

The Simplest Way to Create Pure JavaScript Tabs on your Website

I saw a lot of decisions all over the web. And all of them was not simple enough. Then I had an idea to create a very simple function which allows to create and switch the tabs on your website. First of all lets look at tabs html: Tab [...]

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First of all lets look at tabs html:

```
<ul>
  <li><a href="javascript:rudrSwitchTab('tb_1', 'content_1');" id="tb_1" class="tabm
  <li><a href="javascript:rudrSwitchTab('tb_2', 'content_2');" id="tb_2" class="tabm
</ul>

<div id="content_1" class="tabcontent">
  Content of the first tab.
</div>
<div id="content_2" class="tabcontent" style="display:none;">
  Content of the second tab.
</div>
```



The next step is a JavaScript function, you can insert it anywhere on the page (do not forget about `<script>` tags) or to another js file.

```
function rudrSwitchTab(rudr_tab_id, rudr_tab_content) {
  // first of all we get all tab content blocks (I think the best way to get them by
  var x = document.getElementsByClassName("tabcontent");
  var i;
  for (i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {
    x[i].style.display = 'none'; // hide all tab content
  }
}
```

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// now we get all tab menu items by class names (use `document.getElementsByClassName('tabm')`)

```
var x = document.getElementsByClassName("tabmenu");  
var i;  
for (i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {  
    x[i].className = 'tabmenu';  
}  
document.getElementById(rudr_tab_id).className = 'tabmenu active';  
}
```

That's it. You can now add a bit of CSS rules and then your tabs will be ready.

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"And all of them was not simple enough." i agree 100%! this was perfect for my needs, it took 2 seconds to set up & 2 more to style. thanks a lot!!! :))

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