how this works.

```
document.guerySelector('section')
< ><section>...</section>
  document.guerySelector('section').parentElement
  <body>...</body>
  document.querySelector('section').firstChild
    Class List:
  document.querySelector('section').lastChild
  ▼
     "For more info "
     <a href="..">click here</a>
    document.querySelector('section').childNodes
▶ 0: p
    ▶ 1: ul
    ▶ 2: p
     length: 3
    ▶ [[Prototype]]: NodeList
 document.guerySelector('section').firstChild.nextSibling
  ▶...
```

- Modifying elements in the DOM allows us to:
 - Add/modify/remove HTML elements.
 - Add/modify/remove HTML attributes, for example:
 - Update an image src attribute.
 - Update the 'type' of an input which, e.g, allows us to enable/disable elements.
 - Add/modify/remove CSS styling, for example:
 - Hide/show elements by updating the "display" property.
 - Attach/detach event listeners.

- Methods to create/remove nodes:
 - **createElement**(tagName) = will create a new node that corresponds to the specified tagName.
 - parentNode.removeChild(oldNode) = will remove the oldNode from the parentNode.
- When removing a node, sometimes it is challenges to identify the parentNode, so there's a common trick used to remove nodes:
 - oldNode.parentNode.removeChild(oldNode)

We select the node to be removed, and then we invoke "parentNode" property to select its parent, and then we remove the node.

- Methods to add nodes to the page (Linking to page):
 - **appendChild**(newNode): Insert newNode at end of current Node
 - **prependChild**(newNode): Insert newNode at beginning of current Node
 - insertBefore (newNode, siblingNode): Insert newNode before a certain childNode.
- Once nodes are created, they are just free floating, and **not connected** to the document itself until you **link them** to the DOM. You must link them to view them on page.

Properties to edit content:

- element.innerHTML = gets/sets the HTML content of a node.

 Used with elements without a value attribute, e.g., <div>, .
- element.innerText = similar to innerHTML but gets/sets the textual content only.
- element.value = gets/sets the value element of a form element.

 Used with form elements mostly, e.g., <input>, <select>, etc.
- element.setAttribute(name, value) = sets the attribute to given value.

Creating elements in the DOM:

You can create nodes easily using the tagName as follows:

```
// create a  tag
let ptag = document.createElement('p');
```

• Nodes are just free floating, and not connected to the document itself until you link them to the DOM.

```
// add ptag to the page
document.querySelector('body').appendChild(ptag);
```

Removing elements from the DOM:

• To remove a node element, we can do the following:

```
<body> Hello World! </body>
```

• Removing the tag along with its content

```
const pNode = document.querySelector('p');
pNode.parentNode.removeChild(pNode);
```

Modifying elements in the DOM:

• We can modify the textual content of a :

```
const pNode = document.querySelector('p');
    pNode.innerHTML = 'new Text';

const pNode = document.querySelector('p');
    pNode.innerText = 'new Text';
```

• The main difference is that innerHTML returns the HTML content inside an element, including any tags, while innerText returns only the text content inside an element, without any tags...

Modifying elements in the DOM:

• You can access attributes of an HTML element via a property (field) of the DOM object, e.g., change an image:

```
const image = document.querySelector('img');
   image.src = 'new-picture.png';
```

• You can do the same using setAttribute:

```
const image = document.querySelector('img');
image.setAttribute('src', 'new-picture.png');
```

Modifying CSS of elements in the DOM:

• We can use the **style** property to modify CSS:

```
const element = document.querySelector('p');
element.style.fontWeight = "bold";
```

Note the following:



Modifying CSS of elements in the DOM:

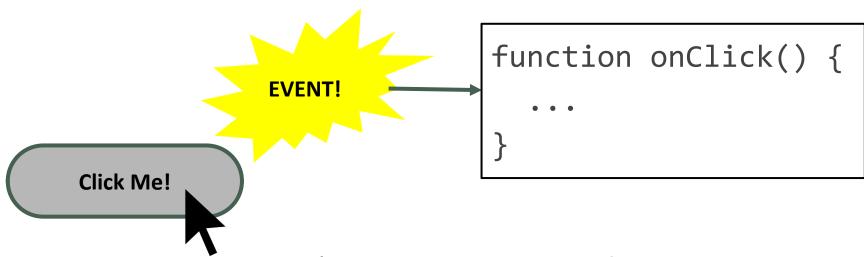
• Alternatively, we can update the class name:

```
//add a CSS class
document.getElementById("MyElement").classList.add('class');

//remove a CSS class
document.getElementById("MyElement").classList.remove('class');
```

• JavaScript in the browser is mostly even-driven.

The code doesn't run right away, but it executes after some event fires.



Any function listening to that event now executes. This function is called an "event handler."

- Events can be attached to DOM elements so that when a certain event occurs, they can invoke a given function.
- Examples of commonly used events are:
 - **Submit** = fires when form is submitted.
 - **Click** = fires when element is clicked.
 - **Keypress** = fires when a keyboard button is pressed.
 - **Focus** = fires An element gets focus.
- For a full list of possible events, please refer to https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom obj event.asp

Event handling with the DOM:

• Each DOM object has the following functiond:

```
addEventListener(event name, function name);

removeEventListener(event name, function name);
```

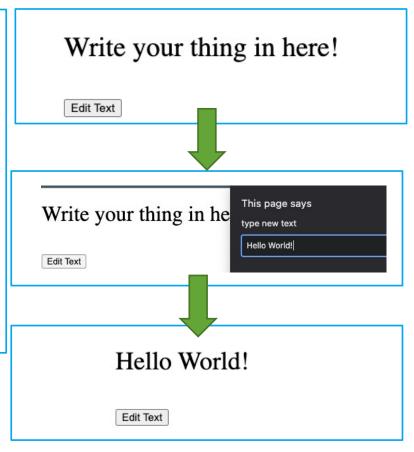
- event name is the string name of the JavaScript event you want to listen to (e.g. click, focus, blur, etc.)
- **function name** is the name of the JavaScript function you want to execute when the event fires

CODE

<body> Write your thing in here! <button>Edit Text</button> </body> <script type="text/javascript"> //Attaching listener document.getElementsByTagName("button")[0].addEventListener("click", editText); //function to execute when button is clicked function editText(){ let mytxt = prompt("type new text") document.guerySelector("p").innerText = mytxt;

</script>

OUTPUT



JavaScript DOM/Events Example

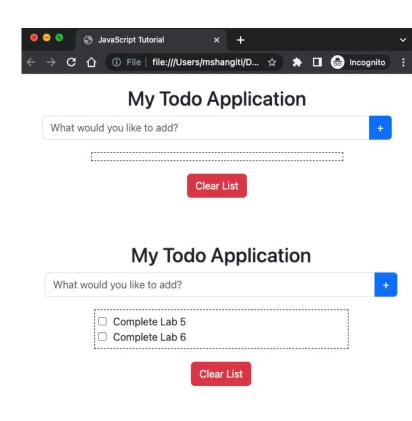
• Can you create this simple app?

Step0: Build the HTML/CSS needed. In this example we used Bootstrap to improve the design, but feel free to use your own styling.

Step1: Attach an event listener to the add button to call 'addElement()' function on mouse click.

Step2: Attach an event listener to call 'addElement()' function on keyboard 'enter' press.

Step3: Attach an event listener to the 'clear List' button to call 'emptyList()' function on mouse click.

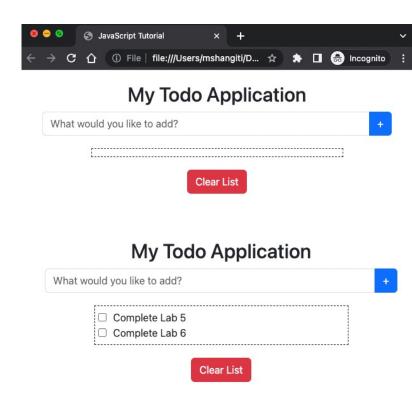


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• Can you create this simple app?

Step4. Create the addElement() function that would read user input and add it to the list. Attach an event listener to added element to remove the item when the 'checkbox' is clicked.

Step5. Create the emptyList() function that would remove all items from the list.



JavaScript DOM/Events Example

Step 0: HTML and CSS

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <head>...</head>
 <body>
  <section>
     <section id='form'>
       <h1>My Todo Application</h1>
       <div class='input-group'>
       <input class='form-control' type="text" name="item" placeholder="What would you like to add?">
       <button class='btn btn-primary'>+</button>
       </div>
     </section>
     <section id='mylist'>
     </section>
     <section id='clear'>
       <button class='btn btn-danger'>Clear List
     </section>
   </section>
 </body>
</html>
```

```
<style>
 body{
    text-align: center;
 section{
   margin: 20px;
  label{
    margin-left: 10px:
 #mylist{
    text-align: left:
   width: 400px;
   margin:0 auto;
    border:1px dashed;
    padding: 1%;
    cursor:pointer:
</style>
```

JavaScript DOM/Events Example

• Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3: Event Listeners

```
/* event listeners */
//step 1 and step 2
document.querySelector("#form button").addEventListener("click", addElement)
document.querySelector("#form input").addEventListener("keypress", function(e){
    // console.log(e.key)
    if(e.key == "Enter"){
        addElement();
    }
})
//step 3
document.querySelector("#clear button").addEventListener("click",emptyList)
```

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Step 4 and Step 5: Functions

```
//step 4
function addElement(){
  //create
  let mydiv = document.createElement("div")
  let myinput = document.createElement("input")
  let mylabel = document.createElement("label")
  let usrtxt = document.guerySelector("#form input")
  //attributes
  myinput.type = "checkbox"
  // document.guerySelector().addAttribute("type","checkbox")
  mvlabel.innerText = usrtxt.value
  usrtxt.value = ""
  //adding event listener
  myinput.addEventListener("click", function(e){
      document.guerySelector("#mylist").removeChild(mydiv)
   mydiv.addEventListener("dblclick", function(e){
     document.guerySelector("#mylist").removeChild(mydiv)
  })
  //adding to page
  mvdiv.appendChild(mvinput)
  mydiv.appendChild(mylabel)
  document.querySelector("#mylist").appendChild(mydiv)
//step 5
function emptyList(){
    let count = document.querySelector("#mylist").children.length
    let container = document.querySelector("#mylist")
    for (var i = 0; i <= count; i++) {
      container.removeChild(container.firstChild)
```

- User data validation is the process of checking whether the data entered by the user into a web form is valid, correct, and consistent with the expected format, data type, range, and other requirements.
- Why is it important?
 - It helps to **prevent errors**, **inconsistencies**, and **security breaches** that could result from incorrect or malicious data inputs.
 - It enhances the user experience by providing immediate feedback on incorrect input and reducing the risk of errors and user frustration.

- What to Check for in User Data Validation?
 - **Presence validation**: Ensuring that the input is not empty or null
 - **Data type validation**: correct data type (e.g., string, number, boolean)?
 - Format validation: follows the specified format (e.g., email, phone number, date)?
 - Range validation: falls within a specified range (e.g., age, price, quantity)?
 - Length validation: Does not exceed a specific length limit (e.g., password)?
 - Whitelist Validation: is one of the accepted values (e.g., gender)?

- JavaScript provides various methods and techniques for validating user input data.
 - Using **regular expressions** to check for the format of the input.
 - Using **built-in functions** such as isNaN() to check for numeric input.
 - Using **if-else statements** and loops to check for specific conditions and requirements.
 - Using third-party libraries and frameworks such as jQuery or React that offer built-in validation methods.

- Let's see an example of how this works.
- Can you build this form using HTML?

Welcome to my CCSW321 Website	
First Name (*): e.g., Moayad	
Email (*): e.g., moayad@gmail.com	
Mobile: +966 ✓ 507666666	
How did you hear about us?	
○ Google ○ TV ○ Friend	
Submit Reset	

What kind of checks do you think we need to do?

- Examples of validation checks:
 - Does name contain English letters only?
 - Is the name within expected length, e.g.,
 - between 2 and 100 chars?
 - Is the email in the expected format?
 - Mobile contains only numbers?
 - Mobile is within expected range?
 - Was the selection of "how the user heard about us" from the list provided (code can be injected!)?
 - Etc.



• HTML:

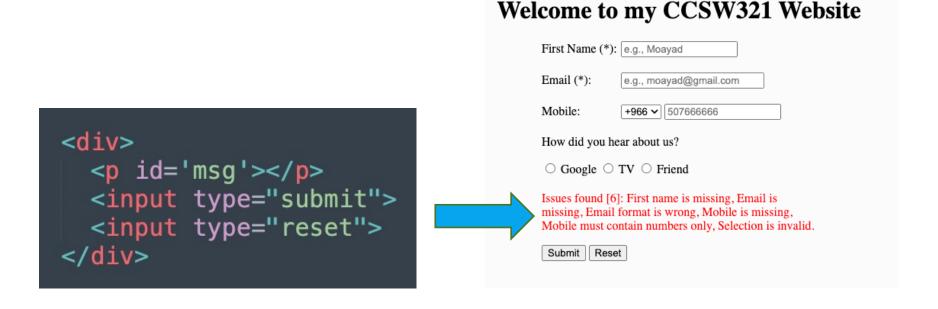
```
<h1>Welcome to my CCSW321 Website</h1>
<form method="GET" action="" autocomplete="on" id='myform' name='myform'>
    <!-- First name -->
        <label for='fname'>First Name (*):</label>
        <input type="text" name="fname" maxlength="25" placeholder="e.g.,</pre>
       Moayad" autofocus pattern="[A-Za-z0-9]+" >
      </div>
    <!-- email -->
        <label>Email (*):</label>
        <input id='email' type="email" name="email" placeholder="e.g.,</pre>
        moayad@gmail.com" size='25' >
    <!-- Mobile -->
        <label>Mobile:</label>
        <select name='countrycode'>
         <option>+534</option>
         <option selected>+966
          <option>+1</option>
        </select>
        <input id='mobile' type="tel" name="mobile" placeholder="5076666666"</pre>
        minlength="9" maxlength="9">
      <!-- How did you hear about? -->
      <div id='hear'>
        How did you hear about us?
            <input type="radio" name="aboutus" value='Google'>
            <label>Google</label>
          <input type="radio" name="aboutus" value='TV'>
         <label>TV</label>
            <input type="radio" name="aboutus" value='Friend'>
            <label>Friend</label>
      </div>
  </section>
```

- We need to make sure each input field has a 'name' attribute. Without this attribute, nothing will be sent to the backend.
- The name attribute will act as a unique identifier that allows us to access the user data using DOM.

```
<div>
     <label for='fname'>First Name (*):</label>
     <input type="text" name="fname" maxlength="25" placeholder="e.g.,
     Moayad" autofocus pattern="[A-Za-z0-9]+" >
     </div>
```

let fname = document.getElementsByName('fname')[0].value;

• In order to show the **error message** back to the user, we need to either user an alert() box, or insert/update an HTML tag to the <body> that shows the error messages.



- The JS frontend validation occurs after the user has clicked on 'submit' and before the data is sent to the backend.
- In order to process the user data at the frontend, we need to stop the form from sending the data to the backend (prevent submission).
- To accomplish this, we need to attach an event listener and stop the form from submission.

```
const form = document.querySelector("#myform");
//event listener
form.addEventListener('submit', e=>{
    e.preventDefault();
}
```

We then add our JS code:

```
//selection
const form = document.querySelector("#myform");
const msq = document.querySelector("#msq");
//add event listener
form.addEventListener('submit', e=>{
  // this array will contain error messages
  let messages = [];
  //check if errors exist
  messages = isFilled("fname", messages, "First name is missing");
  messages = isFilled("email", messages, "Email is missing");
  messages = isEmail("email", messages, "Email format is wrong");
  messages = isFilled("mobile", messages, "Mobile is missing");
  messages = isMobile("mobile", messages, "Mobile must contain numbers only");
  const whitelist = ['Google', 'TV', 'Friend'];
  messages = isWhiteListed("aboutus", whitelist, messages, "Selection is invalid"
   );
  //if a message is found, then there's an issue
  if(messages.length>0){
    //there is an error
    msg.innerHTML = "Issues found ["+ messages.length +"]: " + messages.join("
      , ") + ".";
    //prevent submit
    e.preventDefault();
```

```
function isFilled(selector, messages, msq){
  const element = document.getElementsByName(selector)[0].value.trim();
  if(element.length<1){</pre>
                                                                                Presence validation
    messages.push(msg);
  return messages;
function isEmail(selector, messages, msg){
  const element = document.getElementsByName(selector)[0].value.trim()
                                                                                 Format Validation
  if(!element.match("[a-z0-9]+@[a-z]+\.[a-z]{2,4}")){
    messages.push(msg);
  return messages;
function isMobile(selector, messages, msg){
                                                                               Data type and Length
  const element = document.getElementsByName(selector)[0].value.trim(,
  if(!element.match("[0-9]{9}")){
    messages.push(msg);
  return messages;
                                                                              Whitelist Validation
function isWhiteListed(selector, whitelist, messages, msg){
  const element = document.getElementsByName(selector)[0].value.trim();
  if(!whitelist.includes(element)){
    messages.push(msg);
  return messages;
```

• Input = No entries

• Output:

Welcome to my CCSW321 Website

First Name (*):	e.g., Moayad	
Email (*):	e.g., moayad@gmail.com	
Mobile:	+966 🕶 507666666	
How did you hear about us?		
\bigcirc Google \bigcirc	TV O Friend	
Issues found [6]: First name is missing, Email is missing, Email format is wrong, Mobile is missing, Mobile must contain numbers only, Selection is invalid. Submit Reset		

- Input = **invalid** email
- Output:

Welcome to my CCSW321 Website

First Name (*):	Moayad
Email (*):	m@m.c
Mobile:	+966 ~ 507666666
How did you he	ar about us?
○ Google ○	ΓV ○ Friend
	Email format is wrong, Mobile is must contain numbers only, Selection
Submit Reset	

FORMAT MUST BE "[a-z0-9]+@[a-z]+\.[a-z]{2,4}"

- Input = **invalid** mobile
- Output:

Welcome to my CCSW321 Website

First Name (*): Moayad
Email (*):	m@m.com
Mobile:	+966 > 5512121ss
How did you	hear about us?
O Google	TV O Friend
Issues found Selection is in	[2]: Mobile must contain numbers only, avalid.
Submit	set

MUST BE NUMBERS ONLY AND 9 DIGITS EXACTLY

- Input = injecting an invalid radio selection
- Output:

Welcome to my CCSW321 Website

First Name (*):	Moayad	
Email (*):	m@m.com	
Mobile:	+966 🕶 551212123	
How did you hear about us?		
○ Secret Code ○ TV ○ Friend		
Issues found [1]: Selection is invalid.		
Submit Reset		

SELECTION MUST BE FROM WHITELIST

Libraries and Frameworks

- Libraries and frameworks are pre-written code that can help developers build web applications faster and with less effort.
- They provide a set of common functionalities, such as handling HTTP requests, manipulating the DOM, and rendering templates.
- Libraries are smaller and easier to learn than full frameworks.
- They can be added to an existing project gradually, which can help avoid major code rewrites.

Libraries and Frameworks

- Examples of Libraries
 - **jQuery**: A popular JavaScript library that simplifies HTML document traversal and manipulation, event handling, and AJAX.
 - **Moment**.js: A library that provides flexible date and time formatting and parsing.
 - Lodash: A utility library that provides a lot of helpful functions for manipulating arrays, objects, and strings.

Libraries and Frameworks

- Examples of Libraries
 - Angular: A popular JavaScript framework that provides a full MVC architecture, two-way data binding, and dependency injection.
 - **React**: A JavaScript library that allows developers to build user interfaces in a modular and declarative way, using components.
 - Vue.js: A lightweight JavaScript framework that provides reactive data binding and component-based architecture.

Best Practices and Tips

- Maintain clear separation of content, presentation, behavior.
 - HTML with minimal JavaScript inside.
 - Uses DOM to attach and execute all JavaScript functions.
 - Use external .js files for your code, do not mix with HTML.
- Use consistent and clear naming conventions for variables, functions, and other identifiers.
- Avoid global variables and functions, as they can cause naming conflicts and security issues.

Best Practices and Tips

- Make sure to load your .js files in the correct order and after the page is completely loaded.
- Keep your code modular and organized into smaller, reusable functions.
- Use JavaScript libraries and frameworks to simplify complex tasks and improve performance



Any questions?
Please feel free to raise your hands and ask.