# Chapter 10 Dynamic element manipulation using the DOM

#### Topics in this chapter:

- 1. navigate the DOM and select the elements (Review)
- 2. add and change attributes and values to elements
- 3. add style to elements
- 4. add new elements to the DOM
- 5. events and event listeners

## 1 Basic DOM traversing

Review the section of "Navigating the DOM" in Chapter 9.

## 2 Access the elements in the HTMLCollection object

- HTMLCollection object is a collection of HTML elements (the child of the node class).
- often returned by DOM methods that query or manipulate a group of elements in the document,
  - such as document\_getElementsByTagName() or document\_getElementsByClassName().
- You can access the elements in the HTMLCollection object by the index or the element id name.



## Example 10-1: Use the element id name as the key to access the element in Chapter 10 Dynamic element manipulation using the DOM the HTMLCollection object

When you get the child elements of the body element, how do you get get the element of the id "forest"?

```
<body>
  <h1>Let's find the treasure</h1>
  <div id="forest">
    <div id="tree1">
      <div id="squirrel"> Squirrel </div>
      <div id="flower"> Flower </div>
    </div>
    <div id="tree2">
      <div id="shrubbery">
        <div id="treasure"> Treasure </div>
      </div>
      <div id="mushroom">
        <div id="bug"> Bug </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</body>
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```

Executing following JavaScript code:

let bodyChildren = document.body.children

will return an HTMLCollection object (an array-like object):

HTMLCollection(2) [h1, div#forest, forest: div#forest]

- The first two elements are elements with index 0 and 1, respectively.
- The third element is the property with the key "forest".
- The HTMLCollection object is an array-like object

So, We can access elements by index:

bodyChildren[1]

or, by the element id as the key:

bodyChildren.forest

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Q: What is the result of

document.body.children.forest.children?

A: the returned HTMLCollection object contains two elements and two properties:

HTMLCollection(2) [div#tree1, div#tree2, tree1: div#tree1, tree2: div#tree2]

```
DOM view (hide, refresh):
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  _HEAD
  -BODY
    -#text:
     #text: Let's find the treasure
    #text:
     DIV id="forest"
     -#text:
      -DIV id="tree1"
       -#text:
       -DIV id="squirrel"
        #text: Squirrel
        -#text:
        -DIV id="flower"
         #text: Flower
        -#text:
      #text:
      -DIV id="tree2"
       -#text:
       -DIV id="shrubbery"
         -#text:
         -DIV id="treasure"
          #text: Treasure
         -#text:
        #text:
        DIV id="mushroom"
         -#text:
         -DIV id="bua"
          #text: Bug
         #text:
        #text:
```

## **3 Selecting elements**

Recall that you can select elements by:

- tag name: document\_getElementsByTagName(tagName), returns an HTMLCollection object.
- class name: document\_getElementsByClassName(className), returns an HTMLCollection object.
- id: document.getElementById(id), returns an element object.
- CSS selector: document.querySelector(cssSelector), returns the first HTML element.
  - and document\_querySelectorAll(cssSelector), returns a NodeList object

Please review the section of "Select Page Elements" in Chapter 9.

### 4 Modify the CSS classes of an element

- classList property of an element object
  - Return a live DOMTokenList collection of the class attributes of the element.
- DOMTokenList object
  - a set of space-separated tokens.
  - o provides methods to add, remove, toggle, and check if a token exists in the list.

#### In short,

- use the classList property to get the DOMTokenList object
- use the methods of the DOMTokenList object to manipulate the classes of an element.

#### Add a class

Example 10-2: Modify the CSS classes of an element by JS

Consider the following HTML code (See full code in <a href="mailto:ch10/ex\_10\_02.html">ch10/ex\_10\_02.html</a>).

We want to apply the blue class to the shape element.

```
<body>
    <style>
      square {
        height: 100px;
        width: 100px;}
      .blue {
        background-color: blue;}
      .yellow {
        background-color: yellow;}
      .hide {
        display: none;}
    </style>
    <div id="shape" class="square" ></div>
```

#### Steps:

- 1. Get the square element by its id.
- 2. Get the DOMTokenList object of the square element from the classList property.
- 3. Add the blue class to the square element.

```
let shape = document.getElementById("shape");
shape.classList.add("blue");
```

#### Remove classes

Use the remove method of the DOMTokenList object:

```
shape.classList.remove("blue");
```

#### Toggle a class

The toggle method adds a class to an element if it is not present and removes it if it is present.

• return true if the class is in the list after the operation, otherwise false.

The current <div id="shape" class="square" ></div> does not have the class hide.

After executing the following code:

```
shape.classList.toggle("hide");
```

- The class hide will be added to the square and return true.
- If you execute the code again, the class hide will be removed and return false.

## 5 Manipulating element's in-line style

- The htmlElement.style property exposes the style attributes of an element.
  - return a live CSSStyleDeclaration object that contains the inline style attributes of the element.
- Use htmlElement.style.<attribute\_name> to assess and set the style attributes of an element.

#### Example

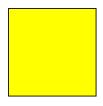
- htmlElement.style.backgroundColor to set the background color of an element.
- htmlElement.style.color to set the text color of an element.



For example, set the border of the shape to 1px solid red:

```
shape.style.border = "1px solid red";
```

The resultant square will have the inline style attribute style="border: 1px solid red;":



#### 6 Custom data attributes: data-\*

Sometime, we need to store data in the a HTML element, such the record's primary key.

 When taking actions, these data will be used to identify the record stored in the frontend or back-end.

Use the data-\* attributes to store extra information in the HTML elements.

\* is the name of the data attribute.

### Example: 10-3: Store the record and user information in the HTML elements

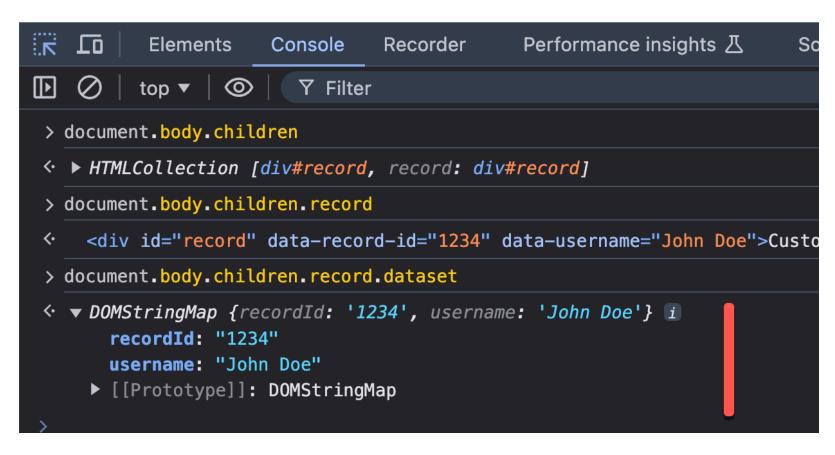
The record element contains the recordId and userName data attributes.

- recordId=1234
- userName="John Doe"

#### Note

- the data- prefix is removed from the key name in the dataset property and
- the key name is converted to the camelCase.

Customer: John Doe



#### Access and modify the custom data attributes

Use the dataset property of the element object to get the custom data attributes.

• return the DOMStringMap object that contains all the data-\* attributes of the element.

The key name is the camelCase of the custom attribute name.

- data-record-id is converted to recordId key name.
- data-userName is converted to userName key name.

The property value is always a string.

Example: Get the value of data-record-id data attribute

```
let record = document.getElementById("record");
let recordId = record.dataset.recordId;
```

### Add a new property to the dataset object

Add a new property to the dataset object:

```
record.dataset.newProperty = "new value";
```

### Check and delete a property in the dataset object

Check if a key exists in the dataset object

- Use the object.hasOwn(element.dataset, key) method to check
- Since the dataset object is a DOMStringMap object

Delete a key-value pair from the dataset object

• Use the delete operator: delete element.dataset.keyname

To see more details, please refer to HTMLElement: dataset property - Web APIs | MDN.

## 7 Lab 01: Apply a inline style and add a custom data attribute to an element

File: lab\_10\_01.html

## 8 Modifying other attributes

setAttribute, getAttribute, and removeAttribute methods are used to modify the attributes of an element dynamically.

#### HTML element attributes vs DOM element properties

Q: Element's attributes and properties are the same?

- Attribute means the HTML attribute of a tag.
- Property means the DOM property of an element object.



Q: Relationship between the HTML tag and the DOM element object?

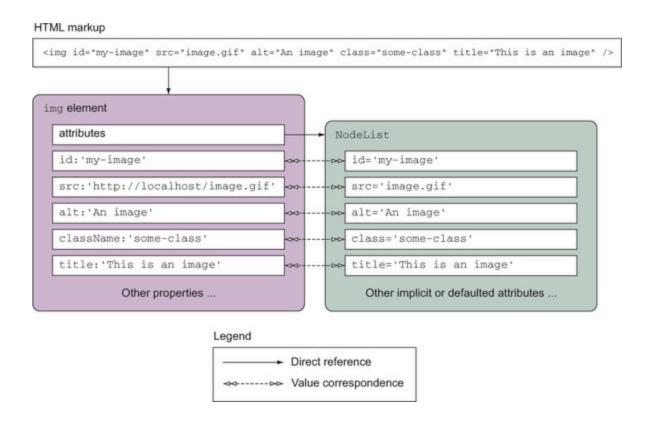
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Browser create a DOM object for each HTML tag in the document.

For example, for the following img tag:

```
<img id="myImage" src="image.jpg" alt="An image" class="some-class", title="This is an image" />
```

The browser will create a HTMLImageElement object for the <img> element.



The img tag attributes are bind to the HTMLImageElement 's properties in bi-directional way.

attribute <-> property



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#### Manipulating the attributes of an tag

Use the element.setAttribute(), element.getAttribute(), and element.removeAttribute provide us an intuitive way to access and modify the tag's attributes.

The syntax of the setAttribute method is:

```
element.setAttribute(name, value);
```

- If the attribute already exists, the value is updated;
- otherwise a new attribute is added with the specified name and value.

The syntax of the getAttribute method is:

```
element.getAttribute(name);
```

The syntax of the removeAttribute method is:

```
element.removeAttribute(name);
```

## Example 10-4: Modify the attributes of an element using the setAttribute, getAttribute, and removeAttribute methods

With the following HTML code, set the name and disabled attributes of the button element:

- name="submit"
- disabled="true"

The following code set the name and disabled attributes of the button element:

```
let button = document.querySelector("button");
button.setAttribute("name", "submit");
button.setAttribute("disabled", "true");
```

#### Get all attributes of a tag

- use the element.attributes property that returns a NamedNodeMap object,
   which is an array-like object.
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  Description of the property of the property

#### **Review Questions**

- 1. What is the relationship between the HTML tag and the DOM element object?
- 2. When you want to add the font-size: 16px style to an element, what options do you have?



## 9 Creating new elements and adding them to the DOM

You can create a new element and add it to the DOM to create a new content dynamically.

because the DOM elements and HTML document are bound each other.

#### Scenario:

- you allow a user to add more than one email addresses to the form.
- When the user clicks the "Add Email" button, a new input element will be added to the form.

#### Steps to create a new element and add it to the DOM

- 1. Create a new element using the document.createElement method.
- 2. Set the attributes of the new element using the setAttribute method or the HTMLElement 's properties.
- 3. Find the parent element where you want to add the new element.
- 4. Then, use the appendChild method of the parent element to add the new element.

## Example 10-5: Add a new email text input element to the form when the user clicks the "Add Email" button

Click the "Add another email" button to add a new email input element to the form.

Contact Information	
Contact information	
Add another email	
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Email address:	
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#### The logical steps:

- 1. Get the total number of email input elements in the form so that we can assign a unique id to the new email input element.
- 2. Find the parent element where we want to add the new email input element.
- 3. Create a new label element and set its for attribute to the new email input element's id.
- 4. Create a new input element and set its type, id, and name attributes.
- 5. Append the new label and input elements to the parent element.

Step 1. Get the total number of email input elements in the form so that we can assign a unique id to the new email input element.

```
// Use the css selector to get all email input elements
// Select all input elements with the type of email whose parent is the emailList div element.
let emailList = document.querySelectorAll("#emailList > input[type=email]");
let emailCount = emailList.length;
```

Step 2. Find the parent element where we want to add the new email input element.

```
let parentElement = emailList.parentElement;
```

Step 3. Create a new label element and set its for attribute to the new email input element's id.

```
let newLabel = document.createElement("label");
newLabel.htmlFor = "email" + (emailCount + 1);
// or newLabel.setAttribute("for", "email" + (emailCount + 1));
newLabel.innerHTML = "<br/> Email address " + (emailCount + 1) + ":";
```

Step 4. Create a new input element and set its type, id, and name attributes.

```
let newEmail = document.createElement("input");
newEmail.type = "email";
newEmail.id = "email" + (emailCount + 1);
newEmail.name = "email" + (emailCount + 1);
//or newEmail.setAttribute("type", "email");
```

Step 5. Append the new label and input elements to the parent element.

```
parentElement.appendChild(newLabel);
parentElement.appendChild(newEmail);
```

#### The complete code:

```
<script>
       function addEmail() {
           // Step 1. Get the total email inputs
           let emailList = document.guerySelectorAll("#emailList > input[type=email]");
           let emailCount = emailList.length;
           // Step 2 Find the parent element where we want to add the new email input element.
           let parentElement = document.getElementById("emailList");
           // Step 3 Create the label for the new email input field
           let newLabel = document.createElement("label");
           // Set the label attributes
           newLabel.htmlFor = "email" + (emailCount + 1);
           // Step 4 Create the email input field
           let newEmail = document.createElement("input");
           // set element attributes
           newEmail.type = "email";
           newEmail.id = "email" + (emailCount + 1);
           newEmail.name = "email" + (emailCount + 1);
           // Step 5 Append the new label and email input field to the emailList
           document.getElementById("emailList").appendChild(newLabel);
           document.getElementById("emailList").appendChild(newEmail);
   </script>
```

## Lab 02: Insert a new element to the specific position in the DOM

Based on the example 10\_05, write a script to create a h1 element with the text "JavaScript is fun!" and insert it before the fieldset element.

#### Method 1:

- Create a new h1 element and set its text content to "JavaScript is fun!"
- Use the before method to insert the new h1 element before the fieldset element.
  - Study the before of the Node object from the MDN Web Docs to help you.

#### Alternatively,

- Get the first child of the body element (the fieldset element)
- Then, use the insertBefore method of the **parent element** to insert the new element before the fieldset element.
  - Study the insertBefore method of the Node object from the MDN Web Docs to help you.

#### 10 Event Model

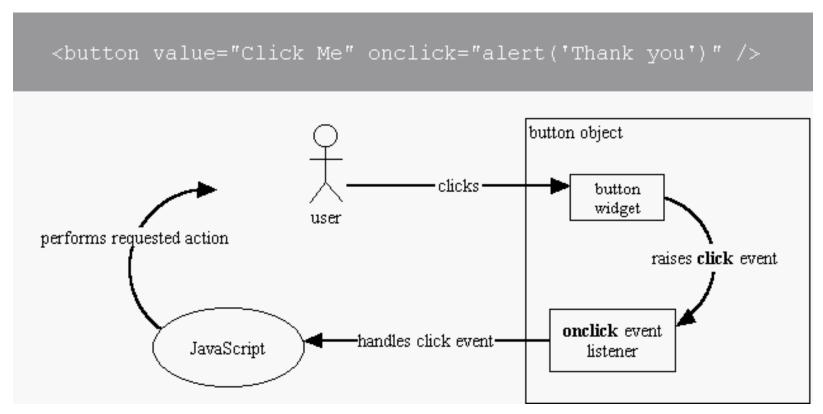
Events represent that something has happened in the browser.

#### Events can be:

- Windows or DOM events (click, mouseover, keydown, drag-and-drop, scroll etc.),
   indicating the user's interaction with the window or the DOM
- API events (read client-side file, fetch resources from a server, timer, etc.), notifying developers that asynchronous operations have been completed.

Ref: Event handling (overview) - Event reference | MDN

## Example 10-6: the button click event (DOM event)



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#### 11 Event listener

Event listeners are functions that listen for events and execute code when the event occurs.

Event listeners are call-back functions.

The function signature of the event listener is:

```
functionName(event) {
   // code to execute when the event occurs
}
```

## 12 Event Object

The browser will pass (inject) an Event object to the event listener function when the event occurs.

The Event object tell us two basic things:

- the event type
- the target element that triggers the event (event target)

Depend on the event type, the Event object may have more properties. For example,

- a mouse event includes the coordinate of the mouse pointer.
- a keyboard event include the key code of the key that is pressed.

To see the full list of the event types, please refer to

- Event reference | MDN
- Event Web APIs | MDN

## 13 Register an event listener to an DOM element

There are three ways to register an event listener to an element:

- Setting the event handler attribute of the HTML tag (inline event handler)
- Setting the event **handler property** of the DOM element
- Calling the addEventListener() method of the DOM element

Let discuss when to use which method.

# 14 Use the inline event handler: Write javascript code in the onXYZ attribute of the HTML tag

When you want to execute a simple code when the event occurs, you can use the inline event handler.

You write javascript code in the onXYZ attribute of the HTML tag, such as onclick, onmouseover, onkeydown, etc.

#### Example 10-7: Inline event handler

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
    <head>
    </head>
    <body>
        <a href="#" onclick="alert('Hello, world!');">Click me to say hello.</a> <br/>
        <a href="#" onclick="sayHello(this);"> Click me to invoke a function.</a> <br/>
    </body>
    <script>
        function sayHello(trigger) {
            // alert('Hello, world!');
            console.log('Hello, world!');
            console.log('this: ', trigger);
            console.log('event type: ', event.type);
            console.log('event target: ', event.target);
    </script>
</html>
```

The first <a> tag will show an alert message "Hello, world!" when the user clicks the link.

The second <a> tag will execute the sayHello function with two arguments when the user clicks the link.

The first argument is the this keyword, which refers to the element running the inline event handler.

• the this is equal to event.target in the sayHello function.

#### Implicitly converted inline event handler

The browser will implicitly convert the code in the inline event handler to a function and register it to the element's event listener.

The converted event listener function will have the following pattern:

```
function(event) {
  with(document) {
    with(this.form || {}) {
      with(this) {
        // code in the inline event handler
      }
    }
}
```

That means you can access trigging element (this), form data, document, and event objects in the inline event handler.

So, the inline event handler in the second <a> tag is equivalent to the following code:

```
function sayHello(trigger) {
document.body.children[2].onclick = function(event){
 with(document) {
    with(this form || {}) {
      with(this) {
        sayHello(this);
```

## Disadvantages

Use the inline event handler a lot will make your code hard to maintain and debug, because

- 1. The JS code is mixed with the HTML code.
- 2. Cannot centrally assign the event listeners to the elements.
- 3. When multiple tags use the same event handler, you need to assign the event handler to each tag one by one, which is very inconvenient.
- 4. Cannot programmatically and dynamically add or remove the event listeners.

Setting the event handler property of the DOM element is a better way to register the event listener.

# 15 Setting the event handler property of the DOM element to register the event listener

Recall that each HTML element has a corresponding DOM object.

The HTML element has a set of event handler attributes. Similarly, the DOM object has a set of event handler properties, such as onclick, onmouseover, onkeydown, etc., all in lowercase.

You can register an event listener to the DOM element by assigning a function to the event handler property.

## Example 10-8: Setting the event handler property of the DOM element

We rewrite the previous example and separate the javascript code from the HTML code.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
</head>
<body>
<a href="#">Click me to say hello.</a> <br/>
<a href="#">Click me to invoke a function.</a> <br/>
<script src="ex_10_08.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

```
const allAnchors = document.querySelectorAll('a');
let firstAnchor = document.querySelectorAll('a')[0]
let secondAnchor = document.querySelectorAll('a')[1]
// Assign the onclick event handler
firstAnchor.onclick = function(event) {
  console.log('Event type:', event.type);
  console.log('Event target:', event.target);
 window.alert('You clicked the first anchor element');
secondAnchor.onclick = function(event) {
    console.log('Hello, World!');
    console.log('Event type:', event.type);
    console.log('Event target:', event.target);
```

## Example 10-9: Assign the same listener function to multiple elements

```
<html>
    <head>
    </head>
    <body>
        < div >
            <input type="checkbox" id="cb1" name="flavor" value="10" data-flavor="vanilla">
            <label for="cb1">Vanilla</label>
            <input type="checkbox" id="cb2" name="flavor" value="20" data-flavor="strawberry">
            <label for="cb2">Strawberry</label>
        </div>
        <script>
            // define the listener function
            function logValueData(e){
                console.log(e.target.value);
                console.log(e.target.dataset.flavor);
            // assign the listener function
            const checkboxes = document.getElementsByName('flavor');
            checkboxes.forEach(checkbox => {
                checkbox.onclick = logValueData;
            });
        </script>
    </body>
</html>
```

#### Notes:

- document.getElementsByName('flavor') returns a NodeList object that contains all the elements with the name flavor.
- The NodeList object provides the forEach method to iterate through the elements in the list.
  - However, the HTMLCollection object does not.

### **Advantages**

- The code is separated from the HTML code.
- You can centrally assign the event listeners to the elements.
- You can assign the same listener function to multiple elements.

#### Limitations

- You cannot assign multiple event listeners to the same event type of the same element.
  - e.g. you cannot assign two different functions to the onclick event of the same element.
- You cannot specify the advanced event options when assigning the event listener.
  - Options such as capture, once, and passive.
  - These advanced options will be covered in the next chapter.

The addEventListener method of the DOM element provides a solution to these limitations.

# 16 Calling the addEventListener() method of the DOM element to register the event listener

The third way to register an event listener to an element is to call the element's addEventListener method.

The syntax of the addEventListener method is:

```
addEventListener(type, listener)
addEventListener(type, listener, options)
addEventListener(type, listener, useCapture)
```

The last two syntaxes will be discussed in the next chapter.

### Parameters for the addEventListener method:

#### type parameter:

- the event type, such as click, mouseover, keydown, etc.
- No on prefix is needed.
- See the full list of the event types at Event reference | MDN

#### listener parameter:

- the event listener function that will be executed when the event occurs.
- Or, an **object** with a handleEvent method.

# Example 10-10: Using the addEventListener method to register the event listener

Rewrite the previous example and use the addEventListener method to register two event listeners for each anchor element.

```
<script>
    // define the listener function
    function logValueData(e){...}
    function secondListener(e){...}
    // assign the listener function
    const checkboxes = document.getElementsByName('flavor');
    checkboxes.forEach(checkbox => {
        checkbox.addEventListener('click', logValueData);
        checkbox.addEventListener('click', secondListener);
    });
</script>
```

See the full code in ch10/ex\_10\_10.html.

## 17 Summary

In this chapter, we have learned:

- Add and remove classes to an element using the classList property.
- Modify the in-line style of an element using the style property.
- Access and modify the custom data attributes of an element using the dataset property.
- Modify the attributes of an element using the setAttribute, getAttribute, and removeAttribute methods.
- Create new elements and add them to the DOM.
- Event model and event handling.
- Three ways to register event listeners to DOM elements: inline event handlers, setting event handler properties, and calling the addEventListener() method.