COMP5347 Web Application Development

Client Side JavaScript Week 3 Lecture

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Admin

- We have two more labs on Wednesday 5-6pm
 - Lab 115
 - Lab 130A
- Most evening labs are overcrowded
 - If Wednesday 5-6pm suits your timetable, please allocate yourself, or let the course TA (XIANG DAI <dai.xiang.au@gmail.com>) know
- Assignment Demo
 - Usually based on submitted version
- Group assignment
 - Ok to form group across labs
 - Coordinator may decide which lab you should go for the demo
- Quiz arrangement
 - All students will sit the quiz at the same (or at least similar) time
 - Arrangement to be released later

Outline

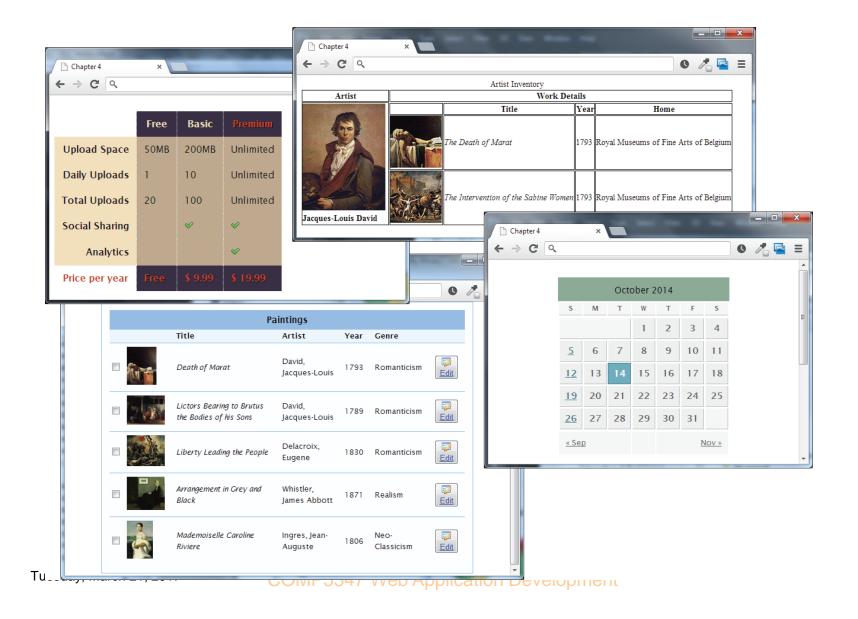
More HTML

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 - Controls

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HTML Table example



HTML Table basic mark ups

- Tables can be used to display
 - Many types of content
 - Calendars, financial data, etc
 - Any type of data
 - Images, text, links etc
- A table in HTML is created using the element
 - A basic table contains rows
 and cells
 - Many table contains headings which is a special row to indicate what each cell is about:

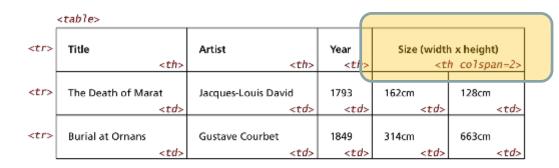
Basic able example

Title	Artist	Year	Width	Height		
The Death of Marat	Jacques-Louis David	1793	162cm	128cm		
				<		
Burial at Ornans	Gustave Courbet	1849	314cm	663cm		
<	<			<		

```
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              Artist
              Year
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              Jacques-Louis David
              1793
              162cm
              128cm
            Burial at Ornans
              Gustave Courbet
              1849
              314cm
              663cm
```

Spanning Rows and Columns

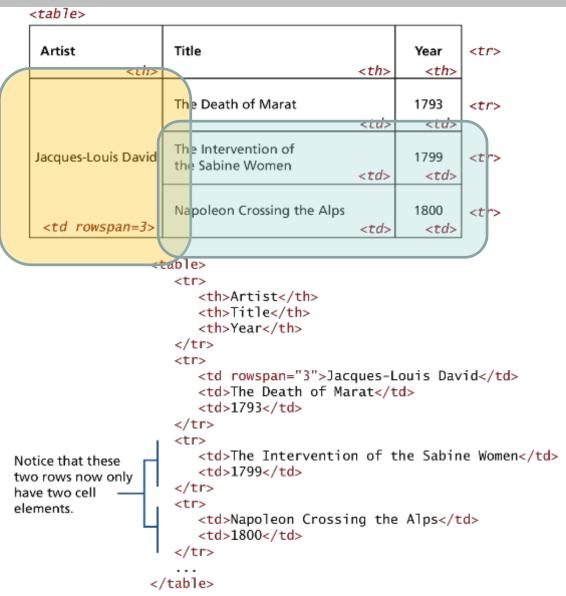
- Simplest table is of a grid structure, with each row having the same number of cells
- It is possible to merge cells horizontally or vertically, e.g. having some cells covering a few rows or columns



use the colspan or rowspan attributes

```
Title
Notice that this row
            Artist
now only has four
            Year
cell elements.
            Size (width x height)
          The Death of Marat
            Jacques-Louis David
            1793
            162cm
            128cm
```

Row Spaning Example

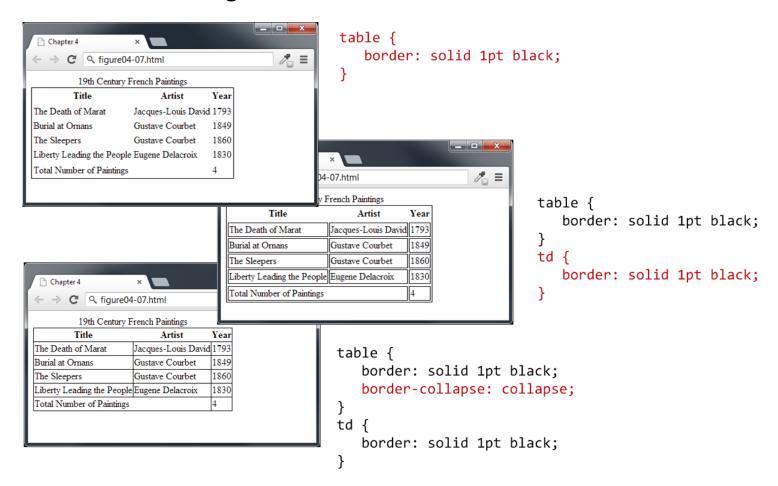


Additional table tags

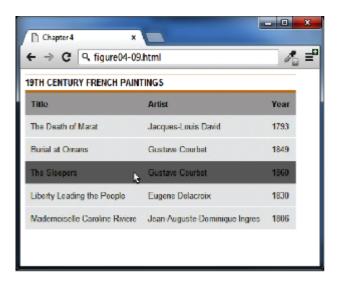
A title for the table is good for <caption>19th Century French Paintings</caption> <caption> accessibility. <col class="artistName" /> <colgroup id="paintingColumns"> <col /> These describe our <col /> <col>,<colgroup> columns, and can be </colgroup> used to aid in styling. <thead> _ D X h Chapter 4 <thead> 10 E ← → C 9, figure04-06.html Table header could Title potentially also Artist 19th Century French Beintings include other Year The Death of Marat Jacques-Louis Deaid 1793 elements. <tfoot> </thead> Total Number of Paintings <tfoot> Yes, the table footer Total Number of Paintings comes before the 2 body. </tfoot> The Death of Marat Potentially, with Jacques-Louis David styling the browser 1793 can scroll this information, while keeping the header Burial at Ornans and footer fixed in Gustave Courbet place. 1849

Stying tables

Most box model styling can be applied to ,
 and other tags

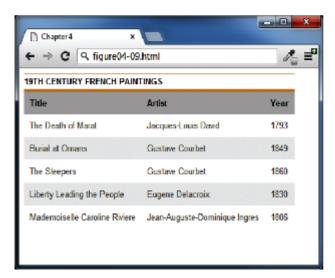


Nifty Table styling tricks: hover effect and zebra-stripes



Pseudo class

```
tbody tr:hover {
   background-color: #9e9e9e;
   color: black;
}
```



tbody tr:nth-child(odd) {
 background-color: white;
}

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HTML Forms

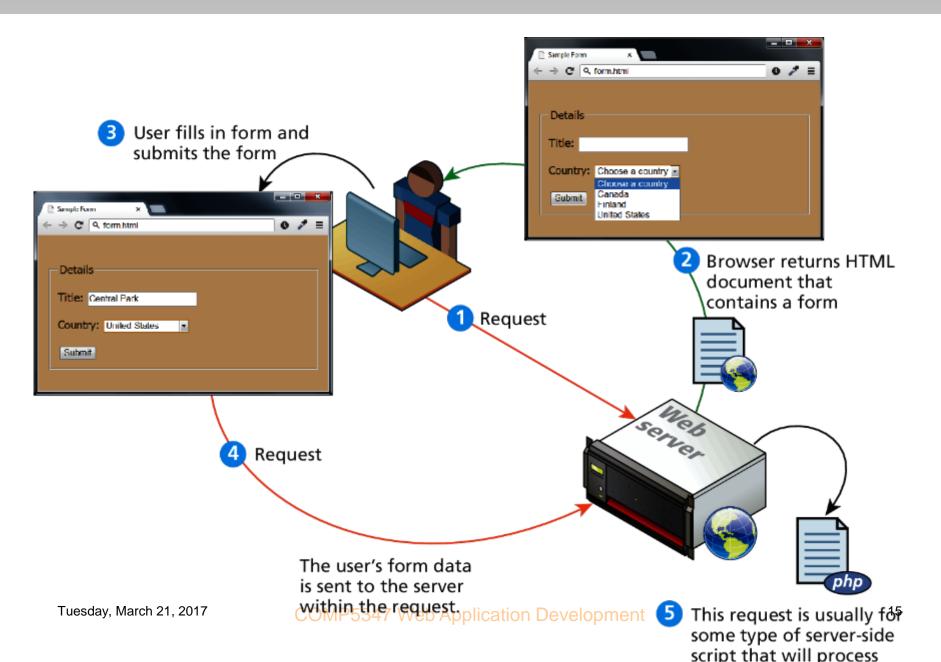
- Forms provide a way for users to interact with a web server
- Forms contain elements similar to destock GUI
 - Plain text or password input
 - Selection
 - Radio and check boxes
 - Buttons

Form structures

```
<form method="get" action="process.php">
                                        <fieldset>
                                            <le><legend>Details</legend></le>
                                            >
                                             <label>Title: </label>
Sample Form
                      0 / =
   9, form.html
                                             <input type="text" name="title" />
                                            Details
                                            >
Title:
                                             <label>Country: </label>
                                             <select name="where">
Country: Choose a country
     Choose a country
                                               <option>Choose a country</option>
Submit
     United States
                                               <option>Canada
                                               <option>Finland
                                               <option>United States
                                              </select>
                                            <input type="submit" />
                                        </fieldset>
                                      </form>
```

Form is main element to allow users enter information and get passed to the server application

How forms interact with servers



Form-Related HTML Elements

Туре	Description
<button></button>	Defines a clickable button.
<datalist></datalist>	An HTML5 element form defines lists to be used with other form elements.
<fieldset></fieldset>	Groups related elements in a form together.
<form></form>	Defines the form container.
<input/>	Defines an input field. HTML5 defines over 20 different types of input.
<label></label>	Defines a label for a form input element.
<legend></legend>	Defines the label for a fieldset group.
<option></option>	Defines an option in a multi-item list.
<optgroup></optgroup>	Defines a group of related options in a multi-item list.
<select></select>	Defines a multi-item list.
<textarea></td><td>Defines a multiline text entry box.</td></tr><tr><td>es,,</td><td>COIVIE 3347 VVED Application Development</td></tr></tbody></table></textarea>	

Text Input Controls

Туре	Description
text	Creates a single line text entry box. <input name="title" type="text"/>
textarea	Creates a multiline text entry box. <textarea rows="3"></textarea>
password	Creates a single line text entry box for a password <input type="password"/>
search	Creates a single-line text entry box suitable for a search string. This is an HTML5 element. <input type="search"/>
email	Creates a single-line text entry box suitable for entering an email address. This is an HTML5 element. <input type="email"/>
tel	Creates a single-line text entry box suitable for entering a telephone. This is an HTML5 element. <input type="tel"/>
url	Creates a single-line text entry box suitable for entering a URL. This is an HTML5 element. <input type="url"/>

Example text input controls

```
<input type="search" placeholder="enter search text" ... />
 Search: enter search text
                            Search: HTML
<input type="email" ... />
 Email: fdsdfs
                         In Opera
    Please enter a valid email address
                         In Chrome
 Email: sdasdas
       Please enter an email address.
<input type="url" ... />
                                                       Key motivations of new
                                                      form controls in HTMI 5
  url: sdsdfdf

    Usability

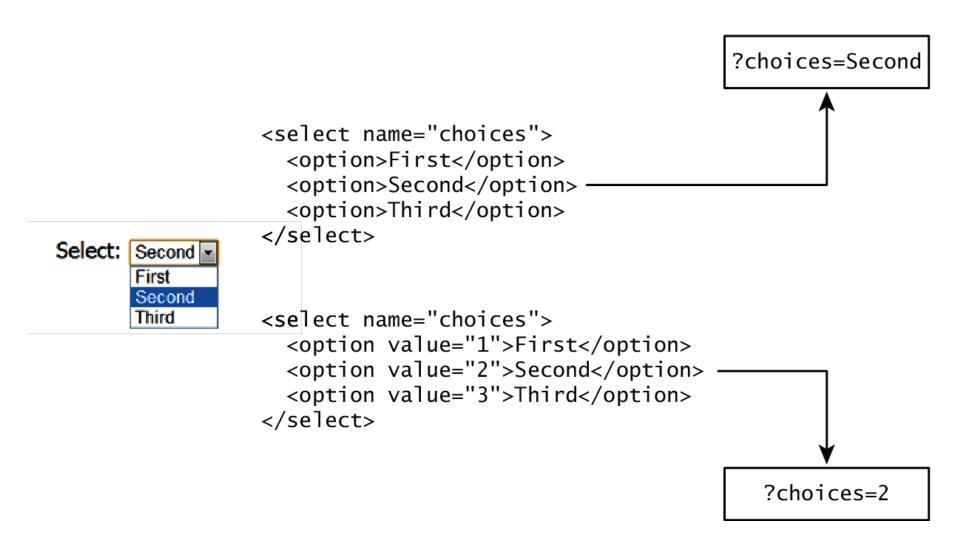
     Please enter a URL.
                                                        Styling
<input type="tel" ... />
                                                          Client side validation
```

Tel:

Select Lists

```
<input type="text" name="city" list="cities"</pre>
Search City: P
       Paris
       Prague
                             <datalist id="cities">
                                                                              datalist
                                 <option>Calcutta</option>
                                 <option>Calgary</option>
                                 <option>London</option>
                                 <option>Los Angeles
                                 <option>Paris
                                 <option>Prague</option>
                             </datalist>
                         <select name="choices">
          Select: Second
                          <option>First
          Select: Second ▼
                          <option selected>Second</option>
                           <option>Third</option>
                         </select>
                         <select ... >
                         <optgroup label="North America">
          Cities: London
              North America
                           <option>Calgary
               Calgary
              Los Angeles
                           <option>Los Angeles
              Europe
                         </optgroup>
              Prague
                         <optgroup label="Europe">
                            <option>London</option>
                           <option>Paris
                            <option>Prague
                         </optgroup>
                        </select>
```

Which Value to send



Radio buttons and checkboxes

Continent:

- North America
- South America
- Asia

```
<input type="radio" name="where" value="1">North America<br/>
<input type="radio" name="where" value="2" checked>South America<br/>
<input type="radio" name="where" value="3">Asia
```

```
I accept the software license 🗵
```

```
<label>I accept the software license</label>
<input type="checkbox" name="accept" >
```

Where would you like to visit?

- Canada
- France
- Germany

```
<label>Where would you like to visit? </label><br/><input type="checkbox" name="visit" value="canada">Canada<br/><input type="checkbox" name="visit" value="france">France<br/><input type="checkbox" name="visit" value="germany">Germany
```

```
?accept=on&visit=canada&visit=germany ◀
```

Button Controls

Туре	Description
<input type="submit"></input 	Creates a button that submits the form data to the server.
<input type="reset"/>	Creates a button that clears any of the user's already entered form data.
<input type="button"></input 	Creates a custom button. This button may require Javascript for it to actually perform any action.
<input type="image"/>	Creates a custom submit button that uses an image for its display.
<button></button>	Creates a custom button. The <button> element differs from <input type="button"/> in that you can completely customize what appears in the button; using it, you can, for instance, include both images and text, or skip server-side processing entirely by using hyperlinks.</button>
	You can turn the button into a submit button by using the type="submit" attribute.

Example Button Controls

```
<input type="submit" />
          Submit
                      Reset
         <input type="reset" />
<input type="button" value="Click Me" />
         Click Me
        <input type="image" src="appointment.png" />
                                       <button>
                                          <a href="email.html">
                                             <img src="images/email.png" alt=""/>
                                             Email
            Edit
                                        </button>
                     <button type="submit" >
                        <img src="images/edit.png" alt=""/>
                        Edit
                     </button>
```

Number and Ranges

```
| Controls as they appear in browser that doesn't support these input types

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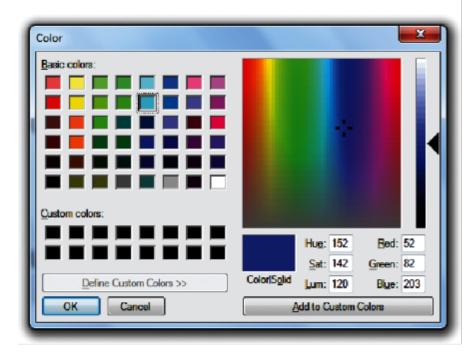
| Controls as they appear in browser that doesn't support these input types
```

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Color

Background Color:



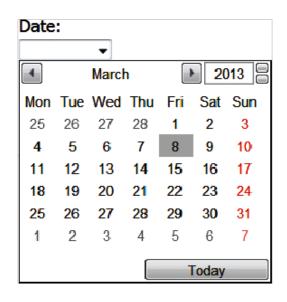


```
<label>Background Color: <br/><input type="color" name="back" />
```

Background Color:

Control as it appears in browser that doesn't support this input type

Date and Time



```
<label>Date: <br/><input type="date" ... />
```

```
Time: 02:02 AM
```

```
DateTime:

2013-03-08 ▼ 05:46  UTC
```

```
DateTime Local:

2013-03-13 ▼ 12:02 ■
```

```
<input type="time" ... />
<input type="datetime" ... />
<input type="datetime-local" ... />
```

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JavaScript

- JavaScript is an object based, dynamically typed scripting language
 - Has been the primary client-side scripting language for HTML and CSS
 - It has also a server side implementation
 - W3C school simply defines it as "the most popular programming language in the world"
- As a client-side scripting language
 - It runs inside the browser
 - Able to interact with many browser managed resources: DOM,
 Browser's object (BOM) such as windows, screen, history, cookies and more
 - It can be written as inline (discouraged!), embedded or as external file

Brief history

- Was created in 10 days in May 1995 by Brendan Erich, then working at Netscape and now of Mozilla
 - Considered as not properly defined and targeting amateurs
- JavaScript became a much more important part of web development in the mid 2000s with AJAX.
 - Initial effort from Microsoft in late 1999, get adopted by other browsers
 - Made very popular by Gmail and Google maps
 - Receives a lot more professional programming attention
- A lot of JavaScript frameworks have since created: jQuery, Prototype, AngularJS, etc.
- Server side JavaScript also gaining popularity

Location of JavaScript code

```
<a href="JavaScript:OpenWindow();"more info</a>
<input type="button" onclick="alert('Are you sure?');" />
```

LISTING 6.1 Inline JavaScript example

```
<script type="text/javascript">
/* A JavaScript Comment */
alert ("Hello World!");
</script>
```

LISTING 6.2 Embedded JavaScript example

```
<head>
     <script type="text/JavaScript" src="greeting.js">
      </script>
    </head>
```

LISTING 6.3 External JavaScript example

JavaScript Variables

- Declaring a variable
 - var name;
- JavaScript does not require variables to have a type before they can be used in a program
- A variable in JavaScript can contain a value of any data type, and in many situations, JavaScript automatically converts between values of different types for you
- Variable has various scopes

Conditional Control

```
var hourOfDay; // var to hold hour of day, set it later...
var greeting; // var to hold the greeting message.
if (hourOfDay > 4 && hourOfDay < 12){
  // if statement with condition
  greeting = "Good Morning";
else if (hourOfDay >= 12 && hourOfDay < 20){
  // optional else if
  greeting = "Good Afternoon";
else{ // optional else branch
  greeting = "Good Evening";
```

LISTING 6.4 Conditional statement setting a variable based on the hour of the day

Loops

```
var i=0; // initialise the Loop Control Variable
while(i < 10){ //test the loop control variable
    i++; //increment the loop control variable
}</pre>
```

```
for (var i = 0; i < 10; i++){
    //do something with i
}</pre>
```

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Functions

- Functions are the building block for modular code in JavaScript
 - They are defined by using the reserved word function and then the function name and (optional) parameters.

Therefore a function to raise x to the yth power might be defined as:

```
function power(x,y){
     var pow=1;
     for (var i=0;i<y;i++){
          pow = pow*x;
     }
     return pow;
}
And called as
power(2,10);</pre>
```

Object

- JavaScript is different to classic OOP, which is class-based.
 - It has a clear concept of *Object* which is similar to object in other OOP languages
 - The concept of *Class* is the source of confusion
- We usually start by introducing Object
 - An object is a collection of related data and/or functionality
 - The "data" part is referred to as "property"
 - The "functionality" part is referred to as "method"
 - In JavaScript, almost "everything" is an object
 - Most date types
 - Functions
 - The easiest way of creating an object is to use Object Literal

Creating Object using literal

```
var person = {
        firstName:"John",
         lastName:"Doe",
        age:50,
        eyeColor:"blue"
};
var person = {
         firstName:"John",
         lastName:"Doe",
         age:50,
         eyeColor:"blue",
         fullName : function() {
                  return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;
         };
```

Variable types

- Primitive types
 - Boolean, string and number
 - Null, undefined
- Complex types
 - Object
 - Array
 - Function

Arrays

- Arrays are used to store multiple values in a single variable.
 - var greetings = ["Good Morning", "Good Afternoon"];
 - Array element is accessible with index, starting from 0
 - E.g. greetings[0] = "Good Morning"

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Variable Scope

- Each variable in a program has a scope
- The scope of a variable is the portion of the program in which the variable can be used
- JavaScript has function scope
 - The scope changes inside functions
- A variable declared <u>outside</u> a function has <u>global</u> scope
 - In the HTML context, all scripts and functions on a web page can access it.
- Variables declared inside a function has local scope
 - They can only be accessed within in the function

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JavaScript Objects

- JavaScript contains some build-in objects for common processing
 - String, Date, Math and so on
- Client side JavaScript is able to access browser object
 - window, history, location, etc
- Client side JavaScript is able to access HTML elements as a set of objects (DOM)
 - document, various element and other objects

https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/default.asp

DOM standards

- Most commonly implemented specification: DOM level 2
- Several sub category
 - Core
 - Interface for manipulating hierarchically organized node sets
 - HTML
 - Support for specific HTML elements
 - Style
 - Dealing with element style and style sheets
 - Events
 - Dealing with how event handlers are attached or removed from DOM nodes

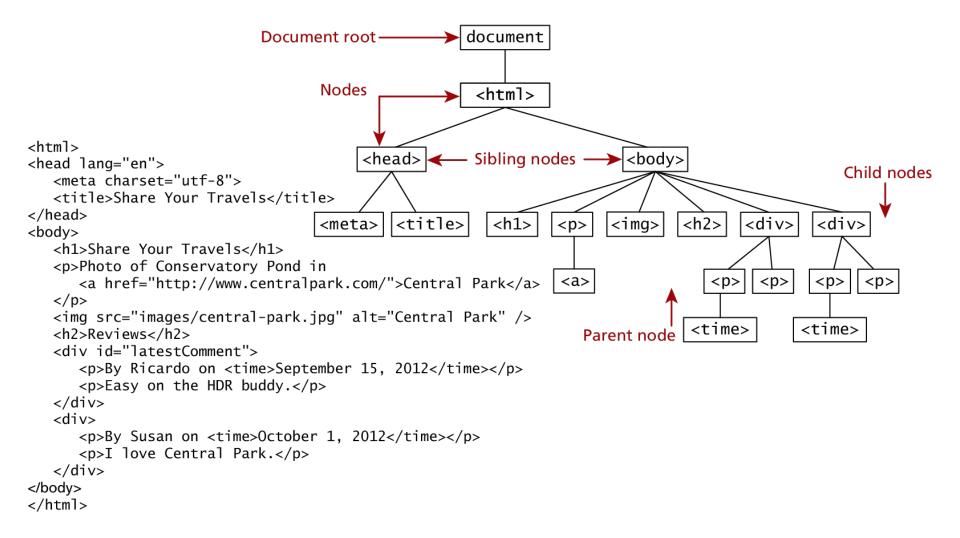
DOM Basics

- The DOM presents documents as a hierarchy of <u>Node</u> objects
 - Node is the most abstract concept
 - There are different types of node
 - Document: represent the root of the tree
 - Element: an HTML or XML element
 - Attr: an attribute of an element (not considered as part of a DOM tree)
 - Comment: an HTML comment
 - Text: the textual content of an Element or Attr
 - ...
 - Some node may have child node
 - Element may have other element or text as child node
- The Document Object Model gives programmers access to all the elements on a web page. Using JavaScript, programmers can create, modify and remove elements in the page dynamically.

DOM nodes and Trees

- The nodes in a document make up the page's DOM tree, which describes the relationships among elements
- Nodes are related to each other through child-parent relationships
- A node may have multiple children, but only one parent
- Nodes with the same parent node are referred to as siblings
- The document node in a DOM tree is called the root node, because it has no parent

The DOM



DOM Nodes

```
Photo of Conservatory Pond in
   <a href="http://www.centralpark.com/">Central Park</a>
Element node
                                   >
     Photo of Conservatory Pond in
                                                Element node
                                           <a>
               Text node
       href="http://www.centralpark.com/"
                                                  Central Park
                   Attribute node
                                                    Text node
```

Essential Node Properties

Property	Description
attributes	Collection of node attributes
childNodes	A NodeList of child nodes for this node
firstChild	First child node of this node.
lastChild	Last child of this node.
nextSibling	Next sibling node for this node.
nodeName	Name of the node
nodeType	Type of the node
nodeValue	Value of the node
parentNode	Parent node for this node.
previousSibling	Previous sibling node for this node.

Document Object

Method	Description
createAttribute()	Creates an attribute node
createElement()	Creates an element node
createTextNode()	Create a text node
getElementByld(id)	Returns the element node whose id attribute matches the passed id parameter.
getElementsByTagName(na me)	Returns a nodeList of elements whose tag name matches the passed name parameter.

Accessing nodes

```
var abc = document.getElementById("latestComment");
<body>
  <h1>Reviews</h1>
  <div id="latestComment">
     By Ricardo on <time>September 15, 2012</time>
     Easy on the HDR buddy.
  </div>
  < hr/>
  <div>
     By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>
     I love Central Park.
  </div>
  < hr/>
</body>
     var list = document.getElementsByTagName("div");
```

Modifying a DOM element

```
var latest = document.getElementById("latestComment");
var oldMessage = latest.innerHTML;
var newMessage = oldMessage + "Updated this div with JS";
latest.removeChild(latest.firstChild);
latest.appendChild(document. createTextNode(newMessage));
```

LISTING 6.9 Changing the HTML using createTextNode() and appendChild()

```
var commentTag = document.getElementById("specificTag");
commentTag.style.backgroundColour = "#FFFF00";
commentTag.style.borderWidth="3px";
```

```
var commentTag = document.getElementById("specificTag");
commentTag.className = "someClassName";
```

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Events

- HTML events are "things" that happen to HTML elements
- When JavaScript is used in HTML pages, JavaScript can "react" on these events
- An HTML event can be something the browser does, or something a user does
- Examples:
 - An HTML web page has finished loading
 - An HTML input field was changed
 - An HTML button was clicked
- Event handler
 - A function describes what we want to do when an event happens

Registering Event Handler

```
function displayTheDate() {
   var d = new Date();
   alert ("You clicked this on "+ d.toString());
}
var element = document.getElementById(|'example1');
element.onclick = displayTheDate;

// or using the other approach
element.addEventListener('click',displayTheDate);
```

LISTING 6.12 Listening to an event with a function

```
var element = document.getElementById('example1');
element.onclick = function() {
  var d = new Date();
  alert ("You clicked this on " + d.toString());
};
```

LISTING 6.13 Listening to an event with an anonymous function

Common HTML Events

- Mouse Events
 - onclick, onmousedown, onmouseenter,...
- Keyboard Events
 - onkeydown, onkeyup, …
- Form events
 - nnfocus, onblur, onsubmit, ...
- Frame/Object events
 - onload, onscroll, ...
- Not all browsers implements all events

The onload event

- Both frame and object can fire onload event
 - Frame refers to the browser frame that contains the current web page.
 - Onload event fires when "something" is loaded
 - A whole page or a single element

```
window.onload= function(){
    //all JavaScript initialization here.
}
```

The event Object and this

- Event object stores contextual information about the event
 - This can be passed to the event handler
 - The object has a number of properties and methods
- In an event-handling function, this refers to the target
 DOM node on which the event occurred

```
document.getElementById("loginForm").onsubmit = function(e){
  var fieldValue=document.getElementByID("username").value;
  if(fieldValue==null || fieldValue== ""){
    // the field was empty. Stop form submission
    e.preventDefault();
    // Now tell the user something went wrong
    alert("you must enter a username");
  }
}
```

LISTING 6.18 A simple validation script to check for empty fields

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References

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