

Document.documentElement

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Document.documentElement returns the [Element](#) that is the root element of the [document](#) (for example, the `<html>` element for HTML documents).

Value

A [Element](#) object.

Examples

```
const rootElement = document.documentElement;
const firstTier = rootElement.childNodes;
// firstTier is a NodeList of the direct children of the root element
// such as <head> and <body>

for (const child of firstTier) {
  // do something with each direct child of the root element
}
```

Notes

For any non-empty HTML document, **documentElement** will always be an `<html>` element. For any non-empty XML document, **documentElement** will always be whatever element is the root element of the document.

Specifications

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[DOM Standard](#)

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