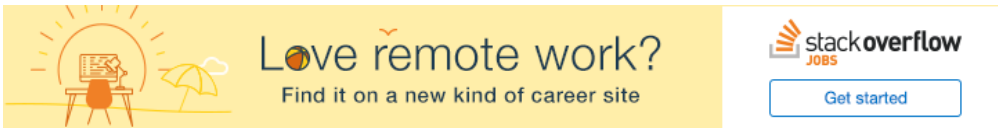


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How to set DOM element as the first child?



I have element E and I'm appending to it some elements to it. All of a sudden, I find out that next element should be first child of E. What's the trick, how to do it? Method unshift doesn't work because E is an object, not array.

Long way would be to iterate through E's children and to move'em key++, but I'm sure that there is prettier way.

No?

javascript jquery arrays dom elements

edited Feb 11 '14 at 9:59



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asked Jan 5 '10 at 16:19



Popara

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You guys are fast! I'm sorry, I think I was misunderstood. element e |- child-el_1 |- child-el_2 |- child-el_3 And then comes child-el_4 ... which needs to be fit as first child. prepend would put child-el_4 before [b]e[/b], am I wrong and tired or what? – Popara Jan 5 '10 at 16:35

5 Answers

```
var eElement; // some E DOM instance
var newFirstElement; //element which should be first in E

eElement.insertBefore(newFirstElement, eElement.firstChild);
```

answered Jan 5 '10 at 16:35



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You my friend, just got your self a bear! Useful extra finding. docs.jquery.com/Manipulation/insertBefore – Popara Jan 5 '10 at 17:02

23 For info if there is no element in the parent the child will be added anyway. – Knu Apr 12 '14 at 21:28

In case of firstChild is text node throws exception. but jquery prepend doesn't. – Sergey Sahakyan Oct 3 at 16:40



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Unless I have misunderstood:

```
$("e").prepend("<yourelem>Text</yourelem>");
```