

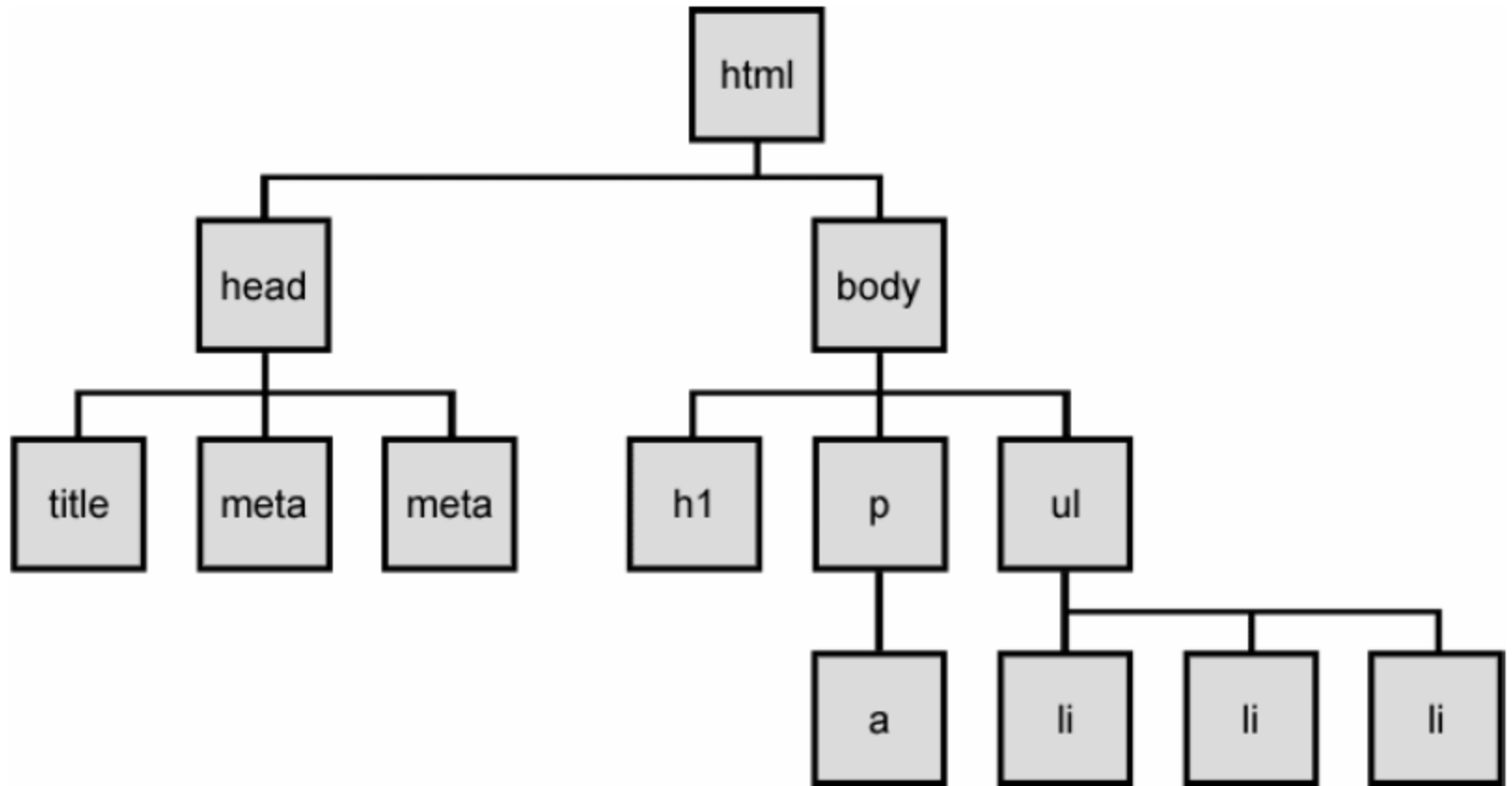
## The DOM Tree

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# Document Object Model (DOM)

- The Document Object Model is an API for HTML documents
  - Provides a structure representation of the document
  - Enables developers to modify the content and visual presentation of a web page
  - Used by the browser to render the page

# The DOM tree



# <head>

- The <head> element contains metadata elements
- Most common are <title>, <style>, and <script>
- <title> is the only required element in <head>

# Types of DOM nodes

- Element nodes (HTML tag)
  - can have children and/or attributes
- Text nodes (text in a block element)
- Attribute nodes (attribute/value pair)
  - text/attributes are children in an element node
  - cannot have children or attributes
  - not usually shown when drawing the DOM tree

# One Way to Draw a DOM tree

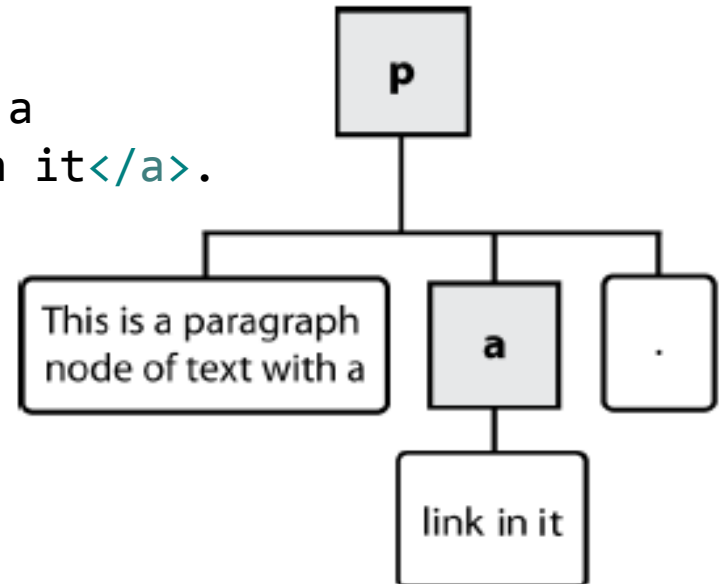
```
<p>
```

This is a paragraph of text with a

```
<a href="/path/page.html">link in it</a>.
```

```
</p>
```

This is a paragraph of text with a [link in it](#).



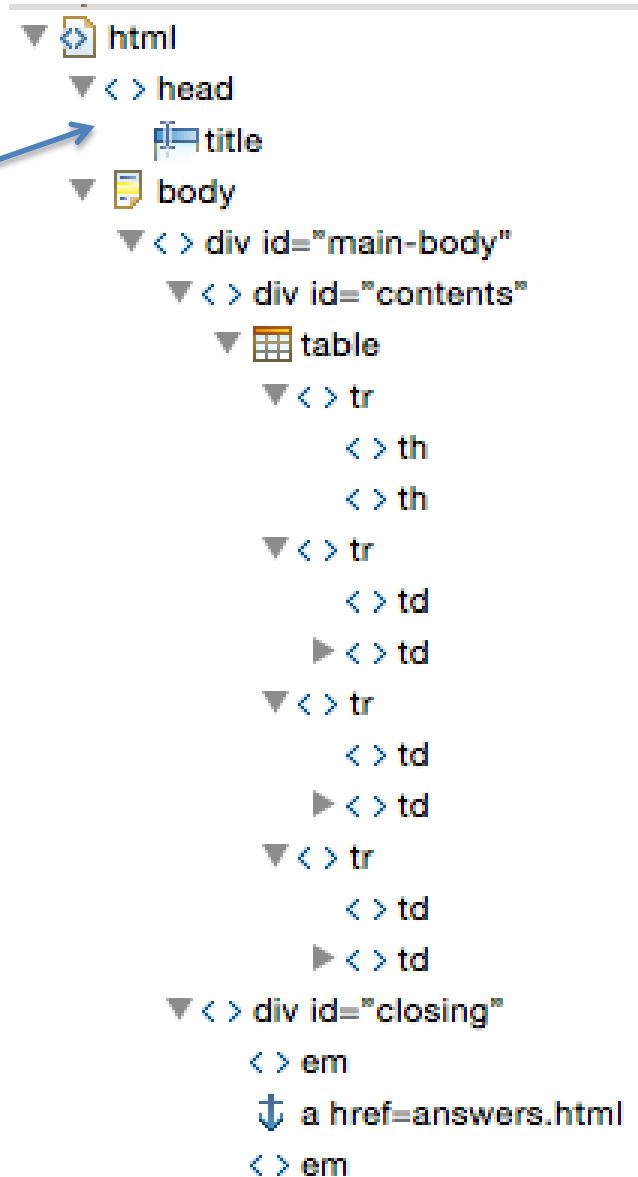
- Two other views on the next slide
- Then show Eclipse "draws" the DOM with
  - Window > Show View > Outline

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Trickier nesting, still</title>
</head>
<body>
  <div id="main-body">
    <div id="contents">
      <table>
        <tr>
          <th>Steps</th>
          <th>Process</th>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td>1</td>
          <td>Figure out the <em>root element</em>.
          </td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td>2</td>
          <td>Deal with the <span id="code">head</span> first, as
            it's usually easy.
          </td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td>3</td>
          <td>Work through the <span id="code">body</span>. Just <em>take
            your time</em>.
          </td>
        </tr>
      </table>
    </div>
    <div id="closing">
      This link is <em>not</em> active, but if it were, the answers to
      this <a href="answers.html"></a> would be there. But <em>do the exercise anyway!</em>
    </div>
  </div>
</body>
</html>

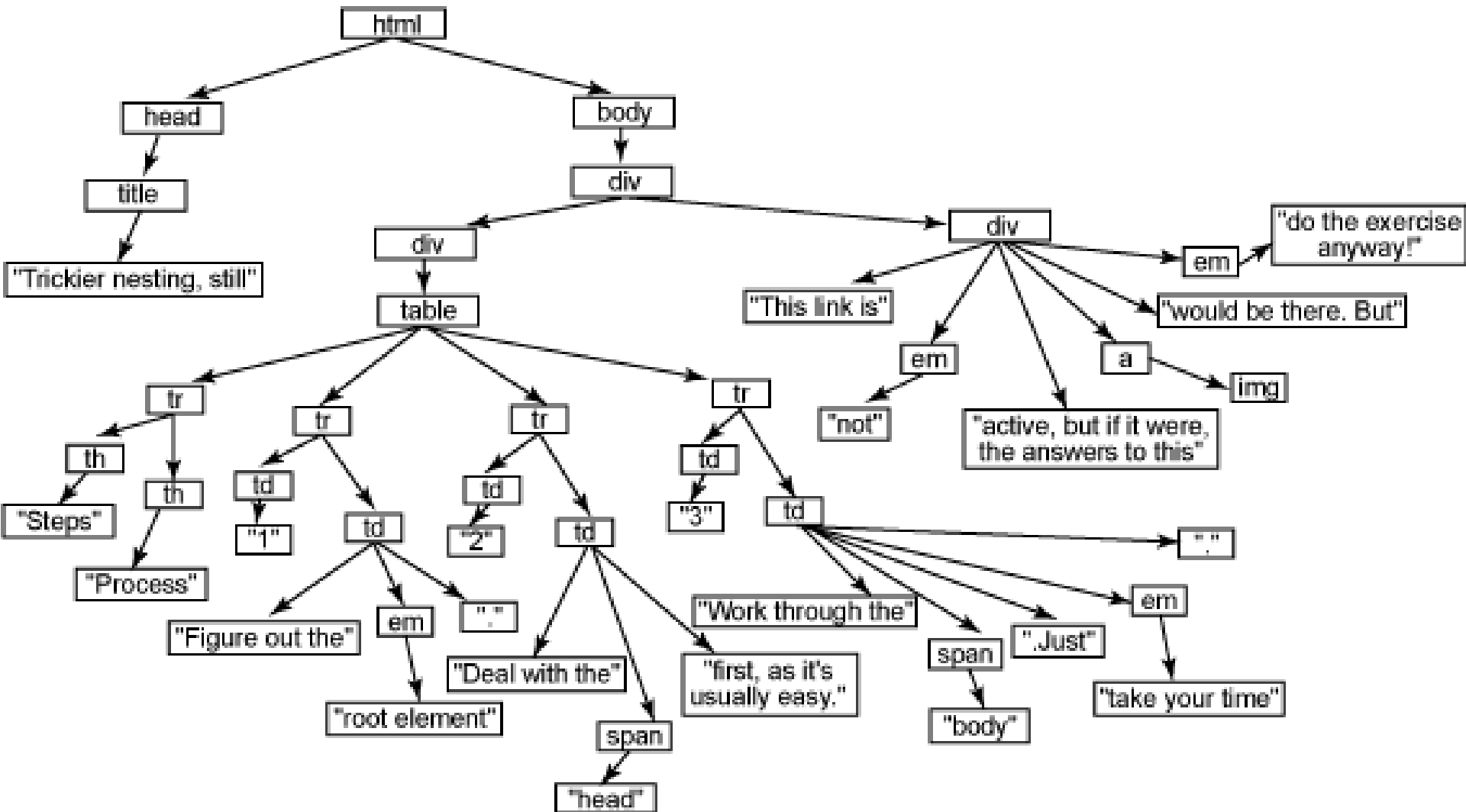
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Eclipse view



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# DOM Tree View





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```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN">
<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8">
<title></title>
</head>
<body>
<table style="margin-left:auto;margin-right:auto;text-align:left;height:119px;width:882px" border="0" cellpadding="12" cellspacing="0">
<tbody>
<tr>...</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
<font size="2">
<span style="font-family:arial,sans-serif"> </span>
</font>
<table style="margin-left:auto;margin-right:auto;text-align:left;height:222px;width:900px" border="0" cellpadding="12" cellspacing="0">
<tbody>
<tr>
<td style="vertical-align:top;height:281px;width:320px">...</td>
<td style="width:320px" valign="top">...</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
</body>
</html>
```

html body table tbody tr td

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Inherited from table

Style Attribute {

margin-left: auto;

margin-right: auto;

text-align: left;

height: 222px;

width: 900px;

table { user agent stylesheet

white-space: normal;

line-height: normal;

font-weight: normal;

font-size: medium;

font-variant: normal;

font-style: normal;

color: -webkit-text;

text-align: start;

table { user agent stylesheet

Find in Styles

# Where does the DOM tree come from?

- Web browsers parse HTML to build the DOM tree
- The web browser then traverses that tree to render the web page
- Later we'll observe the server created HTML code and sending that file to any browser

# Global DOM Objects

- Web browsers have six global objects
  - `history` list of pages the have been visited
    - methods `back()` `forward()` `go(index)`
  - `location` page's url
  - `navigator` the Web browser in use
    - Properties like `language` and `platform`
  - `screen` the area occupied by the page and browser
  - `window` the browser window
    - methods include `prompt()` and `alert()`
  - `document` the web page
    - methods `write()` `getElementById()`

# Use a few DOM objects

```
<p id="one">  
  <i>The innerHTML of the element with id = 'one'</i>  
</p>  
<script>  
  document.write('Location: ' + location + '<br>');  
  document.write('Platform: ' + navigator.platform + '<br>');  
  document.write('Language: ' + navigator.language + '<br>');  
  document.write('availHeight: ' + screen.availHeight + '<br>');  
  document.write('height: ' + screen.height + '<br>');  
  document.write('innerHTML ' +  
    document.getElementById("one").innerHTML);  
</script>
```

*The innerHTML of the element with id = 'one'*

Location: file:///C:/xampp/htdocs/7\_Jun\_InClass/WebContent/A.html

Platform: Win32

Language: en-US

availHeight: 920

height: 960

innerHTML *The innerHTML of the element with id = 'one'*

# Growing the DOM Tree

```
<script>
```

This page will add a new HTML element when loaded

```
<script>
```

```
heading = document.createElement("h1");
```

```
heading_text = document.createTextNode("Largest heading");
```

```
heading.appendChild(heading_text);
```

```
document.body.appendChild(heading);
```

```
</script>
```

This page will get add a new HTML element when loaded

## Largest heading

# In-Class Activity

- Write an HTML page using DOM objects and a JS function with a JS for loop in the `<script>` to generate n paragraphs

```
<script>
```

```
<body>
```

```
addParagraphs(4);
```

```
function addParagraphs(n) {
```

```
    // TODO: Complete this function (and a style above)
```

- Use a `<style>` for each `p` (paragraph) to add n paragraphs in a *right to left* order with a border, 2px padding, 8px margin
  - Rendering should look like this using the loop control variable as the paragraph numbers 1..n

Paragraph 4

Paragraph 3

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 1