Manage HTML DOM with Vanilla JavaSeript

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Select children of an element

Get the **children nodes** of an **element**:

```
const childNodes = ele.childNodes;
```

By looping over **chidren**, we can get the **first** or **last child**:

```
const first = childNodes[0];
const last = childNodes[childNodes.length - 1];
```

There are properties to access the **first** and **last child** directly:

```
const first = ele.firstChild;
const last = ele.lastChild;
```

Select an element or list of elements

```
Select an element by given ID:
<div id="hello" />;
document.getElementById('hello');
Select elements by class name.
Returns the list of elements that have hello class
within a given element:
ele.getElementsByClassName('hello');
```

Select an element or list of elements

Select elements by tag name.

Returns the list of **span elements** inside a given **element**:

ele.getElementsByTagName('span');

Select elements by CSS selector.

Returns the **list of elements** that match a given **selector**:

ele.querySelectorAll('div.hello');

Returns the **first element** that match a given **selector**:

ele.querySelector('div.hello');

Set CSS style for an element

```
Set a CSS style.
Setting the style via the style property:
ele.style.backgroundColor = 'red';
ele.style['backgroundColor'] = 'red';
ele.style['background-color'] = 'red';
Multiple styles can be set at same time by overwriting
or updating the cssText property:
// Add new style
el.style.cssText += 'background-color: red; color: white';
// Ignore previous styles
el.style.cssText = 'background-color: red; color: white';
```

Set CSS style for an element

```
Remove a CSS style.

ele.style.removeProperty('background-color');

// Does NOT work
ele.style.removeProperty('backgroundColor');
```

Show or hide an element

```
Show an element.

ele.style.display = ";

Hide an element.

ele.style.display = 'none';
```

Wrap an element around a given element

Wrap the **wrapper** around an **element**:

```
// First, insert wrapper before the element in its parent node ele.parentNode.insertBefore(wrapper, ele);
```

// And then, turn the element into a children of wrapper wrapper.appendChild(ele);

Unwrap an element

```
Remove an element except its children:
// Get the parent node
const parent = ele.parentNode;
// Move all children node to the parent
while (ele.firstChild) {
 parent.insertBefore(ele.firstChild, ele);
// The element becomes an empty element
// Remove it from the parent
parent.removeChild(ele);
```

Add or remove class from an element

```
Add a class to an element
ele.classList.add('class-name');
ele.classList.add('another', 'class', 'name');
Remove a class from an element
ele.classList.remove('class-name');
ele.classList.remove('another', 'class', 'name');
Toggle a class
ele.classList.toggle('class-name');
```

Check an element against a selector

We want to find out if the **child element** is a **descendant** of the **parent element**.

Use the contains method
 const isDescendant = parent.contains(child);

2. Go up from the child until see the parent

```
// Check if child is a descendant of parent
const isDescendant = function (parent, child) {
  let node = child.parentNode;
  while (node) {
    if (node === parent) return true;
    node = node.parentNode; // Traverse up to the parent
  }
  // Go up until the root but couldn't find the 'parent'
  return false;
}:
```

Check if an element has given class

ele.classList.contains('class-name');

Create an element

Create new element

const ele = document.createElement('div');

Create new text node

const ele = document.createTextNode('Hello World!');

Determine height and width of an element

```
// Get the styles
const styles = window.getComputedStyle(ele);
// The size without padding and border
const height = ele.clientHeight -
 parseFloat(styles.paddingTop) - parseFloat(styles.paddingBottom);
const width = ele.clientWidth -
 parseFloat(styles.paddingLeft) - parseFloat(styles.paddingRight);
// The size include padding
const clientHeight = ele.clientHeight;
const clientWidth = ele.clientWidth;
```

Determine height and width of an element

```
// The size include padding and border
const offsetHeight = ele.offsetHeight;
const offsetWidth = ele.offsetWidth;

// The size include padding, border and margin
const heightWithMargin = ele.offsetHeight +
   parseFloat(styles.marginTop) + parseFloat(styles.marginBottom);
const widthWithMargin = ele.offsetWidth +
   parseFloat(styles.marginLeft) + parseFloat(styles.marginRight);
```

Get CSS styles of an element

We can get all **CSS styles** via the **getComputedStyle** method:

const styles = window.getComputedStyle(ele, null);

From there, it's easy to access the value of **specific style**:

// Get the background color
const bgColor = styles.backgroundColor;

Get CSS styles of an element

```
The getPropertyValue method produces the same result:

const bgColor = styles.getPropertyValue('background-color');

// Or turn the parameter to camelCase format:
const bgColor = styles.getPropertyValue('backgroundColor');
```

Get siblings of an element

```
Get the previous sibling
const prev = ele.previousSibling;
Get the next sibling
const next = ele.nextSibling;
Get all siblings
// Get the parent node
const parent = ele.parentNode;
// Filter the children, exclude the element
const siblings = [].slice.call(parent.children).filter(function (child) {
 return child !== ele;
```

Get, set and remove data attributes

Get the data attribute's value

```
// Get the data-message attribute of the element
const message = ele.getAttribute('data-message'); // option 1
const message = ele.dataset.message; // option 2
```

Set the data attribute's value

```
ele.setAttribute('data-message', 'Hello World'); // option 1 ele.dataset.message = 'Hello World'; // option 2
```

Remove the data attribute

```
ele.removeAttribute('data-message'); // option 1 delete ele.dataset.message; // option 2
```

Note that calling delete **ele.dataset** doesn't remove all **data attributes**.

Get or set the HTML of an element

Get the HTML

const html = ele.innerHTML;

Set the HTML

ele.innerHTML = '<h1>Hello World!</h1>';

Get position of an element relative to document

```
// Get the top, left coordinates of the element
const rect = ele.getBoundingClientRect();

// Add the scroll postion to get the full distance from the element
// to the top, left sides of the document
const top = rect.top + document.body.scrollTop;
const left = rect.left + document.body.scrollLeft;
```

Get text content of an element

Returns the **raw text content** of an **element** and its **children**. All the **HTML tags** are excluded.

const text = ele.textContent;

Image is already loaded const image = document.querySelector(...); // Get the original size const naturalWidth = image.naturalWidth; const naturalHeight = image.naturalHeight; // Get the scaled size const width = image.width; const height = image.height;

Listen on the **load event** to calculate the **size** of **image** which can be loaded via a given **URL**:

```
const image = document.createElement('img');
image.addEventListener('load', function (e) {
    // Get the size
    const width = e.target.width;
    const height = e.target.height;
});

// Set the source
image.src = '/path/to/image.png';
```

We can use a **Promise** to turn the snippet to a **reusable function**:

```
const calculateSize = function (url) {
 return new Promise (function (resolve, reject) {
   const image = document.createElement('img');
   image.addEventListener('load', function (e) {
     resolve({
      width: e.target.width,
      height: e.target.height,
   image.addEventListener('error', function () {
    reject();
   image.src = url;
```

```
calculateSize('/path/to/image.png').then(function (data) {
  const width = data.width;
  const height = data.height;
});
```

Redirect to another page

Redirect to another page

location.href = '/the/new/url';

Go back to the previous page

history.back(); //option 1 history.go(-1); //option 2

Insert an element after or before other element

Insert after

Insert an **element** after the **refEle element**:

refEle.parentNode.insertBefore(ele, refEle.nextSibling); // option 1 refEle.insertAdjacentElement('afterend', ele); // option 2

Insert before

Insert an **element** before the **refEle element**:

refEle.parentNode.insertBefore(ele, refEle); // option 1 refEle.insertAdjacentElement('beforebegin', ele); // option 2

Insert given HTML after or before an element

Insert after

Insert HTML after an element:

ele.insertAdjacentHTML('afterend', html);

Insert before

Insert HTML before an element:

ele.insertAdjacentHTML('beforebegin', html);

Prepend to an element

Add an **element** to the beginning of the **target element**:

target.insertBefore(ele, target.firstChild);

Remove all children of a mode

1. Empty the inner HTML (not recommended)

```
ele.innerHTML = ";
```

This method isn't recommended because it doesn't remove event handlers of child node. Hence, it might cause a memory leak if we are managing a big list of elements.

2. Remove child nodes

Remove its **child node** until it doesn't have any **children**.

```
while (node.firstChild) {
  node.removeChild(node.firstChild);
}
```

Replace broken images

Replace the **broken images** with an **image** telling visitors that they are not found:

```
// Assume that wewant to replace all images on the page
const images = document.querySelectorAll('img');

// Loop over them
[].forEach.call(images, function (ele) {
   ele.addEventListener('error', function (e) {
      e.target.src = '/path/to/404/image.png';
   });
});
```

Replace an element

The **element** will be removed from the **DOM tree**, and is replaced with the **new element**:

ele.parentNode.replaceChild(newEle, ele);

Append to an element

Append an **element** to the end of the **target element**:

target.appendChild(ele);

Get parent node of an element

Returns the **parent node** of the an **element**:

const parent = ele.parentNode;

Loop over a modelist

Assume that **elements** is a **NodeList** that matches given **selector**:

const elements = document.querySelectorAll(...);

Then we can loop over **elements** by using one of these approaches:

1. Use the ES6 spread operator

```
[...elements].forEach(function(ele) {
    ...
});
```

Loop over a modelist

2. Use the Array methods

```
//option 1
Array.from(elements).forEach(function(ele) {
});
// option 2
[].forEach.call(elements, function(ele) {
});
//option 3
[].slice.call(elements, 0).forEach(function(ele) {
});
```

Loop over a nodelist

3. Use the forEach method
elements.forEach(function(ele) {
 ...
});

Insert an element after or before other element

Insert after:

```
Insert an element after other element (refEle).
refEle.parentNode.insertBefore(ele, refEle.nextSibling); // option 1
refEle.insertAdjacentElement('afterend', ele); //option 2
Insert before:
Insert an element before other element (refEle).
refEle.parentNode.insertBefore(ele, refEle); // option 1
refEle.insertAdjacentElement('beforebegin', ele); // option 2
```

Remove an element

1. Use the remove method
ele.remove();
2. Use the removeChild method
if (ele.parentNode) {
 ele.parentNode.removeChild(ele);
}

Clone an element

const cloned = ele.cloneNode(true);

Using cloneNode(true) method will deep copy a given element.

In this code, all **attributes** and **children node** of **original node** (**ele**) will be cloned in **cloned node** as well.

Passing **false** produces a **cloned node** that keeps only **attributes** and the **original node**:

const cloned = ele.cloneNode(false);

Get, set and remove attributes

Get the attribute's value

```
// Get the `title `attribute of a link element
const title = link.getAttribute('title');
```

Set the attribute's value

```
// Set the width and height of an image
image.setAttribute('width', '100px');
image.setAttribute('height', '120px');
```

Remove the attribute

```
// Remove the `title `attribute ele.removeAttribute('title');
```

Get closest element by given selector

```
1. Use the native closest() method
const result = ele.closest(selector);
2. Traverse up until find the matching element
const matches = function (ele, selector) {
 return (
   ele.matches II
   ele.matchesSelector II
   ele.msMatchesSelector II
   ele.mozMatchesSelector II
   ele.webkitMatchesSelector II
   ele.oMatchesSelector
 ).call(ele, selector);
```

Get closest element by given selector

```
...
// Find the closest element to `ele `and matches the `selector`
const closest = function (ele, selector) {
 let e = ele;
 while (e)
   if (matches(e, selector)) {
     break;
   e = e.parentNode;
 return e;
```

Check if an element is a descendant of another

Assume that we want to find out if the **child element** is a **descendant** of the **parent element**.

1. Use the contains method

const isDescendant = parent.contains(child);

Check if an element is a descendant of another

2. Go up from the child until see the parent

```
// Check if `child` is a descendant of `parent`
const isDescendant = function (parent, child) {
 let node = child.parentNode;
 while (node) {
   if (node = = = parent) {
     return true;
   // Traverse up to the parent
   node = node.parentNode;
 // Go up until the root but couldn't find the 'parent'
 return false;
```

Toggle password visibility

Assume that we have two **elements**: a **password element**, and a **button** for toggling the **visibility** of the **password**:

```
<input type="password" id="password" />
<button id="toggle">Toggle</button>
```

Toggle password visibility

In order to show the **password**, we turn the **password element** to an usual **textbox** whose **type attribute** is **text**: // Query the elements const passwordEle = document.getElementById('password'); const toggleEle = document.getElementById('toggle'); toggleEle.addEventListener('click', function () { const type = passwordEle.getAttribute('type'); passwordEle.setAttribute('type', // Switch it to a text field if it's a password field // currently, and vice versa type = = = 'password' ? 'text' : 'password'

Count number of characters of a textarea

Assume that we have a **textarea element** and a **div element** for showing how many **characters** user has been entering:

```
<textarea id="message" > < /textarea > < div id="counter" > < /div >
```

Use the maxlength attribute

The **maxlength attribute** sets maximum number of **characters** that user can put in the **textarea**.

<textarea maxlength="200" id="message"></textarea>

Count number of characters of a textarea

Count the number of characters

Handle the **input event** which is triggered if the value of **element** is changed:

```
const messageEle = document.getElementById('message');
const counterEle = document.getElementById('counter');
messageEle.addEventListener('input', function (e) {
 const target = e.target;
 // Get the 'maxlength' attribute
 const maxLength = target.getAttribute('maxlength');
 // Count the current number of characters
 const currentLength = target.value.length;
 counterEle.innerHTML = `${currentLength}/${maxLength}`;
```

Detect if an element is focused

Assume that **ele** represents the **element** that we want to check if it has the **focus** currently:

const hasFocus = ele = = = document.activeElement;

Get or set document title

Get the document title

const title = document.title;

Set the document title

document.title = 'Hello World';

Get document height and width

Get the document height

```
//Full height, including the scroll part
const fullHeight = Math.max(
  document.body.scrollHeight,
  document.documentElement.scrollHeight,
  document.body.offsetHeight,
  document.documentElement.offsetHeight,
  document.body.clientHeight,
  document.documentElement.clientHeight
);
```

Get document height and width

Get the document width

```
// Full width, including the scroll part
const fullWidth = Math.max(
  document.body.scrollWidth,
  document.documentElement.scrollWidth,
  document.body.offsetWidth,
  document.documentElement.offsetWidth,
  document.body.clientWidth,
  document.documentElement.clientWidth
);
```

Go back to previous page

```
history.back(); //option 1
```

history.go(-1); //option 2

Trigger an event

Trigger event for inputs

There are some **special events** that are available as **method's element**.
We can call them directly.

```
//For text box and textarea
ele.focus();
ele.blur();

//For form element
formEle.reset();
formEle.submit();

//For any element
ele.click();
```

Trigger an event

Trigger a native event

```
const trigger = function (ele, eventName) {
  const e = document.createEvent('HTMLEvents');
  e.initEvent(eventName, true, false);
  ele.dispatchEvent(e);
};

We can also trigger the change, keyup, mousedown and more.

trigger(ele, 'mousedown');
```

Trigger an event

Trigger a custom event

```
We can trigger a custom event named hello with a data of { message: 'Hello World' }:

const e = document.createEvent('CustomEvent');
e.initCustomEvent('hello', true, true, { message: 'Hello World' });

// Trigger the event ele.dispatchEvent(e);
```

Attach or detach an event handler

Use the on attribute (not recommended)

We can set an **event handler** via **on {eventName} attribute**, where **eventName** represents the **name** of **event**.

```
ele.onclick = function() {
    ...
};

// Remove the event handler
delete ele.onclick;
```

This approach isn't recommended because we can only attach one **handler** for **each event**. Setting the **onclick attribute**, for example, will override any existing **handler** for the **click event**.

Attach or detach an event handler

```
Use the addEventListener method
const handler = function() {
    ...
};

// Attach handler to the click event
ele.addEventListener('click', handler);

// Detach the handler from the click event
ele.removeEventListener('click', handler);
```

Note that the **event name** is passed as the first parameter in both the **addEventListener** and **removeEventListener** methods. It differs from the first approach which requires to **prefix** the **event name** with **on**.

Create one time event handler

1. Use the once option

```
When attach a handler to given event, we can pass { once: true } to the last parameter of the addEventListener method:

const handler = function (e) {
    // The event handler
};

ele.addEventListener('event-name', handler, { once: true });
```

Create one time event handler

2. Self-remove the handler

```
const handler = function (e) {
   // The event handler
   // Do something ...

// Remove the handler
   e.target.removeEventListener(e.type, handler);
};

ele.addEventListener('event-name', handler);
```

Prevent default action of an event

1. Return false for the on < event > ele.onclick = function(e) { // Do some thing return false; It's same if we the **inline attribute**: <form> <button type="submit" onclick="return false">Click</button> </form> This approach isn't recommend because returning **false** just doesn't make sense and it doesn't work with the addEventListener() method.

Prevent default action of an event

2. Use the preventDefault() method

```
This method works with inline attribute
<button type="submit" onclick="event.preventDefault()">Click</button>
To event handlers:
ele.onclick = function(e) {
 e.preventDefault();
 // Do some thing
ele.addEventListener('click', function(e) {
 e.preventDefault();
 // Do some thing
```

Execute code when document is ready

```
const ready = function (cb) {
// Check if the 'document' is loaded completely
document.readyState = = = "loading"
 ? document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", function (e) {
   cb();
 : cb();
// Usage
ready(function() {
 // Do something when the document is ready
});
```

Detect clicks outside of an element

Check if a **click** was outside of an **element**:

```
document.addEventListener('click', function (evt) {
   const isClickedOutside = !ele.contains(evt.target);

// 'isClickedOutside 'is true if the clicked target is outside of 'ele '
});
```

Submit a form with Ajax

```
const submit = function (formEle) {
 return new Promise(function (resolve, reject) {
   const params = serialize(formEle); // Serialize form data
   // Create Ajax request
   const req = new XMLHttpRequest();
   req.open('POST', formEle.action, true);
   req.setRequestHeader('Content-Type',
        'application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8');
   // Handle the events
   req.onload = function () {
    if (req.status > = 200 && req.status < 400) resolve(req.responseText);
   req.onerror = function () {
    reject();
   req.send(params);
```

Submit a form with Ajax

```
The serialize function serializes all the form data into a query string.

const formEle = document.getElementById(...);

//response is what we got from the back-end submit(formEle).then(function(response) {
    // We can parse it if the server returns a JSON const data = JSON.parse(response);
    ...
});
```

Upload files with Ajax

This function sends **selected files** from a **file input element** to a **back-end**:

```
const upload = function (fileEle, backendUrl) {
 return new Promise (function (resolve, reject) {
   // Get the list of selected files
   const files = fileEle.files;
   // Create a new FormData
   const formData = new FormData();
   // Loop over the files
   [].forEach.call(files, function (file) {
     formData.append(fileEle.name, file, file.name);
   });
```

Upload files with Ajax

```
const upload = function (fileEle, backendUrl) {
 return new Promise (function (resolve, reject) {
   // Create new Ajax request
   const req = new XMLHttpRequest();
   req.open('POST', backendUrl, true);
   // Handle the events
   req.onload = function () {
    if (req.status > = 200 && req.status < 400) {
      resolve(req.responseText);
   req.onerror = function () {
    reject();
   req.send(formData);
```

Upload files with Ajax

Assume that we have a **file input element** that allows user to choose **multiple files**:

```
<input type="file" id="upload" multiple />
```

We can use this code inside a **click event handler** of a **button** which performs the **uploading**:

```
const fileEle = document.getElementById('upload');
upload(fileEle, '/path/to/back-end').then(function(response) {
    // response 'is what we got from the back-end
    // We can parse it if the server returns a JSON
    const data = JSON.parse(response);
...
});
```

Get size of selected file

In this markup, we have two **elements** defined by different **id attributes**.

The id="size" element will be used to display the size of selected file from the id="upload" element.

```
<input type="file" id="upload" />
<div id="size" > < /div >
```

We listen on the **change event** of the **file input**, and get the **selected files** via **e.target.files**.

The **file size** in bytes of the **selected file** can be retrieved from the **size property** of the first (and only) file.

Get size of selected file

The **size element** is shown up or hidden based on the fact that user selects a file or not.

```
// Query the elements
const fileEle = document.getElementById('upload');
const sizeEle = document.getElementById('size');
fileEle.addEventListener('change', function (e) {
 const files = e.target.files;
 if (files.length = = = 0) {
   // Hide the size element if user doesn't choose any file
   sizeEle.innerHTML = ";
   sizeEle.style.display = 'none';
 } else {
   sizeEle innerHTML = `${files[0].size} B`; // File size in bytes
   sizeEle.style.display = 'block'; // Display it
```

Get size of selected file

Display a readable size

Instead of displaying in **bytes**, we can transform it to a **readable format** in **kB**, **MB**, **GB**, and **TB** depending on how big it is.

The **formatFileSize** helper method is created for that purpose:

```
// Convert the file size to a readable format
const formatFileSize = function (bytes) {
  const sufixes = ['B', 'kB', 'MB', 'GB', 'TB'];
  const i = Math.floor(Math.log(bytes) / Math.log(1024));
  return `${(bytes / Math.pow(1024, i)).toFixed(2)} ${sufixes[i]}`;
};

// Display the file size
sizeEle.innerHTML = formatFileSize(files[0].size);
```

Preview an image before uploading it

This is the markup for a **file input** which allows to choose an **image** using an **img element** for **previewing** the **selected file**.

```
<input type="file" id="fileInput" />
<img id="preview" />
Both elements can be taken by the getElementById() method:
const fileEle = document.getElementById('fileInput');
const previewEle = document.getElementById('preview');
```

Preview an image before uploading it

```
1. Use the URL.createObjectURL() method
fileEle.addEventListener('change', function (e) {
 // Get the selected file
 const file = e.target.files[0];
 // Create a new URL that references to the file
 const url = URL.createObjectURL(file);
 // Set the source for preview element
 previewEle.src = url;
```

Preview an image before uploading it

2. Use the FileReader's readAsDataURL() method fileEle.addEventListener('change', function (e) { // Get the selected file const file = e.target.files[0]; const reader = new FileReader(); reader.addEventListener('load', function () { // Set the source for preview element previewEle.src = reader.result; reader.readAsDataURL(file); **})**;

Assume that we want to **resize** an **image** to a given **number of percentages**.

This **image** can be determined from a **file input**:

```
// A file input
<input type="file" id="upload" />;
// Get the selected file
const image = document.getElementById('upload').files[0];
```

The following function **scales** an **image file** to **ratio of percentages**:

```
const resize = function (image, ratio) {
 return new Promise (function (resolve, reject) {
   const reader = new FileReader();
   reader.readAsDataURL(image); // Read the file
   // Manage the 'load' event
   reader.addEventListener('load', function (e) {
    const ele = new Image(); // Create new image element
    ele.addEventListener('load', function () {
      const canvas = document.createElement('canvas'); // Create new canvas
```

```
const resize = function (image, ratio) {
 return new Promise (function (resolve, reject) {
   reader.addEventListener('load', function (e) {
    ele.addEventListener('load', function () {
      // Draw the image that is scaled to `ratio
      const context = canvas.getContext('2d');
      const w = ele.width * ratio;
      const h = ele.height * ratio;
      canvas.width = w;
      canvas.height = h;
      context.drawlmage(ele, 0, 0, w, h);
```

```
reader.addEventListener('load', function (e) {
 ele.addEventListener('load', function () {
   // Get the data of resized image
   'toBlob' in canvas
     ? canvas.toBlob(function (blob) {
       resolve(blob);
     : resolve(dataUrlToBlob(canvas.toDataURL()));
 });
 ele.src = e.target.result; // Set the source
});
reader.addEventListener('error', function (e) {
 reject();
```