

JavaScript-UI-and-DOM

Document Object Model

Selecting DOM elements

getElementsByTagName, querySelector

NodeLists

LiveNodeList

StaticNodeList

DOM introduces objects that represent HTML elements and their properties

document.documentElement is <html>

document.body is the body of the page, where the content of the page is

Each of the HTML elements has corresponding DOM object type

HTMLLIElement represents

HTMLAudioElement represents <audio>

Each of these objects has the appropriate properties

HTMLAnchorElement has href property

HTMLImageElement has src property

The document object is a special object

It represents the **entry point** for the DOM API

Different HTML elements have their specific attributes

HTMLImageElement has property src

HTMLInputElement has property value

HTMLAnchorElement has property href

HTML elements have properties for content

innerHTML -> Returns as a string the content of the element, without the element

outerHTML -> Returns as a string the content of the element, with the element

`innerText` / `textContent` -> Returns as a string the text content of the element, **witout** the tags

Select **single** element

```
var header = document.getElementById('header');  
var nav = document.querySelector('#main-nav');
```

Select a **collection** of elements

```
var inputs = document.getElementsByTagName('li');  
var radiosGroup = document.getElementsByName('genders');  
var header = document.querySelectorAll('#main-nav li');
```

Using predefined **collections** of elements

```
var links = document.links;  
var forms = document.forms;
```

`getElementById(id)`: -> Returns a **single element** or null

```
var header = document.getElementById('header');
```

`getElementsByClassName(className)`: -> Returns a **collection of elements**

```
var posts = document.getElementsByClassName('post-item');
```

DOM API contains methods for selecting elements based on some characteristic

`getElementsByTagName(tagName)`: -> Returns a **collection of elements**

```
var sidebars = document.getElementsByTagName('sidebar');
```

`getElementsByName(name)`: -> Returns a **collection of elements**

```
var gendersGroup = document.getElementsByName('genders');
```

The DOM API has methods that use CSS-like selectors to find and select **HTML elements**

`querySelector(selector)` -> returns the **left most element** that matches the selector

`querySelectorAll(selector)` -> returns a **collection of all elements** that match the selector

```
//the element with id="header"  
  
var header = document.querySelector('#header');  
  
//li elements contained in element with id=main-nav  
var navItems = document.querySelectorAll('#main-nav li');
```

The DOM API can be used to select elements that are **inside** other elements

```
var wrapper = document.getElementById('wrapper');  
  
// returns all div elements inside the element with id "wrapper"  
var divsInWrapper = wrapper.getElementsByTagName('div');
```

A **NodeList** is a collection returned by the DOM selector methods:

`getElementsByTagName(tagName)`

`getElementsByName(name)`

`getElementsByClassName(className)`

`querySelectorAll(selector)`

```
var divs = document.getElementsByTagName('div'),  
    queryDivs = document.querySelectorAll('div');  
  
for(var i = 0, length = divs.length; i < length; i += 1){  
    // do stuff with divs[i]...  
}
```

NodeList looks like an array, but is not

It's an **object** with properties **similar** to **array**

Has **length** and **indexer**

Traversing an array with for-in loop works unexpected:

```
console.log(Array.isArray(divs)); // false  
  
for (var i in divs) {  
    console.log('divs[' + i + '] = ' + divs[i]);  
}
```

There are two kinds of NodeLists

`getElementsByTagName` methods return a **LiveNodeList**

`querySelectorAll` returns a **StaticNodeList**