



前端網絡開發人員課程
(二) 進階網絡程式設計

2. JS DOM II: Elements II

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Learning Objective

- Understand the relationship between elements and how to traverse between elements
- Learn how to manipulate HTML elements

Content

2.1

Revise on the previous
lesson

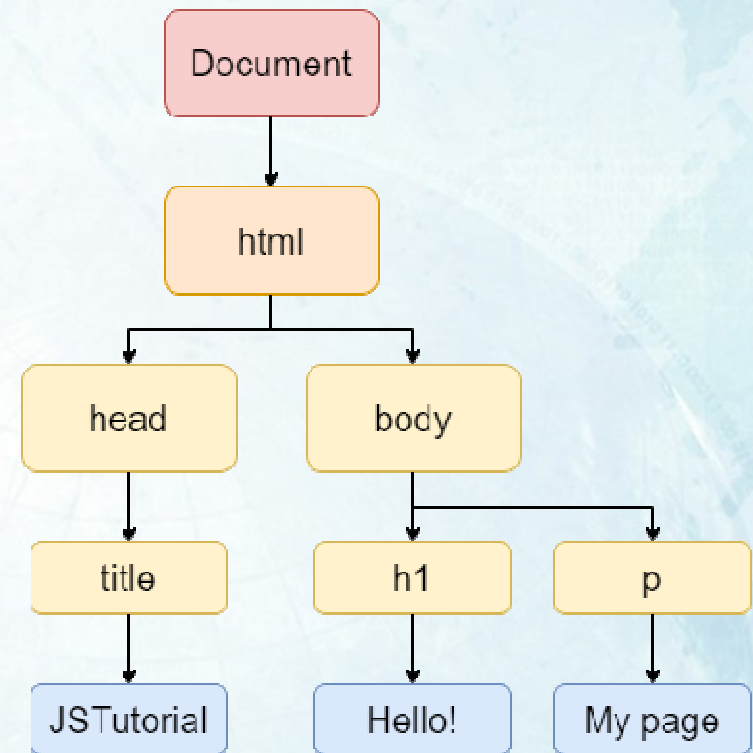
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Traversing Elements

2.1 Revise on the previous lesson

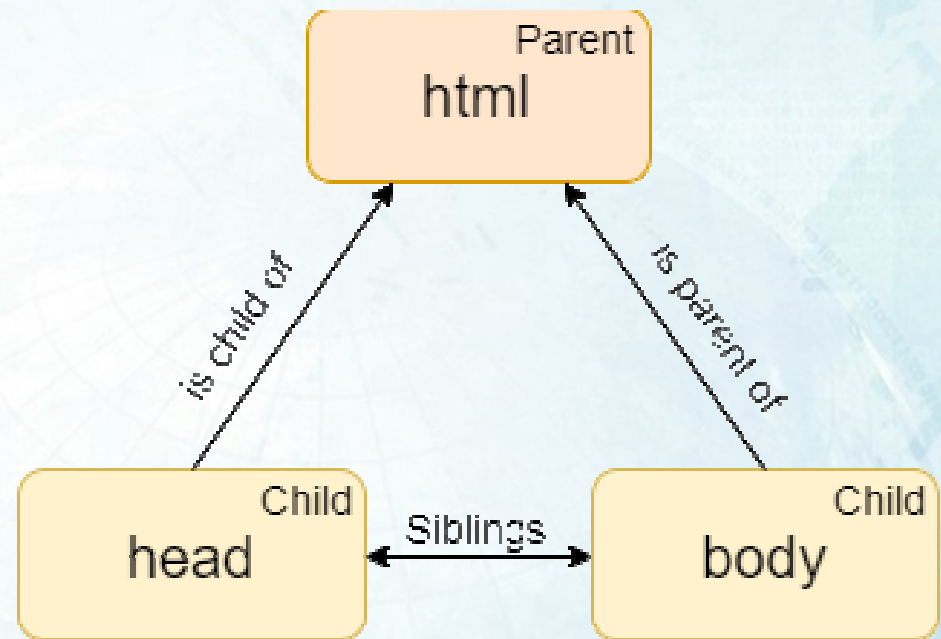
Document Object Model (DOM)

- A **tree of nodes** defining the structure of the document
- Allows for **addition, removal and modification** of nodes



Node Relationships

- Relationships between each node are same as a traditional family tree
- Child nodes, parent nodes, and siblings exist between nodes



DOM Selecting Elements

- `getElementById` — returns matching element **by id**
- `getElementsByTagName` — returns HTMLCollection Object (array-like) of matching elements **by name**
- `getElementsByName` — returns HTMLCollection Object (array-like) of matching elements **by tags**
- `getElementsByClassName` — returns HTMLCollection Object (array-like) of matching elements **by classes**

DOM Selecting Elements

- querySelector returns **first matching element**, querySelectorAll returns **Nodelist of matching elements**
- A universal selector (*) matches **all elements** in the document
- A type selector matches **elements by tags**
- A class selector (.) matches **elements by classes**
- A id selector (#) matches **elements by id**
- A attribute selector ([]) matches **elements by attributes**

DOM Selecting Elements

- Using comma (,) returns elements matching **any one selector**
- Using space between selectors (p a) matches **element inside another**
- Using > between selectors (p > a) matches elements that are **directly inside another**
- Using ~ between selectors (p ~ a) matches elements that **follows one another**
- Using + between selectors (p + a) matches element that **directly follows one another**

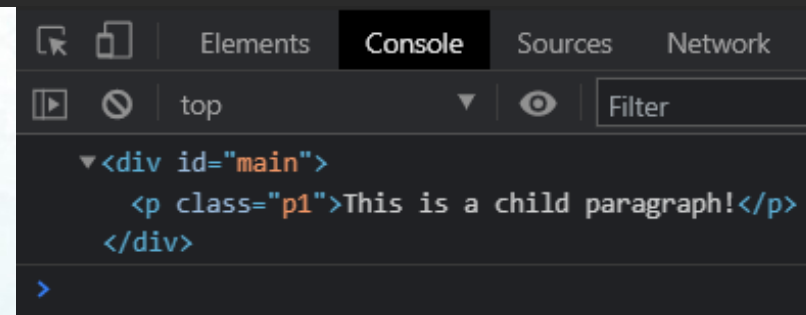
2.2 Traversing Elements

Parent Node

- parentNode is a property used on a specified node
- Used to get the **parent node** of the specified node
- It is **read-only**

```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <p class="p1">This is a child paragraph!</p>
  </div>

  <script>
    let p1 = document.querySelector('.p1');
    console.log(p1.parentNode);
  </script>
</body>
```



Child Node

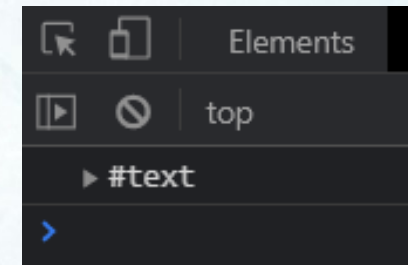
- firstChild property returns the **first child** of a specified element
- If the element does not have any child, null will be returned instead

```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <p id="p1">This is the first child paragraph!</p>
    <p id="p2">This is the second child paragraph!</p>
    <p id="p3">This is the last child paragraph!</p>
  </div>

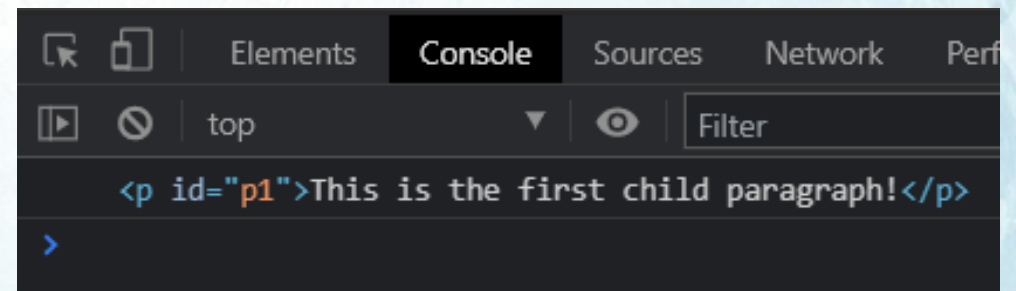
  <script>
    let main = document.querySelector('#main');
    console.log(main.firstChild);
  </script>
</body>
```

Child Node

- Whitespace counts as text nodes, it will be returned if firstChild is used
- To return the first element node, use firstElementChild instead



```
<script>
  let main = document.querySelector('#main');
  console.log(main.firstChild);
</script>
```



Child Node

- lastChild works similar to firstChild, returning the **last child** of the element
- The last child being the white space between `</p>` and `</div>`, text node will be returned

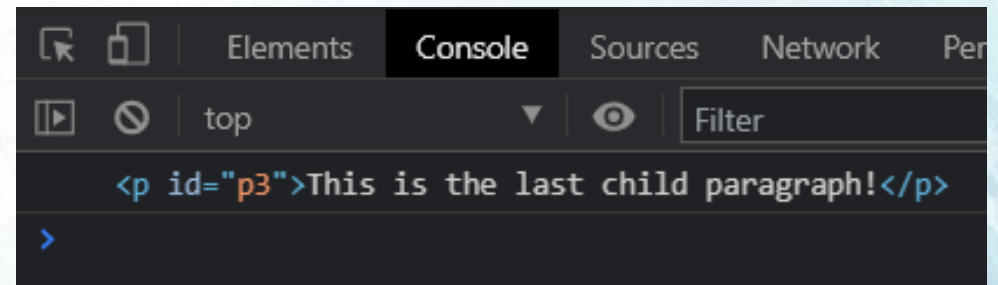
```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <p id="p1">This is the first child paragraph!</p>
    <p id="p2">This is the second child paragraph!</p>
    <p id="p3">This is the last child paragraph!</p>
  </div>

  <script>
    let main = document.querySelector('#main');
    console.log(main.lastChild);
  </script>
</body>
```


Child Node

- Similarly, using `lastElementChild` will return **the last child element node** of the specified element

```
<script>  
  let main = document.querySelector('#main');  
  console.log(main.lastElementChild);  
</script>
```

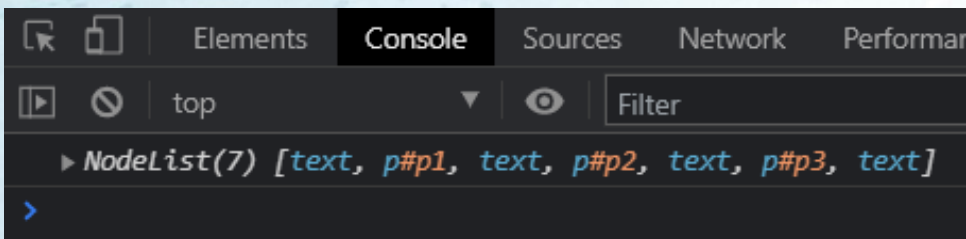


Child Node

- `childNodes` property returns a live Nodelist of all child nodes from the specified element
- Again, this includes all types of nodes

```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <p id="p1">This is the first child paragraph!</p>
    <p id="p2">This is the second child paragraph!</p>
    <p id="p3">This is the last child paragraph!</p>
  </div>

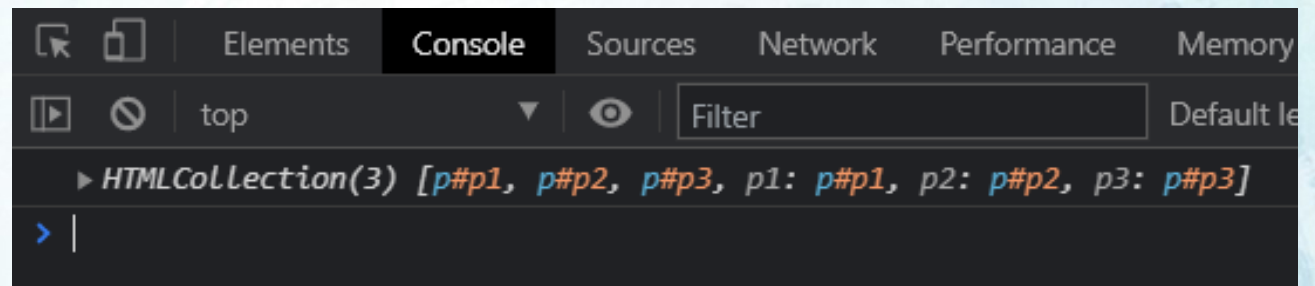
  <script>
    let main = document.querySelector('#main');
    console.log(main.childNodes);
  </script>
</body>
```



Child Node

- To **only get element type nodes**, use `children` instead

```
<script>
  let main = document.querySelector('#main');
  console.log(main.children);
</script>
```



Child Node Activity

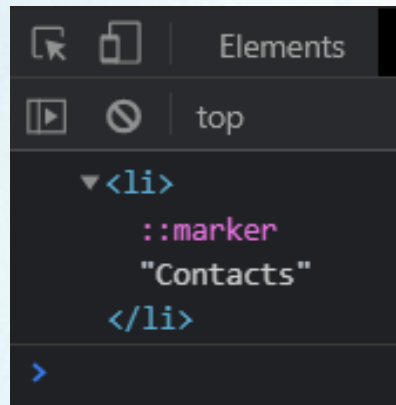
- Activity: display a list of child nodes, as well as the first and last child
- Create the list of elements using ``
- Get all children of the ``
- Get the first and last child of the ``
- Console log all of them

```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <ul id="list">
      <li>Home</li>
      <li>Products</li>
      <li>About</li>
      <li>Contacts</li>
      <li>Login</li>
    </ul>
  </div>

  <script>
    let children = document.querySelector('#list').children;
    let first =
document.querySelector('#list').firstElementChild;
    let last = document.querySelector('#list').lastElementChild;
    console.log(children);
    console.log(first);
    console.log(last);
  </script>
</body>
```

Siblings

- `nextElementSibling` returns the **next sibling** in a list of element

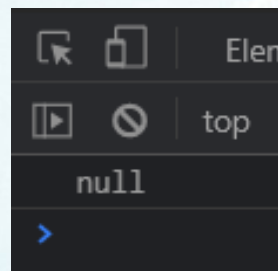


```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <ul>
      <li>Home</li>
      <li>Products</li>
      <li class="current">About</li>
      <li>Contacts</li>
      <li>Login</li>
    </ul>
  </div>

  <script>
    let current = document.querySelector('.current');
    console.log(current.nextElementSibling);
  </script>
</body>
```

Siblings

- `nextElementSibling` returns null if it is the last one in the list of elements



```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <ul>
      <li>Home</li>
      <li>Products</li>
      <li>About</li>
      <li>Contacts</li>
      <li class="current">Login</li>
    </ul>
  </div>

  <script>
    let current = document.querySelector('.current');
    console.log(current.nextElementSibling);
  </script>
</body>
```


Siblings

- `previousElementSibling` works similar, returning the **previous sibling** in the list of elements
- Returns null if specified element is the first one in the list

```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <ul>
      <li>Home</li>
      <li>Products</li>
      <li class="current">About</li>
      <li>Contacts</li>
      <li>Login</li>
    </ul>
  </div>

  <script>
    let current = document.querySelector('.current');
    console.log(current.previousElementSibling);
  </script>
</body>
```

Siblings Exercise

- Try and create a website with a list of elements `` and a button
- The button will display each item of the `` on every click
- E.g. on first button click, console log CSS, on second button click, console log JS, etc.
- Does not have to loop back

```
<div id="main">
  <ul id="list">
    <li>CSS</li>
    <li>JS</li>
    <li>Python</li>
    <li>HTML</li>
    <li>ES6</li>
  </ul>
</div>
```

Siblings Exercise Example

- The first three button clicks look like this

```
▼ <li>
  ::marker
  "CSS"
</li>
▼ <li>
  ::marker
  "JS"
</li>
▼ <li>
  ::marker
  "Python"
</li>
>
```


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Siblings Solution

- Setting up the `` and `<button>`

```
<div id="main">
  <ul id="list">
    <li>CSS</li>
    <li>JS</li>
    <li>Python</li>
    <li>HTML</li>
    <li>ES6</li>
  </ul>
  <button type="button" onclick="iteratelist()">Click me to iterate!</button>
</div>
```

Siblings Solution

- Get the element
- Get the first child of the as the current child
- Inside the button function,
- Console log the current child
- Change the current child into the next element sibling

```
<script>
  let mainlist = document.querySelector("#list");
  let current = mainlist.firstChild

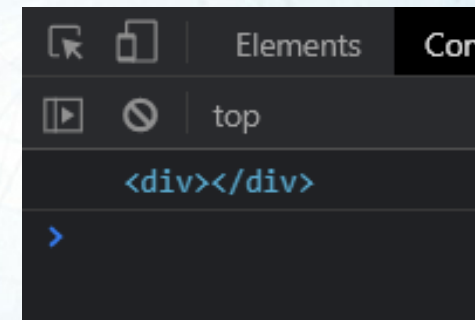
  function iteratelist() {
    console.log(current)
    current = current.nextElementSibling
  }
</script>
```

2.2 Traversing Elements

Create Element

- To **create a new element** in the HTML document, use `createElement(Tag)`
- It will **return a new node** with element type

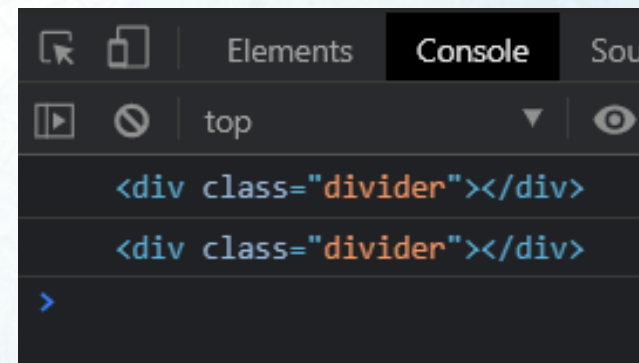
```
<script>  
  let div = document.createElement('div');  
  console.log(div);  
</script>
```



Create Element

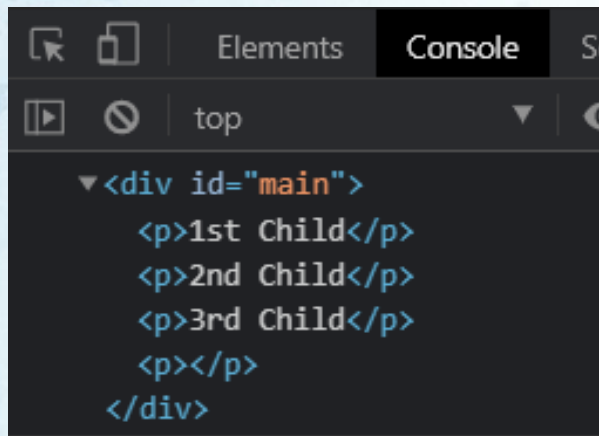
- It is **not attached to the DOM Tree**
- Its properties can be **manipulated**
- It is live, changing attributes/properties will be reflected

```
<script>
  let div = document.createElement('div');
  console.log(div);
  div.className = "divider";
  console.log(div);
</script>
```



Append Child

- appendChild **moves** an node onto the **end of the list of nodes** from the specified parent node



```
▼ <div id="main">
  <p>1st Child</p>
  <p>2nd Child</p>
  <p>3rd Child</p>
  <p></p>
</div>
```

```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <p>1st Child</p>
    <p>2nd Child</p>
    <p>3rd Child</p>
  </div>

  <script>
    let p = document.createElement('p');
    let main = document.querySelector('#main');
    main.appendChild(p);
    console.log(main);
  </script>
</body>
```


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Append Child

- The target node of appendChild **will be moved and not copied**
- appendChild can be used in most nodes

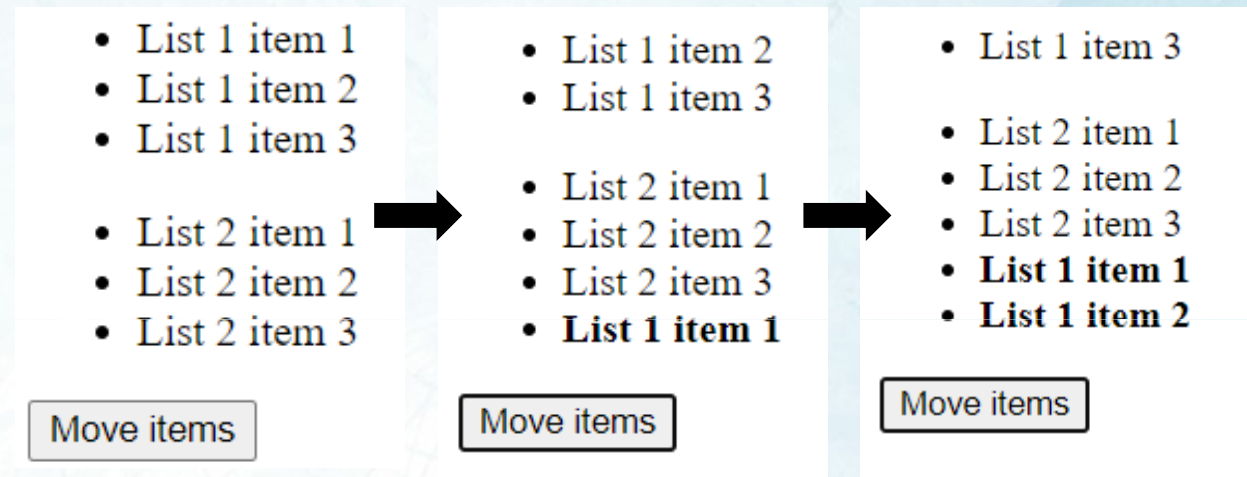
Append Child Exercise

- Try and create 2 lists with items inside with a button
- On button click, append the first item in the first into a created element, and move it to the bottom inside the second

```
<ul id="list1">
  <li>List 1 item 1</li>
  <li>List 1 item 2</li>
  <li>List 1 item 3</li>
</ul>
<ul id="list2">
  <li>List 2 item 1</li>
  <li>List 2 item 2</li>
  <li>List 2 item 3</li>
</ul>
<button type="button" onclick="move()">Move items</button>
```

Append Child Example

- 2 lists of 3 items are shown initially
- On each click, the top item on list 1 is moved to the bottom of list 2
- If `` is inserted in the moved items, bold letters will occur



Append Child Solution

- Setting up the lists and button, along with id attribute

```
<ul id="list1">
  <li>List 1 item 1</li>
  <li>List 1 item 2</li>
  <li>List 1 item 3</li>
</ul>
<ul id="list2">
  <li>List 2 item 1</li>
  <li>List 2 item 2</li>
  <li>List 2 item 3</li>
</ul>
<button type="button" onclick="move()">Move items</button>
```

Append Child Solution

- Inside the function,
- Get the elements
- Create a element
- Get the first item in list 1
- Add the list item into the element
- Append the element into the second list

```
<script>
  function move() {
    let list1 = document.querySelector("#list1")
    let list2 = document.querySelector("#list2")
    let b = document.createElement("b")
    let item = list1.firstElementChild
    b.appendChild(item)
    list2.appendChild(b)
  }
</script>
```

Element Text

- `textContent` can be used to get the text of the element, and the **text of ALL its child nodes**
- Comments and styles are **ignored**

```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <span style="display:none">A hidden text</span>
    A not so hidden text
    <!-- A comment -->
  </div>

  <script>
    let main = document.querySelector("#main")
    console.log(main.textContent)
  </script>
</body>
```


Element Text

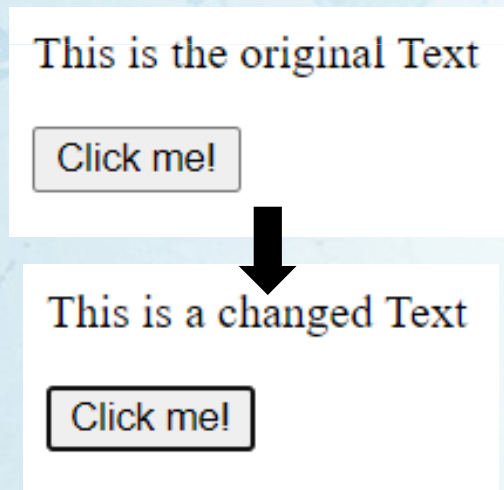
- innerText works similar to textContent, but only returns **human-readable text**
- Styles with visibility:hidden or display:none will not be returned

```
<body>
  <div id="main">
    <span style="display:none">A hidden text with</span>
    <span style="visibility: hidden">Another hidden text</span>
    A not so hidden text
    <!-- A comment -->
  </div>

  <script>
    let main = document.querySelector("#main")
    console.log(main.innerText)
  </script>
</body>
```

Element Text

- `textContent/innerText` can be used to set the text of an element as well!

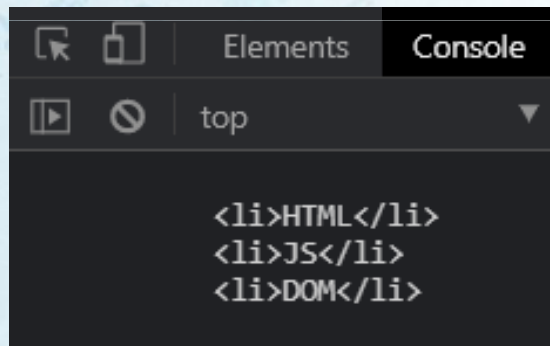


```
<body>
  <p>This is the original Text</p>
  <button type="button" onclick="changetext()">Click me!</button>

  <script>
    function changetext() {
      let p = document.querySelector("p");
      p.textContent = "This is a changed Text";
    };
  </script>
</body>
```

innerHTML

- innerHTML is used to get the **HTML markup** of a specified element



```
<body>
  <ul id="main">
    <li>HTML</li>
    <li>JS</li>
    <li>DOM</li>
  </ul>

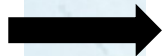
  <script>
    let main = document.querySelector("#main");
    console.log(main.innerHTML)
  </script>
</body>
```


innerHTML

- innerHTML is also used to set the **HTML markup** of a specified element

- HTML
- JS
- DOM

Add new item!



- HTML
- JS
- DOM
- Python

Add new item!

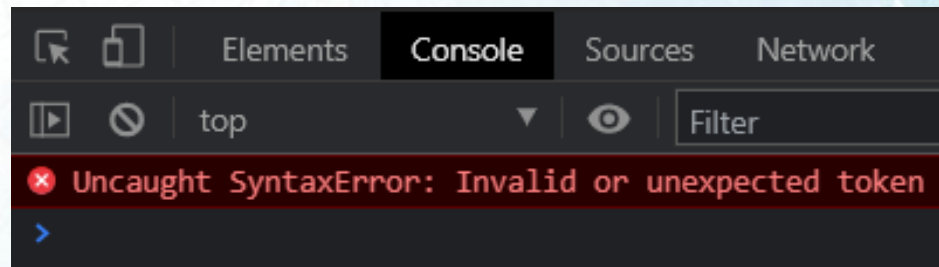
```
<body>
  <ul id="main">
    <li>HTML</li>
    <li>JS</li>
    <li>DOM</li>
  </ul>
  <button type="button" onclick="addhtml()">Add item</button>

  <script>
    function addhtml() {
      let main = document.querySelector("#main");
      main.innerHTML += "<li>Python</li>";
    }
  </script>
</body>
```

innerHTML

- Do not set innerHTML with user inputs
- HTML5 has a safeguard that disables execution of `<script>` using innerHTML
- There are other means on executing JS functions

```
<script>
  function addhtml() {
    let main = document.querySelector("#main");
    main.innerHTML +=
      "<script><!-- dangerous code --></script>";
  }
</script>
```



Safeguard with HTML5

innerHTML

- Using error handlers, js functions can be executed, bypassing the safeguard
- Image doesn't exist, so it will always cause an error, which triggers the error handler
- Some functions will damage your computer!

```
<script>
  function addhtml() {
    let main = document.querySelector("#main");
    main.innerHTML +=
      "<img src='1' onerror='<!-- dangerous code -->'>";
  }
</script>
```


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innerHTML vs. createElement

Efficiency

- Using createElement **only creates the Element independently**
- Using innerHTML will cause the web browser to **recreate all nodes** inside the specified parent element
- CreateElement is more efficient

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innerHTML vs. createElement

Security

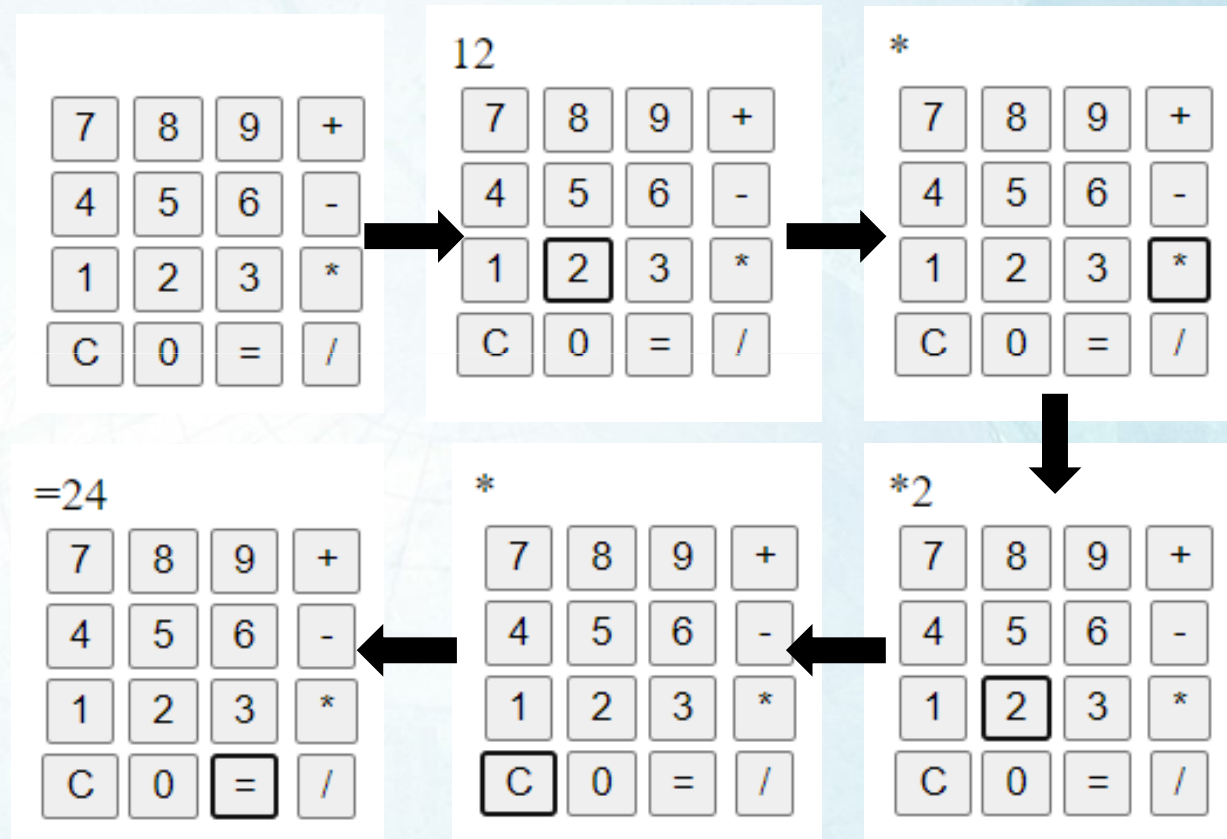
- Using createElement only creates the Element Node
- Using innerHTML with user inputs will have **potential danger**, and should **only be used for a trusted source like a database**
- CreateElement is more secure

Exercise

- Create a website that...
- Resembles a simple calculator, with buttons 1 to 9, 4 basic operator buttons + - * /, a clear button and a enter button
- Has a display that shows the current calculation on top of the buttons
- Displays the calculated number on the display
- Only one calculation is required, no need for multiple steps (e.g. $1 * 2 + 3$)
- Please finish it by the end of this lesson

Exercise Example

- Interface resembles a calculator
- Clicking on the numbers will be shown on the display
- Clicking on the operators will clear the display for the second number input
- Clicking Clear (C) will clear the current number display
- Clicking enter (=) will display the result



References

- Use these if you need more explanations!
- <https://www.javascripttutorial.net/es6/>
- <https://javascript.info/>
- Use this if you need more specific answers!
- <https://stackoverflow.com/>