

Geolocation

It's an API used to get the Geographic location of the user.

It's supported by all major browsers.

`navigator.geolocation` is the object used to get the current position.

`navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition()` method returns the object using which we can get the user's position.

Properties of object returned by `getCurrentPosition()`

Property	Description
<code>coords.latitude</code>	The latitude as a decimal number
<code>coords.longitude</code>	The longitude as a decimal number
<code>coords.accuracy</code>	The accuracy of position
<code>coords.altitude</code>	The altitude in meters above the mean sea level
<code>coords.altitudeAccuracy</code>	The altitude accuracy of position
<code>coords.heading</code>	The heading as degrees clockwise from North
<code>coords.speed</code>	The speed in meters per second
<code>timestamp</code>	The date/time of the response

<https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/staticmaps/>

Example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <title></title>
  <script>
    var x;
    function getLocation() {
      x = document.getElementById("demo");
      if (navigator.geolocation)
        navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(showPosition, showError);
      else
        x.innerHTML = "Geolocation is not supported by this browser.";
    }
    function showPosition(position) {
```

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x.innerHTML = "Latitude: " + position.coords.latitude + "<br>Longitude: " + position.coords.longitude;
var latlon = position.coords.latitude + "," + position.coords.longitude;

var img_url =
"http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/staticmap?center="+latlon+"&zoom=14&size=400x300&sensor=false";

document.getElementById("mapholder").innerHTML = "<img src='"+img_url+"'>";
}
function showError(error) {
  switch (error.code) {
    case error.PERMISSION_DENIED:
      x.innerHTML = "User denied the request for Geolocation."
      break;
    case error.POSITION_UNAVAILABLE:
      x.innerHTML = "Location information is unavailable."
      break;
    case error.TIMEOUT:
      x.innerHTML = "The request to get user location timed out."
      break;
    case error.UNKNOWN_ERROR:
      x.innerHTML = "An unknown error occurred."
      break;
  }
}
</script>
</head>
<body>
  <p id="demo">Click the button to get your co-ordinates:</p>
  <button onclick="getLocation()">Try It</button>
  <div id="mapholder"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

Geolocation object Methods:

- `watchPosition()` - Returns the current position of the user and continues to return updated position as the user moves (like the GPS in a car).
- `clearWatch()` - Stops the `watchPosition()` method.

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<body>
  <p id="demo">Click the button to get your coordinates:</p>
  <button onclick="getLocation()">Try It</button>
  <script>
    var x = document.getElementById("demo");
    function getLocation() {
      if (navigator.geolocation) {
        navigator.geolocation.watchPosition(showPosition);
      }
      else { x.innerHTML = "Geolocation is not supported by this browser."; }
    }
    function showPosition(position) {
      x.innerHTML = "Latitude: " + position.coords.latitude +
        "<br>Longitude: " + position.coords.longitude;
    }
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```