

# The DOM

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# Overview



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# HTML

Markup language  
creating web  
documents



# CSS

Style sheet language  
for applying styles  
to a document



# JavaScript

Scripting language  
to make your web  
page dynamic

# What is the DOM?

The DOM (Document Object Model) is an interface that allows JavaScript to interact with HTML through the browser.



# HTML



# CSS



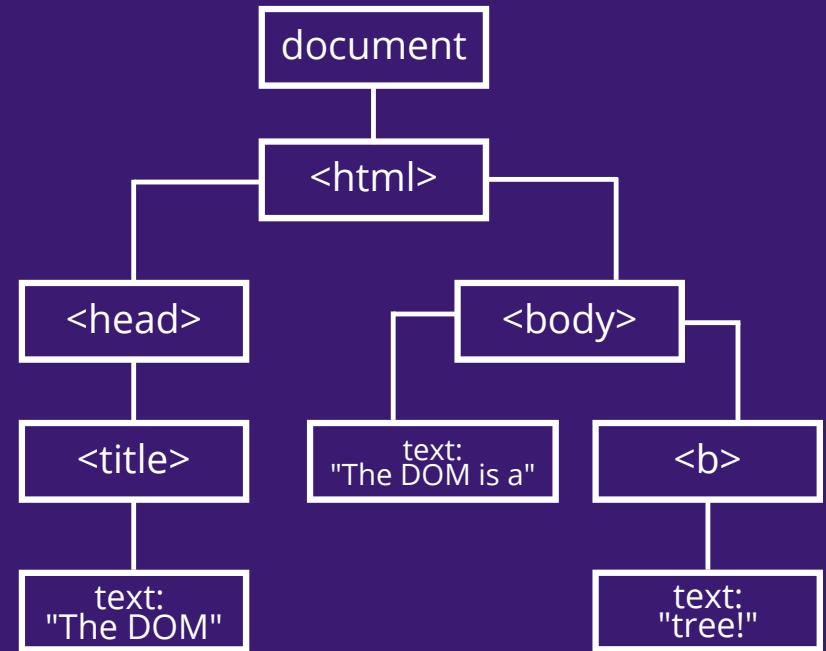
# JavaScript



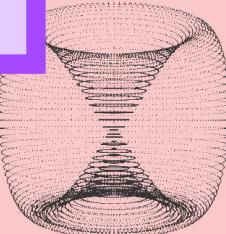
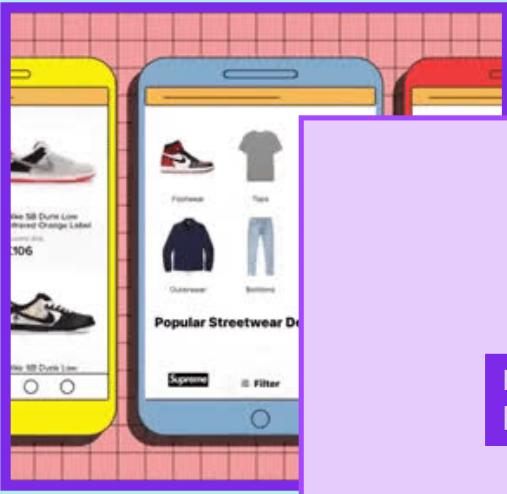
The DOM interface allows  
JavaScript to access and  
update the content,  
structure, and style of a  
document

# Tree-like structure of the DOM

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>The DOM</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    The DOM is a <b>tree!</b>
  </body>
</html>
```



# DOM Elements and Data Types



# DOM Data Types

To understand how the DOM is represented, we will introduce some new data types

## Document

The type of the `document` object. Represents the root of the entire DOM.

## Element

A node in the DOM tree. Objects of this type implement an interface that allows interacting with the document.

## NodeList

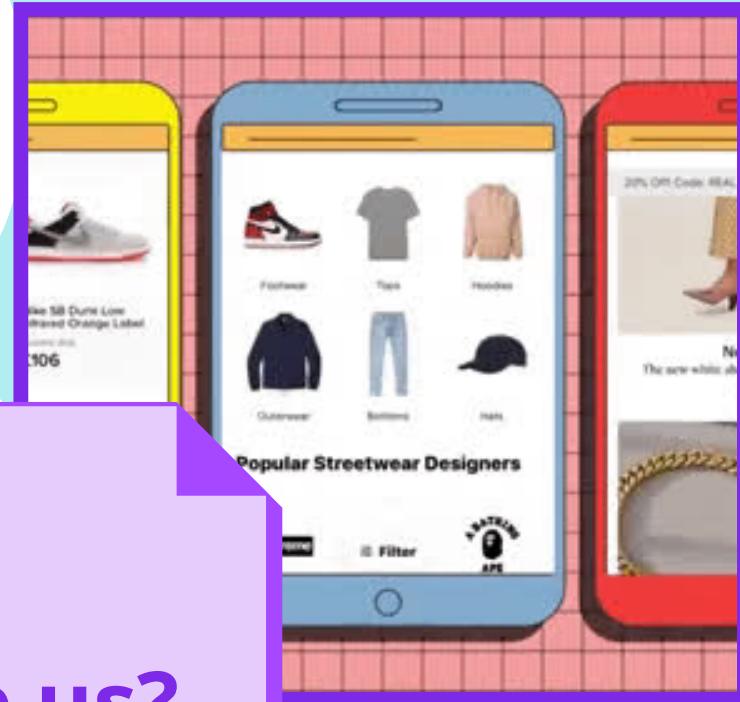
An array of elements, like the kind that is returned by the method.

# Understanding DOM Elements

- Element is the base class for all types of objects in the Document
- Different HTML tags/elements correspond to different Element types in JS
- Different Element types include:

HTMLInputElement, HTMLSpanElement, HTMLDivElement,  
HTMLScriptElement, HTMLHeadingElement, HTMLImageElement....

# What does the Element interface give us?

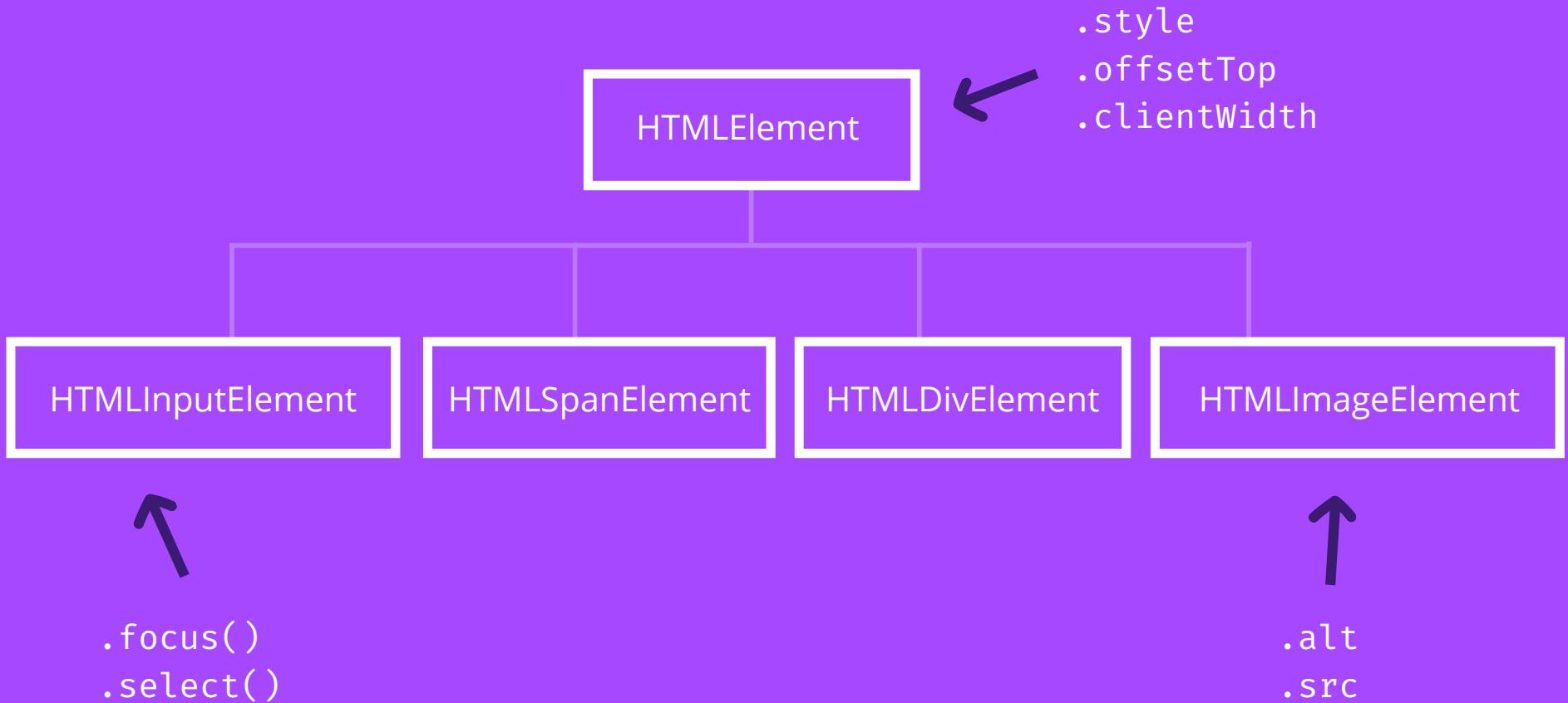


## **Ways of *reading* things**

e.g. Get the size, position,  
color or text of an element

## **Ways of *writing* things**

e.g. Set an attribute, change  
the styling of an element





## HTMLElement

The HTMLElement interface represents any HTML element. Some elements directly implement this interface, while others implement it via an interface that inherits it.

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# Reading the DOM

```
// Returns an html element with the given id  
document.getElementById(id);  
  
// Returns a DOM HTMLCollection of all matches  
document.getElementsByTagName(name); eg: div  
document.getElementsByClassName(classname);  
  
// Returns the first Element that matches the selector  
document.querySelector(query);
```

# This is an example webpage



This is a red div

This is a blue div

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> document.getElementById('puppy')
< 
> document.getElementsByClassName('box')
< HTMLCollection(2) [div.box, div.box] □
  > 0: div.box
  > 1: div.box
  length: 2
  > __proto__: HTMLCollection
> document.getElementsByTagName('img')
< HTMLCollection(3) [img, img, img#puppy, puppy: img#puppy] □
  > 0: img
  > 1: img
  > 2: img#puppy
  puppy: img#puppy
  length: 3
  > __proto__: HTMLCollection
> document.querySelector('#puppy')
< 
> document.querySelector('.box')
< <div class="box" style="background-color: red; width: 200px; height: 200px;">
  This is a red div
</div>
> document.querySelectorAll('.box')
< NodeList(2) [div.box, div.box] □
  > 0: div.box
  > 1: div.box
  length: 2
  > __proto__: NodeList
>
```

# **Reading the DOM example**

# Writing to the DOM

```
// Create a new div element
let element = document.createElement("div");
// Create a new text node
let textNode = document.createTextNode("Some text");

// Adding and removing elements
element.appendChild(textNode);
element.removeChild(textNode);

// Making changes to attributes
button.setAttribute("disabled", "");
```

# Changing the style of an element

An element has a "style" property which corresponds to the "style" attribute of the HTML element.

This can be modified in the JavaScript.

```
// Changing element.style
element.style.left = "50px"; // Note: don't forget units!

// Adding 5px to the left value
let newLeft = parseInt(element.style.left, 10) + 5 + "px";
element.style.left = newLeft;

element.style.backgroundColor = "red"; // Note: camelCase
```

# Getting the style of an element

Note: `element.style.left` will only be present on an element if the `left` property was set in inline styles, or by scripting (not if it was set in CSS).

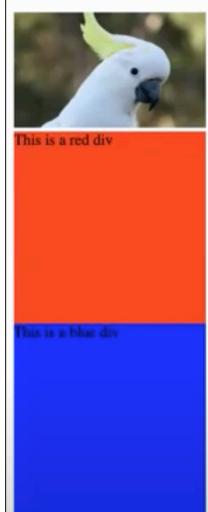
```
// Getting computed style
let computedStyle = window.getComputedStyle(element, null)
let bgColor = computedStyle.getPropertyValue("background-color")
```

# Changing the classes of an element

Another way of modifying the style of the element is to change the classnames which exist on the element. This can be done using the "classList" property.

```
// Changing element.classList
element.classList.add("class");
element.classList.remove("class");
element.classList.toggle("class");
element.classList.contains("class"); // returns true if
class exists on element
```

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> let newImage = document.createElement('img')
< undefined
> newImage.src =
'https://www.vets4pets.com/siteassets/species/cat/kitten/tiny-kitten-in-field.jpg?w=585&scale=down'
< "https://www.vets4pets.com/siteassets/species/cat/kitten/tiny-kitten-in-field.jpg?w=585&scale=down"
> document.body.appendChild(newImage)
< 
> newImage.width = 300
< 300
> newImage.classList.add('decoratedImage')
< undefined
> newImage.style.border = '10px solid pink'
< "10px solid pink"
>
```

# **Writing to the DOM example**

# Scrolling

```
// Get the current scroll position of the page  
console.log(window.scrollX);  
console.log(window.scrollY);  
  
// Scroll to a position on the page:  
window.scrollTo({  
    top: 100,  
    left: 0,  
    behavior: "smooth",  
});
```

# **Scrolling to an element example**

Click to scroll

```
1 <html>
2   <head>
3     <style>
4       body {
5         height: 5000px;
6       }
7
8       .square {
9         width: 50px;
10        height: 50px;
11        position: absolute;
12      }
13
14      .first {
15        top: 50px;
16        background-color: red;
17      }
18      .second {
19        top: 2000px;
20        background-color: blue;
21      }
22    </style>
23  </head>
24  <body>
25    <input type="button" value="Click to scroll!" id="btn"></input>
26    <div class="square first"></div>
27    <div class="square second"></div>
28    <script src="scrolling.js"></script>
29  </body>
30 </html>
```

DOMRect {x: 8, y: 2000, width: 50, height: 50, top: 2000, ...} blue  
bottom: 2050  
height: 50  
left: 8  
right: 58  
top: 2000  
width: 50  
x: 8  
y: 2000  
\_\_proto\_\_: DOMRect

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JS scrolling.js > button.addEventListener('click') callback

```
1 let square = document.querySelector('.second');
2 let button = document.getElementById('btn');
3
4 button.addEventListener('click', () => {
5   let rect = square.getBoundingClientRect();
6   console.log(rect);
7});
```

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4  button.addEventListener('click', () => {
5      let rect = square.getBoundingClientRect();
6      console.log(rect);
7
8      window.scrollTo({           ^ scrollTo(options?: ScrollToOptions): void
9          top: rect.top,         ^
10         behavior: 'smooth',
11     });
12 });

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```