

## Chapter 12: Document Object Model

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### Introduction

- The Document Object Model gives you access to every HTML element on the page
- So far, we've only written new elements to the page using `document.writeln()`
  - But this is restrictive and unintuitive
- We learned all of this information on how to build HTML documents by writing actual HTML
  - We want the best of both worlds: dynamic changes to the page while having a default, interpret to use HTML structure

### DOM Nodes and Trees

- DOM Tree represents the document
  - The tree is built based on the nesting of HTML tags in the document
    - \* Nested nodes are children of the containing HTML element in the tree
      - E.g. if this the `<p>` tag is inside of a `<body>` tag, the `<body>` node is the parent of the child `<p>` node
  - You've been looking at the DOM Tree in the "Elements" view of the developer tools

### DOM Nodes and Trees

- DOM nodes are elements in the tree (which directly correspond to HTML elements)
  - Every piece of an HTML5 page (elements, attributes, text) is modeled by a DOM node
- Let's take a look at what the DOM looks like and take a look in the debugger

### DOM Basics

- A critical, simple, and effective method
  - `document.getElementById("html_id")`
    - \* This returns an object representation of an HTML element, specifically, the HTML element with the specified "html\_id"
    - \* This object is a DOM node in the DOM tree

- \* Now we have direct, Javascript access to HTML elements!
  - Means we can interact with existing HTML elements through Javascript

### DOM Basics

- Let's dig into the object that `getElementById` returns:
  - An "Element"
  - <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Element>

### DOM Basics

#### Important Methods

- `currentNode.getAttribute(attr_name)` - gets an attribute from the node (specifically `attr_name`). Attributes are HTML attributes, such as `class` or `src`, etc.
- `currentNode.setAttribute(attr_name, value)` - sets an attribute from the node (specifically `attr_name` to `value`). Attributes are HTML attributes, such as `class` or `src`, etc.
- `currentNode.removeAttribute(attr_name)` - removes an attribute from the node (specifically `attr_name`). Attributes are HTML attributes, such as `class` or `src`, etc.
- `document.createElement("HTMLtag")` - creates an HTML tag of type `HTML_tag`. E.g. `var node = document.createElement("p");` creates a paragraph tag

### DOM Basics

#### Important Methods

- `currentNode.appendChild(child_node)` - appends the DOM node `child_node` to the `node`. Note that `child_node` must be a constructed DOM node
- `currentNode.insertBefore(newNode, referenceNode)` - inserts the new node before the reference node as a child of the current node
- `currentNode.replaceChild(newChild, oldChild)` - replaces current node's the old child with the new child
- `currentNode.removeChild(child)` - removes a child node (note that this function returns the child node)

### DOM Basics

#### Important Attributes

- `innerHTML` - accesses this node's inner HTML. This is the text to markup. E.g. if `<p>` is the `currentNode`, `currentNode.innerHTML` accesses the text within the `<p>` tag
- `parentNode` - accesses this node's parent HTML node.
- `length` - tells how many children node this node has

### DOM Basics

- Changing/Setting the innerHTML of a node

```
1 // Case 1: create new node
2 var h1_node = document.createElement("h1"); // create new h1_node
3 h1_node.innerHTML = "Hello, World!"; // change the inner HTML
  using innerHTML
4 document.body.appendChild(h1_node); // insert our new node to the
  document's body (document.body gives you the required <body>
  < HTML tag)
5 // Case 2: modify an existing node
6 var h1_node = document.getElementById("h1_ele"); // assume there
  is an <h1 id="h1_ele"> tag in the document
7 h1_node.innerHTML = "Hello, World!"; // change the inner HTML
  using innerHTML
```

### Example: editing\_dom.html

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3
4 <head>
5   <meta charset="utf-8">
6   <title>Using Javascript to edit HTML</title>
7   <script>
8     // wait until the DOM is loaded; we can't interact with it until it
      is loaded
9     document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', function() {
10       // change the title
11       updateHeader("header");
12
13       // change the image
14       updateImage("img");
15     });
```

```
16     // create new p element
17     createElement("p", document.body, "Hello, World!");
18
19     // create new element without innerHTML
20     createElement("div", document.body);
21 });
22
23 // update header with new text
24 function updateHeader(id) {
25     var new_header = window.prompt("Enter a new title: ");
26     var header = document.getElementById(id);
27     if (header) {
28         header.innerHTML = new_header;
29     } else {
30         console.log("No header with id " + id);
31     }
32 }
33
34 // update the image
35 function updateImage(id) {
36     var new_img_src = window.prompt("Enter a new image URL: ");
37     var new_img_alt = window.prompt("Enter a new image alt: ");
38     var img = document.getElementById(id);
39     img.setAttribute("src", new_img_src);
40     img.setAttribute("alt", new_img_alt);
41 }
42
43 // create a new
44 function createElement(element, parentNode, innerHTML) {
45     var new_node = document.createElement(element);
46     if (innerHTML){
47         new_node.innerHTML = innerHTML;
48     }
49     parentNode.appendChild(new_node);
50 }
51 </script>
52 </head>
53
54
55 <body>
56
57     <h1 id="header">We can edit HTML using DOM</h1>
```

```
58     
59
60 </body>
61
62 </html>
```

### Traversing DOM

- A complicated, intimidating, and informative example of how you can interact with a DOM tree
  - The javascript (`traversing_dom/dom.js`) is intimidating. I encourage you to dive into it. It will make more sense by the end of the lecture.

### Example: `traversing_dom/dom.html`

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <!-- Fig. 12.4: dom.html -->
3 <!-- Basic DOM functionality. -->
4 <html>
5
6 <head>
7     <meta charset="utf-8">
8     <title>Basic DOM Functionality</title>
9     <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="style.css">
10    <script src="dom.js"></script>
11 </head>
12
13 <body>
14     <h1 id="bigheading" class="highlighted">
15 [bigheading] DHTML Object Model</h1>
16     <h3 id="smallheading">[smallheading] Element Functionality</h3>
17     <p id="para1">[para1] The Document Object Model (DOM) allows for
      quick, dynamic access to all elements in an HTML5 document for
      manipulation with JavaScript.</p>
18     <p id="para2">[para2] For more information, check out the "JavaScript
      and the DOM" section of Deitel's
19     <a id="link" href="http://www.deitel.com/javascript">
20 [link] JavaScript Resource Center.</a></p>
21     <p id="para3">[para3] The buttons below demonstrate:(list)</p>
22     <ul id="list">
```

```
23     <li id="item1">[item1] getElementById and parentNode</li>
24     <li id="item2">[item2] insertBefore and appendChild</li>
25     <li id="item3">[item3] replaceChild and removeChild</li>
26 </ul>
27 <div id="nav" class="nav">
28     <form onsubmit="return false" action="#">
29         <p><input type="text" id="gbi" value="bigheading">
30             <input type="button" value="Get By id" id="byIdButton"></p>
31         <p><input type="text" id="ins">
32             <input type="button" value="Insert Before" id="insertButton"></p>
33         <p><input type="text" id="append">
34             <input type="button" value="Append Child" id="appendButton"></p>
35         <p><input type="text" id="replace">
36             <input type="button" value="Replace Current" id="replaceButton"></p>
37         <p><input type="button" value="Remove Current" id="removeButton"></p>
38         <p><input type="button" value="Get Parent" id="parentButton"></p>
39     </form>
40 </div>
41 </body>
42
43 </html>
```

## Event Listeners

- Event listeners trigger Javascript code when the event fires
- This enables the webpage to react to a users's actions
  - Similar to the `:hover` we saw trigger different CSS rules based on the mouse's position
- Conceptual example: the event could be clicking a button in the document, and the function could be updating a table based on the input

## Event Listeners

- `addEventListener()`
  - Enables you link a function to an action in the HTML document
  - The "action" is an event on the webpage
  - Events include things like:

- \* `mouseenter` (mouse enters the corresponding HTML element)
- \* `click` (a button has been pressed and released)
- \* `submit` (form submit button is pressed)
- A list of events available is here: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Events>

### Event Listeners

- Syntax:

```
1 target.addEventListener(event_type, callback);
```

- `target` = HTML element to listen for `event_type`
  - When `target` (DOM node) has `event_type` (event) occur, `callback` (function) is called

### Example: `loading_event_listeners.html`

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3
4 <head>
5   <meta charset=utf-8 />
6   <title>Proper Loading</title>
7   <script>
8
9     function start(){
10       document.getElementById("p1").addEventListener("mouseenter",
11         addHighlight, false);
12       document.getElementById("p1").addEventListener("mouseleave",
13         removeHighlight, false);
14     }
15
16     window.addEventListener("load", start, false);
17
18     function addHighlight() {
19       var p1 = document.getElementById("p1");
20       p1.setAttribute("style", "background-color: #3F6");
21     }
22
23     function removeHighlight() {
24       var p1 = document.getElementById("p1");
```

```
23     p1.removeAttribute("style");
24   }
25   </script>
26 </head>
27
28 <body>
29   <p id="p1">
30     Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Quisque
      faucibus augue in risus tempus viverra. Etiam gravida augue a
      venenatis sollicitudin. Praesent varius ex varius, accumsan
      libero vel, bibendum eros. Aenean tristique mattis sem id
      scelerisque. In cursus ultrices massa nec tristique. Phasellus
      efficitur ac neque eu suscipit. Donec volutpat pretium justo,
      eget fringilla sapien. Integer vitae metus eget lorem auctor
      vestibulum non ut risus. Aenean hendrerit iaculis sapien. Nunc
      vestibulum purus quam, nec consequat sem cursus a. Aenean
      interdum euismod dui id dapibus. Curabitur vel placerat purus.
      Etiam dolor turpis, dictum in augue sit amet, suscipit suscipit
      leo. Aliquam auctor fringilla ligula, vitae sodales ligula
      facilisis quis. Donec consequat molestie tempus. Donec faucibus
      elit ullamcorper ante accumsan congue.
31   </p>
32 </body>
33
34 </html>
```

## DOM Collections

- DOM contains a lot of information, most of which we won't usually care about
- Collections are groups of related objects on a page
- Each collection contains all of the elements of the corresponding type on the page.
- Each collection is stored under the `document` object
- Collections:
  - images
  - links
  - forms

## Images Collection

- Stores all images on a page



- Accessed through `document.images` (returns a list of images)
- Each element in the list is an Image object
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_image.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_image.asp)
- First image's link can be accessed through `document.images[0].src`
  - `document.images[0].alt` is the alt display
- `document.images.length` returns the number of images
- Others are accessed similarly

### Links Collection

- Stores all links on a page
- Accessed through `document.links` (returns a list of links)
- Each element in the list is a Link object
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_link.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_link.asp)
- First URL's link can be accessed through `document.links[0].href`
  - `document.links[0].innerHTML` is the displayed text
- `document.links.length` returns the number of images
- Others are accessed similarly

### Forms Collection

- Stores all forms on a page
- Accessed through `document.forms` (returns a list of links)
- Each element in the list is a Form object
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_form.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_form.asp)
- First form's inputs can be accessed through `document.forms[0].elements` (this is a list as well!)
  - Take a look at what is available for forms here
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/coll\\_form\\_elements.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/coll_form_elements.asp)
- `document.forms.length` returns the number of forms
- Others are accessed similarly

### Exercise

- Write a Javascript function named `getFormvalue()` to print the values of First and Last name on the following form to `console`

- Note that the `onsubmit` attribute specifies a Javascript function to call upon submission (one way to do form validation!)
- Use form object documentation to help [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/coll\\_form\\_elements.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/coll_form_elements.asp)

### Exercise: Corresponding HTML

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <meta charset=utf-8 />
5     <title>Return first and last name from a form - w3resource</title>
6   </head>
7   <body>
8     <form method="get" id="form1" onsubmit="getFormvalue()">
9       First name:
10      <input type="text" name="fname" value="David"><br>
11      Last name:
12      <input type="text" name="lname" value="Beckham"><br>
13      <input type="submit" value="Submit">
14    </form>
15  </body>
16 </html>
```

### Example: first\_last\_name.html

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3
4 <head>
5   <meta charset=utf-8 />
6   <title>Return first and last name from a form - w3resource</title>
7   <script>
8     function getFormvalue() {
9       var form = document.getElementById("form1");
10      for (var i = 0; i < form.length; i++) {
11        if (form.elements[i].value != 'Submit') {
12          console.log(form.elements[i].value);
13        }
14      }
15    }
16  </script>
```

```
15     }
16   </script>
17 </head>
18
19 <body>
20   <!-- action is intentionally left blank for demonstration purposes
      -->
21   <form method="get" id="form1" onsubmit="getFormvalue()">
22     First name: <input type="text" name="fname" value="David"><br>
23     Last name: <input type="text" name="lname" value="Beckham"><br>
24     <input type="submit" value="Submit">
25   </form>
26 </body>
27
28 </html>
```

### Exercise

- How could we have done this using `addEventListener()`?

### Example: first\_last\_name\_listener.html

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3
4 <head>
5   <meta charset=utf-8 />
6   <title>Return first and last name from a form - w3resource</title>
7   <script>
8     function start(){
9       // listen for the submit event on the form
10      document.getElementById("form1").addEventListener("submit",
        getFormvalue, false);
11    }
12
13    // the window object listens for the "load" event and executes
        start() when "load" triggers
14    window.addEventListener("load", start, false);
15
16    function getFormvalue() {
```

```
17     var form = document.getElementById("form1");
18     for (var i = 0; i < form.length; i++) {
19         if (form.elements[i].value != 'Submit') {
20             console.log(form.elements[i].value);
21         }
22     }
23 }
24 </script>
25 </head>
26
27 <body>
28     <!-- action is intentionally left blank for demonstration purposes
29         -->
30     <form method="get" id="form1">
31         First name: <input type="text" name="fname" value="David"><br>
32         Last name: <input type="text" name="lname" value="Beckham"><br>
33         <input type="submit" value="Submit">
34     </form>
35 </body>
36 </html>
```